

furs; Mrs. Edward Russell, crimson cloth costume, inset with cream lace motifs, white satin hat with white wings; Miss W. Lays, violet cloth frock, smart velvet hat of the same tone, with grapes and shaded roses, and black pointed fox furs; Mrs. R. Dargaville, navy tailor-made gown, navy hat with wide ruches; Mrs. Linton Wilson, navy cloth, brown hat with lavender flowers, and stone marten furs; Mrs. Pritt, black cloth, black hat, and ermine furs; Mrs. C. Nathan, pearl grey toilette, large violet silk hat wreathed with shaded roses, and white fox furs; Miss Stevenson, navy costume, hat en suite; Mrs. Browning, willow green tweed coat and skirt, golden brown hat with green silk, and marabout feathers; Mrs. Colbeck, brown Directoire coat and skirt, tobacco hat; Miss Richmond, green and blue check cloth frock, white silk braid, hat with pink roses and velvet; Mrs. Peacock, black silk toilette; Miss Peacock, black cloth tailor-made coat and skirt, grenat velvet hat with shaded roses; Miss Nelson, navy cloth, white felt hat, and marten furs; Miss Coleman, navy cloth frock, black hat, with coque feathers, and bear furs; Mrs. Houghton, navy cloth, large black satin, high-crowned hat with silver tissue bands; Miss Ward (Wellington), navy frock and white plumed hat; Mrs. Ranson, navy cloth tailor-made gown, navy blue felt hat, and grey marabout feathers; Miss Decamp, black cloth coat and skirt and brown hat; Mrs. Frank Combes, grey tweed coat and skirt, and black hat; Mrs. Upton, black brocade, velvet coat, and black and white bonnet; Miss K. Clark, black cloth frock, black hat with silk ruches; Mrs. R. Burns, brown striped chiffon velvet frock over a cream lace blouse, large brown hat; Mrs. Foster, violet cloth gown, mauve velvet, and white fox furs; Mrs. David Peacock, navy crinkled Sicilian gown, and navy toque with quills; Mrs. A. P. Wilson, navy cloth tailor-made gown, dahlia felt hat with shaded roses; Mrs. Benjamin, green cloth, embroidered with Russian braid, hat en suite; Miss Buller, navy cloth tailor-made gown, brown hat with wings; Mrs. Oxley, navy cloth tailor-made gown, and black velvet hat; Mrs. Prosser, black toilette; Mrs. W. Gorrie, black costume and bonnet; Mrs. H. Bagnall, red-green cloth coat and skirt, grey taffeta hat, with green silk ruches; Mrs. J. Reid, black toilette; Mrs. T. Keesling, silver grey Eton costume, and white hat; Mrs. Ching, champagne cloth costume, blue and green hat, and stone marten furs.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs Booth and Miss Effie Booth, of Carterton, are on a visit to Suva, and are staying with Mr and Mrs Rathbone. Mr Rathbone is Mrs Booth's second son.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

PAPAROA.

Dear Bee, July 25.
On Friday, July 10, a plain and fancy dress ball was given at the Pahi Hall by Mrs. and the Misses Osborne, to the pupils who have been attending their dancing classes. The juveniles had the first twelve dances without any grown-ups, and enjoyed themselves immensely. The gem of the evening was the cachuca, danced by six tiny tots and six bigger girls, all in Spanish costumes. In the little girls' set there were Miss F. Swallow, Misses F. M., K., L., and M. Chadwick, who all looked very pretty, and did great credit to their teachers. The elder girls were Misses A. Smith, G. Taylor, J. Faige, E. and D. Swallow, and I. Osborne. A good number of spectators were present, and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The supper was excellent, and the table looked extremely pretty, decorated in red and white only. Dancing was kept up till past midnight. The following were amongst those in fancy costume: Miss Upton, Queen of the Earth; Miss Jackman, Polly; Miss A. Jackman, Cinderella (which was the most original costume); Miss Wallis, Red Cross Nurse; Miss Edie Milne, Lily of the Valley; Miss E. Milne, Gipsy; Misses S. and L. Milne, Japanese Ladies; Miss Osborne, Powder and Patches; Miss Ivy Osborne, Spanish Girl; Miss Marjory Snelling, Fairy; Master G. McMurdo, Chinaman; Monte McMurdo, Black and White; Eric Joekman, Footballer. Many others were in evening dress. The ball was prettily decorated. The whole affair was well managed, and will be a red letter day in the memory of the children.
DOROTHY.

CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Bee, July 25.
On Wednesday evening
A FAREWELL SOCIAL

was tendered to the Rev. Father J. G. Darby, by the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Cambridge, in the Alexandra Hall, which had been decorated for the occasion with nikau palms, ferns, and bunting. Across the room was hung the motto "Welcome," and on the reverse side the word "Farewell." The high esteem in which the Rev. Father Darby is held by all sections of the community was evidenced by the large and representative gathering of all denominations. On the platform were the Mayor (Mr. W.T. Buckland), the Vicar-General (Dean Gillon), Rev. Fathers Darby and Holbrook, the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Revs. W. J. Gow, and W. H. Beck. The visiting clergy also included the Rev. Father Lynch, of Te Awamutu, Rev. Father Cahill, of Ngauruawhia, and Rev. Father Furlong, of Devonport. The Rev. Father Holbrook, who is succeeding Father Darby here addressed the meeting, speaking of the esteem and affection in which Father Darby was held by all who came in contact with him. Mr. W. M. McVough read the farewell address, and presented it to Father Darby. Father Darby, on rising to return thanks, was greeted with loud and prolonged applause. The audience sang "Auld Lang Syne," and the crowd gave cheers for Father Darby, and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." A musical programme, arranged by Mr. McDermott, who also played most of the accompaniments, was gone through. After supper, provided by the ladies of the parish, the hall was cleared for dancing, for which a great number stayed. The music for the dance was played by Messrs. Corringham (piano), Billing (violin), C. Boyce (bass violin), and Thomson (clarinet). Extras were played by Misses Nixon and Plescher.
Mrs. J. G. Ward, of "Toe View."

GAVE A DANCE

on the same night as the Roman Catholic social. On account of the wet night, and clashing with the social, the party from Cambridge, which had been arranged to go out by brake, had to be abandoned, but nevertheless it passed off most successfully, and a very enjoyable time was spent by those present.

Everyone seems to be going to town for Fleet Week, and there will be a general exodus from Cambridge next week.
ELSIE.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, July 23.
AT MR. AND MRS. ALBERT MAL-
LINSON'S CONCERT

amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs. Frank Barker, in a dainty lace gown, touches of pink on the bodice; Mrs. Mainland Foster, soft black silk with lace tucker; Mrs. Palairat, black silk, cream wrap; Mrs. Barton, black silk, Mechlin lace berthe, pale blue lace-trimmed opera coat; Mrs. W. Barker, cream gown, pale grey coat with Vandyke lace and satin capes; Mrs. Parker, pale pink silk, electric blue coat; Mrs. Stevenson (Auckland), black silk, dark blue coat, lace scarf; Miss Sievwright, cream silk; Miss Barker, soft white chiffon gown, pipings of pale blue silk trimming the bodice; Mrs. Black, black sequin net over black glace; Miss Black, black chiffon taffetas; Mrs. White, black silk voile over black taffetas; Miss White, pale grey crepe de chine, lace finishes; Miss Coop (Canterbury), soft white silk, long opera coat of silver grey; Mrs. Stephenson, rose pink surah gown; Mrs. A. Rees, white silk and lace, pale blue opera coat; Mrs. Hawkins (Auckland), salmon pink silk, pipings of black velvet; Miss E. Barker, cream silk; Miss Boylan, white silk, pale pink chiffon scarf; Miss L. Coleman, pale blue satin gown, lace berthe; Mrs. Pyke, black surah silk, dark orison wrap; Miss Pyke, cream voile; Mrs. Hine, black silk gown; Mrs. Scott, and pink, lace-covered alcevas.

MRS. A. W. REES

gave a small but very pleasant afternoon tea on Wednesday last in honour of her sister, Mrs. Hawkins (Auckland), who is at present visiting her.
Tuesday afternoon, a perfect day, the

POVERTY BAY HUNT CLUB

had a most successful run over Te Puni. A number of keen horsewomen, as well as men, joining in the sport.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. and Miss Boulnois, who have been visiting friends in Gisborne, returned to Christchurch on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Sherratt (Gisborne) left for a short holiday in the South last Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ensor (Canterbury), after visiting friends in Poverty Bay, returned South on Wednesday.
Mrs. Lanauze, after a brief visit to her daughter, Mrs. Margolouth (Gisborne), returned to Hastings on Wednesday by the a.s. Moana.
ELSA.

STRATFORD.

Dear Bee, July 24.

Mr and Mrs F. W. Wake gave a most enjoyable dance in the old Masonic Hall, in honour of their eldest daughter, Miss Nina Wake, who made her debut.
Mrs Wake looked charming in a lovely costume of black net and velvet over white silk; Miss Wake very sweet in white silk taffeta, bodice relieved with sequins. Guests came from as far south as Wanganui for the event. The hall was charmingly decorated with flags and Indian curtains; half the supper room was most tastefully arranged as a drawing-room. The supper table was adorned with lovely blooms of narcissi, sent from Hawera and Manutahi. Among the guests were: Mr and Mrs Grant, Mr and Mrs Kimbell, Mr and Mrs Mountfort, Mr and Mrs Richards, Mr and Mrs Unicek, Mr and Mrs Young, Mr and Mrs W. D. Anderson, Mr and Mrs Porritt, Mr and Mrs Robinson, Mr and Mrs Crawshaw, Mr and Mrs Stubbins, Mr and Mrs Raikes, Mr and Mrs Bulgo, Mr and Mrs Fooker, Mr and Mrs Hoag, Dr and Mrs Harrison (Eltham), Mr and Mrs Robison (Eltham), Mr and Mrs Cecil Hawker, Mr and Mrs Copping, Mr and Mrs Good, Mr and Mrs O. Hawken, Mr and Mrs Baddley, Mr and Mrs Curtis, Dr Cartery, Mrs Cartery, Mesdames J. Mackay, Carrey and Ortell; the Misses James, Black, Glynnes, Gladys James, Fassell, Orbell, F. Orbell, Anderson, M. Cochrane, Mackey, Rapley (Wellington), Shields (Tokoroa), Turnbull (Hawera), White (Hawera), Coultas (Hawera), E. Caplen, M. Hamilton (Hawera), Webb, Hawken, Bennett, Hawken (Wanganui); Messrs Tom James, Black, Anderson, Fassell, L. Webster, H. Cameron, C. Wilson, Newing, J. S. Young, E. Young, Stanford, Denniston, Bell, Jones, Heighway, Mason, Jones (Wellington), Crisp, Hewitt, Hamilton, Scott, Raden, Oliver, McLeod, Martin, Mackay, Leslie Curtis, Findlay, King, and Hall.
SYLVIA.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear Bee, July 24.
THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' ANNUAL DANCE.

given in Devine's Hall on Wednesday night, was in every way a success. Those present included Mrs. W. T. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, Mrs. Mellish, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Devine, Mrs. K. Drew, the Misses F. Park, Hamfield, Archer, Devine, Milla, Drew, Broadbent, Pole, Tingey, Perrin, Schwartz, Bevan, Coles, Bailey, Lancaster, McKenzie, Eildred, Balsillia, Chapman (2).

There was a very large attendance at the Municipal Hall on Thursday afternoon at the meeting held there in connection with the

PLUNKET NURSE SCHEME.

Lady Plunket and the Hon. Kathleen Plunket were present, also the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. D. Nash). A society was formed, and the following officers elected: Patroness, Lady Plunket; President, Mrs. J. Nash; Vice Presidents, Mesdames Harper and Hewitt; Secretary, Mrs. M. Cohen; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Palmer; Executive Mesdames Palmer, H. Mowlem, Henry Martin, and J. Young. The Committee are: Mesdames J. Nash, Harper, Coles, Hewitt, Mellish, Stowe, R. S. Abraham, Porritt, Palmer, F. S. McLean, Henry, R. Davis, Martin, Jolly, Hird, Lewis, McDonald, W. T. Wood, J. Young, F. E. Jackson, L. A. Abraham, H. Mowlem, C. Loughnan, Broad, W. Strang, Freeman, F. Cooke and Miss Glendinning.
Mrs. Dunkeley, Hereford-street, gave

A SMALL PARTY

on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. D. Reed, Mrs. Wallace, the Misses Barber (2), Robinson (2), Foley and D. Wilson were the guests present.
This afternoon Mrs. McKnight entertained a few friends

AT AFTERNOON TEA.

The drawing-room was prettily decorated with wattle. The hostess wore a black crepe de chine skirt and black glace silk blouse with bands of black insertion over white; Mrs. Morrish, dark green cloth embroidered coat and skirt, green straw hat with green silk and pale blue quills; Mrs. J. Wallograve, navy coat and skirt, scarlet hat with silk and black coque feathers; Mrs. Peach, black cloth costume, made with long coat, fawn cloth embroidered vest, white hat with black satin ribbon and fawn shaded feather, sable furs; Mrs. Barnicoat, navy coat and skirt, navy hat with silk and large buckle; Mrs. Guy, brown and blue striped coat and skirt, black velvet hat with black tip and band of gold; Mrs. Aicken, brown cloth coat and skirt, fawn embroidered waistcoat, brown hat with brown silk and cerise roses, sable fur and muff; Mrs. Goldfinch, navy coat and skirt, burnt straw hat with silk rosettes; Mrs. Elliot, brown skirt, salette coat, cream hat with silk and brown coque feathers; Mrs. Russell, navy coat and skirt, black hat with black feathers and

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