

gured silk; Miss Coutts, dainty white muslin, trimmed with lace and blue silk; Miss V. Hunter (Hamilton) was frocked in a white silk, profusely shirred, the bodice having touches of black ribbon velvet; Miss Washer wore a white dress, trimmed with red berries; Miss Glenn, black silk, the bodice relieved with handsome pearl trimmings; Miss Newing looked very graceful in a dress of white tulle over foundation of white satin; Mrs. Wallace, black silk, the bodice trimmed with pink roses; Miss Winks (Auckland), black tuckered silk, erie trimmings; Mrs. T. Sutherland, yellow silk, trimmed with chiffon to match; Miss Sawyer wore black, trimmed with black spotted chiffon; Miss Patman, white muslin; Miss Douglas looked very well in black satin. Some of the gentlemen present were: Messrs. Mitchell (2), Tonks, Cooper, Glenn (2), Beom, Wallace, Turnbull, Parkinson, Gordon, Burke, Hamilton, Hastie (2), Dr. Goad, etc.

Another of the club enche parties was held at Mr. Caplen's house last Friday night, and was very successful. There were 12 tables of players, which meant 48 guests, as well as several looking on. A delicious supper was served after the play. Miss Davy was the successful winner of the ladies' prize, a very pretty gold tie-pin. Messrs. Turnbull and Wilkinson had to play off, the latter being successful, getting for his prize a small copper kettle on a spirit lamp. Those present were: Mesdames Baird, Parkinson, Wilkinson, Dingle, West-terra, Turnbull, Coulls, Misses Dingle (2), V. Hunter (Hamilton), Newland, Baird (3), White, Beatt, Staton, McLean, Garry, Boyley, etc.; Messrs. Atkinson, Chettle, Moorehouse, Liddle, Kenny, (Dr.) West-terra, Baird (2), Dingle, Turnbull (2), Wilkinson, Gray, Alexander, etc.

The Hawera football team journeyed out to Mania last Saturday to try conclusions with the Waiuaita team. Both these teams were even for the cup, so that naturally there was a great deal of interest taken in the game. Sad to relate, Hawera was beaten by one point, which was very hard. I think, Waiuaita having won by such a small margin. The Hawera team has been very unlucky this year, having lost two of its best players, Messrs. Hunter and Bennish.

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WANGANUI.

Dear Bee, July 1.

In spite of the bad weather prevailing on Saturday there was a very large gathering at the

EGMONT-WANGANUI HUNT MEET AT "ROUND BUSH."

The property of Mr. Morris Higgin. An excellent day's sport was enjoyed by those present, and afternoon tea was fully appreciated. Before leaving for home Mr. Gibson made a short speech, thanking our host and hostesses for their kindness, and three hearty cheers were given. Amongst the riders I noticed: Messrs. Porritt, J. Hair, I. Saunders, R. Grace, James, Higgin, Gibson, A. Cutfield, J. Browlie, C. Russell, E. Brownlie, Chapman, Wilson, Hammond, Messrs. Barnicoat, Cutfield, Campbell, Crawley, Nixon. Driving were: Mesdames Nixon, Marshall, Cutfield, John Stevenson, Barnicoat, Millward, Greig, D'Arcy, Rutherford, Misses Rawson, Higgin, Cameron, Russell (Christchurch), McLaughlin (Auckland), Messrs. Millward, Nixon, Rutherford, Higgin, James, Fisher, Bruce and others.

On Friday evening, June 24, Mrs. John Anderson gave a

MOST ENJOYABLE PROGRESSIVE EUCHERE PARTY

at her residence in Victoria avenue. A most sumptuous supper was laid in the large dining-room, the tables being artistically decorated with masses of beautiful yellow narcissi and violets. The first prize, a pretty silver photo. frame, was won by Miss McLaughlin, of Auckland. The winner of the men's prize—a silver-mounted tobacco pouch—was Mr. Grinnitt. Miss Phoebe Jones won the baby prize, a silver tumbler, and the men's fell to Mr. Hardwick—a pack of playing cards with views of New Zealand on them. Our hostess received in a handsome black silk evening gown, trimmed with lace and jet on corsage; Miss Anderson wore a black silk skirt and pretty tuckered rose pink silk blouse; Miss W. Anderson, pale pink silk frock, with chiffon on corsage; Mrs. Craig wore a becoming gown of white satin and lace spray of crimson flowers on the corsage; Mrs. A.

Blundell, black silk evening costume, with transparent sequin net yoke and sleeves, pale blue silk cloth; Miss Brahan, a black silk skirt and maize-tucked silk blouse; Miss Lawson, smart frock of black accordion-pleated chiffon, banded with champagne insertion on the corsage; Miss Aitken, blue tuckered silk blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Maling, black silk evening gown and transparent lace sleeves; Miss P. Jones, black silk skirt, coffee jacket of cream Brussels net and lace; Miss O'Brien, pink silk evening gown; Miss Knapp, black silk costume, banded with champagne lace; Miss F. Richmond (Nelson) wore a handsome gown of black brocade, fitted of cream lace and on sleeves, pale pink spray of flowers in corsage and on corsage; Miss Barnicoat wore a cream voile frock, and her coffee jacket was embroidered with Oriental shaded ribbon-work; Miss McLaughlin (Auckland), cream silk gown, trimmed with lace; Miss Tuke wore a black silk frock, with berthe of real lace; Miss Hook, cream silk, trimmed with lace; Miss Bywater, black voile skirt, tucked old rose silk blouse, with Hamilton lace; Miss Darley, black silk skirt, pale blue tuckered silk blouse; Miss R. Jones wore a pretty white silk, the corsage having champagne insertion, threaded with turquoise blue ribbon. There were also present: Messrs. Anderson (2), Stevenson, Craig, Hardwick, Lomas, Armour, Black, More, R. Stevenson, Silk, Dodge-hun (2), Grinnitt, Wood, Harrell, Oshilton, Holderness, Kirton, Weir, Cohen, Drs. Wilson and Wall.

Last Wednesday the members of the

LADIES' GOLF CLUB

played a bogey match for prizes presented by the captain, Mrs. Greig. Of the seniors Mrs. Lomas and Miss N. Cowper tied for first place, with Miss Jackson second. Miss Maude Liffiton won the junior match, Miss Darley coming second. Afternoon tea was provided by Mesdames Fenwick and Greenwood. Amongst the large number on the links I noticed Mesdames Greig, Barnicoat, Cleghorn, Dyer, D'Arcy, Clay, Heywood, Holdship, Lomas, Greenwood, Fenwick, Innes, Sarjant, Misses Barnicoat (2), Henderson, Mason, Brahan, Greig, Williams, Browne, Cowper (2), Liffiton, Jackson, Darley, Moore, Lawson, Taylor, P. Jones, Knapp, Anderson, Allison and others.

HUIA.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, July 1.

Last week I had no space to tell you of the very jolly Hearts Party given by Mrs. Kane in honour of her guest, Miss Skerrett. Progressive hearts was played first of all, Miss Finch winning the prize, and after supper a Heart Hunt was held, which resulted in a merry and breathless scurramong for some minutes—most ingenious hiding-places having been found for the little objects.

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

was rather damped by the weather, but once inside the buildings, the scene was bright and animated. Such an improvement was made in the arrangements for the privileged spectators, and though many people were annoyed at not getting tickets, the favoured few attained their places with comfort, and had a good view of all that went on. Lady Plunket had a graceful dress of light blue cloth, the cuffs and the deep Victorian tippet having motifs in silver and chenille embroidery. Her toque was of dark blue beaver, and she wore silver fox pelerine and muff. The three little girls looked charming in white cloth Empire frocks and picturesque bonnets. The Hon. Kathleen Plunket was in black voile de soie, with medallions of lace, black picture hat, and white fox furs. Mrs. Seddon looked well in black, with a long seal coat, and black toque with mauve flowers; Miss Seddon was in champagne cloth and a blue hat; Mrs. Dyer, black crepe de chine; Mrs. Bean (Christchurch), dark blue voile, with motifs of lace, and black hat. I noticed Lady Ward, in blue canvas cloth, much trimmed with cyeter-white satin and lace, and a picturesque black hat; Mrs. Mills, in lace cloth, with a handsome fur coat; Misses Mills, one in brown and the other in dark blue; Mrs. Hamer, green cloth, and a red hat; Mrs. R. Heaton Rhodes, a lovely gown of cedar-brown souple cloth, with vest of lace and pale blue chiffon, a lace toque with flowers; Mrs. T. Kennedy MacDonald, black crepe de chine, and seal coat; Mrs. S. Thorne George, black cloth, long seal coat; Miss Zoe

George, Indian red canvas, and black toque; Mrs. Major (Hawera), blue and green tweed, and smart hat; Mrs. Baume (Auckland), black brocade; Mrs. F. Baume, green canvas, with lace ruffles, white toque with foliage; Mrs. Wilford, fabric-green voile, with Empire sash of pale green, and picturesque Victorian bonnet of the same hue; Mrs. Field, dark grey tailor-made costume, and furs; Miss Rigg, black dress and caracul coat; Mrs. Guinness, navy voile, with medallions of lace; Mrs. Wallis, prune cloth tailor-made costume, and floral toque en suite; Miss Williams (England), champagne tweed, flaked with brown, brown picture hat and pelerine furs; Mrs. E. A. Rhodes, black fuffeta, and black bonnet with tips; Miss Coates, blue flaked tweed, and black toque; Mrs. Firth, dark grey zibeline, and furs; Mrs. A. Pearce, blue canvas cloth, and smart toque; Mrs. Menteath, cream Knoppe cloth, with insertions of coarse lace; Mrs. D. Nathan, cigar-brown cloth, with quillings of red velvet.

This last week there have been quite a number of small teas. One was given by Mrs. Fitchett and another by Mrs. Sievwright, the prizes at the latter being won by Mrs. Geddis and Mrs. Corrigan.

Mrs. O'Connor had a tea on Friday at her big new house on the Terrace, and on the previous day her daughters entertained a few of their girl friends, when a pleasant afternoon was spent with music and billiards. Miss O'Connor wore black voile, with insertions of erie, and a rose sash; Miss Eily O'Connor had a white crepe de chine blouse, and a black skirt, Empire belt of vivid green; the Misses Martin (Wairarapa), who are staying with Mrs. O'Connor, wore white silk and lace blouses, and black voile skirts. Among the guests at Mrs. O'Connor's tea were Mesdames Michie (Dunedin), Watson, Barron, Crawford, Pynsent, Gilruth, Tuckey, Tweed, and several others.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BALL

must be placed to the credit of the Wellington College Old Boys' Association, all the arrangements being excellent. The College colours of black and gold were conspicuously displayed, and the platform was quite a bower of ferns. Mrs. Firth looked exceedingly well in black crepe de chine, much trimmed with handsome lace; Mrs. Gilmer, black satin; Miss Gibson, pastel chiffon satin; Mrs. Blundell, black brocade; Miss Blundell, white satin and net; Mrs. Mills, black brocade; Miss V. Mills, pink crepe de chine; Mrs. Mee, black pent de soie; Miss Mee, white Orient satin; Miss Kirkcaldie, white Russian net over satin; Miss G. Kirkcaldie, rose pink crepe de chine; Miss O. Kirkcaldie, yellow chiffon, much gauged and filled; Miss MacGregor, black satin, and sash-belt of pale blue; Miss Seed, black satin, veiled in net; Miss Parsons, blue satin, with rosettes of black velvet; Miss W. Parsons, white soie de chine; Miss V. Macdonald, flowered chine silk; Miss Lockie, white silk, with touches of mauve; Miss Richardson, white satin,

veiled in net; Miss Skerrett, black and white lace dress; Misses Brown, pale blue crepe de chine, berthes of lace; Miss Barnett, pale blue chiffon, accordion-pleated.

A HOCKEY TEA

was given on Tuesday by Miss A. Edwin to the members of the Kiwi Club, of which she is captain. During the afternoon a presentation was made to Miss Alice Lawson, the former captain, the gift taking the form of a silver photograph frame. A competition in (earing pictures of animals out of sheets of paper produced quite a wonderful menagerie. Miss Roskrug's elephant taking the first prize, a gold pin. Miss Edwint wore a dress of red and white voile, and her sister was in white, with a blue sash. Miss A. Lawson had a brown dress, and brown beaver hat; Miss E. Lawson was in a white silk blouse, and a black voile skirt; Miss Harcourt, Indian red frieze; Miss Fitzgerald, navy tailor-made costume.

The rinking craze in Wellington seems to have taken as strong a hold as the long defunct ping-poug, and the one great topic of conversation is skating. Large parties are made up by people anxious to learn, and the rink is daily the scene of laughter and excitement, not to mention hard work, which it undoubtedly is—for beginners, though the good skaters glide along with an ease and grace which is positively maddening to those who can only just totter along with many a frantic wobble to keep their balance. Among the keenest rinkers are Misses Harcourt, Barron, Tollerust, Fulton, Ewen, Fitzgerald, Otterson, Brandon, Butt, Johnston, Turner, Burnett, Denniston, Cooper, Waldegrave, Fitzsimmons, Morrah, Edwin, Kane, and Miles, and Messrs. Pearce, Williams, Higginson, Rhind, Gibbs, Sutton, Bridge, Pownall, George, Revell, Hollis, Denniston, Wilford, Izards, Seddon, Napier, Maclean, Pollock, Webster, Fell, Burnett.

A club is being started with the object of reserving one night a week for members only. Messrs. Wilford and Izard are the promoters, and the hon. secretary is Dr. Izard. Should the club be a success there is talk of a grand fancy dress carnival in connection with it, which, well carried out, should be a very delightful affair. There are many people in Wellington who belonged to a similar club a good many years ago, and they are emphatic as to the enjoyment of such a scheme.

OPIHEIA.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, June 27.

Exhibition matters are progressing well. The musical committee is kept busy, and the practices keep people from feeling too deadly dull during this depressing, changeable influenza-laden winter weather, which must have been imported from the South Pole, or some other outlandish place, for it never

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