

But those who did brave the elements were rewarded, for a most delightful evening was spent. Play was kept up with great spirit until eleven o'clock, when a most dainty supper was handed round. The following ladies form the Committee:—Mrs Gooch, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Brunskill, Mrs Pratt, Mrs E. Edwards. The prizes were won by Miss Orr, Miss Wright, Mr Malfroy, and Mr Vercoe, Mrs Gooch, cream satin, Miss Forster, apricot velvet blouse, black skirt; Miss Orr, becoming pink nunsveiling; Mrs Mackay, cream surah silk; Mrs Pratt, cream silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs John Edwards, black velvet, bodice cut square, elbow sleeves, the whole relieved with touches of pink; Mrs Forbes, pale yellow Chinese silk, sleeves of satin, lovely trail of cream roses on her shoulder; Mrs Edwards, black velvet, the sleeves of open lace, the points caught together with bunches of pale green bebe ribbon, the bodice had bolero fronts of green shot silk; Mrs Brunskill, buttercup nunsveiling, long white net sleeves; Mrs Sullivan, brown velvet, the low bodice being filled up with cream lace, pink silk collar; Miss Wight, very becoming pink satin; Mrs Hazard, pale green nunsveiling, sleeves of dark emerald green velvet; Miss Vercoe, soft pink silk blouse trimmed with narrow rows of ribbon velvet; Mrs Krutzer, cream gown, Messrs Gooch, Hazard, Forster, Malfroy, Vercoe, Mackay, Pratt, Edwards (2), Sullivan, McVeagh, Davidson.

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My Hamilton correspondent writes: THE MASONIC BALL On Thursday evening, 22nd June, was a delightful success. The Volunteer Hall was unrecognisable with the artistic decorations and brilliant lighting. The incandescent lamps were shaded with pretty yellow crinkled paper shades, which had a charming effect; the floor was in capital order, the music just lovely, supper, delightful, and partners numerous. The masonic ball of 1899 will long be remembered by all those who were present. Among the dresses worn I noticed:—Mrs Oldham, in handsome black silk, black lace trimmings; Mrs Brewis, brown velvet, coffee silk lace berthe; Miss Carey, white; Miss M. Carey, white dress, blue sash; Mrs Cox (Taupiri), black crepon and silk; Miss Cox, pink dress; Miss Newell, yellow silk; Miss Dey (debutante), white; Mrs Sandes, dark silk, velvet trimmings; Miss Sandes, pretty white dress, white chiffon and pearls trimming bodice; Miss I. Sandes, cream dress, pink rose buds on bodice; Miss C. Wallnutt, chenille spotted white net over pale green silk; Mrs Cussen, black velvet; Miss Cussen, white silk, pale green satin sash, green chiffon and pearl trimming on bodice; Miss Walker (Auckland), maroon skirt and sleeves, cream bodice; Mrs Newsom, white satin; Mrs Gordon, black skirt, pretty silk blouse; Mrs Von Sturmer, black; Mrs de C. Drury, pink dress; Mrs Slade, black dress, pale green yoke in bodice; Miss Metcalf (Ponsonby), pale blue silk; Miss Watkins, white; Miss Wilson, yellow silk; Mrs Bright, black; Mrs Browning, black, the bodice handsomely trimmed with gold sequin braid; Miss Browning (debutante), pretty white satin; Mrs Taunt, black dress, black lace trim; Miss Quick, pale green; Miss Sheppard, white dress; Miss Brookfield, blue chenille spotted net over blue satin; Miss K. O'Neill, broadcated white satin; Miss A. Jolly, white dress, crimson roses; Mrs W. Bright, broadcated silk, pale blue chiffon trimming; Miss Furze, white satin; Miss Dey (Tamahere), pink dress, black velvet trimming; Miss Sage, pink; Miss Watkins, white; Miss Coates, mauve dress; Miss E. Coates, white; Mrs Mitchell, black silk; Miss Stevens, white dress, green sash and trimmings; Mrs Edgecumbe, black silk, white lace fichu; Mrs Bartlett (Auckland), yellow silk, crimson roses; Miss Russell, pale blue; Miss Hill, cream; Mrs Prince, black silk; Mrs Ross, black; Miss Le Quense, black skirt, blue blouse; Miss C. Le Quense, white; Mrs Quathrough, black silk; Mrs Sare, black; etc.

From Coromandel comes the news:—Dear Bee.—The annual ball of the Coromandel Lawn Tennis Club took place last Friday evening in the Caledonian Hall. There were about forty couples present. An energetic committee carried out the arrangements

for the comfort of those present in an excellent manner and altogether the gathering was a most enjoyable one. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags, evergreens and tennis requisites. The stage was furnished with comfortable settees, etc., for the comfort of the chaperones and non-dancers. Mr L. E. Mair acted as master of ceremonies and fulfilled the duties in a highly satisfactory manner. The supper and music were all that could be desired. During the evening the President (Mr A. J. Litten) presented the prizes to the following ladies and gentlemen, who are the winners of the various sets in the tournament for the season:—Ladies' Singles, Miss Horne; Gentlemen's Singles, Mr C. R. Walker; Men's Doubles, Messrs Cheesman and G. Steedman; Combined Doubles, Mr A. H. Gatland and Miss Harrison. The trophy presented by the President was won by Mr A. F. Billing. Among the ladies present I noticed Mrs Hodge, who wore a handsome black satin costume, the bodice trimmed with yellow satin, veiled with spangled net; Mrs Montgomery, elegant gown of red silk, veiled with black embroidered net; Mrs Lawlor, pretty pale pink silk, with chiffon trimmings; Mrs Cruickshank, black costume, with pale blue ruchings on bodice; Mrs Mellars, salmon pink crepon, with satin and chiffon trimmings; Mrs Airey, striking costume of white silk, trimmed with frills of white chiffon, edged with black, black sash and gloves; Mrs Campbell, white silk, with pink silk trimmings; Mrs Swindley, jun., black velvet, trimmed with white silk; Mrs Lodge, black costume, relieved with heliotrope; Mrs Turner, red costume, trimmed with white lace; Miss Horne, pretty white silk, trimmed with lace and sprays of lily of the valley; Miss Kenrick, pink silk, trimmed with white swansdown; her sister wore white silk, with scarlet roses on corsage; Miss Lynch, electric blue, beautifully embroidered in white; Miss King, pink cashmere, with lace and passermenterie trimmings; Miss Flossie Harrison, pretty white cashmere, with cluster of lily of the valley, white satin sash; Miss Archer, sea green nunsveiling, trimmed with black velvet and white lace; Miss Macdonald (Auckland), pretty pale blue, trimmed with white chiffon and sprays of scarlet roses; the Misses Fraser wore dainty white silk, with sprays of snowdrops and ruchings of chiffon; Miss Hodge, dainty white silk, with sprays of forget-me-nots on bodice; Miss McGregor, pretty cream costume, with satin sleeves, bodice relieved with pink roses; Miss A. McGregor, soft white muslin, with sprays of lily of the valley; Miss Jamieson, white silk, with transparent chiffon sleeves and cluster of red poppies on corsage; Miss Clymo, yellow velvet, trimmed with satin ribbon and clusters of purple pansies on corsage; Miss Campbell, cream cashmere, trimmed with spangled net, and black velvet bands; Miss Legge, rose pink silk, prettily trimmed with black ribbon velvet; Miss Radford, sea green relieved with white roses; Miss Ulrich, pretty yellow velvet costume; Miss Gatland, sea green, trimmed with white lace; Miss Massacks, canary silk costume, with lace trimmings; Miss Tatley, black costume, with white satin trimmings; her sister wore white, with pink sash; Miss Baston, pretty pale blue silk.

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