

Mrs J. Ballance (Wanganui) spent a few days during the week with her nephew, Mr K. McKnight.
Mrs Neald, who has been the guest of Mrs H. R. Waidgrave for some weeks, returned to Wellington yesterday.
Miss Christie (Wanganui) is the guest of her sister, Mrs Stedman.
Miss Gwen Bell is staying with her sister Mrs Tripe.

VIOLET.

WANGANUI.

August 25.

Shakespeare Club.

The Wanganui Shakespeare Club gave a very successful reading of "The Winter's Tale" on Monday, 21st inst., in the Assembly Hall of the Girls' College. Those taking part were Mr Louis Cohen, Mr Sawwell, Mr Keesing, Mr B. Moore, Mr J. P. Williamson, Dr. Harterley, Mr J. R. Reid, Mr F. J. Jones, Miss Ross, Miss Cherritt, Miss Currie, Miss Jardine, Miss O'Brien. There was a very large audience. Amongst those present were: Mr R. Winn, in a black silk gown, with Brussels lace shoulder scarf, very becoming pale blue cloth opera coat; Miss Moore, white muslin gown, sky blue cloth opera coat, with Oriental trimming; Miss Cruick-hank wore a black and white striped nixon robe, with tunic, skirt edged with black satin and the same in the bodice, grey cloth opera coat; Miss Cherritt wore a black silk robe, with tucker of cream net and shoulder scarf of cream chiffon; Miss Currie, very becoming heliotrope nixon robe, caught below the knee with crystal fringe, the same edging her corsage, with red pink roses at her waist; Miss Jardine wore a sky blue charmeuse frock, with bands of silver on her corsage, blue ribbons in her coiffure; Miss O'Brien, pretty black charmeuse, with tunic of gold beadwork net, the same trailing her bodice, with bands of gold embroidery; Miss Ross, dainty pale heliotrope silk, with the same toned chiffon on her corsage; Mrs Darley wore a black silk gown with cream lace vest, white feather stole; Miss Darley, white lace frock, pale blue opera coat; Mrs Couper, black silk gown, very handsome opera coat of light shaded silk, embroidered in Japanese design in tones of pale pink and blue, with effective touch of black; Mrs Ballance, black silk gown, with lace, black charmeuse opera coat; Miss Drewett, black charmeuse robe, with lace and touch of silver, in her coiffure she wore a silver band; Miss Hawkins, black and white, pretty pale grey opera coat; Miss Watt, black crepe opera coat, with Valenciennes lace on her corsage; Mrs Izard, black silk, with cream net and lace vest; Mrs Bates, black silk, with pastel green toned cloth opera coat with Oriental trimming; Miss Bates, blue gown, and very pretty pale blue Japanese opera coat, embroidered in silk design, in her coiffure she wore black velvet head; Miss Brewer, black silk frock, with blue cloth opera coat, embroidered in Italian design in white silk; Mrs Gould (Auckland), white gown, with blue grey cloth opera coat, with pastel green composed of white satin covered in cream lace and edged with blue silk; Mrs Bates wore white and dainty pale pink opera coat, embroidered in pale pink tones; Miss Brettargh, blue frock and lovely blue cloth opera coat, with touch of Oriental trimming; Miss

W. Brettargh, white gown, with lace, pink striped opera coat. There were also present: Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Braik, Mrs. MacLean, Mrs. Gill Carey, Mrs. Sailey, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. P. Krull, Mrs. Okey (Tremouth), Mrs. Reaney, Mrs. Ruddleley, Miss Budgeley, Miss Gower, Mrs. Montgomerie, Mrs. Fairburn, Miss R. Hawken, Mrs. C. Brown, Mrs. Ross, Miss Ross, Mrs. Morsehead, Miss McLean, Mrs. Reid, and many others.

Sousa's Band.

Sousa and his celebrated band gave two performances in the Opera House on Tuesday, a matinee and again in the evening. There were very large and appreciative audiences, many having to stand. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Basil Taylor, Rev. Archdeacon Jacob and Mrs. Jacob, Mrs. A. E. Kitchen, Miss Willis, Miss Todd, Mrs. Lundius, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Mr. Christie, Miss D. Christie, Miss G. Christie, Dr. M. Earle, Mrs. H. Good, Miss Wilford, Miss W. Wilson (Bulls), Mr. and Mrs. James Watt, Miss Hawken, Miss R. Hawken Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy, Miss Gould (Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. Fairburn, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Miss Taylor, Miss Brettargh, Miss W. Brettargh, Mr. and Mrs. A. Izard, Mr. and Mrs. D. Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, Miss Currie, Mrs. Hughes-Johnston, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Brookfield, Miss Brookfield, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Meldrum, Messrs. Cohen, Yenny, Brookfield, Meldrum, Payne, Stevenson, Chamberlain, Foster, and others.

Bridge Party.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy gave a very enjoyable bridge party for young people. The prizes were won by Miss Ewen (Wellington) and Mr. Enderby. Amongst those present were: Miss Brewer, Miss Gould, Miss Spencer, Miss Ashcroft, Miss Ewen (Wellington), Messrs. Stevenson, Chamberlain, Turnbull, Reid, Enderby, Anderson, Moore. Several other bridge parties have been given, one by Mrs. Hesse (St. John's Hill), in honour of her mother, Mrs. Finch (Christchurch). Mrs. J. Anderson also gave one for Mrs. Dodgshun (Wellington), and Mrs. Ballance gave one for Mrs. F. Hatterley (Marton). Mrs. Barnard Brown gave one for Mrs. Horrocks (Auckland).

Afternoon Tea.

An afternoon tea was given by Mrs. C. Hutton (St. John's Hill) for Mrs. Hutton (Canterbury). Amongst those present were: Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Ballance, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. D'Arcy, Mrs. Brettargh, Mrs. F. Jones, Mrs. Finch (Christchurch), Mrs. Hesse.

Arts and Crafts.

The Arts and Crafts exhibition has been open for a week, and there is a very good exhibit of pictures, brass work, leather work, etc. It has been well patronized, and has a tea and supper-room connected. Mrs. Pattle-Zett, the energetic secretary, was responsible for the great success, she having worked very hard both before and during the time the exhibition has been opened. Every evening enjoyable concerts have been given. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs. Spencer, Miss Spencer, Rev. and Mrs. Dove, Mrs. Strouts, Mrs. Kitchen, Miss Willis, Miss Hawken, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sarjeant, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Howarth, Mr. and Mrs.

Habbage, Mr. and Mrs. Fairburn Dr. Earle, Mrs. James Watt, Mrs. Lomas, Mrs. John Stevenson, Mrs. Brettargh, Mrs. Izard, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Gill-carey, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Owen, Mrs. Jones, Miss Browne, Miss Watt, Miss Brettargh, Miss Gould (Auckland), Mrs. Wilford, Miss Wilford Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Dunn, Miss Moore, Miss Hede, Mrs. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Zett, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. McNeill, Mr. E. Liffiton, Miss Liffiton, Mrs. Good, Miss Wilson (Bulls), Mr. and Mrs. Hesse, and many others.

Personal.

Mrs H. Sarjeant, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Wellington.
Miss R. Jones (Wellington) has been staying in Wanganui for some weeks.
Miss N. Wilson, of Bulls, is the guest of Mrs H. Good in Wanganui.
Miss N. Cowper, of Kukuata, Wanganui is staying in Dannevirke with relations.
Miss P. Jones, of Wanganui, who has been in the North for some weeks, has returned to her home.
Mrs Pearce, of Eltham, is the guest of her mother, Mrs Hawken, in Wanganui.
Miss Ewen, of Wellington, who has been staying in Wanganui with Mrs Alexander Wilson, has returned to the Empire city.
Mrs R. Jackson, of Wanganui, has been staying in Waverley recently.
Archdeacon Harper, of Wellington, has been staying in Wanganui recently.
Mrs Percy Lewis, of Wanganui, is staying in Auckland with relations.

HULA.

PICTON.

August 24.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs Beswick had a pleasant little gathering on Friday at her residence in Wellington Street. Some of those present were: Miss H. C. Seymour, Mrs. and Miss Chambers, Mrs. Arthur, Miss Arthur, Mrs. Hangley, Mrs. Allen, Miss Greensill, etc.

Personal.

Mrs. and Miss Allen have gone to visit friends in Waverley for a few days.
Captain Avery, of the Defence Force, and Captain Surgeon Robman visited Mahakipawa last week, and held a medical inspection of youths joining the territorialists.
Messrs. Hall (guard), and Carnahan (driver), of the train which was derailed by a slip on the line during the late flood, were presented—Mr. Hall with a solid silver combined match-box, sovereign case, and stamp-holder, and Mr. Carnahan, with a silver pencil holder, both of which were inscribed with the initials of the recipients and the date of the occurrence, from the school children and teachers who were marooned in the train for a night and part of next day. The guard and driver had made their detention something to be remembered in the way of a splendid picnic.
Mr. and Mrs. Healey have returned from a very pleasant holiday to Christchurch and Wellington.
Mrs. Wicks (Benheim) is staying with her people in Picton during Mr. Wicks' absence in Nelson, where he has gone to play golf.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chaytor are visiting Mrs. and the Misses Allen in Picton.
Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Waimanga, Queen Charlotte Sound, left for Auckland and Rotorua on Tuesday. Miss McCormick accompanied them.
Mr. and Mrs. Hoyd have gone to Auckland for a change and holiday.

BELLE.

BLenheim.

August 24.

A Dance.

The Marlborough High School play and fancy dress dance which was held on Friday evening in St. Patrick's Hall proved a great success. Miss Trix, of London won first prize for most original costume, as a "Suffragette." Miss Muriel Jones "Morning Star" and Miss Ena Hulst, "Japanese," were awarded prizes for the prettiest costumes in the room. Some of those present were—Mrs R. McCallum, shell pink nixon; Mrs Wolferstan, grey silk taffeta; Mrs Goding, white silk; Mrs Jones, black taffeta; Miss Dodson, black silk; Mrs B. Clouston, black silk; Misses Ross, "Old English Lady;" L. Wolferstan, "Japanese;" A. Wolferstan, "Tuck;" E. Farmer, "Fisher Girl;" Gwen Furness, "Spanish Dancer;" Kura Broughton, "Jack Tar;" Alma Clouston, "Quaker Girl;" Muriel Northcott, "Eastern Girl;" Beryl Grace, "Duchess of Devonshire;" Rene Dodson, "Glaucus;" Nancy Coleman, "Fairytale;" Eileen Duggan, "Autumn;" Molly Perrin, "Fairytale;" C. Priddle, "Fairytale;" Wilkins, "Dairymaid;" Myrtle Pigeon, "Little Bo-Peep;" Margaret Mead, "Cherry Ripe;" Nan Rogers, "Lady Lawyer;" Gwen Reid, "Pierrette;" Elsie Jenkins, "Queen of Hearts;" M. Jones, "Autumn;" Lily Penny, "Rose;" Alma Elliott, "Pierrette;" Marion Elliott, "Snow Ball;" Midge Shaw, "Fairy;" L. Townshend, "Pierrette;" Joan Burns, "Fairytale;" Cora Burgess, "Fatima;" Doris Burgess, "Grandmother;" Dorothy Hefner, "Country Girl;" May Pigeon, "Spanish Dancer;" M. McCallum, "Suffragette;" Doris Simpson, "Marlborough Express;" Doris Clark, "Sailor;" Ella Thompson, "Queen of Hearts;" Speedy (Wellington), "Old English Lady;" Brittain, white silk; Fulton, blue silk taffeta; K. Scolland, white silk; Thomas, white silk. Messrs J. Horton, "waiter;" G. Fisher, "Chinaman;" O. Mead, "Blue Beard;" B. Mills, "Chinaman;" Sydney Shaw, "Jap;" E. Northcott, E. Reid, R. Reid, Barnett, Brittain (2), Goding, L. Grace, Hill, McKay, O'Brien, White, F. Clouston, L. Mowat, "Cook;" Churchward, Townshend and Dr. Jones.

Personal.

Mrs Mitchell (Nelson), is the guest of her sister, Mrs de Laubert, Weld-street.
Mr and Mrs Conolly have gone across to Wellington for a few days.
Miss Gard has gone to Wellington for a few days.
Miss Foster (Christchurch) is spending a few days with Mr and Mrs Neville, "Thurston."
Mrs Fell (Pelorus Sounds), has returned after spending a short holiday with Mrs W. Clouston, "St. Andrews."
Mrs Tendall (Wellington), is the guest of her daughter, Miss Tendall, Maxwell-road.
Miss Anderson left for Christchurch on Friday.
Miss Greenwood (Wellington) has returned after a short holiday with Mr and Mrs L. Buck.
Mrs S. Florence has returned from her visit to Picton.

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