

three games. Afternoon tea was provided by the Misses Crawford and Coleman.

On Tuesday last Mrs. Cooper, Wainui-road, gave

A DANCE AND EUCHRE PARTY.

The house was most tastefully decorated with daffodils and primroses; Miss Caplen (Christchurch) and Mr. Leslie Bright, were the lucky winners of the first prizes; Mrs. Cooper received her guests in a handsome black satin and lace sash; Miss Cooper, dainty pale blue silk; Miss Freda Cooper, soft white frilled silk with touches of blue ribbon; Miss E. Cooper, pretty pink silk muslin; Miss E. Reid, cream nun's veiling, bodice trimmed with wide lace; Miss Bright, black voile, red and white gorumiums; Miss D. Bright, hairbell blue glace silk frock, white and blue fichu; Miss B. Murray, soft white silk dress with berthe of cream lace; Miss Crawford, turquoise blue velvet, Maltese lace; Miss E. Crawford, black crepe de chine; Miss D. Crisp, white crepe de chine; Miss A. de Latour, pink nun's veiling; Miss M. Maude (Christchurch), white silk; Miss Caplen (Christchurch); Messrs. Curtis, Bright (2); Hamilton; Coleman (3); de Latour; Nolan; Crawford; Evans; Gover, Ruby.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, August 30.

Last Friday, Mrs. McLernon gave a very jolly little euchre party in honour of Miss Snodgrass, who was married on Wednesday. The rooms looked charming, decorated with spring flowers. A tempting supper was served in the dining-room, the table being a mass of daffodils. We played euchre until 10.30, and then had music. The prizes were won by Mrs. Edgar, Miss Griffin (Christchurch), and Mr. Holmes (Christchurch) and the booby prize was won by Mr. J. Brabant. Mrs. McLernon wore a becoming black velvet frock, trimmed with black jet; Miss McLernon, yellow chiffon over silk, lace panels, bodice trimmed with lace and black velvet; Mrs. A. Peacock, soft white satin princess frock, bodice trimmed with pink and blue embroidery, blue chiffon scarf; Miss Holmes, white silk dress, trimmed with lace, spray of pink roses on bodice; Miss Thomas (Christchurch), pale green chiffon frock, pretty bodice, trimmed with green chiffon; Mrs. Edgar, handsome black taffeta frock, trimmed black velvet, blue in hair; Miss Hitchings (Levin), white muslin dress, boucnes of lace on skirt, lace sleeves, deep white belt; Miss Snodgrass, white satin dress, trimmed with violets; Miss W. Snodgrass, pretty lavender frock, lavender satin straps, lace vest; Miss - Snodgrass, white muslin with violets; Miss V. Snodgrass, pretty white lace dress, red roses in hair; Miss D. Kennedy, blue and black frock, trimmed with Maltese lace; Miss Griffin, soft white silk poplin frock, touches of green; Mrs. Levin, flame-coloured silk dress, touches of black velvet; Miss Duthie, white dress, trimmed with pale blue; Mrs. Russell, pretty black frock, trimmed with lace and pink roses, pink in hair; Miss Holmes, black lace frock.

MARJORIE.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear Bee, August 30.

We have had some glorious spring weather; in fact, the past two months have almost been a succession of beautiful days. All the leading drapers are showing spring and summer millinery, and the different show rooms are bowers of flowers, lovely imported hats, etc. Each and all are crowded daily with ladies eager to make their choice before the best are chosen.

Mrs. E. J. Armstrong, Broad-street, entertained friends at

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

on last Friday evening. Miss Hilda Bell won the ladies' prize, a silver table-napkin ring, and Miss E. Robinson the booby prize, an inkstand. Of the men, Mr. Cheney won the most games, and was presented with a double inkstand. Mr. McCord was the booby. Mr and Mrs C. E. Waldegrave. Mr and Mrs Moeller, Miss Hirtzell, Miss Barclay, Miss Mowlem, the Misses Preece (2), Bell (2), Robinson (2), Reed (2), Nanestad, Messrs Russell, Scott, Smith, Chesney, Roe, McLean, Biggs, and a few others were present.

THE EPIDEMIC OF SURPRISE PARTIES

still continues. Mrs D. Moeller, Broad-street was the surprised hostess on Wednesday evening. The dining-room and breakfast-room converted into one room made a large ball-room with a perfect floor. The night was clear and cool, and the verandah, furnished with chairs, sofas, etc., was much appreciated between the dances. A few bridge enthusiasts played in the drawing-room. Daffodils and other spring flowers were profusely used in the decoration of the different rooms, also on the supper table. The guests included: Mr and Mrs McKnight, the Misses Fitzherbert, Fookes (New Plymouth), Hell (2), F. Waldegrave, M. Waldegrave, Robinson (2), Gemmel, Reed (2), Randolph, Collins, Preece (2), Mowlem, Barclay, Hirtzell, nanestad, Armstrong, Messrs. Smith, Haynes, Waldegrave (2), Chesney, Roe, McCord, Reed, Collins, Giesen, McConnell, Watson, Fitzherbert, Dr. Pope, and a few others. Mrs Moeller was wearing a cream crepe de chine toilette, the bodice much trimmed with frills of cream accordion-pleated chiffon; Mrs McKnight fine cream canvas voile, trimmed with cream lace, wide pink floral silk belt, cluster of pink roses on corsage; Miss Moeller, black satin skirt, cream silk and lace blouse; Miss Frances Waldegrave, a pretty cream and pink floral muslin toilette, with wide pink silk belt; Miss Margaret Waldegrave, white muslin and lace, floral silk ribbon in pale shades effectively trimming the bodice, belt and sash of same ribbon; Miss Gemmel, scarlet silk, Maltese lace on bodice, wreath of scarlet flowers in hair; Miss Fitzherbert, pale green muslin, Paris lace trimming bodice and skirt; Miss Fookes (New Plymouth), a dainty cream silk frock with cream lace and pale pink and blue flowers on corsage, pink and blue floral silk belt; Miss Collins, cream Louisiana silk, cluster of crimson flowers on corsage and in hair; Miss Robinson, fine black lace toilette, Maltese lace berthe, pale blue scarf; Miss Frances Robinson, green silk, with wide belt of darker shade of green velvet, wreath of pink flowers in hair; Miss Armstrong, black satin, frills of black accordion-pleated chiffon on corsage and sleeves, cluster of crimson; Miss Randolph, blue silk, with double frills of cream lace on corsage, large single crimson rose; Miss Preece, a pretty pink silk frock, made with folded cross-over bodice, pink ribbon threaded through hair; Miss Sheila Preece, cream silk, touches of pale blue on bodice, pale blue ribbon threaded through hair; Miss Reed, black satin, cream lace berthe and cluster of violets, same flowers in hair; Miss Alice Reed, pale blue silk, frills of white chiffon on bodice and sleeves, cluster of violets; Miss Mowlem, cream voile, cross-over effect of green silk on bodice; Miss Bell, pink muslin, pink ribbon threaded through hair; Miss Gwen Bell, white muslin and lace, turquoise blue silk belt and sash, blue silk threaded through hair; Miss Nanestad, cream embroidered net over silk; Miss Hirtzell, white muslin and lace.

The second qualifying round for the club championship was played on

THE HOKOWHITU LINKS

on Saturday. The following eight have qualified: Messrs J. Strang, W. Strang, V. Harman, A. Barraud, G. Sim, F. H. Cooke, G. Pharyzyn, and H. Cooper or H. G. Moore. The two last mentioned have to play off. The Palmerston annual golf tournament commences next week. Amongst those certain to enter are: Arthur Duncan (ex-N.Z. champion) and Mrs G. Williams (the lady champion of New Zealand).

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, August 31.

The old boys of the New Plymouth High School gave a most

ENJOYABLE DANCE

in the Freemasons' Hall last Thursday evening. The hall was prettily decorated with ferns and flags and festoons of ivy, while the supper-room looked charming, arranged with ivy festoons and ferns, and the supper table itself looked a picture with its specimen glasses of daffodils and jonquils, all of which was under the supervision of Mrs O'Loughlin. Music was rendered by Rountree's Orchestra, which was much

appreciated. The chaperones were Mesdames Thomson, Roy, and Fookes. Amongst those present were: Miss Roy, white book muslin, satin Empire belt; Miss Gladys Roy, pretty white muslin, inset with yak insertion; Miss Deacon, cream cashmere, scarlet sash, and scarlet chiffon roses on corsage and hair; Miss M. Fookes, white silk, pale blue sash, and rosette in coiffure; Miss S. Thomson, white muslin, pretty violet rose silk sash; Miss L. Ryan, pink silk, prettily trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss Laing (debutante) looked extremely well in a dainty white silk, profusely trimmed with Valenciennes; Miss Fell, white silk, décolletage relieved with scarlet roses; Miss Frater, pale green chiffon over eau de nil silk, corselet belt of moss green silk; Miss M. Addenbroke, pale blue silk, prettily trimmed with Valenciennes lace insertion, headed with narrow ruled lace, full skirt, inset with lace; Miss R. Crawford, pale blue silk, trimmed with frills of white lace; Miss Crawford, shell-pink silk, with berthe of cream lace; Miss A. Healey, cream silk and lace, pale blue bow in hair; Miss Nora Dempsey, white book muslin, rose-pink belt; Miss R. Mathews, white muslin; Miss D. Whitcombe, pale blue muslin, with Valenciennes lace chemisette; Miss Gray, eau de nil silk, trimmed with a darker shade of velvet; Miss Saxton, white silk, with scarlet velvet belt and shoulder strap; Miss L. McAllum, white book muslin, deep corselet belt of rose-pink silk; Miss E. Penn, white tucked silk, pale blue silk Empire belt; Miss Colson, cream voile, satin folded Empire belt; Miss E. Grant, white; Miss B. Clarke, white muslin, scarlet belt and shoes; Miss R. Clarke, canary-coloured silk, tucked and inserted; Miss Hanna, black satin, white net tucker; Miss N. Hanna, white muslin, pale yellow rose on corsage, scarlet Empire belt; Miss Gross; cream satin, softened with chiffon; Miss - Gross, white muslin, prettily trimmed with lace; Miss Rundle, white muslin and lace; Miss M. Webster, pale blue voile, with cream lace berthe; Miss Brewster, pale green voile, décolletage trimmed with frills of cream lace; Miss Hall, pale green silk, trimmed with bands of insertion, threaded with moss-green velvet bebe ribbon; Miss L. Skinner, soft white muslin, corsage draped with fichu of net; Miss D. Skinner, pretty pale grey voile, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, pink bows in hair; Miss Avery, shell-pink silk, tucked and inserted; Miss Nellie Carruth (Whangarei), cream cloth skirt, cream silk and lace blouse, black velvet belt and hair ribbon; Mrs. O'Loughlin, black silk; Miss R. O'Loughlin, white muslin; Miss E. O'Loughlin, pale pink muslin blouse, dark skirt; Miss Buxton, white tucked muslin, pale blue silk folded belt; etc.

The girls with their hair down are having a whirl of gaiety this season; on an average there have been two dances a week given for them; far more than we grown-ups get, or even expect. Last Wednesday gave a most

A CHARMING DANCE

was given by Miss Winnie Alexander at her lovely home in Vivian-street, and although the rain came down heavens hard, it didn't prevent or damp the ardour of the young folk from attending, and happy they all looked, with their bright and sparkling faces, whirling round in a merry throng. Dancing was held in the drawing-room, while a most recherche supper was served in the dining-room, the table decorations being masses of violets and spring bulbs. Miss Winnie Alexander received her guests in a dainty white muslin, inset with embroidery, pale blue belt and hair ribbons, and chiffon scarf; Miss Phil Alexander, white muslin and lace, pale pink wash, and blue bows in hair; Mrs. Alexander looked extremely well in rich black silk taffetas, lovely white lace berthe, headed with sequined passementerie; Miss Testar, black brocade, trimmed with lace; Miss Reed, cream embroidered muslin; Miss Kate Humphries, cream chiffon and lace blouse, black merveilleux skirt, deep corselet belt; Mrs McClelland, pale green silk blouse, profusely trimmed with lovely real lace, black silk taffetas skirt; Miss Brown, rich black brocade; Miss L. Skinner, eau de muslin, with chiffon scarf, pale green bow in coiffure; Misses Bedford (2) cream flowered silks; Miss Gwen Bewley, rose-pink crepe

oline, trimmed with cream lace, satin belt; Miss Ruth O'Loughlin, white muslin, pale blue ribboned sash; Miss Winnie Webster, ciel blue muslin, cream lace berthe, pale blue ribbons in hair; Miss Muriel Blundell, pale blue muslin, trimmed with white lace, blue ribbons in hair; Miss Bertha Mathews, white muslin; Miss Muriel Adenbrooke, ciel blue muslin, silver belt; Miss Dorothy Gibbons, pale green, with frills of white lace on corsage; Miss Marjorie Glasgow, dainty white muslin, full-tucked skirt, pink floral ribboned sash, and ribbon on hair; Miss Mildred Thomson, white muslin, silver belt; Miss Joyce Hempton, white insertion muslin; Miss Dorothy Simpson, white muslin, inset with Valenciennes lace, pale blue silk Empire belt, and ribbons in hair; Miss Geraldine Kyngdon, rose-pink cashmere, trimmed with white lace, pink ribboned bows in hair; Miss Winnie Bradbury, white muslin; Miss Zaida Bayly, pink floral muslin; Miss Phyllis Arden, corallover blue cashmere, with satin ribboned sash, and bows in hair; Miss Gladys Roy, white inserted muslin, pale blue silk Empire belt; Miss Edith Atkinson, white muslin, claret-coloured silk belt.

NANCY LEE

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee, August 30.

Last Friday evening Mrs. John Stevenson gave

A FARWELL BRIDGE PARTY

for Mrs. Blundell, who is leaving shortly for Nelson. Mrs. Stevenson received her guests in a beautiful gown of cream glace silk with black lace applique overskirt, and full cream chiffon sleeves, with wide black velvet swathed belt, with tabs embroidered in pale pink and green silk. The first prize, a Douiton palm bowl, was won by Mrs. J. C. Greenwood; the booby, a fancy hat pin, fell to Mrs. Dodgshun. Amongst those present were Mesdames Stevenson, Blundell, Brelfarth, Hutton, D'Arcy, Lewis, Fairburn, Peake, Reaney, Griffiths, Chamberlain, Hughes-Johnston, Humphrys, Dodgshun, Sargeant, Misses Stanford and Reichart.

On Monday Mrs. Dodgshun gave

ANOTHER BRIDGE PARTY

in honour of Mrs. Blundell. Mrs. Dodgshun wore a pretty pale blue silk blouse with numerous bands of Valenciennes insertion and narrow lace, black silk skirt; Mrs. Blundell, a becoming pale green silk evening blouse with wide cream insertion and full elbow sleeves edged with lace, black silk skirt. The first prize, a beautiful Liberty ornament, was won by Mrs. Barnicatt; the booby, a silver vase, fell to Mrs. D'Arcy. Amongst the guest were Mesdames Stevenson, Peake, Reaney, Lewis, Blundell, Hutton, Hughes-Johnston, Griffiths, Greenwood, Sargeant, J. Anderson, D'Arcy, Barnicatt, Misses Owen and Reichart.

GOLF.

There was only a fair attendance at the golf links on Wednesday. A senior match was played for a prize presented by Mrs. Good, and won by Mrs. D'Arcy. Amongst those present were Mesdames Sargeant, Innes, Louax, Good, D'Arcy, Misses Dalrymple, Bulls, Stanford, Inlay, Harley, Cave, Taylor (2), Brown, Wilford. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs. D'Arcy.

There was a very large attendance at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, when the

WANGANUI ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

held their most successful concert. Amongst the audience I noticed Mrs. James Watt in a white silk gown with berthe of real lace; Mrs. H. Sargeant wore blue velvet gown with berthe of Brussels lace, cream cloth opera coat, with lace; Mrs. Wilford, black velvet gown with collar, and vest of cream chiffon and lace; Miss Wilford, pale blue crepe de chine, with Valenciennes lace and insertion, blue cloth opera slunk; Miss P. Jones, black chiffon taffetas frock with berthe of lace; Mrs. McIrdum, white silk with cream lace; Mrs. A. Nixon, beautiful black chiffon taffetas gown with chiffon and lace on her corsage; Mrs. Palmer, black silk and lace; Miss Moore, dainty white mus-