

joyment of the guests was thought of and carried out by host and very charming hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Barker received their guests in the entrance hall, the hostess looking extremely pretty in a dainty gown of white chiffon glace, veiled in fine Spanish lace of soft cream colour, the bodice and skirt being finished with trellis work trimming of narrow pink velvet, white ospreys in the hair; Mrs. Barker, sen., wore a rich grey satin gown, trimmed with a peler grey passementerie; Miss Barker, pale blue silk and lace; Miss E. Barker, pale blue chiffon glace, trimmed lace insertion; Miss L. Barker, cream chiffon glace, the folds of bodice and skirt being caught up with shaded pink roses; Miss F. Barker, electric blue silk and lace gown; Miss M. Barker, pink lace, trimmed chiffon taffetas; Mrs. Maclean, silver grey satin, distinguishing touches of cream and pink; Mrs. W. Marker, pale heliotrope silk, overdress of heliotrope embroidered chiffon; Mrs. Lysnar, very attractive gown of white silk, covered with gold sequined net in very rich pattern; Mrs. H. White, Saxe glace, trimmed with velvet of the same shade; Miss White, very soft pale rose pink silk with lace touches on the bodice; Mrs. Carmichael, black bengaline silk; Mrs. A. Rees, handsome gown of pale blue crepe de chine, trimming of soft white silk ribbon ruchings; Miss Rees, pretty gown of pale blue chiffon over white glace; Mrs. Kels, cream satin, veiled in cream mousseline de soie; Mrs. Feild, long trained gown of ruby velvet; Mrs. Tomblason, very becoming gown of black taffetas silk, the bodice trimmed with gold cording and tassels; Mrs. Collins, white silk, covered with white chiffon, narrow black velvet ribbon finishing the skirt and bodice; Mrs. Symes, black velvet, Mechlin lace berthe; Mrs. Jex-Blake, very effective gown of iridescent mousseline de soie over cream satin; Mrs. Stephenson, soft white surah silk gown, the bodice trimmed with old Irish point, and pale pink and blue passementerie; Mrs. Williams, cream satin with net overdress; Mrs. Mann, cream silk brocade; Mrs. Scott, very pretty and uncommon gown of pale smoke blue silk with broad bandings of pompadour silk, the same silk with tasselled fringes finishing the bodice; Mrs. Monckton, cream satin, trimmed with lace insertion; Miss Woodbine-Johnson, long trained scarlet velvet robe, white chiffon tucker; Miss Williamson, shrimp pink taffetas silk, lace touches; Miss M. Williamson, black silk, covered black sequin set; Mrs. Blair, pink silk muslin over white, the bodice trimmed with lattice work of silk; Miss Evans, primrose silk, banded with cinnamon velvet; Miss Hamilton, black silk taffetas, berthe of white Maltese lace; Mrs. G. Sainsbury, pale rose pink mousseline de soie with lace; Mrs. Burke, white crepe de chine over satin, Spanish lace berthe, pink roses edging; Miss Black, black silk; Miss Murcheson, white silk, covered with heliotrope chiffon; Mrs. Anderson, black glace; Mrs. Stock, white silk broche; Mrs. Hine, black glace, the bodice cut square, with velvet bands; Miss Sherratt, white taffetas silk; Miss K. Sherratt, pretty gown of pink taffetas silk with lace embroideries; Miss Nolan, black taffetas silk, embroidered white vest with pale blue tucker; Miss Pyke, cream satin, berthe of sequin net; Miss Busby, black gown, pale pink roses in corsage and hair; Miss Williams, handsome dress of soft figured silk over pale pink silk, Mechlin lace over yoke; Mrs. Jeffrey, cream ring-spotted net over silk, shoulder straps black velvet; Miss Tucker, cream satin gown; Mrs. Dodd, cream satin with lace and lace insertion; Mrs. Hughes, pearl grey silk voile; Miss de Latour, pale blue and white striped mousseline de soie with lace berthe; Miss Foster, blue taffetas silk; Miss Foster (Wellington), cream silk; Miss Marsh (Christchurch), primrose Empire gown of soft satin; Miss Gray, cream satin; Miss Z. Williams, cream brocade silk; Miss Bradley, pale blue glace, softened with lace.

and white picture hat with white ostrich feathers; Mrs. Strahan, blue costume, pretty fawn and blue silk lined race-coat, brown hat, brown feathers; Mrs. White, dark blue tailor-made, braided with black, brown fur toque with velvet and tangerine flowers; Mrs. Bennett, large check cloth coat and skirt of brown and black, brown toque; Mrs. Stock, navy blue coat and skirt, white felt hat with silk and feather trimming; Mrs. Stephenson, dark green striped skirt, navy coat, electric blue hat, black feathers; Mrs. H. Maude, dark blue costume, hat en suite; Mrs. W. Sherratt, blue dress, long green coat, hat with black feathers; Miss Foster, dark red coat and skirt, braided with black, stylish pale vieux rose felt hat, trimmed with silk darker shade; Mrs. Humphreys, dark brown tailor-made, brown and tangerine hat; Mrs. Ensor (Christchurch), tight-fitting coat and skirt of black cloth, large white felt hat, banded with black glace, trimmings of white and black feathers; Mrs. A. Rees, dark green and white striped costume, grey hat; Mrs. Monckton, cream serge coat and skirt, plum-coloured hat, trimmed with velvet and feathers; Mrs. Burke, cream serge coat and skirt, cream and pale blue hat with forget-me-nots; Mrs. C. Sainsbury, navy coat and skirt, navy hat, trimmed with Wedgwood blue silk; Mrs. Hine, brown tweed coat and skirt, brown hat with velvet and feathers trimming it.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Ensor (Canterbury) is at present visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Humphreys (Poverty Bay).  
Mrs. Boulnois (Christchurch) is staying with Mrs. A. Seymour, of Gisborne.  
Miss Schumacher (Christchurch) is visiting her brother, Dr. Schumacher (Gisborne).  
Mrs. Palmer, of Whatatutu, Gisborne, returned from Christchurch on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Palmer has been visiting relations in Canterbury.

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NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, July 11.

The Whakatika hockey girls gave

A MOST ENJOYABLE DANCE

in the Freemasons' Hall last Thursday evening, and never have I seen the hall so packed; but as it was got up to obtain money to send a hockey team to Wanganui, one agreeably and pleasantly put up with all those little inconveniences. Among those present I noticed: Mrs. G. Kebbell, pretty pale blue floral muslin, decolletage trimmed with narrow Valenciennes lace; Miss Mountford, white figured muslin over a rose-pink foundation, pale pink flowers on corsage; Miss E. Collis, pale blue frilled muslin; Miss N. Collis, pale pink muslin, full tucked skirt, berthe of white lace; Miss D. Whitcombe, white muslin, scarlet roses in coiffure; Mrs. Penn, black net over a satin foundation, scarlet roses in coiffure; Miss Penn, turquoise blue silk, shoulder straps inset with cream lace; Miss Brewster, pretty cream striped net over cream brocade silk, lace shoulder straps bound with silk, pale pink roses in coiffure; Mrs. Harvey, white silk voile, white satin bands on skirt and bodice, berthe of silk embroidered lace, scarlet roses in coiffure; Miss R. Crawford, pale pink silk, white lace berthe; Miss A. Crawford, white muslin, full tucked and insertion skirt, berthe of frilled Valenciennes lace; Miss Carte (Wellington), pretty cornflower blue Empire frock, berthe of frilled silk banded with rose-pink silk, rose-pink ribboned sash; Miss Hanna, turquoise blue, cream insertion on corsage; Miss N. Hanna, cream flowered voile, appliqued with sprays of pink roses; Miss M. Adenbrooke, cornflower blue frock, white lace frills on decolletage; Miss Bedford, lettuce-green ninon, with chemisette of Valenciennes lace, relieved with deep red roses; Miss D. Bedford, white silk, scarlet roses in coiffure; Miss Clarke, canary coloured silk, profusely frilled; Miss Ivy Alison (Auckland), pretty pale pink Louisine silk, cream lace berthe and shoulder straps, dainty silver sequined shoulder scarf; Miss Iliver Mackay was much admired in a cream silk taffetas, folded bodice trimmed with silver braid, full Empire skirt finished with silver bands; Miss Saunders, white tucked point d'esprit, trimmed with bands of satin ribbon; Miss Elsie Smith, pretty pale heliotrope silk frock, with cream

On Thursday last the Winter Races were held

AT THE PARK RACECOURSE.

Amongst those on the lawns I noticed: Mrs. Scott, in pale grey tailor-made costume, fawn hat with fawn shaded tips; Mrs. Murphy, navy cloth long coat and skirt, navy hat with paradise plumes; Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, grey tweed costume, hat composed shaded blue and green ostrich tips; Mrs. Mann, blue tailor-made, brown hat; Mrs. Jex-Blake, dark blue longcloth coat and skirt, blue

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