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Society Gossip

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, June 2.

Proof of the popularity of the Rev. T. H. and Mrs Sprott was shown on Thursday afternoon, when over 200 guests braved the miserable weather to offer their congratulations. The occasion was an

"AT HOME" GIVEN BY MR AND MRS SPROTT.

to celebrate their silver wedding. They were married at Christchurch, Kingstons, Dublin, on June 2, 1880. It is a curious coincidence that though it was then the height of summer the weather was almost as bad as it was for their silver wedding at the Antipodes, 25 years later.

Mr and Mrs Sprott have been in the colony about 18 years, four of which were spent in Auckland. The Sydney-street Hill was warm and cosy, and proceedings were enlivened by cherry music supplied by a string band. Two fires gave a pleasant heat, and round them were sofas and comfortable chairs. The stage was given up to tea, and a large wedding cake surmounted by a silver vase of narcissi had the post of honour. The table had a centre bowl of yellow chrysanthemums and autumn foliage, trails of purple and yellow ribbon connected tall vases of purple and mauve and gold lilies. A noticeable feature of the afternoon was the large number of men present, including most of Wellington's leading citizens.

Mrs Sprott wore a handsome black brocade softened with lifted chiffon and fine old lace, black chiffon toque with ostrich tips; her daughter, Mrs Ernest Coleridge, was in white cloth, with an Empire belt of reseda satin, black picture hat and brown marabout stole. The guests included the Bishop of Wellington and Mrs Wallis, the latter wearing heliotrope cloth, with a long coat and a brown tulle hat. Others I noticed were Lady Ward, wearing black crepe de chine, with ruffled elbow sleeves, the cross-over bodice having a dainty vest of ivory lace and net, picture hat of black tulle with a cluster of ostrich tips; Mrs Rhind, black tailor-made with white revers, black toque; Miss Rhind, dull red cloth

and black hat; Mrs Fell, black voile and accordion-pleated coat; Miss Erica Fell, dove-grey cloth, white furs and white felt hat with ostrich feather; Mrs Izard, black embroidered voile; Miss Coates, black tailor-made and black chiffon toque; Miss Williams, white dress and long white fur coat, white emine toque with violets; Mrs Tweed, navy blue canvas and black hat; Miss Ashcroft, tabac brown hopsac, with braidings of brown and ivory; Mrs Brandon, dark tailor-made and black hat; Miss L. Brandon, red bolero dress, red hat and white furs; Mrs Fitzgerald, black cloth dress and black hat; Miss K. Fitzgerald, navy serge with white facings, red hat; Miss Coleridge, dark blue canvas and blue hat; Miss England, black cloth, with black and white collar, black hat; Mrs Edwin black voile, black silk, accordion-pleated coatee; Miss Edwin, white cloth dress and red hat; Mrs Shand, beaver brown hopsac, with touches of orange velvet, smart brown hat and furs; Miss Hislop, dark blue cloth dress and black hat; Mrs Gould, black and white tailor-made and black hat; Miss Harding, brown cloth and black hat; Miss W. Harding, iron-grey tweed, with pale blue revers, blue hat; Miss Barraud, brown cloth dress with straps of velvet; Miss Otterson, navy tailor-made; Mrs Ward, black canvas and fur cape; Miss Ward, dark green cloth; Mrs W. Blundell, black canvas and black picture hat; Miss Morrish, black tailor-made; Miss G. Morrish, pastel hopsac and mauve and green hat; Miss Gore, brown tweed and brown beaver hat; Miss Kensington, black tailor-made; Mrs Quick, black brocade and black and white bonnet; Miss Quick, pink voile de soie much trimmed with black, black and pink toque; Miss D. Quick, dull blue cloth, and cream coatee; Miss Tolhurst, black estrella, the cross-over bodice made with puffings of the material, ivory lace and chiffon vest, brown hat with touches of pink; Miss Harecourt, eau de nil hopsac and white beaver hat; Miss G. Harecourt, navy cloth with white facings, large white hat with black plume; Mrs Easterfield, dark green cloth and black toque; Miss Greenwood, black voile; Mrs Anderson, black silk voile and lace coatee; Mrs Martin, grey cloth and black toque; Miss Martin, blue grey canvas; Mrs Biss, dark tailor-made, and black toque; Mrs C. Pearce, navy cloth dress and black hat; Miss Mestayer, tabac canvas and brown hat; Miss Richardson, navy cloth and red beaver hat; Mrs MacLaurin, brown etamine strapped with velvet and softened with Alencon lace, brown tulle hat; Mrs Rawson, black tailor-made; Miss Rawson, navy cloth and red hat; Mrs Cecil Jones, brown flecked tweed, faced with velvet, lace and net vest, brown hat with plumes.

The annual "At Home" given by THE HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

was a very jolly affair, as it usually is. Progressive euchre, pit and other games and competitions occupied the earlier part of the evening, and after supper there was dancing. Among those present were Mrs L. Wilson, wearing black brocade; Mrs H. Blundell, black satin and lace; Miss Wilson, white soie de chine; Miss Warburton, blue silk; Miss Morrish, black taffetas; Miss West, white silk, and lace; Miss Bulkeley, white soie de chine; Miss Wheeler, black lousine; Miss Kirkcaldie, black taffetas; Miss —, Kirkcaldie, white soie de chine and lace; Mrs Beere, cream brocade; Miss Logan, black crepe de chine; Miss Haunay, white soie de chine. Great praise is due to the committee and to Miss Logan, the hon. secretary, who worked indefatigably to make the "At Home" a success.

THE POSTER COMPETITION

in connection with the Chronic Invalids' Bazaar is being actively organised. The local merchants are supporting it very strongly, and the only difficulty is to get girls enough to go round. Some very pretty and original dresses have been designed, and a course of instruction in fancy marching is to begin shortly. Among the girls who will represent posters are Misses Simpson, Butt, Nelson, Somerville, Rawson, Hislop, Reid, Bacon, Fell, Fitzgerald, Stafford, Miles and Wilson.

Everyone is so sorry to hear of Mrs Adams' accident at golf, which resulted in an injury to her arm. It is only a few months since she recovered from a long and tedious illness.

OPHELIA.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, June 8.
HURDLE RACE DAY AT ELLERSLIE.

Who on Friday night last would have imagined there would be any races on Saturday? The morning broke threateningly enough, in all conscience, too, and up till ten o'clock it looked "any odds," as racing slang has it, on a wet boisterous day. Then, however, things began to brighten up, and with the exception of a couple or so of heavy showers the day was all that one could expect in mid-winter. It was a disastrous day for those who followed fancies, and the fact that Cavalry fell in the big race robbed that event of much of its interest. The stand was well filled, but of course most people had come prepared for the worst, and in what they would term "sensible" costumes, which being interpreted means not their best. Still, there were one or two smart costumes. We all kept a smart look-out for Miss Nellie Stewart, and were much disappointed she did not turn up. We looked for some very smart costume. However, to tell you of whom I did see. Mrs Duffie wore a smart navy cloth tailor-made gown with a net and lace vest, becoming black picture hat with large ostrich feathers falling over the hair at the back, brown furs; Mrs Wilfrid Colbeck was effectively gowned in a dark flecked tweed costume with knife-pleated skirt, soft white felt hat trimmed with black velvet; Miss George, dark blue cloth Russian costume with white vest, black beaver tricorne hat with long black ostrich feathers; Miss Zoe George looked pretty in dark blue with blue hat to match trimmed with bands of blue pleated ribbon; Miss Ida Thompson wore a navy serge belted Norfolk costume with white vest, pretty hat wreathed with green leaves and tiny Japanese roses; Mrs Foster, brown costume, the seams of skirt and Eton jacket banded with galloon a shade lighter, smart buff felt hat trimmed with plaited ribbons in shades of blue and heliotrope; Mrs Cotter wore a grey and black flecked tweed gown with dainty white vest relieved with touches of pale blue ribbon, black plumed hat, and very handsome black velvet palette; Miss Millie Cotter, a dark blue tailor-made gown with pretty blue polo toque finished with tiny choux of shaded ribbons and ospreys; Miss Winnie Cotter was effectively gowned in a dark grey flecked tweed coat and skirt, and smart black and white toque to match; Mrs Black wore a bright navy serge costume, with very pretty crimson felt hat with tan of shanter crown; Mrs Alison, black cloth tailor-made costume and large black plumed hat, handsome sable pelrine; Mrs Griffiths, beautifully fitting dark blue coat and skirt, white vest, large black hat trimmed with chiffon and drooping ostrich plumes; Mrs T. Hope Lewis wore a black gown with bands of grey checked knife-pleated silk on skirt, smart black astrakhan Russian coat, and black and white hat; Miss Lewis, pale grey Russian costume, with small fur toque to match; Miss Gwen Gorrie, navy serge coat and skirt, becoming white toque banded with brown fur; Mrs Dignan, Havanna-brown belted Norfolk costume, black hat; Mrs Bodle, wore a cloth costume of a very pretty shade of blue, cornflower blue straw hat, wreathed with cornflowers; Mrs Nolan wore a flecked tweed costume, smartly finished with Russian embroidered motifs, torpedo toque to match; Mrs Friend, brown spotted voile costume, dainty brown hat relieved with touches of turquoise blue, brown furs; Miss Duder, navy blue serge, with long Chesterfield coat, crimson hat; her sister, Miss Ivy Duder, was in brown cloth, brown hat trimmed with tangerine; Mrs (Dr.) Grant wore an effective crimson cloth Eton costume, with white vest, and high folded cincture of crimson velvet, dainty hat to match; Miss Binney, pale blue hopsacking costume, with cream lace yoke, pale blue hat swathed with chiffon; Miss Tussie Binney, navy serge costume, and hat to match wreathed with red berries; Miss Georgie Deniston looked charming in a bright crimson cloth gown, picture hat en suite; Miss Pearl Gorrie wore dark red, relieved with white, white felt hat finished with red; Mrs Thornton Jackson was wearing a navy serge tailor-made, with white vest, pretty Tuscan hat swathed with pink tulle silk; Miss Alice Goodwin, dark brown costume, pretty soft white felt hat with

cluster of brown silk roses at one side; Miss Dawson wore a pretty blue beaver hat, with a pale grey cloth Eton costume, and her sister, Miss Muriel Dawson, also wore grey, blue French sailor hat; Mrs Pilkington, smart brown cloth costume, and becoming brown velvet hat draped with cream lace; Mrs Walker, dark grey sac coat and skirt, with embroidered chiffon vest, small toque to correspond; Miss Nora Walker wore a red and black flecked tweed, belted Eton costume, with white cloth facings, navy straw hat; Mrs Marsack, dark blue cloth tailor-made gown with white vest, dainty berry-wreathed red hat; Mrs Lyons, dark blue coat and skirt, becoming toque; Mrs Anselma was gowned in dark grey, pretty pale blue hat; Mrs Copeland Savage, dark blue cloth costume, effective pale blue hat; Mrs Leatham wore an effective dark red cloth costume, with stamped velvet waistcoat of same shade opening over a white vest, black and white plumed hat; Mrs Ernest Simpson, dark blue coat and skirt with white embroidered vest, relieved with touches of scarlet, blue straw hat; Miss Ada Price, white hopsacking costume, laurel straw and brown mushroom hat, swathed with navy blue silk ruhe; Miss Lily Kissing looked particularly well in a brown cloth costume and a brown felt hat caught at one side with large brown choux; Miss Nesta Cooke was charming in a dark blue serge coat and skirt, braided with black, black and cream upturned hat, finished with a white brush; Mrs Sharnan was effectively gowned in a brown knife-pleated skirt with wide corselet belt, sable Eton jacket, and picturesque brown hat, swathed with violet tulle and violets; Miss Mollie Garret wore dark blue serge, a bright crimson hat lending the required touch of colour; Miss Beckland, navy blue cloth with pretty white mushroom hat; her sister wore grey

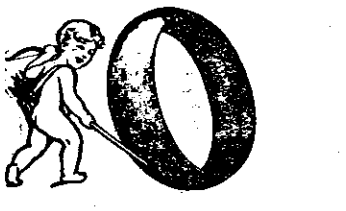
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