

table looked very pretty with its white damask cloth and vases of different shades of single cactus dahlia, and sprays of Cape jessamine. Our hostess was ably assisted to hand round the tea, etc., by Mrs Heaton Rhodes, of Christchurch. Now for those present: Mrs Dennis O'Rorke, handsome combination of navy and gold brocade, black hat with irises; Mrs Heaton Rhodes, striking gown of black and white striped silk, pink bodice veiled in ecru lace, black and white striped sleeves, black bonnet with pink ribbons; Mrs Baker (Manawatu), slate grey crepon with fawn lace, fawn hat; Miss Baker, buttercup silk veiled in white muslin, cream hat with yellow roses and cream feather; Mrs M'Crae (Manawatu) looked pretty in a dark skirt, striped blouse, and a becoming white picture hat with black and white ostrich feathers; Mrs Alan Strang (Orua), tabac brown silk veiled in net, hat with pink; Miss Blanche Banks, pink cambrie, white hat; Miss Sereta McLaughlin, white muslin, white hat; Miss Morton, dark skirt, light blouse; Miss Ruth Jackson, mode grey tailor-made gown, pink vest, sailor hat with a P.C. colour; Mrs Andrew Hanna, cream shower muslin with canary silk folded waistband and canary collar, sailor hat; Mrs Harry Tonks, dark skirt, blue blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Willie Bloomfield, white striped muslin, white chip picture hat with green velvet bands and white ostrich tips; Mrs Hope Lewis, grey check skirt and bolero, white silk bodice, black tulle hat with pink roses; Mrs Robison, dark skirt, blue blouse, sailor hat; Miss Kate Isaacs, cream lustre with heliotrope floral design, heliotrope silk epaulettes, black tulle toque with heliotrope flowers; Mrs Fairfax Fenwick, very stylish white lustre, with green lace stripe insertion on bodice; the shoulder of sleeves had five small dainty muslin frills edged with lace, white picture hat with ostrich feather, white lacey parasol; Miss Wilkins, lemon-coloured silk veiled in white muslin with border of lace insertion, white picture hat with ostrich feathers, red parasol; Miss Maud Wilkins, white Indian muslin with two small flounces on edge of skirt finished with lace, black hat with pink flowers, pink silk parasol; Mrs Cotter, black silk, white silk bodice veiled handsomely in black net, black tulle toque; Miss Millie Cotter, canary silk veiled in white muslin, black hat with yellow flowers; Miss Winnie Cotter, blue and white stripe, sailor hat; Mrs Hull, periwinkle blue flowered muslin finished with ribbons *en suite*, bonnet of cornflowers; Mrs — Hull, grey check, green hat with pink flowers; Miss Colbeck, *bouton d'or* silk veiled in grass lawn and finished with buttercup ribbon waistband and collar, fawn hat with buttercups; Mrs Dignan, very handsome green silk, black corselet bodice, fawn hat with green and pink trimmings; Mrs Biddle, cream taffeta silk with red stripe and floral design, green bonnet with floral decorations; Miss Thorpe black and white striped batiste muslin; Miss Florence Thorpe (who has just returned from a Southern trip) was looking as lovely as ever in a bronze green and white stripe costume, black feather boa, black sailor hat, ostrich tips; Miss Kate Hay, pink cambrie, black hat with pink flowers; and her sister wore white cambrie, white sailor hat; Miss Beatrice Bull, white pique tailor-made gown, orange ribbon round neck, white beehive hat; Miss Amphlett, white gown with black ribbons; Miss Heaketh, white gown with black Empire sash with ends, white sailor hat; Miss Smith, blue; and her little sister wore white; Mrs (Dr.) Erson, grey check gown, black hat; Mrs Mahoney, white shower muslin, picture hat with feathers, brick shot coloured silk parasol; and her friend, a navy delaine; Miss Dunnett, fawn tailor-made gown; Mrs Percival, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs Greenway, Nil green; Miss Eva Firth, white cambrie, hat with yellow flowers; Mrs Wynyard, black; Miss Wynyard, blue shower muslin; Miss Eaton, dark skirt, light blouse; Miss Elliott, white gown; Miss Esme Elliott, white shower muslin, white sailor hat with red band; Mrs Torrance, black; Miss Torrance, apricot-coloured lustre; Mrs Davy, black; Miss Davy, white muslin; Mrs Ware, dark autumn silk veiled in black net; Misses Worsp two wore white costumes; Miss Maud Buckland, white muslin; Miss Otway, white muslin finished with yellow ribbons; Mrs Youngusband, wore a green tailor-made gown, white vest, bonnet with pink and blue flowers; Miss Meta Atkinson, white gown with blue ribbons, white sailor hat with blue band; Miss Shepherd, dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss Dargaville, black mourning costume; Messrs Sydney Williamson, Bloomfield, Philson, Hull (two), Purchas, H. Rhodes, Mulvaney, Mrs. Purchas and Lewis, etc.

THE BACHELORS' AFTERNOON TEA

at the West End tennis ground on Saturday last was favoured by fine weather. The tables were abundantly furnished with sweets and fruits, and the gentlemen were assiduous in attending to their guests. Some excellent games were played on the lawn, which is in first class order. Among those present were Mrs Andrews, in a pretty rose pink blouse, dark skirt, gem hat; Miss Bertha Atkinson looked stylish in white muslin, large brown straw hat with autumn leaves; Miss Butters, smart fawn costume, pale pink blouse, large picture hat; Mrs Butters, black merveilieux, black bonnet; Mrs Atkinson, black skirt, pretty cream blouse, large black hat with cream bow; Mrs Douglas, dark skirt, white muslin blouse with heliotrope spots, hat with yellow bows; Mrs Caldwell, black crepon gown, black lace hat with feathers and cream bow; Miss Caldwell looked well in pale pink costume, white fichu, red straw hat; Miss May Whitelaw was charming in cream and yellow, golden brown straw hat with cream trimmings; Miss Eva Russell, white muslin; Miss Kennedy, white pique, white sailor hat; Miss Florrie Hart, combination of white and black; Miss Mabel Hanna, black and white, sailor hat; Miss Mabel Douglas, soft white muslin; Miss Main, grey dress with Gobel blue trimmings, white gem hat; Miss Crawford, Nil green blouse, dark skirt; Miss Alys Windsor, black serge costume, pink blouse, large brown hat with fawn feathers; Miss Morgan, all white; Miss Cooke, white muslin, *à la* white hat; Miss F. Cooke, pink muslin. Among the bachelors and others I noticed Messrs Brabant, Hatton, Patterson, Cooke, Williams, Caldwell, Carr, Goldie, Jones, Butters, Russell, Gentils, Taylor, Andrews, etc., etc.

Dr. and Mrs Knight, who left Auckland by the 'Monowai' on a visit to the Old Country, were entertained before their departure by a number of their friends. Mrs A. B. Reynolds, of Pongsonby, gave a

MUSICAL EVENING

last Wednesday as a farewell. The supper table was prettily decorated with Nil green silk and flowers. Mrs Reynolds wore a very pretty pale pink lace silk blouse with fans of crepe lisse on collar, brown Ottoman silk skirt; Mrs Knight looked exceedingly well in a stylish green and golden brown brocade evening bodice, white net fichu, black lustre skirt; Mrs Hughes-Jones wore a dainty white figured lustre, white chiffon fichu; Mrs Douglas, shot amethyst bengaline gown over brocade, plain gown was outlined with jewelled passementerie; Mrs Oxley, grey and white gown, white chiffon fichu; Miss Owen, *à la* heliotrope silk blouse, black crepon skirt; Miss Ada Owen looked dainty in a rose pink Liberty silk blouse finished with cream lace, dark skirt; Miss Ross, white and pink floral muslin, full collar and cuffs of veine rose silk; Miss Bach, cream frock, yellow silk sleeves and yoke veiled with pretty lace; Miss Waters, pink chine silk blouse, grey skirt. The gentlemen were: Dr. Knight, Parkes, and Owen, Messrs B. Baker, Reynolds, etc.

DRESSES AT THE OPERA HOUSE

during the Pollard performances:—Miss Bush, white evening gown; Miss Percival, grey with touches of pink; Miss Carr, white muslin; Mrs Churton, black velvet and white chiffon on low bodice; Mrs Douglas, cream crepon trimmed with lace, dark skirt; Mrs Cotter, black gown, bodice relieved with bands of white silk covered with cream insertion; the Misses Cotter looked charming in yellow silk; Miss Isaacs wore a very stylish theatre bodice of emerald green satin, cream silk sleeves with a velvet floral design in artistic shades of colouring, black silk skirt; Miss Edith Isaacs, Nil green silk; Miss Donald, pale blue; Miss Kennedy, white; Mrs Cheesman wore a pretty green velvet, finished with pale blue silk and emerald green cleverly combined with passementerie; Miss Berry, pink; Miss A. Berry, white; Mrs Ashton Bruce, white silk evening blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Hudson, white silk; her daughters wore pink and blue silk, respectively; Mrs Gorrie, grey; Mrs W. Jones, grey shot lustre gown; Mrs G. Osmond, white figured lustre; Mrs Devore, black lace with white satin wings spangled with sequins; Miss Devore, pretty cream and gold gown; Miss Hewin in a pretty soft gown of white crepon, cloak *en suite* trimmed with Angola fur; Miss Ross (Wanganel), in white figured silk bodice and black skirt; Miss Goldie, rose pink and pretty cream cloak. Three other dainty frocks, whose wearers I did not know, were, a maize relieved with black chiffon; a shrimp pink velvet blouse, black skirt, and a white muslin with black trimmings.

Last Wednesday, on the

EDEN AND EPSOM LAWNS

the semi-final of the Auckland Lawn Tennis Championship took place between Mr P. Marshal and Mr Arthur Peel and as the event has been eagerly looked forward to by tennis enthusiasts. There was a number of spectators assembled to witness this match. It is proposed to close the tennis season earlier this year, probably the 4th of April, as the courts require a very heavy top-dressing. On Saturday there were a great many tennis-players present as well as those who indulge in croquet. Among them I noticed Mrs Hull, in black and white striped cambrie, floral bonnet; Mrs McFarland, Misses Frost, Nicholson, Rice, Clark, Paton (three), Gorrie (two), Bull, and Hardie all wore dark skirts, light blouses; Mrs Clayforth, very handsome navy delaine relieved with white; Miss Stewart, peach blossom pink nun's veiling; Mrs Chapman, pink and white striped zephyr, hat with pink roses; Mrs Torrance, black; Miss Torrance, apricot-coloured costume; etc.

PHYLLIS BROUNE.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE. MARCH 18.
There was only a fair number of people at the WELLINGTON ATHLETIC SPORTS last Saturday afternoon. I believe there were many other attractions going on, which kept a good many of those who usually attend this meeting away. Among the ladies present I noticed Mrs and Miss Glover, the latter wearing a white muslin gown bunched, and trimmed with lace insertion, finished with belt and

collar of yellow satin, large white lace hat with yellow flowers; Miss Pickering in a brown cloth costume, sailor hat; Miss E. Pickering, white spotted muslin trimmed with mauve ribbon, white sailor hat; Miss Griffiths, black lustre skirt, grey shot silk blouse trimmed with green passementerie, large hat trimmed with brilliant green ribbon and lace; Miss Stafford, fawn crepon skirt, blouse of grass lawn to match, burnt straw hat trimmed with shot ribbon; her sister wore a pretty white costume; Miss Muir, black skirt, pink blouse, white sailor hat; Mrs Seed, fawn crepon gown, stylish cape of black silk embroidered with jet, black bonnet with black and white flowers; Mrs W. Morrish, white costume, green straw hat trimmed with magenta roses; Miss Widdopp, fawn figured gown trimmed with passementerie, large green hat with flowers and brocade ribbon; Miss Monate, pale yellow muslin, white hat trimmed with quill's and chiffon; Miss Curtice, very neat black tailor-made costume, black sailor hat; Mrs Stewart, Miss Stewart, white duck costume; Miss Salmon, fawn figured gown, large hat to match; Miss Barron, dark skirt, light print blouse, red sailor hat; Mrs G. Campbell, white duck costume, white sailor hat; Messdames Ronaldson, Young, Blundell, Hoggard, Stewart, and the Misses Simpson, Reid, M. Curtis, Gibson, Young, Hislop, Haselden, Williams, Johnston, etc., etc.

A very pleasant

FAREWELL GATHERING

took place at the Tinakori Road schoolroom, when the Rev. C. Tisdall, who is leaving Wellington for Waitotara, was presented with an address and a purse of fifty-five sovereigns. Mr and Mrs Tisdall (his mother) were received by the members of St. Paul's vestry, and a committee of ladies, Mrs Tisdall being presented with a handsome bouquet of flowers tied with white ribbon. A very nice little programme of music was arranged by Miss Barbor, who acted as accompanist for the different items. Mrs B. Wilson and her sister, Miss Parsons, sang a duet, 'My True Love Hath my Heart,' while Miss Pownall sang 'Beauty's Eyes' very nicely. The Misses Parker, Quick, E. Barbor, and Mr F. Twiss also performed. The presentation to Mr Tisdall was made by Mr Barraud, who also read the address from the parishioners. I am sure all St. Paul's parishioners are indeed very sorry to lose Mr Tisdall. However what is their loss is somebody else's gain.

OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE. MARCH 17.
Although this is 'St. Patrick's Day in the Morning,' I hope my intellect may remain clear and I shall not be carried away with my national enthusiasm until I have collected our little doings of the past week, and they are only 'little' in our Lenten time. Our minds have been principally given to farewelling friends until there is a melancholy and deserted feeling about the place.

On Thursday at the

MERIVALE TENNIS COURTS

a farewell tea was given to Mr and Mrs R. McDougal, when numbers of their old friends put in an appearance for a little chat and to wish them 'bon voyage.' Among the visitors and players were Mrs F. Graham, Mrs J. Matson, Mrs D. Matson, Mrs Cockburn Hood, Misses Deamer, Graham, Cunningham, Hargreaves (two), Kinsey, Anderson, Way, Ross (Wellington), Wright (Ashburton), Messrs Garrick, Donald, Graham, Hargreaves, Webb, Wood, and Dr. Hargreaves.

On Thursday evening Mr Joynt gave a

SMALL MUSICAL EVENING

for Mr and Mrs I. Gibbs, when a very pleasant time was spent with music and chat. Among the guests were Mr and Mrs W. Devenish Meares, and the Misses Meares Mr, Mrs, and Miss Martin, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Kinsey, etc.

Mrs R. D. Thomas, Salisbury-street, gave a

FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

to Mrs I. Gibbs on Friday afternoon, when mutual friends had the pleasure of seeing her to say good-bye; but Mrs Gibbs' friends are legion, and many have only been able to wait their *adieu* in spirit. Some very good music was discoursed, followed by delicious afternoon tea, cakes, fruit salad, peaches, and sweets. Mrs Thomas was gowned in a grey silk crepon with vest of shot silk and high frilled collar; Mrs Gibbs,

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