

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, March 7.

There is really nothing doing here just now after the carnival, except

TENNIS.

As usual, the West End Tennis Courts were patronised on Saturday, and afternoon tea was provided by Mesdames Collins, C. Weston, Heard, Misses E. Bayley and Brown. Amongst those present were: Miss Stewart, white muslin blouse, dark skirt, white hat, with black feathers; Mrs. Leatham, green flecked tweed faced with velvet, cream vest, cream straw hat, with cream and red roses; Miss Leatham, navy skirt, pretty white inserted muslin blouse, peacock blue hat; Mrs. Johns, black and white costume, white toque, with rosettes of black ribbon; Mrs. Kerr, black voile costume, med with velvet, cream lace vest, pale turban hat swathed with white muslin; Mrs. Courtney, grey Eton costume, outlined with black silk, cream silk blouse, black hat; Miss Shaw, navy voile trimmed with velvet, cream lace belt, pale fawn hat; Miss Kirkby, grey Eton costume, cream silk vest, cream hat, with pale blue flowers; Mrs. Collins, cream costume, box-pleated blouse, with lace yoke, pretty rose pink hat; Misses Webster (2), Miss W. Bradbury, pale fawn costume, hat of a darker shade; Miss King, heliotrope muslin, with white muslin insertion belt and shoulder straps, hat to match; Miss N. Hanna, biscuit-coloured check tweed, faced with brown silk, cream hat, with shaded pink floral ribbon bows; Miss Bedford, white embroidered muslin, pale grey lustre coat, pale blue hat; Miss D. Bedford, vieux rose Chantung silk, cream silk and lace vest, hat en suite; Miss Brewster, white inserted muslin; Miss Brown, grey floral muslin, with Valenciennes lace on frills, black tulle hat; Miss Hoppen, national blue costume, cream silk vest, outlined with guimpe, hat to correspond; Mrs. Frank Wilson, scarlet figured muslin, scarlet belt, cream hat; Miss F. Evans, black and white striped muslin, kimono shoulder straps over ka muslin, blue ribboned hat; Miss Crawford, white muslin; Miss D. Simpson, cornflower blue linen; Miss Thomson, white; Miss M. Thomson, rose pink; Misses Caerd, K. Leatham, Mrs. Wells, black; Miss Dea, son, Mrs. Simpson, Miss Fraser, Mrs. J. Clarke black Eton costume cream hat, relieved with cream; Miss Mountford, white muslin, black hat; Mrs. Newman, grey muslin, black hat.

SOME PURELY PERSONAL ITEMS.

Miss Elsie, Gray, of Wellington, is on a visit to New Plymouth.
Miss V. Kirkby, New Plymouth, is on a visit to Palmerston North.
Misses Humphries (2), New Plymouth, have gone on a trip to Rotorua.
Misses M. B. and F. Evans, New Plymouth, have gone on a visit to Rotorua and Cambridge.
Miss E. Bayley, New Plymouth, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) M. Christie, Wanganui.
Mr. C. Colebrook, Collector of Customs at Timaru, has been spending a few days in New Plymouth.
Hon. Mr. and Mrs. O. Samuel and Mrs. Brewster, the latter's sister, who have been on a visit to Gisborne and Auckland, have returned to New Plymouth.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear Bee, March 6.

Friday was a glorious day for the

Craven College Annual Sports, which were held on the Hukowhita polo ground. The attendance of relatives and friends of the girls was very large. Miss Nancy Hartgill (Dannevirke) was the heroine of the occasion, winning the Challenge Cup and the Old Girls' Cup with 25 points, the highest number yet recorded. She won eight events, and was second and third in several others. Miss

G. Bernau, in a lesser degree, was also most successful, taking the Helen Crawford Memorial (presented to the school by a former house girl) with 19 points. The Old Girls' Race was won by Miss Mary Munro, and the Old Girls' Consolation Race by Miss Monckton. The fathers' race created a great deal of amusement, and was eventually won by Colonel Gorton (Rangitikei). He engaged the officials and other competitors in animated and argumentative conversation, and by clever manoeuvring managed to get half-way start, winning all the way. Mr Goldingham was second, and Mr Gifford Moore third. The Misses Fraser entertained the visitors at afternoon tea. Mrs. C. J. Munro presented the prizes to the successful competitors. Now I will do my best to describe a few of the pretty toilettes. Miss Fraser wore a heliotrope voile frock, black and white chiffon ruffle, black hat with black feather; Miss Isabel Fraser, navy and white striped muslin, trimmed with bands of navy lace, blue hat with mauve and pink roses; Miss Frances Fraser, a pale blue toilette, large hat with brown net and pale blue tips; Mrs. Munro, a pretty fawn frock, burnt straw hat with coloured roses; Miss Munro, white linen, cream hat with pink silk trimming; Mrs. Lionel Abraham, white embroidered muslin, pale blue silk on bodice, cream hat with blue silk and pink roses; Mrs. Harper, lavender check silk, black hat with black tip; Mrs. Hewitt, in grey, white lace vest, black and white hat; Miss Dalrymple, pale pink silk taffeta, cream hat with shaded pink roses; Miss Monckton, white embroidered muslin, navy straw hat with tulle rosettes of paler blue; Mrs. Price (Marton), grey striped muslin, black and white hat with black lace trimming; Miss Price, white filled muslin, black silk sash, white hat with black lace bows; Miss Wentwood (Wellington), an effective Wedgewood blue toilette, velvet hat of same shade, with blue wings and touch of golden brown tulle; Mrs. Hewitt (Wanganui), rich trained black brocade, black and white bonnet; Mrs. R. Hewitt, grey silk, burnt straw hat with coloured roses; Mrs. R. S. Abraham, black canvas voile, white lace yoke, cerise floral toque, Miss Abraham, dark green linen pinafore frock, pale green hat with green silk rosettes and white feathers; Miss Marjory Abraham, French grey frock trimmed with cream lace, pale pink hat with pink silk rosettes and white feathers; Miss Higginson (Wellington), pale pink muslin, pretty pink hat, green parasol with pink floral border; Mrs. G. Moore, turquoise blue silk, white chiffon hat with white feather and pink roses; Mrs. Cohen, golden brown crepe de chene, hat of same shade with long white feather; Mrs. Nathan (Wellington), blue silk, blue hat with blue feather; Mrs. J. Strang, cream serge frock, burnt straw hat with pale green and pink feathers; Mrs. W. Strang, floral muslin, black hat with pale blue feathers and pink roses; Mrs. W. Fitzherbert, pale blue muslin, with darker shade of blue and fawn stripe, cream hat with pink flowers; Mrs. P. Sim, pink embroidered muslin, white lace hat with wreath of small pink roses; Mrs. Broad, white linen, cream Leghorn hat with white tulle and white feather; Mrs. H. Cooper, cream lustre frock, pale blue hat with rich crimson roses; Mrs. Barraud, cornflower blue lustre costume, made with long coat, black and white toque; Mrs. Loughnan, grey and white striped muslin, black hat with feather; Mrs. A. E. Russell, stylish white and black costume, large black hat with white plumes; Miss Russell, white linen, black hat with black lace bows; Miss Barber, white linen, black hat with black lace and crimson roses; Miss — Barber, white linen, black hat with yellow roses; Mrs. Taverner (Bulls), a striking costume of white silk, with black spot and much trimmed with black velvet ribbon, burnt straw hat with grapes and tulle; Mrs. Levett (Bulls), heliotrope striped muslin, burnt straw hat with green trimming; Mrs. Cobbe (Taihape), black cloth coat and skirt, black hat with black feathers; Miss Cobbe, white linen, white hat with white silk bows; Mrs. Martin, floral muslin, lace hat; Mrs. Sommerville-Brown, floral muslin, wide cerise silk belt, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Stove, cream and pale blue floral muslin, white and pale blue tulle toque; Miss Fenton (Auckland), pink linen, cream hat with shaded pink sweet peas; Miss Preece, white linen, black and white hat with black lace bows; Miss Sheila Preece, in white, cream hat with pale mauve roses; Mrs. Putnam, rose-coloured frock, hat of paler shade with pink satin ribbon trimming; Mrs. Tweed

(Wellington), cornflower blue toilette, toque of same shade with feather; Miss N. Wilson (Bulls), grey skirt, white blouse, cream hat with black coque feathers; Miss Hitchings (Levin), rose pink toilette, black hat with black feather, pink Japanese parasol; Mrs. Colbeck, cream silk taffeta, cream hat with tulle and pink roses; Mrs. W. Harden, white linen, burnt straw hat with black silk and pink roses; Miss Newton, blue and white check frock, cream hat with pink and crimson roses; Mrs. Greig, tussore silk, navy hat with wreath of scarlet flowers; Mrs. Wyld, black canvas voile, white lace yoke, black and pink bonnet; Miss M. Wyld, cream and pink floral muslin, white hat with pink roses; Miss E. Wyld, in cream, white hat; Mrs. O'Brien, champagne Eton costume, black plumed hat; Miss O'Brien, white linen, cream hat with pink silk drape; Miss Drew, cream embroidered silk, pink hat with black feather; Miss E. Drew, cream embroidered silk, cream hat with pink flowers; Mrs. McKnight, white embroidered muslin, large black plumed hat, white and pink floral parasol; Mrs. Holmes, cream voile, Paris net lace vest, brown hat with mauve roses and green grass; Mrs. Jackson, turquoise blue cashmere, long grey striped coat, black hat with black feather; Miss McLennan, white muslin, thickly spotted with black, pretty black and white hat; Miss Elsie McLennan, white embroidered muslin, blue hat with deep pink flowers; Miss F. Waldegrave, cream and pink floral muslin, cream hat with green roses; Miss Trixie Waldegrave, white embroidered muslin, cream hat; Mrs. Porter, cream and black striped flannel coat and skirt, brown hat with cream roses; Miss Porter, white embroidered muslin, burnt straw hat with coloured roses; Mrs. Dermer (Feilding), in white, cream hat with clusters of shaded roses; Mrs. S. Fitzherbert, navy blue coat and skirt, blue hat with mauve roses; Mrs. Gemmel, black mervelieux, black hat with black feather; Miss Gemmel, cream and pink floral muslin, pink hat with pink poppies; Mrs. Bell, cream with a black spot, black hat with black feather; Miss Bell, white embroidered muslin, cream hat with pink and crimson roses; Mrs. Watson, black and white check frock, black and white hat; Miss Watson, pink floral muslin, cream hat with brown silk; Mrs. Gibbons, white linen, burnt straw hat with shaded roses; Mrs. Dempsey, champagne voile, black hat with black silk rosettes and green leaves; Mrs. Moeller, pale blue muslin and white lace, lace hat with black roses; Miss Armstrong, heliotrope and white spotted muslin, Leghorn hat with black trimming; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, cream lustre Eton coat and skirt, green hat with roses; Mrs. Pratt, navy blue coat and skirt, white lace collar, cream hat with black lace bows.

The Misses Porter and F. Waldegrave were the hostesses at the

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on last Saturday. Miss Porter was wearing white linen, green tie, cream hat with shaded roses; Miss Helen Porter, white linen, Tenerife insertion trimming bodice, sailor hat; Miss F. Waldegrave, in white with scarlet belt and tie, cream hat with black silk and scarlet flowers; Miss Trixie Waldegrave, white muslin and lace, cream hat with cream and pink silk bows; Mrs. Smith, cream coat and skirt, cream hat with black and yellow flowers; Miss Smith, white muslin, white hat with scarlet silk scarf; Mrs. Broad, Miss Broad, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Pickett, Mrs. Bendall, the Misses Preece, Fenton, Gemmel, Hayward, and several others.

The interest in tennis, which had almost dropped asleep, has suddenly revived. Mr. A. D. Thompson has presented a trophy for a Combined Double Match, and the games are being played.

SOME PURELY PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Cohen has returned from Wellington.
Miss Broad (Greyouth) is staying with Mrs. Broad in Palmerston.
Miss Marjorie Barnicoat is visiting her cousin (Mrs. Woodward) at Foxton.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Cobb (Taihape) were visitors to Palmerston last week.
Mrs. Renell and Miss Bell are back in Palmerston from a short trip to Wanganui.
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strang and family leave Palmerston in May for England. They intend to be away about two years.
Mr. Kenneth Wilson, of Palmerston,

leaves for England this month, to attend a Missionary Congress in London in connection with the Church of England.

Mr. Miller, who has been manager of the Palmerston branch of the Bank of Australasia for several years, has been appointed manager of the Dunedin branch. Mr. Morrah, of Adelaide, takes charge of the Palmerston Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Morrah and the Misses Morrah arrived in Wellington last Thursday from Australia.

VIOLET.

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee, March 6.

For many weeks we have all been looking forward eagerly to

MADAME CLARA BUTT'S VISIT TO WANGANUI.

The concert was held in the Opera House on February 28, and was a rare musical treat, her voice being simply glorious. She was greeted with an outburst of spontaneous and unqualified appreciation, as was also her husband, Mr. Kennerley Rumford. She wore an exquisite old rose silk Princess robe, made with a long train, trimmed with gauzings of the silk forming rings at intervals, threaded with bands of velvet of a darker shade; the corsage was outlined with velvet, and had a tucker of cream chiffon richly embroidered with golden thread; her sleeves were short, with edging of velvet and gold embroidery, her long swede gloves reaching to the sleeve. She wore a beautiful diamond ornament on the front of her corsage, with crescent shaped diamond earrings. Her necklace was of diamonds and rubies, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink and dark shaded roses, with asparagus ferns. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs. Mackay, in a cream satin gown, with lace on her corsage; Miss Inlay, black chiffon taffetas gown, with deep berthe of beautiful lace; Mrs. Inlay Saunders, pale blue silk frock, with sequin net on her corsage; Miss Cameron, black gown, with lace; Mrs. H. Montgomery, becoming black silk frock, with berthe of cream lace; Mrs. A. Izard, white voile, with black silk embroidered spot, the corsage trimmed with black velvet ribbon in vandykes; Mrs. H. Sarjeant, pastel blue velvet gown, with Maltese silk lace on her corsage; Miss S. Greig (Auckland), white muslin frock, with berthe composed of tiny frills of Valenciennes lace, and in her coiffure she wore a crimson rose; Miss Whilton (Timaru), dainty white silk gown, with lace and a pink rose on her corsage; Mrs. J. Foster, black silk gown, with old gold bands on her corsage; Mrs. J. Studholme (Ruanui) wore a handsome black and white evening gown, Mrs. Eupson, pale pink silk blouse, prettily trimmed with lace, black silk skirt; Miss Marshall (Rangitikei), pale champagne shaded voile gown, with lace; Mrs. Stone, white satin frock, with berthe of lace, and crimson flowers on her corsage; Mrs. Briggs, black silk gown, with lace and cream shoulder scarf; Mrs. A. Cameron, gauged cream silk evening blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Ralston (Australia) wore a black silk gown, with lace; Mrs. Harrison (Eltham), black silk gown, with the corsage threaded with pale blue silk, the same shaded rosette in her coiffure, and she wore a beautiful pale pink opera coat profusely trimmed with deep cream lace; Mrs. R. Lethbridge, pretty silk gown, with lace on her corsage; Mrs. H. Wilson, black silk frock, with yoke of lace, becoming grey cloth opera coat, with Oriental shaded gallow and ornamental buttons; Mrs. Addenbrooke, cream silk, relieved with pale blue; Mrs. Fairburn, black silk and net, with lace on her corsage; Miss Moore, white muslin gown; Mrs. G. Marshall, pale pink silk, with yoke of cream transparent lace; Miss O'Brien, cream silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. J. Anderson, pale grey flowered muslin gown; Miss H. Anderson, black silk, with square yoke of wide silk insertion; Mrs. Christie, cream silk blouse, with lace, black skirt, cream cloth opera coat, with chiffon; Mrs. Barnicoat, black silk, with wide berthe of lace; Mrs. Wall, pale pink silk gown, with deep cream lace; Mrs. Colin Campbell, dainty silk gown, the corsage covered with real lace forming cape effect; Mrs. R. Montgomery, pale blue silk