

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee,

March 11.

In spite of a cold, wet evening, the East Coast Polo Association's Annual Ball was well attended, and very much enjoyed by those who did attend. The arrangements were most complete, and reflected great credit on the committee. Excellent music was supplied by Mr. Gittos' orchestra. There were a great many handsome gowns worn, amongst those most noticeable being: Mrs. John Murphy, wearing a lovely pink tulle over satin with trimmings of spangles, spangled coronet in the hair; Mrs. Max Jackson, soft black silk and lace; Miss Worthington, black tulle-frock; Mrs. N. G. Sherratt, white glaze silk; Mrs. C. Busche, white merveilleux silk; Mrs. Mann, cream brocade satin and lace; Mrs. N. Burke, beautiful white silk gown with chiffon and lace; Mrs. Humphries, mauve silk; Mrs. Willock, black glaze, folded bodice of softly tucked chiffon and lace; Mrs. Pyke, wine-coloured silk; Miss Pyke, green tulle; Mrs. F. Parker, white chiffon over white satin; Mrs. Geoffrey Maclean, mauve tulle over glaze silk; Mrs. J. Clark, black net over grey silk; Mrs. C. Sherriff, purple velvet, berthe real lace; Mrs. G. Busche, cream silk and lace; Mrs. Ludbrook, cream silk gown; Mrs. Howard Kenway, white silk; Miss Woodbine Johnstone, soft black silk; Miss M. Sherratt, orange glaze and black velvet; Miss G. Sherratt, a debutante, looked very charming in a simple white muslin; Miss Monckton, white silk and lace; Miss Burke (Napier), pink glaze; Miss F. Scott, pale blue muslin; Miss De Latour, white silk with chiffon; Miss Coleman, turquoise silk; Miss Rutalege, white silk; Miss Bennett, also a debutante, looked very dainty in white satin veiled in sequin net, softened with chiffon; Miss Foster (Wellington), white silk; Miss M. Williamson, cornflower blue tulle; Mrs. Tomblinson, black silk; Miss L. Busby (East Coast), pink silk; Miss L. Busby (East Coast), white silk; Miss T. Busby (East Coast), black and white silk; Miss Murray, terra-cotta silk and lace; Miss Chrisp, pale blue silk and chiffon; Mrs. Glassford (Waimata), crimson silk; Mrs. White, black silk, rest of cream lace; Mrs. A. Rees, black silk; Mrs. S. Williamson, soft cream chiffon, the deep flounces bordered with painted flowers, the bodice elaborately trimmed with Nottingham lace, long sash ends; Miss E. Barker, pale green silk; Miss M. Barker, white silk; Miss R. Bartow, very rich cream satin, the bodice daintily trimmed with Spanish lace and chiffon; Miss Clark, pale green silk; Miss Wachsman, pale blue silk and lace; Mrs. Foster, green silk; Mrs. H. De Latour, white silk and chiffon; Mrs. Thornleigh Sherratt, white silk; Miss F. Williamson, very soft geranium pink silk, slightly trimmed lace and chiffon; Miss Waterhouse (Napier), white silk.

AN AFTERNOON'S PROGRESSIVE TENNIS

Was played on the Kaiti Club's Courts last week, it being a farewell for some of the lady tennis players, who are shortly leaving the district. The players included Mesdames Carmichael, Barlow and Burke, Misses Bradley (4), Foster (2), Burke, Black, McCredie (2), Murray, Bright and De Latour. Some exciting games were played, and the finals ended in Misses McCredie and B. Bradley playing off with Misses Foster and Bright, the latter pair winning by 6 to 3. The trophies were a pair of silver vases and a silver pin tray. Afternoon tea was provided by the Kaiti lady members, and kindly dispensed by the croquet lady members of the club.

The tennis clubs are losing some of their best lady players, and much regret is felt at their departure.

THE EAST COAST POLO TOURNAMENT

was brought to a close on Thursday last, when a programme of sports events was gone through. There were a large number of spectators, mostly ladies. The events were supervised by Mr. N. G. Sherratt, and Mr. S. Williamson acted as judge. Large entries were received and a most pleasant afternoon was spent. The results were as follows:—Polo Ball Race (17 entries): First heat, G. Black; 2nd heat, R. Murphy; 3rd heat, G. Reynolds; final, G. Reynolds 1.

R. Murphy 2. Bending Competition (18 entries): 1st heat, A. B. Williams; 2nd heat, R. Black; 3rd heat, R. Saxby; 4th heat, M. Murphy; semi-final, A. B. Williams; final, M. Murphy 1, A. B. Williams 2.

THE COLLEGE CRICKET MATCH

between ex-members of Christ College and Wanganui College took place at Taruhuru last Saturday, and, despite most unfavourable weather, was watched with the keenest interest by a large number of spectators, many of whom were ladies. Mr. Heath B. Williams captained the Christ College team, and Mr. S. Palmer the Wanganui College team. The latter (Mr. S. Palmer) made top score (92), and Wanganui College, after a most exciting game, won by 30. The day was finished by a dinner given to the competing teams.

A VERY ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON TEA

was given by Mrs. F. T. Morgan at her residence at Kaiti last Thursday afternoon. The day being exceptionally fine, the verandahs were utilised, and furnished with tables and chairs. Flowers were in profusion in all the rooms. The tea was carried round on trays by a number of the ladies present. Mrs. Morgan received her guests in the dining-room, and wore white dotted and flowered silk, trimmed with very fine lace and insertion and narrow black ribbon velvet; Mrs. W. Barker, pale wedgewood blue soft silk with brown hat to match; Mrs. Arthur Rees, brown check silk and lace, cinnamon gimp tulle hat with pink roses; Mrs. Mann, brown silk and lace, brown and cream hat; Mrs. Nolan, black voile, black hat with pink roses; Mrs. Black, black flowered delaine, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Kennedy, black flowered voile over glaze, black and pink hat; Mrs. Symes, champagne silk, trimmed with lace and black velvet, green hat; Mrs. Stephenson, green flowered voile, hat composed of lily of the valley and black velvet; Mrs. F. Barker, oyster shirred silk, pale blue hat with feathers and pink roses; Mrs. J. Murphy, smart navy blue, tailor-made, blue hat to match, trimmed with cock's feathers; Mrs. Burke, cream serge coat and skirt, cream hat, trimmed with forget-me-nots and blue velvet; Mrs. Hughes, white, linen, white hat with flowers; Mrs. Stock, black glaze, white hat, trimmed with green, pink and cream roses; Mrs. King, heliotrope costume, black hat with ostrich feathers; Miss Boylan, pink voile with broad lace bretelles, white hat with pink; Miss E. Barker, green silk and lace, hat to match; Mrs. Seymour, wedgewood blue flowered voile with lace, white and blue hat; Mrs. Paris, cream serge coat and skirt, pink hat; Mrs. Sherratt, check glaze silk, banded with navy blue, blue and heliotrope hat; Miss Booth, white costume, white and black hat; Mrs. Hodge, pink voile, banded with black velvet, white and pink hat; Mrs. Herbert Williams, crimson shot glaze, white hat with lace and flowers; Mrs. Willock, navy blue voile, hat to match; Mrs. Maclean, black and white silk with lace, hat composed of pink roses, flowing chiffon veil; Mrs. Smith, cream cloth coat and skirt, pink hat; Mrs. Palairé, pretty brown silk costume, brown hat; Mrs. H. De Latour, green linen coat and skirt, hat to match; Miss Burke (Napier), dark green tailor-made, hat en suite; Miss Foster, grey and white check costume, cream hat with black ostrich feathers; Miss F. Barker, pretty dress of pale grey blue silk voile with lace trimmings, and hat to match; Miss Williamson, cream costume, cream satin hat with brown silk rosettes and cream shaded to pale blue feathers; Miss Schumacher, pale blue silk, cream hat; Miss De Latour, cream serge, black hat with black feathers; Miss Black, pale blue voile with white under-blouse, sailor hat, large glaze bows; Miss Bradley, heliotrope linen, trimmed with white, white hat, heliotrope silk trimmings; Miss Pyke, flowered muslin, white hat.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Misses Bradley (2) (Gisborne) left for Christchurch last Thursday.

The Misses Sievwright (Gisborne), who have been visiting Wellington, returned last Wednesday.

The Misses Waterhouse (Napier), who have been spending a short time in Gisborne, went South on Thursday last. Mr. Watson (Wellington), Director of the Bank of New Zealand, is at present

on a visit to Gisborne. Mrs. Watson accompanies her husband.

Mrs. Sherriff (Gisborne) went South last Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Dodd, in Napier.

Mrs. C. Margoliouth (Gisborne), who has been on a short visit to Napier, returned last Saturday. Mrs. Margoliouth (Napier) returned with her daughter-in-law on a visit to Gisborne.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee,

March 13.

People have been so busy preparing for next week's carnival that they have not had time to think of social events, and so there is little or nothing to tell you about. Next week, however, I hope to let you know all about the festivities.

PERSONAL. Mrs. Sheriff, of Gisborne, is spending some weeks in Napier.

Dr. and Mrs. Tosswill, of Hastings, have gone on a holiday visit to Taupo.

Mrs. M. Barry, of "Grisoeg," intends leaving on a trip to Ireland.

Miss Baker has returned to New Plymouth from a visit to Napier.

Miss Macdonald, of Gisborne, is spending a week or two in Napier.

Mrs. Peacock, of Patea, is in Napier for a week.

Miss K. Smith, of Wellington, is visiting friends in Napier.

Mr. C. Forster and Miss Forster left Napier last week for Wellington en route to Sydney and London.

Mrs. L. McHardy is in Wellington for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hawkins returned to Napier this week, after spending a year in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ward, of Patangata, intend taking a trip to the Old Country at the end of this month.

Mrs. Kettle has been in Wellington for a few days.

The Misses Williams have returned to Napier from a visit to Taupo.

Miss Chambers has been spending some weeks in Napier.

Miss Kettle has returned to Napier from a visit to the South.

Mr. Harold Gregson, of New York, has been appointed as organist and choir-master of the Napier Cathedral, and is on his way now.

Dr. Leahy has returned from Sydney.

Miss Kate Hitchings left Napier last week for an extended visit to London.

Miss Campbell has returned to Wellington after spending some weeks in Napier.

Miss Ada Peake, of Auckland, is the guest of Mrs. Horace Baker, Hawke's Bay.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee,

March 14.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT

was held in St. Mary's Hall last Thursday evening, in aid of the Maori Girls' College, Auckland. A concert occupied the first part of the evening. Perry's orchestra opened with the overture from "Faust," and later on played "Les Cloches de Corneville," with great success. Vocal items were rendered by Miss O. Kelly, Messrs. E. Clarke, Archer and Haslam, and Miss Warren's pianoforte solo, and Mrs. Haslam's recitation were encored. In the second half of the programme an excellent farce, "The Strange Adventures of Mr. Hummingtop," was produced; the principal actors being Mr. Hummingtop and Mr. Gillebrand, and these characters were taken by Mr. F. J. Easter, and Mrs. Fred Watson. Their acting of the piece was distinctly above the average of amateur performers. These two were well backed up by Mrs. Harry Ward (Rosa Columbiere), the circus girl, who portrayed her character with great vivacity. Miss Dora Bedford (Daisy Maitland), Hummingtop's American niece, lived her character for the time, while Mr. Horrobin (Ralph Orme-rold), Hummingtop's friend, and Mr. C. V. Burnington (the unmitigated fop, and Miss Olive King (the giggling Hummingtop) acted their parts naturally and with great spirit. Miss Brewster (Barbara) made a charming maid, while Mr. Bert Griffiths (the butler), acting was not spoilt

by the usual exaggeration. Amongst the very crowded audience I noticed Mrs. Addenbrook, in black and white muslin, cream silk vest, with kimono shoulder straps of black lace insertion. Mrs. Butler, cream silk and lace blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Bedford, grey brocade silk blouse, with black silk lace insertion trimmings, black merveilleux skirt; Miss Bedford, pale blue muslin, cream lace yoke, full, tucked skirt, inserted with cream lace; Miss Deacon, cream silk blouse with lace frills, black skirt; Mrs. Armitage, black satin trimmed with rich lace; Mrs. Penn, white frilled muslin trimmed with Valenciennes lace, deep lace yoke, worked with moss-green silk, moss-green silk Empire belt; Miss Penn, pale blue; Miss Kirkby, pretty pale blue floral muslin, white lace yoke, blue floral ribboned sash; Miss Macdiarmid, white tucked muslin; Miss Kerr, pale blue and white striped frocked, kimono bodice, pretty, white embroidered muslin blouse; Mrs. Alexander, black and white muslin over glaze, finished with bands of black lace insertion; Miss A. Avery, cream tucked voile with cream lace vest and berthe relieved with black velvet ribboned sash; Mrs. Bewley, cream silk taffetas blouse, black silk skirt; Miss G. Bewley, white muslin, inset with lace; Mrs. Leatham, pretty black and white silk muslin, trimmed with bands cut on the cross, bodice relieved with pipings of pale blue; Miss Leatham, cream silk and lace blouse, dark skirt; Misses E. and K. Leatham; Misses Hanna; Mrs. Kelly, black; Miss Fenton, grey floral muslin, with Valenciennes lace on frills; Mrs. Rollo, scarlet silk blouse, inset with cream lace, threaded with red velvet bebe ribbon, black skirt; Miss Dorothy Simpson, pretty white embroidered muslin, pale blue ribbon bows in hair; Mrs. H. Davy, cream voile; Mrs. Oswin; Miss O. Mackay, pale blue floral muslin; Miss S. Thomson, cream tucked voile, lace yoke, silk folded belt; Miss Wood, cream silk blouse trimmed with frills of lace, black silk skirt; Mrs. W. Bayly, black silk relieved with rich white lace; Miss Bayly, pretty biscuit-coloured silk, cream lace vest; Mrs. Blundell, cream tucked silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss M. Blundell; Miss Abier; Mrs. Fookes; Misses Fookes (2); Mrs. Brewster, black flowered voile with pretty black net fichu finished with bands of white silk ribbon; Miss A. Hempton; Mrs. Saxton; Miss Saxton, pretty pale blue and white striped muslin, cream lace yoke, full tucked skirt; Mrs. McKellar, black; Miss J. McKellar, white tucked muslin, deep vix neck rose silk, Empire belt; Miss Kemp, black and white muslin; Mrs. S. Griffiths, very pretty pale blue silk, with kimono bodice over white muslin and lace blouse; Miss Messenger, pale blue muslin, white lace blouse; Mrs. F. Fookes; Miss S. Capel; Mrs. Kirkby; Miss Collis, white tucked and inserted muslin; Mrs. S. Medley (nee Miss May Webster), pretty navy silk, cream tucked silk yoke outlined with cream floral silk insertion; Miss Colson; Mrs. Paul, rich black and white costume; Miss Brown; Mrs. H. Stocker, white muslin tucked and inserted; Miss Read; Miss V. Brett, etc.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHIC.

Mr. D. McKellar and Mrs. McKellar, Wellington, are the guests of Mr. J. McKellar, New Plymouth.

Mrs. Fred Webster, New Plymouth, is visiting her married daughter, Mrs. Farley, of Timaru.

Miss Ivy Birding, of Waitara, New Plymouth, has gone for a three months' trip to Christchurch.

Dr. and Mrs. Wohlmann, of Rotorua, are on a short visit to New Plymouth.

Master Hugh Fraser, Nelson College, who has been home for the last week or two on account of an outbreak of sickness, has now returned to his studies.

Mrs. G. Kebbell, who has been on a visit to Pimmerton, has now returned to New Plymouth.

NANCY LEE

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee,

March 13

The weather was glorious on Saturday for the

SECOND DAY'S RACING

of the Autumn Meeting, and there was a very large attendance. Amongst the many pretty frocks I noticed Mr. Bidwill (Wairarapa) in a beautiful Wedgewood blue chiffon taffetas, the skirt was made very full and the drape hem at the