

son, white; Mrs Hope Lewis, navy coat and skirt, floral toque; Miss Lewis, navy tucked costume, white hat with silk; Mrs McLean, dark gown, black toque; Mrs A. W. Page, black gown, white hat; Miss Goodwin, grey poplin; Misses Gorrion (2), white pique, sailor hats; Mrs Alexander, black gown, black bonnet; Miss Vera Alexander, white gown, white hat; Miss Haigh, navy gown, hat with flowers; Mrs Nolan, navy gown, violet floral hat; Mrs Hodge, mourning costume; Miss M. Dargaville, holland gown, sailor hat; Miss Crowther, black.

The Auckland Grammar School "breaking-up" ceremony and distribution of prizes took place in the Choral Hall last Thursday evening. The pupils occupied the seats behind the platform, and the body of the hall was filled with parents and friends. Sir G. M. O'Rourke (chairman of the Grammar School Board) presided. Amongst those present I noted Mrs Minitt, black; Miss Minitt, grey check skirt, white blouse; Mrs Dyer, dark costume; Mrs Armitage, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs Craig, dark skirt, pretty white silk blouse, with lace finishings; Mrs Dillingham, red and black costume veiled in black canvas; Mrs Tole, black silk; Mrs Brabant, black; Miss Biss, dark skirt, fawn silk blouse veiled in spotted muslin; Mrs J. E. Davis, black and white figured blouse, with velvet collar; Miss Northercroft, dark skirt, white blouse; and her sister wore black; Mrs Aicken, black; Miss Aicken, white cambric; Miss Stoman, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs (Prof.) Thomas, pretty pink foulard, with floral design and trimmed with black velvet; Mrs C. Buddle, grey coat and skirt; Mrs Gutteridge, navy bolero and skirt; Miss Webbe, dark skirt, fawn jacket; Miss Shepherd, black; Miss Morrison, dark gown; Mrs (Prof.) Segar, black lustrous gown, faced with white; Miss McCormick, dark skirt, grey muslin blouse with white lace; and her friend wore a dark skirt, canary blouse; Miss Walters, white cambric; Mrs Dinneen, green coat and skirt; Miss Dinneen, dark skirt, blue blouse; and her sister wore navy; Mrs Hogg, black; Miss Hogg, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs Devore, mourning costume; Mrs Robert Walker, grey check, finished with black; Miss Walker, white cambric; Miss Kent, brown holland; Miss Shrewsbury, mode grey; Miss Haultain, black; Mrs Tibbs, black, with fawn lace; Miss Rice, brown holland; Mrs Devereux, grey coat and skirt; Mrs Makgill, dark skirt, brown holland jacket; Mrs Napier, black costume, white hat swathed with black; Misses Nelson (2), dark skirts, light blouses; Mrs Keesing, black skirt, mignonette green silk blouse; Miss Grant, dark skirt, light blouse; Miss Haselden, cream gown, finished with black velvet; Mrs Sholto Douglas, black; Miss Douglas, navy foulard skirt, brown holland jacket; Miss Udry, dark skirt, blue flowered muslin blouse; Miss Crowther, grey tucked muslin gown; Miss Rice, white; Mrs Arnold, black; Miss Nichol, black skirt, white pique jacket; Mrs Richards, black; Miss G. Crowther, white muslin; Miss Eileen London, white pique; Miss Flora Gordon, white cambric; Miss L. Beehan, dark navy blue gown trimmed with white braid; Miss Lane, white spotted muslin; Miss M. Taylor, white muslin; Miss Madden, white muslin; Miss A. Ironside, white cambric; Miss Muriel Adams, white; Miss Haslett, white; Misses Kirkbride, Welham, and E. Taylor wore white; Miss Wilkes, white skirt, pink blouse; Miss F. Scott, white; Miss Biss, white; Miss M. Rice, white gown; Miss D. Cady, white muslin; Misses Haselden (2), Dyer (2), and Lynch wore white gowns; Miss Dickinson, brown holland skirt, pink blouse; Miss Rita Brigham, red skirt, white blouse; Miss Lily Martin, black skirt, white blouse; Miss Gwen Davis, pink cambric; Miss Beaumont, white foulard, with blue flowers; Miss Ethel Trimer, dark costume; Misses Elise and Clara Stoman wore black skirts, white blouses; Miss Palmer, white; Miss D. Williams, dark costume; Miss E. Worrall, dark skirt, white blouse; Miss W. Johnston, white; Miss Eaback, white; Misses Andrews, Miller, Far-

ker, Dunlop, Strong, Houston, Newlett, Wishart, Jacky, L. Moore, M. Tair, C. Scott, A. Goldie, Mitchell, Cattaneach, Metraill, Donaldson, Keenig, Spencer, Craig, Buchanan, and Gibbons all wore white muslins; Miss E. Huckleock, white skirt, pink satin blouse; Miss Davies, pink foulard; Miss London, white skirt, yellow silk blouse.

PHYLIS BROWN.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, December 20.
A RECEPTION was held on the Bowling Green on December 12th, to welcome Mr Paul, who has been on a visit to the Old Country. The green was prettily decorated. Over the pavilion were placed the words "Welcome Home," and on the far side of the green appeared the words "You Have Done Well." Mr Tisch, the vice-president, welcomed Mr Paul home; also Mr Samuel made a few remarks. Mr Paul, in reply, expressed his keen appreciation of the welcome they had given him. The Town Band was in attendance, and when Mr and Miss Paul appeared it struck up "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Afternoon tea was provided by Mesdames Innes, Jackson, Tisch and Misses Jackson (2). Amongst those present were Mrs Sykes, black costume, with pretty toque to match; Mrs Hadfield, black costume, red front; Mrs Blythe, holland costume; Mrs Cook; Mrs Horne, black and white; Mrs Biggs, black skirt, violet blouse; Mrs Langford, beautiful black silk, picture hat trimmed with violet; Mrs Marks, green costume; Mrs Osborne, fawn blouse, black skirt; Mrs Morey, blue costume; Mrs Freeth, black silk; Mrs A. Goldwater, handsome black poplin, trimmed with jet, toque en suite; Mrs Middleton, black; Mrs Benne looked charming in white; Mrs H. Goldwater, blue blouse, black skirt; Mrs Mills, pretty holland costume; Mrs Shotlander, white pique costume; Mrs Collins, black skirt, cream blouse; Mrs Ellis, black costume; Mrs Messenger, black, black toque; Mrs Avery, red silk trimmed with black net; Mrs Mitchell, white silk, black toque; Mrs Kelly, black; Mrs Pookes, black skirt, light blouse; Miss Paul looked exceedingly pretty in a grey costume, large picture hat trimmed with pink; Mrs Lawson, black; Miss Barton, white; Miss I. Ellis, white; Mrs Bacon, black; Miss Avery, blue; Miss A. Avery, blue; Miss K. Hall, white; Miss Freeth, light blue costume trimmed with white; Miss Jackson, white pique costume; Miss R. Bennett, lavender; Miss Cattley, cream; Mrs Fraser, black costume; Miss Carthew, pretty white dress; Mrs Dell, black skirt, pink silk blouse; Miss I. Goldwater, white costume; Miss Morey, white; Miss McKellar, grey costume; Miss Cunningham, pretty black and white blouse, black skirt; Mrs Pascoe, black; Mrs Carthew, black; Mrs Cottier, black; Miss Jenkinson, black; Mrs McKellar, grey costume; Mrs P. Webster, white silk; Mrs Fenton, heliotrope costume; Mrs Cooke, black skirt, heliotrope blouse trimmed with cream lace.

NANCY LEE.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, December 20.
The concert given at Mr G. W. Williamson's studio in Byron-street last week by his pupils, and which was under the direction of Mr Williamson himself, was very well attended, and an excellent programme was effectively carried out by a long list of performers. The concert began with "Allemande," played by Miss Elsie Harvey. Mr Williamson, later in the evening, played a duet with Miss Lor-kin. Miss Cora Fanning gave as her solo pieces Mendelssohn's "Andante" and "Rondo Capriccioso," and Miss Dolly Robjohns gave an effective performance of one of Hadyn's sonatas. The other instrumental solos comprised a "Nocturne," given with great taste and technical facility by Miss Jardine; "Capriccioso," by Miss M. Burke, and "Albumblatt," by Miss Eva Humphries. Miss Bear sang with telling effect "Why Must We Say Good-bye?" Miss M. Houlston gave "Ruby," with Bish and Lucy; and

Mr Keith Cottrell produced a favourable impression with a sympathetic rendering of "The Vagabond." Some of those present were: Mrs Robjohns, looking well in a handsome black dress trimmed with lace; Mrs Gore, also in black; Mrs Fanning, Mrs Howell, Miss Howell, Miss Cottrell, and many others.
Miss May London, music teacher, who is comparatively new to Napier, and her pupils gave a concert at the

Gaiety Theatre last week, providing for the occasion an interesting programme, which included Chopin's "Valse op. 84," played by Miss London in highly creditable fashion. Mrs Reid sang in an intelligent and capable manner "La Berceuse," the violin obligato to which was played by Mr W. J. Strong; Mrs Reid also contributed a "Hush Song" and "The Swallow." Miss Elsie Smith played with much success Mozart's Sonata in A;



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