

Amateur Theatricals.

The newly-formed Cambridge Comedy Company gave their initial performance in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, when they staged "The Pickpocket." The hall was filled with a large and appreciative audience. The whole play went with a swing, and there was an absence of the little failings usually noticeable amongst amateurs. The various characters were well sustained, and did credit to the careful training of Mr. G. Warren. The cast of characters was as follows:—Fred Hope (a jealous husband), Mr. F. Reynolds; Gregory Grumbleton (a hypochondriac), Mr. J. Macky; Osmond Hewitt (in love with Miss Grumbleton), Mr. C. Meredith; Dr. Shaw, Mr. A. Nicoll; Inspector Townsend, Mr. A. Richardson; Mr. Walter Johnson (suffering from delusions), Mr. Harold Speight; Andrew (a waiter), Mr. G. Warren; James (Johnson's servant), Mr. J. Hursthouse; policeman, Mr. Ken Browne; page boy, Master Douglas Banks; Mabel Hope (Mrs. Frederick Hope), Mrs. Arthur Nicoll; Miss Maria Trumper (Mabel's aunt), Miss Hill; Miss Grumbleton (old Grumbleton's niece), Miss Landon; Annette (French maid), Mrs. Huddleston.

On the Links.

On Friday afternoon there was a large gathering on the golf links to see the final for the South Auckland championship match between Mr. A. H. Nicoll and Mr. Seifert, of Palmerston North, which resulted in a win for the latter by 6 up and 5 to play. A most enjoyable afternoon tea was provided by the lady members of the club. Amongst those I noticed were: Mr. and Mrs. F. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tonks, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buckland, Mr. and Mrs. Milnes, Dr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. Macky, Mrs. Atfield, Miss Gwynneth, Mrs. E. Fifth, Mr. and Mrs. N. Banks, Mrs. Edmunds, Mrs. Gillies, Mrs. Crowther, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Miss Caldwell, Misses K. Willis, G. Gorrie, E. Cumming, N. Cameron, H. Bloomfield, Yonge, Scott, Roberts (2), Millar, Wells (2), Hally (2), Dunne, Mrs. McBride, Misses Barstow, Brooks, Middleton, Robertson, and many others.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of "Bardowie," have been entertaining a large party during golf week, amongst the number being Mrs. Bush (of Paeoro), Miss J. Barnard, Miss H. Bloomfield, and Miss E. Cumming (all of Auckland), and Mr. J. Meredith.

Mrs. Wells, of "Oakleigh," has had Mrs. Edmunds (Auckland), Miss Beale (Cambridge), and Messrs. J. Burns and Upton (of Auckland) as guests during golf week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Tonks, of Auckland, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell, of Waipi, have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bunyard.

Mr. and Mrs. Milnes, principal of the Auckland Training College, were up for the golf, and will remain on for a fortnight.

Mrs. J. C. Macky, of Devonport, is staying with Dr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Miss Millar, of Devonport, is staying with Mrs. R. J. Roberts.

Dr. Dudley is staying with Archdeacon and Mrs. Willis.

ELSIE.

HAMILTON.

August 18.

A Dance.

A very pleasant dance was given on Tuesday last by Mrs Vere Chitty at Mr Hurd-Wood's new house on the river bank. Masses of greenery, camellias, and also wattle were in evidence in all directions, and as the building is as yet partitionless, a delightfully large amount of dancing space was available. Many of the guests drove out in their own vehicles, which were supplemented by two buses from town. On the return journey there in one of the buses had a rather exciting time. The wheels went completely off the back, and were only saved from a drop of 20ft by a stout wire rope and a pair of pulleys. Mrs Vere Chitty received her guests in pretty blue champagne with white satin. Amongst those present were Mrs. Katie Chitty, daughter-in-law, in cream embroidered silk, with touches of green; Miss Maudie Chitty, cream silk tulle; Miss O'Neill, pink fringed; Mrs. H. B. Way, cream silk tulle; Miss

McCallum, scarlet silk; Miss Bolland, blue silk; Miss Wight (Auckland), cream silk tulle, with touch of crimson; Miss Lambert, cream silk with sequin front; Miss Pearl Lambert, pink veiled in net; Miss Lorie, dainty pale blue champagne, with white tulle; Miss Ida Lorie, black net over white silk; Miss Edgcombe, cream silk; Miss Cussen, cream dress with touches of red; Miss —, Cussen, pale blue champagne; Miss Eileen Cussen, cream silk veiled in dewdrop chiffon; Miss Loughnan, dainty gold spotted net over white satin; Miss Steele, cream cashmere; Miss Tompkins, white; Gladys Tompkins, blue and white striped voile; Miss Swinburne, cream; Miss Holden, cream silk; Miss Provia, white muslin. Messrs A. Chitty, Wyatt, Joughlan, Davey, Jordan, Hunter, Barnard, Farrar, Ransford, Tudhope, Bond, Carr, Stone, Henry, Primrose, Brabazon, Cussen.

Bachelors' Ball.

One of the events in the social life of Hamilton is always the Bachelors' Ball. Last Friday night's function was no exception to the rule, when a very large number of guests availed themselves of the bachelors' invitation. The Town Hall was most gracefully decorated with scarlet and white festoons of muslin, combined with tree ferns, bamboo, and scarlet and white camellias. The front of the stage, utilised as the matron's drawing-room, was banked with pot plants, shrubs, and scarlet salvia. The supper table was beautifully decorated by Mrs Tom Jolly, in yellow and white daffodils and narcissi, the whole supper room being a bower of greenery. One cannot speak too highly of the kind consideration shown in every way by the bachelors, who vied with each other in the attentions shown to their guests, both old and young. Mrs Brewis kindly fulfilled the duties of hostess, in which position she is always a favourite, the M.C.'s, Messrs Shand and Jordan, ably assisting her. The committee consisted of Messrs C. F. Bond, Darke, O. Farrar, T. Hunter, Jordan, O'Meara, G. Primrose, Shand, E. A. Swarbrick, Winter, W. Tyndalope, and Dr. Rodgers. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs Brewis in dainty blush pink satin veiled in smoke blue nylon; Mrs Going, in heliotrope silk princess dress with overdress of cream net; Mrs Douglas, blue satin with cream lace yoke; Mrs Bolland, in handsome black silk; Mrs F. Jolly, black silk relieved with white chiffon; Mrs Valder, senz., dark blue silk, white scarf; Mrs Oliver, black silk and red cloak; Mrs Pickering (Tamahere), black and white pin-striped silk; Mrs. Martin (Cambridge), black silk; Mrs. Primrose, black silk; Mrs Insoll, black velvet; Mrs Cussen, black; Mrs White, lovely heliotrope silk; Mrs. Whitehorn, cream; Misses McPherson, black; Mrs. Yule, cream silk; Mrs. White, rich natterier blue corded silk, trimmed with vieux rose lace; Mrs. Tompkins, heliotrope silk, with touches of black; Mrs. Northcroft, cream silk; Mrs McDiarmid, cream satin embroidered dress; Mrs. English, pale blue satin veiled in nylon, with gold satin band; Mrs. Holloway, handsome cream silk; Mrs. Georgeotti, stylish emerald green satin, with richly embroidered panels, partly veiled in grey nylon; Mrs. Tom Jolly, becoming pale blue velvet; Mrs. Ferguson, cream silk, with green scarf; Mrs. Mears, ; Mrs. Huddleston (Cambridge), black with blue bands of satin on tulle; Mrs. Neal (Auckland), cardinal satin with pink overdress; Mrs. McLaughlin (Auckland), white silk with touches of red; Miss Peacock (Auckland), pale blue merr. silk; Miss Gibbons (Cambridge), pink nylon; Mrs. Vere Chitty, pale blue silk; Mrs. Lally (Cambridge), pink satin; Miss Landon (Cambridge), pink satin; Miss Wilkinson, cream silk veiled in black nylon with bands of gold; Miss Campbell, black moire, with petunia overdress; Miss Brown (Cambridge), striking dress of heliotrope silk; Miss Edie Brown, cardinal satin with silver trimming; Mrs. Bolland, cream champagne; Miss Maudie Wright (debutante from Auckland), white Indian silk, nylon tulle with silver fringe, lovely bequest; Miss Kathleen Holden (Te Aroha, debutante), white satin with blue in hair; Miss Insoll, cream champagne, wreaths on skirt; Miss Lambert, cream silk with lace insertion; Mrs. Stewart, cream silk; Miss Ring, pink silk, with embroidered lace overdress; Mrs. Stewart, cream silk; Miss Ring, pink silk, with embroidered lace overdress; Miss O'Neill, dainty blush pink fringed, with nylon tulle; Miss Primrose, becoming heliotrope silk trimmed with silk lace; Miss D. Primrose, pretty white silk, fringed, with nylon and silver fringe; Miss Katie Chitty, cream champagne, with touches of green; Miss Muriel

Chitty, forget-me-not blue silk; Miss Cussen, cream champagne, with dewdrop chiffon; Miss Gillespie, pale blue silk; Miss Holloway, pale blue, relieved with black; Miss McKnight, pale green nylon; Miss Tompkins, white, with pink roses; Miss Pickering, cream silk; Miss Myrtle Pickering, pretty blue silk; Miss I. Pickering, cream champagne, with chiffon tulle laced with silver braid; Miss Amy Steele, white, pearls in hair; Miss Ida Lorie, white silk, veiled in black; Miss Connie Lorie, pretty cream Empire frock; Miss Muriel Lorie, white silk; Miss Wallnutt, cream silk with satin bands; Miss B. Taylor (Cambridge), cream champagne with nylon overdress; Miss Bayly, pretty cream silk; Mrs. Clark, cream champagne, Miss Hyde, black velvet, relieved with pale blue; Mrs. —, Hyde, pale blue, veiled with pink; Miss Seddon, pale blue; Mrs. Holloway, handsome cream silk.

ZILLALII.

ROTORUA.

August 10.

Personal.

Mr. Ramsay, a visitor from Sydney, is staying at Bathgate House.

Mr. Anderson, of Wellington, also Mr. Shortin, are guests at Bathgate House.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunning, of Pahiataua, are paying Rotorua a visit; they are staying at Bathgate House.

Mr. Roberts, of Auckland, is staying at Waiwera House.

Mrs. Bailey, of Tirau, and the Misses Snelling, of Auckland, are guests at Waiwera House.

Messrs. Wood and Bellamy, of Wellington, are at present staying at Waiwera House.

Messrs. Witrashy and Harmarson, of Sydney, are staying at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Beetham, of Wairarapa, are guests at Waiwera House.

Mrs. Carricks, of Sydney, is at the Grand Hotel, also Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, of the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Morice arrived from Wairakei on Tuesday, and are at Bathgate House.

Mrs. Johnson, of New Plymouth, is staying at Bathgate House.

Mr. Machill, of Auckland, is at the Grand Hotel.

Miss Manning, of Auckland, is staying at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Hood, from Australia, are at Waiwera House.

Mrs. Eva, of New Plymouth, is staying at Bathgate House.

Messrs. H. M. Martin and D. Gardner, of the local Chamber of Commerce, have gone to Wellington as a deputation on railway matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellars, from Australia, are staying at Grand Vue.

Mrs. and Miss Symes, of Gisborne, are staying at Bathgate House; also Mr. Russell, of the same place.

Mr. and Mrs. Broad, of Cambridge, are staying at Bathgate House.

Dr. Pomare, of Wellington, paid Rotorua a short visit, and stayed at Waiwera House.

Mr. and Mrs. Rainbow, of Hastings, are staying at Waiwera House.

Capt. and Mrs. Barnes, of Auckland, are at Waiwera House.

Mr. Nixon, of Christchurch, is staying at Bathgate House; also Mr. McBride, of the same city.

RATA.

GISBORNE.

July 15.

Personal.

Quite a gloom has been cast over the town during the past week owing to the death of Mr. A. F. Kennedy, one of the most popular men in our midst. The deceased gentleman took a keen interest in all things for the benefit of the town and district, and it will be hard to fill the gap.

Mr. C. D. Kennedy returned to Napier on Sunday having been in Gisborne during his brother's illness.

Mr. N. Kettle came up from Napier by the Hauroto on Sunday on a business visit.

Mrs and Miss Symes left on Sunday for a few weeks' visit to Rotorua.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

August 18.

Break-up Dance.

Mrs. Skerman and Miss Dinwiddie held their break-up dance in the High School gymnasium on Thursday even-

ing, when a number of parents and friends were present. The children in their pretty party frocks made a very gay scene, whilst four little girls in becoming Quaker dresses and caps looked most demure, and did a Puritan dance very prettily. A rose dance by Miss Dorothy Moore was very graceful. A cachucha by the younger pupils was very pretty, and the senior girls danced a sailor's hornpipe in great style.

At the Theatre.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" visited Napier this week. Amongst the audience were: Mrs. George Nelson, Mrs. Russell Duncun, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Arthur Sims (Christchurch), Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Norris, Miss (Godfrey), Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. T. H. Hunter (Otago), Mrs. and Miss Maud, Mrs. J. V. Brown, Miss Brown, Mrs. and Miss Kettle, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Swan, Miss Baldwin, Mrs. S. Riddell, Mrs. Fred. Von Duddleton, Miss Thornton, Miss Apilin, Mrs. Sproule, Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Mrs. Nautas, Mrs. Dohbel, Mrs. Price, Miss Ellison, Mrs. and Miss Bernan, Mrs. and Miss Smith.

Paper Bag Cooking.

The first exhibition of paper-bag cooking in Napier was given by Miss Kibblewhite, domestic science mistress, at the Technical School on Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was very large. Reef tea, biscuits, fowl, and sponge cake were all most successfully turned out. So many people are anxious to learn more about this new method of cooking that a class is likely to be formed.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Barker, Gisborne, are spending a few days at the Masonic Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Birch, Marton, have been in Napier for a week.

Miss Annie St. Hill is spending a few days in Napier before returning to England.

Mrs. Arthur Sims (Christchurch) is visiting her mother, Mrs. Todd.

Mrs. Ogilvie has returned from Wellington.

Mrs. and the Misses Duckworth, Hawera, have come to Napier for a year. Miss Duff is visiting Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. George and Mrs. Nimrod Shaw have returned to Puketapu.

Mrs. and Miss Hutchinson Rissington are staying at the Masonic Hotel.

Mrs. and Miss Groome, Te Onopu, are spending a few weeks in Napier.

Mrs. T. H. Hunter, Otago, is visiting Mrs. George Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Lyman are in Napier on their way to Gisborne.

Miss Kirke has returned to Christchurch.

Mr., Mrs., and Miss Sunderland, Tamoana, are in Napier on a visit.

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