

Mrs Wilson, who made a very charming hostess, looked handsome in a white gown, the bodice and sleeves being of chiffon, over which was worn a bolero of lace and tiny tucks. There were twelve tables, at which the games went on merrily until half-past ten. Then the prize winners were found to be Mrs Devore first, and Miss L. Butters second, and of the gentlemen, Mr Ziman and Dr. Hood proved to be the lucky ones. After the handsome prizes were duly admired, supper was indulged in. The table was artistically decorated with white flowers and maiden-hair fern, arranged in tall glass vases on a central mirror, which was bordered with folds of yellow silk; Mrs Boardman, handsome black satin gown draped with cream point lace; Mrs A. E. Devore, also wore black with pretty net sleeves, feather boa; Mrs J. Ziman was gowned in black with panels of grey and black brocade; Mrs Wallnutt, cream satin, the bodice being tuoked and embroidered with pearl trimmings; Mrs Hanna, black satin skirt, square-cut velvet bodice edged with jet; Mrs Ralph and Mrs (Dr.) Bedford wore black, the latter wearing pink roses on the corsage and hair; Mrs Wilson Smith, black silk dress, crimson roses on bodice; Mrs E. T. Hurt, white silk, transparent sleeves; Mrs W. H. Wilson looked well in a black lace gown; Miss Kinevick, tussore silk with bolero of lace to match; Mrs T. Mahoney, white moire draped with black lace; Mrs H. Dunnett looked pretty in a pale grey satin gown, sleeves and bolero of lace; Mrs H. Griffiths, handsome black silk; Mrs Easton, black satin gown, white feather boa; Mrs H. Baker, black skirt, pink silk blouse edged with velvet; Mrs Crawshaw, black; Miss Butters, pretty pale blue silk blouse, black satin skirt; Miss L. Butters looked charming in pink silk; Miss F. George was admired in a white muslin with bands of white satin on the skirt, and the bodice being ornamented with pearls and chiffon; Miss Dodson, dark blue silk, with cream lace square; Miss Matheson looked sweet in black

lace gown, square cut bodice, pink roses in the hair; Miss Hanna, pretty rose pink silk blouse draped with lace and black velvet ribbon, black satin skirt; her sister looked well in a cream blouse with lace bolero, chiffon sleeves and black satin skirt; Miss L. Devore was graceful in a blue silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss MacGregor, lilac silk blouse and black skirt; Mrs Wallnutt wore pink silk; Mrs Fred. Fharland, dark ruby mervilleux silk, with velvet sleeves; Miss Lewis, white lustre, with turquoise blue velvet round square decolletage. Messrs Ziman, O'Neil, Smith, Matheson, Wilson Smith, Ralph, Wallnutt, Mahoney, Hart, Winks, Alexander, H. W. Wilson, Dunnett, Easton, Richter, Dr. Hood, etc.

AFTERNOON AT HOME.

A very pleasant afternoon tea was given by Miss Gwladys Beale, of Cleveland Road, Parnell, on Friday. The guests were received by their young hostess, who looked very pretty in a light silk blouse and electric blue skirt, and was assisted by Mrs. Beale, who wore a handsome black silk skirt and velvet blouse, covered with lovely real lace. Miss Esther Beale looked pretty in a light check costume, with touches of pale blue. Amongst those who looked very nice were: Mrs. Leece, in black; Mrs. E. Beale, in navy blue; Miss E. Salmon, fawn costume, pale blue toque; Miss Daisy Mowbray, looking very pretty in blue skirt, fawn jacket, and large black picture hat; Miss Bureher, very stylish black costume, pale blue toque; Miss M. Thornes, grey costume; Miss Lily Kissing, black coat and skirt, black picture hat; Miss Marjory Fenton, green costume; Miss Zoe George looked sweet in navy blue; Misses Alice and Olive Lusk, in navy and peacock blue respectively; Miss M. Mueller, pale green silk blouse, dark skirt. Others I noticed were Misses Atkinson (2), Leece, Maude Philson, Syme, E. Gillilan, Olive Cuff, C. Power and Phillips. A dainty little tea was served in the dining-room, the table being prettily

decorated with jonquills. A little music was afterwards indulged in, and thus ended a very pleasant afternoon.

PHYLLIS BROUD.

ROTORUA.

Dear Bee,
The inhabitants of Rotorua have settled down to the even tenor of their way, after the excitement caused by the coming of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. The whole proceedings during their visit were so well, and graphically described in detail in the earlier issues of "The Graphic," that I have had nothing to add. I doubt if enterprising people were so overcrowded and besieged for beds as they expected to be, but certainly while some were crowded to the utmost extent, others were not quite full. Encampments were to be seen in almost every paddock of people who had expected there would be no room for them in boarding-houses. The racecourse, which looked so picturesque when covered with white tents of all sizes and shapes, to accommodate 5000 natives, is now deserted.

Glee practices, surprise parties, book evenings, etc., are the order of the day here now, and the eventful month of June seems like a dream, so quickly did it come and go.

The great double arch, which was so admired, remains for a time at least, and the handsome "Duchess Bath" will, of course, be a lasting memorial of the Royal visit. It has not been used since the Duke and Duchess were here, but will, it is surmised, be open to the public before long.

The Rev. Bennett paid Rotorua a visit lately, and preached several very eloquent sermons on the need of the Maori school, and on the Maori cause generally. Mrs. Kenny gave an afternoon tea, at which the Rev. Bennett addressed the ladies present on the subject of the school for Maori girls, setting forth very clearly the neces-

sity for the school. Several ladies there and then subscribed to the fund.

The weekly practices of the Anglican Choir Glee Club are a great success, under the Rev. Blackburn's able conductorship. So far the practices have been held at Mrs. Empson's and Mrs. Kenny's alternately, and are very enjoyable. The members contribute musical items between each glee.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee,
July 13.
A small subscription dance which was held the other evening passed off very successfully, and there was a fair attendance. Amongst those present were: Miss Morecroft, in cream satin; Miss Burke, in light blue; Miss F. Morecroft, in white; Miss Hoadley, in black and yellow; Miss Bearly, Miss Halfour; Miss V. Twigg, in black; Miss Hitchings, Miss Howell; Messrs Ibrahim, Parker, Broad, Cornford, Hoadley, Wood, Stedman, Hazelden, Clarke, etc.

Owing to the bitterly cold weather on Saturday there was not such a good attendance as usual at the Waiohiki Golf Links, and there were no onlookers. A Ladies' Bogey Match for a club, kindly presented by one of the members, was played, and some good cards were handed in. Miss Rutherford (scratch), with an excellent score, came first; Miss Ethel Davis (handicap 7) was second; Miss Shaw, Miss Burke, Miss Davis, Miss Linda Davis, Mrs Moore, Mrs Tareha, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Jardine, and others also played. In the Men's Match, Mr J. Peacock (handicap 8) and Mr A. Stedman (handicap 24) each had a net score of 98. Mr C. D. Kennedy (handicap 10) came third with a net score of 100. The afternoon tea was given by Mrs Wenley and Miss Hegg.

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