

Society Gossip

NAPIER.

November 7.

Dear Bee,

The opening of the Hawke's Bay Tennis Courts took place on Saturday, when a large number of people, both players and spectators, were present. Afternoon tea was given by Mrs Bradley, the wife of the secretary, who wore a black dress with a yoke of string-coloured lace and a becoming white straw hat trimmed with pink roses; Mrs. Frank Perry had a pink silk blouse, a deep cream skirt, and a large hat; Mrs Russell Duncan wore a tussore silk costume with both the bodice and skirt tucked and trimmed with guipure lace and rosettes of bright red ribbon, her white hat was trimmed with red silk; Mrs. Edgar wore pale green cashmere with chiffon sleeves, her becoming toque was trimmed with pale green and black velvet; Mrs Baxter had a navy blue dress made with an Eton coat and skirt, burnt straw toque; Mrs. Keesing was prettily dressed in pale blue canvas, and she wore pink rosebuds in her picture hat; Mrs T. Moore had a slate-grey gown, trimmed with grey and black chiffon, toque to match; Mrs Kane wore a black dress, a fawn jacket, and a black hat; Mrs Goldsmith was in blue and white; Mrs Bowen had a dark blue and white silk blouse, a black cloth skirt, and a toque to match; Miss Sutton was in a claret coat and skirt; Mrs Westall wore a white blouse, a black skirt, and a hat trimmed with black velvet; Miss Iolanthe Margoliouth wore a pale blue zephyr dress, pink hat; Miss Vera Wilson had a holland costume and a sailor hat; Miss Burke wore a pink blouse, a holland skirt, and a white pique hat; Miss M. Locking had a pale blue muslin dress, a blue chiffon boa and a hat to match; Miss T. Heath wore a fawn jacket, a black skirt, and her hat trimmed with red; Mrs. Pavitt wore dark blue and a straw toque trimmed with crimson ribbon; Miss Goldsmith was in cream muslin and lace, and a black velvet hat; Miss Greensill wore a blue blouse, a black skirt, and a straw hat; Miss McLernon wore a holland dress; Miss McVay wore a cream blouse, a blue skirt, and a hat trimmed with blue and white ribbon; Miss Clampitt wore a pretty blue blouse, a black skirt, and a straw hat trimmed with pink roses; Miss Hetley wore pale blue and a large black hat; Miss Fannin was in black and white; Miss Mary Dinwiddie, figured muslin, sailor hat; Mrs Pharaayn was handsomely dressed in black, feather boa, and black bonnet, relieved with heliotrope; Mrs Stedman wore light grey and a pale blue hat; Miss F. Williams was in blue, and she wore a becoming toque; Mrs A. Kennedy had a blue blouse, a black skirt, and a straw hat; Miss Dulcie Kennedy also wore a light blouse and a dark skirt; Miss Linda Davis was in black and white.

A successful amateur dramatic and musical entertainment was given on the 5th instant, in the Theatre Royal, in aid of the Hawke's Bay Cricket Association. The programme was most attractive, and consisted of a concert followed by a one-act comedy. The vocalists who gave their services were Miss E. Magnin, of Wellington, whose rendering of "Beloved, it is Morn." was exquisite; Mr Howard and Mr A. E. Renouf. Mrs Natusch also ably presided at the pianoforte, while the Frivolity Orchestra was heard to advantage. The concert was followed by "Withered Leaves," a comedy in one act by Broughton. It proved a pretty domestic story, with touches both of pathos and humour. It was well and smoothly played throughout by Mr Broad, Mr McEassey, Mr C. Margoliouth, Mrs. Edgar, Miss J. Heath and Mr Munro. The room was well filled, and the Cricket Association will have a fine sum in hand. Amongst the audience were: Mrs Ronald, in black lace and net; Mrs

T. Moore, in a pink blouse, a dark skirt, and a handsome cream opera cloak; Mrs Williams was in black silk; Miss Dulcie Kennedy wore cream; Mrs Stedman was admired in a pale pink costume, trimmed with lace; Miss Fannin wore black and pale blue; Mrs McLean was in black; Mrs Margoliouth also wore black; Miss Margoliouth had a cream dress.

A very successful

BACHELORS' PARTY.

which is quite a novelty in Napier, was held at the residence of Mrs N. Williams on the 30th of last month. The guests, who began to roll up at eight o'clock, were received by Mr D. S. Williams, and after the usual hand-shaking, proceeded to the large drawing-room, which I must not forget to mention is an Al room for an entertainment of this description. To enumerate all the guests that assembled is a tax on my memory; however, here goes for those most familiar to me. There was A. R. Munro, F. McVay, W. Norman, H. Bear, A. Bowman, Syd. Ridman, A. Munro, F. McVay, W. Norman, J. Shirley, Broad, Brabant, T. Parker, Robinson, A. Howard, A. E. Renouf, H. Hooper, J. Plozman, R. McLernon, N. Heath, G. Pufflett, S. McFarlane, A. J. Williams, E. Nesbitt, F. H. Williams, R. Heath and Arthur St. Clair.

Progressive euchre was first indulged in, and the first prize, which was a handsome gold-mounted greenstone pendant, was won by Mr R. Norman, the result of a keenly contested game with Mr H. Hooper.

Euchre parties always produce a prodigious appetite, and in consequence full justice was done to the contents of the daintily-laid supper table.

After supper the evening took the form of a smoke concert. To go into details of this would take too long, but I must mention that Mr A. St. Clair opened with a song, which received much applause; this was followed by more songs and recitations, all ably rendered. Mr F. H. Williams made an excellent pianist. All the items were heartily applauded, particularly those contributed by Messrs H. Bear and A. E. Renouf. After honouring several toasts, the party wound up by singing "Auld Lang Syne, and thus ended at 2 a.m. a most thoroughly enjoyable evening.

MARJORIE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, November 7.

Mr and Mrs W. D. Webster gave a most

ENJOYABLE DANCE

in the Freemasons' Hall last Wednesday evening, in honour of her second daughter's (Miss B. Webster) twenty-first birthday. The hall was beautifully decorated with ferns and yellow broom, and the supper tables looked exquisite, almost laden down with all the delicacies of the season. Mr McKinnon Bain's orchestra rendered the music, while the floor, which is supposed to be the best in New Plymouth, was like glass. The programmes were very dainty, having the initials of Miss Webster printed on them. The hostess received her guests in black silk trimmed with lovely real lace, and was assisted by her daughters and sons, whose one great pleasure it seemed was in looking after the enjoyment of their friends, by introducing one to another, and seeing that they had partners for the coming dances. As everyone was thoroughly enjoying himself, the dance did not break up until the wee sma' hours—in fact, several remarked afterwards it was then too soon. Miss Webster wore a very pretty dress of white muslin, trimmed with string-coloured lace insertion; Miss L. Webster, white, with pink sash; Miss W. Webster, dainty white silk; Mrs Lusk, black satin; Miss A. Smith, black and heliotrope; Mrs Bewley, black silk; Miss Gwen Bewley, pretty pink silk frock; Mrs Sladden, white satin; Mrs Paton, handsome black sequined costume;

Miss Day, pale blue banded with black velvet; Miss Skeet, white silk; Miss Witchell (Auckland), black satin; Miss Govett, pale pink chiffon; Miss Hursthouse (Wellington), black; Miss Tuke, black net, with sequined trimmings; Miss Skinner, white gauze and silk; Miss Roy, white silk and roses; Miss Paul, black net; Miss Jacob, cream silk, with black velvet trimmings; Miss C. Jacob, pale yellow tucked silk; Miss Dalziel, black satin and scarlet roses; Miss Kemp, black and pink; Miss Evans, white interlined silk; Miss G. Shaw, pale green and black; Miss F. McAllum, looked well in white satin; Miss J. McKellar, white muslin, with bebe ribbon trimmings; Miss Lawson, pretty white interlined muslin; Miss Walker, black net over pink; Miss A. Walker, pale green and cream; Misses Fookes (2) were studies in white muslin; Mrs H. Stocker, white silk; Miss Bell, pale pink; Miss Lewis, white; Miss Ross (Christchurch), white silk, with lovely chiffon frills; Miss Hawkins, white satin; Miss Mackay, yellow satin; Miss George, white silk; Miss W. Baker, blue silk; Miss E. Hamerton, white silk relieved with pale blue; Miss Capel, yellow silk; Miss — Capel, black net; Miss MacDiarmid, white and pale blue; Miss Borlace (Wellington), black silk; Miss O. Stanford, white; Miss Stewart (Stratford), black tucked silk relieved with pink; Mrs P. Webster, white silk and pale blue; Misses D. and E. Glynes, white muslin respectively; Miss Dempsey, white; Miss Deacon, white silk; Miss Wilson, heliotrope; Miss E. Bayley, white silk; Miss T. Smith, pale green; Miss W. Thomson, white satin. Among the gentlemen were Messrs Webster (5), Drs. Jones and Fookes, Maisey, Humphries, Paul, G. Fookes, D. Miller, Glynes, Mair, Robertson, Stocker, Spencer, Paton, Thomson (2), Shaw, Brasch, Cutfield, R. Bruce, Standish, Abraham, Bruce, L. Webster, Beckett, Waddie, Weston (2) Hamerton, Halse, George, H. Nelson, Griffiths, MacDiarmid, Whitcombe, etc.

NANCY LEE.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, November 11.

The annual athletic sports in connection with the Auckland College and Grammar School were held on Friday last at the Domain Cricket Ground. The weather was fine and the attendance was large. Amongst those present were Lady Logan Campbell, very handsome grey voile, black collarette, black hat with folded tulle swathings and tulle strings; Miss Blades, black costume, with white lace, black toque; Miss Thorpe, blue cambric, burnt straw hat; and her sister wore black skirt, light blouse, burnt straw hat with white; Mrs Turner, green with brown velvet, black hat; Miss Picken, fawn skirt, check blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Tibbs, periwinkle blue gown, lace collar, black bonnet; Miss Reid, green gown trimmed with brown velvet, black hat; Mrs Arnold, navy cloth, cream lace, black toque with tulle; Mrs Jervis, black skirt, grey jacket, sailor hat; Miss Annesley, black voile, black hat; Miss Durleu, grey coat and skirt, cream hat with grey; Mrs Rankin Reed, brown with ecru lace, burnt straw toque; Mrs C. F. Biddle, very stylish black dress with large tucks horizontally made on skirt and bodice, black hat; Mrs Gutteridge, navy bolero and skirt with cream lace, black toque; Mrs J. King Davis, purple voile, edged with black, black bonnet with violet velvet; Mrs J. B. McFarlane, navy serge bolero and skirt, black hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs Murray, dark green frieze bolero and skirt, white vest with green velvet, cream hat with cream tulle; Miss Murray, black silk with cream lace, black hat with pink silk; Mrs Walker, navy with velvet trimming, velvet toque; Misses Stewart (2), black skirts, white blouses, sailor hats; Miss Gillilan, black skirt, blue and white figured blouse, cream toque with black; Mrs Ryan, black

costume, blue collarette veiled in ecru lace, sailor hat; Mrs Pierce, dark skirt, fawn jacket, black hat; Miss Metcalfe, navy gown; and her sister wore grey airt, white silk blouse, burnt straw toque; Mrs Keesing, navy; Mrs Myers, black; Miss Ettie Myers, fawn gown with blue waistband, burnt straw hat; Mrs Egerton, dark green bolero and skirt, white vest, hat with pansies; Miss Fenton, navy gown and hat; Mrs Brabant, black; Mrs Lawry and Miss Bartley wore mourning costumes; Miss Rice, white muslin, black waistband, sailor hat; Miss Stella Rice, fawn muslin over silk, white hat with blue; Miss Gorrie, navy costume with fawn lace, red hat; Mrs Boscawen, grey tweed with navy bands of braid finished with gold buttons, black hat with ostrich feathers; Miss Dunnett, dark skirt, grey figured silk blouse, white toque with white spotted with black foulard; Mrs Rice, black silk with ecru lace; Mrs Watkins, navy voile; Miss Brassy, pink cambric, black hat with feathers and folded tulle; Miss Oberlin Brown was very much admired in a white muslin with tucks and lace insertion, white hat swathed with tulle; Miss Kenny, black skirt, white blouse, hat with flowers; Miss Stubbins, dark skirt, lizard green striped blouse, black hat; Miss Frater, black; Mrs A. V. McDonald, black silk, with ecru lace, black bonnet; Miss Hesketh, navy; Miss Aicken, navy gown, white vest, sailor hat; Miss D. Wilks, dark skirt, blue blouse, brown hat; and her sister, dark skirt, cream blouse, black hat; Miss Laird, black; Miss R. Laird, black relieved with white; Miss Brigham, mourning costume; Miss McCormick, white pique, sailor hat; Miss Kent, dark skirt, fawn jacket; Miss Outwaite, green costume, black hat; Mrs Minitt, black skirt, black cape, black bonnet with white flowers; Mrs Morrell, black; Mrs Cochran, black; Miss Dawson, black skirt, white blouse; Mrs Thomas Keesing, black costume, sky blue vest, burnt straw hat with silk; Mrs Petrie, black skirt, violet striped blouse, black hat with yellow roses; Mrs Arch. Taylor, black gown with ecru lace applique, black hat with mauve flowers; Mrs Choyce, black voile costume, black chiffon fichu, black bonnet; Mrs Moritzson, violet foulard with ecru lace, black hat with velvet and feathers; Mrs McKean, black; Miss Hull, crushed strawberry costume, coral pink hat with tulle; Miss F. Gorrie, periwinkle, blue gown, hat with bright blue; Mrs Dillingham, French blue costume, black hat swathed with tulle and forget-me-nots; Mrs T. Philson, black costume, burnt straw toque; Miss Cameron, black gown relieved with white; Miss Mab. Rice, fawn muslin; Mrs Napier, grey check, white vest, white fur boa, black hat with feathers; Miss Towle, fawn cloak; Mrs Vailie, dark green, white lace collarette, black hat; Mrs Scott, black, with narrow red stripe, costume, black hat; Mrs Dignan, navy serge coat and skirt, black toque with white lace; Mrs Aldrich, flowered foulard with ecru lace, black hat with pink; Madame Chambers, black gown with ecru lace, black hat; Mrs Sloman, black gown, white vest, black bonnet with pink roses; Misses Sloman (2), dark skirts, light blouses, sailor hats; Mrs Devereux, black, with ecru lace, black hat with tulle; Misses Choyce (2), black voiles, black hats with tulle; Miss Colegrove, navy gown, cream vest, cream hat with pink; Miss Girdler, black skirt, fawn jacket, Panama hat; Miss Goodall, black skirt, blue blouse, violet hat with violets; Miss Coche, grey; Miss Brown, dark skirt, ciel blue silk blouse, sailor hat; and her sister wore a dark skirt, dome blue silk blouse, sailor hat; Miss Morrow, dark skirt, red spotted blouse, sailor hat; and her sister wore dark skirt, fawn jacket, sailor hat; Miss Mulvaney, grey gown, cream hat; Miss Moran, dark skirt, fawn jacket, white hat; Miss Cowan, black gown, black hat; Mrs Hutchison, black gown, pink vest, black hat with tulle and feathers.

When daylight broke on Saturday morning with a dull, overcast sky, accompanied by a drizzling rain, it was feared that the first day of the A.R.C. Spring Meeting would have to be inaugurated under rather unfavourable conditions from a weather point of view. But, though King Sol failed to break through the clouds and so liven up the scene, the rain that fell from the time that racing commenced was the mildest sprinkle. The attendance of the ladies was the poorest ever seen on that course. Amongst the ladies present were: Mrs Sherman, royal blue skirt, brick red jacket, blue toque; Mrs Cattinack,