

excellence of their arrangements. They hope to band over £50 or £60 to the fund, after paying expenses. The chaperones were Mesdames Burnett, Fell, Jameson, Bulkeley, Hursthouse, and Miss Richmond. Mrs. Fell wore black brocade, the bodice draped with white satin and jet; Mrs. Burnett, black chiffon taffetas, with drapings of white chiffon and jetted lace on the bodice; Miss Burnett, white silk with overdress of jetted net; Miss Winder, white silk with touches of gold and gold fringe; Mrs. Bulkeley, black paillette silk, guimpe and sleeves of white tuckered chiffon; Mrs. Jameson, black tuckered chiffon; Mrs. Winder, black satin and lace, cream Spanish lace scarf; Miss Hursthouse, pale blue ninon de soie, with touches of gold; Miss Dorothy Bulkeley, pale pink chiffon taffetas; Miss Bulkeley, lettuce green mousseline de soie; Mrs. Luke, black satin charmeuse, guimpe and sleeves of frilled net over white satin; Miss B. Luke, blue silk prettily embroidered, blue bandeau in her hair; Mrs. Rendall, black velvet, scarf of silver tissue and sequins; Miss Helyer, violet velvet with cream lace motifs on bodice. Mrs. F. B. Fisher, soft pink silk; Mrs. Cohen black silk and lace berthe; Miss Olive Smith, mist grey paillette with touches of cherry colour; Mrs. Arnold Atkinson, mauve ninon de soie; Miss Stace, cream chiffon and lace, finished with knots of cherry velvet; Miss Collins, heliotrope silk with sequin trimming, and Directoire sash; Miss E. Collins, cream silk Princess gown; Miss Cobb, old rose satin, semi-Empire; Mrs. Orr (South Africa), pale green satin charmeuse, berthe of Limerick lace; Miss M. Fell, white satin and chiffon; Miss M. Hursthouse, lime green silk with embroideries in silver; Mrs. Shirecliffe, black satin charmeuse; Miss Travers, cream chiffon taffetas, with touches of blue; Miss Brandon, pale blue mousseline de soie, blue bandeau in her hair; Mrs. Colley, black spot net over satin, Limerick lace berthe; Miss Gladys Diamond, white silk and chiffon gown, bodice finished off with knots of blue velvet; Mrs. Thunder (Christchurch), purple velvet Princess gown. Miss Putnam, pink soft silk; Mrs. Ewen, black brocade, cream lace guimpe; Miss Hamilton, cell blue silk and lace gown, black velvet sash; Miss Poynter, green chiffon taffetas; Mrs. Smith, black taffetas, cream lace on bodice and sleeves, long scarf of silver tissue; Miss Tendall, cream satin; Miss Greenish, white silk frock; Miss Hoboy, pale mauve silk and chiffon; Mrs. Bristow, black net, and lace gown over white silk; Miss Benfall, white chiffon hemmed with black velvet ribbon; Miss Macdonald, floral muslin; Miss Gill, white satin, bodice draped with brown chiffon; Miss Pollock, cream satin; Miss F. Cohen, black satin, with Irish lace coat; Miss Lingard, cream floral silk; Miss Devine, white muslin and lace gown, cerise sash.

OPHELIA.

Bachelors' Ball at Taihape.

Much praise is due to the bachelors of Taihape, and more especially to the secretaries, Messrs. L. B. Finch and H. E. Drayton, for a successful social event, the ball of the 20th August. Crosier's Band, of Marton, rendered delightful music, and the Gortua Hall was exquisitely decorated, under the direction of Mr. L. B. H. de Latour, with bunting, greenery, and Japanese lanterns, resulting in a most artistic effect. A recherche supper was served in a marquee adjoining the hall. Many pretty dresses were worn, amongst those present being: Mrs. Nathan, handsome grey silk; Mrs. Barnett, black silk, grey velvet wrap; Mrs. Owens, black silk taffeta; Mrs. Arrow-smith, black silk gown; Mrs. Farmer, black silk; Mrs. Clarkson, black silk gown; Mrs. Wrightson, black net; Mrs. Barby, grey silk gown; Mrs. Elliott-Wilson, grey silk; Mrs. Carr, pretty Empire gown of pink silk; Mrs. Carver, cream silk; Mrs. James, pretty pale pink silk; Mrs. Peyton, white satin, silver trimming; Mrs. Wakeman, pale pink Oriental satin; Mrs. Doherty, reseda green; Mrs. Aldridge, black gown; Mrs. Couch, handsome evening wrap over black silk; Mrs. Whitcombe, blue velvet evening gown; Mrs. Sutherland, cream silk; Mrs. Dymock wore her bridal gown, an elegant lace robe over white tulle silk; Miss Fergusson, black Duchesse lace over crimson brocade; Miss E. Fergusson, handsome black sequined net gown; Miss Tuks, rich black and gold shot velvet robe; Miss Peggy Tuks, pale blue satin, white lace vest; Miss Healey, pretty white silk; Miss Walters, lavender chiffon, Empire gown; Miss E. Walters, heliotrope Empire gown, silver; Miss Dennis, pale blue

velvet Empire gown; Miss Moore, black sequined net; Miss Hunter, grey; Miss Honeyfield, white silk, pale blue belt; Miss Garratt (debutante) white crepeoline; Miss Bear, cream lace robe over pink satin; Miss Ellis, white muslin; Miss Bruce, pretty cream satin Empire gown; Miss Wilson, pale blue glaze silk; Miss Carmody, white muslin; Miss Barnard, cream silk; Miss Ryan, pale salmon silk; Miss Gray, white silk; Miss Walker, rose pink muslin; Miss Walker, white muslin; Miss Voysey, dainty heliotrope satin; Miss Barsby, white satin, silver trimming; Miss Smith, white silk; Miss Aldridge, pale pink Empire gown; Miss Frances, shell pink muslin; Miss Brown (Feilding), white muslin; Miss Dew, buttercup silk Empire gown; Miss Farmer, cream silk Empire gown, Miss Shute, white silk frock.

CAMBRIDGE.

August 28.

Hunt Club Ball.

The annual Waikato Hunt Club ball, which had been much talked of and eagerly anticipated, came off last night in the Alexandra Hall, and was the most brilliant and successful event of the season. The supper-table was a scheme in hunting scenes. The flowers were red japonicas, red anemones, and freesias, and at intervals were tripods formed of hunting crops, and suspended from them were silver horseshoes. Hurdles, formed of light batons and covered with greenery, gave a finishing touch. There were some lovely dresses worn last night, but the crowd was so great it was difficult to get a peep at them. Mrs. Taylor was wearing a black silk and net gown, made in semi-Empire style, with Directoire sash of soft black silk; Mrs. C. Hunter, black lace over black glaze, bodice trimmed with creme applique; Mrs. Banks, rich black silk; Mrs. J. Hally, black chiffon over white glaze, and Mattese lace scarf; Mrs. Pickering, black silk and lace gown; Mrs. Roberts, black Louisiana silk, bodice trimmed with jet and bretelles of point lace; Mrs. R. J. Roberts, black silk voile, with transparent yoke, and sleeves of black lace; Mrs. Farnall, black silk, bodice trimmed with white net and jet; Mrs. Edmonds, creme voile; Mrs. Ring (Hinuera), black silk and lace gown; Mrs. J. Martyn, black silk and net, and crimson rose on corsage; Mrs. Langley Shaw (Hamilton), black chiffon taffeta, made in Directoire style, and bodice trimmed with jet; Mrs. R. Reynolds, black silk, and handsome coat of white corded velvet trimmed with pale blue velvet; Mrs. Huddstone looked very dainty in pale pink chiffon taffeta; Mrs. W. A. Scott, black silk embroidered net over black glaze, decolletage finished with creme applique; Mrs. J. Scott, pale green silk trimmed with velvet of a darker shade; Mrs. Lacey Peake was much admired in a lovely white satin gown; Mrs. A. J. Edmunds, handsome gown of reseda chiffon taffeta; Mrs. Bingham, white silk, trimmed with lace; Miss Hunter (Hamilton), blue silk, with berthe of Oriental lace; Miss V. Hunter (Hamilton), red silk with berthe of point lace; Miss E. Brown, a pretty frock of creme Oriental satin; Miss Taylor, white satin gown, made in Directoire style; Mrs. J. Fisher, white silk; Mrs. Dodd, white silk, trimmed with black lace insertion; Mrs. Vercoe, brown chiffon taffeta, with yoke and sleeves of white net; Mrs. Nelson Banks, white organdie muslin over white silk; Mrs. J. Soyars (Hinuera), white chiffon taffeta gown; Mrs. E. Firth (Auckland), black velvet, bodice trimmed with jet; Miss Banks, white silk gauze, over white silk, and pink rose on corsage; Miss M. Taylor, a most becoming frock of white Directoire satin, trimmed with silver sequins; Miss Ferguson, white silk; Miss E. Hill, a lovely frock of pale pink charmeuse satin, bodice trimmed with silver; Miss D. Ring (Hinuera), white charmeuse satin, decolletage finished with silver and large pink roses; Miss H. Ring (Hinuera), pale blue chiffon over white glaze, Grecian bands in her coiffure; Miss Willis, white muslin trimmed with a profusion of white Valenciennes lace; Miss K. Willis, brown velvet, bodice trimmed with creme tuckered net, and gold centre; Miss Gwynneth, black silk and net gown; Miss Ranstead, pretty pale pink silk frock; Mrs. Insoll (Hamilton), black silk with yoke and sleeves of white net; Miss Diaky (Matamata), tangerine silk gown relieved with white lace; Miss Wells, a becoming gown of white Directoire satin; Miss Oultry, white Indian embroidered crepe frock, bodice trimmed with lace,

crimson poppies on corsage and in her coiffure; Miss A. Hekeith (Auckland), white satin frock, bodice trimmed with sequined net, wreath of pink roses in her hair.

ELSIE.

HAMILTON.

August 26.

Bridge.

On Monday last a delightful bridge evening was given by Mrs. Percy Watts at her pretty new house, "Deverly." The two rooms in which play was carried on looked very fresh and dainty with quantities of daffodils and other spring bulbs about, as well as some high branches of Christmas plum blossom in the drawing-room, which were much admired. Some delightful games were enjoyed by the guests, who worked their way up from "J" to "A" tables, and when scores were tallied, Mrs. Harry Valder headed the list with 628, the highest scorer among the gentlemen being Mr. Heywood with 608. These fortunate ones were presented with a silver vase, and a silver-backed clothes brush respectively. Mrs. Watts received her guests in a pretty and elaborate white silk blouse and black silk skirt. Mrs. Watt, sen., black silk, relieved with white; Miss Grey (sister of the hostess), in pretty low-necked white silk. Among the other guests were: Mrs. Reece, soft grey silk; Mrs. Douglas, black silk relieved with cream, and cream silk guimpe; Mrs. English, soft black silk; Mrs. McLeod, pretty white silk, with pale blue silk scarf; Mrs. Hyde, pale grey crepe de chine; Mrs. Heywood, black silk with prettily embroidered pale blue bretelles; Mrs. F. Jolly, black silk; Miss Jolly, cream silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Biggs, white silk blouse and lovely spray of sweet peas, black skirt; Mrs. Tompkins, pale green silk blouse with coffee coat of old lace, black skirt; Mrs. Insoll, black velvet; Mrs. H. Valder, dark green silk; Miss Sandes, pretty pale pink silk with cream net yoke and sleeves; Mrs. Stevens, black; Miss M. Stevens, pale pink floral muslin. Among the gentlemen present were: Dr. Reece, Dr. Douglas, Messrs. Smith, Heywood, Loughman, Manning, F. Jolly, Tompkins, English, McLeod, Insoll, and Shepherd.

A Shakespeare Reading.

A reading of the "Taming of the Shrew" was given by the Hamilton Shakespeare Club on Tuesday last. Miss Gillespie as Katharina, was very good, reading clearly and with good expression. Mr. W. Ranstead took the part of Petruchio with great energy and firmness, and Miss Mason gave a very good representation of Baptista's younger daughter. The other members of the cast were: Baptista, Mr. Milford McArthur; Vincentio, Mr. E. Wilson; Lucentio, Mr. E. J. Stewart; Gremio, Mr. A. W. Shaw; Hortensio, Mr. W. McNeil; Pedant, Mr. F. O'R. Loughman; Franio, Mr. H. H. Shaw; Biordello, Mr. G. Jackson; Widow, Mrs. Whitcomb, Curtis, and Taylor, Master R. Ranstead; Grumio, Mr. J. Luxford.

ZILLA.

GISBORNE.

August 21.

Hunt Club Races.

The Hunt Club races, which took place last week, were a great success, a great many ladies taking advantage of the sunshine to be present, though on account of the crisp frostiness of the air most of the frocks worn were tailor-made and of sober colours, giving to the lawn quite a different appearance to that which it assumes during the spring and summer meetings. Amongst the many ladies present I noticed: Mrs. I. M. Porter, wearing tweed coat and skirt, cinnamon hat trimmed with wedgwood blue silk and wings; Mrs. Wallis, navy blue cloth tailor-made, black hat; Mrs. Nolan, blue coat and skirt, wedgwood blue hat; Mrs. Stokes, green tweed tailor-made, burnt straw hat trimmed with brown and pale blue; Mrs. Mann, navy coat and skirt, brown hat; Mrs. Jeffreys, grey tweed costume, black hat; Mrs. Parker, gown of navy blue, hat to match; Mrs. Biddles, mixed tweed costume, pale blue and navy hat; Mrs. Donner, navy blue coat and skirt braided in black, maroon toque; Mrs. Max. Jackson, grey costume; Mrs. Scott, navy coat and skirt; Mrs. Humphreys, grey costume, smart black hat; Mrs. Rutledge, navy blue cloth costume, black hat; Mrs. G. Reynolds, mignonette cloth coat and skirt, brown hat; Mrs. Hine, green

costume, brown and green hat; Mrs. Charlie Thomas, green tweed; Mrs. Sherratt, green coat and skirt, large black hat; Mrs. Jex-Blake, navy blue gown braided in black, large navy hat with green wings; Mrs. White, brown costume, hat en suite; Mrs. Falconer, green coat and skirt; Mrs. J. Murphy, wedgwood blue tailor-made, large blue hat with pink roses; Mrs. Dr. Scott, brown tweed coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. R. Black, smart navy costume, black hat trimmed with white fur; Mrs. H. De Costa, cream serge coat and skirt, cream felt hat; Mrs. Pattullo, fawn tweed, large geranium pink hat swathed in grey chiffon; Mrs. Reynolds, green tailor-made, green hat with navy feathers; Mrs. Strachan, green coat and skirt, black hat with white wings; Mrs. O. Sainsbury, tweed costume, large black straw hat wreathed with brown and pink roses.

Golf.

The final of the mixed foursome tournament was played off on Saturday last, when Miss Nolan and Mr. Morgan beat Miss Tucker and Mr. Wallis by 2 up and 1 to play—a very keenly-contested match. The winners receive Mr. W. R. Barker's trophies, Miss Tucker also receiving a trophy from the club as runner-up.

The final in the men's B tournament was also got off on Saturday, Mr. H. Barker playing Mr. W. A. O'Meara, the latter winning. Misses Wallis, Agnew-Brown, and Lewis dispensed afternoon tea to a very large number of members, the day being particularly fine.

Personal.

Miss Robson (Auckland) is at present visiting her sister, Nurse Robson, at the hospital.

Mr. Dewing (Gisborne) has gone north, visiting Auckland and Rotorua.

Archdeacon Ruddock is at present visiting Gisborne. His visit is in connection with the collecting of funds for the Bishopric Endowment Fund for Waiaupu.

Mrs. Margoliouth, with her child, has gone to Hastings on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Lanauze (Hastings).

Mrs. Arthur Seymour left on Sunday with her little daughter to visit friends in Canterbury.

Miss Rutledge left Gisborne on Sunday on a visit to Australia.

ELSIE.

NAPIER.

August 27.

A Sporting Week.

Sport with a big "S" has loomed large in the public eye this week. There are hockey girls everywhere, with courtly caps, athletic stride, and formidable sticks, and tournament games have been the order of the day. Dances and other entertainments have filled in the evenings. The hockey girl is certainly a devotee of the strenuous life, and after a hard day in the field thinks nothing of dancing till the morning.

Hockey Dances.

On Saturday evening last the Maroro Hockey Club entertained the Auckland and Nelson girls at a Cinderella dance in the Foresters' Hall, which was much enjoyed. Amongst the Auckland visitors were:—Miss Wynyard, who wore a becoming gown of cream satin charmeuse; Miss Cook, in pretty shrimp pink; Miss Kenny, dainty white muslin; Miss Steele, pink frock; Miss Clark, dainty pink crepe de chine; Miss Ward, dainty white silk. Of the Nelson visitors, Mrs. Andrews wore handsome black satin; Miss Langridge, pale pink silk; Miss Hoare, soft white silk; Miss Handley, Directoire of heliotrope chiffon taffeta, with rich gold trimmings; Miss Parsonage, pretty pale blue silk; Miss Everitt, pale blue. The hostesses present included: Miss H. Pullett, in a pale mauve gown; her sister wore pale pink; Miss Bissell, eau de nil frock in Empire style; Miss Reynolds, white glaze with silver trimmings; Miss Trent, pale green silk; Miss Bishop, dainty white; Miss S. Condon, cream frock; Miss Rouleston, pale blue silk; Miss G. Rouleston, pale pink; Miss Retts Rouleston, Empire frock of heliotrope; Miss I. Hutson, vicieux rose chiffon taffeta; Miss Brandon, white glaze gown, silver trimmings; Miss Price, mauve crepe de chine, violet velvet trimmings; Miss Scheele, pale blue silk; Miss Condon, cornflower blue silk.

On Wednesday evening the Seaside Ladies' Hockey Club entertained mem-