

CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Bee, March 18.
A MOST ENJOYABLE DANCE
 was given on Friday evening by Mrs. James Hally, at her lovely home, "Yalmat." The rooms are so spacious that entertaining a large gathering is an easy matter. The dining room was used for dancing. A most tempting supper was laid in the breakfast room. The table decorations, which were most artistic, consisted of an arch-way in the centre of yellow calliopsis and fairy anemones, with low vases of the same flowers at the corners of the table. There seemed to be almost as many visitors as residents present, as almost every one seemed to have friends who had come in for the show, which had been held the two days previous to the dance. Mrs. Hally received in a lovely dress of black tulle and chiffon over silk, with handsome cream lace yoke on bodice, and hanging sleeves with cream lace inside, matching the yoke. She was assisted by her daughters, Mrs. A. Gibbons wearing a rich white silk trimmed with Paris lace insertion and white roses in her hair; Miss Hally, who looked very dainty in a pale blue crepe de chine, much tulle, and pink roses on corsage and coiffure; and Miss A. Hally, pretty white silk frock, tucked and inserted with lace, large white bow on her hair. Miss Williams looked charming in a frock of white net over silk, and trimmed with rows of narrow white satin ribbon, berthe of white lace, and spray of pink roses, and roses in her hair; Miss E. Hill, white muslin with touches of crimson; Miss Richardson looked very sweet in soft white silk; Miss Walker (Auckland), black net with rose pink bow in coiffure; Miss T. Walker (Auckland), white silk, with pale blue sash; Miss Wells, white silk, with crimson bow on corsage; Miss H. Wells looked very stylish in black silk, with pale blue sash, and spray of pale blue poppies in her hair; Miss M. Hesketh (Auckland), looked very dainty in soft white silk, with touches of pale blue; Miss Brooks, white silk; Miss Cousin (Auckland) looked chic in black net over silk, trimmed with passementerie; Miss Clarke, white over yellow silk, yellow sash; Miss Morrow (Auckland), pale blue silk; Miss Wittchell (Auckland), looked charming in pale blue, and roses in her hair; Miss Chilton, white muslin; Mrs. Garroff (Auckland), black voile; Mrs. F. Gano, white evening dress; Miss P. Ferguson, white muslin; Miss Skeet, white silk; Miss Brown, cream silk, trimmed with string coloured insertion; Miss Taylor, a becoming dress of cream satin, over-dress of white net; Miss M. Taylor, white muslin over pink silk; Miss Farley, white silk, a spray of ivy in her hair; Miss Storey, white silk; Miss Cave, black accordion-pleated chiffon blouse, yoke and cuffs of sequins worked on white net, black skirt, jet butterfly in coiffure; Miss K. Souter, white silk; Miss G. Cave, white silk; Miss Gwynneth, black silk with large tangerine rose on corsage; Miss Gibbons, pale green silk, pink roses on corsage. Amongst the men were:—Messrs. Hally (2), Farnall, Maddison, Richardson (2), Vercoe, Wachlorn, Patterson, Taylor, Jackson, Douglas, Falls, Isherwood, Fisher, Ferguson, Williams, Kirth, Wells, Subbing, Clarke.



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NAPIER.

Dear Bee, March 18.
 Unfortunately the weather on the first day of the Napier Park Races was very showery, and there were not so many people present as usual. This morning, however, was bright and sunny, and the attendance was large. Mrs. Humphries wore a white dress, white hat trimmed with ruchings of black and white chiffon; Mrs. Coleman, a handsome gown of black silk and voile, black hat with long plumes; Mrs. Williams was also in black, with bonnet to match; Mrs. Smith, dark blue, with a cream hat; Mrs. A. Kennedy was in a pretty cream gown trimmed with lace, large cream hat, in which were some pink roses; Mrs. White wore a grey coat and skirt, and a grey hat relieved with green; Mrs. Fraser, black and pink; Miss Ileywood, white; Miss Williams also wore white; Mrs. John McVay (president's wife), wore black voile with handsome applique, and a black bonnet with touches of rose pink velvet; Miss Mary McVay was smartly gowned in a navy cloth Eton costume, and navy and white cloth hat with befeater crown.

MARJORIE. GIBBORNE.

Dear Bee, March 18.
 We have had perfect weather for the last few weeks, and are just dreading the time when it begins to break up, and we must say good-bye to tennis and other summer games. However, winter brings consolation in the way of dances and golf, which, after all, are very satisfactory amusements, and make up for the loss of a good many tennis parties, picnics, etc.

Mrs G. Elliott gave
A MOST ENJOYABLE GIRLS' AFTERNOON TEA
 at the Alexandra Tea Rooms on Friday last. Mrs. Elliott wore grey and white muslin and black chiffon hat lined with white; Miss M. Wallis, pale blue muslin, white hat; Miss M. Sheriff, blue and white muslin dress, black hat; Miss L. Beunett, white muslin frock, white hat; Miss E. Bradley, grass lawn, white hat with pink flowers; Miss E. Bradley, blue tulle dress, white hat, trimmed with blue; Miss Fleming, grey voile Dion costume, hat en suite; Miss C. Boylan, blue-grey roite, black chiffon hat; Miss F. Boylan, thin blue muslin, white hat; Miss C. Foster, tussore silk dress, black hat; Miss Foster, cream voile dress, pale blue hat; Miss Wachsmann, spotted grass lawn frock, white hat.

Saturday was
A PERFECT DAY FOR TENNIS,
 and several matches were played at both clubs. At Whataupoko the Misses Barker gave afternoon tea. Amongst those present were Mrs. Barker, who wore a blue foulard costume, trimmed with insertion and lace, hat to match; the Misses Barker wore dainty white silk dresses and white muslin hats; Mrs. Willock wore a white linen costume and black hat; Mrs. A. W. Rees, navy blue voile, trimmed with ceru lace; Mrs. W. Barker, white silk dress, black hat; Mrs. E. Parker, white muslin frock, black hat; Miss McLean, spotted grass lawn frock, white hat; Miss Rutledge, white linen skirt, white muslin blouse, pink hat; Miss N. Rutledge, white muslin dress, white hat; Miss M. Burke, pink linen costume, white hat; Mrs. E. A. Pavitt, white linen dress; Miss Wachsmann, white muslin, green belt, white hat; Misses Bradley (3), Reynolds, Foster, Fleming. Some of the gentlemen were Messrs Byrnes, Grant, Wallis, Blair, Burke, Barron, Hunter, Matthews.

Mrs W. I. Rees has begun giving her delightful tennis parties again at "The Bungalow," where so many pleasant afternoons were spent last summer.
A BRIDGE TOURNAMENT
 is now being played, games taking place at different people's houses each week. Last week it was held at Dr. and Mrs. Williams', the week before at Mr and Mrs Reynolds', and this week at Mr and Mrs Mann's. Amongst the players are Mr and Mrs Reynolds, Mr and Mrs Meau, Dr. and Mrs Williams, Mr and

Mrs Cyril White, Mr and Mrs Carmichael, Mr and Mrs G. Elliott, Miss Bradley, Messrs Burke, Grant and Bainsbury.
 Mr W. Chriap gave
A FAREWELL BACHELOR PARTY
 on Thursday night to Mr Walter Gaudin, who leaves for Auckland on Saturday. A very pleasant musical evening was spent, songs being given by Messrs E. Chriap, Hunter, Dalrymple, F. Leat, De Costa, and others. EISA.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, March 18.
 A very pleasant
PROMENADE CONCERT
 was held in the Drill Hall last Thursday evening, for the purpose of raising funds for the maintenance of a Maori girl from this district in the Victoria College (Auckland). The hall was gaily decorated with bunting. Along the side walls stalls were arranged, from the demure-looking plain work stall to the appetising sweets stall. The committee included Mesdames Cook (president), W. Bullot, Dockrill, Fleetwood, Freeth, R. Jury, Newman, McKellar, E. M. Smith, W. H. Skinner, Misses Nicholls, Smith (2), Tester. The following were the stallholders: Fancy, Mesdames Paton, S. Percy Smith, Hawken; sweets, Misses Skinner (2), Simpson, Matthews; produce, Mrs. Tulloh, Miss Curtis; ice cream, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Miss Nicholls. Character reading was done by Madame Yusuf. The cardroom was managed by Mrs. McKellar, Miss Smith and Miss Teas. The supper was under the management of Mesdames R. Cook, Dockrill, and R. Jury. Amongst those present I noticed: Mrs. Kerr, Miss M. Kerr, Mrs. Whitcombe (Christchurch), Misses Webster (3), Misses Fookes (2), Miss Knight, Misses Fleetwood (2), Miss M. Gabb, Miss W. Thomson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Cooke, Miss J. Fraser, Misses Bedford (2), Miss A. Brewster, Miss Knot, Mrs. MacDiarmid, Miss Godwater.

Mrs Alexander gave
A MOST ENJOYABLE DANCE
 at her beautiful residence in Vivian street in honour of her guest, Miss Tregear, of Wellington. The drawingroom was arranged for dancing, and the floor was in perfect order. The lovely grounds were lighted up with Chinese lanterns, and presented quite the appearance of a fairyland, the calmness and beauty of the night enabling promenaders to thoroughly enjoy and appreciate its charm. Supper was set out in the diningroom. The tables were daintily decorated with roses and daisies. The music was supplied by McKinnon Bain's orchestra, and was therefore perfect. Mrs. Alexander received her guests in black brocade, trimmed with beautiful old lace. Miss Tregear (Wellington) wore green and cream delaine, trimmed with lace and insertion; Miss D. Whitcombe (debutante) looked charming in a dainty white frilled book-muslin, finished with chiffon and lace; Miss J. Govett, lovely gauged white chiffon,

trimmed with satin ribbon; Miss D. Govett, black net; Miss Fookes, black frilled net, relieved with heart roses on corsage; Miss E. Hamerton, white silk, trimmed with satin striped chiffon, yellow flowers on decollete; Miss R. Graham (Hamilton) looked well in white silk, trimmed with lace insertion; Miss MacDiarmid, white silk; Miss W. George, pretty pink silk, veiled in white net; Miss N. Capel, yellow silk, corsage trimmed with clusters of violets; Miss M. Capel, white Brussels net, trimmed with bands of satin ribbon, yellow roses on shoulder; Miss Hoy, blue gauged crepe de chine, trimmed with satin ribbon; Miss Monica Govett looked charming in pearl grey accordion-pleated silk voile; Miss Webster, blue silk, trimmed with white lace; Miss L. Webster, white silk; Miss Holdsworth, a dainty shade of heliotrope brocade, with chiffon frills; Miss G. Holdsworth looked well in pink silk and cream lace; Miss C. Bayly, lovely white silk, with clusters of wallflowers, Poupandour belt; Miss K. Thurston (Wellington), handsome black silk, with cream lace collar; Miss O. King, cream gauged net's veiling; Miss J. Fraser, pale pink silk, pink roses in hair; Miss A. Hoskin, dainty cream accordion-pleated voile, trimmed with chiffon. Amongst the gentlemen were Messrs Alexander, Webster (2), Gray, Bewley (2), Townsend, Abraham, Cuffield, Fraser (2), Blackmore, Waddy, Nolan, Taylor, Whitcombe, Standish, Duke (2), Richards, Medley, George, Mace, Mackay, Robertson.

NANCY LEE.

WANGANUI.
 Dear Bee, March 17.
 On Wednesday, 8th inst., Mrs E. Atkinson, of St. John's Hill, gave

AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON TEA
 for her sister, Miss Cohen, of England, who is paying a visit to New Zealand. Amongst those present were, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Cohen, Mesdames Moore, Sargeant, Hawke, James Watt, Pattle, Izzett, Colin Campbell, Babbage, Mason, Misses Moore, Cowper, Christie, and others.

THE WANGANUI HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
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