



SOCIETY + ON + DITS.

THAT Lady Douglas and Mrs Jellicoe are busily engaged in arranging for some children's tableaux about the end of this month in Wellington. The children are all to be dressed in crinkle paper, and will represent different flowers, so the effect should be most bright and fairy-like.

That a branch of the National Schools' Defence Association is being formed in Havelock (Marlborough) to resist any interference with the present system of education.

That the Wellington Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals owe a substantial debt of gratitude to the Dramatic Students, who have handed over the sum of £62 18s 8d, the profits from the recent entertainment at the Opera House.

That vast preparations are being made in connection with the ladies' fancy fair, Wellington, to be held on the first four days of July in aid of the Festival Choral Society.

That English papers are commenting favourably on the statement that the New Plymouth Harbour Board has remitted to the Bank of New Zealand funds sufficient to pay the balance of 6s in the £ on the coupon due in November last, and the full coupon due recently.

That Hamilton society people are looking forward to the Masonic ball which is to take place on the 25th of June.

That the resignation of Mr Hall, who was recently elected a member of the Auckland University College Council, is regarded as a graceful act of protest against the non-election of the old member, Sir Maurice O'Rorke.

That Bishop and Mrs Wallis gave an 'At Home' last Thursday in Wellington, in the interests of the Maori Mission, that being the acknowledged subject of discussion, and the Maori missionary, Mr Williams, who was present, was quite the 'lion' of the occasion, as he was the only one who was able to speak from a personal knowledge of the wants and requirements of the natives.

That Messrs W. and F. Seymour returned home to Picton on Thursday last, and proceeded to join their father (Mr A. F. Seymour), who is surveying at the entrance to Queen Charlotte Sound. Mr George Seymour (stroke of the crew) crossed by river boat to Blenheim and went on to Mr H. C. Seymour's station, 'Tyntesfield,' of which he is manager.

That Mr Smith, Inspector of Schools, has been visiting the Picton and 'Sounds' schools lately. Mr Smith is a popular and welcome visitor everywhere.

That Mr and Mrs Sidney J. Nathan and their little daughter are about to take a trip to the Old Country by the s.s. 'Jongariro,' which leaves Lyttelton on the 9th of July. Mr Nathan expects to be away about six months.

That the Cadzow Company's performances were much appreciated in Havelock (Marlborough). Mrs Cadzow, who is a clever musician, has relations in the Pelorus district.

That Mr and Mrs J. Duncan, of 'The Grove,' Picton, will not end their wanderlustre for another few weeks, having gone on to Melbourne from Sydney to see that city of cities.

That the many friends of Mr W. J. Wilcocks (Napier) will be sorry to hear of an accident he sustained on his passage to Wellington in the 'Dingadee.' He was conveyed to the hospital, and the latest news are that he is progressing favourably.

That sea water has been converted into a beverage. A little citric acid precipitates the chloride of sodium, and a harmless mineral water results. It is calculated that seven ounces of citric acid will supply a shipwrecked man with water for a week.

That the Misses Hitchings had a narrow escape from a carriage accident the other evening. The horse took fright at a shunting train and bolted from the station to their residence in Napier. Luckily no one was hurt.

That the Canterbury Women's Social and Political League, in reply to a circular from the Wellington Women's Social and Political League, passed a resolution that as a non-party organisation it could not see its way to co-operate in the presentation of a congratulatory address to the Premier.

That Wellington has a lower death rate than any city in Australasia, the percentage being 12.50.

That the marriage of Miss Phoebe Seddon, second daughter of the Premier, will shortly be celebrated in Wellington with much style. The happy man is Mr Frank Dyer, manager for Messrs Bannatyne and Co.

That Mr W. A. Coates, formerly a lawyer at Hastings and Wellington, is thriving at Capetown as a typewriting machine agent.

That a social was held in St. Paul's Schoolroom, Napier, on Friday evening by the members of St. Paul's Band of Hope. Refreshments were provided by the Misses Emerson, Shirley, Polson, Miller, Lang, Bowman, Caughy. The Rev. J. G. Patterson occupied the chair and gave an interesting speech. Music and songs were contributed by Misses Brown, Ivens, Downes, Robinson, Miss Messrs Renaud and Kelly, and Miss Polson recited 'The Carver Must Not Ring To Night.' A very enjoyable evening was spent.

That Mr G. W. Gane, well-known at Stratford and Rahotu, is to be asked to contest the Egmont seat at the next election.

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THE engagement is announced of Miss Alice Stephenson, eldest daughter of Mr John Stephenson, Dunedin, to Mr Wm. Edmond, also of that city.

The engagement of Miss Alice Wyld-Browne to Mr Reginald Masfield is announced.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR BARNETT TO MISS PAGE.

A QUIET wedding was celebrated in St. Mark's Church, Wellington, by the Rev. R. Coffey. The happy pair were Mr J. D. Barnett, who is well-known in the athletic world, and Miss Nellie Page, daughter of Mr J. E. Page, Town Clerk of Wellington.

The bride was given away by her father, and looked very well in her chic travelling dress of French blue cloth, with a charming blue velvet and feathered hat to match.

MISS ANNIE PAGE (sister of the bride) was the only bridesmaid, tastefully dressed in dark blue astrachan cloth costume, hat of dark velvet to harmonise.

MR WATKINS played the 'Wedding March,' and Mr F. Pownall was best man.

THE honeymoon is being spent in the Wairarapa district. There were many lovely presents.

MRS PAGE wore a black silk crepon dress, black and white velvet bonnet with white ospreys; Mrs Barnett, black satin embroidered with gold sequins, smart gold and black bonnet; Mrs Leicester (aunt of bridegroom), rich black broché silk with a handsomely embroidered vest.

MR KINNEAR TO MRS GOUGH.

The marriage of Mr Charles Lea Kinnear, son of the late Mr William Francis Kinnear, of Oamaru, to Fannie Louise, widow of the late F. J. Gough, of St. Alban's, took place in May at Holy Trinity church, Hastings, England.

The Rev. Canon Sanderson performed the ceremony.

Society Gossip.

AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE, JUNE 15. We seem wonderfully quiet since the departure of the vice-regal party from Government House, and our girls are suffering a recovery from the recent whirl of dances. This clear, bracing weather is pulling us all together again, and soft, cycling, etc., are becoming all the rage, when we are not sitting in our friend's houses drinking tea.

Miss O'Brien gave a

LARGE 'AT HOME' last Thursday at Mrs Arthur Taylor's, 'Admiralty House,' a charming place for entertaining of any kind. The reception room is large and roomy, separated from the dining-room by an archway, from which hung heavy tapestry. The decorations in the reception room were very extensive. Green ferns in pots, green and marigolds in vases, and crinkly paper butterflies were placed in every available spot. Miss O'Brien was ably assisted to entertain her numerous guests by Mrs A. Taylor, Miss It. Toke, and Miss Mulvany. The guests were all much pleased, round and round, with the music. There was some music, and an excellent recitation by Miss Peacock afforded a great deal of amusement. The decoration of the tea-table was one of the prettiest and most elaborate I have ever seen. From the highest gas chandelier hung ribbons of Nil green and white crinkly paper, which fell on the table; the same paper draped the table in an angle. The centre piece consisted of two vases of white flowers and greenery arranged in a graceful, symmetrical manner. A large slipper, the edge of white damask cloth, was finished with trails of a green creeper, and the whole was lighted with dainty pink fairy lights. Great praise must be accorded to Miss Peacock, who presided at the table. There were some nice tea, cakes, and trifles surrounded these decorations. Miss O'Brien looked very pretty in a becoming black skirt, lilac silk bodice with prune velvet sleeves, with a lace and muslin fichu; Miss Toke, in a very stylish, well-made, and of mode grey crinkly, white striped mohair chemise, the brown handsomely trimmed with passermenterie; Mrs Churton, brown tweed, cream vest; Miss Toke, black seaweed creponette, bonnet relieved with white and green; Mrs Lucas, black creponette, slate grey silk bodice velvet in black lace, black velvet sleeves, pink silk collar, etc.; Miss Outwater, dark gown with red velvet in bonnet; Mrs Annette, black skirt, charrusse green velvet blouse, large black hat with pink tuft; Mrs Burton, black etrie in celery green silk with fur, becoming black velvet bonnet with brilliants; Mrs Preston Stevenson, redly brown tweed, tailor-made, with passermenterie beads and brown fur; Mrs Lucas, black hat with autumn leaves; Mrs Nichol, peacock blue crinkly with passermenterie; Miss White, brown tweed with black military braid, sailor hat with brown feathers; Mrs Lucas Bloomfield, slate grey merino with black velvet and jet trimmings, black velvet hat with autumn leaves; Mrs Leathen, fawn tweed, hat with magenta flowers; Mrs Mulvany, black cashmere, fawn cape, bonnet with pink bow; Miss Mulvany, black crepon skirt, black blouse with rose coral silk vest and hat; Mrs Toke, brown tweed, brown hat; Miss Wyld-Browne, neat-fitting gaine, grey merino, felt hat; Miss Ettie Ireland, black gown, black velvet cape with fur, fashionable black straw hat with black upstanding ostrich feathers; Mrs Burton, black gown, black velvet hat; Miss Peacock, brown skirt and velvet blouse; Miss Little, black gown, blue figured bodice, large black picture hat; Miss Abbott, prune cashmere, fashionable black velvet cape, with black ostrich feathers; Mrs Nichol, black gown, black velvet hat; Miss Heywood, red cashmere trimmed with velvet; Mrs Polson, mourning costume; Miss Rich, navy serge; Miss Shepherd, black skirt, pale grey silk blouse with black boots, toe with red velvet, black Gooding style green velvet hat with autumn leaves, ostrich feathers; Miss Kilgour, blue-grey tailor-made gown, black velvet hat; Mrs Munro, black tailor-made gown, red vest, black felt hat; Miss Thorpe, brown cashmere with velvet trimmings, black felt hat; Mrs Toke, black gown, black velvet hat; Miss Thorpe looked well in slate grey, fur boa, stylish bonnet of brown silk and flowers; Miss Kissing, navy serge, grey vest with fur; Mrs Pettit, black silk with fur cape and bonnet with jet; Miss Davis, black gown relieved with white; Mrs Toke, large velvet hat; Miss Nichol, stylish black crepon with blue silk bodice, cuffs and collarette, large black hat with feathers and blue flowers; Misses Kerr Taylor, combination of navy and white; Mrs Harrison, brown cashmere, brown felt hat; Mrs Toke, navy serge, blue vest and hat; and many others whose names I cannot recall at this present moment.

For the second day of the

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING

the attendance was not so large as it would have been had it been held on a half-holiday. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs Charlton Dawson (President's wife), in black creponette, white vest, black felt hat; Mrs Buckland (gen.), black moire; the Misses Isaacs, who were dressed in white creponette; Mrs Maguire McDonald, peacock blue fancy cloth; Misses Bustard (two), black Amazon cloth; Mrs Alfred Nathan looked remarkably well in a stylish light navy cloth, white waistcoat, black velvet hat with bouillon trim; Mrs Toke, large velvet hat, black and white gown, brown jacket, black velvet toque; Mrs Gamble (jun.), black creponette skirt, oriental brocade silk blouse; Mrs Duncan Clark, bronze green and black plaid gown with black bonnet; Mrs Toke, white creponette, black hat; Mrs Harry Tonks, navy serge; Mrs Digby Tonks, black lustre; Mrs Morrison, brown tweed; Mrs Browning, black silk; Mrs Tanner, grey macintosh with triple cape; Miss Edith Tanner, grey gown with black bonnet; Mrs Toke, navy serge, black hat; Mrs E. Buchanan, black gown, grey cloak; Mrs Willie Bloomfield, fawn tailor-made gown, brown felt hat with velvet 'Tamo-o-Shanter crown'; Mrs George Bloomfield, grey tailor-made gown; Miss Toke, navy serge, white vest and hat; Mrs Toke, navy serge, blue vest and hat; Miss Mason (Melbourne), navy lustre with shot spulce sleeves; Mrs (Major) Banks, navy serge tailor-made gown; Miss Atkins, navy serge profusely trimmed with fur; Mrs Ledingham and her two daughters were studied in black; Miss J. Reeves, black; Mrs Worp, fawn gown with black boa; Miss Worp, navy serge, white vest; Miss Yonge, navy serge; Miss Tina Grey, brown tweed, blue vest; Mrs Willie Brown, slate grey creponette, black hat; Mrs Worsle, green cashmere, fawn hat with green and white ostrich feathers; Miss Beatrice Hill looked well in a black black crepon with blue silk trimmings, velvet in black net. No oaks, navy serge gown, black garter, velvet cape, straw toque with pinkish blue ribbon bows relieved with pink flowers; Miss Laird, black gown with floral toque; and her niece wore a navy serge; Miss Thorpe, brown tweed, hat with red; Mrs Nichol, navy serge gown, white self-cape; Mrs Hanson, black cashmere with blue floral bonnet; Miss Ireland, black seaweed crepon skirt, gentarme green velvet blouse; Miss Jackson, fawn hat, navy serge, navy serge tailor-made gown; Mrs Lueky, grey; and Mrs Whyte, sister; Mrs Whyte, what navy and red alpaca; Miss Whyte, fawn tailor-made gown; Miss Chadwick, grey tweed; Miss Dowell, grey gown, black cape, black hat with white toques; Mrs Nichol, navy serge, blue gown, white vest, black felt hat; Mrs Andrew Hanna, black; Miss Atkinson, green lustre; her sister, a brown tweed; Mrs Leathen, brown; Mrs Goodhue, handsome charrusse green lustre bonnet; Mrs Goodhue, green crepon, royal blue gown; and her sister wore brown; Miss Gordon, navy; Mrs McFarlane, black silk, and her daughter, navy lustre; Mrs Peacock, peacock blue; Miss Peacock, mode grey trimmed with black; Mrs Toke, navy; Mrs Toke, navy; Mrs Toke, navy; Mrs Toke, navy; Mrs Hodie, black coat, toque to correspond; Miss Ada Dixon, fawn tweed with fur trimmings; Miss Phillips, black gown with navy cape; Mrs (Mrs) Hawk, black skirt, moose green velvet blouse; Mrs Toke, navy; Mrs A. Hokinian, blue gown with navy; Mrs Dargaville, black gown, black bonnet with rose pink rosettes; Mrs Nichol, black creponette with bands of black silk and salmon pink edgings, toque with large bows; Miss Scrive McLaughlin, grey tweed with black velvet trimmings, black hat with 'Tamo-o-Shanter velvet crown finished with white ostrich plumes and black algrette; Miss Kilgour, Mrs Goodson, Mrs Keating, serpent green lustre, bonnet with magenta; Mrs Hope Lewis, brown