

touche of moss green velvet; Miss Hamlin, all black taffeta frock, pale blue scarf; Miss Burnett, cream net frock, relieved with pink roses; Miss Lawson, rose pink taffeta frock, touches of flowered ribbon; Miss Williams, blue chiffon frock, touches of violet.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. W. Anderson, of Gisborne, is spending some weeks in Napier.
 Mrs. A. F. Kennedy has returned to Gisborne from a visit to Napier.
 Miss Williams, of Napier, is on a visit to Wellington.
 Mrs. Cook, of Dunedin, is spending some weeks in Napier.
 Miss Mike has returned to Timaru from a visit to Napier.
 Mrs. Baxter, Napier, is in Wellington for some weeks.
 Mrs. Balfour, of Napier, is on a visit to the Wairarapa.

MARJORIE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, May 29.
 Last Wednesday evening Miss Winnie Alexander gave a most

ENJOYABLE LITTLE DANCE

to her school chums, at her beautiful home in Vivian-street, the garden being an ideal one to wander round in between the dances, so with a lovely night you can imagine the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Those who assisted the little hostess were: Misses Evans (3), Warren, and Bedford (2). Mrs. Alexander was wearing rich black silk, décolletage finished with accordion-pleated frills of white and black chiffon; Miss Winnie Alexander, white embroidered muslin, pale heliotrope bows in hair; Miss Phil Alexander, dainty white embroidered muslin, finished with frills of embroidery; Miss Mabel Evans, pretty pale heliotrope silk blouse, black velvet skirt, heliotrope satin bows in hair. Amongst the others were: Miss Gwen Bewley, Miss Bertha Mathews, Miss Dorothy Gibbons, Miss Mildred Mathews, Misses L. and Fitzherbert, Miss Edith Atkinson, Misses Doris and Kathleen Mills, etc.

The annual

MILITARY BALL

In connection with the Taranaki Rifles took place at the Drill Hall last Monday evening, and, despite the inclemency of the weather, there was a large attendance. The music was provided by Mrs. Arnold George's orchestra, and Major Malone, Captain-Adjutant Weston, and Lieut. A. Humphries officiated as masters of ceremonies. Amongst the other officers present were: Lieut. Colonel Okey (officer commanding 4th Wellington Battalion), Captain and Quartermaster F. Okey, Captain Cook, Captain Mills, Captain Bellinger, Lieut. Lever. The supper was arranged in the orderly room by the ladies' committee, which consisted of Mesdames Dockrill (president), F. T. Bellinger, A. Standish, J. Ellis, E. N. Okey, W. G. Malone, F. W. Okey, C. H. Weston, S. McKellar, G. Tisch, E. M. Smith, Richards, Sandford, Joseph, Simmons, R. Jury, Bach, O'Driscoll, F. E. Clarke, Bacon, Bishop, and Misses Crean and Hoskin, and the supper tables were beautifully decorated by Mrs. O'Driscoll. The ball committee consisted of Captain Bellinger, Lieuts. Lever and A. Humphries, Sergt. Joseph (secretary), Bugler-Sergt. Hopkins, Lance-Corporal Ward, Privates Nesbit, Smith, and Bacon.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE POST OFFICE.

Although it has been carrying on business for more than twelve months, the New Plymouth Post Office was not officially opened until last Wednesday afternoon, when Sir Joseph Ward performed the ceremony. A temporary platform had been erected in front of the building, and from this the speeches were delivered. The Premier was accompanied by Miss Ward, Mr. H. Okey, M.P., and Mrs. Okey, Hon. O. Samuels, M.L.C., the Mayor and Mrs. Tisch, Mrs. E. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Dockrill and others. Just as the proceedings commenced, unfortunately (for should I say fortunately) heavy rain set in, which retarded the speeches considerably. The Premier then, with a silver key presented to him by Mr. Dockrill, unlocked the doors, and formally declared the building to be officially opened.

There was a large attendance in the Theatre Royal on Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Dockrill was the recipient of a

PRESENTATION.

from the townspeople in recognition of her valuable services during the years she had held the position of Mayoress of the borough. The Premier and Miss Ward were among the guests. The Mayor (Mr. Tisch), after a short and suitable speech, handed to Mrs. Dockrill a beautiful solid silver fruit and sweet epergne, which bears the inscription: "Presented to Mrs. E. Dockrill, by the citizens of New Plymouth as a token of respect and esteem, and in recognition of her valuable services to the town as Mayoress, May 27th, 1908." Mrs. Dockrill personally thanked those present for their handsome present, and her remarks were supplemented by Mr. Dockrill. After Sir Joseph Ward's speech afternoon tea was served by the Ladies' Committee. Amongst those present were: Miss Ward, light grey flecked tweed coat and skirt, large black hat trimmed with red and pink roses, white furs; Mrs. Dockrill, black voile, with narrow frills on bodice, finished with a black sequined yoke, black feathered hat; Mrs. Sykes, white tucked silk blouse, dark skirt, pretty black feathered hat; Mrs. Leatham, dark green coat and skirt, pretty green hat trimmed with brown feathers, white furs; Mrs. Bewley, dark navy blue costume, black hat, brown furs; Mrs. O'Driscoll, cream costume, cream and black toque; Mrs. Chaney, navy blue costume, hat to correspond; Mrs. Evans, black costume, seal-skin coat and toque; Misses Evans (2); Miss Bedford, navy coat and skirt, white felt hat with feathers; Mrs. Tisch; Mrs. MacDiarmid, fawny grey coat and skirt, toque en suite; Miss Douglas, navy blue costume, brown hat trimmed with rosettes of ribbon; Miss Devenish, pale grey costume, black feathered hat; Mrs. Bacon, black; Miss Nichol, pretty vieux rose costume, shoulder-straps bound with black silk; Mrs. —, Tisch, pretty pale grey costume, cream silk vest, skirt finished with cream lace motif, grey hat to correspond, etc.

PUPILS' DANCE.

The Misses Humphries' pupils gave a "long night" in the Freemason's Hall last Wednesday evening, and was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Miss Humphries received her guests in black satin relieved with white; Miss H. Humphries, black satin, cream lace berthe, lovely opera coat applied with silk flowers; Miss Hanna, turquoise blue, with tucker of cream lace finished with silver passementerie; Miss H. Hanna, cream voile, with rose pink silk Empire sash; Miss Colson, turquoise blue silk relieved with cream lace; Miss Bayley, black crepe de chine, with rich cream lace berthe; Miss O'Brien pale pink silk with berthe of cream lace; Miss A. O'Brien, pale heliotrope silk, trimmed with cream lace, silver filigree belt; Mrs. Webster, rose pink silk, inset with ecru coloured lace, décolletage finished with same; Miss L. Webster, white tucked muslin, pale blue silk Empire belt; Miss Capel, black silk, berthe of white net and lace; Miss N. Capel, black satin, décolletage relieved with pale pink rose; Miss L. Ellis, white muslin and lace frills; Miss Healy, pretty cream tucked silk finished with lace; Miss F. O'Brien, pretty white silk; Miss Dempsey, cream voile relieved with scarlet roses; Miss E. Dempsey, white silk with rose pink floral silk sash; Miss Brewster, shell pink muslin, tucker, décolletage finished with Valenciennes lace; Miss Clarke, tucked yellow silk with lace berthe; Miss B. Clarke, rose pink tucked silk, with bebe ribbon trimmings; Miss Knott, soft white muslin; Miss R. Knott, rose pink silk; Miss G. Keibell, turquoise blue voile with silk and lace blouse; Mrs. H. Stocker, pale blue frilled silk, cream lace berthe; Miss Preston, pretty white book-muslin, finished with bands of white satin.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. R. Carter, of Wellington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Davy, New Plymouth.
 Miss M. Mathews, who has been visiting her friends in Dunedin, has returned to her home in New Plymouth.
 Miss Madge Salmon (South Africa), who has been visiting her relatives in Nelson, is now the guest of Mrs. Bedford, New Plymouth.
 Miss L. Skilmer, who has been visiting her relatives in Dunedin and Nelson, is now in New Plymouth, staying with her grandmother, Mrs. Deverish.

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