

the various duties in connection with the dance. Flowers were in abundance everywhere, the stage and supper table being very prettily decorated with lilies and daffodils. The flower decoration on the supper table was confined wholly to yellow daffodils, these being very artistically arranged by the ladies. The music was excellent. I shall endeavour to give you a description of some of the dresses worn, but the numbers forbid my including them all. Mrs. W. D. Lysnar wore a charming gown of white satin covered in gold sequined net; Mrs. Dornier, a beautiful gown of pale blue satin, double overdress of pale blue chiffon, the outer robe being hand-painted in flower panels; Mrs. Wilson, pale blue silk covered in paler shade chiffon; Mrs. Sheratt, black chiffon glace, daintily covered in non de soie, draped with scarves of silver chiffon; Mrs. Thornleigh Sheratt, black silk; Mrs. G. Reynolds, white satin striped non de soie, Merry Widow sashes of gold embroidered net; Mrs. Jex Blake, pale blue satin princess robes, Zouave bodice of gold embroidery; Mrs. W. Jaekmann, brown non de soie; Miss Scott, pale blue silk and lace; Mrs. Palmer, white silk and lace; Mrs. Scott, heliotrope silk, touches of green on skirt and bodice; Mrs. Black (junior), a bride, wore her wedding gown of soft white satin charmeuse, daintily trimmed in lace; Miss Black (Christchurch), white silk covered with net; Mrs. G. Thomas pale blue silk, lace berthe; Miss Tulloch, pale geranium satin; Miss R. Reynolds, black silk, real lace yoke Mrs. Poynter, cream satin; Mrs. Matthews, pink satin and lace; Miss Watkins, white silk, large pink roses in corsage; Miss Monckton, uncommon and pretty gown of striped grey and white silk, veiled in chiffon, with black embroidered hem; Miss Reynolds, white silk and net overdress; Mrs. John Scott, black silk; Mrs. C. Busche, pale blue chiffon glace; Miss McCready, pale pink satin; Miss H. Sherratt, pale blue silk; Miss M. Sherratt, apricot silk; Miss K. Sherratt, white silk; Miss Fergusson (Ireland), rose-pink satin; Miss Nolan, white satin and chiffon; Miss Wachsmann, orange silk and lace; Mrs. Murray, black silk; Mrs. Bennett, white silk, black lace overdress; Mrs. Stokes, pale blue silk, overdress of pale blue flowered non de soie; Mrs. F. Sherriff, black taffetas, pink satin ribbon trimming; Miss Dunlop, pink satin; Miss Ensor, rose-pink chiffon glace, trimmed with silver embroidery; Miss Pyke, pale blue satin, with mauve velvet bands on bodice and skirt; Mrs. G. Busby, vieux rose crepe de chine, yoke of real lace; Miss Nixon (Dunedin), pale blue silk; Mrs. C. Gray, black silk; Miss Gillingham, brown velvet and lace; Miss B. Black, pale pink satin charmeuse; Miss Crawford, pale yellow satin, strapped orange velvet; Mrs. R. Williams, pink satin; Miss Murray, sage green glace; Mrs. Humphries, lilac satin, berthe of violets; Miss Beere, pale blue satin; Miss E. Barker, white silk, lace overdress, touches of pale blue; Miss H. Black, black glace; Mrs. Falconer, black silk and lace; Mrs. Biddles, pale blue embroidered chiffon glace, white lace berthe; Mrs. Pattallo, pink silk; Mrs. Murphy, Princess robe of blue satin, covered with blue chiffon; Miss Bradley, heliotrope satin; Mrs. H. Williams, black silk; Mrs. Hughes, maize-coloured satin, embroidered chiffon berthe; Miss Bennett, pink satin, overdress of pink mouseline de soie; Miss de Latour, white silk muslin; Mrs. Willock, violet velvet gown; Mrs. Blair, pink glace, trimmed with laticed pink strappings; Miss Evans, pink floral mouseline de soie; Miss Williams, mauve satin charmeuse; Miss Busby, pale heliotrope silk; Miss Williams, geranium pink satin, velvet strappings; Miss Z. Williams, flame-coloured glace silk, cream chiffon overdress; Miss Day, cream lace gown over pale blue satin; Mrs. Sainsbury, cream silk; Mrs. Stephenson, white silk; Mrs. Hine, black glace silk, strapped black velvet; Mrs. R. Scott, handsome dress of black silk velvet, zouave yoke of black headed net.

Personal.
Mrs. Symes and her daughter have gone North, visiting Mrs. Pitt in Auckland, and going on to Rotorua.
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Barker and Miss MacLean left for Napier on Wednesday last, travelling by the Main Trunk railway to Auckland, and thence to Rotorua.
Great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rees, who have just received news by cable of the death of their son, Mr. E. A. Rees, residing in South Africa. The flag were flying half-mast yesterday, the S.M. Court also adjourning as a mark of respect to one who was generally liked and respected in Gisborne.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

August 21.

Musical Competitions.

The only event of interest I have to chronicle this week pertains to the musical competitions, which have held the boards at the Theatre Royal every evening. We borrowed your Auckland musical, Dr. Thomas, for the occasion, and we have been putting our amateur criticisms against his professional ones, with very often disastrous results to our humble efforts. The competitions have more than justified their existence, and have brought to light, musical talent, especially vocal talent, of a high degree of excellence, which, in some of the young people, is quite remarkable. In the elocutionary division, much kudos has been won. In such a difficult number as "Wolsey's Speech from Henry VIII.," which I think is essentially a man's piece, the first three places were won by ladies. There were competitors from most of the big towns in the Dominion. Dr. Thomas was entertained by the Musical and Elocutionary Committee on Thursday afternoon, and taken to the various places of interest in and around Napier. He is very enthusiastic about our climate, and speaks in laudatory terms of our town.

An "Othello" Evening.

Miss M. M. McLean gave another of her interesting literary lectures on Friday evening last. She chose Shakespeare's "Othello" as her subject, and, as usual, delighted her audience with the manner in which she treated her theme. Miss Duff added much to the pleasure of the lecture by recitations. There was quite a good attendance in spite of the counter-attraction in the musical competitions.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse (of Mangawhare) were in town on a visit last week.
Miss Pike (of Palmerston North) is on a short visit to Napier.
Miss Morrin (of Otahuhu, Auckland) is spending a holiday in Napier with her sister.
Mr. and Mrs. Groome (of Te Onepu) are visiting friends in town.
Very sincere regret has been felt here at the death of Mrs. W. W. Moore (wife of Dr. Moore, medical superintendent of the Hospital). Mrs. Moore was very popular in society circles, and was an ever-willing help in charity works. She was only 32 years of age.
Mr. and Mrs. McCrae Peacock and their daughter (of Waihua), who have been on a visit to England, returned to Napier on Wednesday last.
Mr. and Mrs. Kissing (of Auckland) are visiting Napier.

MARJORY.

HASTINGS.

August 2.

Children's Dance.

The juvenile dance given by Misses Wellwood and Beere, was held in St. Matthew's Hall on the 19th. The children danced very cleverly, and reflect the greatest credit on their teachers. It would be impossible to describe all the pretty fancy dresses worn by the children, as they changed their costumes so often for the dances. Among the children present were Misses Beamish, Perry, Bennett, Halse, Newbigen, Gregory, Wellwood, Jones, Fraser, Gallien, Scott, Evans, Brook-Taylor; Masters Maedonell, Newbigen, Gregory, Tosswill. There were also present: — Lady Price, Mesdames De Lisle, Gascoyne, Beamish, Brodie, Halse, Newbigen, Maedonell, Wellwood, McLeod, Murray, Douglas, Stronach, Brook-Taylor, M. Smith, Gregory, Wallace, Misses Beere, Wellwood, Baird, Cuthbert, Taylor (2), Evans, Hodges.

Personal.

Sir Francis and Lady Price have returned from Christchurch.
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stead have returned from the South.
Lady Russell has returned from Wellington.
Miss Duff has returned from Christchurch.
Mrs. Pope (New Plymouth) is visiting friends in Hawke's Bay.
Miss Williams has gone back to Gisborne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ormond have returned from Christchurch.
Mrs. Wain is visiting friends in Christchurch.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans and family (Canterbury) are visiting Hastings.

SHEBA.

FEILDING.

August 20.

Musical Competitions.

Feilding has been very successful in the musical competitions held in Napier. The members of the Wesley choir led with Hastings (last year's champion choir), and divided the prize money with them. They returned to Feilding on Thursday, and were given quite an enthusiastic reception and entertained at afternoon tea. They were heartily congratulated by the Mayor, Mr. Fred Pirani, and Mr. John Cobbe (their host). During the proceedings most complimentary references were made to the conductor (Mr. H. Temple White), who was still in Napier.

Bridge.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Halliday gave a most enjoyable little bridge party. There were three tables, and some of the players were: Mrs. McAllum, green tweed coat and skirt, saxe blue toque; Mrs. Montgomery, dark blue coat and skirt, mole velvet hat; Mrs. Porter, black voile skirt, white silk blouse, black hat with feathers; Miss Mitchell, saxe blue costume, hat to match; Mrs. Horrocks, dark blue coat and skirt braided with black, black hat with pink roses; Mrs. Barton, grey tailor-made faced with pale blue, becoming black hat; Mrs. Carr, Gobelin blue coat and skirt braided with black, black hat; Mrs. Gillespie, dark blue, large black hat; Mrs. Aymer, brown; Mrs. Miles, brown coat and skirt, brown hat with pink roses; Mrs. Miller, very becoming grey costume, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Sid Fitzherbert, coat and skirt, black hat. The hostess received her guests in a black voile dress. The prize was won by Mrs. Carr.

Golf.

Mrs. Mostyn Jones and Mrs. Harold Stewart are the only two ladies from the Feilding Golf Club playing in the N.Z. Championship Contests, now being held in Palmerston North.

TUI.

SOUTH TARANAKI.

HAWERA, August 20.

Successful Ball.

The Hawera Football Club held their annual ball in the Opera House last Wednesday evening. The music was supplied by Crozier's Sextet Orchestra (Mar-ton), and was all that one could desire. The supper table was prettily decorated with yellow flowers. Among those present were: Mrs. Holder, very pretty white chiffon taffeta, trimmed with sequin trimmings; Mrs. Webster, maize coloured silk; Mrs. Koch, white silk, relieved with blue; Mrs. McDiarmid, pretty oyster white satin Empire gown, trimmed with duchess lace; Mrs. Wallace, white satin Empire gown; Mrs. D. Fantham, white crepe trimmed with silver braid; Mrs. Pantham (Wanganui), scarlet chiffon taffeta; Mrs. Nolan, black chiffon taffeta; Mrs. Smith (Okaiawa), black satin, corsage trimmed with black Spanish lace; Mrs. R. McLean, pale blue taffeta with silver trimmings; Mrs. H. Livingston, heliotrope satin; Mrs. J. Hobbs (Stratford), black velvet; Mrs. O'Callaghan, pink mouseline de soie with black velvet trimmings; Mrs. Glenn, black silk, corsage trimmed with Maltese lace; Miss Caplen, cream paillette satin, trimmed with silk insertion; Miss E. Caplen, pretty green charmeuse satin, the corsage being finished with Oriental trimmings; Miss McLean, pink floral glace trimmed with cream insertion and touches of black velvet; Miss Koch, black satin; Miss Newing, cream brocade corsage finished with velvet; Miss Honeyfield (Patea), apple green satin; Miss Riddle, handsome frock of pink chiffon taffeta; Miss Nolan, black chiffon taffeta; Miss B. Nolan, pretty frock of blue satin de chine, the corsage being trimmed with Oriental insertion; Miss Moore, white muslin embroidered in gold; Miss Coutts, dainty frock of blue charmeuse satin; Miss Young (Otakohu), white muslin, the corsage relieved with yellow; Miss Russell, pale blue taffeta, floral sash; Miss O. Glenn, blue chiffon taffeta trimmed with wide insertion and net; Miss Williamson, pink silk; Miss Alexander, pretty frock of blue chiffon; Miss Douglas, pale pink taffeta with touches

of rose velvet; Miss Brett, blue taffeta Empire gown with cream insertion on corsage; Miss Reeve (Gisborne), white net with silver sequins; Miss McMichael, white chiffon taffeta; Miss Stringer, blue silk; Miss W. Stringer, white Louise silk with white chiffon on the corsage; Miss Scaton, white finished with gold braid and tawels; Miss Greaves, blue silk with sequin trimmings; Miss White, eau de nil taffeta trimmed with a darker shade of velvet; Miss Reilly, emerald green velvet Princess robe trimmed with point lace; Miss Laisley (Wellington), heliotrope satin trimmed with violet velvet and violets; Miss Morrison, dainty blue chiffon taffeta frock; Miss Jackson, pink taffeta Empire frock with sequin trimming; Miss Wilson (Eltham) looked dainty in a pink chiffon taffeta frock; Miss Ryan, pink chiffon taffeta, Maltese lace berthe; Miss Hair (Mania), blue silk.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Buchanan have gone for a two months' trip to the Fiji Islands.
Miss B. Nolan has returned to Hawera after a long holiday spent in Auckland.
Mrs. and Miss Tomlinson (Nelson) are visiting Mrs. Turnbull.
Bishop and Mrs. Wallis (Wellington) are paying a short visit to friends in Hawera.
Miss Spraggen, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Caplen, has returned to her home in Dunedin.

JOAN.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

August 20.

The Theatre.

The Nellie Stewart Company played a short season here last week to crowded audiences. On different occasions there were present: Mrs. (Dr.) Wilson, wearing a black satin toilette, old rose opera coat; Mrs. O'Brien, black crepe de chine, grey coat; Miss O'Brien, black velvet frock; Mrs. Putnam, crimson silk, with touches of black, cream coat; Mrs. Hankins, black chiffon taffeta, with cream lace and touches of pale blue; Mrs. Sutherland, rose pink crepe de chine; Mrs. Louissou, cream lace over silk, large pink rose on corsage, pale blue accordion-pleated silk coat, with white swansdown; Mrs. Gillespie (Feilding),

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