

picturesque dress that was worn at the time of powder and patches. Master Williams, as a footballer, wore the jersey of his team. His brother was a Duke. Mr. W. Golden represented a Red Indian. Excellent music was supplied by King's band.

MARJORIE.

**BLenheim.**

Dear Bee, August 13.

An exceedingly enjoyable concert was given in St. Andrew's schoolroom last Wednesday evening, when encores were so numerous that the programme was almost doubled. The opening piece was a piano duet, "Fra Diavolo," played by Miss Minnie McCartney and Mr. Cheek, which was followed by a song by Mr. Wilmot, "The Brave Sentinel," which was worthy of an encore, but suffered the fate of things coming early in the evening before the audience had warmed up. Miss Healy sang "Who's at My Window" sweetly, and Mr. Starrook "The Last Muster" dramatically. The florid music of "Tell Me, My Heart" suited Mrs. H. McCullum's flexible voice admirably, and being encored she sang a couple of verses of "Comin' Thro' the Rye." Mrs. Lucas was also recalled for her song, "Silver Wings," and repeated the last verse. A violin obligato was played by Mr. Cheek. Mrs. McIntosh excelled herself in "Eternal Rest," and repeated the last verse when recalled. Other instrumental pieces were a gavotte, "Heinliche Liebe," by two violins, Masters Armstrong and Hillier Cheek, and piano, Mr. Cheek; a trombone solo, "The Wanderers," by Mr. B. Logan; and a trio, "Minuet," by Messrs Taylor (flute), Hay (violin), and Cheek (piano). "Margarita" was delightfully sung by Mr. J. Rose, whose sweet tenor voice was well suited to the music. It goes without saying that he was encored. The second part of the programme was "Scotch," and was opened by a number of Scotch reels, spiritedly played by Miss Hutcherson. Mr. Orr sang "Oh, Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad," receiving an enthusiastic encore. Mrs. Reid's rich and sweet voice gave intense pleasure to all in "My Heather Hills," which received the usual token of appreciation; to which she responded by repeating a verse. Miss Jones (Duncanson) sang "Up in the Morning Early," and for an encore song "Jock o' Hazeldean," and later the two ladies joined in a delightful duet, delightfully sung, "Row Wee, My Boatie," their voices blending most pleasingly. Mr. McIntosh received quite an ovation for "The Barrin' o' the Dong," and sang "The Laird o' Cockpen," which in its turn was encored, when he gave "When the Gude Man Came Home at Een." An instrumental duet (organ and piano) by Miss Hay and Mr. Cheek was much liked. An organ-obligato, played by Mr. Cheek, was very effective in "Eternal Best." The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and a verse of the National Anthem brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

On Tuesday evening the social given by the Licensed Victuallers took place in Ewart's Hall, and was an immense success. The hall was charmingly decorated, nikau, lycopodium and flags being arranged effectively. The whole of the stage was comfortably furnished for chaperones, and the elaborate and bountiful supper was set out in a large floored marquee at the side of the hall, palms in pots and sprays of crimson japonica being artistically arranged on the table. Mrs. Draper kindly gave the use of one of her rooms as a ladies' dressing room. Mrs. Lush wore a lovely dress of black brocade silk with a front of yellow satin veiled with spangled net; Mrs. W. Baillie, white satin; Mrs. A. Mowat, white brocade with delicate pale green and pink trimmings; Mrs. W. Draper, handsome black silk relieved with white silk; others were Mesdames Horton, P. Doullin, Anderson, Clouston, R. McCullum, A. Farner, Edwards, T. O'Leary, T. Watson, who looked very pretty in black merveilleux, McIntosh, Kenney, H. Dodson, P. Dodson, Reimann, R. McCartney, H. Mills, A. Mason; Shaw, F. Adams, Mason, the Misses Horton, Rees, Ball, J. Horne, Priddle, Dixon, Henley, who looked extremely well in black velvet and pink roses; Draper, yellow silk; Denham, McCabe, O'Sullivan; and Messrs Hartou (B), Empson, McIntosh, Mowat (B), Lusk, Edwards, O'Leary, Watson, Clouston, P. Doullin, Baillie, McCullum, Shaw, Wilmot, Crosbie, Preaton, C. Rogers, C. Fulton, Stow, Burden, Sergeant Gillespie, Corporal Hamilton, and many others.

Mrs. Waddy's fourth and last Clarendon Dance was held in Ewart's

Hall on Friday evening, and was very enjoyable. The decorations of the social just described were still up, and the floor was in splendid order from the friction of many feet. The supper table was set at the back of the stage, and was decked with the fragrant blossoms of the summer mimosa. Some of those present were Mrs. Waddy, who wore black brocade satin; Miss Waddy, cream, jet passementerie on the corsage; Miss Essie Waddy, who was pretty in cyclamen tinted silk, white lace blouse on skirt and crystal passementerie on the bodice; Miss Greenfield, black satin, spray of yellow roses on the bodice; Miss J. Greenfield wore a very pretty gown of folds of a bright green velvet, rows of narrow velvet of the same colour, and lace edged the over-skirt; Miss A. Horton, cream; Miss M. Ewart, dark skirt, bodice of pale green silk; Miss Clare, black skirt, bodice of white silk and soft chiffon frills; Miss Furness, cream; Miss Z. Redwood, black skirt and pretty camellia pink silk bodice; Miss Curkeek, cream; Mrs. Shaw, black skirt and naive satin bodice; C. Farman, cream; Messrs Griffiths, C. Waddy, Bank, Burden, Stow, Wilmot, Stubbs, L. Macey, Mitchell, Shaw, and others. Mrs. Lucas played the dance music and Miss Greenfield, Miss Clare, Miss C. Farman and Mr. B. Moore some spirited extras. Some time before the close of the evening delicious soup was served.

The Fire Brigade Social is arranged to take place next Wednesday evening. FRIDA.

**HASTINGS.**

Dear Bee, August 10th.

From the surrounding country comes news of four splendid runs with the Hawke's Bay hounds last week, although on Friday there were complaints from Fairfield, Mr. H. B. Bridge's residence, of a very windy day, which interfered with the scent. On Saturday the hounds had a splendid run from Ashcroft, Mr. J. B. Deane's station. The field comprised, amongst others, the master and Mrs. Sunderland, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Carlyon, Misses Midge Rhodes, Ella Williams, Simcox, Herrick, and several other ladies. Messrs H. F. Norris, Arnold Williams, FitzHerbert, A. Groom, A. T. Russell, A. Herrick, E. White, Goring Johnston, T. H. Lowry, Baron Wedell Wedellsborg, and Dr. Robertson. Some of those who began by pressing hounds were soon disposed of, as the pace was fast, and the well known barbed wire fence between "Round Hill Paddock," and the road further thinned the field. A hare was eventually killed, though the doubt obtained in some minds that the wary little animal who had given such good sport might not have been the victim. On Monday the hounds had a good day round Ashley-Clinton, and, as usual, the field contained a good number of ladies. Miss Rhodes, on several occasions, giving a good lead to some less well mounted over the stiff timber and big fences, for which the Hawke's Bay country is noted. The season was brought to a close on Wednesday by a meet at Springhill, Mr. J. B. Rhodes' station, when, owing to the wind, the scent was far from good. A very pleasant day was spent nevertheless.

Some of the residents of Waipawa gave an enjoyable fancy dress ball at the Oddfellows' Hall, Waipawa, on the 8th inst. The committee were in defatigable in their efforts to render the evening a successful one. Some of the costumes were very original. Miss J. Fleming looked remarkably well as Queen of the Forest; Miss Peters as Winter; Miss Todd as Ruination; Miss Mackenzie as New Zealand Ambulance, were all effective. Several hospital nurses, a capital miner's daughter, a picturesque "summer," and a dainty-looking "winter" were also noticeable, whilst Maori princesses, a midshipmite, a romp, and "evening" were much admired.

Some of the residents of Tikokino also gave a charming fancy dress ball there on Friday as a return for the bachelors' ball. The ballroom was beautifully decorated with flags and foliage, with which the walls were parcelled, and the supper tables in the marquee adjoining the building were also tastefully adorned with flowers. Miss Austin appeared as "Cherry Ripe." She wore a gown of white muslin, mob cap, and cherries in her bodice. Miss Londow's was dressed as

Queen of the Roses in soft pink silk and chiffon, and pink roses in her hair. Mrs. Goodacre as a Red Cross Nurse wore a dark blue gown, with apron and cap of white muslin. Miss E. Scarett as "Ivy," had a most becoming costume of pale green, and sprays of that creeper on the bodice. Miss Brown as Starlight wore a black dress, ornamented with gold stars. Miss Napp was dressed as a magpie, and wore a quaint gown of black and white. Mrs. Glass as a Fishwife wore dark blue and red. Mr. C. Ryman wore an antique court costume. Mr. S. Vincent appeared as a negro minstrel; and Mr. A. McKenzie was dressed as a Highlander in kilts. Mr. N. Arrow wore the Waipawa volunteers' costume. Mr. W. Pettit wore a cricketers' costume. Dancing was kept up with much animation until a late hour.

DOROTHY.

**NELSON.**

Dear Bee, August 13.

A PROGRESSIVE EUCHE PARTY was given by Mrs. Percy Adams last Thursday evening at her residence "Melrose," which was much enjoyed by all present. Mrs. Booth was again the winner of the first ladies' prize, and Mr. Squires the gentlemen's, whilst Mrs. Fulton (Collingwood) and Mr. W. Hursthouse won the booby prizes. There were eleven tables, and play was kept up with great spirit until about eleven o'clock, after which an adjournment was made to the supper-room, where a most delicious supper was exquisitely laid out. The table decorations were lovely, the spring flowers looking bright and pretty. There was also every delicacy in season for which one could possibly wish. Mrs. Adams received her guests in a beautiful gown of rose

pink moiré, with transparent sleeves of rich white lace, the corsage was also finished with lace; Mrs. Watts wore a handsome gown of black brocade satin, lace cap; Miss Quick (Wellington), who is Mrs. Adams' guest, wore black satin, the décolletage finished with sapphire blue velvet, and real lace. Others present were:—Mr and Mrs Booth; Mr and Mrs A. Glasgow; Mr and Mrs Kingdon, the latter wearing black satin; Mr and Mrs Jack Sharp; Dr. and Mrs Roberts, the latter wearing a chic gown of forget-me-not blue finished with lace; Mr and Mrs Fulton (Collingwood); Mrs Stephens (the Port); Mrs Young (Blenheim); Mrs Harris; Miss Blackett, black gown with sleeves of transparent net; Miss Bunny; Miss Heaps, white silk; Miss Houcker; Miss Levien; Miss Leggett; Miss Robertson; Miss Richmond; Messrs Percy Adams, N. Adams, A. Adams, Coney, Duncan, Heaps, Hursthouse, Levien, Muir, Squires, Hamilton, and others.

Miss Sybil Hunter-Brown, who left for a trip to England on Friday, entertained a number of her friends on Wednesday at Miss Huddleston's residence, "Maitai House," when all were glad to have that opportunity of wishing her bon voyage. Miss Aggie Bell had arranged to give an afternoon tea for all Miss Hunter-Brown's friends, but owing to the news that her brother, Mr. B. Bell, of Madagascar, was seriously ill, the function was postponed. I am glad to say that Miss Bell has since heard by cable that her brother has recovered.

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