

LATE SOCIETY NEWS

WANGANUI.

Dear Rec. August 11.

The annual ball of the Wanganui Collegiate School Old Boys' Association was held in the Drill Hall on Friday, and was a decided success. There were about 400 present, and the arrangements for the dance were all that could be desired. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The floor was good; also the music.

Supper was supplied by the ladies, and was pronounced most recherche, consisting of turkeys, chickens, ham, tongue, salads, oysters, trifles, fruit salads, jellies, sweets, and all manner of delicacies. The committee are to be congratulated on the success of the function, due in no small measure to the indefatigable efforts of the secretary, Mr. A. Lewis. Among those present were: Mrs. Empson, black broche bodice, trimmed with real lace; Mrs. Nixon, yellow brocade, with handsome lace trimmings; Mrs. Wray wore black silk; Mrs. Kitchen, handsome black silk, with jetted trimmings; Mrs. Dymock, black, with white cloak; Mrs. Barnicoat, white chiffon over heliotrope satin; Mrs. Brookfield, cream corded silk; Mrs. Chometely, black velvet, with old lace trimmings; Mrs. Anderson, black; Mrs. A. Montgomery, white satin, transparent yolk and sleeves; Mrs. Cutfield, pink and heliotrope costume; Mrs. G. Letbridge, black and white; Mrs. Newcombe, black velvet, with red trimmings; Mrs. Anderson, black; Mrs. Sheriff, handsome black silk, with gold trimmings; Mrs. Dogshun, black, with transparent yolk and sleeves; Mrs. Walter Johnston, pink satin, the bodice trimmed with black velvet; Mrs. Edgar, white silk; Mrs. Alex. Higgle wore a black silk gown; Mrs. Bortase, red satin; Mrs. Phillips (Christchurch), yellow satin, with violets on bodice; Mrs. Prouse, white silk; Mrs. Lucena, black brocade; Miss Earle wore a pretty costume of pink satin and white lace on corsage; Miss Tui Letbridge (debutante) wore soft white silk; Miss Barnicoat, pretty white satin and chiffon; Miss Alice Willis' pink brocade, embroidered with sequins and pearls, was much admired; Miss Dogshund wore a smart gown of soft white silk; Miss Lily Newcombe (debutante), pretty white chiffon; Miss Anderson, black; her sister wore pink silk; Miss Flora Blair, pink satin and black velvet on bodice; Miss Anderson (debutante), white silk and lace; Miss McNeil, white satin; her sister wore white silk; Miss Polson, white muslin, with lace; Mrs. L. Jones, black satin and jet; Miss Christie, black and white chiffon; her sister wore black and green; Miss Pickering, cream silk; Miss Cutfield, white silk, with blue velvet on bodice; Miss Peat wore a gown of soft white silk; Miss Hare was gowned in pink satin; Miss Florin wore a pretty gown of cream; Misses Dean and A. Higgle wore black; Miss Lifiton was gowned in black velvet, with lace trimmings; Miss Dymock, blue costume; Miss Gurr, blue. Among the gentlemen present were: Mr. Empson (president), Messrs. Lewis, Wray, Dymock, Blair (2), Clay (Wellington), Stack, Johnston, Grace, Nixon, Edgar, Low, Brookfield, Watson, Harold, Bannister, Davis (Palmerston), Cholmondeley, Hare, Morton (2), Wilson and James.

The night following the dance we went to see the famous Gerardy. Everyone went to hear him with great expectations, and it is too little to say that Gerardy's performances were beyond the very greatest. Everyone listened with rapt attention, and after each item he was greeted with a perfect storm of clapping and cheering. Mr. Lawrence Phillip, who accompanies Mr. Gerardy, as solo pianist and accompanist, is a musician with a brilliant career before him. His accompanying was perfect. Among the audience were Mesdames Empson, Barnicoat, Phillip, Aikens, Nixon, Walter Johnston, Kitchen, Ramsay, Zander, Hughes, Johnston, Dogshun, Hole, Innes, Collier, Brookfield, Hope-Gibbons, Higgle, and Misses Wilford (2), Earle, Dogshun, Gurr, Griffiths, Newman, Newcombe, Willis, Duncau, Christie and Young.

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PERSONAL NOTES FROM LONDON.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, July 7.

Captain Neill, of the N.Z.M.R., was one of the officers who arrived last Saturday by the Simla.

Miss Celia Dampier has so improved in health that she is expected to return to her home this week.

Sir John Hall has, I am glad to hear, speedily recovered from his bronchial cold, and was able to go to the Royal Show at Cardiff, and to speak at one of the functions connected therewith.

Mr. and Mrs. Oatts, who have just returned to Glasgow after visiting the Y.M.C.A.'s of the Empire, were welcomed home by a large gathering in the Christian Institute of that city, presided over by the Lord Provost. Mr. Oatts, in replying, said that he was deeply impressed with the necessity for Y.M.C.A.'s in India and the colonies, where the temptations were a thousand times fiercer than at home, and there were fewer restraining influences. If the temptations at the Antipodes are a thousand times fiercer than those to be encountered at an evening in Piccadilly—well, "there'll be a hot time in the young town to-night."

The Rev. L. Fitzgerald (Wellington and Auckland), who came home with his sister, Mrs. Levin, by way of Vancouver and the C.P.R., and who is now staying with her at Turnstall House, Worcester Park, Surrey, has been so much benefited by the voyage as to have almost completely regained his health. Mr. Fitzgerald is taking duty for two months at the Old Malden Church, while the rector visits Germany. He intends to seek advice for his heart and his eyes, which have been giving him some trouble. Six months is the probable length of his stay.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Thomson, of Auckland, after three weeks in America, landed here a couple of months ago. Mr. Thomson will sand-wich mining and other business with visits to friends in or near London. His present headquarters are "Cuplands," Hadley Wood, Barnet, but he means before the close of summer to make some short trips with Mrs. Thomson to the West of England, Wales and Scotland, and possibly Ireland and France. They will fit again by way of the Canal in time to reach Auckland for Christmas.

Mr. John Henry Howell, B.A., B.Sc., science master at the County School, Aberystwith, has been appointed science master of the Auckland Grammar School. Mr. Howell has had eight years' experience in teaching at Craigmore College, Clifton, the Strand School, King's College, London, and the County School, where he has been preparing pupils for the London and Welsh University matriculation examinations. In addition to a successful course of study at University Colleges, Aberystwith and London, Mr. Howell has done research work at the University of Strasburg and the Federal Polytechnic, Zurich. He is 31 years of age and married, and takes a keen interest in all school sports. Mr. and Mrs. Howell will not leave for Auckland until August.

A New Zealand wedding took place at S. Paul's, Shanklin, in the Isle of

Wight, on the 20th of last month. The contracting parties were Dr. Walter Pemberton Fooks, M.B., eldest son of the late Mr. W. Pemberton Fooks of Otahuhu, and grandson of the late Mr. W. Crocroft Fooks, Q.C., of the Bowmans Lodge, Dartford, Kent, and Miss Maud Mary Appleton, youngest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Appleton, of Arlesford Lodge, Shanklin. The Rev. G. Locksley tied the knot.

The "Church Chronicle" has the following "In Memoriam" notice of the late Archdeacon Dudley, whom it terms "one of the oldest, most loving, and most loveable of the clergy in New Zealand."

"His life and work speak for themselves. Few among us have equalled him in saintliness of character, and in labours more abundant for his Lord and Master, and those for whom He gave himself. The writer of these few lines was amongst those privileged to listen to the sermon which he preached at Bishop John Selwyn's consecration. His text was 'Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our life for the brethren.' These words exactly express the secret of that beautiful life which has just been taken from us. May the memory of it long be cherished by us, and help us to follow in the same steps in which he trod."

Archdeacon Dudley's eldest son, who is a B.A. of Cambridge, is a medical student at the Westminster Hospital.

Consumption's often caused by cold, Neglected in its early stage, And once it gets a good firm hold, It hasn't much respect for age. Now when a man's so near the grave, When hope is dead and death seems sure, Oh! what can ease him, what can save? W.E. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.



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Personal Paragraphs.

The Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly are at present visiting Napier, as the guests of Mrs. R. D. D. McLean.

Mr. J. A. X. Eidle, of Dunedin, is on a visit to Sydney.

Miss M. Carte, of Wellington, is on a visit to Mrs. Oldham, of Hamilton.

Miss Pratt, of New Plymouth, has gone for a trip to Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Woodrow, of Glasgow, are visiting Christchurch.

Miss Coborough, of Fiji, is visiting Miss George, New Plymouth.

Mr. Paul, of Ashburton, paid a flying visit to Timaru last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Keesing are leaving Auckland to reside in Napier.

Mrs. Manton, of Wellington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Collins, of New Plymouth.

Miss Hadfield, of Marton, is staying at "Wainui House," Nelson, for the benefit of her health.

Mr. N. Halse, of the Bank of New South Wales, New Plymouth, has been transferred to Bulls.

Miss Cunningham has returned to New Plymouth, after her pleasant trip to Wellington, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Holford.

Miss N. Kelly, of New Plymouth, is visiting Mrs. Hobby, Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, "Meadowbank," Blenheim, are visiting Wellington.

Mrs. Fenwick and her daughter, Mrs. Teasemaker, of Dunedin, are staying at "Wainui House," Nelson.

Mrs. Bewley, of New Plymouth, who has been spending a few weeks with Mrs. Griffiths, at "The Barton," left Blenheim last Friday to return home.

Lady Stout, who has been spending several weeks with friends in Nelson, has returned to Wellington.

The Misses Mills, who have been spending a week or two with Mrs. Neville at "Thurston," Blenheim, returned to Wellington on Friday.

Mr. Wilfred Conolly, after spending a week or two with his brother, Mr. J. Conolly, in Blenheim, since his return from South Africa, has now gone to Auckland to see his father and sisters, Judge and the Misses Conolly.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson, "Merchison," Opawa, gave a delightful dance for young people at her residence on Friday evening.

Mrs. and Miss Richmond, who have been for a trip to Auckland and Napier, have returned to their home in Nelson.

Mrs. Lightfoot, who has been spending several weeks in Auckland with her sister, Mrs. Roberts, has returned to Nelson.

Mr. C. Webb-Bowen, of the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, has been spending a few days in Nelson with his mother, whose health is causing her family and friends much anxiety.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wilcox, of Dunedin, have returned home after a pleasant visit to Auckland and Iloilo.

Miss Annie Bartlett, who for some weeks past has been an inmate of the Masterton Hospital, is making most satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Mr. Gow, Commissioner of Trades and Customs, leaves the colony on business connected with his office on the 17th inst.

The Rev. J. Gibb and Mr. C. J. Payne, of Dunedin, were in Wellington last week in connection with church business.

Mr. D. Johnston, the newly appointed Collector of Customs, arrived in Wellington from the Bluff last week, and immediately entered on his duties.

An exceedingly pleasant function took place at the Dunedin Shakespeare Club (which is the oldest in the colony) the other evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigs, with Misses Sigs (2), of Symonds-street, Auckland, have gone to live in Palmerston North, the former having bought a farm there. During their short stay in New Plymouth they were the guests of Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Sigs' sister.