

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee, June 21.
 There has been so much excitement about the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of York that I have very little "society news" to tell you of. A great number of ladies and gentlemen have gone to Wellington to participate in the gaieties there, those being: Mesdames Empson, Earle, Abbott, Saunders, Peake, Barnicoat, Ashcroft, L. Jones, Stevenson, Carew, Maclean, Griffiths, McBeth, Barnest, etc., Misses Catfield, McNeill, Griffiths, Taylor (2), Baker, Macwood, Liffiton (2), Brabant, Sealy, Jones, etc.
 On Tuesday evening the second of Miss Pickering's assemblies took place. Although the weather was rather boisterous, there were about thirty ladies and gentlemen present. The dance broke up at midnight, all having had a very enjoyable evening. Those present were: Mrs. Pickering, black; Mrs. Speed, black; Misses Pickering, black; E. Christie, blue and black; Dodsman, white; Barnicoat, pink; Marshall, pink; Anderson, black; W. Anderson, pink; Duncan, white; Lewis, white and green; F. Borlase, white; Mountfort, black; Huit, black; A. Duigan, pink; Messrs. Saunders (2), Harold, Stack, Montgomery, Blair, Aldisorth, Barnard, McNeill, Speed, Wood, Stedman, Anderson, Cholmondeley, F. Hatherly.

Abbott, Treeby, Lister, Neil, MacFarland, Beckett, Brown, Mowery, Collier, Edgcombe, Moon.

There was a CONCERT last Friday evening, held in the Theatre Royal, for the benefit of Mrs. E. Sturmy, who has lately lost her husband. The stage was beautifully decorated with punga and other ferns, lightened with Chinese lanterns, making the whole look like a fairy scene. The ladies chiefly responsible for the arrangements for the concert were Mrs. Paul, assisted by Mrs. Fred Watson, and Misses Humphries and Teed. The tickets taken at the door valued £53, in addition to which it is believed a number of tickets purchased were not used. An excellent programme was arranged.

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 On Wednesday the meet of the Hawke's Bay Hounds was held at "The Brow." Amongst the people present at the start were Miss Rhodes, Miss Waterhouse, Mr. H. Jackson, Mr. Groomer, Mr. Williams, Miss Williams, Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. Harding, Mr. Smith, Mr. Davis, Mr. White,

etc.
 On Tuesday evening in the Athenaeum Hall, Mr. Dakin gave a lecture on "Matthew Arnold." It was a very interesting one, and no doubt if so many people had not been absent in Wellington, there would have been a much larger audience.
 In connection with the Hawke's Bay Camera Club, a meeting of which was held the other evening, Mr. C. Saunders won the prize for the best photograph of a marine subject, and Mr. F. Williams gained the second prize. This Club has a number of enthusiastic members, who do some excellent work, and enter keenly into the various competitions.

June 14.

On Tuesday evening a large number of people attended at the Athenaeum Hall to hear a lecture on "Dissraeli," delivered by Mr. P. S. McLean. Amongst those present were Mrs. Spencer, Miss Spencer, Mrs. McLean, Miss Large, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Phurazyn, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Moore, Miss Begg, Mrs. Anderson, Messrs. Dinwiddie, Wood, Dakin, Williams, Moore, Tanner, etc. The address, which was most interesting, was listened to from beginning to end with great attention.

There has been quite an exodus

from Napier this week to Wellington and Rotorua. Amongst the visitors to Wellington are Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Cornford, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Dunca, Miss Cornford, and Miss Williams. Mrs. Connolly, of "Crissope," Miss Chapman, and Miss Costerill are at present staying at Rotorua. The town is very quiet just now, but on Tuesday it had quite an animated appearance, and a great number of people waited near the Napier Post Office for the signal to be given that the Duke and Duchess had arrived at Auckland. As soon as their arrival was known, all the flags in the town were at once hoisted amidst great cheering. The School Cadets marched through the principal streets, and, having been well drilled, looked very smart and trim. The decorations on the Post Office buildings were most elaborate, but showed to best advantage at night, when every window was illuminated, and a number of Chinese lanterns added to the bright effect.

On Monday the meet of the Hawke's Bay Hounds was held at Ashcott, and one of the best days of the season was enjoyed by the huntsmen. Luncheon was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. Deane, and when the sport was over

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, June 7.
 The Taranaki Rifles held their annual

BALL

on Monday evening in the Drill Hall, and it was a great success, there being about 250 people present. The committee responsible for the arrangements was composed of Captain Okey, Lieutenants Hooker and Cook, Sergeants Lester, Harvey, and Lever (secretary), Corporal Boulton, and Privates Bacon, Davidson, Doughty, Prior, Smith, and Simons. The M.C.'s were Captain Taunton (of the Guards), Sergeant Lister, and Messrs E. Humphries and E. Newall. The music, provided by Mr. McKinnon Bain's orchestra, was much appreciated. Extras were played by Mrs. Percy Webster and Misses Davidson, Hill, and Pearce. The hall was profusely decorated, and the floor was in splendid order. The supper was in the hands of a ladies' committee, consisting of Mesdames Dockrill, Cook, S. Hill, T. Sole, W. Bennett, and H. Whitlington, who deserve the greatest praise. Among the ladies present I noticed Mrs. (Captain) Davidson, black and white; Mrs. Oswin, scarlet silk blouse, transparent yoke, black skirt; Mrs. Mills, black merveilleux, lace fichu; Mrs. Hoby, black and white; Mrs. Messenger, dark green velvet; Mrs. Ab. Goldwater, black and jet; Mrs. Paul, black and silver net; Miss O. Wilkinson, cream lustre with satin trimmings; Mrs. Dockrill (Mayoress), black; Mrs. Percy Webster, grey and white; Mrs. Taunton, blue plaid blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Hall; Miss Abbott, green satin and jet trimmings; Miss Parker, pink; Miss Lewis, white silk trimmed with black velvet bebe ribbon; Misses Humphries (2, Napier) were much admired; one wore gold silk with net sleeves, while the other wore red satin; Miss Hill, white; Miss Mowery, pink blouse, dark skirt; Miss Hoby, black, with scarlet flowers; her sister wore white; Miss E. Pearce, pretty cream striped satin; Miss K. Jackson, white silk and chiffon; Miss N. Curtis (Wellington), cerise silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss J. McAlpine, pretty blue silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Edgcombe, white and blue; Miss G. Natherson was much admired in black velvet, trimmed with rucked net, cerise satin roses in hair; Miss Page, white and blue; Miss M. Pearce, white; Miss Nichol, pretty black and white net blouse over red silk, dark skirt; Miss Dixon (Petone), white; Miss Tippins, yellow silk blouse, green striped skirt; Misses Cook (2), pretty white muslins, trimmed with lace; Miss Bullot, scarlet silk blouse, with white flowers on shoulder, dark skirt; Miss A. Tringer, white, with green sash; Miss Treeby, black; Miss Abbott, white; Miss Teunbridge, cream; etc. Among the gentlemen were Messrs Hopkins, McArra, Humphries, Mills, Cook, Messenger, Goldwater, Cook, Taunton, Meldsworth, Messenger, Gilmour, Russell, Lewis, Brasch, Holmes, Berridge, Tunbridge,

WHY I AM WELL!

A Lady's Candid and Interesting Explanation.

Mrs. Francis King is the bright and intelligent wife of a well known and highly respected farmer of (Mara, Ferrasse, Invercargill. In response to inquiries as to a report that she had been cured of rheumatism by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, Mrs. King gave the following particulars—"About eight years ago I became subject to attacks of severe headaches, and later on, to indigestion, so that I had to diet myself most carefully. My blood had undoubtedly become impoverished. Some time later I was afflicted with excruciating, gnawing pains in my hands and limbs, and as time went on, the agony increased until every bone in my body ached. My hands became bent and deformed, so that I had not the full use of them. One of my legs was so greatly affected as to make me lame, and finally I became a complete cripple. My husband and friends said it was pitiful to see me, for the agony I suffered was so intense that I screamed aloud. Four doctors who attended me during my illness diagnosed my case as rheumatism, but notwithstanding their skillful treatment the rheumatism did not leave me. My husband, at different times, purchased for me many advertised remedies, and indeed we tried everything we heard of, but with the same unsatisfactory result. Then through reading of

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and the cures which they had effected, he bought me a box. The contents of this benefited me considerably, so another lot was purchased for me. After taking them the pains ceased down, and I was able to get about a little better. I continued taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills until I had no further need for them, being completely cured. Every trace of rheumatism has vanished, and after being an utter cripple for six years, I am now as strong and active as any woman in the district. To Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People alone I owe my wonderful recovery, so I will always strongly recommend them."

