

Club resulted in the following winners:—For the Ladies' Handicap: Miss G. Stanford, gross 72, owe 5, net score 77; Miss Dalziel, gross 86, handicap 7, net score 79; Miss Reid, gross 88, handicap 7, net score 81. For the Men's Handicap: Mr W. E. Spencer, gross 104, handicap 14, net score 90; Mr C. H. Pollen, gross 111, handicap 16, net score 95; Mr F. Cornwell, gross 117, handicap 20, net score 97.

Mr Spencer having presented the cup for the competition, relegated the prize to Mr C. H. Pollen.

NANCY LEE.

## NELSON

Dear Bee, July 19.

On Wednesday Miss Robertson gave a most enjoyable

### AFTERNOON TEA

at Newstead, the residence of her aunt, Mrs Kenwick. All were delighted to know that Mrs Kenwick is so far recovered from her recent attack of influenza as to be able to go out each day, though she was not equal to the exertion of entertaining her niece's guests. Miss Robertson, who received her friends in the spacious hall, wore a black velvet gown with trimmings of black satin ribbon, relieved with rich white lace in the neck and sleeves. Tea and coffee and all sorts of delicious cakes were served in the library.

During the afternoon songs were sung by Miss Robertson, the Misses Leggett, Pitt, F. Webb-Bowen, and Hayter, Miss Webb-Bowen and Miss Hunter Brown also played. Amongst the guests were Miss Huddleston, navy tailor-made coat and skirt, pink vest, black hat with pink silk crown; Miss King, combination of brown and fawn; Miss Gibson looked well in goblin blue, black hat; Miss Pitt, Lincoln green costume, stylish toque with profusion of violets; Miss G. Pitt, black coat and skirt with vest of blue silk, hat en suite; Miss Richmond, navy, black hat with red flowers; Miss Leven, green cloth costume, becoming black hat; Miss N. Rocheforte looked exceedingly handsome in navy serge coat and skirt, vest of periwinkle blue, black gem hat; her sister wore brown; Miss Leggett, black serge, becoming hat of green straw with violets; Miss Perrin, green cloth made in the Russian style, with facings of Sultan red silk, red hat to match; Miss Sealy, blue cloth, black hat; Miss Webb-Bowen, black tailor-made costume, chic hat trimmed with profusion of pink and red roses; her sister wore serge green, large black hat with red and pink roses beneath the brim; Miss Gribben, navy serge coat and skirt with large pearl buttons, black hat; Miss Rayner, fawn costume, toque to match; Miss O'Hanlon; Miss Hayter, brown; Miss Bunny, green with silk trimmings, black velvet hat; Miss Grant, white silk blouse trimmed with jet, black skirt, gem hat with black and white trimmings; Miss Duncan, shot brown, trimmed with cream lace insertion; Miss Heaps, black lustre, green jacket, black hat with heliotrope flowers, toque to match; the Misses Ledger (3), R. Saxton, McKee, Mackay, Preshaw (2), Lightfoot, Gibbs (3), Hurreis, Houliker, Jones (2), Nina Jones, Burnett, Boor; Miss Browning, black costume, boat shaped hat trimmed with white velvet; Miss Curtis, twee tailor-made costume, large fur bon, toque en suite; Miss Hunter-Brown, brown, brown hat with scarlet flowers beneath the brim; Miss Tomlinson, violet cloth, velvet hat to match; etc., etc.

On Friday evening Mrs Booth gave a

### CHILDREN'S DANCE

at her residence, the Union Bank, which was much enjoyed by all present. Miss Elsie Booth, for whom the dance was given, wore a pretty frock of blue with frills of white lace, and her little sister looked a picture in pink. Miss Hubbard and Miss Grubb helped Mrs Booth to entertain her young guests, some of whom were the young Misses E. Sealy, V. Leggett, Glasgow, Ledger (2), M. Mackay, L. Preshaw, Robinson, Rowley, Saunders, Tomlinson, Trent and others.

H.M.s. Tauranga arrived at the outer anchorage last Tuesday, and remained until the following Monday. It was a disappointment to many that owing to her size she was unable to come inside the harbour. She was open to the public for inspection on Sunday afternoon, and small steamers made several trips out, but owing to the cold and disagreeable sou'-wester that prevailed there were not many visitors.

During their visit here the officers were entertained by the Mayor (Mr F. Trask) and others.

PHYLLIS.

## PICTON

July 19.

### THE WAITOHI DEBATING SOCIETY

met in the Institute on Friday evening. Some original papers were read by Mr J. France and Mr Stuart; and 'Modern Authors' were read and discussed by several of the members. Mr W. Esson taking 'Mark Twain,' Mrs Allen 'Thomas Bracken,' Miss R. Williams 'Tennyson,' Mr Stewart 'Scott,' Mr Taylor 'Burns,' Mr Robertshaw 'Macaulay.' The Rev. A. H. Sedgwick proposed that

### A CLUB

should be formed in connection with the Society so that the alternate Friday might be occupied with games, and the young men might be kept from the hotels or the streets. The Committee are to meet on Friday to see what support they are likely to get for their venture, and if possible they will start the affair at once, borrowing chess and draughts and other games for the present winter.

On Monday evening Mrs Sedgwick invited a few friends to meet Miss Robinson from Nelson. Literary games were the order of the evening, and some wonderful poetry emanated from the party, who were Mr and Mrs Sedgwick, Miss Robinson, Mrs and Miss Sealy, Mrs and Misses Allen (3), Miss E. Seymour. Everybody enjoys themselves at Mrs Sedgwick's, and this evening was no exception to the rule.

The arrival of H.M.s. Tauranga has placed us on the tip-toe of expectation. We all expect the Mayor to give a series of entertainments for the Captain and officers. The winter season is just the time for a grand ball.

JEAN.

## NAPIER.

Dear Bee, July 21.

### The meet of the

#### HAWKE'S BAY HOUNDS

yesterday was held on the Marine Parade near the Masonic Hotel, and between ten and eleven o'clock in the morning the huntsmen set out for Petane. Amongst those who took part in the hunt were:—Mr Kinross White, Mr A. Deane, Mr E. Watt, Mr Jackson, Mr Scott, Miss Jackson, Mr Sunderland, Mr Walker, Mrs Sunderland, Miss Ormond, Mr Thomson, Mr Hill, Mr Campbell, Mr Abbott, Mr Ellingham. The day was one of the coldest experienced in Napier this winter, and rain fell at intervals all the morning, so that very few people ventured to drive out to see the hounds throw off at Petane.

The third of the

#### WINTER DANCES

was held yesterday evening at the Theatre Royal, and though there were not so many people as at the last one, which was 'fancy dress,' the ball went off successfully and those present spent a pleasant evening. The ball-room as usual was prettily decorated with mirrors, Chinese lanterns and ferns, and the supper table arrangements were very effective. The floor was in excellent condition and inspiring music was supplied by a string band. Amongst those present were:—Mrs Wood, Mrs Hamlin, Mrs Nairn, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Lusk, Miss Wood, Mrs Ronald, Miss Nairn, Miss Watt, Miss Florence Watt, Miss T. Nairn, Mrs Lines, Mrs Wenley, Mrs Gaisford, Mrs Sunderland, Mrs Fenwick, Miss Balfour, Miss Jackson, Miss Gillum, Mrs Reece, Mr Cornford, Mr Hughes, Miss Morecroft, Mrs McLean, Mr Campbell, Mr A'Deane, Mr Scott, Mr McLean, Mr Heath, Mr Watt, Mr White, Mr Ormond, Mr Abbott, Mr Stewart, etc.

The fourth of the Ladies' Handicap Golf Matches for the medal took place at Waitohiki, Napier, on Saturday afternoon, and in spite of a boisterous wind which blew nearly all day, there were a great many people at the Links, and some good scores were made. Miss Florence Watt was the winner of the match with a score of 98, and a handicap of 12, which made the total 86; Mrs Wenley second, 100, handicap 7, total 93; Miss Hindmarsh third, 104, handicap 3, total 101; Miss Newbould 121, handicap 20, total 101, also came third in the list; Miss

Take fifth, 109, handicap 5, total 104; Miss Wood sixth, 105, scratch; Miss Peacock seventh, 113, handicap 2, total 111.

A Men's Match for the medal also took place and the following are some of the scores made:—Mr Barron 146, handicap 25, total 121; Mr Dawson 148, handicap 25, total 123; Mr Lines 144, handicap 18, total 126; Mr Morris 135, handicap 7, total 128; Mr Wood 130, scratch; Mr Kennedy 137, handicap 3, total 134; Mr Peacock 142, handicap 5, total 137; Mr Burke 158, handicap 20, total 138.

### A CONVERSAZIONE

recently held in Napier in aid of the Presbyterian Church at the Port, went off most successfully, and all present spent an enjoyable evening. Miss M. Puffett gave much pleasure by her singing of 'Old Madrid,' the Misses Puffett gave a pretty piano-forte trio, Mr D'Autherau sang 'The Flight of Ages,' Miss Lorain sang 'Cavalry,' Mr C. Greening contributed 'The Village Blacksmith,' Miss N. Caulton gave a vocal solo, 'One Heart Divine.' The accompaniments were played by the Misses D'Autherau, Caulton and Palmer, and several choruses were given by the choir and much enjoyed by the audience. The Rev. A. Morrison and the Rev. W. Parsonson gave interesting addresses and were listened to with great attention.

A cordial welcome home from England was given to Captain Russell, M.H.R., when he, accompanied by Mrs Russell, arrived at Hastings station, on Saturday evening, July 16. Many of the prominent citizens, including Mr Fitzroy, the Mayor, were there to receive him. Mr Fitzroy, on behalf of the Hastings residents, heartily welcomed him, and said that if it had not been Saturday evening, on which many of the tradesmen could not get away, a social gathering would have been held in honour of Captain and Mrs Russell, but that it was hoped that one would be arranged to take place at no distant date. Mr Beilby also made a speech, and Captain Russell afterwards thanked those present for the reception given to him, and said that he had greatly enjoyed his trip to England, but did not expect to visit it again for the next twenty years. At the end of his speech he was accorded three hearty cheers.

MARJORIE.

## BLENHEIM.

Dear Bee, July 18.

Last Tuesday evening a

### SURPRISE PARTY

visited Mrs F. Greenfield, and the large drawing-room was cleared for dancing, which was kept up merrily till the 'wee sma' hours ayont the twal.' Most of the dance music was played by Miss Greenfield, of Nelson, who is a visitor in the house, and Miss Ferguson, Miss Leslie (Motueka) and Miss Farnar also assisted. The dance was enjoyed immensely, and Mr and Mrs Greenfield accorded their guests a warm welcome, and sought to make their visit a very pleasant one. The floor was in capital order, and as the music was lively and in the best of time everything that was needed for enjoyment was there. The supper was set forth in the dining-room and the table was charmingly decorated with variegated leaves and pale green silk. Mrs Greenfield was charming in white silk finished with white satin; Miss Greenfield wore black velvet with touches of red; Miss Leslie looked well in heliotrope crepon trimmed with chiffon; Mrs Griffiths, black satin skirt and bodice of fawn silk; Mrs A. T. Green looked handsome in rich black satin; Miss Farnar wore pink silk, finished with chiffon; Miss Bertha Farnar, pale pink silk with pale green trimmings; Miss Rees, blouse of silk patterned with yellow flowers and handsomely trimmed with white lace and ribbon to match; Miss Mildred Rees, black skirt, bright pink velvet blouse, black lace trimmings; Miss Ferguson, yellow satin skirt and bodice trimmed with gaulpore insertion; Miss Johnston, black crepon skirt, blouse of rich blue silk, frills of white chiffon on the shoulders; Miss Waddy, black lustre skirt, black silver spangled gauze bodice; Miss Essie Waddy was pretty in pink crepon; Miss Ethel Carey, old gold silk trimmed with black tulle; Miss Bull, yellow dress with white trimmings; Miss Elna Bull, pale green dress; Miss Lilian, red dress and ribbons; Miss MacLaine, dark skirt, pink blouse, finished with black; Miss Annie Horton, pretty pale dress and white chiffon. There were also Messrs Greenfield, Park, W. Jefferies, Wilson (Hokitika), L. Griffiths, Stow, A. MacShane, Stubbs, Mabon, Mirama, C. Holt, F. Bull, Horton, etc.

A great deal of interest was taken in the bicycle road race which came off last Wednesday afternoon. The start was made from the crossing by the post office, and the course was to Renwick and back, a distance of about sixteen miles, which necessitated the crossing of the Omaka river bed and stream, which the competitors had to wade through, carrying their bicycles, as the foot-bridge is narrow and shaky. The men were started at intervals, according to their handicaps, and those who were started last came in last. The winner was Mr W. Botham, of Tua Marina, who rode the distance in fifty minutes seven seconds. W. Tait came second and W. Drummond third. The first prize was a gold medal valued at three guineas, presented by Mr E. Henley, and the second a trophy presented by Mr R. F. Fiddle.

A man of the name of James Cain has been missing for several days, and as he was last seen going in the direction of the Wairau River, it is supposed that he has committed suicide, and the police have been dragging the river near where he was last noticed, but so far nothing has been found. What reason there is for supposing that the man committed suicide I do not know, but as I understand that he was fined recently for wilfully destroying property, and also that another charge was likely to be made against him, it seems more probable that he has quietly decamped.

FRIDA.

The celebrated Russian tenor, Figner, narrowly escaped death the other day at the hands of a maniac. Figner is attached to the Imperial Opera House, Marie, at St. Petersburg. At the close of the winter season he went to Moscow to give a series of concerts, and afterwards set out for Paris with his wife. At Kieff, where the train stopped for breakfast, a maniac entered the carriage with a knife in his hand. Before anyone was aware of his purpose he precipitated himself upon Figner and gashed his face and neck in an alarming manner. Luckily, the wounds were not fatal, and the tenor is now recuperating at Kieff, preparatory to continuing his journey to Paris.

Sir Arthur Sullivan is anxious that the public should understand that the new Savoy piece is an entirely new departure. The work is not a comic opera, but a serious, earnest romantic drama, in which the dialogue and action are both as important as the music. The musical numbers arise in operatic libretto form, but their sequence, whether of songs, trios, or quartets, never interferes with the dramatic necessities of the play. There is a delicate humour throughout, but there are no comic songs or numbers in the ordinary acceptance of the term.

Mr Gladstone was a frequent visitor to the Lyceum Theatre (says 'The Era'), and when his increasing deafness made it difficult for him to hear from the front of the house he used to come behind and sit in a corner on the O.P. side of the stage in a place which has been known ever since as 'Gladstone's seat.' The first time he occupied the seat the carpenters and property people arranged a velvet canopy over it so that Mr Gladstone might not feel any draught. Two men, moreover, were told off to stand close to him through the performance in case anything untoward should happen. Many years ago, when 'The Corsican Brothers' was being played Mr Gladstone came behind the scenes and peeped through one of the boxes of the stage which were supposed to represent the front of the opera house in the play. In the excitement of the moment he leaped out of this box and recognised him, and then there was a cry, 'Bravo, Gladstone!' He visited the Lyceum the night after his great speech on the Home Rule Bill, and on the day of that speech he wrote Sir Henry Irving a letter concerning a visit to the theatre on the following night.

New York is to have a new German theatre, representative of the wealth and culture of its German theatre-going public.