

Batchelor, pale green muslin, trimmed with white lace, large cream hat, with pale shades of silk trimming.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mrs Lionel Abraham and family are spending some weeks at Tetahi Bay, Wellington.

Mr and Mrs J. L. Barnicoat and family have gone to Napier for three weeks.

Mrs J. P. Innes has gone to New Plymouth to visit Mrs H. S. Fitzherbert.

Mr and Mrs Rannell, who have been spending some months in Palmerston, returned to Auckland this week.

Bishop and Mrs Wallis, Wellington, were visitors to Palmerston for a few days this week.

Mr K. Wilson has returned from a trip to England.

Miss Winifred Bailey, who has been staying with Mrs A. Rennell, returned last Monday to her home in Wanganui.

Miss Hewen, Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs Wallace, Board-street, Palmerston North.

VIOLET.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee,— January 15.

Two more engagements to announce, and both these in the same family, and in addition to the two weddings between now and April. It is enough to make the most experienced mother quail, and Mrs. T. C. Williams has been laughingly consoled with almost as much as congratulated. The two latest engagements are those of her sons, Mr. Wyvern and Mr. John Williams, the latter being the youngest of the big family, all of whom are noted for their good looks.

Attendance at

THE FLOWER SHOW

was quite good, considering the number of people still out of town, and the distance of the hail where the show was held. Sweet peas attracted most attention; but carnations were a good second, some of the blooms being remarkably fine. Several amateurs were very successful, among them being Mrs. H. D. Crawford, who exhibited for the first time, and carried off several prizes, both for sweet peas and carnations. The decorated tables were few in number, one of Iceland poppies and feathery grass, put up in silver vases, being most artistic. It had a popular rival in one done with pale pink sweet peas. The show was opened by Mrs. Tuckey, who was presented by the President (Dr. Izard) with a bouquet of shaded red roses and carnations. Afternoon tea was not available, so there was no temptation to linger at the show once the round of inspection had been made. Mrs. Tuckey wore black corded silk with lace ruffles, and a black toque with violets; Mrs. Chaffield, silver grey figured taffetas with lace sleeves and vest, ermine hat wreathed with flowers; Mrs. Pearce, white embroidered muslin, and pale green hat; Mrs. von Haast, pale grey taffetas, with touches of silver, black picture hat; Mrs. Joseph, champagne chiffon hand painted with a design of apricot roses and bordered with black, yoke and sleeves of Irish guipure with knob of black velvet, black picture hat with sweeping plume of apricot shades; Miss Joseph, figured ninon de soie, delicately embroidered and inserted with lace, white picture hat encircled with a single ostrich plume of rose d'Arrie; Mrs. Joseph, pale grey crepe de chine, blouse of Irish lace, and black picture hat; Mrs. Tringham, rosea and white striped linen, the smart cut-away coat bound with green, big black picture hat; Mrs. Macarthy, ivory cloth, the bretelles ornamented with big embroidered buttons, disclosing a vest and sleeves of kee; white Tuscan hat with wreath of

clover and grasses; Mrs. Rutter, pale blue cloth, lace blouse, pale blue hat with pink roses; Miss Harding, brown linen and brown hat with hydrangeas; Miss Kane, mauve and white floral ninon de soie, directoire coat of pale mauve taffetas and mauve picture hat with white plumes; Mrs. Cohen, black taffetas; Mrs. O'Connor, black tailor-made and toque with flowers; Miss O'Connor, chiffon voile and rose-wreathed hat; Mrs. Izard, blue voile lace yoke, and blue hat with wings; Mrs. Cross (Christchurch), black and white chiffon taffetas with emarily braided coatee, black picture hat; Mrs. Samuel, blue shantung, and black picture hat; Miss Halse, eau de nil eolienne and black hat; Mrs. Shand, ivory cloth coat and skirt, pale blue hat with flowers; Mrs. Hales, brown tailor-made and black hat with roses; Mrs. Ward, black crepe de chine and pale blue toque.

AN AT HOME.

One of the most energetic and successful hostesses in Wellington is Mrs. Hales, and there are few distinguished visitors to Wellington who have not enjoyed her hospitality. On Friday it was Mrs. Humphrey (San Francisco) who was the guest of honour, and the guests invited to meet here were numerous. Mrs. Humphrey has already made many friends in Wellington, she and her daughter (Miss Olga Humphrey) having been staying with Mrs. Knox Gilmer for the past fortnight. Mrs. Hales is an enthusiastic gardener, and the blaze of geraniums, carnations, and sweet peas at Remuera was enough to make anyone covetous. The tea tables were decorated with poppies, and carnations in glowing hues of red, softened with feathery gypsophila. Roses and carnations were placed about the drawing room in bowls, giving a delicious fragrance.

The hostess wore pastel grey taffetas veiled in black Chantilly net, run with velvet bebe ribbon and inserted with lace. Mrs. Humphrey was in black satin chameuse, with a Directoire coat of black poplin elaborately appliqued with white silk and braided in black, a blouse of bebe Irish crochet in an ivory tone, and a black picture hat with ostrich feathers completed her toilette.

Clever recitations were quite a feature of the afternoon, among the performers being Mrs. Malcolm Ross, Mrs. Cross ("Helene Foder"), and Miss Freeman, the two latter being Christchurch people who are here for a visit.

Mrs. Cross was wearing black and white chiffon voile with epanettes and a skirt panel of white fillet lace, and a guimpe and sleeves of spotted net, black picture hat. Mrs. Seddon wore black taffetas and a black toque; Mrs. Brown, brown chiffon voile with touches of palest blue, brown hat; Miss Logan, biscuit embroidered muslin, black picture hat; Miss Cooper, white embroidered muslin, and black hat; Mrs. Gilmer, black and white tailor-made, and black hat; Miss Freeman, pastel chiffon voile, lace yoke and black hat; Mrs. Tringham, smart tailor-made, and hat with roses; Mrs. Smith, cream voile and black hat.

Two grass-widowed brides, homeward bound, after the briefest of honeymoons are Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. Tonge. The latter was formerly Miss Gwen Platts, and it had been arranged that the wedding should take place in England directly on the arrival of Mr. Tonge's ship, the Opawa. At the last moment the plans were altered, and the wedding was celebrated at this end last Saturday. There were no guests, and the bride wore her travelling dress of ivory cloth, braided, and a white hat with wings. Her fellow passenger is Mrs. Plummer, who as Miss Whitelaw was married a short time ago to the second officer of the R.M.S. Rimutaka. By a regulation of the shipping companies, officers and their wives are not supposed to travel in the same ship unless special permission is given at headquarters. Therefore two desolate bridegrooms will journey to England by the Opawa and Rimutaka. In England they will be met by their brides, who travelled together by the Arawa. Under

the circumstances it may be considered that the brides get the best of it, as they have the comfort of each other's company, and can discuss their respective trousseaux, weddings, etc., always such a topic of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankine Brown have gone to Auckland for the meeting of the University Senate.

Mr. and Mrs. Von Haast are in the North for the same purpose.

OPHELIA.

BLENDHEIM.

Dear Bee, January 13.

DANCE.

Last Thursday evening the Misses Goulter entertained a number of young friends at their home at "Timara." Two rooms were well prepared for dancing, which was indulged in until sunrise on Friday morning, and a most enjoyable time was spent by all present. A marquee was erected at the side of the homestead,

where a most appetising supper was provided, consisting of every kind of delicacy obtainable, the table being most tastefully decorated with Christmas lilies and sweet peas. The drive to and from "Timara" was also much appreciated, the weather being so very pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Goulter all received their guests at the entrance of the hall. Mrs. Goulter looked well in black crepe de chine; the Misses Goulter (3) all wore pretty white dresses relieved with coloured sashes. Some of those present were: Mrs. H. Goulter (Kaikoura), white crepe de chine Misses Goulter, white muslin; Ethel Goulter, cream silk; N. Goulter, white muslin relieved with red; A. Goulter, pretty white silk blouse and red accordion-pleated skirt; Miss Trolowe (Christchurch), wine-coloured silk, relieved with cream trimmings; Miss E. Brown (South Sea Island), white muslin trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss R. Mowat, white muslin; Miss N. Mowat, white muslin; Miss D. Clouston, white spotted muslin; Miss C. Clouston, white muslin; Miss R. Horton, black net over white satin slip; Miss Neville, pale blue chiffon taffetas; Miss Amy Neville, pink silk; Messrs. Goulter (3),

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