

**Society Gossip**

**AUCKLAND.**

Dear Bee, December 18.  
A MOST DELIGHTFUL EVENING

was given last Friday by Mrs. MacGregor Hay, Parnell, as a farewell to Mrs. Jas. B. Hay, who, with her daughter, left for England on Monday. The earlier part of the evening was taken up by a passing competition. The lucky winners were Miss Williamson, who received a silver-topped hair-pin box. The gentleman's prize was a silver pencil. Later in the evening the large dining-room was cleared, and we danced, and altogether we had a most enjoyable time. Mrs. Hay wore a pretty black and cream gown with cream lace; Miss Hay was in black velvet with berthe of white lace; Miss Helen Hay, black skirt, and a very pretty ciel blue blouse; Miss Mabel Hay was daintily gowned in white inserted muslin; Mrs. T. Neil wore black satin with cream Maltese lace scarf and a cluster of red roses on corsage; Mrs. James Hay was in black silk and net, relieved with white; Miss Pearl Hay, in a dainty cream gown with pale blue centure. Among others present I noticed: Mesdames David Hay, Kempthorne, Sellers, Whit, Jones, and Craig, Misses Snell, Williamson (2), Sloman, White (2), Frater, Long, Hill, Lusk (2), Kempthorne (2), Jones, Halliwell, and Aicken.

On Saturday afternoon last, Mrs. Allsworth gave a very enjoyable afternoon tea at her residence, Queen-street, Onehunga, prior to her daughter Alice's approaching marriage with Mr. H. H. Buxton, of Wanganui. The afternoon took the form of an "Author" tea, and proved a very merry one. The tea was served in the dining room, the tables being prettily decorated with white roses and cactus, relieved with parsley fern, after which the prizes were presented. Miss Bower was the lucky winner of the first prize, her sister scoring the second, while Miss Violet Burden secured the third. Mrs. Allsworth received her guests in a graceful gown of black voile, embroidered with sequins, and relieved with soft cream lace. Among those present were: Miss Robin, in a white embroidered muslin; Miss Mackey (St. Helier's Bay), white silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Harris, black skirt, cream silk blouse, pretty blue chiffon hat; Miss M. Pitt, white inserted lawn, louchet hat; Miss Richardson, cream blouse, blue skirt; Miss Long, white embroidered muslin, French sailor hat; Miss Elsie Weller (Auckland), white silk, French sailor hat, trimmed with floral ribbon; Miss Talbot, cream blouse, black skirt; Miss Burden, white embroidered muslin blouse, grey skirt; Miss Violet Burden, white silk gown, pink hat; Miss Watkin, pretty pale grey linen, helmet hat; Miss Amy Robin, pink silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Mabel Berryman, cream dress, pretty cream hat; Miss Queenie Haselden, cream dress and hat, relieved with blue silk; Misses Bower (2), white embroidered muslins, hats to match; Miss Stella Smith, pretty cream dress, hat to match; Miss Hale white silk gown, French sailor, trimmed with floral ribbon; Miss Jeffery, white satin blouse, black skirt; Miss Barnes, pretty blue costume, hat to match; Miss Alice Robin, cream silk and d'esprit, net blouse, grey skirt; Miss Mainland, white

muslin blouse, grey skirt, white and blue hat; Miss Alice Vernon, white muslin and pink hat; Miss Kathleen Haselden, white embroidered blouse, black voile skirt; Miss Robb, cream dress, cream hat, trimmed with pink; Miss N. Robb, pink dress, pretty pale green French sailor hat; Miss Friar, pink costume, hat to match; Miss Hilda Brown, cream blouse, black skirt, cream hat, relieved with scarlet; Miss Wilson, cream silk dress, pale pink lace and chiffon hat.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

**NAPIER.**

Dear Bee, December 14.

The concert of Mrs. Walker's music pupils was held in St. Paul's School-room last week, a fashionable audience assembling for the occasion. The playing of the young performers was listened to with pleasure, and was marked by general excellence of training. The performers were Miss Annie Sheath, Miss P. Polson, Miss M. Ringland, Miss D. Campbell, Miss Sybil Jones, Miss Jocelyn Lusk, Miss Gladys Munro, Miss S. Jones, Miss Laing, Miss Vera Humphries, Miss Ada Henderson, Miss M. Wilson, Miss Helen Stuart, Miss E. Gifford, Miss Marjory Campbell, Miss Flossie Hobbs, Miss Dorothy McLean, Miss Thompson, Miss Chrissie Niven, Miss Dorothy Hewitt, Miss Isa Watson, Miss Elsie Smith, Miss Minnie Watson, Miss G. McKay, Miss D. Bull. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs. McLean, pale blue silk blouse trimmed with lace, black voile skirt; Miss Cave, white silk dress trimmed with cream insertion; Lady Campbell, blue blouse trimmed with lace, grey skirt; Miss Campbell, blue blouse, lawn muslin skirt; Mrs. Bowen, cream cloth and lace frock; Miss Bowen, white muslin frock, touches of pink; Mrs. Lusk, black and white check Eton costume, white hat with wings; Miss Saunders, blue silk blouse, lace bolero, white cloth skirt; Mrs. Campbell, white embroidered muslin frock, lace collar; Mrs. Mayne, cream silk and lace blouse, black satin skirt; Miss Sutton, black silk dress; Mrs. Dean, heliotrope flowered muslin frock, bodice trimmed with lace, heliotrope folded belt; Mrs. Stuart, white silk blouse, blue skirt; Miss Graham, white muslin and lace frock, blue folded belt; Miss Sweetapple, blue and white check frock trimmed with lace; Miss Kennedy, white embroidered muslin frock, blue belt; Miss McLean, white muslin frock; Miss Gellies, blue silk and lace blouse, black satin skirt; Miss Thompson, dainty pink silk blouse, white cloth skirt; Mrs. Hobbs, black satin trimmed with white lace; Mrs. Smith, black and white flowered muslin frock, red folded belt; Mrs. Sampson, handsome cream silk and lace blouse, black and white check skirt; Mrs. McKay, heliotrope striped muslin dress, green velvet belt; Miss Smith, blue voile frock, touches of green; Mrs. Humphries, black satin and lace frock; Miss Humphries, dainty white muslin frock; Miss Williams, pink and white flowered muslin frock, pink belt, white coat.

**MISS NARELLE'S CONCERT,**

given in the Theatre Royal last Thursday, was very enjoyable. Miss Narelle is the possessor of a fine rich and powerful mezzo-soprano, and she knows how to use it. It must have been disappointing to her to be greeted by such a poor house. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs. Hamlin, black satin, bodice draped with point lace; Miss Hamlin, dainty blue silk and lace blouse, black taffeta skirt; Mrs. Perry, graceful old rose silk frock, berthe of embroidered velvet, blue folded belt; Miss

Linton, dainty blue crepe de chine blouse, black satin skirt; Miss O'Rouke, white muslin and lace frock; Miss B. O'Rouke, pretty soft blue muslin frock trimmed with lace, brown stole; Miss Maginty, fawn silk muslin frock, touches of black velvet, and blue; Miss Williams, black taffeta frock, bodice trimmed with hands of cream insertion, pale blue cloth coat; Miss M. Williams, dainty white silk frock; Mrs. Fanning, black voile frock, cream lace cape; Miss Fanning, blue silk blouse, black satin skirt, blue stole; Mrs. McHardy, pretty white taffeta and lace dress, touches of black velvet; Miss McKenzie, blue satin blouse trimmed with lace, black skirt; Mrs. Campbell, white silk frock, long white coat; Mrs. Riddell, dainty white lace blouse, black satin skirt; Mrs. Dinwiddie, blue and white flowered muslin frock, yoke of Valenciennes lace; Miss Kennedy, white muslin frock, pink crepe de chine stole; Mrs. Chapman, black silk frock, pink roses on bodice; Miss Chapman, white silk frock, black velvet on bodice, and pink roses; Miss Harrison, handsome black satin blouse trimmed with black velvet, black satin skirt; Mrs. Hanson, black satin frock, berthe of pink roses; Mrs. Ross, white silk frock, becoming blue cloth coat trimmed with lace; Miss Thompson, white muslin frock, blue sash; Miss Brown, red silk blouse, trimmed with lace, black satin skirt.

MARJORIE.

**GISBORNE.**

Dear Bee, December 14.

There has been very little gaiety this week, but tennis has been played every day at both the Whataupoko and Kaiti Tennis Courts. The first round of the tennis tournament was played off at Whataupoko Tennis Courts last Saturday, Mr. Arthur Rees beating Mr. G. Bradley by two games. Others playing in the tournament are Mesdames Carmichael, Bennett, Stephenson, Misses Reynolds (4), Bradley (4), Wallis, Black, Sherratt, Delatour, Manist, Tucker, Messrs. Fenwick, Bradley, Rees, Mann, Barker, Blair, Schumacher, Wallis, Hunter, Burke, Grant, Barron, Symes, Hill. Saturday last was fortunately a beautiful day for tennis, and a large number of players took advantage of it to get a long afternoon's play. Mrs. Stock and Mrs. Anderson provided a delicious afternoon tea at the Whataupoko Tennis

Courts. Mrs. Stock was wearing a pretty white muslin dress, hat of black chiffon; Mrs. Anderson, flowered muslin, cream straw hat trimmed with ribbon; Mrs. Reynolds, black and white check, black cloth coat, black straw hat; Mrs. Clark, handsome blue voile, embroidered in white, blue hat to match; Mrs. Maclean, dark blue linen coat and skirt with facings of white linen, hat of bi-cuit colour and pink tulle and cream roses; Mrs. Parker, white flowered muslin, cream straw hat trimmed with black velvet and plume; Mrs. Mann, grey checked skirt, white blouse, cream straw hat; Mrs. Rees, grey skirt, flowered pink muslin blouse, cream straw hat trimmed with dark red roses; Mrs. Symes, white muslin blouse, cream serge skirt, cream hat; Mrs. Stephenson, white muslin, white hat; Mrs. R. Sherratt, grey coat and skirt, brown straw hat; Mrs. Elliott, red linen, black and white tulle hat; Mrs. Delatour, black silk voile, trimmed with handsome black lace, black hat; Mrs. Hogbes, black spotted silk voile, black picture hat; Mrs. Morrison, grey skirt, white blouse, straw hat trimmed with white ribbon; Mrs. Porter, white linen, white hat; Mrs. Carmichael, white embroidered linen coat and skirt, white hat; Mrs. White, grey skirt, pink muslin blouse, brown hat; Mrs. Buckridge, dainty white frock of silk and lace, black picture hat; Mrs. Matthews, cream muslin with mauve spot, black hat; Mrs. Seymour, white embroidered linen, hat of white embroidery and pink ribbon; Mrs. Williams, white linen coat and skirt, cream straw hat; Misses Reynolds (2), black spotted muslin, cream straw hats trimmed with ruches of black muslin; Bradley (2), white linen, white hats; B. Bradley, white blouse, cream serge skirt, cream and blue hat; Clark, white muslin, pale blue hat; E. Nolan, white linen, straw hat trimmed with cream net and pink ribbon; Hunter (Waikato), blue flowered muslin, pale blue hat; Wachsmann, white muslin, black picture hat; E. Wachsmann, pale grey silk muslin, grey muslin hat trimmed with pale pink ribbon; Foster, white muslin, red belt, sailor hat; Barker (2), white muslin, white hats; F. Barker, pale blue and white floral muslin, blue hat; H. Sherratt, white linen, blue and white hat; Tucker, white embroidered linen coat and skirt, cream hat trimmed with pink roses; Schumacher, blue and cream striped serge coat and skirt, blue chiffon hat with green foliage; M. Schumacher, white and mauve floral muslin, mauve hat trimmed with violets. Messrs. Rees, Symes, Barron, Grant, Bradley, Burke,

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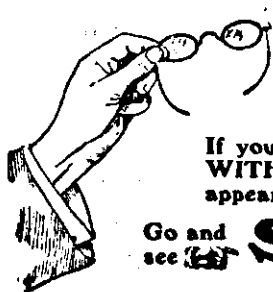
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