

refreshments were served early in the afternoon. Mrs. Mace wore a blue cream grape insertion, the skirt strapped with silk in fanciful designs, cream chiffon front, light hat trimmed with chiffon and white blossoms; Mrs. Farrer, white muslin gown, white hat; Mrs. Douglas, black voile skirt, light blouse with lace fichu, black hat; Mrs. Hunter, black gown, hat to correspond; Mrs. C. Hunter, black voile, large black picture hat; Mrs. Atkinson, white veiled in black, black and ecru toque; Mrs. Sandes, black with black lace trimmings—blue and black bonnet; Mrs. Going, bicuit-coloured floral muslin, cream and black hat; Mrs. Graham, grey with black trimmings, grey hat; Mrs. de Conroy Drury, becoming light gown, veiled in black, large black hat, with floral trimmings; Mrs. Wheeler, black silk, white plumed hat; Mrs. R. J. Gwynne, white muslin, pretty white hat; Mrs. Carey, black, bonnet to match; Mrs. Allen Bell, black skirt, holland coat, black and white hat; Mrs. Langly-Shaw, pretty cream corded silk gown, black hat with floral trimmings; Mrs. Swarbrick, most becoming gown of black silk, daintily tucked and trimmed with lace and embossed insertion, black and white bonnet; Mrs. Edgecumbe, black silk, black hat; Mrs. Holloway, black gown, pretty black bonnet; Mrs. Provis, black, the bodice profusely trimmed with Maltese lace, black hat; Mrs. Gordon, hand-ome black silk, black hat with ostrich plumes; Miss R. Graham, white silk, inset with insertion, white hat; Miss Burd, white muslin, pale blue chon, large white hat; Miss Chitty, pale pink crash, cream hat; Miss Hunter, heliotrope and white muslin, white hat, trimmed with Neapolitan violets; Miss Wylde-Brownie (Auckland), dainty white muslin, prettily trimmed with lace and insertion, white sash, cream country girl's hat; Miss Sandes, black skirt, white blouse, with lace coffee jacket, white floral hat; Miss I. Sandes, pale blue muslin, with chiffon draperies, pretty white chiffon hat; Miss O'Neill, cream silk, yellow folded belt, white chip hat, with autumn-tinted foliage; Miss Holloway, green muslin, white chiffon vest, cream hat; Miss C. Holloway, white flowered muslin, white hat; Miss Hunt (Auckland), holland frock, floral hat; Miss I. Quesne, blue frock, black and white hat; Miss E. Edgecumbe, white muslin, black hat; Miss Biggs, black skirt, pretty light blouse, white turban hat; Miss Barton, black skirt, floral muslin blouse, cream hat, relieved with rose coloured trimmings; Miss Carey, pale green muslin, burnt straw hat, with floral trimmings; Miss Stevens, green crash coat and skirt, string-coloured insertion facings, cream hat; Miss McPherson, navy blue, black hat.

ZILLAH.

## NAPIER.

Dear Bee, March 13.

There was a good deal of excitement among theatre-goers concerning the dramatic recital at the Theatre Royal last week. The people of Napier had hastened to secure seats, for the event was of peculiar interest, seeing that the reciter of the poems and the composer of the music was one and the same lady, Miss Belle Napier, better known to Napier at large as the talented Miss Bella Hitchings, who has returned for a flying visit to her native town, after an absence of seven years in England. One of the best pieces of the evening on Tuesday was the tale of "Brother Matteo," and "High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire" was also delightful. The music was pleasing, melodious, and in much original, and Miss Napier must take rank amongst dramatic reciters of a superior order. There was a large and fashionable audience. Miss Napier herself wore a charming gown of white spotted net over white silk, with a blue brocade bodice and rows of blue and black passementerie round the skirt; Mrs. Edgar had a dainty dress of pale blue crepe de chine; Mrs. Tabuteau looked well in white, with touches of pale blue on the bodice; Mrs. P. S. McLean wore a long red opera coat, trimmed with swansdown, and a black dress; Mrs. Wenley wore black net over white satin, much trimmed with silver embroidery; Mrs. Tanner was in black silk; Mrs. Gordon also wore a black dress, and a pale grey theatre coat with white facings; Mrs. Tyley, black and pink; Miss Chapman, pale blue silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Locking, heliotrope brocade, trimmed with antique lace; Miss M. Locking, white silk,

long blue opera coat, trimmed with swansdown; Mrs. Ormond, rich black silk dress; Mrs. Kettle, black spangled net over black satin; Mrs. Hawkins, white crepe de chine, the bodice trimmed with lace, grey opera cloak; Mrs. Fannin was in black; Miss Pannin, white silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Bowen was in pale blue silk; Mrs. Antill, black silk dress, much trimmed with lace; Mrs. East looked well in white and pale blue; Mrs. Henley, very pretty gown of soft pale blue silk; Mrs. Logan, black and white; Miss Deann was in white; Miss Page, black dress with white chiffon fichu; Mrs. Stedman wore black net over silk, the bodice was trimmed with jet; Miss Myra Williams wore black satin; Miss F. Williams had a pale blue blouse and a black skirt; Mrs. Balfour was in black with red flowers on the bodice; Miss Burke wore white and pink; Miss Humphries was in white, and she wore a long dark blue coat trimmed with fur; Miss M. Hindmarsh had a pretty white dress. Amongst the gentlemen were—Messrs McLean, Logan, Sedman, Lewin, Broad, Dinwiddie, Bowen, Dixon, Tanner, Tabuteau, Donnelly, Perry, Riddell, Captain East, Drs. Edgar and Heuley.

A presentation was made on Tuesday afternoon to Mr Andrew Turnbull, S.M., who is leaving here next week for Hawera. Mr Turnbull has resided in Napier for 13 years, and is held in general esteem by the legal profession, the members of which decided to testify their appreciation by a souvenir of his residence amongst them. The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court library, and after a short speech Mr Cornford formally presented to the guest of the occasion a suitably inscribed tea service and silver hot water jug. Mr Turnbull, in acknowledging the gift, said that he should carry with him to his new sphere happy recollections heightened by the knowledge that his relations with the Bar had always been of the most cordial description, and the handsome gift they had handed to him would always be highly treasured.

MARJORIE.

## NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, March 13.

There was a large attendance of players, as well as lady friends, at the BOWLING GREEN

last Thursday afternoon to bid farewell to Mr Hall (club secretary), who, with his wife and daughter, is going for a trip to the Old Country. Afternoon tea was provided by Mesdames Paul, Fraser, J. Avery, Mills and Miss Mace, assisted by Misses Morey (2), Fraser (2) and Avery, the tea room being very prettily decorated for the occasion. During the afternoon Mr Paul (president) presented Mr Hall with a handsome gold watch, and with it a very pleasant little speech, to which Mr Hall suitably replied, and after "For he's a jolly good fellow" was sung and three cheers were given the players went on with their game. Amongst those present were Mrs Jackson, black, pink in bonnet; Miss Jackson, pale green skirt, white silk blouse with green chon; Miss Roy, pale blue linen; Miss Morshead, cream silk voile, trimmed with black, hat trimmed with pink and green; Miss Beale, white and green muslin, white chiffon hat; Mrs Bedford, white muslin, black hat; Mrs Watkins, deep mauve costume, hat en suite; Mrs Corney, black, trimmed with cream lace, black and green hat; Mrs Ewing, black silk, yellow chiffon hat; Miss Cameron, scarlet muslin, burnt straw hat, trimmed with scarlet; Mrs Pascoe, black, chiffon hat en suite; Miss M. Humphries, black skirt, white muslin blouse, black hat; Mrs Hall, tussore silk; Miss K. Hall, white silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Hood, black; Mrs E. Bedford (Auckland), cream and black costume; her little daughter looked pretty in white silk; Mrs T. White, black; Mrs Skluner (sen.), black; Mrs T. Mills, pink flowered delaine blouse, grey skirt, hat to correspond; Miss Morey, green flowered muslin, trimmed with black, cream and pale green hat; Miss Morey, pink and green muslin, trimmed with lace, pale pink hat; Mrs Fraser, black and white crash costume, bonnet to correspond; Miss Fraser, navy blue and pink flowered delaine, blue and white hat; Miss J. Fraser, black voile skirt, pink and pale blue blouse, hat trimmed with cherries

Miss Mace, black and white blouse, dark skirt; Miss A. George, pretty heliotrope muslin, trimmed with lace; black hat; Mrs Collins, grey silk voile with cream silk and insertion, toque to correspond; Mrs Bedford, Miss Bedford (England), Mrs Young (Tasmania); Mrs Morrison, pale green muslin, hat en suite; Mrs A. D. Gray, pretty corduroy blue costume trimmed with white, black hat relieved with pale green; Mrs R. Cook, black; Mrs J. Avery, black grenadine relieved with mauve, toque to match; Miss Avery, cream muslin blouse, pale green chon, dark skirt, black hat; Mrs S. Cotter, white silk, black hat; Mrs Paul, handsome mauve brocade silk trimmed with a lighter shade, black silk skirt, toque to correspond; Miss George, cream and heliotrope blouse, dark skirt, hat trimmed with cherries; Miss O. Graham (Hamilton), pink flowered muslin blouse, black skirt, country girl hat; Miss Tuke, cream voile, hat to match; Mrs H. Goldwater, black costume, relieved with white, cream chiffon hat; Mrs Marks, handsome golden brown voile trimmed with a darker shade, pale pink hat; her friend wore cream voile, black hat; Mrs McKellar, black; Miss B. Smith, black; Miss Burgess, cream blouse trimmed with electric green, black skirt, black hat, etc.

NANCY LEE.

## WANGANUI.

Dear Bee, March 13.

On Friday afternoon Mrs Sarjeant gave an "At Home" for Mrs Eyre-Kenny, who leaves Wanganui shortly for Nelson. The croquet lawn was in splendid order, and most enjoyable games were played by the many guests. Mrs Sarjeant received in a smart gown of black and white spotted silk with a border of silk having a much larger spot, the same material forming a large vandyked collar, black and white hat with white wings. Amongst the guests were Mesdames Eyre-Kenny, Fitzherbert, Krull, Moore, A. Sheriff, Lewis, Kissling, Mason, Innes, Montgomerie, Atkinson, Cosper (Dannevirke), Babbage, Blundell, Dodgellun, Misses Moore, Atkinson (England), Richmond (Nelson), Shaw (Gisborne), Mason, McDonnell (2), Gifford, Maling, Aiken, Mr and the Misses Stewart (2), Mrs Bond, and others.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Gillilan gave an afternoon tea at the residence of her nephew (Mr T. Allison) in Glasgow-street. Amongst those present were Mr T. Allison, Miss Gillilan, Mesdames Nicholas (Tasmania), Hope, Gibbons, Hawke, H. Sarjeant, Grieg, Miss McDonald (South Africa), Mesdames Crosse (England), John Stevenson, Izett, Miller, Cutfield, Atkins, Brookfield, and others.

On Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., Mrs E. Heywood invited a few friends to say good-bye to Miss Heywood, of Auckland, who is spending a few days in Wanganui prior to her departure for England. A most enjoyable time was spent, Miss Heywood charming her

hearers with her exquisite pianoforte playing.

Perfect weather was experienced in Wanganui for St. Patrick's Day, which was observed as a partial holiday. The Roman Catholic schools held their annual picnic on Victoria Park, and, assisted by their friends, gave a most successful concert in the Opera House in the evening.

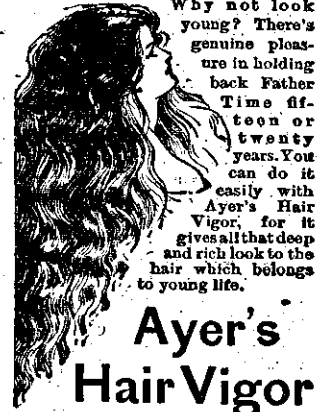
On the 17th inst. the Wanganui Tennis Club went by train to Palmerston North to meet the Masterton players, whom they defeated in the Shield Tournament. Wanganui will now have to meet the winner of the Wellington centre at Palmerston. The players for our club were Misses Cave and Aiken, Messrs Dyer, McCaul, Thompson and Bell, and they speak in high terms of the hospitality shown them by the Palmerston Club.

HUIA.

## WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, March 13.

The garden party given by Dr. and Mrs. Collins in honour of the visiting members of the Medical Congress was a great success. The weather was glorious, and the grounds looked their best in the bright sunshine, which showed off the pretty summery gowns worn on account



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