

by Mr. McKnight's excellent orchestra. As the place was crowded there were many there I did not see, but amongst those I noticed were: Mrs. Paul, black satin, and sequin trimming; Miss Paul, pale green silk; Miss Biggs, black silk; Mrs. Cooke, black satin; Miss Tobiasa (Auckland), white silk, with scarlet choux; Miss Ramson, rose pink silk; Miss — Ramson, white; Misses Morry (2), white silk and lace trimmings; Mrs. A. Goldwater, black satin and jet; Miss I. Goldwater, white silk; Mrs. Cook, black silk; Miss Cook, pale pink figured silk; Mrs. Craignile, pink silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Craignile, black silk; Miss Allen (Picton), rich cream satin; Mrs. Quilliam, black; Miss V. Quilliam, pretty blue silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. W. Newman, black satin; Mrs. A. Fookes, green silk, trimmed with a Paisley border, finished with a handsome collarette; Mrs. Blyth, black silk; Mrs. Mills, black and pink; Mrs. Wright, navy blue silk, with white insertion; Miss Walker, pink and cream; Miss G. Avery, white silk, with pale pink belt; Miss A. Avery, pretty white tuckled silk, trimmed with flutings of satin; Mrs. Cottier, black; Miss I. Cottier, white; Mrs. Penn, black and white; Miss Jackson, pink silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Vericker-Binden, cream silk; Mrs. Leafe, black, handsome Maltese lace scarf; Mrs. Dempsey, black; Miss Dempsey, cream silk; Mrs. Hood, black; Mrs. Rundle, Mrs. McKellar; Mrs. H. Goldwater, black silk and white lace; Mrs. Brooking; Miss Furlong, pink silk; Mrs. Hall, cream satin, trimmed with black velvet; Mrs. Marks; Miss Teed, pink silk; Miss Jacob, yellow satin, veiled in black net; Miss M. Skinner, pale pink, with black velvet trimmings; Mrs. H. Bailey, black, relieved with a rose pink choux; Mrs. Middleton; Miss J. Fraser, green silk; Miss Hanna, white silk. Amongst the gentlemen were: Messrs. Paul (3), Goldwater (2), Hall, Bailey, Dempsey, Horrocks, Brooking, Marks, Quilliam, R. Cook, Fookes, Mills, Jackson, Cottier, Kelbel, Macey, McKellar, Jenkinson, Avery (2), Humphries (2), Hanna, Fraser, McKenzie (Wellington), Ramson, Newman, Currie, etc.

NANCY LEE.

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee,
On Thursday, 2nd, Mrs D'Arcy gave a most enjoyable
PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE PARTY
at her residence on St. John's Hill, in honour of her two nieces, Miss Nolan (Gisborne) and Miss Gillfillan (Auckland), who are spending a few weeks in Wanganui. Mr Izard won the first prize for the men, a silver-mounted walking-stick, and Miss Ethel Christie was the fortunate lady, her prize being a cut-glass scent-bottle with silver band. The booby prizes fell to Miss Hilda McDonnell and Mr Dymock. Amongst those present were: Misses Barnicoat, Dodgshun, McDonnell (2), O. Mason (Gisborne), M. Jackson, Griffiths, Anderson, Christie, Gresson, Pratt, Millward (Wellington), and Young; Messrs. Anderson, Steadman, Izard, Blackmore, Dodgshun, Dymock, Brandon, Stevenson, and others.
On July 3rd the Williamson Comedy Company opened here to a record house with the much-talked-of play "Are You

a Mason?" The artistic and fashionable gowns worn by the lady members of the company were greatly admired. Amongst the audience I noticed Mrs McDonnell in a black silk costume, relieved with white lace; Miss McDonnell, white silk; her sister wore white muslin with frills and lace; Mrs Barnicoat, pale green silk, veiled with white and black insertion; Miss Barnicoat, blue nuns' veiling frock; Mrs Alexander, black and white silk; Miss Alexander, black silk trimmed with steel passementerie in Vaundykes; Mrs Griez, black evening costume; Mrs Knight (Dannevirke), black silk, transparent lace; Miss Knight (Dannevirke), black skirt, white tuckled satin blouse; Mrs Kitchen, black satin skirt, white crape de chine blouse, accordeon pleated the Misses Willis, white tuckled silk gowns trimmed with insertion; Mrs Holdship, black evening frock, pale grey opera coat, strapped with white and San Toy sleeves; Miss Baker, black costume long grey opera coat; Miss Rawson, white silk with insertion, blue opera cloak with collar of white silk and lace; Miss Lee (Wellington), black satin with steel passementerie forming points; Mrs Hatrick, pale eau-de-Nil silk blouse veiled with chiffon, black velvet choux, black satin skirt; Miss Millward (Wellington), black silk tuckled and trimmed with white insertion; Miss Pratt, black silk skirt, rose pink silk blouse with cream insertion; Mrs Kissling, black skirt, white tuckled silk blouse; Miss Richmond (Nelson), black silk frock, red velvet choux; Mrs Dalgetty, black silk costume; Mrs John Stevenson, black silk veiled with net, black brocade opera coat with feather trimmings; Miss Aitken, black silk, white opera cloak; Mrs H. Speed, black silk skirt, white Roman satin blouse with insertion; Mrs Blundell, black silk gown, sleeves and front of corsage of sequin net; Miss Earle, white muslin, with numerous frills; Miss Moore (Masterton), white tuckled silk with insertion; Mrs D'Arcy, black silk gown trimmed with jet; Miss Nolan (Gisborne), black silk banded with cream insertion, butterfly bow of turquoise in coiffure; Miss Gillfillan (Auckland), pale pink satin, guipure lace, pink satin bow in her hair; Mrs W. Borlace, black skirt, blue figured silk blouse; Miss Borlace, black satin frock, large white collar of sprigged Brussels net, edged with lace; Miss K. Borlace, silk gown with bands of white insertion; Miss Morecroft, black and white evening costume, white bow in coiffure; Mrs H. Nixon, black silk, pink satin opera coat with bolero and bands of jewelled passementerie; Mrs S. Gordon, black silk, jet trimmings; heliotrope opera cloak; Miss Thomas (Christchurch), black skirt, white silk blouse with tucks and insertion; Mrs Ford (Waitotara), black silk gown, bodice tuckled and handed with cream insertion; Miss G. Mason, black skirt, tuckled white silk blouse, with lace trimmings; Mr and Mrs Hole, Mrs Hawke, Mr and Mrs Palmer, Misses Brabant, Stone, Marshall, Maling, Duncan, McLeod, Mr and Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Hughes-Johnston, Mrs and Miss Christie, Miss Bey (Greytown), Mrs and Miss McLean, Mrs Bey (Greytown), Mr and Mrs Duigan, Mrs Lennie-Jones, Mrs White, Misses Jackson, Willford, Mason (Gisborne), Mr and Mrs Lloyd Jones, Mrs and Miss F. Jones, Mrs Cutfield.

HULA.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee,
July 8.
The Steele-Payne Bellingrings have been with us for a season, showing us for the first time the cake walk fad, which hitherto we have only known by descriptive articles and pictures in the illustrated papers. Good audiences greeted the company, both in Blenheim and Picton.
Mr Walter Seymour, of South-coast Bay, Pelorus Sound, has had the misfortune to have his newly erected house burnt down during his absence. It was just furnished, as Mr Seymour was shortly to be married.

The borough schools have had rather a funny experience. The committee cut down the winter holiday to one week, and the teachers went off to enjoy themselves. On the day the Blenheim schools were to open there was only one under teacher and one or two pupil teachers present. The steamers had not arrived with some, flooded rivers prevented others from getting into town, another had met with an accident, and so on. In Picton the master had gone to the Croixelles, and couldn't get back owing to floods and landslips, and the two lady teachers had to do all the work.

The annual railway social is to be held in Picton on Friday. No sooner were the tickets issued than a rush was made and the whole number, which was limited, was bought up in four days. People are dreadfully disappointed, as the social is always so well managed and so popular that everybody would like to go.

A VALEDICTORY SOCIAL

was given in St. Paul's (Presbyterian) Sunday school, Picton, on Thursday to Mr and Mrs Bathgate and Mr and Mrs E. Bizzard, who with their families are leaving the district for the North Island. Hymns and other books were presented from the teachers, and Mr Bathgate was the recipient from the choir of a set of gold sleeve-links with his initials engraved on them. Speeches were made by several members of the congregation, and at intervals the following items were

rendered: Mrs Bathgate, "Logie of Fuchan"; Miss V. Edwards, "Violets"; Miss R. Edwards, "Only Me"; Mr Wolfe, "They All Love Jack". Mr Bathgate gave a recitation; and a delicious supper concluded the ceremony of "speeding the parting guests". Both Mr Bathgate and Mr Bizzard have proved themselves excellent citizens and taken their share of work on committees, etc.

MRS STOW'S EVENING

on Thursday at the Bank of New Zealand was not so largely attended as usual owing to bad weather, but was pleasant nevertheless. Those present were Mr and Mrs Stow, Mrs and Miss Allen, Mr and Mrs Riddell, Misses Philpotts (2), etc.

On Friday evening Miss Elsie Gregg gave a

BIRTHDAY PARTY

to her school friends at Miss Allen's Collegiate School. Tea was laid out in the dining-room, and a long round of games kept things lively till ten o'clock, when the little ones reluctantly went home. They had a "lovely time" playing "Up Jenkins," "Moths," "Mrs McKenzie's Dead," "Dumb Crambo," "Musical Chairs," and "Charades," with its charm of dressing up. A lovely supper was provided for them by their young hostess. Among those present were Miss Gregg, Misses Stuart (2), Thompson (2), Greenhill, Borlase, Millington, Kenny, and helping them Mrs and Misses Allen (2).

There is some talk of Picton having electric light shortly. A bridge to the Victoria Domain will be shortly commenced, and many other improvements are being carried out, all through having an up-to-date and go-ahead Mayor.

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