

with twine lace collar, black chiffon hat; Mrs. Cutfield, electric blue and white beaded tweed trimmed with velvet, grey felt hat with velvet and bird; Mrs. S. Gordon, black and white muslin tucked and banded with cream insertion, relieved with pale blue velvet, black gauged chiffon toque; Mrs. Anderson wore a heliotrope linen frock profusely trimmed with cream insertion, pretty black chiffon hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. H. Peake, black silk costume with black applique on bodice, bonnet to match; Mrs. Broad, black silk with deep cream lace collar; Miss Owen, black silk with cream satin front veiled with lace, black hat with heliotrope roses; Mrs. Fraser (Dunedin), wore a stylish white gown with hat to match; Mrs. McDonnell, black voile costume with cream lace vest, black toque with crimson berries and foliage.

Fitzgerald's circus, during their short visit to Wanganni, drew crowded audiences. Amongst those present at the performance I noticed Mr and Mrs. Warlong, Mr and Miss Mason, Mr and Mrs. Lomax, Mr and Miss McDonnell, Miss Izard, Mr and Mrs. Nixon, Mr and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cameron, and many others.

On Thursday Mrs. J. C. Greenwood gave a small

AFTERNOON TEA

for Miss Huxtable, who is spending a few weeks with her. Amongst the guests were Mesdames Anderson, Blundell, Fenwick, Hughes, Johnston, Misses Wright (Christchurch), Huxtable, Anderson, and others.

HUIA.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, February 12.

A ball, given by Mr. and Mrs. Kettle, in honour of their daughter's wedding, took place at the Garrison Hall on the 5th inst. Many guests were present, and the ball was a great success. Mrs. Kettle was handsomely dressed in black, draped with lace, and Miss Kettle looked well in blue, with innumerable chiffon flounces; Mrs. Audrey Kettle was in white silk, accordion-pleated; Lady Russell wore a lovely gown of black brocade, with jet embroidery; Miss Russell, white, the bodice draped with chiffon, and her sister was also prettily dressed in white silk; veiled with net, edged with rows of narrow ribbon; Mrs. Coleman, a grey dress trimmed with spangled net; Mrs. Bradley, stylish gown of white satin and lace; Mrs. P. S. McLean, becoming dress of red and black; Mrs. Wenley, black net over pale blue; Mrs. Russell Duncan was admired in cream; Mrs. Kinross White, becoming pale blue costume; Mrs. C. H. McLean, black silk and jet; Miss Elsie McLean wore a soft white dress, which suited her to perfection; Miss Todd was also in white; Miss Twigg looked well in a smart gown of pink silk, the bodice and skirt much rucked, and trimmed with chiffon; Miss Violet Twigg, black dress, trimmed with pale blue; Miss Vera Wilson, very pretty pale blue costume; Miss Seale wore black net over black satin; her sisters were in dainty white dresses, trimmed with lace; Miss McTavish (Wellington) looked well in a becoming gown of white net over white silk; Miss Howell, pretty

pale blue dress, with tea roses on the bodice; Miss Jardine (debutante) was much admired in white silk, with lilies of the valley on the bodice; Miss Coleman's dress of pale blue was trimmed with lace; Miss Fannin, white silk, with much chiffon on the bodice; Miss Louie Hoadley, pretty black dress; Miss Kathleen Hoadley, cream muslin, trimmed with pink and blue rosettes, an a pink and blue sash; Mrs. T. H. Lowry wore grey brocade; Miss Nation looked well in pale blue silk; Miss Colterill, black satin, with net sleeves; Miss F. Williams, pink silk; Miss Martin's dainty costume of white silk and lace was most becoming; Miss Kennedy, handsome dress of black and blue striped silk; Miss Dulcie Kennedy, white silk, trimmed with white lace; Miss J. Brown looked well in white; Miss Wood (debutante) also wore white, with lilies of the valley on the bodice; Miss Von Dadelzen's green silk dress, trimmed with pink roses, was much admired, as was also Miss Green's white satin costume; Miss Gilbertson wore pink; Miss Simeon, smart gown of spangled net over green silk, the bodice trimmed with pink roses; Miss Bolton, white, trimmed with white satin ribbon. Amongst the men were: Messrs. Kettle, Hawkins, Mafr, Jardine, Birch, White, Levein, Bell, Wood, Margoliouth, Bradley, Nelson, Circuit, Hoadley, Rodie, Duff, Von Dadelzen, Kennedy, Brabant, Howell, Colterill, Williams, McLean.

MARJORIE.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, February 8.

The Marlborough Lawn Tennis Club tried conclusions with a few players from Picton on Saturday last, and won, of course, though a few of the visitors proved themselves quite worthy of the steel of the premier club. Afternoon tea was provided, and though the day was intensely hot a most enjoyable time was spent, the Picton contingent returning home by the late train.

Quite a successful

GARDEN PARTY

was held by the friendly societies in Nelson Square on Wednesday last. The Square was illuminated, and a torch-light procession round the town attracted a large crowd. A concert, in which the two local bands and a number of vocalists took part, was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Redman (Picton) gave a

MOST ENJOYABLE EVENING

for some Blenheim friends who were visiting the port on Tuesday. Cards, vocal and instrumental music, ping-pong, and other amusements made the time fly. A delicious supper was laid in the dining-room. The table decorations were greatly admired. Mrs. Redman was in black lace over pink silk; Mrs. Gard (Springlands), black silk and handsome silk Maltese lace fichu; Mrs. Allen, black satin trimmed with silk gimp; Mrs. Le Coq, black silk skirt and terra-cotta silk blouse; Mrs. Stace (Robin Hood Bay), black silk and white lace fichu; Mrs. Conolly (Springlands,

Blenheim), white silk trimmed with lace and insertion; Mrs. Riddell, pale blue crepe trimmed with white lace; Miss Stace, black skirt, white silk blouse; Miss Chaytor, white silk trimmed with lace; Miss E. M. Allen, black skirt and yellow silk blouse. The gentlemen present were: Dr. Redman, Messrs. J. Conolly, Le Coq, Riddell, A. Chaytor, and P. Seymour.

THURSDAY'S EXCURSION.

was even more largely patronised than usual, and the steam and oil launches were full up with pleasure-seekers. This season has been particularly favourable for picnics.

A PRIVATE PICNIC


was held at Ongahau Bay on Friday, the amusing part of it being that not one of the promised contingent of gen-

tlemen rolled up. However, that goes to show how well ladies manage when left to themselves. Never before did the fire burn so brightly, and never before was there such delicious "billy" tea. The ladies enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and contemplate having many more such holiday outings before the season ends. Among those present were Mesdames Le Coq, Macalister, Riddell, G. Seymour, Mitchell, C. Phillips, and several others.

Afternoon tea on the

WAITOHI LAWN TENNIS GROUND

was presided over on Thursday by Misses Miles and O. Cragg. Quite a large party was present, and so interested are the young people in the amusement provided that they are asking for ping-pong tournaments to be

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