

BLENHEIM.

January 8rd.

Dance at Ugbrooke.

Most enjoyable was the dance given by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Vavasour, on Thursday evening at their residence at Ugbrooke. Large drags and motors left Blenheim in the early part of the evening, arriving at Ugbrooke shortly before dark. Mrs. Vavasour was wearing a handsome cream brocade satin gown, trimmed with exquisite Irish lace; Miss Vavasour was attired in a pale pink satin robe, which was covered with a dainty spangled net slip. Dancing took place in the large drawing-room, and the room opposite. Music was supplied by Mr. Perry's orchestra; and dancing was continued until an early hour of Friday morning. A recherche supper was arranged on small tables in the dining-room, which were all prettily decorated with sweet peas and fairy candles, screened with coloured shades. Some of those present were: Mrs. J. Johnston (Wellington), pale blue satin robe; Mrs. Burns (Nelson), Mrs. C. Broad (Nelson), Mrs. Eccles, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Richmond, Mrs. G. Waddy, Mrs. L. Griffiths, Mrs. Dillon (Leefield), Misses Morton, Chaytor (2), Gayen (Dunedin), Clouston, Booth (2), (Nelson), D. Bell (Nelson), Ledger (Nelson), Simpson (Wellington), Butterworth (Christchurch), Mowat (2), Foster (2), Coulter (2), Griffiths, Messrs. Anderson (Christchurch) Vavasour (2), Gorion (Hull), Peacock (Wellington), Symes (Wellington), Sclanders (Wellington), Callender (Wellington), L. Clouston, Hudson, Adams, Macshane, Hynes (Wellington), Didsbury, Richmond, etc.

A Dance.

Last Wednesday evening the competitors in the New Zealand Tennis Championship Tournaments were entertained by the Marlborough Lawn Tennis Association by means of a dance which was held in the Grosvenor Hall. Shortly before supper the prizes won during the championship meeting were presented; after which Mr. F. M. B. Fisher (M.P. for Wellington Central), on behalf of the visitors thanked the Marlborough tennis enthusiasts and the residents of Blenheim for the kind and hospitable way in which they had been entertained during their stay in Blenheim. This was accorded loud applause and cheering. Supper was then partaken of, and dancing continued until an early hour. Some of those present were:—Mrs. Broughton, cream lace robe over pale blue satin; Mrs. Travers (Wellington), black silk; Mrs. Griffiths, grey charmuse robe; Mrs. N. Adams (England), handsome black silk, relieved with gimp and bead trimmings; Mrs. Hulme, black chiffon taffeta; Mrs. Bonnet, cream charmuse, relieved with pale blue; Mrs. Henlove (Ngaioini), white charmuse gown; Mrs. Thomas, black chiffon taffeta; Misses Ledger (Nelson), pale blue taffeta robe; Grace Mills (Wellington), handsome cream charmuse robe, with exquisite gold trimmings; Booth (Nelson), cream charmuse robe, trimmed with luxuriant lace; D. Bell (Nelson), pale pink charmuse Empire robe; Amuri Neville, cream charmuse robe with lovely cream lace trimmings; Haied (Masterton), pale heliotrope taffeta robe; Kunnellei (Wellington), pale blue voile, relieved with floral trimmings; Travers (Wellington), pretty white lace robe over taffeta; Brewster (New Plymouth), white lace frock relieved with pale blue; Newbigin (Hastings), pale pink satin trimmed with cream lace; Dewis, pink muslin; Wellwood (Hastings), black chiffon taffeta; Clouston, cream chiffon taffeta; Rutherford, pale blue robe; Cozen (Dunedin), handsome pale blue satin robe; Mowat, pale blue charmuse; D. Marsh, white net frock; E. Macdonald, scarlet chiffon over scarlet taffeta; Chaytor (2), white charmuse gowns. Messrs. Burns (Nelson), F. M. B. Fisher, Griffiths (4), Anderson, Menlove, Smythe, Van Ash, Peacock, Adams (2), Did-bury, Brittain (2), Stace, Hynes, Waddy, R. Bird, A. Davey, Parker (Wellington), H. Brown (Wellington), F. Redwood, Calender (Wellington), Dr. Bonnet, etc., etc.

Personal.

Miss Wene Grace is visiting Napier. Miss Ratham (Nelson), who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Flaming at Beaver-road, has returned. Miss Rutherford (Christchurch), and Mrs. Kempthorne (Nelson), who have

been visiting the Vicarage, have returned.

Mrs. Jas. Gilchrist (Palmerston North) is visiting Mrs. Neville at "Thurston." Mr. A. Davey took his departure from Blenheim on Thursday afternoon for Feilding, having been transferred to the branch of the Bank of New South Wales there. Prior to his leaving he was presented with a set of gold sleeve-links as a token of esteem in which he was held by the Marlborough tennis players. Mr. R. J. Bird, who has been on the local staff of the firm of Messrs Dalgety and Company, Ltd., has been transferred to their branch at Wellington.

JEAN.

PICTON.

January 4.

New Year's Eve.

New Year's Eve was probably the quietest ever known in the town, though there were a great number of people about, including many visitors. The s.s. Waitohi, with a few of the townspeople, went almost down to Dieffenbach to meet the Mokoia with the Sounds excursionists, and there were many greetings as the crowded vessel passed close by. Among those on board the Waitohi were:—Mrs. Maitland (ex-Mayoress), Mrs. Thornhill (Invercargill), Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. and Misses Allen (2), Mr. and Mrs. G. Allen, Misses Fuller (3), Mrs. Brown, and Messrs. Madsen, and Nicol, etc. Many townspeople were gathered on the wharf to welcome the excursionists. At midnight the proceedings were exceedingly tame for Picton, whose people like to celebrate in a merry, though harmless, manner the dawn of a new year.

A Regatta.

A regatta was held on Monday, though the weather was anything but propitious. Crowds of excursionists came into town by train, motor, and launch from all parts of the district, and the Maori brought over from Wellington another large crowd. Picton was gay with hunting, as well as with dresses, and everybody enjoyed themselves, and the rain had no visible effect on the spirits of any of the excursionists.

Personal.

Mr. Litchfield, Inspector of the Bank of New Zealand, and Mrs. Litchfield, were in Picton for a few days last week, and joined the Mokoia on the excursion trip round Queen Charlotte and Pelorus Sounds. Nurse Scott, Christchurch, who has been relieving her sister as matron of the hospital, has returned home.

Mrs. Maughy, Koromiko, and her sister, Mrs. Barnett, have left for the Waitako.

Mr. and Mrs. Stace, Robin Hood Bay, and family are staying at Oxley's Hotel. Mrs. Thornhill, Invercargill, is visiting Mrs. Maitland in Auckland-street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tregear in Wellington.

Mrs. and Misses Allen (2), left for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Rutherford, Forty-mile Bush, Masterton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allen have returned to Paeroa. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, Opnake, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Vickers.

Miss Dorothy Tripe, North Islands, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Tripe, Picton.

BELE.

SEDDON.

January 2.

Glorious weather prevailed for the holidays, and everything passed off very successfully. The trains were packed with people, some going to Picton and others camping out in the Sounds. A number of picnic parties and a large crowd journeyed to Blenheim to see the lawn tennis championship tournament.

Distribution of Prizes.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Flaxbourne School took place on Wednesday, 28th. Mr. Jenkins (the chairman) presented the prizes to the children. Parents and children were entertained at afternoon tea, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Cricket.

A cricket match was played at Flaxbourne on December 26 between teams selected from the single and married members. A very close game resulted in a win for the bachelors by three runs. A big crowd witnessed the game. The ladies provided afternoon tea.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Mowro, "Auchenbowie," Flaxbourne, are at present the guests of Mrs. C. Goulter, "Hawkebury," Blenheim.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Ash, "Ure," were returned home after a most enjoyable holiday in Blenheim.

Mr. and Mrs. Menlove, "Ngaioini," went to Blenheim for the tennis tournament.

Mrs. Thomas, "Tirohanga," and Miss Rutherford (Kekerango) went to Blenheim for the tennis date.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Johnston, "Waverley," who have been spending the Christmas week with Mrs. Vavasour, "Ugbrooke," have returned to Wellington.

Mr. G. Vavasour and Mr. Anderson

(Christchurch) are spending their holidays at "Ugbrooke."

Mr. F. Goulter and Mr. J. Colley, "Blairich," are staying at "Hawkebury," Blenheim.

Miss Hall, "The Pines," and Mr. Eric Sclanders, who have been on a visit to Mrs. Seymour (Richmond), have returned to Blenheim.

Mrs. Gunn, "Marathon," who has been on a short visit to Christchurch, has returned home.

Mr. Gunn (Auckland), who has been on a visit to his parents, has returned to Auckland.

Mrs. F. Willis, "Grasmere," is at present visiting her parents, "Kincaid," Kaikoura.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sharp, "Blind River," have gone to Invercargill for a holiday. GENEVIEVE.

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