

blows on courage; Mrs H. Connell, in a black skirt and a pretty pale blue silk blouse; Mrs Kallender, black skirt and a dainty white silk blouse; Mrs A. P. Wilson wore a handsome black gown, relieved with cream lace; Mrs Simpson was in a dainty white silk, and a white opera coat with pink Oriental embroidery; Mrs H. Walker was in black, relieved with cream and cream lace yoke; Mrs Kekewick was gowned in grey with a charming grey coat with Paris-tinted lace collar; Mrs Maitland wore a pretty cream silk gown with coarsage bow of rose pink ribbon; Mrs Dabst was in a black shirred silk with a cream lace yoke; Mrs Lawson was in a pretty white silk gown with a cluster of red roses on corsage and in coiffure; Miss Cötter was daintily gowned in white, with rose pink satin coiffure; Miss Gore Gillon looked charming in a pink Oriental satin with cream lace and insertion; Miss P. Walker wore a charming gown of white taffeta, softened with silk lace and chiffon; Miss Lausk was in white, inset with Valenciennes lace, and a blue opera coat; Miss Gorrie was gowned in black silk with tucker of black folded chiffon; Miss T. Binney was in a white cloth skirt and a charming white silk blouse; Miss D. Scherff wore a dainty gown of white mousseline with white lace and insertion and touches of blue; Miss Cook was in a pretty white silk gown, softened with chiffon; Miss Latimer was gowned in a pretty shirred pink silk with a berthe of cream lace; Miss Dawson wore cream with a charming pale blue opera coat with cream lace collar; Miss M. Dawson looked dainty in white with pale blue choux and coiffure; Miss Possenniskie was in white silk, profusely trimmed with lace and insertion, with a shell pink coiffure; Miss Peacocke was gowned in black, relieved with white; Miss Henderson wore a black skirt and a rose pink silk blouse with a cream lace berthe; Miss S. Henderson was in white silk, veiled in cream lace, and pale pink coiffure and choux. Mrs Keating was gowned in black with a white Maltese lace scarf, and a cluster of pink roses on corsage and in coiffure; Miss Grierson wore a pretty pale blue silk with silver embroidery and a charm-

ing silver and white scarf; Mrs R. Dargaville, black satin evening gown; Miss Dargaville, dainty white silk evening frock and crimson coat; Mrs Morton, black satin with silver sequin gathorn round décolletage; the Misses Biss wore black satin with Honiton lace berthe and white silk frocks, respectively; Miss Thorne George, white silk evening gown; Mrs Lyons, black evening gown; Mrs H. Thompson, black chiffon with touches of white; Miss Ida Thompson, shimmering heliotrope satin evening frock; Mrs Harry Clark, black point d'esprit evening gown; Mrs V. Rice, black and white pin-spot gown; Miss Lise, dainty topaz silk evening frock with Honiton lace berthe; Miss Oxley, effective daffodil yellow silk blouse with chiffon ruchings, and black satin skirt; Mrs H. Bloomfield, white silk evening frock; Mrs Masfen, black and white spotted silk, bodice with white lace entredeux; Mrs R. M. Watt, pale blue silk and white lace transparent yoke; Miss Arey, cameo pink silk blouse and black skirt; Miss Aubin, white voile with silk chi-fu lace insertion; Mrs Kent, black satin with touches of white; Mrs F. King, black toilette; Miss Eva Beale, white silk evening frock and rose pink coat; Mrs Webb, black skirt and white silk blouse; Mrs C. Biddle, blue silk, white and black spotted net transparent yoke; Mrs W. Lambert, black evening toilette; Mrs Tanton, black satin evening gown, brightened with jet; Misses Tanton wore black and white evening frocks, respectively; Mrs Baume, black and amethyst silk gown; Mrs F. E. Baume, white and pink chine silk.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

ROTORUA.

Dear Bee,

January 22.

The most successful and interesting social gathering we have had for a very long time was held in the Assembly Hall on Thursday, the 18th instant, when at a large farewell social a presentation of a purse of sovereigns and an address was made to Captain A. C. Turner, chairman of the Town Council, and District Road Engineer, on his retirement from the Government service in Rotorua. The affair was in the hands of a most capable ladies' committee, namely, Mesdames Robertson, Malfroy, Rhoades, Nunneley, Empson, Wallnutt, Penney, London, Crowther, Carr, Gardner, Hannah, and Walker, and was carried through with every success. With the assistance of Messrs Wiggs and Ellis, the hall was gaily decorated with flags and the stage carpeted and arranged with easy chairs, ferns, plants, etc. Mrs London, as chairwoman of the committee, assisted by Mr London, received the guests at the entrance of the hall, and before nine o'clock over 200 people had arrived to do honour to Captain Turner, and his daughter, Miss L. Turner. Mr G. A. Empson occupied the chair. A short musical programme was gone through. Mr Hoyes' fine voice was heard to such advantage in "The King's Own" that he had to respond to an emphatic encore. Mrs Broomhall sang "I Was Dreaming." Mr Pawson gave one of his much-appreciated cello solos and was accompanied by Mrs Pawson. Miss Stella Empson sang "When the Heart is Young," and Mr Wallnutt "Beauty's Eyes." Mrs Landias and Miss M. London gave a vocal duet, "Come O'er the Moonlit Sea." Mrs Landias playing the accompaniment. Miss E. Empson accompanied the vocalists with her usual skill. At the conclusion of the musical programme Miss Carrie Rhoades presented Miss Turner with a beautiful shower bouquet. Mrs Ann Robertson, as the oldest Rotorua resident and one whose acquaintance with Captain Turner dated back 40 years, then made the presentation of the purse of 50 odd sovereigns. The purse was accompanied by an address, beautifully ornamented with views of Maori life and Rotorua, handsomely framed in honeysuckle wood. Captain Turner, who was visibly affected, rose and expressed his pleasure and surprise at the handsome presentation and ovation he had received. He felt very gratified to think that the ladies thought enough of "the old man" to do so much for him, and felt that he could never thank them and his fellow-townsmen sufficiently for their great kindness. Three beauty sheers were given

for Captain Turner, and one for Miss Turner. A delicious light supper was then served, and dancing was afterwards indulged in until midnight.

Mrs London, acting hostess, was gowned in black silk, with large point lace collar; Miss Lilla Turner wore a pale blue and white voile with tucked white silk front; Mrs Robertson, black with white lace, collar and tie; Mrs G. A. Empson, black silk with transparent yoke; Mrs F. Rhoades, rich black satin; Mrs Nunneley, black satin gown, pink carnations on corsage and in coiffure; Mrs Malfroy, black silk, cut slightly low; Mrs Carr, smart black voile, with white tucked silk yoke, edged with ecru guipure; Mrs Penney, black gown relieved with white; Mrs C. Wallnutt, white figured muslin with many frills; Mrs Gardner, black; Mrs Hanna, white silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs Dodwell (Wellington), black evening gown with handsome white lace scarf; Mrs Empson, black figured silk with white silk front covered with black lace; Mrs Wohlmann, white voile relieved with red; Mrs Landias; black and white evening gown; Mrs Urquhart, black skirt, handsome white silk blouse; Mrs Crowhurst, white; Mrs Wilmot, black skirt, pink blouse; Mrs Broomhall, white silk; Mrs Hoyes, black skirt, white bodice; Mrs Pearson, black net, trimmed narrow white bebe ribbon; Mrs Iles, black gown; Mrs Miller, black; Mrs Potter, black silk skirt, white silk blouse; Mrs Allsop, white silk; Mrs Young, black skirt, cream silk bodice; Miss Rennell, handsome black silk and lace gown; Miss Empson, stylish black evening dress, transparent cream net yoke outlined with black, elbow sleeves; Miss Malfroy, black skirt, red silk blouse with cream lace yoke; Miss Metcalfe (Auckland), white silk; Miss London, black gown, transparent black lace yoke; Miss S. Empson, white silk evening gown, handsome berthe with tucker of white net; Miss M. London, black skirt, red and white spotted silk blouse, transparent cream net yoke, elbow sleeves; Miss Penney, white dress; Miss N. Penney, white muslin relieved with blue; Miss Bagnall (Auckland), white voile; Miss Orr, white gown; Miss Mackintosh, cream voile; Miss Hawkesworth, black skirt, pretty pink silk blouse; Miss French, black. There were a great many other ladies present, but I cannot recall their names just now.

HINEMOA.

CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Bee,

January 20.

There is very little socially to write about, as so many of our families are still away and others are just returning, and have not time to think of entertaining.

Wednesday last was the first anniversary of the opening of the

CROQUET CLUB.

There was a large gathering of members and friends. A presentation of a mallet, with his initials engraved, was made to Mr P. Forbes, the energetic secretary of the club. Mrs Earl, who made the presentation, thanked Mr Forbes for all he had done for the club. Afternoon tea was served by the ladies, and a number of enjoyable games were played.

Great interest is being taken in

LAWN TENNIS

just now. Mr D. Pirani, the proprietor of the "Cambridge Independent," has very kindly presented a handsome silver teapot as a trophy to be played for by the ladies of the club. Mr W. R. C. Walker has also presented a trophy for ladies, and so has Mr Hair, who has lately come to reside amongst us. It has been decided to defer playing for them until the return of some of the members who at present are away.

ELSIE.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear Bee,

January 19.

The weather was perfect on Wednesday last for

MRS J. BELL'S CROQUET PARTY.

The pretty grounds were looking their best. The lawns were a pleasure to play on, they were so trim. Afternoon tea and delicious cakes, fruit and sweets were served in the garden in the shade of the trees. During the afternoon there was a "break-making" competition, which afforded a lot of excitement and amusement. As is usual on such occasions, players who never fail to make a large number of hoops in ordinary practice could not make more than one or two. Miss Margaret Waldegrave, who was the prize-winner with a score of six hoops, was presented with silver hatpins. Miss Cohen (Wellington) was second, and received a photo frame. Mrs Bell was wearing a navy blue canvas voile with ruchings of navy glaze silk, burnt straw hat with navy and green ribbons; Miss Bell, blue muslin, white muslin vest with bows of narrow black velvet ribbon, white lace hat with pink roses and foliage; Miss Gwen Bell, pale blue linen, white belt, cream hat with pink and deep crimson roses and foliage; Miss Kathleen Bell, cream voile, blue sash, white muslin hat; Mrs Harper, pale blue linen coat and skirt, white vest, black and white hat; Mrs Percy Mildon, pale blue voile, vest of lace, black velvet hat with pale blue trimming; Mrs Patterson (Christchurch), black voile, black hat with glaze bows; Mrs Lang, black skirt, heliotrope blouse, Panama hat; Mrs E. W. Hitchings, black voile skirt, long cream coat, black hat with black ostrich feather; Miss Patterson, cream with wide blue glaze belt, cream hat; Miss Ruby Patterson, pale mauve linen, white hat; Miss Warburton, white muslin and insertion, wine-coloured hat; Miss Margaret Waldegrave, white muslin and lace, pale blue hat; Miss Armstrong, pale blue linen, white embroidery on bodice, cream hat with forget-me-nots; Miss Nannestad, in white, white hat with crimson and brown flowers; Miss Robinson, in white, cream hat with cream flowers; Miss Doris Robinson, white muslin and lace, white chiffon hat; Miss Preece, pale pink voile, wide pink glaze belt, brown straw hat with pink glaze ruchings; Miss Olive Preece, pale blue voile skirt, pale blue silk blouse, white lace hat with pale blue bows; Miss Jensen (Dannevirke), dark blue check dress, blue hat; Miss Cohen (Wellington), white muslin, white hat; Miss Pearson (Wellington), brown costume, brown hat; Miss Hanna (Auckland), white silk and lace, black picture hat; Miss F. Randolph, cream silk and lace, scarlet hat; Miss P. Keeling, blue voile with ruchings of blue glaze, cream lace yoke, cream hat with cream and crimson roses; Miss Hayward, white muslin, white hat with pink spray; Miss Ida Hayward, cream voile, cream hat with roses; Miss Millie Hayward, white muslin and lace, white hat with brown silk ruching; Miss Eva Bennett (Hastings), in pale blue, pale blue French snail.

On the same afternoon Mrs H. C. Mellsep had

A CROQUET PARTY

in honour of her visitor, Mrs W. Blundell, of Wanganui, who is staying with her at present. Mrs Mellsep also had a break making competition. Mrs Blundell and Mrs Campbell tying for the first prize with three hoops. In the play off they tied again, with one hoop

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