

Society Gossip.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, February 19.

We have been so very quiet during last week that I have practically nothing to write about this time. The sad news of the wreck of the Penguin cast such a gloom over town that few of us felt in the humour to entertain or to be entertained.

The final performance of the "Birth of the Empire" took place on Wednesday night in the Garrison Hall, when a large audience was present. The proceeds, which amounted to about £21, were given to the Hospital funds. On the preceding evening they were given to Signor Borzoni, who at the conclusion of the performance briefly thanked those present for their patronage and also his pupils with whom he seems to have made himself immensely popular.

We are all very pleased to hear of Mrs. Carmichael's successes at the Roturua tennis and croquet tournament, when she won the ladies' croquet championship. Mrs. Carmichael returns on Sunday to Gisborne.

At the Kaiti Courts the ladies' handicap singles was won by Mrs. Barlow and to-morrow (Saturday) the final for the Hawley Cup is to be played off between Mr. Margoliouth (who holds it) and Mr. Coleman, and a very close fight it will be we anticipate.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Barker arrived from England on Saturday, and are at present staying with Mrs. Barker, senr. (Kaiti). Dr. Ernest Williams is on a visit to Mr. Carl Williams (Tokomaru).

Mrs. Maud Wallis returned from her visit to Hawke's Bay by the Waikare on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Brooke-Taylor, who went to Christchurch with Mrs. Gordon Holmes several weeks ago, returned to Gisborne by the Aokoi on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kennedy are on a short visit to Napier.

Miss Skilton, of Wellington, is the guest of Mrs. Willie Graham.

Mrs. C. L. and Miss Margoliouth left by the Manuka for Napier on Wednesday.

Mrs. Parker, senr., who has been on a visit to her son, Mr. F. Parker, returned to Napier by the Manuka.

Miss Lyttelton (Canterbury) is at present staying with Mrs. A. Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner, of Murwai, are visiting friends in Napier.

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PALMERSTON NORTH

Dear Bee, Feb. 19th.

THE FLORAL FETE.

held in the show grounds on Wednesday afternoon was a huge success. Punctually at 2 o'clock the Governor performed the opening ceremony. The long row of gaily decorated stalls in front of the members' stand did a brisk business, as did also the many side shows. A number of motor cars gave threepenny rides in the ring. The afternoon tea stall did an enormous trade, and was under the efficient control of Mrs. O. Mowall, assisted by a small army of willing assistants. Other stallholders were: Sweet-stall, Mrs. and the Misses Buick; produce stall, Mrs. W. L. Fitzherbert; flower stall, Mrs. Cohen; Japanese stall, Mrs. J. A. Nash and Mrs. Aitchison; lemonade stall, Mrs. A. E. Bennett; bookstall, Misses Hawkins and Watson. The crowd was very dense, and it was difficult to distinguish people, but a few I did catch a glimpse of were: Mrs. P. Baldwin, wearing a white linen frock, with lace coat, large black hat with a profusion of violet pansies, forget-me-nots and pink roses; Mrs. Wilson, black and white striped coat and skirt, Merry Widow hat, with silk scarf and white quills; Mrs. Cohen, a dainty white embroidered linen frock, black hat, lined with pale blue and trimmings of jet and ostrich feathers; Mrs. Colbeck, glass green linen Eton coat and

skirt, hat with white tulle and flowers; Mrs. Batchelor, Oxford blue cotton voile, with white lace vest, black and white hat with marguerites; Mrs. Bennett (Auckland) grey and white striped coat and skirt, green collar and cuffs, cream hat with mauve flowers; Mrs. Alan Strang, pale, dove-coloured coat and skirt, white ostrich feather boa, black hat with black feathers and aigrettes; Mrs. Walter Strang, white embroidered linen, black hat; Misses Fenton, pale pink linen, cream hat with pink and crimson roses; Mrs. Louison, pink spotted muslin with cream lace and tufts of brown, black hat with black feather; Miss Collins, salmon pink silk, pale blue hat with brown feathers; Miss Gemmel, strawberry muslin with trimmings of lace and velvet ribbon, large black hat with wreath of roses; Mrs. McHardy, Wedgwood blue dot coat and skirt; elaborately embroidered in black, white hat with black feather; Mrs. McKnight, white embroidered muslin, white ostrich feather boa, black plumed hat; Mrs. Broad, white muslin, large white hat with white plumes; Mrs. Stowe, grey and lavender check coat and skirt, burnt straw hat with brown and blue trimming; Mrs. A. E. Russell, in cream with black pipings, small black sequin hat with black feathers; Mrs. R. S. Abraham, white muslin with black spray, black plumed hat; Miss Marjory Abraham, white muslin, cream hat with blue cornflowers; Mrs. Hewitt grey and white striped toilette black hat with white tip; Miss Hewitt, white embroidered muslin, cream Leghorn hat with pink and crimson roses; Mrs. J. Hewitt (Pahiatua), pink muslin and white lace, black plumed hat; Mrs. J. Pascal, cream muslin with pink floral border, black hat with black feathers; Miss Pascal white embroidered muslin, pink floral silk sash, hat with lace crown and touch of pink; Miss McLennan, black coat and skirt, white cloth collar and cuffs embroidered in black, black and white hat with marguerites; Mrs. Holmes, fawn and brown striped muslin, brown hat with mauve flowers; Mrs. Ghent, heliotrope floral muslin, trimmed with darker shade of velvet ribbon, black lace hat with black tips; Mrs. Wallace, pale pink muslin, floral hat; Miss Wilson, cream muslin, cream hat with coloured hydrangeas; Miss D. Wilson, white linen, hat with blue cornflowers; Mrs. R. Glendinning, grey linen, cream hat with pink roses; Miss Bond, cream serge Eton costume, white hat with white feather; Miss Preece, cream serge Eton costume with pipings of pale blue, blue hat with blue ruching; Mrs. Rodgers, cream with trimmings of pale green, black plumed hat; Miss Scanlon, white and pale blue floral muslin, elaborately trimmed with white Valenciennes lace, cream hat with coloured flowers; Mrs. F. Pratt, brown coat and skirt, brown hat with tulle and cream ospreys; Mrs. Barker, grey coat and skirt, black hat with black wings; Miss McLean, white embroidered linen, hat with mauve flowers; Miss O'Brien, white muslin, cream hat with shaded pink roses; Miss M. Waldegrave, white muslin, rose trimmed hat; Mrs. Warburton, fawn linen coat and skirt with pipings of white, bright blue hat with feather of same shade; Mrs. Mell-sop, dark grey Eton coat and skirt, brown hat with wine coloured roses; Mrs. Randolph, black cloth costume with white satin revers embroidered in black, black plumed hat; Miss Randolph, pale blue cloth coat and skirt, with black moire collar and cuffs, black hat with black feathers; Mrs. Loughnan, grey and white striped pinafore costume, black hat; Mrs. F. O. B. Loughnan, a pretty wine coloured Eton costume, hat with flowers of same shade; Miss Loughnan, in white, hat with wreath of roses; Mrs. Barber, red and white striped linen, black hat with black lace scarf; Mrs. Paisley, white linen, cream hat with crimson roses; Miss F. Fraser, deep cornflower blue linen, black plumed hat; Miss Bell, rose coloured linen, black and white hat with wreath of roses; Mrs. Bennett, blue and white check muslin, black hat with black feather; Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, Dr. and Mrs. Putnam, Dr. and Mrs. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. Tatter-all, Mrs. R. Leary, Miss Coombs, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Dunckley, Mrs. C. J. Monro, Mrs. A. Guy, Mrs. Wyld, Mrs. Dompney, Mrs. W. Keeling, Mrs. D. O. Shute, Mrs. and

the Misses Hayward, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. and the Misses Wyde, Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

On Saturday last a team of

TENNIS PLAYERS.

went through to Feilding and played a match; they returned home triumphant, and delighted with the hospitality extended to them. Mrs. Pickett and the Misses Wilson and Porter, and Messrs. Thompson, Adams, and Stedman, H. B. Smith, W. L. Fitzherbert, J. B. Withery, and D. Reid were the local team. On the same day a team from the Papaioea Club played the Palmerston Club's second team, and defeated them 118 games to 108.

On Friday a party of

CROQUET PLAYERS.

went up to Wanganui and played a match there. With the exception of three games, the Palmerston players lost every match. I hear that it is likely a Wanganui team will visit us and play a return game, perhaps then our players will put up a better record. Mrs. J. R. Tripe, Mrs. J. P. Innes, Mrs. Melliss, Mrs. F. E. McRae, Mrs. W. L. Fitzherbert, and Messrs. C. J. Munro, Melliss, and Daniels, were those who made the journey.

The annual sports in connection with

CRAVEN COLLEGE

took place on the Hokowhitu polo ground this afternoon in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the pupils. The day was perfect, bright, and sunny, with a cool breeze, and proved the delightful outing this annual fixture always is. There were a great number of pretty toilettes worn, and amongst others I noticed: Miss Fraser wearing a grey crepe de chine frock, trimmed with black silk fringe, black hat, with black feathers; Miss Isabel Fraser, white silk muslin over blue silk, black plumed hat; Miss Frances Fraser, the palest pink Shantung silk, with cream lace trimming, black hat, with small black tips; Miss Price, white embroidered muslin, cream hat, with black and pink roses; Miss Monteith, white linen coat and skirt, pale green waistcoat, cream hat, with cream net crown and flowers; Mrs. Waterfield, white embroidered muslin, pink floral silk sash, white embroidery hat, with pink silk scarf; Mrs. Taverner, white chiffon taffeta with pink floral design, band of green and black satin at foot of skirt, touches of same on corsage, cream hat with pink flowers; Mrs. Price, brown crepe de chine, cream lace vest, burnt straw hat with green ribbon and pink flowers; Mrs. Barber, grey silk, with black strappings, black and white hat; Miss Barber, white linen, cream hat with black silk and pink rose; Mrs. McLennan, soft black mervellieux, black silk coat, black bonnet with white tulle and black tips; Mrs. Fairburn (Wanganui), Wedgwood blue chiffon taffeta, cream hat with roses of pale shade of blue; Miss McLennan, pale grey crepe de chine Empire frock, black hat with black tips; Miss Elsie McLennan, white muslin and lace, black hat with small black tip; Mrs. Alan Strang, dove-coloured coat and skirt, dark violet hat with a profusion of pale violets; Mrs. R. S. Abraham, white muslin with black spray, black plumed hat; Miss Marjory Abraham, rose-pink toilette, black hat with black tulle and pink roses; Miss Levett (Bulls), white embroidered muslin, black sash, black hat with black tulle and small pink flowers; Miss Munro, white muslin, cream Leghorn hat with turquoise-blue silk bow and pink flowers; Miss Snow, cream serge skirt, cream silk blouse, cream hat with cherry-coloured silk bows; Miss Hewitt, cream and green floral muslin, large cream hat with pink silk and pink flowers; Mrs. J. Hewitt (Pahiatua), white muslin and lace, black plumed hat; Mrs. Moeller, pale pink embroidered muslin over pink silk, hat with a profusion of gaily-coloured clover; Mrs. O. Porritt, white embroidered muslin, long pale green dust coat, hat with pink roses; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, black and white striped coat and skirt, white hat with white feather; Mrs. E. Fairfax, cream flannel coat and skirt with black stripe, black plumed hat; Mrs. Spencer, grey and brown check coat and skirt, cream hat with pale pink and pale heliotrope silk trimming; Mrs. Tolme, fawn and brown striped coat and skirt, brown hat with mauve roses; Mrs. Watson, white embroidered linen, cream hat with pink roses; Mrs. Randolph,

black cloth costume, elaborately braided in black, touch of emerald green velvet on waistcoat, black hat with black tips; Miss Randolph, sage blue chiffon taffeta, cream lace and chiffon trimming bodice, black plumed hat; Mrs. E. W. Hitchings, black and white striped coat and skirt, cream hat with black wings; Miss Russell, white muslin, electric blue feather boa, black hat with many coloured flowers; Miss Trixie Russell, cream cloth coat and skirt, cream hat with pink and cerise flowers; Mrs. McKnight, dark green Shantung silk, cream net and coloured embroidery trimming bodice, green hat with shaded green feathers; Mrs. Morrish, pale grey coat and skirt, pale blue silk waistcoat, white lace hat with pale blue flowers; Miss Margaret Waldegrave, a pretty pale blue frock, dark hat with electric blue wings; Mrs. H. Waldegrave, heliotrope floral muslin, black Leghorn hat with black tips; Miss Trixie Waldegrave, cream silk, brown hat with golden-brown silk bows; Mrs. Louison, pale rose pink serge coat and skirt, black hat with black tips; Mrs. Bell, grey striped frock, black hat; Miss Bell, white muslin and lace, large black and white hat with wreath of roses; Miss G. Bell, white muslin, cream hat with pink and crimson roses; Miss Millie Hayward, white muslin hat with fawn roses; Mrs. Putnam, deep rose pink pinafore costume, floral hat; Mrs. Barnicoat, cinnamon brown crepe de chine, brown hat with brown tulle and pink poppies; Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Moore, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wyld, Mrs. F. Pratt, Mrs. Melliss, Mrs. (Dr.) Wilson, Mrs. Stowe, Mrs. Munro, Mrs. and the Misses Porter, Mr. A. K. Reed, and many others.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mrs. Stedman and children have gone for some weeks to Plimmerton.

Mrs. J. Hewitt (Pahiatua) is visiting Mrs. (Capt.) Hewitt.

Miss K. Bell has returned from a stay in Wellington.

Miss J. Fitzherbert (New Plymouth), is the guest of Miss Porter.

VIOLET.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

By Special Appointment to

 The Earl and Countess of Glasgow.
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 The Earl and Countess of Ranfurly.

Nodine & Co

Ladies' Tailors, Wellington.

MR. NODINE will personally visit the following towns with samples of new goods and new styles for autumn wear, and will be pleased to take measures for present and future requirements.

GISBORNE—
 Wednesday, February 10.
 Saturday, February 13.
 Address: Masonic Hotel.

NAPIER—
 Thursday, February 11.
 Friday, February 12.
 Address: Criterion Hotel.

AUCKLAND—
 Monday, February 15.
 Tuesday, February 16.
 Wednesday, February 17.
 Address: Central Hotel.

NEW PLYMOUTH—
 Thursday, February 18.
 Address: White Hart Hotel.

WANGANUI—
 Friday, February 19.
 Saturday, February 20.
 Address: Rutland Hotel.