

black gown, the coat made with a long basque, and broad collar and cuffs of white satin, with an open-work pattern, soft vest and pretty black jetted chiffon toque; Mrs Duncan, in black and a blue rosette in her bonnet; Miss Duncan had a long coat of fawn cloth, edged with a broad band of pale blue silk, embroidered in black, white felt hat with white plumes; Mrs Stott, a pale biscuit gown trimmed with lace, and black and cream toque; Mrs Herries, a pink voile gown trimmed with Paris lace, and a cream toque with flowers; Mrs Adams, in grey silk with cream silk lace, and a toque with white feathers; Mrs Collins, neat black coat and skirt with bustling, and a black toque; Mrs F. Young, in a dark green gown, and toque trimmed with lighter green; Mrs A. Pearce, black Russian suit trimmed with fur, and a black hat; Mrs Coleridge, black gown and hat, fur cape; Mrs C. Pearce, black tailor-made suit and black toque; Mrs Wickham, in a grey flecked tweed costume and cream toque; Mrs Warren, black gown and Toreador hat, sealskin coat; Mrs Stowe, black gown and silk jacket, black bonnet with pink roses; Miss Stowe, in a blue grey gown, and black hat; Mrs Butler, a dark gown trimmed with beaver fur, and a black hat; Mrs Medley, in black and white; and Miss Medley, in grey; Mrs McTavish, sage green gown, and toque to match with ospreys; Miss McTavish, a pastel blue Russian gown and black hat; Mrs McIntosh, in a black gown, and bonnet; Miss McIntosh, a pink frieze gown, and hat to match; Miss — McIntosh, blue voile trimmed with cream insertion, black hat; Mrs Edwin, black and white silk gown, and bonnet with flowers; Miss Edwin wore a dark green Eton gown, and black hat with tips; Mrs Crawford, in black voile with lace, and a touch of cerise; Mrs Rhind, black cloth and silk costume; Mrs Joseph, all black; Miss Joseph, dark Eton gown trimmed with fur, and a black hat; Mrs H. Gore, in a red gown, and black hat; Miss O. Gore, pastel blue zibeline coat, the cape bound with white fur, large white hat; Mrs Fitchett, in a grey gown and toque; Mrs Findlay, dark blue gown trimmed with velvet, black hat with feathers; Mrs Anson, in a dark gown and sealskin jacket, black hat; Mrs Hunt, pale grey with white vest, large black hat; Dr. Mills, a black voile gown trimmed with medallions of cream guipure, and a black toque; Mrs Pynsent, black silk gown with cream lace on the bodice, and a pretty black bonnet; Mrs C. Izard, in a green costume, and black hat; Mrs Firth, a dark tweed gown with long basque, and trimmed with embroidered braid, handsome furs; Mrs Tweed, in black, and a pale blue felt hat trimmed with black; Mrs Quick, in black satin with lace, and a naive cream bonnet; Miss Quick, pale grey gown trimmed with cream lace, toque to match; Miss Fell, grey flecked tweed suit, piped with white, white and black hat; Miss M. Fell, in dark green, and a black hat; Miss Harcourt, slate grey zibeline, and a white toque with ospreys; Miss Fitzgerald, in a dark tweed gown with basque, white velvet toque; Miss Nelson, grey gown and white felt hat trimmed with black, white furs; Miss Simpson, in light brown, and hat to match with ostrich plume; Miss Reid, in a black Eton gown, and black hat; Miss Finch, pastel blue trimmed with black, and a blue felt hat; Miss Miles, a green gown trimmed with white lace, and hat to match; Miss Skerrett, violet cloth gown, with cream lace vest, white felt hat; Miss O. Rawson, black Eton gown, and white hat; Miss Somerville had a blue frieze gown, with vest of white silk, and a red hat; Miss Brandon, in dark green, and a toque trimmed with white chiffon and lace; also Mrs Ross Mrs and Miss Seed, Miss Greenwood, the Misses Harding, Mrs Morrison, Mrs and Miss Barron, Mrs Dyer, Mrs and Misses Nathan, Mrs and Miss Butt, and Mrs and Miss Ewen.

Invitations have been issued by the Countess of Ranfurly for a dance and cotillion on the 22nd of this month.

The Garrison officers' ball, held in the Sydney-street Hall on Friday was a great success. The ballroom was very gorgeously and effectively decorated with flags and greenery. Various designs of side arms were tied with the battalion's colours. The stage was comfortably furnished with easy chairs, etc. An excellent set-down supper was laid in the gymnasium. The table was beautifully decorated with pot plants and flowers. Fleming's band provided good music, and altogether it was a most enjoyable ball, the many bright uniforms of the officers

and the pretty dresses worn by the ladies making an extremely festive sight. His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Countess of Ranfurly, Lady Constance Knox, Lord Northland, Major Alexander and the Hon. H. Butler, arrived shortly after nine o'clock. The Wellington Highland Rifles presented a guard of honour at the entrance. The official set of lancets was then formed. Those who danced were His Excellency the Governor, with Mrs. Colonel Webb, Colonel Webb and Lady Ranfurly, General Babington and Lady Constance Knox, Commander Gloagop (H.M.S. Lizard) and Mrs. Babington, Colonel Collins and Mrs. J. Dutoic, Captain Campbell and Mrs. Colonel Collins, Major Brandon and Miss Seddon, Major Alexander and Mrs. Brandon. Messrs. Menzies and Turnbull, the secretaries, are to be congratulated upon the excellent arrangements in every way. Lady Ranfurly wore a lovely gown of black glace silk, veiled in chiffon, beautifully embroidered with jet and medallion of ecru lace, beautiful diamond ornaments on corsage. Lady Constance Knox wore a pretty white satin gown, trimmed with chiffon frills, wreath of ivy leaves in hair; Mrs. Webb, black silk, richly trimmed with lace; Mrs. Babington, rich white brocade, trimmed with chiffon and lace; Mrs. Collins, black satin, with white lace on bodice; Mrs. Duthie, pale blue silk, veiled in white lace; Mrs. Brandon, lovely white trained brocade, with berthe of folded chiffon; Mrs. Biss, deep blue silk, trimmed with chiffon to match; Mrs. Henry, cream satin, elaborately trimmed with lace; Mrs. Rose, white satin, trimmed with deep lace; Mrs. Gilmer, black gauze, with satin edged frills, spray of flowers on corsage; Mrs. Ross, white silk, trimmed with lace; Mrs. Kemp, pretty white brocade and lace; Miss Coates, black glace, trimmed with handsome ecru guipure; Miss Seddon, white satin, trimmed with chiffon and lace; Miss Brandon, black satin, relieved with pink choux; Miss — Brandon, lovely white tulle gown; Miss Gore, black satin, with blue striped sash; Miss Harcourt, white satin, softened with white chiffon; Miss Fitzherbert, pretty green chiffon frock, inserted with lace, pink roses on corsage; Miss Fitzgerald, white silk, with deep lace; Miss K. Fitzgerald, pink silk, softened with white tulle and lace; Miss O. Rawson, white tulle and lace; Miss George, pink satin, trimmed with chiffon to match; Miss Eil, black satin and jet; Miss M. Fell, white silk, with chiffon frills; Miss Harding, blue satin, trimmed with lace; Miss H. Harding, pale yellow silk, veiled in white lace; Miss Beetham (Masterton), white satin, finished with lace and sprays of violets; Miss Nelson (Auckland), pale blue, with berthe of lovely cream lace; Misses Finch (2), blue crepe de chine gowns, trimmed with flowers; Miss Riddiford (Rangitikei), white silk and lace; Miss Nelson, pink tulle silk, with white lace berthe; Miss McGregor, cream satin, trimmed with lace; Miss Howard (Auckland), black satin, trimmed with sequins; Miss Stafford, pink flowered satin, trimmed with pink chiffon; Miss Miles, blue mervelieux, with berthe of white lace; Miss Seed, black satin and jet; Miss M. Seed, pink silk, trimmed with chiffon; Miss Blundell, pretty pink satin and chiffon gown; Miss Marchant, lovely pale green silk gown. Some of the gentlemen present were: Messrs. Harcourt, Morrison, Duthie, Fitzgerald, Menzies, Higginson, Reid, Gore, Robinson, Sloman, McShane, Nelson, Leckie, Denniston, Cooper, Dr. McKenzie, McLean, Webster, Izard, and others.

OPHELIA.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, July 10.

The hospital ball took place at the Drill Hall, Dannevirke, on the 8th inst. The company numbered about 300. As the Mayor was unavoidably absent, Dr. Reid Mackay acted in his place. The ladies' committee, dressed as nurses, opened the ball by dancing the lancets. The hall was most tastefully decorated, and good music was supplied by the Dannevirke Brass Band. The ball was most successful, and the hospital will benefit to the extent of about £40 as a result.

The Hawke's Bay Hounds had a delightful run from Oamaru on July 4th, which lasted for several hours. Mrs M. Nelson, Misses N. Reynolds, Simeox, M. Russell, Wilson, Messrs C. Smith, T. H. Lowry, Kinross, White, Denniston, F. Fitzroy, H. Russell, A. Groume, C. White,

Lowry, North, M. Nelson, and O. Nelson were out. Of a large field, the Master and Huntsman and one or two others alone survived to the finish.

There was a large attendance at the Athenaeum on Tuesday evening, when Dr. Moore lectured on "Erasmus and His Times." Next Tuesday Mr R. J. Parr will lecture on "Lee."

The Misses Sutherland, of Weber, gave a delightful entertainment last week. The occasion was a farewell to Miss Boddington, who is leaving there for Maastertan. After supper, at which numerous toasts were given and responded to, a concert was improvised, in which the following took part: Mrs Gregorie, Misses Sutherland, Boddington, Dracool, Messrs G. Crosse, Gregorie, Munroe, Harvey, J. Franklin, Campbell and J. Dinwiddie.

Mr Hector Smith, handicap 4, 3 down, won the second competition for the Vice-President's trophy at the Napier Golf Links; Mr Gordon, handicap 3, 4 down, was second. Afternoon tea was given by Mrs Gordon. Six of the best players from Waiohiki had a contest with the Whakatu Club at Whakatu, with the result that the latter were victorious by 12 holes.

MARJORIE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, July 10.

The second of the series of ASSEMBLIES held in the Theatre Royal last Wednesday evening was thoroughly enjoyed by those who were there. The floor music, and supper were simply delightful. Among those present were Mrs Evans, black silk; Miss Evans, white inserted silk, relieved with pale pink; Miss B. Evans (debutante) was much admired in a pretty tucked satin, trimmed with silver passermenterie and lace; Miss Bedford, white silk and net; Miss Kemp, vieux rose, trimmed with cream lace; Mrs Penn, white satin, prettily trimmed with net, scarlet flowers on corsage; Miss Drake, white satin, yellow roses on décolletage; Miss A. Drake, yellow silk; Miss Taylor, white silk and chiffon; Mrs C. T. Mills, pink satin; Mrs Greenaway, pale green, veiled in white muslin; Miss Wright, very pretty cream mousseline de soie; Miss Capel, black "frilled" net; Miss N. Capel, white muslin, relieved with scarlet roses; Miss M. Capel, white net over satin; Miss Miller, cream crepe de chine over pink silk; Miss Paul, cream frilled silk, bodice prettily trimmed with silver, finished with angel sleeves; Miss Biggs, cream satin and net; Mrs H. Bailey, pretty black net frock, trimmed with jet; Mrs Wright, pale silk; Miss Walker, cream net over pink silk; Miss Kerly, cream and dark green; Miss Gallagher, pretty buttercup chiffon, trimmed with black velvet and scarlet roses; Miss McAllum, black net, and scarlet roses on corsage; Miss G. McAllum, pretty pink satin with chiffon frills; Mrs Foote, handsome blue satin, trimmed with cream lace and insertion; Miss Foote (debutante), very pretty frock of white tucked net over satin, and carried a dainty bouquet; Miss Wilson, white frilled silk, flowers in coiffure; Miss G. Holdsworth, black satin, trimmed with cream insertion; Miss Wilson (Naseby), very pretty satin frock of a dark shade of eau de Nil, trimmed with cream lace; Miss J. Fraser, cream and pale pink silk; Mrs Courtney, black satin; Miss G. Shaw, cream silk and lace; Miss Ragley (Stratford), very pretty primrose silk; Miss Roy, blue silk; Mrs Kerr, black silk; Miss B. Thomson, pale blue silk and cream lace; Miss W. Thomson, white satin; Mrs Sludden, black net; Mrs Collins, black net over satin; Miss Aymes, white satin; Mrs Burgess, black silk; Mrs Paton, black spangled net; Mrs Morgan, black net over

silk; Miss J. McKellar, white muslin over pale pink; Miss Lewis, pale blue silk, veiled in white net; Miss E. McKellar, white satin; Mrs Pope, black net; Mrs Hutchen, pretty cream figured silk; Mrs Wilson, cream brocade and net trimmings; Mrs Griffiths, cream satin; Miss Marchant, cream silk and chiffon; Miss Sutton, cream satin; Misses Hanna (2), black satin, relieved with white; Mrs Home, white net over pink silk; Miss Mackay, pretty cream silk, trimmed with forget-me-nots and pale pink roses; Miss Orbell, pretty white frilled silk. Among the gentlemen were Messrs Lowe, McKellar, Standish (2), Thomson, Griffiths, Wilson, Burr, Jeffreys, Macey, Beckett, Paul, Kerr, Humphries, Taylor, McKenzie (Wellington), Fraser, Morpeth, Sumner, Woodhouse, Clarke, Cartbew, Wynn-Williams, Burgess, Southey, Baker, Fooks, George, Shaw (2), Collins, Miller, Whitecombe, T. Shaw, Hutchen, Currie, McAllum, L. Williams, Waddie, P. Webster, Robertson, Hanna, Dr. Home, etc.

Last Thursday evening the bowlers held their annual

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in the Freemasons' Hall. It was a great success. The hall, under the able management of Mr. Harry Goldwater, was beautifully decorated with palms and mirrors. Two dressing-rooms were arranged for card-playing, while the large outer porch was canvassed in and easily arranged as a drawing room. The supper-room, due mostly to Mrs. Paul and Miss Lawson, was prettily arranged with flags and ferns. The supper table was daintily decorated with ferns, violets and yellow and white dairies, the whole being lighted up with fairy lamps and Chinese lanterns. The music was played

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