

roses; Miss Chaffey, pale yellow brocade, blue silk sleeves; Miss Saunders (Christchurch), white corded silk; Miss Ford, heliotrope silk trimmed with dark purple velvet; Miss Williams, black silk; Miss M. Williams, white chiffon bodice, black satin skirt; Miss Shand, white bengaline silk; Miss Wright, blue corded silk; Miss E. Ulrich, deep yellow bengaline silk; Miss Reid (Elderslie), blue brocade; Miss B. N. Reid, black satin, pink roses; Miss Macassey, white brocade, the bodice trimmed with pearl passementerie and white chiffon; Miss Graham, black satin; Miss S. Graham, white brocade; Miss K. Royle, handsome yellow satin, the bodice trimmed with spangles; Miss R. Neill, white silk; Miss K. Neill, pink chine silk; Miss Gibson, white silk, pink roses; Miss Rattray, yellow mervellous; Miss K. Rattray, crushed strawberry pompadour silk; Miss Denniston, black satin; Miss Roberts, yellow silk, the bodice made with frills of chiffon and lace; Miss Bartleman, white satin, the zouave covered with guipure lace; Miss Morris, white brocade; Miss MacLaren, grey satin; Miss E. MacLaren, white corded silk; Miss E. Neill, black satin; Miss Driver, white corded silk; Miss H. Driver, black satin; Miss MacLean, white silk. Amongst the gentlemen were Messrs Thomson, Mills, E. Chaffey (Oamaru), Webster, H. Webster, E. Webster, Sergeant, Ritchie, Reid, Teschemaker (Oamaru), H. Teschemaker, J. Allen, Burbury, Crawford, Sale, Morris, C. Morris, Oldham, Graham, G. Graham, Wright, Marshall, Kettle, Macassey, Muir (Invercargill), Turnbull, Black, Cheeseman, Royle, Gibson, Hagnitt, Fisher, Ponsoby, Ayres, Archdeacon Gould, Dr. Garland, Captain Craddock, etc.

AILEEN.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, November 5th.  
Mr and Mrs J. P. Maxwell gave a delightful AFTERNOON 'AT HOME' on Monday afternoon. A large and

smart assemblage of guests assembled at their charming house in Hobson-street. The croquet lawn proved a great attraction during the afternoon, and the garden looked unusually bright, the trees being in perfect leaf, and the flower beds gay with bright spring blossoms and stately arum lilies, and they proved a charming outlet, preventing any crushing inside the house. A band was stationed in a room adjoining the hall, and during the afternoon played a selection of popular music, and a most delicious afternoon tea was dispensed in the large dining-room, Mrs W. Moorhouse and the Misses Izard, Moorhouse, Cooper, and Dransfield assisting the hostess at the tea table, where the floral decorations were extremely beautiful, the whole house, indeed, being filled with lovely flowers. The hostess wore black and yellow silk with jet embroidery; her sister Mrs Moorhouse, looking remarkably well in a gown of black cloth, the mauve silk waistcoat and lappels of which were appliqued in black; Mrs W. Johnston wore black satin, beautifully embroidered with white lace, and black and white bonnet; Mrs Rhodes wore black the bodice and trimming being composed of dark green velvet, and black and gold toque; Mrs Williams looked well in black brocade and Italian lace and pretty cream bonnet, her daughters being in dark green cloth gowns, the boleros opening over dainty cream chiffon waistcoats, with gold belts and pretty toques of pale blue, and pink and white chiffon and roses, a very smart tailor-made gown was worn by Mrs Travers, of black ribbed cloth with white braided revers and pink silk waistcoat and dainty toque of black aigrettes and pink chiffon, and roses of the same shade; Mrs Williams (Dunedin) looked very chic in a greatly-admired gown of soft grey cloth, and gloves and toque to match; Mrs Denniston wore black; Mrs Pynsent wore black brocade with a waistcoat and revers of soft old lace, and most becoming bonnet of white and mauve, lilac and black chiffon and

lace. A great many members of the House were present, among the number being Captain Russell, Mr Miller (Speaker of the Upper House), Mr Herries, Mr Oliver, Mr Buchanan, and several others, and among the very many other guests there I noticed Mrs and the Misses Barron, Mrs Brandon, Mrs McPherson, Mrs Rieuvalda and her daughter (Dunedin), Mrs Goring, Misses Butts, Miss Butts, and the Misses Cooper, Moorhouse, Johnston, Brandon, Coleridge, Bell (Nelson), Richmond and Blackett (2), and Messrs Chayter, Hadfield, Anson, Cox, Carlisle, Russell, Cooper, Rolleston, and many more.

CLARICE.

Dear Dee, November 4.  
A most enjoyable afternoon tea was given by Mrs Findlay in her beautiful new house last Friday. Both the rooms upstairs and downstairs were open to the guests. A delicious tea was laid in the dining-room and the table very prettily decorated with lilac and green silk. Mrs Findlay received her guests in a black silk skirt and becoming yellow silk blouse, trimmed with jet. Among those who were present were Mrs Napier Bell (Dunedin), wearing a blue tailor-made costume, and jet bonnet, with scarlet flowers; Mrs Oliver, in a handsome red brocade gown, with panels of velvet to match, edged with passementerie, large brown hat, with feathers, and sable cape; Mrs Judge Williams (Dunedin), neat grey tailor-made costume and black and violet toque; Lady Stout, brown braided costume, and toque to match; Mrs Butts, black silk gown, trimmed with white, and black bonnet, with white aigrettes; Miss Butts, green costume; Mrs Field, grey tweed costume, and pretty toque, trimmed with pink roses and white lace; Mrs J. Mackenzie, fawn costume and bonnet of black velvet, with red flowers; Mrs Symons, red dress, trimmed with velvet to match and bead passementerie, floral toque; Mrs Samuel, livery green tailor-made suit and felt hat to match; Mrs

Judge Denniston (Dunedin), black costume; Mrs Mackenzie, brown jacket and skirt, yellow silk front, and brown sailor hat; Mrs Todd, fawn tailor-made suit, and green toque, with violets; Mrs Stafford, green costume, trimmed with handsome passementerie, and pretty pink bonnet; Miss Stafford, white muslin and white sailor hat; Mrs Ewin, neat green suit and black hat, with tips and pink roses; Mrs N. Reid, brown costume; Miss Reid, black skirt and pretty silk blouse, black velvet hat, with feathers; Mrs (Dr.) Young, black and white costume; Mrs Capt. Rose, green costume and pretty gold bonnet, with white flowers; Miss Rose, blue braided Eton costume and large black hat, trimmed with feathers and flowers; Mrs Butt, Mrs and Miss Blair, Mrs and Miss Gore, Mrs Fitchett, Mrs Gavin, Mrs and Miss Lingard, Mrs Ewart, Mrs W. R. E. Brown, Mrs and Miss Edwards, and others.

On the same afternoon the Wellington College Boys' Sports were held. Unfortunately, just as all the much interested mothers and fathers had arrived it began to rain hard, so that a great many people left at once, while those remaining waded their way to the schoolroom, where a very dainty and refreshing tea was laid, and was very much appreciated, as the weather was so cold and stormy. I noticed Mrs Firth, wearing a neat white duck costume and white sailor hat; Mrs Macrae, in a black silk gown, trimmed with jet, and pretty black and pink bonnet; Mrs Seddon, green costume and black bonnet, with pink roses; Miss Seddon, navy blue braided dress, and white sailor hat; Mrs Rhind, black suit and becoming toque trimmed with violets; Mrs Watson, navy blue tailor-made costume and black and red bonnet; Mrs Tollhurst, black silk costume; Miss Tollhurst, brown crepon cape and skirt and toque to match, trimmed with yellow flowers; Miss L. Tollhurst, black silk skirt and pretty pale blue silk blouse, toque trimmed with jet and blue rib-

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