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Last year new ground was broken for our Society when we met at a Christmas celebration. It should be said that our President, Dr. Nelson and his charming wife were the actual ground breakers, since they invited the whole Society to a most delightful Christmas party held at their home, No. 33 Seccombes Rd., Epsom. A marquee erected in the garden gave ample accommodation to a large gathering of members. There everything was provided for our comfort and pleasure, even including a piano for the program of music and carol singing arranged by our host and hostess. Recitations and clever conjuring added variety to our entertainment. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the atmosphere of friendliness and informality that prevailed - everyone felt "at home" and no one felt "left out".

Our material wants were also bountifully provided for by "a simple little supper" which ensured for our members, if I may say so without offence, repletion without tears.

We think it most kind of Dr. and Mrs. Nelson to be at such pains on our behalf, and members take this opportunity of saying a very hearty "thankyou" to them for a lovely party.

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Congratulations to Miss Lucy Moore who has been elected President of the Wellington Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand. We are delighted to hear of this very well deserved honour to one of our foundation members.

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It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mr. George Atkinson on February, 28th. Mr. Atkinson was a foundation member of our Society and a true nature lover. His knowledge of natural history was not always suspected, for he was an extremely modest man. But those who availed themselves of his unassuming help, always so readily given made no mistake about the quality of his information. His kindness and helpfulness were, however, recognised by all of us, and the absence of his gentle and friendly presence will be indeed felt by our members. May we all leave so fragrant a memory when we pass.