

BLenheim.

Dear Bee, May 27.

Our "Young Bachelors" quite eclipsed any dances given by them in the past with the ball held last Wednesday evening in Ewart's Hall, which was somewhat sparsely decked with foliage and flags, but long trails of ivy were laid along the front of the stage, and a corner of the hall was carpeted and furnished with easy chairs for the limited number of chaperons invited. The ranks of the young bachelors, who are chiefly college boys spending the vacation here, were swelled by all the young men in office, and there was a goodly number altogether, their part being to hire the hall, decorate it and prepare the floor for dancing, whilst the young ladies provided and arranged the supper, and all had done their parts well. Never was the floor in better order, nor could more attractive dainties have been provided. Mrs Black was asked to act as chaperon, which was notified on the invitation card, and she and Mesdames McNab, Lucas, and E. Chaytor, played the dance music, which was exceedingly lively. Mr G. Rogers was an efficient secretary. Some of those present were Mesdames Anderson, Clouston, Rogers, W. Baillie, H. Horton, McCallum, McIntosh, P. Doustin, and the Misses Staveley (Wellington), who looked very piquant in white satin, trimmed with black; Bull, who wore a white snowflake muslin skirt, white silk bodice, trimmed with lace; E. Bull, white muslin skirt and silk bodice; C. Bull, white; Eckford (2), white, with coloured sashes; Stace; B. Stace, cream dress; F. Chaytor; Ewart, emerald green velvet skirt, the bodice of pale green silk, with white fichu; Ivy Ewart, white; F. Nosworthy, bright pink dress; M. Nosworthy, black skirt, pale yellow bodice, band round the neck, and waist of gold open work; Buckhurst (2). B. White (Auckland), white dress, with yellow silk and black velvet trimming; R. Greenfield, cream dress; Hargreaves (Dunedin), white; Rose, white satin and feather trimming; Hodson, art green silk dress; McIntosh, pretty pink silk dress; M.

McIntosh, white; Healy (2), blue dresses; K. Furness; Clouston (3); Gillin; J. Horne; Carkeek; Serena Rogers, white silk; C. Ward; B. Elbeck, yellow satin; Elbeck (2); J. Horton, black skirt, cream bodice; D. Redwood; Farmer, pretty silk dress; Macallister (2); Irene Parcer; Waddy, heliotrope silk; E. Waddy, white; Neville (2), both wore white; and Messrs R. McCallum, A. Rayner, J. Greenfield, Grace (2), Stace (3), Peerless (Nelson), Burden, Fish, Stow, Willmot, W. Baillie, H. Bagger, Johnson, Bull (2), Moore (2), Tripe (Wellington), G. MacShane, Griffiths (2), Clunies-Ross, Banks, Fawson, E. Green, R. Park, B. Lucas, Roy Furness, Roy Simson, L. Macey, L. Clouston, F. Bottrill, Rogers (2), Ward (2), F. Ward (Forayth Island), G. Gowler, B. Pickering, H. Horton, D. Reid, J. Ewart, Irving, and Dankias (Picton), Major Chaytor, and others.

The Rev. Mr Galwey invited all the choir boys to a picnic on Victoria Day, and they filled a large drag, in which they were taken up the Taylor Pass, and they had a glorious time playing football, or climbing the hills.

A telegram from the Hon. C. H. Mills was received here last week, which announced that Captain Chaytor, who served with the Third Contingent in South Africa, and who only returned a week or two ago, has been promoted to the rank of Major.

FRIDA.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, May 31.

The West End Tennis Club gave a very pleasant

DANCE

in the Freemasons' Hall last Friday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers, ferns and mirrors, and a dainty supper was provided. Mr. McKinnon Bain's orchestra supplied the music. Mrs. Pollen was wearing a black lace skirt, yellow chiffon blouse; Mrs. Leatham, black, with white opera cape; Mrs. Bewley, blue silk, with white lace trimmings; Mrs. (Dr.) Home, petunia

brocaded silk, trimmed with cream lace; Mrs. Kimble (Stratford), pretty soft white silk; Mrs. Paul, black satin skirt, pale blue velvet blouse; Mrs. W. Shaw, cream lace blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Wright, black lace dress; Miss Hirst, black and white; Miss Walker, black, with jewelled trimmings; Miss Cornwall, black and crimson; Miss E. Cornwall, pale pink; Miss E. Hursthouse, white muslin and satin trimmings; Miss Hursthouse, white and scarlet; Miss Thomson, yellow satin; Miss B. Thomson, white satin; Miss E. Bayley, white muslin; Miss Winter (Christchurch), dainty white silk, ruby velvet trimmings; Miss E. Standish, white silk; Misses Standish (2), Ashburton, one wore cream, with pink roses, and the other black and scarlet; Miss Holdsworth; Miss G. Holdsworth, pale pink; Miss W. Capel, white; Mrs. H. Good (Oeo), white silk, with violets; Mrs. Oswin; Miss Curtis (Wellington), green and white, with scarlet waistband; Miss Teed; Miss Dalziel, black satin and jet trimmings; Miss N. Skeet, pink; Miss Drake (England), black; Miss Fookes; Miss — Hamerton, cream; Mrs. J. Carthew, white silk underskirt, veiled in dewdrop chiffon, finished with crimson flowers; Miss Carrie Bayly, white silk; Mrs. Carthew, white and pale blue; Mrs. Drake; Miss B. Webster, white muslin; etc. Among the gentlemen were: Drs. Leatham, Walker, Home and Fookes, and Messrs. Pollen, Bewley, Kimble, Thomson, Humphries, W. Shaw, Govett, Clarke, Strouts, MacDiarmid (2), Beckett, Brown, Weston (2), Cornwall, Webster, Griffiths (secretary), Robertson, Bayley, Carthew, Standish, W. Bayly, Trebilco.

Last Thursday afternoon a FOOTBALL MATCH,

Tukapa Seniors v. Star Seniors, was held in the Recreation Grounds, and attracted a great number of spectators. After a very even game victory rested with the Tukapas by a points to nil. Among those there watching the game I noticed Madame Tuschka, wearing a very pretty goblin blue cloth coat and skirt, cream silk vest, toque trimmed with pink pompadour silk; Miss Maule, grey costume, pretty black and white hat trimmed with silver sequins; Miss —

Maule, fawn jacket, dark skirt, toque relieved with pale blue; Miss H. Bennett, green and blue plaid silk blouse, hat trimmed with magenta; Mrs. Holmes, fawn jacket, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss Walker, grey coat and skirt; Mrs. Major (Hawera), navy blue costume; Miss H. Humphries, violet velvet blouse, cream lace collar, dark skirt; Miss Black, fawn jacket, navy blue braided skirt, sailor hat; Mrs. Percy Webster, scarlet velvet blouse, dark skirt, black picture hat; Mrs. Hall, pale fawn costume, toque of beaver and pale blue sating; Mrs. Paul, black and heliotrope; Miss Bedford, blue costume, black hat; Miss Eliza, red and black striped blouse, black skirt, hat en suite; Mrs. F. Watson, national blue costume, with cream front, hat to correspond; Miss Teed, black; Mrs. Standish; Miss Standish, green costume, with cream vest; Miss E. Fookes, navy blue, sailor hat; Miss Dempsey, red and black blouse, dark skirt; Miss — Douglas, dark costume, grey boa, cerise hat; Mrs. Dockrill, black; Mrs. Taunton, chocolate, relieved with cream; Mrs. Woodard, mourning costume; Mrs. S. Teed, fawn jacket, dark skirt; Miss A. Pigot, navy blue and white, hat with magenta; Misses Berridge (2), mourning costumes; Mrs. Hood, black and white; Miss Castle looked very stylish in a navy blue costume, black and white toque; Miss Hutchen looked well in black, hat relieved with rose pink; Miss Abbott, national blue costume, hat trimmed with old rose; Miss — Abbott, green and white costume, black and flame-coloured toque; Miss I. Skinner, navy blue and scarlet; Miss L. Skinner, grey; Miss Nichol, black, with fawn jacket, cornflower blue and black toque; Miss J. McAlpine, blue skirt, fawn jacket, black hat, with white ospreys; Mrs. Colson, fawn Newmarket coat, navy blue hat with quills; Miss McEachern, fawn; Miss — McEachern, dark skirt, fawn jacket, sailor hat; Miss Hirst, navy blue coat and skirt; Miss MacDiarmid, green, with fawn jacket, hat trimmed with pale blue; Miss Lawson, fawn jacket, dark skirt; Miss B. Thomson, fawn and black; Miss Devenish, black skirt, fawn jacket, black and yellow hat; Mrs. A. Fookes; Mrs. C. T. Mills, pink and green check silk blouse,



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