

blouse, with lace, black skirt; Mrs. A. Montgomerie, black evening gown, with crimson velvet opera coat, having medallions of cream lace; Mrs. A. Sherriff, pale heliotrope silk gown, with berthe of lace; Mrs. O. Lewis (Fordell), black silk gown, with smart opera coat of heliotrope cloth, banded with Oriental golden threaded galloon; Mrs Fullerton Smith (Marton), cream satin gown, with wide sash of ribbon, and berthe of cream lace; Miss J. Jones, black silk gown, with lace on her corsage; Miss Tennant (Marton), pale blue and pink floral silk blouse, with black skirt; Mrs. A. E. Kitchen, black silk, with berthe of beautiful lace; Miss Willis, white silk frock, with frills and shoulder scarf of pale heliotrope and cream chiffon; her sister wore a black silk, with berthe of lace, and painted chiffon shoulder scarf; Miss Hawken, white silk, with dainty white opera cloak; Miss Ross, white silk frock, with frills of the same material and lace.

After so much fine weather it was unfortunate the Wanganui Jockey Club should have had rain on Thursday for

THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR AUTUMN MEETING.

Several great improvements have been made lately, notably the new member's stand, which is a very fine building. Amongst the toilettes I noticed: Mrs. Rawson (Wellington), in a smart navy blue cloth tailor-made costume, with navy blue felt hat and shaded blue and green coque feathers; Mrs. Abbot (Wellington), stylish brown striped tweed coat and skirt, pale blue tucked silk blouse, blue felt hat with brim slightly turned up in the front, and wide bows of brown shot ribbons; Mrs. James Watt, white embroidered muslin frock, cream chip straw hat, with wide pale heliotrope ribbons covering the crown, and long white gossamer veil; Mrs. Hole, pastel blue Shantung silk frock ornamented with French knots, blue straw hat the same shade with wreath of blue and brown daisies; Mrs. Hawke, white embroidered muslin frock, heliotrope straw hat with wreath of heliotrope velvet flowers; Mrs. Cholmeley, black canvas Eton coat and skirt, black straw hat, with ruche of black ribbons; Mrs. Barthorpe (Silverhope), navy blue cloth bolero, with kimono sleeves, and vest of blue and pink silk embroidery, very becoming blue felt hat with ruche blue silk and aigrettes; Miss Ward (Silverhope), black and white check tweed costume with straps of black silk, straw hat with pastel green lace ribbons; Mrs. H. Johnston (Wellington), Wedgwood blue cloth Eton coat and skirt, blue felt hat with shaded ribbons and tiny blue feathers; Mrs. Bidwill (Wairarapa), cream serge Eton coat and skirt, embroidered muslin blouse, pale pink belt, becoming cream felt hat, with alternate rosettes of soft pink blue and heliotrope completely covering the crown; Mrs. Buchanan (Hawera), cream serge costume, black and white striped silk, hat with pink roses; Mrs. Tweed (Wellington), pretty pastel blue cloth costume, with velvet the same shade, blue velvet toque with feather to match; Mrs. A. Fitzherbert (Feilding), cream silk crepe de chine frock with bands of Miltese silk lace, and lace and net vest embroidered in pale green, and narrow velvet ribbon the same shade, black crinoline straw hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs. H. Stewart (Feilding), white muslin frock embroidered in black silk, burnt straw hat with pink floral ribbons; Mrs. Gould, white embroidered muslin frock; burnt straw hat with crown of pink roses and foliage; Miss Wilson (Bulls), white linen coat and skirt, the skirt was made with wide pleats, becoming golden straw hat with large white bird in it; Mrs. A. Cameron, olive green silk with shoulder straps and kimono sleeves of the same material, cream vest, green velvet hat with coque feathers; Miss Ralston (Australia), black and white striped silk gown, black straw hat with chiffon and wreath of white roses; Miss Cameron, dark heliotrope linen coat and skirt, cream ruche, smart cream crinoline straw hat with mignonette wreath and white chiffon rosette at the side; Miss McLeod (Wellington), pale pink muslin frock with wide cream lace forming shoulder straps, black hat with wreath of flowers; Mrs. Fairburn, white embroidered linen gown, pastel blue straw hat with blue ribbons and aiglets; Mrs. Saunders, pale grey muslin gown, with cream vest, grey crinoline straw hat with grey ostrich feather and pink roses; Mrs. Imlay Saunders, pale green coat and skirt, green straw hat, with green ribbons and crown of green roses and foliage; Mrs. Pattle Izett, pale

grey striped tweed coat and skirt, black straw hat, with black ostrich feather; Mrs. H. Jackson, blue grey silk frock, with cream lace fancy straw hat with heliotrope velvet flowers; Mrs. Barnicoat, black and white striped long coat and skirt, cream hat with chiffon and wreath of pink and white convolvulus; Mrs. Wall, pale pink floral silk muslin with bands of blue silk at the hem of the skirt and edging the kimono sleeves, vest of cream lace and blue chiffon shoulder scarf, blue silk hat with white feathers; Mrs. Speed, floral muslin gown with yoke of lace and snoulder scarf embroidered with black, very pretty burnt straw hat, with large pink roses on the crown; Mrs. H. Wilson, pale pink floral muslin, with berthe of narrow Valenciennes lace, pink straw hat with pink flowers and chiffon; Miss Beetham (Wairarapa), pale green and white striped mousseline de soie, chiffon shoulder scarf, cream straw hat, with pale blue ribbon rosettes; Mrs. Gifford Marshall, navy blue cloth coat and skirt, brown straw hat with crown of autumn leaves; Mrs. Empson, heliotrope silk gown, with vest of lace, black straw hat with chiffon and aigrettes; Miss Empson, dainty white muslin gown, white hat with crown of figured net and ostrich feathers; Miss Moore, pale grey tweed costume with revers and cuffs of white cloth, cream straw hat, with pink and blue roses and green velvet ribbon at the back.

Last Thursday Mrs. John Anderson gave

A FLOWER TEA

for Miss Christie, each of the guests representing a flower. The prizes for guessing the most were won by Mrs. G. Currie and Miss Brettargh. Amongst those present were: Mrs. and Miss Anderson, Mrs. G. Currie, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. P. Lewis, Mrs. A. Nixon, Misses Brettargh, Knapp, Mason, E. Christie, D. Christie, Reichart, Gibbons, Maling, Empson, Barnicoat, O'Brien, Hadfield, Gifford, Ashcroft and Stanford (2).

SOME PURELY PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. James Watt, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Sydney and Melbourne. Miss Cowper, of Kukuata, Wanganui, is staying in Melbourne with her brother, Mr. R. Cowper. Miss Ralston, of Australia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Cameron, Marangat, Wanganui. Mrs. F. Fullerton-Smith, of Rangitikei, is staying in Wanganui with her sister, Mrs. A. Sherriff. Mrs. Harrison, of Eltham, was staying in Wanganui last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Studholme, of Ruanui, were in Wanganui last week. Miss Marshall, of Rangitikei, has been staying in Wanganui with friends. Mrs. Wilford, of Wanganui, has returned from her holiday in Christchurch. Miss Harcastle, of Wanganui, left this week for a visit to friends in the South. HUIA.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, March 6.

Ever since last week we have been in a whirl of festivities—mostly of the farewell variety—so if I get confused in the details it is not to be wondered at.

By the Marama, a number of well-known people set off on their travels, many of them going straight through to Vancouver by the same steamer. Among them were

Mrs. AND THE MISSES HARCOURT.

The latter had quite a number of entertainments in their honour—bridge parties, luncheon, and afternoon teas. Mr. Harcourt has been President of the Wellington Jockey Club for some years, and at the numerous race meetings Miss Harcourt has acted as hostess on behalf of the club. The members gave her a farewell gift of a beautiful silver-mounted travelling bag, elaborately fitted up, the most useful of gifts to anyone going a long journey. Mr. Harcourt also received a handsome presentation.

The Wellington Jockey Club gave a delightful picnic on Saturday last as a farewell to their President. It was a glorious summer day, and a bewildering number of pretty frocks and hats were worn, the lawn at Trentham making a charming setting. Trains and motors conveyed us to the spot, and the very

first thing we did was to have lunch. It was a most elaborate affair, served in the club's private room, with gorgeous decorations of the club's colours, in scarlet and white cactus dahlias and broad transverse bands of red ribbon. Mr. Turnbull (vice-president) presided, with Miss Harcourt at his right, and Mr. Harcourt sat next Mrs. Moorhouse. The health of the guests was honoured, and all sorts of nice things were said about them. After lunch there were most exciting motor races, one condition being that each car was to contain its full number of passengers, most of whom were to be ladies. It was quite a thrilling experience to hold on to one's best hat with one hand, and to crouch low on the seat, while the wind whistled past and the ear bounded along. It was the unanimous opinion that motor-racing in fashionable millinery was not advisable, and more than one stray plume littered the course. The best among the many fine cars out there were Mrs. Joseph's, Mr. Kennedy's, Mr. Duncan's, Mr. Turnbull's, and Mr. Abbot's.

Miss Harcourt wore pale blue mohair, with revers of moire, and a vest of lace, dark blue hat with roses; Miss Grace Harcourt, white embroidered muslin, lace yoke and sleeves, Tuscany hat wreathed with roses; Mrs. Abbot, pale lilac linen, much pleated and embroidered, purple hat with shaded feather fantasia; Mrs. Nathan, ivory cloth, the long coat having bands of rich embroidery, white picture hat; Mrs. Moorhouse, pastel chiffon taffetas, with touches of velvet, black and white toque; Mrs. Joseph, striped taffetas, with touches of pale blue; Miss Elsie Joseph, white lace robe over ivory chiffon, black and white picture hat; Mrs. Dean, smart tailor-made, and black toque; Miss Dean, sky-blue colienne, with wide bands of filet lace, pale blue hat; Mrs. Pearce, white cloth tailor-made, green hat; Mrs. H. Johnston, pale grey colienne, with yoke and sleeves of ecru net, hat with wings and roses.

MRS. NEWMAN'S TEA

on Thursday was quite a big affair, and all the guests were delighted to see their hostess looking so well again. There were three principal guests—Miss Lonie Bremner (a bride-elect), Mrs. E. Riddiford, and Mrs. Wood, and each presided over a special tea table. Miss Bremner's was appropriately decorated with white flowers, and she received many good wishes for her future life in South Africa. Scarlet and yellow cactus dahlias, golden coreopsis, and white lilies decorated the pretty rooms, together with bowls of mauve and purple asters. Mrs. Newman wore amadou poplin de chene, with a yoke of square meshed net and Renaissance lace; Mrs. Riddiford, a handsome dress of taffeta changeant, with lace vest and touches of velvet; Mrs. Wood was all in white, and a hat with roses; Miss Bremner, a pretty pastel chiffon voile, with lace insertions, and a hat with roses; Mrs. Fitzgerald, grey tailor-made, and smart black hat with feathers; Mrs. Johnston, black chiffon taffetas, with vest of ecru lace, black and white toque; Miss Johnston, white spotted muslin, and pink and white hat; Miss Coleridge, white cloth tailor-made,

and blue hat with feathers; Mrs. Miles, dull green coat and skirt and black hat; Mrs. Menzies, black chiffon taffetas and lace; Mrs. D. Menzies, white cloth coat and skirt, lace scarf, and picture hat; Mrs. Lindsay, pale blue colienne, and pale blue hat with feathers; Mrs. Levin, and black and white toque; Mrs. Barron, dark tailor-made, black hat; Mrs. Brandon, grey and white striped taffetas, and black hat.

A FAREWELL TEA TO THE MISSES HARCOURT

was given on Wednesday by Mrs. Johnston, "Homewood," Karori. After the welcome rain the pretty grounds were looking fresh and green, but it was too damp to explore the picturesque garden. Indoors there was a wealth of flowers, including some handsome pot-plants, which are a speciality of Mr. Johnston's. Mrs. Johnston wore black chiffon taffetas with bands of black velvet and motifs of handsome lace; Miss D. Johnston was in pastel colienne with a high waistbelt of taffeta; Miss Harcourt wore blue cloth with a blouse of lace and net, and a hat with wide rosettes; Miss G. Harcourt was in white with a picturesque hat wreathed with flowers.

SOME PURELY PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuels are away at Rotorua. Mrs. Ritchie (Pahiatua) is in Wellington at present. Miss Scully, of Wellington, is visiting friends in Auckland. Miss Dalrymple has returned to Bulls after a stay in Wellington. Mrs. Beard, of Masterton, Wairarapa, has left for a trip to England. Mrs. Vallance (Wairarapa) is spending a week or two at Day's Bay. Mrs. Palmer is shortly leaving Wellington for a lengthy trip to England. Mrs. R. Levin is back from Auckland where she has been spending a week or two. Dr. and Mrs. Hislop are back in Wellington after a week or so in Auckland. Miss Elsie Simpson is back in Wellington from a round of visits in the Wairarapa. Mrs. Meinertzhagen has gone back to Hawke's Bay after a stay of some weeks in Wellington. Miss Meares (Christchurch) is in Wellington at present, staying with friends at Island Bay. Mrs. Handyside and the Misses Handyside (Wellington) were passengers to England by the Corinthian. Mr. and Mrs. Algar Williams (Wellington) have taken a furnished house in Hobson-street for a couple of years. Mr. and Mrs. A. MacEwan have gone back to New Plymouth after a stay in Wellington at present, staying with MacEwan. Mrs. Montgomerie (Wanganui) is to arrive in Wellington on March 10th. She is on her way back after a year spent in England. Mrs. F. O. B. Loughnan and Miss Loughnan returned from England last week, and intend to live in Palmerston

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