

WELLINGTON.

March 13.

Afternoon teas have been very much in vogue lately though there have been other attractions further afield in the way of shooting matches, etc. Trentham has been very hot and dry, and on the ranges there has been no shade, but this has not deterred many from going out.

A batch of new engagements has caused a good deal of interest, and there are several brides-elect who are regarding Easter as a suitable time for weddings.

Lord Plunket's Family.

The Governor's youngest child is not overburdened with names, but "Denis Kiwa" seems to meet with general approval. The famous Maori navigator seems unknown to most people under that name, but New Zealanders are not very well up in the back history of their country. Certainly it has the advantage of being easy to spell and pronounce, for which its owner will be duly thankful by and by.

Unfortunately the next oldest boy—who at the mature age of five is at a boarding-school in Wellington—has just developed scarlatina, so has been unable to make the acquaintance of his new brother. Quarantine is, of course, most rigorously observed, but his parents have frequent bulletins, and the best medical care is at his service. The attack is, luckily, a slight one, so it is hoped there will be no ill effects; but scarlatina is a tiresome thing, and means a long convalescence and complete isolation for weeks.

Lady Plunket has been out very little during her stay here, and there was a good deal of disappointment when it was announced that she was not feeling well enough to go to Trentham to present the Championship Cup and other prizes. His Excellency apologised for her, and said her regret was great as she had been looking forward to the function for some time. Lady Plunket takes a great interest in volunteer matters, and is honorary Colonel of the forces.

At the Rifle Shooting.

Trentham, of course, has been the centre of interest to many people while the shooting has been going on. With the golf links close handy, it has been quite a pleasant jaunt to watch the crack shots for a time, and then take advantage of the view from the balcony of the pavilion, with the additional attraction of afternoon tea. Naturally, only club members can avail themselves of this privilege, but they are able to extend hospitality to their friends, which has been much appreciated. In the absence of Lady Plunket and Lady Ward through ill-health, the prizes were presented by Miss Eileen Ward, who was accompanied by Sir Joseph Ward. Miss Ward wore a smart souple cloche tailor-made, blouse of lace and net, black hat with flowers.

Lady Shippers.

A ladies' yacht race is a novelty in Wellington, and there were many spectators on Saturday. It was an ideal day, with a slight ripple and a fresh breeze, and the finish was an exciting one. Miss Fell, who sailed the winning yacht, *Mauna*, is a daughter of Dr. Fell, one of Wellington's most enthusiastic yachtsmen, and he, of course, coached her for the race. In addition to her nautical skill, Miss Fell is a student of Victoria College, and has distinguished herself in Greek, among other subjects.

Mrs. and Miss Hellaby.

were the guests of honour at a party given by Mrs. Isaacs on Thursday. Most of the evening was devoted to progressive euchre, the prizes being won by Miss Kember, who received a charming bag of white satin delicately embroidered in a floral design. A musical programme was given by Miss Isaacs, Miss Newman, Miss Kember, Messrs. Houghton, Newman, and Isaacs. The hostess wore black taffetas with an overdress of jetted net, relieved with lace; Mrs. Hellaby was in black lace and net over ivory silk, the hem finished with velvet; her daughter had a graceful gown of pale blue muslinette; Miss Newman, an Empire gown of chiffon taffetas, with draperies of lace; Miss Kember, an effective gown of peau de sole, with lace and sequins.

Government House.

Alterations to the old Government House are in progress, which should make things much easier for every one next session. The Ladies' gallery is to be largely improved, and there will be more space on the floor of the House of Representatives, as the upper drawing-room will be thrown into one with the ball-room. Latterly, the upper room was the abode of the "Lords," but they will now occupy the annex.

So far there is no sign of beginning new Government House, and it is certain that lengthy and elaborate arrangements must first be made for the distribution of the patients at Mount View. His Excellency the Governor is to inspect the site during his next visit, and it is understood that he will make some suggestions.

A Delightful Little Tea.

was given by Mrs. Eichelbaum for her guest, Miss Hellaby (Auckland). The house was gay and bright with quantities of flowers, the tea table being most artistic, and notable for delicious cakes and confections made from German recipes, which were a distinct novelty to most of the visitors.

There were several competitions, the most trying being naming 12 little heaps of foodstuffs (presumably) which all had to be tasted. They were fortunately guaranteed harmless, so with conscious looks, girls were to be seen trying to discriminate between soda, tartaric acid, borax, etc. Miss Leila Levi was declared the winner, and was awarded the prize, a Liberty enamel buckle. The second competition was newspaper work, and some quite good short articles were sent in. Miss May Newman securing first prize. Miss Isaacs and Miss Newman sang charmingly during the afternoon. Mrs. Eichelbaum's gown was of blue and white silk, with touches of blue velvet; Miss Borchardt wore a black skirt, black and white silk blouse; Mrs. Hellaby, mauve cloth with bands of velvet of a darker shade; Miss Hellaby, a pretty floral muslin; Miss Leila Levi, pale blue muslin and lace.

Mrs. Hales, Oriental Ray, gave another

Her Pleasant Little Teas

on Wednesday afternoon for some visitors from Auckland. The flowers are always quite a feature at this house. This time there was a lavish display of roses, some very fine ones being amongst them. The tea table looked very pretty with pink roses and maiden-hair fern. Mrs. Hales wore black nixon skirt, lace blouse, with touches of pale blue velvet; Miss Norrie (who is the guest of Mrs. Hales), black silk skirt, blue crepe de chine blouse; Mrs. Hellaby (Auckland), black and white striped silk, black toque with white aigrette; Miss Hellaby, white embroidered muslin, hat with roses. Others present were: Mesdames Eichelbaum, Digges, Smith, Ballance, Dyer, Wylie, Etherington, Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, Misses Logan, Borchardt, McKellar, Benda, and Wylie.

A Very Pleasant Musical Evening

was given by Mrs. Remington, Tinakori-road, for her guest, Miss Crosswell (Christchurch), who is a well-known violinist. A charming musical programme was going through, songs being given by Miss Pddie, Messrs. Widdop, D. Kenny, and Parkes; flute solo, by Miss Simpson; violin solos, by Misses Crosswell and Remington. An impromptu dance followed, and was much enjoyed. Mrs. Remington wore a pretty gown of heliotrope silk, yoke of tucked chiffon, with touches of black; Miss Remington was in white muslin and lace, and her sister in pale blue silk.

OPHELIA.

CAMBRIDGE.

March 12.

Agricultural Society's Show.

in connection with the Waikato Central Association, held on Wednesday and Thursday in Victoria Park, Cambridge, was a most pronounced success, the weather being perfect. The whole countryside seemed to have congregated, and there was a great gathering. Amongst so many it was very difficult to see the dresses, but a few I noticed were: Mrs. Buckland, in navy blue silk, cream dust coat and brown toque; Mrs. Burns, black silk and handsome mantle, black and

white bonnet; Miss McLaughlan, white cambrie with black spot, white hat, trimmed with black and white; Miss Anderson, white coat and skirt, white hat, trimmed with black and white; Mrs. N. Banks, white embroidered muslin frock and green hat with wreath of shaded roses; Mrs. Lundon, heliotrope voile, trimmed with velvet of the same shade, and creme lace yoke, burnt straw hat, trimmed with brown; Mrs. Pyke, white muslin gown, white hat, trimmed with roses; Mrs. H. Crowther, white embroidered muslin frock, large green straw hat, trimmed with brown roses; Miss Richardson, white muslin gown and black crinoline straw hat, trimmed with black chiffon rosettes and frill of white lace inside the brim; Mrs. Shanahan, black gown with yoke of black embroidered filet net and black hat, trimmed with black silk; Mrs. Hammond, grey voile costume and gem hat with green veil; Mrs. Brewis (Hamilton), grey tailor-made coat and skirt, and gem hat; Mrs. Bennett (Hamilton), grey coat and skirt, gem hat and motor veil; Mrs. C. Hunter, white embroidered muslin gown and white hat, trimmed with green and brown flowers, and white veil; Mrs. J. Taylor, grey tailor-made coat and skirt, black toque; Miss Taylor, white embroidered muslin frock, brown hat, trimmed with roses; Mrs. A. Stone, creme gown and burnt straw hat, trimmed with white ribbon; Mrs. A. B. Herrold (Auckland), Louise silk, trimmed with silk embroidered insertion, yoke of tucked net, black Merry Widow hat, lined under the brim with stretched white silk and trimmed with large black rosettes of black silk gauze; Mrs. A. H. Nicoll, naffier blue nixon de soie over white glaze, yoke of tucked white net, outlined with silk embroidered insertion, white hat, trimmed with white lace and blue roses; Miss Gwyneth, grey and white striped gingham, yoke of white embroidery, black hat; Mrs. W. Main, creme Sicilian cloth costume and brown hat, trimmed with brown ribbons and wings; Mrs. Wells, tobae brown chiffon taffeta, trimmed with narrow velvet the same shade, put on in key patterns, and green toque; Miss Wells, navy blue chiffon taffeta frock with yoke and sleeves of tucked net with medallions of creme and pale pink, brown hat with pink roses; Miss H. Wells, navy blue chiffon taffeta made in the Directoire style, creme tucked net and insertion formed the yoke, white hat with pink roses; Mrs. M. Fisher, black silk taffeta gown and green hat; Miss Eisher, white muslin frock and white hat, trimmed green and clover flowers; Miss V. Hunter (Hamilton), green and white striped cambrie frock, large brown hat, trimmed with roses; Miss Pasley, white muslin gown and white hat, trimmed with naffier blue; Mrs. Brooks, black silk gown and black and white bonnet; Miss Brooks, white muslin frock and white hat.

Personal Items.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts have returned from their month's holiday at Retoum and Wairakei, where they had a most enjoyable trip.

Dr. Campbell-Smith, who acted as locum tenens for Dr. Roberts, goes to Hamilton to take Dr. Douglas' place at the Hospital while he goes for his annual holiday.

Mrs. A. B. Herrold, of Raupura, is at present staying with her sister, Mrs. A. H. Nicoll, of Cambridge.

Mrs. Shanahan leaves Cambridge (where she has been staying for the last month) for Papakura to-day.

ELSIE.

KAIKOHE.

March 12.

Mr and Mrs G. F. Dickson gave a most enjoyable dance in the Public Hall at Kaitoke, in honour of the approaching marriage of their daughter Lillie to Mr Frank P. Goldie, of Auckland.

The hall was tastefully decorated with nikau palms, bunting and Chinese lanterns, the stage being finished as a drawing room, from which point of vantage the non-dancers surveyed the scene. The asphalt tennis court adjoining the hall was transformed with palms and shrubs into a picturesque garden; for sitting out. Dancing commenced shortly after 8 o'clock, about 150 guests being present. Delightful music was supplied by Professor Pringle, and dancing proceeded merrily until 1 o'clock, when sup-

per was announced. The gun store next to the hall, which was used as a supper room, looked very pretty with its walls and ceiling concealed in a mass of nikau and bunting. Dancing continued until 5 o'clock. The hostess, Mrs. G. F. Dickson, was handsomely attired in black filet net over black glaze silk; Miss Dickson looked charming in white chiffon taffeta, handsomely tucked trimmed with gold passementerie; Mrs. H. Dickson, very handsome black net over tangerine silk; Miss Leonie Dickson, looked sweet in crea muslin with silver trimmings; Miss E. Goldie looked daintily in pretty Empire gown of white Linclet lace over blue chiffon taffeta; Mrs. A. Goldie, handsome champagne chiffon taffeta, trimmed with filet lace and heliotrope; Miss Alberton, pretty Empire frock of pink silk; Mrs. Edwards, red satin gown with black trimmings; Miss Cook (debutante), dainty white silk frock, lily of the valley on corsage; Miss Wright, pretty turquoise blue frock with silver trimmings; Mrs. C. Hington, dainty heliotrope muslin; Mrs. Wright, heliotrope silk frock; Mrs. Davison, brown silk gown, cream lace; Miss Hansen, pretty white silk frock; Miss Nelson, dainty cream silk filet lace; Miss Cahill, white Persian lawn, daintily tucked; Miss Nelson (Auckland) looked sweet in blue chiffon taffeta Empire gown, forget-me-nots on corsage; Miss Court (Auckland) looked chic in handsome heliotrope frock with tangerine trimmings; Mrs. Buck, handsome black silk gown with cream trimmings; Mrs. F. Hington, rose pink silk gown, Directoire sash; Mrs. J. Purdy, cream nixon over creme silk; Mrs. Stewart, charming black voile over black glaze silk; Miss Dorman, pale blue Empire gown, silver trimmings; Mrs. Kirkpatrick, handsome black silk; Mrs. Woods, handsome black brocade, white lace trimmings; Mrs. Ray,

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