

small black bonnet; Mrs Bunny, navy cloth coat and skirt, toque, with red flowers; Miss Bunny, heliotrope cambric, large black hat; Mrs Sweet, white pique, pretty pink vest, sailor hat, with pink ribbon; Mrs G. Richardson, fawn covert cutting costume; Mrs Kissling, grey coat and skirt, gauze hat, with white ribbons and quills; Mrs Sealy, black crepon and silk, bonnet to match; Miss Sealy, white muslin, sailor hat; Mrs F. Richmond (Blenheim), green silk blouse, dark skirt, large black hat; Mrs Watts wore a handsome black costume, with heliotrope flowers in bonnet; Mrs C. Watts, effective black gown, trimmed with jet, bonnet en suite; Mrs Harris; Miss Harris, grass lawn, chip hat, with heliotrope flowers; Mrs Daubency (Sydney), black costume, becoming black hat, with feathers; Mrs Fell, shot green and black silk blouse, black skirt, bonnet to match; the Misses Fell (2) wore pretty green and white muslins, trimmed with lace, chiffon hats; Mrs Robinson, white and red striped cambric, sailor hat; Mrs Sharp, fawn costume; Mrs J. Sharp, black (mourning); Mrs Mackay, black and gold gown, bonnet en suite; Mrs (Dr.) Roberts, white pique, white chip hat; Mrs Webb-Bowen; the Misses Webb-Bowen (2) looked well in white; Mrs Lyell, heliotrope flowered muslin blouse, black skirt, bonnet to match; Mrs T. Campbell, green flowered muslin, chic toque; Mesdames Leggett, Humphries, Roberts, Duff, Pitt, Ellis, Turner, Marjoribanks, Mirams, Blundell, Blackett, Oldham, Jones, Pogson, Ferrin, Duckworth (Blenheim), Robinson, Preshaw, Edwards, Heaps, Ponsoby, Leggett, Bain, Morrison, Gibbs, Tomlinson, Houliker, Fihluel; Miss Huddleston, grey grass lawn over heliotrope, hat en suite; Miss Heaps, cream muslin, relieved with green ribbons, chiffon hat; Miss Curtis, pretty heliotrope silk lustre, becoming toque to match; Miss Hayter, green costume; Miss Blackett, red and white striped cambric, black hat, with red flowers; Miss Edwards, cream serge; Miss C. Jones, heliotrope blouse, black skirt; Miss G. Jones wore white; Miss Jackson, yellow muslin blouse, black hat and skirt; Miss Leggett, white and cream; Miss Moore, dainty white muslin, trimmed with black ribbon velvet, large white hat; Miss Duncan (Hokitika), stylish English-made gown of deep violet and grey check, finished with white velvet, white felt hat, trimmed with white wings and a touch of violet velvet; Miss Gibson, blue muslin, trimmed with lace, becoming hat; Miss Gribben, green and white cambric, green straw hat, with profusion of red flowers; Miss Turner, white, with black ribbons; Miss Gibbs, butterfly muslin; her sister wore heliotrope; Miss Houliker, blue and white blouse, dark skirt, hat trimmed with blue; Miss Pitt, white muslin over green, pink toque; Miss Pike, black silk crepon trimmed with old rose silk, hat to match; Miss Pearce, blue and white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Hunter Brown, stylish costume of green finished with white satin; Miss W. Hunter Brown, all white; Miss Browning, black; Miss Levien, mixed tweed coat and skirt, flower-trimmed hat; Miss Tomlinson, white muslin, black sash; Miss Bell, black; Miss A. Bell, shot silk blouse, dark skirt, Victoria bonnet; Miss Polte, black; Miss Ledger, amongst the gentlemen were Messrs E. F. W. Cooke, Pitt, Jaxut, Squires (2), Pike, Adams, Drummond, Dixon, Bonar, Bell, Danbenny (Sydney), Kempthorne, Fihluel, Watt, King, Sharp, Ellis, Campbell, Archdeacon Stock (Wellington), Rev. J. P. Kempthorne, Mrs. Hudson, Mackie, and Talbot, etc., etc.

On Thursday evening Mr and Mrs F. Hamilton gave a MOST DELIGHTFUL DANCE at their residence for their three nieces from America who are staying with them. No pains were spared to make the evening a success; the dancing-room floor was perfect, and Mrs and Miss Greenfield supplied the music. The decorations were lovely, and the garden was illuminated with coloured lanterns, whilst the supper was most recherche. Mrs Hamilton wore a handsome white silk evening blouse, black silk skirt; her three nieces were attired in pretty muslins. There were also present: Mrs Lyell; Mrs H. Dodson, who wore black; Miss Gribben, becoming white silk; Miss Jones, black velvet; Miss G. Jones, a pretty combination of blue and pink; Miss G. Fell wore white; Miss K. Fell, heliotrope silk; Miss Enright looked

well in white crepon and lace; the Misses Gibson, Gibbs (2), Melhuish, Pierce, Leggett, Harris, McIdea, Webb-Bowen (2), Bunny, Edwards, Squires (Auckland), Moore; Messrs Hamilton (4), Squires (2), Levien (3), Fell, Bonar, Saxon, Dunn, Catley, Adams, Miller (2), Watt, Jones, Pike, and others.

The next evening Mr and Mrs Hamilton gave another dance for children, and from all accounts they also spent a most enjoyable time.

PHYLIS.

BLENHHEIM.

Dear Bee, December 13.

On the BOWLING GREEN last Wednesday I noticed Mrs Bull, who wore a stylish black dress, made with Eton jacket, small black bonnet, which was adorned with cream rosebuds and leaves; Mrs A. P. Green, black skirt, green jacket, floral bonnet in heliotrope; Mrs Cheek looked exceedingly well in a heliotrope cambric, the bodice trimmed with white Valenciennes lace and insertion, a flounce of the same lace finishing the skirt, becoming white hat; Mrs Stoney, grey dress, black lace mantilla, iridescent bonnet trimmed with pale green and heliotrope poppies; Mrs Hutcheson, black; Mrs W. Nosworthy, black, stylish bonnet; Mrs Croker, grey dress, sailor hat with broad black band; Mrs G. Robinson, black skirt, grass cloth blouse, striped with pale pink and pale blue, white hat, blue velvet trimmings; Mrs Martin, black, black bonnet trimmed with violets and black lace; Mrs Monro, black dress and bonnet, the latter enlivened with pale pink flowers; Mrs Ewart, black; Mrs Farmar, black dress, handsome black lace mantilla, black bonnet, pink roses; Mrs Carey, Mrs Mead, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Howard, Mrs McCallum, Mrs A. Farmar, Mrs Hubbard, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs F. C. Litchfield, Mrs T. Compton, the Misses Fulton (2), Farmar (2), M. McCallum, Powell, Moir (Wellington), Wemyss (2), Ball, Bull (3), Chaytor, Barelay (Wellington), Dunn (Motueka), Anderson, Cotterell, Johnston, Mills (2), Macey (2), Compton (2), and Messrs Stoney, Griffiths, Trevor, D. Chaytor, Dunn, Macey, Hutcheson, Mead, Bunting, Mirams, Dymock, Horton (2), Corlett, Green, Smaile, Bull, R. Scott, and many others.

The Horticultural Society held a FLOWER SHOW

the same afternoon, the attendance at which was much affected by the invitations to the bowling, which attracted a large number who would otherwise have been present at the show. However, there was a larger attendance in the evening. Great interest was taken in the table decorations and decorated bicycles, and the greater number of votes were given to the table decorated by Miss Lottie Draper, who achieved success with a charming arrangement of roses, sweet peas and maidenhair fern, with a pale green silk centre; and to the bicycle dressed by Miss Ella Bull. Miss Draper had 170 votes, Miss Maude Clouston coming second with a graceful arrangement of nasturtiums, had forty-five votes. There were seven decorated bicycles, and Miss Ella Bull was accorded 133 votes; Miss Anderson, second, 49 votes. This lady had used artificial flowers chiefly, which to many put her bicycle out of the competition. The show of flowers was chiefly made up of pot plants, for as the show was quite three weeks too late, most garden flowers were past, and the later kinds not advanced enough. But the show of domestic produce was unusually good, cakes of all sorts being in abundance. A few of those present that I noticed were: Mrs A. Ward, Mrs Purser, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Mills, Mrs Martin, Mrs G. Robinson, Mrs Hutcheson, Mrs J. Hutcheson, Mrs Jackson, Mrs A. Green, Mrs Thompson, Mrs J. Conolly, Mrs Carey, Misses Purser (2), Mabin, Sinclair (3), Mills (2), Ward (3), Jefferies (2), Ferguson, C. Johnston, Anderson, Powell, Moir, Bull (2), and Messrs Claude Mills, Purser, Denton (Wellington), Stoney, W. Litchfield, and many others. The Pollard Company was advertised to appear here for a season of six nights last Friday, but in consequence of illness amongst the members of the company their appearance is deferred until after the New Year. We are longing for rain, which threatens, but clears off again without depositing a drop. We suppose that

it is all reserved for the holidays, but even then it will be too late to save many of the crops.

Saturday last, in Blenheim, was a lovely day, and the MARLBOROUGH TENNIS COURTS an attraction to those privileged to attend them. Tea was provided by Mrs R. McCallum, assisted by Miss A. Williams. Some of those present were: Mrs Griffiths, who wore black, black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Orr, navy skirt and striped blouse; Mrs McCallum, black dress with jet trimmings; Mrs Thompson, Mrs Carey, Mrs Bull, the Misses Bull (2), wore white dresses; Miss M. McCallum, Miss E. Carey, Miss Mabin, Miss Johnston, Miss Cotterell, Miss Farmar, Misses Fulton (2), Miss C. Johnston, Miss R. Farmar, and Messrs Greenfield, Bunting, Mirams, Bull, Harris, McCallum, Strubbs, R. Scott (Feilding), H. Horton, Mabin, etc., etc.

FRIDA.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, December 17. The Countess of Ranfurly distributed the prizes won at the annual examination of pupils of the Wellington Girls' High School last Tuesday night. The main hall was prettily decorated for the occasion. Lady Ranfurly was wearing a black satin skirt and lettuce green chine silk blouse, and green and cream toque; Lady Constance Knox, dark skirt, green silk blouse, trimmed with white lace, and white hat, with high feathers at the side. His Excellency and Captain Alexander were also present. A very enjoyable

CONCERT

was given by the members of the Wellington Liedertafel on Friday night in Thomas' Hall. Among the audience I noticed Mrs and the Misses Quick, Mr and Mrs Oliver, Mrs and the Misses Barbor, Mrs and the Misses N. Reid, Mrs Courtney, Miss Toward, Mrs Whittall, Mrs and the Misses Parker, Mrs Barelay, Mrs and Miss Martin, Miss Swainson, Miss Allen, Mrs and the Misses Prouse, Mrs Wright, Miss Pownall, Miss Lashley, Mrs and Miss Marchant, Mrs and Miss Stewart, Mrs and Miss Upham, the Misses McLeod, Mrs and Miss Percy-Smith, Mrs Gibbs, Mr and Mrs Rhind, the Misses Hislop, and many others. Mrs Wason gave a very

ENJOYABLE DANCE

at Miss Malcolm's residence in Tinariki Road, on Friday night. Mrs Wason received her guests in a black satin gown, the bodice relieved with white satin under jet. Others I noticed were Mrs Grace, in a handsome black satin gown, with lovely old lace on the bodice; Mrs Ian Duncan, cream satin dress, the bodice prettily trimmed with chiffon; Mrs Baldwin was also wearing cream satin; Mrs Malcolm Ross, black satin, trimmed with pink and red roses; Mrs W. Turnbull, handsome white satin gown, trimmed with pearl embroidery and chiffon; Miss Grace, cream satin, with full sleeves of chiffon; Miss Hutcheson, coral pink silk and chiffon; Miss Harcourt, white silk and lace; Miss Friend, black, satin; Miss Cox (Christchurch), pretty pale blue silk and chiffon; Miss Richardson, slate grey velvet dress, the bodice trimmed with sable and old lace; the Misses Rose, black spotted silk, with pink chiffon bodices; Miss Williams, pale pink brocade; Miss E. Williams, old gold and white brocaded gown, with ruffled sleeves of chiffon to match; Miss Fraser, sky blue silk and chiffon; Miss E. Johnston, pretty black and white silk gown; Mrs Ferris, lemon silk; Miss Fitzherbert, black silk; and the Messrs Wason, Coates, Ferris, Fitzherbert, Gore-Baldwin, Turnbull, Duncan, Tolhurst, Tripe, Clark, Cooper, Ross, Higginson, etc.

It turned out a very nice and bright day for Mrs Grace's GARDEN PARTY last Thursday. The garden and green-

ery were looking in perfect order, while the conservatory was a perfect mass of most choice and delicate blooms. A band was stationed in the garden. Mrs Grace was wearing a dark blue and white figured silk gown, trimmed with deep open lace and satin ribbon, gold bonnet, with white ospreys; Miss Grace looked nice in a white muslin dress, trimmed with lace and tied at the waist with a green silk sash, green straw hat, trimmed with wheat, red poppies, and pale pink ribbon. A few who were present were Mrs Duncan, wearing a handsome black silk gown, the bodice trimmed with mauve chiffon, stylish bonnet to match; Mrs Ian Duncan, green silk dress, with square yoke of euru lace, green straw hat, trimmed with chiffon and silk, flowers to match; Mrs W. Turnbull, dark coat and skirt, cream chiffon blouse, and black Toreador hat, with white tips; Mrs Seddon, black silk gown, handsome jetted cape, and pretty black and pink bonnet; Mrs Seddon, pale green muslin dress, trimmed with white lace insertion, large black hat, trimmed with black tips and green ribbon; Miss M. Seddon looked well in a coffee coloured canvas dress, finished with pale blue ribbon, black hat, trimmed with black plumes and blue ribbon; Mrs Fitzherbert, pretty shot lustre gown, and black and pink bonnet; Miss Fitzherbert, white muslin, flounced with lace, white hat, with feathers; Mrs Baldwin, becoming white costume; Mrs Barron, black silk gown, trimmed with black and white silk, jewelled bonnet; Mrs Edwin, handsome black silk jetted gown and black bonnet; Miss Edwin, cream serge costume, white and pink hat; Mrs G. Hutcheson, handsome brown silk gown, the bodice trimmed with lovely lace, white hat, with high plumes at the side; Miss Williams, green Eton costume, white hat, with ribbon and pink roses; Miss E. Williams, cream serge costume, burnt straw hat, trimmed with green ribbon and lace; etc.

Miss Holmes entertained a few of her friends at tea last Friday afternoon. Miss Holmes was wearing a very handsome gown of black brocade, slightly trimmed with jet. Among the guests were Mrs Reynolds, in a black brocaded silk gown, trimmed with jet, black and mauve bonnet; Miss Reynolds, grey coat and skirt, and white sailor hat; Mrs Marchbanks, dark green tailor-made suit, and becoming black and mauve hat; Mrs Collins, black costume; Mrs Wilford, white pique costume; Mrs A. Gore, fawn coat and skirt, pretty pink and green floral toque; also, the Misses Williams (2), Cooper, Rose, Fairchild, Wilford, Gaulton, and others.

OPHELIA.

Dear Bee, December 16. Lord and Lady Ranfurly gave a small reception on Wednesday, 15th, in honour of Lord Hampden, Governor of New South Wales, and his daughter, the Hon. Dorothy Brand, who are staying for a short time in Wellington at Government House. Miss Darley and Captain Fielden were present. The reception, as usual, took place at 10 o'clock, and the reception-rooms were exquisitely decorated for the occasion. The following guests were invited:—The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon and Mrs Seddon, Colonel and Mrs Pole-Penton, Miss Seddon, Bishop and Mrs Wallis, the Hon. Captain Russell, Mrs Rhodes, Mr, Mrs and Miss Williams, Miss Hozier, Sir Walter Buller, Miss Buller, Major Kemp, Count Jouffray and the Countess D'Abbas, Colonel Pearce and Miss Pearce, Captain Fielden, A.D.C., Major Madocks, Captain and Mrs Hay, Sir Ralph Thomson, K.C.B., the Honourable T. Arkwright, and Mrs Arkwright, the Misses Arkwright, Lady Atkinson and Miss Atkinson, Mr and Mrs Percy Baldwin, Mr and Mrs W. Bolt, the Hon. J. Carroll, Mr J. Coates, Dr and Mrs Collins, the Hon. A. J. Cadman, Sir Kenneth Douglas,

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