

lived with touches of pale blue; Miss Una Saunders, pretty white tucked mouseline; Miss Mona Mackay looked dainty in white moulin, with white lace on bodice; Miss Dawson wore a charming gown of pale pink chiffon taffeta, with encrustations of lace; and her sister was effectively gowned in moonlight blue silk, with pale blue ribbon threaded through her hair; Miss Lyman wore a becoming white silk and lace toilette.

Mrs. Collins, who is agent in Auckland for Mdlle. Helena Rubinstein, of the famous Valaze Massage Institute, opened her charmingly pretty rooms at 44 and 45, City Chambers, Queen-street, last Monday, and gave a small

"AT HOME"

in honour of the occasion. Mrs. Collins cordially received her guests in the Valaze room, and gave a short description and interesting address on the Valaze treatment, after which a delicious afternoon was served in the waiting room. Mrs. Collins looked charming in a picturesque gown of myrtle green chiffon velours with guimpe of white crepe de chine applied with lace embroidered in a pretty shade of heliotrope, becoming cream Leghorn hat, with shaded rose crown and puffings of shaded green tulle on the bandeau. Amongst those who were present during the afternoon I noticed: Mrs. Raynor in a smart wine coloured cloth coat and skirt, braided with black silk braidings, pretty hat to match; Mrs. Lottason, pretty cigar brown cloth with cream net and lace guimpe, Tuscan hat swathed with brown tulle; Mrs. Whitney was wearing a navy tailor-made gown with a pretty red toque; Mrs. Derry, black and white striped tweed coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Baume, black toilette with touches of white and black bonnet; Mrs. Sydney Nathan, Nallier blue cloth coat and skirt and black toque; Mrs. Lindsay, dark green flecked tweed and hat to match; Mrs. Black, pale grey check tweed coat and skirt, black toque with drooping ostrich feather; Mrs. Martelli was wearing grey, black picture hat lined with pink chiffon; Mrs. Rice, black and white pin striped tweed tailor-made, very pretty brown bonnet; Miss M. Rice was dainty in white cloth, white felt hat wreathed with cherries; Mrs. J. A. Beale, navy blue velvet Eton coat and skirt, smart blue felt hat wreathed with violets, white fox furs; Mrs. Keating, pale grey tailor-made, and pretty Bontou straw hat wreathed with pink shaded roses; Mrs. Mahoney, violet cloth tailor-made gown, small black hat with touches of pale blue and white ospreys; Mrs. Pilkington, navy costume and small navy cloth motor cap; Mrs. Arnold, dark blue coat and skirt and navy hat en suite; Mrs. R. Walker, brown heather mixture tweed coat and skirt, pretty hat to match with touches of rose pink velvet; and many others too numerous to mention. **PHYLLIS BROWN.**

CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Bee, August 17. A most enjoyable golfing afternoon was given out at the links on Monday by Mrs. Edmunds and the Misses Wells in honour of Miss Wright, who was married on Wednesday. The afternoon was fine, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent. The amusement provided was

A PUTTING AND APPROACHING COMPETITION.

Misses Wright, Willis, and Brooks tied in the putting competition, and had to play off, when the former was victorious; it was a most popular win. Miss Clark won the approaching competition. The afternoon's programme closed with an amusing golf race. The competitors had to hit their ball, then run and pick it up and run a given distance; Miss Skeet was the winner, her prize was a photo frame; Miss Clark, a dainty jar; and Miss Wright, a pretty picture. Delicious home-made sweets were handed round during the afternoon, and a very dainty afternoon tea was served, the table decorations were white carnations, out of compliment to the bride-elect. Amongst those present were Mesdames Wells, Brooks, Mrs. (Dr.) Roberts, L. Peake, C. Peake, A. B. Herrold (Auckland), R. J. Roberts, N. Banks, Gilson, Edmunds, Walker, Misses Wright, Wells, Willis, H. Wells, Runciman (Auckland), Halsey (Auckland), Gwynneth, Skeet, Walker, Landon, Hally, E. Hill, Clark, Banks, Cox, Brooks, N. Young, Mrs. W. Coates.

A most successful

"PLAIN AND POSTER" BALL

was held in the Alexandra Hall on Wednesday evening, in aid of the Cambridge Band, and was in every way a most pronounced success. The music was provided by members of the band, and gave every satisfaction. The arrangements in connection with the ball were carried out by the following energetic committee of ladies and gentlemen:—Madames Taylor, McCullagh, Hunter, Hammond, McDermott, A. Bell, Landon, A. T. Stone, Boyce, J. Ferguson, Gibbs, Stuart, Jarrett, and Messrs. Landon, Hammond, Tudehope, and Hair. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies, and the hall was decorated with bunting and band instruments. Mrs. Dr. Going, of Hamilton, and Mr. Rigby were the judges of the posters, and their verdict was: 1st prize, Miss Ada Boyce, "Butterfly Teas," Brown, Barrett, and Co.; 2nd prize, Miss M. Taylor, "Good Old Butter Pat," Cambridge Co-operative Dairy Company. Gentlemen: 1st prize, Mr. A. A. Reese, "Champion Muscle Raiser," Northern Rolling Milling Co.; 2nd prize, Mr. "Jumbo" Reese, representing Messrs. Brockelsly Bros., butchers.

ELSIE.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, August 16.

After three weeks of dreary wet weather the sun has at last made its appearance. Glorious weather favoured

THE HUNTING CLUB'S RACE MEETING.

which was held at the park on Thursday. The attendance was good, and amongst the ladies present I noticed: Mrs. W. T. Sheratt, purple tweed costume, velvet hat trimmed with pink and mauve roses; Mrs. S. Williamson, navy blue coat and skirt, sable toque; Mrs. Richard Sheratt, grey tweed coat and skirt, rose pink hat; Mrs. Pattullo, grey costume, black hat; Mrs. R. Scott, black and white check coat and skirt, red hat; Mrs. John Murphy, dark grey dress, red hat; Mrs. Jack Williams, grey tweed coat and skirt, pale blue hat; Mrs. Mann, navy blue dress, red hat trimmed with pink and green roses; Mrs. John Clark, brown coat and skirt, brown hat; Mrs. Sainsbury, grey coat and skirt, black toque; Mrs. Blair, black coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Hise, brown coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. Humphreys, tweed costume, black hat; Misses Sheratt, Williamson, Clark, Reynolds, Black, Bennett, Johnson, Bagnall (Christchurch), Monckton, Evans, King, Nolan, Ferguson, Wachsmann, Rutledge, Foster.

HUNT BALL.

In the evening there was a most delightful hunt ball. The hall was prettily decorated, and one and all enjoyed it immensely.

Those present were: Mrs. Max Jackson black satin, lace fichu; Mrs. Hise, black velvet; Mrs. Mann, black silk, cream lace; Mrs. H. Sheratt, green silk, white roses; Mrs. Pattullo, white silk; Miss Pyke, black, with tucker of white chiffon; Miss Kate Sheratt, pale blue muslin; Miss Nolan, pink silk, tucked vest of white chiffon; Miss Reynolds, black silk; Miss C. Reynolds, black; Miss W. Reynolds, pale blue silk; Miss Rutledge, heliotrope glace, white lace; Miss Essie Grey, pink silk; Miss M. Bradley, blue silk; Miss B. Bradley, blue and white silk; Miss M. Williamson, black voile; Miss Clark, green silk; Miss Wachsmann, black; Miss Black, pink muslin; Miss M. Foster (the Hunt); Miss Foster, black, with blue velvet; Miss Johnson, yellow, with red roses; Miss Schumacher, white silk and black velvet; Miss F. Scott, pink satin; Miss Ferguson, yellow chiffon over glace; Miss Gillingham, red silk and roses.

GOLF.

On Saturday last there was a match, President versus Captain, the President coming off victorious. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs. Morgan and Miss Ina Sweet. In the ladies tournament Mrs. Barlow plays Mrs. W. Barker, and the winner meets Mrs. Arthur Rees in the final.

Great interest is being taken in hockey at present. The Auckland rep. team arrives on the 28th of this month, and a very exciting game is anticipated. Early next month the Gisborne team goes on tour. **ELSA.**

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, August 17.

Last Monday and Tuesday evenings The Theatre Royal was packed to the doors to witness "Lonegrin" and "Faust," staged by Musgrove's

GRAND OPELA COMPANY.

Amongst those present I noticed: Mrs. Capel, black merveilleux, relieved with lace; Miss N. Capel, black satin, pretty cream lace fichu; Mrs. Brocklehurst; Misses Ronnell (2); Mrs. Walker, black satin, real lace berthe; Mrs. W. Skinner, black silk grenadine, scarlet opera coat; Miss Knight, black silk, deep cream lace berthe; Miss Bedford, black canvas voile over glace, sequined berthe, cream net tucker; Miss D. Bedford, cream figured silk, cream opera coat; Mrs. C. Govett, black silk, transparent yoke and sleeves of black point d'esprit; Miss D. Govett, moss green silk; Misses Humphries, black silk skirts, white silk and lace bousses; Mrs. H. Weston; Miss Taylor, black silk, with white lace trimmings; Miss Keir, Miss M. Keir, white inserted muslin, pink ribbons in hair; Miss I. Taylor, scarlet silk blouse, inserted with cream lace, black voile skirt; Mrs. Gordon, black silk, real lace trimmings; Mrs. Home, black silk, rich berthe of cream lace; Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. McKellar, Miss McKellar, Miss Wade; Mrs. McClelland, moss green silk taffetas, blouse richly trimmed with real lace, black satin skirt; Mrs. Percy Webster, pale blue silk and cream lace blouse, silk skirt; Miss A. Cutfield; Mrs. Penn, white frilled silk; Miss E. Tenn, Miss Brewster, Miss G. Colson; Miss Preshaw (Nelson), pretty pale blue silk and cream lace blouse, dark skirt; Miss Godfrey, black silk, real lace berthe; Miss R. Clarke, Mrs. W. Catiro, Mrs. S. Shaw, Mrs. Lush, Miss Testar; Miss Read, olive green silk blouse, black satin skirt; Miss Rawson, pale blue silk blouse, trimmed with frills of cream lace, black voile skirt; Mrs. Clarke, black silk, trimmed with lace insertion; Miss M. Clarke, pale blue silk; Miss A. Hempton, black; Mrs. A. B. Goldwater; Miss Goldwater, cream silk, pale blue ribbon threaded through coiffure; Miss Stewart (Stratford), cream silk; Miss Crawford, Mrs. Addenbrooke, white silk blouse, threaded with black bebe ribbon, black silk skirt; Mrs. Munro, black; Miss Munro, white; Miss Trimble, black and white costume; Mrs. Nicholas; Miss Nicholas, white; etc.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. W. Shaw gave a most enjoyable

BRIDGE PARTY.

The first prize being won by Mrs. Nichol, Mrs. Collins receiving second honours. Amongst those present were: Mrs. W. Shaw; Miss Wood, pale blue silk and cream lace blouse, black voile skirt; Mrs. McKellar, Mrs. Murray; Miss Hamerton, black and white; Miss McKellar, white silk blouse, inserted with lace, dark skirt; Mrs. Fookes (sunt.), Mrs. H. Fookes; Mrs. Nichol, blue; Miss Hempton; Mrs. H. Stocker, white frilled silk, lace berthe; Mrs. I. Bayly, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. W. Newman, Mrs. Bundell, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Addenbrooke, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. F. Webster; Miss Curtis, yellow and black silk blouse, black voile skirt; Miss Pope, pale blue silk and cream lace blouse, dark skirt; etc.

NANCY LEE.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, August 16.


The Theatre Royal was well filled last night for Madame Carreno's first recital. The number of people who care for high-class music in our community is, of course, somewhat limited. Madame Carreno's name is known to all who are in touch with the larger world of music; but it is not familiar to the average colonial. If the people of Napier realised how great an artist was among them there would not have been a vacant seat in the theatre.

Amongst those present were: Mrs. Edgar, wearing a handsome black silk taffeta frock trimmed with velvet, pale blue scarf, blue in hair; Miss Hitchings, pretty white taffeta frock with touches of pin and blue; Mrs. Bernau, dainty white frock with crimson velvet on

bodice, grey cloth coat; Miss Rutledge, dainty cream silk and lace frock, blue in hair; Mrs. Absolom, blue silk dress, white coat trimmed with lace; Mrs. Hutchison, white silk blouse with black skirt; Mrs. F. Williams, black satin frock, handsome black satin coat trimmed with white chiffon; Mrs. Leahy, dainty white lace blouse, cuffs of blue velvet, black satin skirt; Mrs. Henley, black dress with becoming long white cloth coat trimmed with lace; Miss Kennedy, pretty black and white lace frock, red on bodice; Mrs. Ronald, blue chiffon frock with black satin coat; Miss Hoadley, black silk taffeta frock with touches of blue, violet Empire coat trimmed with white lace; Miss Nina Hoadley, white crepe de chine dress trimmed with lace, flowers in hair, blue scarf; Mrs. Coleman, black and white lace frock with pink roses; Miss Locking, white and yellow flounced taffeta frock with touches of yellow velvet, blue coat; Miss Carter, pretty pale blue flowered muslin frock, rose pink coat; Mrs. Lemmen, cream net frock edged with blue, white cloth coat; Miss Williams, blue striped taffeta frock with touches of pink, pink chiffon scarf; Mrs. Campbell, black satin frock with berthe of white lace; Miss Edwards, white silk dress trimmed with lace; Mrs. Stopford,

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