

gramme, giving various native cries and songs, all of which were listened to with great interest, and several of the former had to be repeated. The songs were all pretty. They were chiefly part songs in the Maori, Melanesian, and Karotongia dialects. The part song 'Sweet and Low' was rendered in English melodiously and in excellent time. We Pihā gave a Maori song, conveying a pretty sentiment. The Rev. F. Bennett acted throughout as interpreter of the cries, etc. Mrs Greenfield and Mr E. Strong contributed pianoforte selections during the evening and the Rev. J. P. Kempthorne gave a short speech welcoming the Maoris on behalf of the Nelson College; Mr Thornton the Principal of the Te Aute College, also addressed the audience and thanked the people for their hospitality. He made a strong appeal for the support to the movement for the mental elevation of the Maori, to whom every New Zealander owed almost all he had.

Amongst the large audience were Mesdames Mules, Kempthorne, Chatterton, Blundell, Sealy, Pitt, Wood, Sclanders, Colt, Allanson, Mackie, Kissling, Webb-Bowen, Gibbs, Heaps, Fell, Cook, Preshaw, Robinson, Richardson, Harris, Patterson, the Misses Mules, Kempthorne, Fell (2), Hunter-Brown (2), Sealy, Leggatt, Webb-Bowen (2), Richmond, Wood, Aggie Bell, Heaps, Gibbs (3), Robertson, Poole, Preshaw (2), Jones (2), Pearce, Harris, the Revs. J. P. Kempthorne, F. Chatterton, Lambert, F. Bennett, Dr. Andrew, Messrs Thornton (Te Aute), J. W. Joynt, Littlejohn, Kissling, Richardson, Heaps, Bonar, Patterson, Sealy (Auckland), Bell. The Nelson and College Football Clubs were well represented, especially the latter.

FOOTBALL.

In spite of the south-west wind, which blew in fitful gusts and was piercingly cold, there was a record attendance at the Park on Saturday afternoon, when the match Te Aute v. Nelson was played. The game, from start to finish, was hotly contested and both sides managed to score once, but both failed to convert their respective tries, the game thus ending in a draw. Whilst out during the last few days I have noticed some

STYLISH STREET COSTUMES:

Miss Huddleston, black serge, pink straw hat, with black feathers; Miss Wood, dull green tweed, trimmed with black braid, stylish white chip hat; Miss Pitt, Lincoln green costume, toque, with heliotrope flowers; Miss G. Pitt, black, with front of electric blue, small hat to match; Miss Sealy, blue cloth costume, with black braid, smart black hat, with touch of bright pink; Miss F. Sealy, navy serge, becoming black hat, with scarlet poppies under the brim; Mrs (Dr.) Roberts, smart blue coat and skirt, white silk vest, hat en suite; Miss Webb-Bowen, tartan blouse, black skirt, large hat; Miss E. Webb-Bowen, sage green coat and skirt, large hat, with profusion of red and pink roses; Miss Fell, violet cashmere cape and skirt, toque to match; Miss G. Fell, smart bicycling costume of fawn cloth, with touch of scarlet, sailor hat; Miss Heaps, black lustre, green jacket, large black hat; Miss A. Bell, black gown, with bolero of ecru lace, becoming hat of black and white chip, with trimmings of green and pink chiffon; Mrs Richardson, brown tweed, hat trimmed with brown velvet; Miss Brabant, black, relieved with orange silk; Miss Richmond, navy cloth, black hat, with coloured flowers; Mrs Kissling, fawn, trimmed with royal blue velvet, hat to match; Miss Robertson, brown tailor-made gown, sailor hat; Miss Hunter-Brown, nut-brown costume, brown chip hat, with scarlet flowers.

PHYLLIS.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, July 8.
A highly ENJOYABLE SOCIAL, given by the Masons of New Plymouth, took place last Thursday in the Foresters' Hall. The supper table, which is always known to be loaded with all the dainties of the season, was prettily decorated with ferns and other greenery. There was just a nice number of people; if anything the gentlemen were in the majority; and the music, which was supplied by Mr McKinnon Bain, was excellent. Among those present were Mrs Paul, who looked handsome in black satin, trimmed with jewelled net; Miss Am-

bridge, white and scarlet flowers; Miss L. Jackson, lavender; Mrs A. D. Gray, silk and jet trimmings; Mrs Hall, a pretty heliotrope silk; Miss C. Bayly, cream and scarlet poppies on left shoulder; Miss Connett, cream, and gold sleeves; Mrs Bacon looked handsome in black net and cream lace; Mrs Foote, black; Miss Colson, black, and pink satin sleeves; Miss Holdsworth, cream net; Mrs Blyth, green silk; Mrs K. Cook, black silk; Mrs Connett, cream; Miss Dalziel, black satin and yellow sleeves; Mrs Wolner, cardinal; Mrs D. Wood, black and spray of scarlet poppies on shoulder; Miss E. Rennell, cream and heliotrope; Mrs Allan, black and scarlet; Mrs Hawkins, yellow; Miss Campbell (Nelson), heliotrope silk; Mrs Clarke, cream; Miss S. Cunningham, yellow silk trimmed with chiffon and ribbon; Mrs Holmes, pink silk; Miss Glynes, cream and heliotrope ribbons; Mrs Foote, black; Miss Furlong, a very pretty pink crepon; Mrs Penn, pale blue; Miss Campbell, white; Mrs Foote, black and white. Among the gentlemen were Messrs Didsbury, Strouts, Salter, Gilmour, Foote, Corkill, Parker, Hartrop, Robinson, Forte, Hall, Bacon, Dr. Walker, Rev. Evans, Hlyth, Cook, Taylor, Weston, Furlong, Connett, Wood, Wolner, Gray, Tabor, Hawkins, Thomson, Farrah, Penn, Clarke, Kirkby, Hughes.

Mrs Boults' dancing class gave a very pleasant little

ASSEMBLY

last week in the Freemasons' Hall, and which is to be repeated on the first Friday in every month. So many girls take it in turn to be on the committee and ask a certain number of people, and they have to provide the music and supper and see to the wants and enjoyment of their guests. Among those there were Mrs Boults, handsome black net and jet trimmings; Miss Q. Boults, pale blue; Miss Fraser, a pretty pink nun's willing blouse trimmed with black lace and ribbon, dark skirt; Miss M. Webster, white crepon and satin; Miss B. Webster, white; Miss Perry, pink and daisies; Miss E. Berry, pink; Miss S. Cunningham, white muslin; Miss A. Irvin, a dainty cream trimmed with chiffon and satin; Miss K. Fraser, black and white striped muslin, relieved with lovely red roses; Miss Hursthouse, white muslin; Misses Rundle, pale green and pink chiffon; Miss Smythe, dainty white muslin; Miss Bradley, pink crepon; Miss Ramson, white cashmere; Miss V. Canning looked pretty in pink; Miss Canning, pale blue, Miss Ramson, a charming combination of cream and scarlet; Miss Jacob, pink; Miss C. Jacob, white and old gold sash; Mrs Dowling, black; Miss Brown, white trimmed with lace; Miss Glynes, blue and white lace; Miss M. Brown, shot blouse and lace, dark skirt; Miss L. Webster, pink; Miss E. Hursthouse, green and white lace; Miss J. Fraser, a pretty yellow nun's veiling trimmed with chiffon; Miss M. Ambridge, white muslin and fawn ribbons; Miss A. Biggs, pale blue; Miss F. Avery, a very pretty dress of cream, trimmed with orange satin; Miss H. Drake, white and other white and gold; Miss L. Carthew looked well in cream; Miss Meade, pink and chiffon, and her sister in cream; Miss Cottier, pale yellow, trimmed with a darker shade; Miss L. Cottier, cream and beige ribbon; Miss Smith, white; Miss Falkner, cream; and Messrs Gordon, Clarke, Malfroy, P. Webster, Gilmour (4), Paul, Brown (2), Stocker, Paterson, T. Shaw, Salter, Drake (2), Shaw (2), Wright, Holy, Whitcombe (3), N. Halse, Hopkins, Boults, Dowling, Raynes, Carthew, Burchell, and L. Webster.

STREET DRESSES.

Miss V. Bayley, green and black Astrakan cloth, trimmed with green velvet, grey and white feather boa; Mrs Bedford, black figured lustre, trimmed with brocaded satin and cream lace, bonnet relieved with scarlet; Mrs Holmes, brown, violet in hat; Miss Mace, black; Mrs Dougherty, brown tweed, stylish fawn cape, hat en suite; Miss M. Webster, green, trimmed with large pearl buttons and white satin; Mrs D. Wood, green cloth costume, black hat, relieved with scarlet flowers; Mrs Fraser, plum-coloured costume, tartan front, black jet bonnet, trimmed with green and red roses; Miss Fraser, tartan blouse, brown tweed skirt, fur boa; Mrs Burgess, navy costume, brown hat, with yellow roses; Miss K. Fraser, green and tartan, hat en suite; Miss Holdsworth, green, trimmed with black braid, green felt hat; Miss Fookes, black serge costume; Mrs C. Govett, black,

brown hat; Misses Fookes, grey; Miss Bedford, green cloth, trimmed with pink shot silk and velvet, hat en suite; Mrs S. Teed, black and green; Mrs Paul, green cloth, trimmed with yellow, bonnet to match; Mrs Rennell, black satin, bonnet relieved with magenta; Mrs A. D. Gray, grey costume, white and black trimmings, picture hat, relieved with violets; Miss Jacob, brown costume; Mrs McKellar, brown, bonnet trimmed with green; Miss McKellar, brown; Mrs Bramley, black, pink in bonnet; Mrs Courtayne, grey; Miss Shuttleworth, brown, with black fur, hat en suite; Miss Govett, grey; Mrs McDiarmid, blue costume, trimmed with yellow; Mrs Leatham, green; Mrs W. Bayly, black; Miss M. Skeet, black, and red in hat; Mrs D. Teed, green, black hat; Mrs A. Fookes, green, tartan in bonnet; Mrs Nicholson, black; Miss Nicholson, black, green and magenta hat; Miss Connie Bayly, dark costume; Miss B. Bayly, green, black hat; Mrs J. Wilson, green; Mrs Pott, black and scarlet; Mrs Cornwell, black; Miss Cornwell, navy, and pale blue front; Mrs F. Watson, drab and yellow; Mrs Penn, dark green costume, black hat; Misses Kirkby, brown; Mrs Newman, black, cream in bonnet; Miss Testa, green and cream costume; Miss Carthew, navy blue; Mrs Meldrum, mauve and black; Miss Sadler, green; Miss C. Bayly, grey, and black ribbons; Mrs A. Kirkby, black; Miss Halse, black, trimmed with black and white brocaded satin; Miss Reed, green and black.

NANCY LEE.

MARTON.

Dear Bee, July 5.
The first concert given by the Ladies' Musical Society, under the baton of Mrs Levi, was held last Wednesday night, before a fashionable and appreciative audience. Amongst those present were Sir A. and Lady Douglas, the latter in grey satin, trimmed with steel passementerie; Miss Arkwright, pink; Miss Moore (Wanganui), black satin; Miss A. Brandon, heliotrope blouse; the Misses Elliott, pretty bright pink blouses; Miss Dyer, square-cut blouse in green and purple; Mesdames Malcolm Ross, Kennedy, Amelius Smith, Brandon, Misses Halse, and many others, and a great many gentlemen. The hall was packed, many people standing.

JO.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, July 7.
The NAPIER PARK RACES, which were held last week at Taradale, were well attended, and as the weather was warm and bright many people went out from town. Amongst those present were Mrs Troutbeck, Mrs Coleman, Miss Nelson, Miss Watt, Mrs Lines, Mrs Nairn, Miss Simcox, Miss Speed, Mrs Wenley, Miss Ormond, Mrs Tabuteau, Mrs Donnelly, Miss Donnelly, etc. A number of pretty dresses have been worn in town lately and some of them appeared at the Park Races. Mrs Nairn wears a dress of black silk, with a sealette mantle and black bonnet; Miss Nairn a coat and skirt of dark brown cloth, pink chiffon vest, and black velvet hat; Miss Wood, dark green coat and skirt, black velvet hat, with blue feathers; Mrs Jarvis, navy blue coat and skirt, with tartan vest; Mrs Milne-Thomson, a green coat and skirt and white blouse; Mrs Lines, becoming brown dress, plaid velvet vest, and a black velvet hat, Miss Speed, black coat and skirt and black hat; Miss Watt, shot green and purple silk blouse, green skirt, and black velvet hat, with feathers; Mrs Troutbeck, green coat and skirt and black bonnet; Mrs Donnelly, black dress, with heliotrope cloak; Miss Donnelly, fawn coat and skirt; Mrs Coleman, black silk, chiffon mantle; Miss Simcox, green dress, with becoming black velvet hat, relieved with red; Mrs Wenley, dress of

green cloth, trimmed with red and braided in black; Mrs P. M'Lean, black serge, with a Russian blouse and braided in black; Miss Balfour, brown dress, trimmed with old gold silk; Miss Kerr, becoming dress of green cloth.

Another Ladies' Handicap

GOLF MATCH

was played last Saturday at the links beyond the Redcliffe Bridge and a greater number of people than usual were present. According to the scores given in the following is the order in which the players came:—Miss Donnelly 1st; Mrs Donnelly 2nd; Miss Tuke 3rd; Mrs Wenley 4th; Mrs Moore 5th; Mrs Jardine 6th; Miss Peacock 7th; then came Miss D. Kennedy, Miss Wood and Miss Hindmarsh. Some others present were Miss Page, Mrs Lusk, Miss Begg, Miss Smith, Miss Williams, Miss Newbould, Miss Buchanan, etc.

MARJORIE.

PICTON

Dear Bee, July 5.
Since the heavy downpour of ten days ago the weather has been perfect—for winter, of course—very sharp frosts and gloriously fine sunny days; and no one hereabouts seems to be any the worse for the drenching rain, landships, and gale of wind which astonished our weak nerves less than a fortnight ago. Outside of Blenheim, on the road from Tyntesfield, travellers have to drive carefully through quite a mile—in one place—of water rushing like a torrent on the road.

THE WAITOHI DEBATING SOCIETY met in the Institute on Friday evening. As so many new members have joined the Society have now to use the large room, which is a great boon to everybody. The public are also admitted, though only members can take part in the debates. Some very interesting original papers were read and debated, and some really smart and witty remarks were made in regard to some of the papers, which were full of original ideas. Those read were: 'Shall Picton Become a Naval Station?' Mr W. Perano; 'What is Coal?' Mr Robertshaw; 'Music,' Mr Ashley; 'Shall Bachelors be Taxed?' Mr Wilson; 'Rats,' Mr Taylor; 'Modern Authors,' Mr W. Esson; 'Ought the Railway Management be Moved to Blenheim?' Mr K. Jeffries; 'Influence of Music,' Miss R. Williams; 'A Cats' Concert,' Mr H. Greensill; 'On Football,' Mr Buick. Other papers and some readings from modern authors are on the tapis for next meeting.

A Junior

CUP FOOTBALL MATCH

between the Grove Town (Albions) and Waitohi was played in Picton on Saturday and resulted in still another victory for the Picton boys, whose splendid 'passing' evoked cheers from the spectators and much complimentary comments from the referee, Mr H. Robinson, of Tua Marina. He also gave it as his opinion that two of the Picton team should be placed among the Marlborough 'reps.' If the Albions win the next match they will be on a level with the Waitohis for the Cup.

JEAN.

NOTE.—Our Blenheim letter is unavoidably crowded out.

The Council of the New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club has concluded arrangements with the New Zealand Accident Insurance Company whereby members who desire to take out accident policies will be enabled to obtain a considerable concession on the ordinary rates.

Authorities differ as to the rate of growth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually accepted calculation gives six and a half inches per annum.

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