

Last Saturday the Waikato Hunt Club held their meet at Pickering's, when.

ONE OF THE BEST RUNS OF THE SEASON

was made. Afternoon tea was provided by Mr and Mrs Pickering. Before leaving hearty cheers were given for the host and hostess, and in proposing the health of Mr Pickering, the Master (Mr N. Banks) coupled the name of Mr Thorpe with his, saying that he was a great sport, and always willing to do anything to help the club. There were a large number present, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

In response to an advertisement calling for designs for a new town hall, for which a prize of £10 was offered, 14 designs were sent in, and Mr A. R. Herrold's, of Swanson-street, Auckland, was the one chosen, seeming to be most suitable in every way. The plan is on exhibition in Mr Tudehope's window, and has been much admired.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Rev. Edmund Cowie and Mrs Cowie and family have been staying for a few days with Mr and Mrs Wells, of "Oakleigh," Cambridge.

The Rev. Mr and Mrs Buckland, of Waihi, have been the guests of Archdeacon and Mrs Willis during the Archdiocesan Conference which was held in Cambridge.

Mrs J. T. Blenkinsop, of Otahuhu, is visiting Miss Gwynneth at "The Buagallow," Cambridge.

ELSIE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, August 26.

The members of the West End Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club surpassed themselves lately by giving a

MOST ENJOYABLE DANCE

In the Freemasons' Hall, which was held last Friday evening. The hall was decorated with tennis nets, rackets, and croquet mallets, finished with loops of pale and royal blue (club colours). The floor was in perfect order, and the dance went with a swing throughout, excellent music being provided by Mrs Arnold George's orchestra. The supper table was prettily decorated with daffodils and violets. Great credit and praise is due to the untiring energies of the secretary, Mr J. Weir, for the very successful way in which everything was carried out. Amongst those present were Mrs Penn, cream lace over glaze, gold passementerie on square cut bodice; Mrs H. Stocker, pretty salmon pink silk French knots in profusion on skirt, decolletage finished with Valenciennes lace; Miss Crawford, champagne coloured silk, cream lace bolero threaded with violet velvet; Miss Cutfield (debutante) was much admired in a white silk taffetas, berthe of ruffled chiffon finished with silver tassels; Miss Kirkby, pale green silk, profusely trimmed with lovers' knots of silver sequin; Miss B. Nolan, dainty pale heliotrope chiffon taffetas, cream lace berthe, finished with gold tassels; Miss Deacon, cream silk, pale blue silk belt and shoulder straps; Miss Evans, pretty pale green shirred silk, corsage profusely trimmed with frilled embroidered chiffon; Miss L. Webster, pale blue chiffon taffetas, cream net yoke and under sleeves; Miss G. Kyngdon, white tucked muslin, yellow silk sash; Mrs G. Kebbrell, pale blue floral silk muslin, corsage trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss Penn, cream tucked silk, pale blue silk belt; Miss Wilson, black net, relieved with scarlet flowers; Miss Carte, cream silk, bodice finished with sprays of violets; Miss Littlejohn (Wellington), pretty crimson Empire silk, trimmed with bands of velvet of a darker shade; Miss Kerr looked extremely well in white silk taffetas, silk lace berthe, large pink rose on corsage, pink ribbon threaded through hair; Miss D. Saunders, white muslin, full tucked skirt; Miss O. Mackay, white chiffon taffetas, silver braid outlining, square cut bodice, wide band of same on skirt; Miss B. Evans, moss green velvet, Maltese lace berthe; Miss F. Evans, white embroidered silk; Miss Capel, pale blue chiffon taffetas; Miss Syd. Capel, pale green chiffon taffetas; Miss Ryan, pale pink crepe de chine, satin belt, cream lace berthe; Miss Leatham, pale blue crepe de chine, cream lace berthe; Miss Saxton, heliotrope shirred muslin over rose pink, real lace berthe relieved with rose pink silk; Miss McAllum, pale green trimmed with dark green; Miss E. McAllum, black frilled net; Miss

Kirk, black voile, trimmed frilled net; Miss Simpson, pale pink muslin, trimmed satin bands; Miss Kemp, rose pink voile, Maltese lace berthe, pink rose in hair; Miss Bedford, pale heliotrope muslin, square cut bodice outlined with velvet darker shade; Miss D. Bedford, pale pink Empire frock, tucked and inserted; Mrs Leatham, black lace over glaze, trimmed with white and pink chiffon roses; Miss Wade, black net sequined berthe, finished with scarlet roses; Mrs Morrison, black net over satin; Mrs Rollo, turquoise silk trimmed with silver Oriental trimming; Miss Alice Brewster, white silk, trimmed with floral pink embroidery, pink silk band on hem of skirt; Miss Eric Bayley, apple green Oriental satin, profusely trimmed with cream lace; Miss Queen Glenn (Hawera), white crepe de chine, decolletage trimmed with hand painted pink floral chiffon, finished narrow black velvet, same trimming on hem of skirt; Miss G. Colson, turquoise blue silk, trimmed with cream lace; Miss R. Clarke, pale green silk, trimmed with satin bands of the same shade; Miss Kerton, cream figured net over glaze, scarlet flowers; Miss S. Kerton, cream tucked silk; Miss Hanna, black satin, trimmed with silver passementerie; Miss Nora Hanna, cream voile, applied with sprays of pink roses; Mrs Glasgow, handsome pale green semi-Empire chiffon taffetas frock, with rich cream lace vest and undersleeves; Miss Turner, crimson coloured silk, trimmed with cream lace.

Last Wednesday, in the Theatre, Hawera, the Farmers' Union held their annual

SOCIAL.

and it was a great success. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, etc., and the music, which was excellent, was rendered by Minnie's orchestra. The supper table was beautifully decorated with spring flowers. Amongst those present were: Miss Riddle, lovely shell pink chiffon taffetas, trimmed with pink and brown Oriental trimming; Miss Stringer, cream net over pale green satin; Miss McRae, pale blue silk muslin, tucked and inserted; Miss Seaton, white embroidered muslin; Mrs O'Callaghan, white crepe de chine; Mrs Fantham, pale pink striped muslin, kimono bodice, outlined cream insertion; Mrs R. H. Nolan, black chiffon taffetas, pale yellow brocaded satin opera coat; Mrs Durie, black; Mrs T. Winks, pale blue sequined net over pale green glaze; Mrs J. Buchanan, black satin, cream lace berthe; Miss Whitcombe, black chiffon taffetas, chemisette of white net; Miss Buchanan, pale blue satin, cream lace berthe, with touches of black; Miss McLean, white sequined net over white glaze, red roses on corsage; Mrs F. Livingstone, black net over glaze; Miss Livingstone, white embroidered chiffon over glaze; Miss B. Nolan, white inserted muslin, floral sash; Miss Greaves, white velvet Empire frock; Miss N. Coutts, white silk, shoulder straps of pink and green floral ribbon; Miss Glenn, pale yellow Empire frock of radium, relieved with touches of dark brown velvet; Miss Jackson, pale blue chiffon taffetas; Miss Reilly, white chiffon taffetas, brown rose on corsage; Miss G. Reilly, black velvet frock, with beautiful point lace berthe; Mrs Page, black sequined net over glaze; Miss Caplen, yellow brocaded satin, touches of black velvet on bodice, deep band of black round skirt; Miss E. E. Caplen, pink satin, cross-over bodice, chemisette of cream lace; Miss Baird, black satin, berthe of cream point lace; Miss Duckworth, wine coloured chiffon taffetas, Oriental trimmings on decolletage; Miss Turnbull, pale blue silk muslin, tucked and inserted; Miss White, black net over glaze, scarlet berries on corsage and in hair; Miss Russell, (Christchurch), cream satin, Maltese berthe; Miss Q. Glenn, white crepe de chine, bodice draped with pink hand-painted chiffon, with touches of black velvet, deep band of same round skirt, with edgings of black velvet; Miss Newland, black satin; Miss Marse looked extremely well in black crepe de chine, with berthe of silk Maltese lace; Miss Sutton, white chiffon taffetas; Miss N. Sutton, cream satin, pink roses on corsage and in hair; Miss Thornhill, pale blue flowered muslin; Miss R. Thornhill, pink silk; Mrs A. C. Parkinson, white chiffon taffetas.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Russell (Christchurch) is the guest of Mrs O'Callaghan (Hawera). Miss Whitcombe (Wellington) is spending a short holiday with Mrs J. Buchanan.

NANCY LEE.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, August 28.

A most enjoyable

JUVENILE DANCE

was held at Mrs. Jex-Blake's residence on Thursday evening last, in honour of her little daughter (Miss Sheila Jex-Blake). About sixty young guests thronged the rooms, and thoroughly enjoyed the varied entertainment provided for them. The large dining-room made a splendid ballroom, music being provided in the drawing-room, whilst the breakfast-room was utilised for the supper-room. The long verandahs were screened in and prettily lighted with Chinese lanterns; in the rooms, flowers, spring bulbs chiefly, being in great abundance, and most artistically arranged. The tables in the supper-room were decorated with white and yellow narcissi, arranged in tall silver vases, lighted with brass candlesticks, the light shaded by pale yellow shades. A number of grown-ups assisted Mrs. Jex-Blake in the entertainment of the children, amongst the helpers being Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lysnar, Mr. Field, Mrs. Tomblson, Mrs. Mann, Miss Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, and Misses Barker, Miss Nolan, Mrs. Stephenson, Miss Sherratt, Mrs. A. Rees, Miss Alymer, Mrs. Davis, and Miss Pyke.

GOLF.

On Friday afternoon last the usual yearly competition for a golf stick, presented by Mr. C. A. J. Fenwick, took place, resulting in a win for Miss L. Barker of the stick.

Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon a match, Captain's v. Secretary's teams, took place, resulting in a win for the Captain's (Mrs. Morgan) team, the defeated side entertaining the victors at afternoon tea.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Codrington (Sydney) is at present visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dawson Thomas (Gisborne).

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, sen., returned last week from a visit to the Old Country.

The Misses Black returned last week from a long holiday in Brisbane, also staying with Miss Fitzsymonds in Sydney.

Mr. Tupper, Inspector Bank of New Zealand, was spending a few days in Gisborne last week.

On Saturday last Miss Hoadley (from Napier), Mrs. and Miss Ensor (Canterbury), and Hon. Capt. Tucker arrived in Gisborne.

Miss Coleman, who was visiting relations in Auckland during Fleet Week, returned to Gisborne on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kissling also returning on Sunday from Auckland.

Miss Symes, Miss Monckton, and Mr. R. Lanauze arrived in Gisborne from the South on Wednesday last.

Dr. Pottinger, who has been in partnership with Dr. Scott for some months, has returned to England. Dr. Pottinger, though only resident in Gisborne a short time, was very popular, not only medically, but socially, and will be missed by his many friends.

Miss Rees (Gisborne) is at present visiting her sister, Mrs. Lusk, of Napier.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, August 28.

The teachers and girls of the Napier Girl's High School gave an

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in the school grounds last Tuesday. The principal attractions were displays of physical exercises and drill. It was a dull afternoon so far as the weather was concerned, but not in other respects, for the programme was very interesting. All the pupils wore navy blue costumes, with white ribbons in their hair. Miss Spencer, the head mistress, received the guests in a slate blue taffeta frock, relieved with white lace, white and blue picture hat, and carried a lovely bouquet of blue and white violets; Miss Kirk wore a blue cloth frock, becoming blue plumed hat, and also carried a violet bouquet; Miss Gillem, dove cloth coat and skirt, pink floral hat; Miss Gillies, navy blue coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. Saxby, golden brown cloth costume with white embroidered vest, green and brown

toque; Mrs. Mayne, white cloth frock with touches of violet, black picture hat; Miss Locking, sage green frock trimmed with embroidery, green velvet hat; Mrs. F. Williams, brown coat and skirt, browns fur and lavender toque; Mrs. Moeller, smart navy blue tailor-made coat and skirt, becoming violet toque; Mrs. Bowen, sage green costume, smart green and lavender plumed hat; Mrs. Olo, brown silk and lace dress, white cloth hat; Miss Tripp, grey striped tweed coat and skirt, pretty white hat; Mrs. Nantes, brown check costume, smart white and black hat; Miss M. McVay, navy blue tailor-made costume, pretty blue hat with touches of gold braid; Miss Siley, grey taffeta frock, black velvet picture hat; Miss Dean, white cloth costume, lavender floral hat; Miss M. Dean, green tweed coat and skirt; pretty green and blue picture hat; Mrs. Kelly, brown cloth frock trimmed with orange velvet and lace, brown and orange velvet hat; Miss Williams, blue Eton costume, white and violet toque; Miss Heslop, brown silk dress, touches of lace, becoming blue picture hat; Mrs. Ollivier (Christchurch), smart black tailor-made costume, black hat trimmed with black rosettes; Miss Ollivier, black coat and skirt, black and white toque; Mrs. Williams, becoming grey check dress trimmed with white net, white felt hat with pink roses; Miss Ormond, grey tweed coat and skirt, black hat with white wings.

Mrs E. B. Ruckeridge, of Gisborne, gave

A SONG RECITAL

in the Athenaeum Hall, with the assistance of Herr and Madame Lehman, Mr Spackman, and Mr A. E. Russell. Mrs Ruckeridge is the fortunate possessor of a very sweet contralto voice, and gave the audience great pleasure. She had a heavy task, giving no fewer than thirteen items; and she sang them all without effort and with excellent effect. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs Lusk, wearing a pretty blue taffetas, long cornflower blue coat; Miss Rees (Gisborne) black taffeta skirt, white lace blouse with touches of pink chiffon; Miss White, fawn silk dress, trimmed with black lace; Miss Heath, white net trimmed with pink; Mrs R. Duncan, black skirt, pretty pale pink chiffon and lace blouse, pink scarf; Miss Todd, white silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Kettle, green coat and skirt, pretty green floral hat; Mrs Moore, blue frock, blue velvet coat trimmed with fur; Miss Palmer, grey and white muslin frock, lace vest and sleeves; Mrs Vautier, white silk frock, becoming turquoise blue coat with wide velvet collar; Miss Peterson, black taffeta, smart white braided coat; Miss Chapman, blue silk blouse, black satin skirt; Miss Siley, white muslin silk, grey coat trimmed with fur; Miss blouse, dark skirt; Miss Williams, red Hunter, white silk dress; Miss R. Hunter, pretty pale blue blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Large, black silk dress, trimmed with white lace; Miss Taylor, white muslin dress, white cloth coat; Mrs Williams, pale pink frock, with touches of black velvet; Miss Campbell, white lace blouse, green skirt; Miss Shirley, white silk blouse, black silk skirt, grey evening coat; Mrs Russell, black lace frock, dark grey coat.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs N. Campbell, of Masterton, is on a visit to Napier.

Miss Graham has returned to Napier from a visit to Auckland.

Miss Kirk, of Napier, is spending some weeks in Christchurch.

Mrs A. Kennedy, of Napier, is in Palmerston for a week.

Mr and Miss Tucker, who have been on a holiday visit to Napier, returned to Palmerston last week.

Mrs G. McLean, of Gisborne, is on a visit to Napier.

Miss Hoadley, of Napier, is visiting friends in Gisborne.

Mrs A. Ollivier, of Christchurch, is spending some weeks in Napier.

Miss Rees, of Gisborne, has been in Napier for a few days.

Mr and Mrs T. Moore, of Palmerston, are on a visit to Napier.

Miss Heslop, of Wairoa, is spending some weeks in Napier.

Mr and Mrs L. McHardy have returned to Napier from a visit to Rotorua.

Miss Tripp, of Christchurch, is spending some months in Napier.

The Misses McVay have returned to Napier from a visit to Auckland.

Mrs and Miss Ulrich, of Dunedin, are spending a short time in Napier.

MARJORY.