

L. Gould, navy blue dress, red hat; Miss M. Wallis, brown coat and skirt, hat to match; Miss V. Williamson (Auckland), navy blue costume, fur toque; Miss L. Coleman, pale grey canvas cloth, black hat; Miss Gardner (Rakaia), cream canvas frock, white tulle hat, trimmed with dark green velvet; Miss C. Boylan, navy serge Eton costume, black hat; Miss Mason, navy blue costume, black hat; Miss Brooke-Taylor, black costume, hat to match; Miss E. Brooke-Taylor, black silk dress, black hat; Miss Woodbine-Johnston, white cloth costume, white hat; Miss H. Woodbine-Johnston, blue costume, sailor hat; Miss E. Clark, green cloth dress, white and green hat; Miss Morice, tweed coat and skirt; Miss Bradley, tweed costume, felt hat; Miss R. Bradley, green tweed dress, white and green hat; Miss C. Foster, grey cloth dress, white hat; Miss E. Davis, navy blue Eton costume, white felt hat; Miss F. Davis, navy blue dress, black hat; Miss Willis, blue cloth dress, hat to match; Miss Ross, white cloth dress; Miss Noble-Campbell, black costume, black hat; Miss M. Tucker, fawn cloth dress, hat to match; Miss L. Tucker, grey tweed costume, black hat. Messrs. Sheriff, Bennett, Kenway, Monkton, Beckett, Nolan, Willock, Hamilton, Wall, Scott, Maude, Innes, McLernon, etc.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. P. Barker gave

**A MOST ENJOYABLE PROGRESSIVE EUCHE RE PARTY AND DANCE**

at Whataupoko. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Jex-Blake, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. A. F. Kennedy, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. W. Barker, Mrs. Symes, Mrs. Willock, Mrs. Cyril White, Misses E. Williamson, McLean, Wallis, Nolan, L. Gould, D. Gould, Bradley, Foster, Willis, Woodbine-Johnston (2), Rutledge (2), Eva Clark, Tucker, Evans (2), V. Williamson, Hayes (Auckland), Messrs. Skerratt (2), Monkton, Neilson, Roberts, Barker, Burke, Nolan, Tucker, Beckett, H. Evans, Blair, Mann, Kennedy, Symes, Jex-Blake, Willock, Grant, etc.

**NAPIER.**

Dear Bee, August 17.

**THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL BOYS** gave a most enjoyable euche party and dance at the High School Gymnasium Hall on Friday evening last. The hall was most tastefully decorated with flags. Euche was played till 10.30, when the floor was cleared for dancing. The ladies' prizes were won by Mrs Ringland and Miss Rutherford. Mr Humphries and Mr Polson won the gentlemen's prizes. Those present were Mrs Polson, wearing black silk, bodice trimmed with black lace; Mrs George White, black silk, accordion-pleated; Mrs T. Ring-

land, black satin dress, bodice trimmed with red roses; Mrs J. Ringland, black satin, white opera coat; Mrs Westall, mauve silk blouse, black satin skirt; Miss Paisley, pretty white silk, skirt frilled, bodice trimmed with forget-me-nots and roses; Miss McLernon, black silk, white lace berthe; Miss S. Rutherford, dainty pale pink, white net tucker; Misses Humphries (2), pretty white silk accordion-pleated; Miss Roulston, pale green silk frock; Miss Kirk, black satin, bodice trimmed with a deep frill of white lace; Miss D. Kennedy, white silk and chiffon dress; Miss R. Hindmarsh, simple white silk frock, bodice trimmed with silk insertion; Miss L. Gilbertson, dainty white muslin, bodice trimmed with lace, pale blue sash; Miss Thyra King, white net with black spots over white silk; Miss Shirley, white silk dress; Miss Seale, black satin bodice trimmed with blue flowers; Miss D. Seale, white silk dress, bodice trimmed with silk lace; Miss Natusah, pretty white silk frock; Miss Scheele, blue silk blouse with lace yoke, black satin skirt; Miss Kelly, black satin dress trimmed with white lace; Miss Mackenzie, blue silk frock, bodice trimmed with roses. Amongst the gentlemen present were Messrs. McLernon, Morley, Ringland, Shirley, Paisley, Natusah, Polson, Brabant, Hindmarsh, Humphries, Margolouth, Soudy, Garry, White, Westall, Balfour, Andrews, Roulston, T. Ringland.

On Monday last, at the Athenaeum, Mr Ashcroft Noall gave a most interesting lecture on

**CHOPIN,**

and during the evening Mr Noall played several of the composer's well-known pieces. The hall was crowded, and a few I noticed were Messames Cargill, Westall, Hetley, Dean, Kettle, Rutherford, McLean, Williams, Stoppard, Bowen, Cane, Levien, Honley, Shaw, Lady Campbell, Misses Fannin, Williams, Kennedy, Macfarlane, Dean, Campbell, Hoadley (2), Hetley (2), Brodie, McLean, Large, Edwards, Sheath, Shaw.

The Theatre Royal was packed from end to end last Friday to witness

**WEST'S PICTURES.**

A few I noticed in the circle were Mrs Balfour, wearing black silk with blue cloth coat; Mrs Levien, white silk with pink roses; Mrs C. Cato, pale blue satin blouse with black satin skirt; Mrs Kettle, black lace, with white cloth coat; Mrs Baker, pale green silk blouse, red velvet cloak with fur collar; Mrs Kennedy, green silk blouse with cream insertion yolk, black satin skirt; Mrs Hamlin, black silk; Miss Begg, pale pink sashion yoke, black satin skirt; Mrs Pharazyn, black satin; Miss Humphries, white silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Kennedy, white silk, pale blue bow on bod-

ice; Miss D. Kennedy, green dress trimmed with cream insertion; Miss Todd, pale blue silk and chiffon; Miss Macfarlane, blue blouse with black satin skirt; Mrs Henley, pale blue blouse, dark skirt; Miss Williams, black silk with white lace on bodice.

**Favoured with lovely weather, the GYMNASIUM AND MILITARY DISPLAY**

given by the pupils of the Napier Boys' High School on Wednesday afternoon last was largely attended by those interested in the schoolboys. The City Band was in attendance, and rendered a number of very enjoyable selections. Afternoon tea was provided by Mr and Mrs Polson, whose kindness was very much appreciated. I noticed Mrs Tyler wearing a smart black and white coat and skirt piped with white, black and white toque; Mrs Elkington, navy blue coat and skirt, big black hat; Mrs W. Cato, royal blue coat and skirt, braided with white, blue and white toque; Mrs J. Baker, grey tweed coat and skirt, grey stole, black velvet hat; Mrs Coleman, black silk coat and skirt, black and white bonnet; Miss Hetley, navy blue costume trimmed with brown and blue braid, white lace vest, black picture hat; Miss Rutledge, (Gishorne), grey frieze coat and skirt trimmed with heliotrope, brown stole, black chiffon hat; Miss N. Rutledge, navy blue coat and skirt, burnt straw hat trimmed with pink roses; Miss Begg, grey cloth coat and skirt, white vest, blue and green toque; Miss Kennedy, grey cloth costume, grey toque with white wings; Miss White, black coat and skirt, smart black and white toque; Miss McLernon, grey costume, white and violet hat; Miss C. McLernon, brown frock, pretty brown hat; Miss Large, black voile dress trimmed with lace, black and white hat; Miss Pettit, pretty white serge dress, black picture hat; Mrs C. Bennett, grey check Norfolk coat and skirt, burnt straw hat trimmed with green velvet and berries; Mrs C. Cato, blue coat and skirt, pale green hat; Mrs Bowen, brown cloth costume, straw hat trimmed with yellow roses and green velvet; Mrs Kennedy, blue coat and skirt, blue toque trimmed with blue silk; Mrs Polson, red spotted cloth costume, red felt hat; Mrs Craig, pale green cloth costume trimmed with velvet, lilac and green toque; Mrs Cane, blue coat and skirt, pale blue and pink hat; Mrs Rutherford, black serge Russian costume, strapped with white, black and white hat; Mrs Shaw, brown frieze costume, brown and red hat; Mrs Duncan, pale blue silk blouse, blue and white hat; Mrs Steadman, slate cloth costume trimmed with beaver, beaver toque; Mrs Baxter, navy blue coat and skirt, red waistcoat, pretty black hat; Mrs W. Cato, white serge skirt, white fur coat, white chiffon hat trimmed with yellow; Miss Dean, navy blue frieze trimmed with blue velvet, white felt hat; Miss Preece, black coat and skirt trimmed with brass buttons, pretty red hat; Miss Humphries, grey Norfolk coat and skirt, burnt straw hat trimmed with pink roses; Miss Dewes, grey coat and skirt, navy blue and white hat; Miss Clappett, dark skirt, grey coat trimmed with leather, burnt straw hat trimmed with black velvet and flowers; Miss King, pretty dove grey costume; Miss Maude, brown coat and skirt, brown hat trimmed with yellow.

MARTORIE.

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**

Dear Bee, August 19.

Last Wednesday evening the

**THIRD ASSEMBLY**

was held in the Theatre Royal, and, like the two previous ones, it was most enjoyable. The stage was very pretty and picturesquely arranged as a garden for the sitters-out, and cosy nooks and corners were arranged everywhere, much to the delight of the merry dancers. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Penn, wearing white crepe de chine over glass silk; red geraniums on bodice and in hair; Mrs. W. Bayly, pale pink silk; Miss E. Fookes, pale blue, with black velvet shoulder straps, black velvet in hair; Miss Liddell, very pretty pale green silk trimmed with cream lace and pink roses; Miss Alice Brewster (debutante) was charmingly attired in cream brocade, veiled in Brussels net, the skirt and décolletage being finished with tiny frills edged with ruffled glass ribbon; Miss Devore, white tulle silk with pale blue belt and clout in hair; Miss Holdsworth,

handsome heliotrope brocade; Miss Quincey, dainty white tulle costume, white satin belt; Miss Mackay, navy blue gauze silk; Miss Fraser, cream brocade; Miss Brett, blue tulle silk, trimmed with cream lace; Miss J. Fraser, white frilled muslin, scarlet belt and nosegay in hair; Miss Bayly (Waltara, white silk, trimmed with lace and insertion, black velvet bow in hair; Miss Kirk (debutante) wore a very pretty black and white silk, skirt trimmed with deep blue, edged with lace, bodice draped with lace, finished with satin cascade belt, fancy shower bouquet; Miss D. McVinn, black net, with red flowers on corsage; Miss E. McAlhain, cream voile, trimmed with satin ribbon; Miss M. Tuke, blue veiled in white net, profusely beaded with satin ribbon; Miss Baker, blue, bodice trimmed with cream Maltese lace; Miss Hanna, cream, with pale blue belt; Miss R. Clarke, white silk, black velvet shoulder straps; Miss Douglas, soft yellow silk trimmed with lace; Miss H. H. white satin, veiled in net, trimmed with satin ribbon; Miss Kerton, pretty white tulle silk, trimmed with lace and insertion; Miss B. Kerton, white net over satin with scarlet belt and flowers; Miss Faurham, cream satin; Miss W. Hanna, blue net's veiling, finished with cream lace and violets; Miss F. Bayly, cream satin; Mrs. Mantering, black silk, with jet trimmings; Misses P. E. and J. McAlhain, white satins, with pink and blush roses respectively. Amongst the gentlemen were: Messrs. Stocker, Nolan, Forham, Macfarlane (Napier), Woodhouse, Scott, Fraser (2), Day Morgan, George (2), Bowley, Weir, Bayley, Gavin, Hanna (2), Fisher, Standish, Baker, Hine, Hall, Wilson, Medley, Humphries (2), Mantering, F. Bayly.

**Miss Bedford's dancing class gave a MOST ENJOYABLE FANCY DRESS MASQUERADE BALL.**

in the Theatre Royal last Friday evening, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. Some very humorous and charming costumes were worn, and, with the decorations on the stage, the scene was very picturesque. The music was superb, it being, as usual, supplied by McKinnon Bain's orchestra. The floor was like glass. The ball opened as usual with the Grand March, so all the costumes were seen to an advantage. Great credit was due to the joint secretaries, Messrs. Jack Fraser and Frank Bell, for the way in which everything was carried out. They were assisted by Messrs. George, Preshaw, Stocker, Humphries, and Messames Stocker, Penn, Percy Webster, Misses Hanna and K. Kuott. Extras were played by Misses J. Mackay, Devore, Douglas, and Bedford. Amongst those present were: Miss Wilson, in black silk, white lace fichu, Powder and Patches; Miss Baker, Dutch Maiden; Miss Hanna, Dancing Girl; Miss N. Hanna looked pretty as a Queen; Miss A. Brewster, Dresden China Shepherdess; Miss R. Evans, black silk and white lace, Powder and Patches; Misses D. and M. Govett, Mask and Dominoes; Miss Bedford, Kate Greenaway; Miss D. Bedford, Dancing Girl, pretty costume of black and pale blue, profusely trimmed with tiny gold bells; Misses B. and L. Webster, Masks and Dominoes; Miss Skinner looked extremely well as a Norman- dy Peasant; Miss L. Skinner, Marie Antoinette; Miss McAlhain, Puritan; Miss N. McAlhain looked well as Pierrot; Miss Wilson, Powder and Patches; Miss R. Clarke was much admired as Snow- flake; Miss G. Colson, Lily of the Valley; Miss Blanchard, "La Mirochette"; Miss Wrasdale, Grecian Maiden; Miss Clara Buckins, Moor; Miss Holdsworth, Powder and Patches; Miss G. Hold-

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