

look part. She is to be congratulated on her successful efforts, as the dancing was quite one of the features of the Carnival. On Thursday night a similar entertainment was held, only, instead of dancing, tableaux were given. Mesdames Jacob, Brett, Butts, Hamilton, Wilson and Goodson were responsible for the tableaux, and they must feel gratified at the result of their efforts, for they were excellent. Some of the tableaux were again repeated on Saturday night, by special request, and were even more successful than those held on Thursday night. A very good programme was arranged for Friday night, when Miss Lorraine Tansley, of Woodville (who has an excellent contralto voice), assisted by others, gave a concert. Saturday night saw the last of the Carnival, when a most enjoyable entertainment was submitted. Besides the tableaux given, dances were performed by Miss Putnam's pupils, and vocal items by Misses Lorraine Tansley, Barley (2), Hutchens, Farmer, etc.

On Monday night Mel B. Spurr made his final appearance to a crowded audience in the Opera House, and charmed the Hawera people quite as much as in his first visit. He was somewhat handicapped by a bad throat, which was very troublesome at times, but nevertheless his entertaining powers were nothing short of wonderful. Amongst the audience I noticed: Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr and Mrs Dingle, Mr and Mrs Barton, Mr and Mrs Nolan, Mr Welsh, Mr and Mrs O'Callaghan, Miss Dingle, Mrs Buckley (India), Miss Day, Mr and Mrs Stevens, Miss Thomas, Mr and Mrs Webster, Mr and Mrs Basham, Mr and Mrs Brett, Miss Flynn, Mr and Mrs Wigley, Mr and Mrs Butts, etc.

The ladies "Huaki" hockey team intend going down to Wellington at the end of this month to take part in the annual tournament, which begins on the 27th. The team should prove a hard one to beat, as they are practising three days a week, under the able coaching of Mr Payne.

The Football Dance, to take place on Friday night, promises to be quite as successful as the previous ones.

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**PALMERSTON NORTH.**

Dear Bee, August 10.  
Having seen letters from most of the principal towns, I thought perhaps you might like to hear of our doings in Palmerston North.

On Saturday, Mrs Eliot Warburton gave

**A MOST ENJOYABLE AT HOME**

in honour of her sister, Mrs Fulton, of Wellington, who was paying her a short visit. The house was beautifully decorated with wattle and spring flowers. There were quite 120 guests present. A band, situated on the landing, played at intervals, and very much added to the enjoyment of all present. A delightful and dainty afternoon tea was served in the study. The table was arranged with yellow silk and quantities of daffodils, and later, when the light failed, beautiful little lamps with yellow shades were lit. Great amusement was caused by a "smelling competition." About thirty little muslin bags and bottles were hung round the drawing-room and hall walls, each containing something, and the one who guessed the most from smelling them was entitled to a prize. Mrs Nannestad, the winner, was presented with a silver mounted scent bottle. Mrs H. Waldegrave came second, her prize being a pretty china bowl. In another competition a large bottle was filled with sweets, and every one made a guess at the number it contained. Miss Ivy was the winner, and Mrs. Hitchings came second. Mrs Warburton received her guests in a black silk voile dress, very much tucked, with some beautiful lace about the bodice. Miss Warburton was also in black voile, the bodice prettily trimmed with string lace; Mrs Fulwood wore black tailor-made coat and skirt, light vest and black picture hat; Miss Fulton, cream voile coat and skirt, cream felt hat, with large pale blue glaze bows; Mrs Muuro, dark red Russian costume, black hat; Mrs Snow, navy blue coat and skirt; Mrs Waldegrave, black voile bodice very much trimmed with lace, grey velvet hat with white bird; Mrs Cotton, cream serge dress with touches of black; black picture hat; Mrs R. S. Abraham, navy blue Russian costume; Mrs Lionel Abraham, cream blouse and black skirt;

Mrs Elkington, brown skirt, seakink coat and green straw hat trimmed with bezzies. Others present were, Mesdames Gardner, Henry, Macintyre, Hankins, Lloyd, Slack, H. Waldegrave, Bell, McKnight, Coombes, Melsopp, Randolph, Tripe, Hitchings, Campbell, Holmes, Hopkins, McLennan, Johnston, Mueller, Hitchings, Reid, Armstrong, Haynes, Copeland, Young, Kilmzender, Loughnan, Misses Wilson, Beswick, Stanford, Ivy, Ward, Randolph (2), Armstrong, Reid, Fraser, Coombs, McLennan, Young, Waldegrave, Messrs Barnicoat, Montgomery, Waldegrave, Reid, McLean, Copeland (2), Armstrong, Henry, Mueller, Drs. Campbell and Macintyre.

On Wednesday evening Miss Wilson, of Rangitikei-street, gave

**A NOVEL AND ENJOYABLE LITTLE DANCE.**

The guests were invited for eight o'clock, and both ladies and men had to wear a sheet over their garments and a pillowcase over their heads till about ten o'clock. In the meantime no one knew with whom he was dancing or speaking. It caused a lot of amusement in many ways. At ten o'clock, when the "dismantling" took place, some funny sights were to be seen. Miss Wilson was wearing an all-black dress; Miss Dolly Wilson, white muslin with a lot of little frills; Miss Beswick, all black; Mrs Porritt, black satin with white chiffon frills on bodice; Mrs Goldingham, black with string lace; Mrs R. S. Abraham, black satin; Miss Smith, yellow silk; Miss Hewitt, white silk; Miss Warburton, white silk and insertion; Miss Green, white with pink flowers on the bodice. Among others present were:—Misses Abraham (2), Robinson (2), Bell, Howley, Barber, Reid, and Keeling, Messrs Abraham (2), Hewitt (2), Porritt, Mess. Mason, Vaughan, Paisley, Garde, McLean, Wilson, Keeling.

Bridge has been very popular here this winter; in fact, we have some very great enthusiasts amongst us. On Thursday Mrs Bell had

**A SMALL BRIDGE PARTY.**

We played from about half-past eight till some time after midnight. At 11 o'clock supper was served in the dining-room, and looked very dainty and inviting. Amongst the players were:—Mesdames Waldegrave, Randolph, McKnight, Watson, Bell, Tripe and Nannestad, Misses Bell (2), Randolph (2), Nannestad, Armstrong, Messrs McKnight, Bell, Armstrong, Reid, Waldegrave, Watson, Shm, Vaughan and Dr. Campbell.

Palmerston has

**A VERY LARGE GOLF CLUB,**

with some splendid players, particularly men. Mr Nicolaus, the runner-up of last year's championship singles, is our best player. On the second Tuesday of every month the ladies play a bogey handicap competition. This month Miss Rutherford, playing from scratch, was an easy winner, Miss Slack second. Among the junior players Mrs Holmes, handicap 16, was first; Miss Ethel Abraham, scratch, second. On Friday a team of Wanganui ladies are coming to Palmerston to play a return match with our club. It is to be hoped the weather keeps fine—we are quite noted for having dreadful weather if there is any golf match on.

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**WANGANUI.**

Dear Bee, August 13.

**On Friday Mr. J. L. Beck gave**

**A MOST ENJOYABLE CONCERT**

in the Opera House before a large audience. The concert had been looked forward to with a considerable amount of interest by Wanganui musical people owing to the fact that Madame Lillian Tree (especially engaged by Mr. Beck) was to make her first appearance here. Madame Tree's opening number was the celebrated "Jewel Song" from "Faust," for which she received quite an ovation, and responded with a song as an encore. Her other songs were "Robert to Che Adoro," "How Dear to My Heart," and "Scenes That Are Brightest," all of which were well received. The other vocalists were Messrs. T. W. Potts, J. James, and that promising young singer, Mr. Russell Stevenson. The programme included five orchestral selections, which were excellently performed by a band of 30 musicians under the baton of Mr. Beck, who also took part in a violin duet with Mr. Andrews,

one of his numerous pupils. The accompaniments were played in a faultless style by Mr. L. T. Brinkley. Madame Tree was gowned in a sea green silk frock, the trained skirt having numerous small frills headed with a wide band of gauging, cream lace collar round decolletage, with rosettes of ends of cream satin ribbon; the sleeves were lace to the elbow, with a green silk frill. She wore a diamond crescent and two Itua feathers in coiffure. Amongst the large audience I noticed: Mrs. Beck, in a becoming gown of white silk, with overskirt of cream net, angel sleeves, and corsage embroidered with steel sequins, long pelrine of white fur; Mrs. Alexander wore black silk evening gown, with handsome opera coat of black satin, with collarette and wide cuffs of white satin embroidered with black silk applique, roses and leaves; Miss Alexander, black silk, long pale grey opera cloak, with band of Oriental shaded embroidery forming a cape, the collar of white cloth, with yandyked trimming; Mrs. Brookfield wore a pale grey voile, tucked and banded with gallon, long grey opera cloak; Miss Trainor, crimson silk blouse, with zouave and collar of cream lace, black skirt; Mrs. John Stevenson, black net evening frock, black broadened cloak, lined with pale pink silk, and trimmed with black feathers; Miss Brewer, red tucked silk blouse, tucked and trimmed with lace, black skirt; Miss Stevenson, pale blue silk blouse, with lace yoke, black skirt, and pale blue sash and ribbons; Mrs. Greig wore black and handsome opera coat of panne velvet, with border and collar of cream, having a band of jet; Miss McGregor (Hunterville), white tucked silk opera cloak of white velvet and feather trimmings; Mrs. Mason, black silk, with black lace transparent sleeves, fichu of lace on corsage, white velvet opera cloak; Miss Mason wore a white nun's veiling, gauged and banded with lace; Mrs. Fairburn, pale pink silk blouse, with transparent lace yoke, black skirt, white opera cloak, trimmed with white

fur; Mrs. F. Hatherley wore a handsome coat of white satin, profusely trimmed with champagne medallions; Mrs. Chamberlain, black velvet gown, with collar of real lace; Miss Tuke, black net evening gown; Miss Hook wore black silk; Mrs. Sarjeant, a smart blouse of old rose pink, with vest and collarette of real lace, and bands of black velvet, black silk skirt, with wide gauged frill at the foot; Mrs. (Dr.) Porritt, pale pink silk blouse, with lace trimmings, black skirt; Miss Binnerhast wore a dainty white silk evening gown; Miss Greig, white silk, with sash and ribbons of crimson silk; Miss Willis, pale pink silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Pleasant, black silk and net evening gown, with rich opera cloak of heliotrope shaded broadened, edged with white fur; Miss McRae wore a black silk frock, the bodice trimmed with Oriental embroidered applique; Mrs. Stevenson (Auckland), black silk, with lace, crimson velvet cloak, with black fur; Mrs. Craig wore a cream gown, opera coat of pale pink broadened, the collar covered with deep cream lace; Mrs. Richardson, black satin frock, white satin opera cloak, with white fur trimmings; Mrs. Well-Jones, black frock, opera cloak of white, with fur to match; Mrs. Peritt, black satin costume, profusely trimmed with jet; Miss Swingleman wore white, with a long pale dove grey cloak, with cape bordered with white fur; Mrs. Conys, mirror blue velvet blouse, trimmed with lace, fawn skirt, white velvet opera cloak, with feather trimmings. There were also present the pupils of the Girls' College and the Convent School, Messrs. Stevenson (3), Jones, J. G. Woon, Pleasant, Hatherley, Patterson, Swingleman, Sarjeant, Richardson; Drs. Hatherley and Porritt, and many others.

**MR. MEL. B. SPURR'S RETURN VISIT**

to Wanganui has been looked forward to with great interest, and the splendid audiences for his two nights' season at the Opera House on the 10th and 11th were in no way disappointed. Amongst

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