

Olive Tilly, green skirt, heliotrope blouse; Miss Tilly, dark skirt, light blouse; Miss Adeline Hooper, dark skirt, light blouse; Miss Kensington, dark skirt, dome blue flowered French muslin blouse, white hat with pink roses; Miss Olive Kensington, blue flowered muslin, sailor hat; Miss Rita Kensington, white cambric, sailor hat; Mrs Maurice Purchas, white muslin sprigged with blue, and vest of blue silk, blue hat; Mrs Richardson black; Mrs Pritt and Mrs Williams, black; Misses Draper, Percival, Ware, Dargaville, Thorpe (2), Crowther, etc.

Mr and Mrs Peacocke, of Rocklands, Epsom, gave a very pleasant

MUSICAL EVENING

on Thursday evening as a farewell to Miss S. Nathan. There is such a charming room for dancing opening out from the drawing-room that an enjoyable combination of music and dancing was effected, and while resting from the busy whirl one could appreciate the sweet tones of the singers. A good supper was partaken of during the evening.

Mrs Arthur Nathan's

PICNIC

on Friday was a particularly smart affair, and the ladies of the one hundred and fifty invited guests wore very smart clothes to match. Mrs Arthur Nathan received her visitors, with Mr Nathan's assistance, at the wharf, and when all had arrived, the party proceeded by the Wakatere down the harbour to Waiheke. After landing and viewing the scenery an excellent champagne lunch was enjoyed. The Auckland wharf was reached about 7.30. A fine string band accompanied the party, and music was rendered throughout the day.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at 'Ardstrath' on Saturday, 26th November, when Mrs McMillan gave an

AT HOME

in honour of Miss Sybil Nathan and Mr Myers.

Just before supper was announced the Rev. H. D. Major (by request) made a presentation to Miss Nathan of a very beautiful album, which was acknowledged by Mr Myers in a very happy manner. The album is made of inlaid woods of New Zealand, and is filled with a choice collection of photographs typical of New Zealand scenery, both in the North and South Islands, with also characteristic sketches of Maori life and customs, etc., etc. It is the gift of the following young girl friends of Miss Nathan:—Misses Cotter (3), Gillies (2), Hardie, Johnstone, Lennox, Morrin, McMillan (3), Moss Davis, Purchas, Rooke, Richmond, A. Stevenson, Stevenson (2), Tilly, Upton, Ware, Worsp and Whitson, and bears the inscription: 'To Miss Sybil Nathan, with love and good wishes, from' followed by the autographs of the donors. After supper dancing was again commenced, and as usual between the dances the company were favoured with some very good music. The Misses Tilly, Moss Davis, and Nathan, and Messrs Claude Kissing and Hogg sang most charmingly; while the pianoforte playing of Mr

Myers, and recitations of Mr Baume, were also highly appreciated.

The evening terminated by the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' by all the company.

FLOWER SHOW.

The interior of St. Benedict's Hall presented a feast of colour and fragrance on Friday and Saturday, when the Horticultural Spring Flower Show took place. Lovely flowers of every variety were there, the sweet scented carnation, the golden summer chrysanthemum, roses of every shade and colour; but the chief point of attraction this year were the sweet peas in superb tints. The School Children's tables, with their floral baskets and bouquets, were quite a feature, and no small degree of taste and originality was shown in arrangement. The first and second prize flower bedecked baskets were loosely decorated with showers of pink poppies and dried grasses. Other rustic baskets, with wild flowers and grasses, came in for a share of admiration. The table decorations were very pretty. The first prize table was arranged with boat shaped china bowls, set in silver tinsel gauze rucked up, suggestive of boats on the sea, the rigging being of white ixiias, white and red poppies, white marguerites, ferns and grasses. The second prize, which commanded admiration, was a study in yellow. One of the children's first prizes was carried off by a boy, and showed great taste in blending of colours. The principal fault with most of the bouquets was in being too stiff, but apart from this defect the display was a very good one.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee,— November 19. The Napier Horticultural Society held their

SPRING SHOW

on Wednesday and Thursday, November 16th and 17th, and considering that there has lately been so much violent wind, and that most of the gardens are in exposed situations, there was a wonderfully good exhibition of both flowers and fruit. The display of lovely roses attracted universal attention, and much admiration was expressed for the fine ferns, pelargoniums, pansies, carnations, water-lilies, and some calceolarias of extraordinary size and colour. Much interest was taken in the competitions for table decorations, bouquets, and original floral designs, and some of the arrangements of flowers were exceedingly effective. The design for table decorations which won the first prize was carried out in pale yellow and lavender, and the flowers were columbine and sweet peas; on the table taking second prize was a graceful and pretty arrangement of crimson carnations, pale pink sweet peas, and grasses; the decorations awarded third place were composed of some beautiful pink poppies and long grasses. Both days of the Show were fine, but could with comfort have been cooler. There was, however, a good attendance, and the exhibition went off successfully.

Mrs Russell wore a gown of black and gold; Mrs Williams was in black silk, with a lace mantel and black bonnet; Miss K. Williams wore white, and a white hat relieved with pink; Mrs Fannin wore a black and gold dress, and a black bonnet trimmed with green; Lady Whitmore, a gown of black and white, and a bonnet to correspond; Mrs Carr, a grey coat and skirt, and a black bonnet with red flowers; Mrs Balfour, a black dress trimmed with mauve, and a black bonnet with pink flowers; Mrs Davidson was in black, and wore a black bonnet relieved with pale blue; Mrs I. Smith wore a green dress and a black toque with yellow roses; Mrs Tabuteau, a green and white dress, and a green straw hat trimmed with pink; Mrs De Lisie was in black, and wore a white tulle hat with cream and white plumes and pink roses; Mrs Dunlop wore grey, and a black and pink hat; Mrs Randall, a grey check dress trimmed with white silk, and a black bonnet with white roses; Mrs Lawrence, a green dress, black cape, and a black bonnet in which were some pink flowers; Mrs Coleman, black brocade relieved with green, and a black and green bonnet; Mrs Bowen, a blue and white dress trimmed with blue, and a black hat with blue check ribbon; Miss Williams wore black with a lace mantle, and a black bonnet relieved with red; Mrs Parker was also in black, with a black and white bonnet; Mrs Wenley wore a white silk gown, the bodice of which was covered with pink chiffon; Miss Balfour, a pale yellow dress and a hat trimmed with chiffon to match; Mrs Ormond was in black, and wore a black bonnet with red flowers; Miss Ormond wore green; Mrs Lines was in brown, trimmed with blue silk; Mrs A. Sidey wore a pale blue blouse, black skirt, and a white hat. Some others present were: Mrs Dixon, Mrs East, Miss Nairn, Miss Watt, Miss Sutton, Mrs Reece, Mrs Jardine, Mrs Goldsmith, Mrs Logan, Mrs Lang, Miss Tanner, Mrs Cornford, Mrs Donald, Mrs Vigor Brown, Mrs Close, Mrs Knowles, Miss Beausish.

Yesterday evening His Excellency the Governor, Lady Ranfurly, Lord Northland, and Lady Constance Knox, accompanied by the secretary and aide-de-camp, arrived here, and spent the night in Napier on their way to Rotorua, whence they go to Auckland. Lady Ranfurly expressed herself charmed with the little she saw of Napier; but the vice-regal party left about nine o'clock this morning by special coach for the Hot Lakes. In honour of Lord and Lady Ranfurly's visit to Napier, the City Band gave a concert last night in the Rotunda, opposite the Masonic Hotel, where they were staying.

MARJORIE.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING.

DR. C. MORRICE AND MISS LOUIE SEDDON.

(By Telegraph—Own Correspondent.) WELLINGTON, November 29.

The marriage of Miss Louie Seddon and Dr. C. Morrice, Greymouth, took place at 2 o'clock at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, in the presence of a large and fashionable assemblage. The

bride is the Premier's third daughter, and the bridegroom is a medical officer in charge of Greymouth Hospital. The affair is said to have been quite a love match. The Cathedral was tastefully decorated. In the absence of the Bishop of Wellington, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. S. Bean, of Addington Church, brother-in-law of the bride, and the Rev. Masters, curate of St. Paul's. The Premier gave his daughter away, and the bride was attended by her three youngest sisters, Mary Stuart, May and Ruby. The bridegroom was attended by Mr H. J. Manson and Master R. Seddon, jun. The dresses were in perfect harmony with the proceedings. The bride wore a cream tartan dress, with a Court train, trimmed with lilies of the valley and orange blossoms, and a Limerick veil fastened only with an orange spray. The bridegroom's present, which she wore, was a diamond crescent brooch. She also carried a white spray bouquet. Mrs Seddon's dress was a handsome black silk, trimmed with Irish lace. She wore a black bonnet with pink flowers. Mrs Morrice, mother of the bridegroom, wore black satin, trimmed with cerise lace and a black bonnet with yellow flowers. Mrs Bean, of Christchurch, sister of the bride, wore a heliotrope costume, with trimming of white chiffon. Mrs F. Dyer, another sister, wore a black and white costume, with a pink hat; and Miss Beale, of Palmerston North, an intimate friend, wore navy blue, trimmed with lace. The elder bridesmaids wore India silk trimmed with lace, and carried white canes; the younger girls wore directors dresses of white silk, and carried baskets of white flowers. The elder bridesmaid's presents were pearl crescent brooches, and the others received gold necklets, with pearl pendants. After the ceremony, which was of the usual character, Mr Robert Parker played the happy couple out, and the guests, consisting only of relatives, personal friends and heads of the Premier's own department, drove to the Ministerial residence in Molesworth-street, where breakfast was set out in a marquee on the lawn. The presents number between 200 and 300, and include several of a beautiful and costly character. The Earl and Countess of Ranfurly sent two pairs of solid silver candlesticks and a silver jewel box. The Governor's A.D.C. sent a silver sugar basin and tongs. The Premier's colleagues sent a silver dessert set. Employees of the Government workshops sent a very handsome can. The Premier's Birthday Presentation Committee sent a photograph of the Premier and the family, framed in New Zealand woods. The staff of the Greymouth Hospital sent surgical instruments. The happy pair are to spend their honeymoon for a few weeks in the Hot Lakes district, and they return to their home at Greymouth by way of Christchurch. They leave Wellington at 5.30 this afternoon.

NOTE.—Our Wellington, Picton, Nelson, Blenheim, and Christchurch Letters are crowded out of this issue.

ONE Swallow does not make a Summer . . .

But it may be safely concluded now that, although tardy, the long wished for summer days are at last upon us.

As usual, it seems to catch everyone unawares and unprepared. One hears on every hand, and mostly, perhaps, from people who have lived possibly a lifetime in the country, complaints of the excessive heat, and there is naturally a rush for garments of the thinnest texture. The gentler sex, arrayed only a few days ago in orthodox spring attire, is now studying how best to do battle with the searching rays of 'Old Sol,' and everywhere are to be seen the thinnest of Silks, Grenadines, Muslins, Zephyrs, etc., etc.

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4½d.—The Silk Stripe Muslins Again.—4½d.

This wonderful line has created a great sensation, and they cannot last much longer. They would be cheap at 1s per yard. With them are now included some Beautiful Muslins in splendid imitation of Foulard Silks. They are all marked at the same ridiculous price, 4½d per yard.

8½d.—Plaid and Check Zephyrs.—8½d.

Are all the rage in Melbourne and Sydney as they were in London and Paris. IREDALE is offering a grand range at 8½d per yard; usual price 12½d.

25s 6d.—White Embroidered Robes.—25s 6d.

A Cost Price line for the sultry weather. IREDALE offers for this week only Exquisite White Embroidered Robes with the New Bell-shaped Skirts for 25s 6d, usual price, 35½d.

8s 11d.—A Sunshine Gift.—8s 11d.

The very newest Shot and Black 'Boulevard,' 'En Tout Cascas,' with needle points, 8s 11d. They would be cheap at 12s 11d.

Showroom Sensations.

12s 11d Plaque, Holland, and Striped Coats and Skirts—12s 11d the Full Costume. This price is too ridiculous to require comment.

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