

local branch B.N.Z., vice Mr. Botterill, relieving teller, who has gone to Dannevirke.

Mr. Beamish (Hawke's Bay) is at present visiting Gisborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Cedarwall returned from Auckland on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wachsmann left for the South on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Enzor left on Wednesday for the South.

Miss Waterhouse, who has been staying with Mrs. Reynolds, "Sandown," returned on Wednesday to Hawke's Bay.

E.L.S.A.

**NAPIER.**

June 24.

**The Baby's Ball.**

One of the most successful public balls ever held in Napier took place in the Drill Hall last night. It was given in order to obtain funds for the Plumket Society to equip a cottage hospital in Napier for babies who, through the ignorance or poverty of their parents, might otherwise be neglected. The main hall was most beautifully decorated with hunting and greenery. The billiard-room was converted into a luxurious drawing-room, one end being greened off for bridge. The supper table was cleverly arranged with Japanese cherry blossom. There were some five hundred people present, and many beautiful gowns were worn. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Henley, floral chene silk, bodice swathed in silver; Mrs. T. H. Lowry, grey satin with front panel of oxidised silver; Mrs. Wenley, green satin; Mrs. Kettle, Directorate gown of grey satin with silver tunic; Mrs. Levison, pink and blue chene silk; Miss Elsie Williams, black velvet; Mrs. Jack Ormond, black spangled net over green satin; Mrs. Wilfred Stead, bright green net over white satin; Mrs. A. O. Russell, white moire silk with corsalet of dewdrops net; Mrs. Geo. Nelson, white and silver pink, camellias in hair; Mrs. T. H. Hunter, grey and pink; Miss Nina Hoadley, soft blue satin; Miss Snodgrass, Empire gown of lavender satin piped with violet; Miss Snodgrass, white; Mrs. McHardy, blue satin, silver trimming; Mrs. Bowen, black; Miss Hathbone (Wellington), blue; Miss Movercroft, black satin; Miss Z. Nathan (Wellington), yellow; black osprey in hair; Mrs. St. Hill (Porangahau), blue satin; Miss Nora St. Hill, white satin; Miss Johnson, white; Miss L. Johnson, violet rose; Mrs. Duke Shields, blue satin; Miss Broderick, cream net; Mrs. Hector Smith, violet rose satin; Miss S. Dinwiddie, maroon; Miss Ruddock (debutante), dainty white satin; Mrs. A. J. Williams, soft blue satin, silver trimming; Miss Lusk, white satin and tulle; Ashwife frock; Miss S. Rutherford, white chiffon embroidered with pink; rosebuds; Mrs. Archie Brown, violet, rose satin, handsome Oriental trimming; Miss Brown, blue; Miss Ruby Brown, mauve satin; Miss Eva Brown, white satin; Miss Ruby Waterhouse, blue chiffon; Miss Hindmarsh, white and blue; Miss C. Hindmarsh, white satin; Miss Simcox, black.

**The Races.**  
Ideal weather prevailed for the Napier Park races Wednesday and Thursday last. The attendance was larger than usual for the winter meeting. Many smart gowns were to be seen, tailor-made coats and skirts being in great favour.

**At Home.**  
Mrs. Broderick, Clyde-road, invited several friends to tea on June 21st to meet Bishop and Mrs. Averil. Mrs. Broderick received her guests in a gown of heliotrope and white; Miss Broderick, brown skirt, white silk blouse; Mrs. Averil, green coat and skirt; Mrs. Wenley, black coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. R. D. D. McLean, black and purple; Miss Beatrice McLean, electric blue cloth, hat to match, long sealskin coat; Mrs. Rutherford, black cloth, white and silver trimming, black and white hat; Mrs. Levison, blue and grey stripe, large blue hat trimmed with floral scarf.

**Personal.**  
Mr and Mrs Rutherford and family (Canterbury) are wintering in Napier. Mrs and Miss Maud (Christchurch) are visiting Napier. Miss Parsons (England) is staying at the Masonic Hotel. Judge and Mrs Edwards are staying at the Masonic Hotel. Mr and Miss Hartree (Ngaroto) are in Napier for a few days.

Miss Gaisford (Dannevirke) was in town for the races.

Mr and Mrs St. Hill and Miss St. Hill and the Misses Johnson (Molotoria) are amongst the country visitors in town for the "Baby ball."

Mr and Mrs Hunter Brown and Miss Hunter Brown have returned from England, and are spending a few days in Napier before returning to their home at Wairoa.

MARJORIE.

**HASTINGS.**

June 23.

**Amateur Theatricals.**

A number of amateurs, under the direction of Mr. H. S. Ribbands, produced the laughable comedy "Jane" in aid of the district school fund last Wednesday and Thursday. Both nights there were very fair audiences, and the piece went well from beginning to end. Mr. Ribbands deserves special mention for his untiring endeavours in bringing the performance to so successful an issue. The parts were well sustained by the following caste:—Mrs. Leonard, Misses Thompson, Hall and Darby, Messrs. Ribbands, Melhuish, Parkinson, Hanham, and Master Battershill. Amongst the audiences I noticed: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Gascoyne, Mrs. Biddle, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Halse, Mrs. Newbigen, Misses Wellwood (3), Newbigen, Evans, Luckie.

**The Hunt.**

Hunting is in full swing. Several nasty spills have occurred of late, perhaps the most serious being that of Miss Mackersy, who received concussion, and is lying in an unconscious condition. Fortunately, hopes are entertained for her recovery.

**Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Beamish and family have returned from their holiday to Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Luckie, jun., are visiting their mother in Charles-street.

Mrs. Ferguson (jun.) has returned to Dannevirke.

Mrs. Ranka has returned from Wellington.

SHEBA.

**NEW PLYMOUTH.**

June 23.

**Afternoon Tea.**

Last Monday afternoon the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr and Mrs Tisch), assisted by the ladies sub-committee of the Anniversary Day Celebration Committee, entertained the veterans and pioneer settlers of the district at afternoon tea in the Brougham-street Hall. It had been previously postponed twice on account of bad weather and the late King Edward's death, and lastly, when hearing of the intended visit of H.M.S. Pioneer to the port, it was considered a good idea to bring the officers and crew of the warship into touch with the men and women who had laid the foundation of this prosperous district. Misfortune again attended them, for the warship was unable to stay long enough. Mr Tisch, however, was glad to see that so many had gathered to renew old acquaintance, and that so many were still hale and hearty. The hall was tastefully decorated, and a most recherche tea was served in the off-rooms. About sixty or seventy veterans and pioneers were present, and a large number of other guests attended. The Hon. T. Kelly, M.L.C., and Messrs. H. Okey, M.P., and R. Cook, and Colonel Ellis made brief speeches. During the afternoon musical selections were given by Mrs Dowling, soprano (piano), Miss Dowling (violin), and vocal items were rendered by Mrs Maxwell and Miss F. Ward.

**A Small Dance.**

Last Friday evening Mrs. W. Penn gave a small dance to young people, the hostess being assisted by Misses D. Bedford and A. Brewster. Dancing was arranged in the dining and drawing-rooms, while a most appetising supper was served in the breakfast-room. Mrs. Penn received her guests in black satin veiled in lace, relieved with scarlet roses on decolletage; Miss Penn, turquoise blue silk finished with cream lace insertion; Miss E. Penn, pale heliotrope muslin trimmed with a darker shade of velvet; Miss K. Penn, pale pink silk; Miss G. Bewley, pale blue muslin; Miss W. Webster, pale pink muslin; Miss M. Corkill, white silk; Miss E. Spencer, pale pink muslin, cream lace

roke; Miss Glasgow, pale blue muslin; Miss S. Fitzherbert, pale green voile over rose pink silk; Miss D. Bradbury, cream; Miss M. Thomson, pink muslin; Miss Z. Bayly, pink muslin; Miss J. Hempton, white muslin; Miss K. Mills, white silk; Miss K. Watson, cream; Miss S. Bayly, pink silk; Miss Kirkby, white silk; Miss Bedford, cream cashmere de soie with opalescent trimming; Miss Brewster, pale pink crepe de chine; Miss Sturtivan, white muslin; Miss Palmer, flowered muslin; Miss Winfield, white muslin; Miss Colson, blue silk; Miss Greathach, white muslin; Miss Saxton, white silk.

**An Enjoyable Dance.**

Miss Bedford's pupils held a dance in the Brougham-street Hall last Tuesday evening, and as the atmosphere was almost at freezing-point, dancing was indulged in with right good will. The supper-table was prettily decorated with holly berries and pale pink and white camellias. Amongst those present were: Miss Bedford, black chiffon taffetas; Mrs. Walker, black satin with aquined berthe and front panel of skirt; Mrs. C. Weston, pale blue taffetas, decolletage finished with pale pink and blue floral guimpe; Miss Steuart, cream chiffon taffetas, draped skirt, finished with gold galon, corsage trimmed with same; Miss Cutfield, saxe blue crepe de chine, cream chiffon chemisette; Miss Kingdon, rose pink silk; Miss T. McAllum, pale blue muslin; Miss Turner looked well in a cream chiffon taffetas, draped skirt, decolletage relieved with gold embroidered net; Miss Sinclair, black velvet, real lace berthe; Miss E. McAllum, cream figured net, banded with silk; Miss Hanna, black satin, corsage braided with steel passementerie; Miss N. Hanna, pale blue silk; Miss Brewster, cream crepe de chine decolletage embroidered with pale blue flowers; Miss Saxton, pale blue muslin; Miss S. Fitzherbert, scarlet silk; Miss D. Bedford, cream cashmere de soie; Miss L. Webster, white silk; Miss B. Evans looked well in bottle green velvet, real lace berthe; Miss F. Evans, pretty white embroidered muslin; Miss Morrison, white muslin, heliotrope ceinture; Miss A. Avery, black taffetas, real lace berthe; Miss Capel, white silk, black velvet ribbon belt; Miss N. Capel, black satin, cream, lace berthe; Miss Standish, pale blue silk, cream lace berthe relieved with black velvet; Miss Humphries, black satin, gold embroidered berthe; Miss Healy, cream silk; Miss E. Hurle, cream silk; Miss Emery, cream silk; Miss Russell, cream cashmere de soie, decolletage finished with cream fringe; Misses W. and K. Bennett (2), pretty white muslin; Miss Snowball, pale pink silk; Misses N. and M. Snowball, white muslin; Miss P. Whitton, cream crepe de chine; Miss Sturtivan, cream silk; Miss Robinson, black chiffon taffetas trimmed with gold galon on corsage; Miss P. Arden, pale blue muslin, Marguerite daisies in coiffure; Miss E. Atkinson, pale blue silk, trimmed with gold sequined embroidery; Miss Jackson, scarlet velvet; Miss Stocker (Invercargill), rose pink silk relieved with cream insertion on corsage; Miss Skinner, black figured net over a glace foundation, relieved with emerald green velvet, etc.

**Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Steuart, who have been residing in New Plymouth for some months, left last week for Melbourne, where they will join Dr. Steuart (soa), and reside there for a year or two.

Mr. A. J. Hanna, of the Northern S.S. Co., Auckland, is spending his holidays at his home in New Plymouth.

Mr. C. Zachariah, of the Public Trust Office, Wellington, has been appointed to succeed Mr. J. B. Jack, New Plymouth, who has been transferred to Wanganui.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Mary's Church last week, a letter was received from the Vicar, Rev. Mr. F. G. Evans, intimating that owing to indifferent health, he had reluctantly decided to ask the Bishop of the Diocese (Bishop Nelson) to accept his resignation sometime during this year.

NANCY LEE.

**WANGANUI.**

June 24.

**At the Park.**

Rolling is again becoming very popular this winter in Wanganui, and a large number of enthusiasts are to be seen at the Drill Hall, many skating most grace-

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