

Mrs Grace, the Misses Grace, Mr and Mrs Prouse. Mr and Mrs A-holt, Mr and Mrs Kohn, Mr and Mrs S. Castendyke, Miss Parsons, Mr and Mrs Fisher, Mrs Eberle, Madame Carlson, Miss and Miss Howard, Miss Heywood, Mr and Mrs M. H. Pickering, Mr and Mrs Ritchie, Mrs and Miss Grimes and others.

GARDEN PARTY was enjoyed by a large number of guests, which included the Admiral and several officers from the Suez Canal. The afternoon tea was laid out in the dining room, which opens out on to a large verandah, and the table was decorated with artistically arranged vases of tiger and Japanese lilies. Miss Pearce received in a handsome gown of gold and red, trimmed with black lace and jet, small bonnet to match. Among the guests were Mrs and Miss Duncan, the latter wearing white muslin figured with green aprons, small black hat with white flowers; Mr and Mrs H. Fairchild, neat dark blue jacket and skirt, light silk blouse, black feathered hat; the Misses Krull (Wanganui) looked very nice in white silk blouses with a narrow black stripe, and trimmed with white lace and tiny black ribbon velvet, black silk crepon skirts, and velvet shoes, trimmed with white ribbon and yellow flowers; Mrs Collins, black crepon skirt black accorcion silk blouse with folded collar and belt of mauve satin ribbon, large black hat with tips and mauve ribbon loops; Mrs and Miss Wodley, the latter wearing a pretty drab embroidered gown, trimmed with pale blue, black lace floral hat; the Misses Harding wore pretty white costumes; Miss H. Williams, becoming soft cream gown, black velvet hat with feathers; Miss Barron, white and heliotrope figure gown, trimmed with lace and heliotrope ribbons, pretty white hat; Mrs Gore, in brown silk with revers of electric blue silk, pretty bonnet trimmed with blue; Miss Gore, cream skirt, and muslin blouse with satin collar and belt large hat with ribbon loops and flowers; Mrs Lencie, Mrs H. D. Bell, very stylish light drab gown with sky blue silk collar and cuffs, pretty little bonnet to match; Miss Foster wearing a black crepon skirt, trimmed with white satin, becoming floral hat; Mrs Gorling, dark blue braided gown, and black straw hat with wings; Mrs H. D. Crawford, pretty white dress trimmed with butter lace, cream straw hat, trimmed with black ribbon and scarlet flowers; Mrs O'Connell also looked nice in white; Countess d'Albana, Miss Dransfield, in a pretty heliotrope muslin gown trimmed with ribbons to match, pretty green and heliotrope toques; Mr and Mrs Mantell, the latter wearing a black crepon skirt, and stylish black and white check silk blouse, large black hat with feathers; Mrs C. Lard, in brown and white figured silk; Mrs Tilly, Miss Calder, cornflower blue crepon, small toques to match; Lady Sicut, Miss Sheward (Miss) very pretty in Gobel blue gown, trimmed with white satin and jet, pretty white hat; Mr and Mrs Tolhurst, Miss Tolhurst in white; Mrs and Miss Edwin, Mrs McKenzie, who wore a becoming black costume; and others. During the afternoon Miss Zilda Williams and Miss Hopkins (H.M.S. 'Orlando') sang, and Miss Medley played some pianoforte solo, which were very much enjoyed.

UPPERIA. NELSON. DEAR BEE. MARCH 12. On Friday evening Miss King gave a SMALL CARD PARTY to a few of her friends at her mother's residence, Collingwood-street. Those present were Mr and Mrs Casser, Dr. and Mrs Higgs, Mr and Mrs Cooke, the Misses Gibson, Higgs, A. B. Messers King, Duncan, and Miss (Wellington). Miss King wore a handsome gown of black silk and lace, with trimmings of gold satin.

PROGRESSIVE TENNIS was played on the Nelson Club's lawn last Saturday afternoon. It is quite a novelty, founded on much the same lines as progressive euchre, and proved a great success, giving much enjoyment to the onlookers as well as the players. Those taking part in the game were Messadames Percy Adams, Burns, Roberts, Misses Pitt, Levien, Fell, Leggett, Moore, Wright, Messrs Burns, Clarke, Duncan, Levien, Corrigan, Lunn, and Patterson. The winners of the first prize were Mrs Adams and Mr Corrigan, the lady receiving a very pretty silver-jan spoon. The same afternoon Mrs Cook gave a large children's party. Games of all description were played, and after tea a capital 'magic lantern' was shown by Mr Cook, which much delighted all the little ones.

POLLARD'S OPERA COMPANY is here again for a short season. They opened on Monday evening with 'Paul Jones,' which is quite new to Nelson. Our little theatre was so crowded that some could not get seats, but all who were fortunate enough to see the opera pronounced it a great success. The skirt dancing was much admired. Some of those present were Mrs Burns, in very handsome opera jacket of yellow brocade trimmed with lovely brown fur; Mrs Roberts, white silk, bodice being trimmed with black jet; Mrs Glasgow, black silk; the Misses Glasgow, pretty pink evening blouses; Mrs Levien wore black; Miss Levien, black crepon, bodice of white satin veiled with black lace; Miss Pitt, cream striped crepon, bertha of cream lace with bows of yellow ribbons; Miss G. Pitt wore white silk evening dress; Mrs Percy Adams, pretty light evening blouse dark skirt; Mrs Frank, handsome black gown; Miss Trask also wore black; Mrs Thornton, Mrs Glasgow, Misses Fell (two), Webb Bowen, Moore, Atkinson, Boyle, and many others. On Tuesday afternoon some of the members of this clever company were entertained by the Bishop and Mrs Miles at their pretty residence, 'Bishopdale.' Tennis and fruit were alike enjoyed.

HUSH FIRMS are doing a great deal of damage. I cannot imagine why people will be so careless and thoughtless as to light fires when the bush is like tinder and the grass is so inflammable as to produce a fire. Much regret was felt when it became known that the beautiful bush at the Reservoir had been destroyed. However, when the Mayor and members of the City Council visited the spot next day they found the damage done not so great as was at first expected, though it is bad enough. Some bush at East Takaka, owned by Mr Catloy, has also been destroyed.

OUR PEOPLE. Mr and Mrs A. Burns have returned from Dunedin, where they thoroughly enjoyed the visit, being there just at the gay time. Mr Watts leaves for England shortly. Mr and Mrs Browne have issued invitations for a garden party next Saturday, that being their golden wedding day. I wish to record the death, after a long illness, of Mr Leslie Wix, eldest son of Mr McKellar Wix, of this city.

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THE latest engagement comes from the Hut—that of Miss Annie Mowbray to Mr Barraud.

MR FRANK MORRAH, who though he has lived in the South for some years is well known in Wellington, is engaged to Miss Kayce, of Dunedin.

MISS STEVENSON, of 'Glenholm,' Remuera, is shortly to be united in holy bonds of matrimony to Mr Rose.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR PRINGLE TO MISS PILLIET.

QUITE one of the noticeably pretty Nelson weddings occurred the other afternoon when Miss Lena Pilliet, youngest daughter of the late Mr W. H. Pilliet, M.H.R., erstwhile R.M. of Akaroa, and granddaughter of Mr D. Johnston, late collector of customs, Napier, was married to Mr William Pringle, manager of the Bank of New South Wales, Westport.

THE ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. W. Chatterton in All Saints' church, and Mr D. Johnston gave the bride away.

SHE was dressed in a lovely white silk, with dainty trimmings of lace and orange-blossoms, a chic hat of white, with ostrich tips and orange-blossom, and bouquet of falling sweet peas and maidenhair completed her toilette.

MISS LAURA JOHNSTON took the part of bridesmaid, very becomingly frocked in pale heliotrope crepon, large picture hat to harmonise. Her bouquet was of the same material as the bride's.

THE bridegroom gave his bride a gold watch and chain, and a bracelet to the bridesmaid. Both presents were rich and handsome.

THE best man was the bride's brother—Mr Charles Pilliet. Many valuable gifts were bestowed on the happy couple.

MR A. M. LABATT TO MISS G. ROWE.

ON Wednesday afternoon a bright and pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Paul's Church, Auckland, between Miss Gertrude Rowe and Mr A. M. Labatt, the well known Christchurch cricketer. A large gathering was present to witness the ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. Gillium.

THE bride looked charming in a dainty trained gown of white nun's veiling trimmed tastefully with white silk, wreath and long tulle veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white blossoms, and wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom.

MISS TWINAME and Miss Rita Moritzson were bridesmaids, the former wearing a frock of soft white shower muslin, large white chiffon picture hat with flowers, and the latter in a frock of a lovely shade of pink silk. The bridegroom's gifts to the bridesmaids consisted of gold sleeve links and gold bangle.

THE bride, who was given away by Mr Moritzson, was immediately followed by a small page, Master Louis Moritzson, in blue velvet, and large point lace collar. Mr Twiname acted as best man.

AFTER the ceremony the guests were entertained to a delightful afternoon tea at Mrs Moritzson's residence. Mr and Mrs Labatt left for St. Helier's Bay, where they intend spending their honeymoon, the bride leaving in a becoming travelling gown. The presents were numerous and valuable.

AMONG the guests I noticed Mrs Moritzson, in a deep cream crepon trimmed with blue forget-me-not bonnet; Mrs Virnie (Christchurch), black silk and lace; Mrs Hissett, black merveloux and old gold, bonnet to match; Mrs J. M. Geddes, white alpaca trimmed with white satin, light bonnet; Mrs J. J. Craig, white crepon finished with heliotrope; Mrs Fensford, black satin, black picture hat; Mrs J. Craig, black silk and lace; and many others whom I do not know.

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WHAT BECOMES OF COLLEGE WOMEN.

SOME AMERICAN EXPERIENCES.

DR. C. F. THWING summarises in the North American Review for November the result of some interesting investigations which have been made as to the future of the college women of the United States. He says:— 'About fifty-five per cent. of the woman graduates of our colleges marry. Twenty per cent. of all women who become of a marriageable age do not marry, and it is apparent that about forty per cent. of college women, who have become of a marriageable age, have not married. The question, therefore, is what work are the unmarried women doing? Are they doing a work of value sufficient to justify the time and money spent in securing an education? Are they doing a work of the highest educational or ethical or civil value? The number of women who enter public employments is increasing, and these employments are usually inconsistent with the life of a wife and mother. We therefore shall find an increasing proportion of the distinguished women who are college graduates unmarried.

NAME.

'I have recently had an examination made of Appleton to discover the nature of the early training and also the character of the employment of the persons therein named. The work contains between fifteen thousand and sixteen thousand names, of which only 633 are names of women. Of these 633 women 320 are authors; seventy-three are singers or actresses; ninety-one are sculptors or painters; sixty-eight are educators; twenty-one may be called philanthropists; fourteen are missionaries; thirteen doctors; twenty-eight may be described as having their places in this article because of heroic deeds. There are also three who are described as engaging in business, one in nursing, and one in following the profession of law. Of these 633 persons also nineteen have had a college training; of the 320 women who are named as authors, only nine are college women; of the ninety-one artists only one; of the actresses also one; of the educators seven; of the missionaries one only is college-bred. It is evident that the college woman has not become famous. From the great field of literature the college woman has been absent as a creator for the last twenty years. The number of books, of every sort, written by college women, is very few.

MARRIAGE.

'The effect of marriage upon the winning of distinction is not so great as first thought would lead one to believe, for of the six hundred and thirty-three women named in Appleton's Cyclopaedia, one-half are married and one-half are unmarried. 'The American college has given us great scholars, great philanthropists, great administrators, great teachers. It has given us Frances H. Willard and Lucy Stone. It has not given us great writers. It has given us no great novelist. It has given us one or two, and only one or two, essayists. But all exceptions aside, it is certainly true that the graduates of the colleges for women have not made that contribution to literature that they have made to scholarship, or to teaching, or to administration.'

THE TUNTINE SYSTEM.—Lorenzo Tonté, a Neapolitan, introduced his system into France about 1650. A certain number of persons subscribe to a general fund. Each draws an annuity according to his age; the annuity of the survivors increases as each member dies. The last survivor receives the total annuity during his life. This is the general plan, altered and improved on since it was originated.