

gale blue; Mrs Couper, black coat and skirt, and black picture hat; Miss E. Willis, navy blue Eton coat and skirt with silk strapping, tucked cream silk front, line grey felt hat, trimmed with two shades of blue; Miss Hally, black costume, large cream net collar, edged with point lace, brown felt hat, trimmed with poppies; Miss N. Young, black frock, trimmed with wide tucks and narrow braid, black and white hat; Miss Gwynneth, black silk, trimmed with string-coloured lace, black hat relieved with rosewood; Miss Brooks, brown frock, trimmed with silk to patch, and brown hat; Miss J. Brooks, blue blouse, black skirt, grey feather boa, grey and black hat; Miss Taylor, fawn coat, black skirt, and black toque.

The first of the winter dances takes place this week, and is being looked forward to by the young people.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee,
The Taranaki Rifles held their ANNUAL BALL

Last Wednesday evening (Prince of Wales' Birthday) in the Drill Hall, and as the weather was fine and cold there was a good number of people present. The ball, under the able supervision of Captain and Quartermaster Cook, was tastefully decorated with flags, pictures and shields. The committee of ladies, in whose hands were the supper arrangements, were—Mesdames R. Cook, E. M. Smith, G. Cook, O'Driscoll, Clarke, Daller, Whittington and Clark. Misses Rowan, Sole, Cook, Lamtris. Excellent music was rendered by Mr Rountree's Orchestra. The Masters of Ceremonies were Captain Weston, Sergeant Lister, Corporal F. Morgan, Private A. Humphries. Mr E. Clarke made an energetic secretary. The dance was opened with the grand march, and then arranged into lanterns. Mrs R. Cook (Mayress) leading with Captain C. Weston. Among those present were Mrs E. Cook, who looked very handsome in black silk and lace, with "San Toy" sleeves; Miss Stewart (Stratford), black silk and jet finished with red roses on corsage and confiture; Mrs Penn, black silk, relieved with white; Miss Wells (Wellington), pretty blue satin and lace; Miss Mackay, black and white silk; Miss Craigville dainty white inserted silk; Miss Hanna, white silk relieved with scarlet; Miss Walker, black silk and jet trimmings; Mrs Hatfield, black silk; Miss Weller, white; Miss Cameron, pale green satin, with passementerie trimmings; Miss Marshall, white; Miss Murphy, white silk and lace; Miss Jackson looked well in black velvet, relieved with scarlet roses; Mrs Messenger, black silk; Miss Orbell, pretty white tucked silk, scarlet roses in hair; Miss Orbell was much admired in white silk, the skirt trimmed with a mass of dainty frills; Mrs Weston, black; Miss F. Curtis, pretty white tucked silk; Mrs E. M. Smith, black silk; Miss D. Smith, white muslin; Miss E. Roberts, yellow, edged with black; Miss Wells looked well in white silk, trimmed with pale blue; Miss Pearce, rose pink and white lace; Miss A. Pearce, pale blue and white; Miss E. Grylls look-

ed in white, relieved with pale pink; Miss I. McGonagle, yellow veiled in white muslin; Miss Edgcombe looked pretty in white silk; Miss M. Johnson, pretty blue and white; Miss I. Cook, pale blue blouse, dark skirt; Miss B. Cook, pale green; Miss N. Moverley, white and pale pink; Miss V. Jury, pink blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Clarke, sage green, trimmed with white. Among the gentlemen were—Messrs R. Cook (Mayor), E. M. Smith, Humphries (2), Weston (2), Malone, Curry, Beckett, Messenger, Bacon, Roberts, Taylor, E. Clarke, Aubell, Nicholson, Otterson, Paul, Tansley, Tunbridge, Carter, Rowan, Wood, Smith, Williams, Bruce, Moon, Robertson, Cook, Edgcombe, Woodhouse, Moverley, Jury, Meisey.

NANCY LEE.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee,
June 5.
A ball is to be held on the 1st of next month in aid of the Napier Hospital. It will be similar to the poster and fancy dress ball of last year, and a prize will be given again for the best poster. The dance is to take place in the Gaiety Theatre, and as a large and representative committee has been formed, the function will no doubt be a great success.

In the monthly medal competition AT THE GOLF LINKS,

Miss Hindmarsh, 77—10—67, was successful in the "A's"; Mrs Hata, 73—3—70, was 2nd; Miss Chapman, 77—6—71; Mrs Perry, 68 add 4—72; Mrs Cargill, 73—1—72; Miss E. Bennett, 80—8—72; Mrs Smith, 74—1—73; Miss Locking, 80—6—74; Miss Balfour, 82—4—78; Miss Davis, 82—3—79. Miss L. McLean was best in the "B's" with 80—5—75; Miss M. McLean, 82—6—76; Miss Newbold, 87—10—77; Miss Cotterill, 90—10—80; Mrs James McLean, 83, scratch, 83; Miss Kennedy, 85, scratch, 85; Miss Lila Davis, 92—6—86; Miss Todd, 98—11—87. Owing to the beautiful day there were a large number of entries. Tea was given by Mrs Logan and Miss Cotterill.

A most successful MAORI FANCY DRESS BALL

was given at Waipawa on the 3rd inst., and was largely attended. The music was supplied by Miss Moroney and Mr James Cosgrove. The prize for the best costume was awarded to Mrs Donn-ly's niece, Miss Taina Karauria. As well as the Maoris of the district, numerous Europeans were also present.

MARJORIE.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee,
June 4.
The most perfect weather prevailed here for the holiday yesterday, Prince of Wales' Birthday, and a very pleasant day was spent by all who went holiday-making. It was an ideal day for an outing—calm and bright. The ferry steamers running to the various seaside resorts were largely patronised; it seemed almost like a summer holiday.

There was a large attendance at the Miramar Golf Links all day. The Victoria Cup (men's singles), presented by Mr James Coates, to be played for yearly in memory of our late Queen, was played for in the afternoon, and was won by Mr Latham, who finished with the excellent score of 5 up on bogey. There were several other good scores, the best being Mr A. J. Abbott, scr., 4 up; Mr W. Handyside, 18, 2 up; Mr Carter, 12, 1 up; Mr E. S. Pearce, 6, 1 up; and Messrs. Hodson and McEwen, both all square.

THE COLLEGE RIFLES' BALL

was held in the Sydney-street school-room on Friday night, and was most successful in every way. The hall was gay with flags and greenery, and the stage cosily furnished. The supper table was prettily decorated with chrysanthemums and pot plants, and spread with a very delicious repast. Minnie's band supplied the music. Some of those present were Mr and Mrs Alfred Brandon, the Misses Brandon, Mr and Mrs Mantell, Dr. and Mrs Henry, Mr and Mrs C. J. Cooper, Mrs Collins, Dr. and Mrs Purdy, and the Misses Mills (2), Elliott (2), Hislop, Stuart, Hacon, Blundell (2), Ward, Kirkcaldie, Runcie, Gilmer, Riley, Hoggard, McIntosh, and others.

The Misses Waldegrave entertained a number of their friends at an AFTERNOON TEA

on Wednesday. Very delicious tea and cakes and sweets were laid in the dining-room, and the table was prettily decorated with autumn flowers and leaves. Among the guests were the Misses Reid, Atkinson, McGregor, Stafford, Ewen, Seddon, Fitzgerald, Fitzherbert, Hislop, Nathan, Chutfield, McTavish, Brandon, Otterson, Harcourt, McIntosh, Rawson, Richardson, and others.

The session is to begin at the end of the month, so we hope our gaities will then commence. At present everything is extremely dull, but there is something to look forward to at last, as invitations are out for a bachelors' ball, to be given in the Sydney-street Hall on the 18th of June. I hear it is to be a very brilliant affair.

Colonel and Mrs Baillie have come over from Picton for the session, and are staying with their daughter, Mrs G. B. Brown, Tinakori-road. I have not heard of any other session visitors having arrived, but I believe all the most popular boarding-houses are booked for months ahead.

OPEHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee,

We have had a real small-pox scare again, and vaccination has been the fashion, whole families standing up in rows to be done, consequently the number of sore arms has been immense, and doctors unusually busy.

On Saturday a very fine day was spent with the Christchurch hounds at Yaldhurst over the properties of Messrs. Fowler, Jackson and Taylor. The meet was at Mr Fowler's, and a hare was soon found on his ground, but almost as soon lost again. There were two more good runs, but no kill. Among the followers were Mr. H. R. Parkinson, Mr. Selby, Mr. A. Elworthy (master of the South Canterbury hounds), Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Woodroffe, Mr. M. Woodroffe, Mr. Neave, Mr. H. Neave, Miss Neave, Miss Gerard, Mr. G. L. Stead, Mr. Haydon, Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Wood, Mr. Acton-Adams, Mr. Ballin, Mr. F. Seymour, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Clarke, etc. And driving were: Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Stead, Miss Stead, Miss Roberts, Mr. G. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Haydon, Miss Nedwill, Miss Gerard, Mrs. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Bullantyne and a number of others. On Monday they met again at Rolleston and were led by the master, the huntsman and the whip, to Mr. Thompson's farm beyond the railway station. A hare was soon found, and after a merry run poor puss returned to the main road, and was killed, giving all those driving an opportunity of being in at the death. Among the followers were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Woodroffe, Mr. Bond, Mr. A. Elworthy, Mr. and Mrs. Neave, Miss Bassett, Messrs. Symes, Westera, Acton-Adams, Henderson, Parkinson, Boyd, Haydon, Jamieson, Lamb, F. Seymour and others. There were a large number driving, including Mr. G. Palmer, with party and four-in-hand; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Stead, Miss Stead, Captain Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Neave, Mr. and Mrs. Symes, Miss Gerard, Miss Ballin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haydon, etc.

I quite forgot to mention in my last the ceremony of unveiling the statue of our late beloved Queen in Victoria Square, erected to her memory and those of our New Zealanders who fell in South Africa. The statue is of bronze on a stone base, the foundation stone being laid by the Prince of Wales during his



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