

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee, February 10.
On Friday evening Miss Gresson gave an enjoyable little BRIDGE PARTY to a few of her friends. At the conclusion of the games musical items were rendered by several members of the party. Amongst those present were Mr and Mrs Gordon, Mr and Mrs Frank Hatherly, Misses Gresson, Izard, O. Stanford, R. Jones, I. Jones, M. Anderson, W. Anderson, Messrs B. Anderson, Stevenson, Silk, Dr. Wall and others.

Saturday was a perfect day for tennis, and there were a number of players and onlookers at

THE CAMPBELL-STREET LAWN, when Mesdames Blundell and Stevenson gave afternoon tea. Amongst those I noticed were: Mrs John Stevenson, in a white voile skirt, made with wide flounces, and a beautiful blouse of white Japanese silk, embroidered in green and brown shaded silk leaves; Mrs Sarjeant, dainty white muslin frock, profusely trimmed with insertion and fleure of lace, black straw hat with velvet band and full frill of chiffon; Mrs Blundell wore a holland skirt, white muslin blouse, burnt straw French sailor with box-pleated frill of green figured ribbon; Miss Hilda Blundell, pretty white muslin gown with insertion and lace, pale blue silk sash; Mrs Stanford, black canvas costume, banded with silk, black bonnet; Miss O. Stanford wore a white muslin frock; Mrs Gifford Marshall, shaded muslin, black picture hat; Miss McGowan, pale pink linen gown, white muslin hat with silk scarf and fringed ends; Miss G. Krull, pale blue linen, Panama hat; Mrs Thompson (Thames), navy blue coat and skirt, fancy straw hat with cream and blue shaded ribbons on it; Miss Izard, white and terra-cotta flowered muslin, Panama hat with silk to match; Miss Moore, pale grey skirt, white muslin blouse; Miss Liffiton, white embroidered muslin; Mrs Anderson wore an embroidered champagne lawn over sea green silk, smart straw hat with ostrich plumes; Miss C. McNeill, black voile skirt, tucked white muslin blouse with inser-

tion, black gauged chiffon hat; Miss H. McNeill, champagne cravos frock, banded with embroidery; Miss Richmond, champagne grass lawn coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs F. Hatherly, pale blue linen coat and skirt, French sailor hat trimmed with blue ribbons. There were also present Misses S. Greig, M. Liffiton, Darley, Cave, R. McLean, Messrs Hatherly, Harold, Peck, Armour, Lomas, Hardwicke, Atkinson, Morrison, B. Anderson, Izard, Thompson (Thames), Dr. Wall and others.

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Dear Bee, February 9.
A very jolly little

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was given by Mrs W. A. Parkinson last Wednesday evening. There were six tables, and play was kept up until about eleven o'clock, when a dainty supper was served. The party broke up about twelve o'clock, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Miss Vida Hunter won the ladies' first prize, a lovely pair of silver-tipped cut glass vases, and Mr Caplen carried off the gentlemen's—a fountain pen. Mrs Parkinson wore a dainty silk blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Worrall, white velvet blouse, relieved with broad trimmings, dark skirt; Miss Day, blouse of pink silk, frill of ecrú net, black satin skirt, piped; Miss P. Baird, blue and white silk blouse, lace collar, dark skirt; Miss Eva Baird, frock of white silk, prettily tucked and inserted with lace; Miss Coutts, green and white silk blouse, black skirt; Miss N. Coutts, white silk blouse, finished with pale blue, dark skirt; Miss V. Hunter, pretty frock of white silk, the corsage profusely tucked, trimmed with pearl trimmings; Miss White, pink silk blouse, deep collar of lace, black ribboned net skirt; Miss Brett, blue glace silk blouse tucked, black skirt; Miss V. Brett, blouse of ecrú net over white silk, dark skirt; Miss E. Caplen, white silk blouse, black skirt; Messrs Parkinson (3), Tonks, Anderson, Glenn, Caplen, Nolan, F. Baird, Turnbull, Ferguson (Christchurch).

Yesterday afternoon (Wednesday)

THE HAWERA BATHS

had a very animated appearance, the occasion being the first swimming carnival for this year. The weather, which looked very threatening all the morning, cleared beautifully towards the afternoon, and except for a few showers about four o'clock, could not have been more enjoyable. The sports were most successful, both financially and in the attendance, the seating accommodation being full both afternoon and evening. Quite a large number of competitors came up from Wanganui, and they won several races, although none of them were able to win the championship from Mr M. Hunter (Hawera), who carried off all four championship events. Amongst the many onlookers I noticed—Mrs W. G. White, Mrs Turnbull, Miss Dingle, Mrs H. M. Payne, Miss Newland, Miss Langdon, Miss Hunter, Mrs A. Hunter, Misses Barley (2), Miss Spence, Miss Latter, Misses Flynn (3), Mrs F. V. Lyaght, Misses Coutts (2), Miss Ryan, Miss Day, Miss V. Brett, Mrs W. Glenn (Maniaia), Misses Baird (2), Miss Tompler, Mrs Coutts, Mrs Powdrell (Maniaia), Mrs Coutts, Miss Glenn (Maniaia), Misses Young (2), Messrs H. M. Payne, Belcher, Buits, Little, Kean, Norton, Hunter (3), Liddle, Glenn Parkinson (2), Bassett (Wanganui), Swinburne, Aitken, Preshaw, Powell (3) (Wanganui), Moorhouse, Nowell, Gibson, Anderson, Turnbull, Glenn (Maniaia).

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PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear Bee, February 10.
Still the glorious weather continues, and we are all enjoying our outdoor games. Saturday was the hottest day we have had this summer, and there was a record attendance for the season at the

TENNIS AND CROQUET LAWNS.

Mrs Louisson and Mrs Gould provided delicious tea and the delectable sandwiches and cakes during the afternoon. Mrs Louisson was wearing a pretty champagne voile, trimmed with Paris insertion, same shade of lace yoke and touches of black velvet ribbon on bodice; Mrs Gould, white frock, pale blue lace

felt, French sailor with pale green and pink satin bows; Mrs Campbell, blue linen with white and blue galloon trimming, cream French sailor with navy satin bows; Mrs Campbell (Wanganui), black voile, much trimmed with ruffled ribbon, black hat; Mrs Aitken, pale green linen with string coloured insertion, green hat; Mrs E. W. Hitchings, pale blue voile skirt, long cream coat, cream and pale blue self-trimmed straw hat; Mrs Smart (Dunedin), holland coat and skirt, cream French sailor with pink roses; Mrs Thompson, navy blue linen, yoke of cream lace, blue hat; Mrs Wilson (Wellington), navy skirt, navy and white spotted blouse, navy glace flop hat; Miss Wilson, white linen, red belt, Tuscan hat with scarlet trimming; Mrs Copeland, grey linen with three-quarter coat, cream hat with wreath of small pink roses; Miss Copeland, pale pink floral muslin made with tiny frills, white hat with pink shaded roses; Miss Montgomery, navy blue voile skirt and coat, lace vest, large black chiffon hat with tips; Mrs McKnight, black and white spotted muslin, fawn chiffon hat with small pink roses and ivy leaves; Mrs Jamieson, grey voile skirt, white muslin and insertion blouse, cream hat; Mrs Innes, fawn linen coat and skirt embroidered with pale blue, Tuscan hat with pale blue glace ruching; Miss F. Waldegrave, holland skirt, white muslin and insertion blouse, blue belt, cream hat with cornflowers; Miss Reid, white muslin and lace, black hat. Others present were Mrs and Miss Bell, Mrs Milton, Mrs Randolph, Miss Randolph, Miss F. Randolph, Mrs Watson, Miss Watson, Mrs Laing, Mrs Gregg, Miss Nannestad, Misses Hayward (2), Messrs McGill, Milton, Spicker, Newton, Flynn, Vaughan, Sim, Smith, Ready, Sheras, Burr, Hadden (2), Adams, Louisson, Laing, Richter.

To increase the interest in tennis Mrs Warburton is giving a prize for a handi-capped single tournament for girls. The following have entered:—Misses Porter, Reed, Wilson, G. Bell, Wylds, Warburton, Waldegrave.

The second round of the croquet tournament is finished. The players left in are Miss Nannestad, Mrs Bell, Mrs Innes, Mr Milton and Dr. Campbell.

During the long spell of beautiful summer weather we have been enjoying, I have noticed on different occasions some

VERY PRETTY SUMMER TOILETTES.

Mrs Porritt looked cool and dainty in a pink floral muslin, black and white fancy hat with black tip and touch of scarlet; Miss Beswicke, blue muslin with broad glace belt of deeper shade, black and white hat; Mrs Lloyd, black voile and pretty pelérine of white lace, black bonnet with touch of heliotrope; Mrs Munro, becoming champagne voile frock, brown chiffon hat with touches of scarlet and gold; Mrs Gardiner, brown linen coat and skirt, with white revers and cuffs, bonnet to match; Mrs Park, pale green voile, prettily trimmed with Paris frilled lace and medallions, green hat with lace drapery; Miss Park, pale blue voile much shirred and elaborately trimmed with ruffled ribbon, cream hat with lace and yellow flowers; Miss F. Park, becoming cream frock, French sailor with pale pink and green trimming; Miss Bachelier, pale blue voile, yoke and frill of fine cream lace, large black hat; Miss L. Russell, dainty cream frock, cream hat with cream tips; Mrs Cohen, becoming cream costume, deep cape on shoulders, pretty pink floral toque; Mrs W. Keeling, cream serge, three-quarter cream coat, trimmed with cream medallions, cream hat with small pink roses; Mrs Graham, grey voile frock, cream hat with folds of blue chiffon; Miss Graham, cream serge Russian costume, cape piped with pale blue, large black hat with tips.

Miss Wilson, Bangitikei-street, was unfortunate in having a wet afternoon for her

"AT HOME"

on Wednesday. A very fine morning was followed by a downpour from 3 o'clock till 4.30 p.m. Nevertheless, several ladies defied the elements and spent a very pleasant afternoon. Some of those present were, Misses Wilson, Miss Beswicke, Miss Stanford, Mrs Lloyd, Miss Kelly, Mrs Goldingham, Mrs Gifford-Moore, Mrs J. Pascal, Mrs Gardiner, Misses Gardiner, Mrs Holmes, and Mrs W. Keeling.

Mrs Gardiner, Terrace End, also had a very successful

AFTERNOON TEA

on Friday last. The guests included Misses Wilson, Beswicke, Stanford, Mrs and Miss Warburton, Mrs and Miss Hankins, Mrs McRae, Mrs W. Keeling, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Abraham, Miss Kelly and many others.

Mrs Lionel Abraham is giving a children's party to-day.

VIOLET

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, February 12.
Our principal present interest lies in looking forward to the visit of His Excellency

THE ADMIRAL

in his flagship Enryalus, and the gaieties consequent thereon. I don't think anything definite has been settled about the form of entertainment, but there is almost certain to be a ball. The squadron invariably comes here at the dull time of the year, when Government House is unoccupied, and very frequently the visit occurs during Lent.

The private show of the

ROSE AND CARNATION CLUB

was an eminently successful affair, and the members must be very pleased with the result of their efforts. The New Century Hall was filled with an admiring crowd, which made it difficult to move about to see the exhibits. The prize-winning collection was the subject of much envy and interest. There were some very good roses—late in the season as it is—but the carnations were in their glory, and some beautiful new varieties were shown. Mrs A. Crawford was again successful in winning prizes,

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