

with white; Mrs Hodson, black skirt, light silk blouse; Miss Yarborough, deep cream silk; Miss R. Bryers, cream voile; Miss R. Tills, cream silk; Miss Rowe, cream mousseline relieved with pale green; Mrs Martin grey costume; Miss A. Rowe, pale green muslin; Miss R. Rowe, cream voile; Miss L. Boyce, white muslin, relieved with pink; Miss Millar, white, relieved with blue; Miss Jarvie, white; Miss M. Page, pale blue muslin; Miss F. Page, white; Miss Faithful, black skirt, white silk blouse; Miss Hodson, white silk relieved with blue; Miss Belvie, white; Miss N. Rowe, an extremely handsome dress of white mousseline; Miss E. Joughan, white, pink ribbons; Miss Woranop, white; Mrs V. Bryers, blue voile, white blouse.

KUIA.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, February 29.

Last Saturday the dancing people of New Plymouth arranged a most

ENJOYABLE LITTLE DANCE

in the Freemason's Hall, to bid farewell to Miss Mackay, who has lately received notice of transfer from the local Post Office to the Wellington one. During the evening, on behalf of her many friends, Dr. Home presented Miss Mackay with a very handsome silver jewel case, and Mr Claude Weston replied for Miss Mackay. Among those present were Mrs Home, black silk taffetas, trimmed with handsome cream lace; Mrs Paul, black silk, finished with black lace, rich cream lace scarf; Miss Mackay, black silk, berthe relieved with pale pink roses; Miss O. Mackay, pale pink floral muslin inset and finished with Valenciennes lace; Mrs Kirkby, black muslin, berthe of cream lace; Mrs Alec Hill, green striped glaze, with kimono bodice, cream lace blouse; Mrs Kerr, black silk taffetas, corsage finished with sequined passementerie, sequined chiffon scarf; Miss Brown, black merveilleux, relieved with cream lace berthe; Mrs Penn, shell pink silk, with bands of moss green velvet; Mrs Oswin, cream satin, cream lace berthe; Miss O. Bayly, cream chiffon taffetas, finished with berthe of gold sequined lace and pale pink roses; Miss Buick (Palmerston) looked well in cream chiffon over glaze, prettily trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss Webster, cream voile, pink roses in coiffure; Miss L. Webster, cream insertioned silk, cream lace scarf; Miss Campbell, black silk, cream point lace berthe; Miss Shaw (England), pretty pale blue crepe de chine over glaze; Miss Brewster, shell pink mousseline de soie full tucked and insertioned skirt, crimson roses in coiffure; Miss G. Fookes, pale heliotrope muslin prettily finished with cream lace; Miss G. Fookes, pale blue silk taffetas; Miss E. Penn, white silk voile; Miss Roy, white book muslin, hydrangeas in coiffure; Miss N. Hanna, white muslin, rose pink silk sash; Miss Colson, white embroidered muslin; Miss V. Kirkby, white book muslin, scarlet roses in coiffure; Miss Clarke, pale blue muslin, berthe of white lace; Miss Kerr, white crepe de chine over glaze, Honiton lace berthe; Miss Stewart, black muslin; Miss Standish, dainty cream frilled point d'esprit over silk; Miss S. Thomson, cream satin trimmed with narrow ruchings of silk ribbon; Miss Saxton, white muslin.

During the last week the town was very gay.

THE BAND CONTEST

being held in the Recreation Ground. Amongst those who attended the different functions during the week were Mrs Walter Bayly, pale pink floral muslin, narrow pink ribbon outlining kimono bodice, white crinoline straw hat; Miss Roberts, white and blue striped Etou costume, finished with black velvet, black feathered hat; Miss —, Preston, floral blue frock, white hat; Miss Kirkby, green cottoine, kimono bodice over white lace blouse, white hat with blue roses; Mrs Penn, green and white floral muslin; Miss Penn, pale blue linen; Miss G. Morey, dainty white embroidered muslin, white hat swathed in pale blue chiffon; Miss Fleetwood, pale pink floral muslin; Miss Leatham looked well in Wedgwood blue and white floral muslin, blue hat with feathers; Mrs G. Stephens (Hawera), heliotrope linen, white hat; Mrs Darcy Robertson, white silk blouse, black skirt, black feathered hat; Mrs Bewley, blue and white spotted taffetas, black

hat; Mrs H. Leatham, blue and white floral muslin, black hat; Mrs Preston, floral muslin, white hat; Miss Penton looked well in white muslin embroidered with red, scarlet belt, white hat with red roses; Mrs W. Malone, pale green muslin, dark green hat; Mrs Jim Clarke, pale blue muslin, dark green hat relieved with pink roses; Mrs Sheffield, black and white muslin, black hat; Mrs Asher, pale green cosetume, dark green hat; Miss E. Rennell, grey Etou costume, heliotrope hat; Mrs Pimmon, blue and white muslin, white hat with pale pink roses; Miss J. Fraser, white muslin, black hat; Mrs Roy, heliotrope and white costume, heliotrope hat; Mrs Chaney, cream costume, hat en suite; Miss Roy, green and white costume, green hat; Mrs Standish, black costume, black toque relieved with pale pink roses; Mrs Standish, lettuce-green floral muslin, kimono bodice outlined with pale green silk, white hat; Miss Hamerton, black and white muslin, black hat; Mrs Mathews, grey; Miss H. Humphries, white muslin, pale blue chiffon hat; Miss N. Hanna, pink floral muslin, white hat with pale blue bows; Mrs Woodard, very pretty pale blue silk, kimono bodice over cream lace blouse, blue crinoline straw hat; Mrs Gibbons, pink floral muslin, green hat; Mrs Percy Lawson, cream; Mrs H. Stocker, white muslin, black hat; Mrs Palmer, grey costume, black hat swathed in green tulle; Mrs R. Webster, pale blue costume, blue chiffon hat; Miss Thomson, floral pink muslin, black hat; Miss D. Thomson, cream Etou costume, cream hat; Mrs Humphries, black; Miss Humphries, heliotrope muslin, heliotrope hat; Mrs F. Watson, handsome green chiffon taffetas, white lace vest, hat trimmed with pale blue; Miss Hanna, scarlet floral muslin trimmed with black.

SOME PURELY PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs Quilliam, who has been on a short visit to Auckland, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr R. Scott, of the Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth, has returned after his pleasant trip to Auckland.

Mrs W. Cottar, accompanied by Miss Brown, left for a trip to England last week.

Mr Pope, who has been visiting his son in New Plymouth, has returned to England.

Miss Kirkby, who has been visiting England for three years, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr Morton, of the Post Office, Hawera, is on a holiday in New Plymouth.

Mrs W. D. Webster has been on a visit to Mrs W. Webster, Stratford.

NANCY LEE.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, February 27.

A very successful

BACHELORS' BALL

was given at Waimata last Saturday evening, the night, fortunately, being very fine. A small party went from Gisborne, consisting of Mrs. Tombleson, the Misses Sherratt (2), Misses Williamson (2), Miss De Latour, Miss MacLaurin, Messrs. O. Sainsbury, Barron, N. Mair, R. Nolan, C. Williams (Muriwai). The dance was held in the hall at Waimata, the verandah, with the aid of a marquee, forming a pleasant supper-room. The supper table looked very dainty, the prevailing shade in the decoration being pale yellow. Mrs. Branson and Mrs. Kenway had a number of the guests invited staying with them.

A FEW OF THE DRESSES

worn were: Mrs. Branson, dainty gown of white silk, trimmed with silver passementerie; Mrs. Howard Kenway, very pretty dress of soft pale green silk, made very full in the skirt, the bodice finished with deep folded belt of the silk; Mrs. Tombleson, cream silk and lace; Mrs. Watson, black merveilleux silk, trimmed with chiffon; Miss Jameson (Scotland), black silk; Mrs. B. McPhail, black silk; Miss De Latour, white silk and lace; Miss MacLaurin, dainty white muslin; Miss Williamson, white mousseline de soie, with lace; Miss M. Williamson, long-trained gown of black silk net over silk; Miss Rutledge, soft gown of pink crepe de chine; Miss Carter, white silk and chiffon; Miss B. Sherratt, yellow silk, with touches of black; Miss K. Sherratt, soft white silk muslin; Miss H. Johnston, white silk and lace.

TENNIS AND CROQUET.

At the Whataupoko Courts on Saturday afternoon the final in the Ladies'

Handicap Singles in connection with the Tournament was played between Misses A. De Latour and B. Bradley, resulting in a victory for the former. In the semi-finals in the Croquet Tournament, Mrs. Kels and Mr. Carmichael defeated Mrs. Carmichael and Mr. Matthews.

At the Kaiti Courts a match was played between Mr. Barlow and Mr. Margoliouth, the final for the Hawley Cup. The match lasted three and a-half hours, and, unfortunately, owing to indisposition on the part of Mr. Barlow, could not even then be finished, so has to be played over again on the coming Saturday.

SOME PURELY PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lyman returned from Wellington on Saturday.

Hon. O. Samuel, of Taranaki, with Mrs. Samuel, arrived from the South on Saturday. They proceeded north by last Wednesday's boat.

Mr. Aiken, one of the Union Co.'s inspectors, who has been spending a few days in Gisborne, left for Auckland last Saturday.

Mr. H. J. Blow (Under-Secretary for Public Works) who has been on a visit of inspection to the Gisborne railway, passed on to Auckland on Saturday.

Dr. Bell (Government Geologist) arrived in Gisborne to-day (Thursday).

Mr. Max Jackson (Gisborne) left for Napier on Sunday.

Miss Jameson (Scotland) is at present staying with Mrs. Watson (Waimata, Gisborne).

Mr. A. L. D. Fraser, M.P. for Napier, arrived in Gisborne yesterday in connection with the special sitting of the Rai Rawhiti Land Board.

Archdeacon Williams (Gisborne) returned from a short trip to Napier last Wednesday.

Dr. Williams (Dunedin) arrived from the South yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pavitt (Gisborne) returned from the North yesterday.

ELISA.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, February 28.

On Thursday afternoon last Mrs. Edgar invited some of her friends to bid farewell prior to her departure to England. Her pretty rooms were well filled, and I noticed lots of pretty frocks. During the afternoon we had an amusing "Stage Wedding Competition." The prizes were won by Mrs. Adair Blythe and Mrs. James McLean. Mrs. Levien and Mrs. Blythe sang very prettily, and Miss Muriel Locking gave a very amusing recitation. Mrs. Edgar wore such a pretty white muslin and lace frock over white glaze silk; Miss Hilda Hitchings had on a pink and floral muslin frock, bodice outlined with blue taffeta; Miss K. Hitchings looked well in a white taffeta skirt, white lace and net blouse; Mrs. Nantea wore a smart black and white frock, touches of black and white lace, becoming large black hat with soft white feathers; Mrs. C. Cornford, dainty white muslin frock, with touches of pale blue, blue picture hat; Miss Bendall, picturesque green and white striped muslin frock, white net bodice, dark green hat with wreath of pink roses; Mrs. Bowen, white muslin frock, with smart Gobelie blue hat trimmed with drooping feathers; Mrs. Henley wore brown muslin, brown and pink hat; Mrs. Bernau, light grey cloth costume, trimmed with black velvet, picture hat trimmed with mauve flowers; Miss Rutledge, navy blue muslin frock, becoming white floral hat; Mrs. Levien, graceful brown striped gown, large pale blue and brown hat; Mrs. Rodie, pale blue striped frock, kimono bodice over white lace, blue and pink hat; Mrs. A. Kennedy, pretty pale grey striped frock, white net bodice with touches of black velvet, pink and black picture hat; Mrs. Russell wore a charming floral chiffon frock, bodice trimmed with moss-green velvet, large picture hat with rows of black glaze and pink roses; Mrs. Claude Cato, black and white striped muslin frock trimmed with white lace, black hat trimmed with feathers; Mrs. Standman wore a becoming soft pale grey silk frock with touches of pink, large pink picture hat trimmed with white feathers; Mrs. James McLean, black taffeta skirt, grey silk blouse, becoming hat with wreath of pink roses; Miss McLean, salmon-pink Etou costume, white lace hat trimmed with roses; Miss Fannin, white

muslin and lace dress, green picture hat, green chiffon stole; Mrs. W. Cato, dainty blue muslin frock trimmed with blue, hat with green feathers; Mrs. Snodgrass, pale grey taffeta and lace frock, black plumed hat; Miss Snodgrass, soft white muslin frock, smart brown and blue feathered hat; Miss Kennedy, white flounced muslin and lace frock, white hat trimmed with pink and mauve; Mrs. Tyley, white silk frock, white and black hat; Miss Brown, maize check tucked costume, touches of velvet, brown and pink hat; Miss Margoliouth, fawn check dress trimmed with green velvet, green hat trimmed with roses; Miss I. Margoliouth, cream cloth frock, pretty cream hat trimmed with pink roses; Miss Vera Margoliouth, periwinkle silk tucked frock, pretty hat to match; Mrs. Hetley, black taffeta frock, black picture hat; Miss F. Hetley, white embroidered linen frock, large pink picture hat; Mrs. A. Blythe, Paris lace frock, touches of turquoise blue taffeta, picturesque blue hat trimmed with blue feathers; Mrs. Tomlinson, navy blue lustre coat and skirt, large black feathered hat; Miss Humphries, white muslin and lace frock, smart hat crowned with roses; Mrs. Lusk, black and white striped taffeta frock, band of black taffeta round the skirt, smart white hat with clusters of pink and mauve roses; Miss Heath, white muslin frock, red floral hat; Mrs. Dewes, navy blue muslin frock, lace vest, blue hat; Mrs. McLernon, becoming green tulle, kimono bodice over cream net, green and blue hat; Miss McLernon, white taffeta frock, large white picture hat; Mrs. Riddell, brown silk muslin dress, becoming burnt straw hat with touches of pink; Miss Bower, white muslin dress, trimmed with white embroidery, smart white and blue hat; Mrs. Balfour, brown muslin frock trimmed with lace, brown and gold picture hat, lace scarf; Miss M. Locking, white muslin dress, mushroom hat with shaded roses; Mrs. Hamlin, smart black and white taffeta frock, black hat trimmed with violets; Mrs. Tonkin, black voile dress, black toque; Miss Tonkin, white muslin and lace dress, pale blue hat; Mrs. Youngusband, cream serge pleated coat and skirt, black and blue hat, chiffon stole; Miss Turton, dainty blue and pink floral muslin frock, blue sash, bodice trimmed with blue; Mrs. Moore, black taffeta frock, black straw picture hat; Mrs. Tabuteau, grey taffeta frock trimmed with black velvet, white feathered hat, white feather stole; Mrs. Westall, soft grey silk frock, kimono bodice over white and red embroidered bodice, white and red picture hat; Mrs. Lawlor, white silk frock, black hat.

A MOST ENJOYABLE CHILDREN'S PARTY

was given by Mrs. W. G. Russell at her residence, Kowhai-road, on Wednesday last, in honour of her daughter Maizie's fifth birthday. The table was artistically decorated with coloured ribbons, sweet peas, and fairy lamps. The Misses Russell looked sweet little pictures in their white silk frocks and pale green sashes, and did much towards entertaining their little guests. Some of the little ones present were little Miss Bilton, Tippy Bennett, Helina Williams, Isabel McLernon, Elsa Linden, Ngara Nixon, Freda Weber, Rita Chapman, Maggie Laing, Bell Jefferey, Rena Wilcocks, Masters Stuart, Rainey, Bilton, Keely, London, and Ashcroft.

SOME PURELY PERSONAL ITEMS.

Miss Turton, of Wellington, is on a short visit to Napier.

Mrs. Youngusband, of Wellington, is staying in Hawke's Bay.

Miss McLernon has returned to Napier, after spending some weeks in Auckland.

Miss Baker, of Wellington, is on a short visit to Napier.

Mrs. Coleman is absent from Napier on a visit to Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey, of Waipukurau, leave this week on a six months' visit to England.

Miss Banks, of Christchurch, has been in Napier for a week.

Dr. Moore has returned to Napier, after spending a holiday at Tamu.

Miss M. McLean left last week on a visit to England.

Miss Seale has returned from a visit to Auckland.

Miss Fraser is spending some weeks in Auckland.

Mrs. Cameron returned home last week from a visit to Christchurch.

L'ARJORIE.