

flag, which was greeted with cheers. Mangere was in the old days the home of the Maori Kings, and there are still several native families living there. By the choice of his school mates, Tahuera Mahuta, a stalwart lad, second son of the King, was presented by Dr. Alice Woodward with a handsome crimson scarf, as flag captain, and proudly accepted the duty of hoisting the flag and leading the scholars when they salute it. The elder boys and girls gave an admirable exhibition with Indian clubs, and the little ones did dumb bell exercises, both to music. The two favourite patriotic songs were sung by old scholars, the children heartily joining in the chorus. Mr. Allen, for the head teacher, presented a handsome shield, bearing the names of the old boys now fighting in South Africa, and drew attention to the space left to receive the names of others who should in the future distinguish themselves in the paths of peace, and make their school proud of them. Mr. Westney, chairman of the committee, then invited all present to afternoon tea, which was provided by the Misses Woodward. The flagstaff, two fine spars, was greatly admired, being over 70ft. high, the ground around it being nicely fenced and laid out by the boys as a flower garden. The school and district have to thank Mr. J. McIntyre and those friends who helped him for an undoubted ornament.

ROTORUA.

On Thursday night last the committee of the Rotorua "at homes" held a "long night" in the Assembly Hall, to bid farewell to Mr. H. Shearman, who is leaving for Tauranga. The supper table, under the able management of Mrs. (Dr.) Kenny, assisted by some of the committee and others, presented a very tempting appearance. After supper Dr. Kenny, in a very neat speech, took the opportunity of bidding Mr. Shearman farewell on behalf of himself and friends, and wishing him good luck. Then "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was heartily sung by all present, and three cheers as heartily given. Mr. Shearman suitably and characteristically responded. By his departure the committee will lose one of their most valued members, Mr.

Shearman being noted for his good nature and ready help. He has made many friends in Rotorua. Dancing was kept up till a late, or rather "early" hour, and after singing "Auld Lang Syne" the party dispersed. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs. Kenny, in white lustrous, pink silk sleeves and sash; Mrs. Empson, black silk; Mrs. Malfroy, black; Mrs. Wilson, black, relieved with blue; Mrs. Ashton, black; Mrs. Barron, white muslin over pink; Mrs. Maxwell, cream and green; Mrs. Beale, Mrs. Cruickshank (Auckland), Miss Graham, black; Miss Griffiths, blue corded silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Martyn, pink, with white lace; Miss Empson, white silk, with pearl trimming; Miss Cruickshank, pink silk blouse, white skirt; Miss P. Griffiths, white; Miss Hickson, red and black bodice, black skirt; Miss Malfroy, blue nan's velveting; Miss Ashton, black, relieved with pink; Miss H. Griffiths, white; Messrs. (Dr.) Kenny, Empson, Barron, Maxwell, Wilson, Ashton, Beale, Webber, Shearman, Taylor (Lyttelton), Pearson, Hope, McColl, Hodgson, Godwin, Griffiths and a number of others.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, August 24.  
The Misses Morecroft's FOURTH ASSEMBLY DANCE was given on Friday in the Foresters' Hall, and was largely attended. The majority of the ladies were in powder and patches, but no new dresses were worn. Upwards of 90 guests were present, including Mesdames McLean, Dowling (Dunedin), Dixon, and Von Dadelzen, the Misses Hewlings, Cotterill, Hunter, Page, McLean, Lyndon, Chapman, Seale, Balfour, Heath, Burke, Macfarlane, etc., and Messrs. Brabant, Macfarlane, Jones, Williams, Dixon, Von Dadelzen, Parker, Dinwiddie, Kennedy, Roberts, Saxby, Hunter, etc. An unusually interesting "At Home" was held by Mrs. Rotherford, of Clyde Road, on Monday afternoon. Over 30 guests assembled, and greatly enjoyed the fun of guessing the advertisements signified by the badges worn by each one of them. The prize for the largest

number of guesses was won by Miss Howell, and that for the most original badge by Miss Kettle. The hostess was dressed in black; Mrs. Griffin had a stylish light brown dress, and a black picture hat with plumes; Mrs. Turnbull wore black, relieved with light green; Mrs. Goldsmith wore a slate coloured costume, with a white silk waistcoat, and a bonnet to match; Mrs. Harrington was in brown; Mrs. McLean wore black; Miss Hewlings had a brown coat and skirt, and a hat with grey feathers; Miss Kettle wore a grey costume and a feather boa; Miss Macfarlane was in navy blue; Miss Howell wore a dark skirt, a fawn jacket, and a hat trimmed with bell-tropes; Miss Cornfoot wore fawn, and a green felt hat, relieved with pale blue; Mrs. Nimmon (England) was in black.

Through the energy of Mr G. W. W. Williamson an excellent lecture and concert was given at the Athenaeum Hall on Tuesday evening, when a large number of visitors showed their appreciation of the well chosen programme provided for them. The lecture was on "Mozart," and was illustrated by vocal and instrumental selections from his works. Among those who gave their services were Mr Denton, of Auckland, who sang "When Twilight Comes," "The Summer Shower," and other songs, with great expression. Miss Large charmed everyone with her rendering of Mozart's song "Voi, che Sapete," and Messrs. Dieken, Humphries and Williamson gained much applause for their trio on the piano, violin and cello. Mr. Williamson himself gave several items, and his accompaniments were excellently played by Miss Mary McLean. The other performers were the Misses Goldsmith, Ethel Humphries and Mr Hosking.

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