

sailor hat; Miss A. Bell, light blouse, black skirt, white sailor hat with pink band.

PHYLLIS.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee. November 18. THE ANNUAL PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS BALL

in aid of the Fire Brigade, which was held in the Theatre Royal last Wednesday evening, was a great success. The floor was crowded with dancers, and the dress circle was filled with spectators. At the head of the committee of ladies was Mrs A. Goldwater, to whom great praise is due for the way in which everything was carried out in connection with the ball. The other members of the committee were Misses Knight, Kirky, M. Moore and Fookes (2), who were all energetic workers. Dancing was kept up by the children until 10 p.m., then the adults took the floor. Mr Garry's orchestra supplied the music, and Messrs E. Humphries and S. Ward acted as Masters of Ceremonies. The supper tables were loaded with all sorts of delicacies, the decorations being principally arum lilies. Among the merry dancers were:—Mrs A. Goldwater, black silk and jet trimmings; Miss J. Goldwater, pretty cream silk, with ribbon trimmings; Miss Teed, pink and green; Miss Knight, grey; Miss Fookes, dainty white silk; Miss Kirky, cream and violet, chiffon trimmings; Miss Hamerton, pink and cream lace; Miss H. Humphries, white muslin, blue sash; Miss —, Humphries, cream; Mrs Penn, pretty white silk; Miss Arrow, pink; Miss B. Kirky, lavender and black; Miss E. Johnson, pale green; Miss Una Parker looked a sweet little mite, as a Fairy; Miss E. Carthew, white and blue sash; Miss D. Nash, Highland costume; Miss E. Nash, white; Miss A. Avery, very pretty pink; Miss Cately, white, and yellow sash; Miss Bullot, white; Miss Trigger, cream and yellow; Miss B. Clarke, white; Miss Moverly, cream; Miss N. Garry looked pretty in pink; Miss Crawford, white and yellow; Miss V. Russell, red; Miss M. Emery, cream and green; Miss Hammond, a pretty pale blue; Miss Lovell, white; Miss —, Trigger, white, pale blue sash; Miss Moon, pale blue; Miss E. Russell, white and yellow sash; Miss N. Skinner looked very pretty in pale blue; Miss D. Skinner, cream; Miss Abbott, blue and white sash; Miss M. Buchanan, white and green; Miss Gardner, blue and white; Miss Whitton, blue and gold; Miss Sole, pale blue; Miss Wagg, white; Miss A. Biggs, pale blue blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Kilner, electric blue; Miss E. Cotter, pale blue and yellow flowers; Miss Black, cream and pale blue trimmings; Mrs Fookes, black velvet; Miss M. Fookes looked pretty in cream silk, with red roses; Miss G. Fookes, white; Miss Edcombe looked dainty in white and pink trimmings; Miss B. Oliver, pink and black chiffon; Miss Howe, handsome dress of black silk; Miss Treeby, maroon and pink; Miss Neary looked well in cream and red roses; Miss Irvin, white and chiffon; Miss Douglas, blue; Mrs R. Cook, handsome black silk; Miss Canning, blue; Miss L. Jackson, yellow; Miss B. Webster, white; Miss J. McKellar, pale blue; Miss Arnold, pink; Miss I. Cottier,

pretty frock of white muslin and chiffon; Miss Cunningham, white; Mrs H. Goldwater, pretty combination of fawn and pink blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Paul, green; Mrs Hall, black and gold; Mrs Biggs, haliotrope silk, trimmed with green velvet blouse, black skirt; Miss Glynes, white blouse, dark skirt; and Messrs Goldwater (3), Gilmour, Weston, Forte, Crozier, Smith, Glynes, Webster (3), Brash, Parker, Humphries, Thomson, Bennell, Moverly, Tabor, Treoby, Teed, Cook, Berridge, McGill, Taylor, Esse, Kilner, Bedford, Smith, Ainsworth, Clarke, Woodhouse, De Silva, Grover, Paul (2), Russell, Gardiner, Foote, Nash and Parker.

Miss Bedford, assisted by Miss Freeth and Miss B. Webster, entertained her pupils who danced in the Maypole at the Floral Fete, at an

AFTERNOON TEA

at her parents' residence, 'Waiholo,' on Saturday, November 12th. Her intention was to give them their tea in the old rambling garden, but as the weather was very stormy she was unable to do so. About half-past two the young people arrived and indulged in games in the adjoining paddock until five o'clock, when tea was served in the dining-room, as the rain was coming down fast and furious. Miss Bedford received her guests in a heliotrope blouse, white lace fichu, dark skirt; Miss Freeth wore a dainty costume of cornflower blue drill, trimmed with white braid; Miss B. Webster looked pretty in a white muslin blouse and dark skirt. Among the many happy faces I noticed Miss A. Cately, white frock, yellow sash, hat en suite; Misses Olive and Edna Cook, white dresses and red sashes; Miss A. Brewster, black; Miss R. Clarke, blue blouse, dark skirt; Miss C. Sole, navy blue frock; Miss Dora Bedford, white muslin, trimmed with lace, yellow sash; Miss F. O'Brien, pink, lovely lace collar; Miss B. Dary looked a sweet little thing in white; Miss E. Carthew, white; Miss Q. Sole, white and pale blue; Miss Amy Crawford, lavender braided frock; Miss E. Collis, red, felt hat trimmed with beaver; Miss M. Collis, red, cream drawn hat; Miss M. Evans, stripe blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss B. Evans, blue blouse, black skirt, sailor hat; Miss C. Corkill, brown; Miss J. Fraser, blue blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss A. Avery, white blouse, blue sash, black skirt; Miss Norah O'Carroll, black, and cream front; Miss K. Hall, pale blue; Miss E. Hoskins, flowered muslin; Miss B. Hoskins, white; Miss Mabel Evans, peacock blue frock, fawn felt hat; Miss M. Buchanan, blue striped blouse, dark skirt; Miss Doris Roy, white, hat en suite; Miss Flossie Gilmour, cream, and yellow sash; Miss Doris Skinner, white; Miss Gladys Roy looked very pretty in white, hat to match; Miss Lella Webster, white blouse, red skirt, cream sash; Miss A. Joseph, fawn dress; Miss Vita Quilliam, pale blue frock, cream hat; Miss Winnie Blyth, violet dress, cream drawn hat; Miss M. Emery, red; Miss Ruby George, white; Miss Queenie Hawkins, brown velvet, bonnet trimmed with pale blue; Miss J. Burke, a pretty frock of cream, trimmed with pale blue, cream hat; Miss Queenie Bout, navy blue; Miss Vera Snowball, Holland blouse, dark skirt, hat trimmed with pale blue; Miss Nettie Okey, maroon, hat en suite; Miss G. Okey, green, cream hat; Miss Lulu Marten, pretty yellow frock, dainty little bonnet to match.

NANCY LEE.

BLENNHEIM.

Dear Bee, November 14. Truly royal weather was accorded to us on the Prince of Wales' Birthday, though the day preceding and the one after it were abominable, and various were the ways in which it was spent. As has become the custom now, the Friendly Societies—Oddfellows and Foresters—held their annual sports in Picton, and a great many persons went there by the excursion trains which were run at suitable hours. There were innumerable picnics, too, to White's Bay, the Bluff, the Bay, Tuu Marina, Pokaka Valley, and other places. And besides all these drains on the population there were still sufficient left to make a goodly throng at the

CYCLING SPORTS

held in the Football Ground on the recently-made track. A professional cyclist from Wellington and three amateur riders from Nelson competed, but our local cyclists were not com-

pletely eclipsed. A. J. MacLaine winning the Marlborough Wheel Race, 2 miles, the Marlborough Cycling Club's championship, 3 miles, and making a good second in the Birthday Handicap, 5 miles, which was won by W. Toit, of Tuu Marina. In nearly every race during the forenoon there were accidents, whether owing to careless riding or defective track. I do not know, but ten of these took place, and in one case the rider was thrown against a post which partially stunned him and inflicted a wound which had to be stitched by the doctor. Apparently the cyclists rode more cautiously during the afternoon, no accidents occurring. It is a great pity that terms cannot be made with one of the local bands on an occasion like this; even an indifferent band is better than none, to many persons at any rate. An organ-grinder was the sole entertainment at the racing club's meeting on November 1st and 2nd, and on this occasion there was nothing.

Among the few who were known to me were Mesdames C. H. Mills, Orr, G. Robinson, Cleghorn, Corry, Griffiths, S. J. Macalister, Clouston, MacShane, Carey, A. P. Green, the Misses Ball (2), Clare, E. Carey, C. Farnar, Redwood (2), Mills (4), Jefferies (2), Seymour (3), N. Allen (Picton), F. Nosworthy, M. Nosworthy, Wrigley, A. Williams, McCallum (2), Grady (Wellington), K. Mitchell, Archbishop Redwood, Dr. Cleghorn, and Messrs Howard, Black, A. Green, Adams (3), H. Thompson, Lloyd, Bourne, C. H. Mills, Griffiths, C. Carey, Redwood (2), Burden, F. Seymour, J. Greensill (Picton), H. J. Howard, Vavasour, and many others.

But I must not omit to mention that the Havelock races took place on the 9th, too, and a party from here drove to witness them, amongst whom were Miss M. Douslin, the Misses A. and J.

Horton, Miss M. Ewart, and others, who declare that they never enjoyed anything better. They were also present as spectators at

THE BALL

that was held in the evening. The Blenheim Volunteers are encamped near town, and yesterday there was a church parade, in which the Cadets joined, and in the afternoon a review. The showery weather must have made coming out the reverse of pleasant, though it was most welcome to the farmers, and the crops in every direction are looking splendid. The next function to look forward to is the Agricultural and Pastoral Show on the 23rd, and as a prize has been offered by Mr E. F. Healy for the best decorated lady's bicycle no doubt there will be many fair competitors. Mr J. Bell as manager for Mr T. Carter, at 'Hillside,' has been very successful at the Christchurch Show, having taken five first, three second, and two third prizes for sheep exhibited by him—a very satisfactory result where there must have been great competition.

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