

tailor-made, black and white hat, ermine furs; Mrs. Seddon, black taffetas and lace, black toque; Mrs. R. Gilmer, black Directoire coat and skirt, black hat with cherries; Mrs. Coates, forest green cloth made en tailleur, with black braid, black hat with wings; Miss Skerrett, grey chiffon velours, with Oriental embroideries on the high-waisted bodice, black and white hat; Miss Harcourt, ivory ninon made en Princess, with a yoke and bretelles of Irish guipure edged with ball fringe, blue silk hat with shaded roses; Miss Prouse, sky blue Shantung, soutache, and worn with a crinoline hat lined and trimmed with palest blue. The Hon. Dr. Findlay, Colonel Tison, Hon. Mr. Millar, Mr. Justice Chapman, Mr. Prouse, Mr. Harcourt, and Mr. Ward were also among those present.

After luncheon the guests listened with great pleasure to some violin solos by Miss Ruby Macdonald.

Water Party.

In the round of teas, luncheons, and dinners, and "At Homes," Mrs. Kennedy's water party for Madame Melba came as a pleasant novelty. Morning tea was enjoyed as the Nاطone cruised round Some's Island, and the views of distant Wellington—in alternate cloud and sunshine—were enchanting. Mrs. Kennedy wore dark blue cloth braided in black silk braid, a lace blouse, and a blue and green hat with wings; Miss Kennedy, blue striped tailor-made, and pale blue hat; Madame Melba wore a coat and skirt of Venetian red cloth relieved with black, and her black hat had a wide bandeau of dull gold and red galon, and was finished with black feathers; Mrs. Farlow, cinnamon brown tailor-made and blue toque with quills.

Mrs. W. Nathan's Dance.

Every season Mrs. Walter Nathan's dances are anticipated with great pleasure, and this year's one was quite a brilliant affair. Given as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Nathan, who have just returned from their wedding journey to Australia, it came early enough in the season to be thoroughly enjoyed, and several girls "came out" at it.

Brides and bridesmaids were quite numerous at the dance, which was kept up with unflagging zeal long after midnight. Green and white were the colours mostly used, the ball room having a canopy of the same, with palm-ferns ranged along the walls and on the platform, which latter was coolly furnished. An excellent supper, a splendid floor, and inspiring music assisted in making the ball a success. The hostess wore black jetted net over ivory chiffon, with metallic blue embroideries on the corsage; Mrs. Hubert Nathan wore her wedding dress of ivory Empress satin, with flowers and daperies of Honiton lace; Miss Gladys Nathan was in white satin striped gauze, made in Empire style with a high satin belt; Miss Sybil Nathan, ivory satin with raised appliques of lace and satin, and a delicate note of palest blue; Miss Zaidie Nathan, white marquisette over taffetas with silver stitching.

Of the three debutantes, Miss Head, who is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Head, wore ivory chiffon satin with a wide scarf of exquisite Limerick lace draped fish-like, and caught up with a single rose in an ethereal tone of pink; Miss Vida Kennedy, white satin veiled in crystal net, with a tiny vest of delicate lace encrusted with silver, silver tassels outlining the lace berthe; Miss V. Nelson, white crepe de chine with Indian silver embroideries, and silver and crystal fringe.

Lady Ward was present wearing rose-coloured ninon over a gleaming drossou of a deeper shade, rose-coloured velvet formed the hem, and the corsage was draped with lace; Miss Eileen Ward, white Marquisette over taffetas, finished with silver; Mrs. Head, primrose satin charmuse, with Eastern embroideries, softened with lace; Mrs. Kennedy, white taffetas, with an overdress of black chiffon lace and jet; Mrs. Nelson, chiffon taffetas, with pale-blue and lace; Miss Reid, geranium red tulle over white chiffon, with a berthe of lace; Miss Russell (Christchurch), pale blue chiffon and lace; Miss Bell and Miss V. Bell wore pale blue charmuse Princess dresses, in which they appeared as bridesmaids at a recent wedding in Auckland; Miss Mentcath, azure blue crepe de chine, with a glint of silver; Miss Webster, poppy red satin charmuse; Miss Ewen, myosotis blue crepe de chine, with lace vest and sleeves; Miss Fulton, pink and white

striped chine silk, with sequin trimming and lace berthe; Miss Skerrett, ivory satin veiled in silver spangled flit net; Miss Jones, white taffetas, with silver tassels; Miss H. Miles, shell-pink crepe de chine, with tiny vest of lace and net; Miss Seddon, ivory satin, with gold embroideries; Mrs. Holmes wore her wedding gown of ivory Duchesse satin, with stole ends of ermine embroidery and lace; her two bridesmaids, Misses Rawson and Simpson, were wearing their pretty pale mauve ninon and satin dresses; Mrs. Fitchett, black and white striped satin, with jet embroideries; Mrs. A. Duncan, amber figured taffetas and Irish lace; Mrs. Dalziel, striped gauze in tones of blue, vest of sequin lace; Mrs. Hielop, black ninon embroidered in jet; Mrs. K. Duncan, silver tissue veiled in electric blue tulle, with touches of velvet; Mrs. Rolleston, mole grey satin charmuse, with bands of purple velvet; Mrs. Pike, silver grey taffetas, with jet sequins; Mrs. Dymock, black lace and chiffon over ivory satin; Mrs. Stott, lotus blue Liberty satin and Egyptian embroideries in silver; Miss Coates, black taffetas, with bands of silver and steel; Miss Dean, white radium silk, with silver belt and tassels; Miss Marchant, pale pink chiffon taffetas, with sleeves and berthe of lace; Miss Martin, cameo pink mesaline softened with lace; Miss Beauchamp, eau de nil crepe de chine; Miss D. Wilson, ivory chiffon taffetas and lace; Miss Harcourt, Liberty satin and Maltese lace.

Mrs. Seddon's At Home.

Still another entertainment in honour of Madame Melba was the At Home given by Mrs. Seddon, who, of late, has been entertaining a good deal. Copper and yellow chrysanthemums decorated the big rooms, and in the dining room the table—of polished oak—had silver bowls and vases of bronze chrysanthemums surrounding a handsome silver centre-piece, which was presented to the late Prime Minister by some of his admirers.

Mrs. Seddon wore black Spanish lace over black taffetas; Miss Seddon was wearing black ninon de soie, with a transparent yoke of lace, and a big black hat; Madame Melba wore a semi-Directoire gown of petrol grey souple cloth, the long coat being of the same shade with effective revers, black picture hat and chin-chilla furs; Mrs. Dyer, gendarme blue cloth, lace and net vest, and black hat; Mrs. Knox Gilmer, black Directoire coat and skirt, mole-coloured hat garlanded with cherries; Mrs. Purchas, black crepe de soie, and smart black hat; Lady Ward, saxe blue souple cloth with braided revers, white furs, and black picture hat; Miss Eileen Ward, dull blue tweed, black hat with white roses; Mrs. Findlay, black cloth tailor-made and black hat, ermine furs; Mrs. Macarthur, black brocade and black picture hat; Mrs. Jones, black and white taffetas, white hat ruffled with emerald green; Mrs. Herbert, chiffon taffetas with lace yoke, purple picture hat; Miss Russell, pale pink Shantung and black picture hat; Mrs. Quick, black chiffon taffetas and black toque with flowers; Mrs. Sherratt, petunia purple cloth with lace guimpe and sleeves; Miss Coates, navy chiffon taffetas and smart black hat; Mrs. Macarthy, wine red chiffon taffetas with wide bands of ivory satin embroidered in gold, edged with gold ball fringe, white picture hat with shaded red plumes; Mrs. Kendall, black crepe de chine and black hat; Mrs. Eichelbaum, paon blue cloth tailor-made, and blue velvet toque with plumes; Mrs. Dean, black chiffon taffetas and lace.

Personal Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Nathan have moved into their house in Hobson Crescent. It has just been finished, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan have superintended the final touches while staying at the Grand Hotel. It will be remembered that Mrs. Hubert Nathan was previously Miss Louison, daughter of the Hon. C. Louison, of Christchurch.

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GISBORNE.

May 7th.

Afternoon Tea.

On Tuesday a delightful little afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Fred Parker at her residence in Clifford-street, to bid farewell to Mrs. Broderick, who, with her daughters, leaves for Napier on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Broderick have made themselves immensely popular during their residence of about three years, and will be much missed by a wide circle of friends. Amongst the guests present were Mrs.

and the Misses Broderick, Miss Rattray (Dunedin), Miss Aylmer, Mrs. Geoffrey MacLean, Mrs. F. Barker, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. W. Sherratt, Mrs. Herbert Williams, Mrs. Charles Gray, Mrs. A. Rees, Mrs. Mann.

Coming-of-Age Dance.

One of the nicest dances ever given in Gisborne took place in Whinray's Hall on April 30th. It was given by Mrs. Donner in honour of the coming of age of her son, Mr. Julius Donner. Mrs. Donner received her guests in a beautiful gown of radium rose pink satin, trimmed with handsome lace and relieved with silver; Miss Donner wore a dainty becoming gown of spotted silver gauze with bands of silver made over a white satin slip; Mrs. Bennett, a pretty mauve silk dress trimmed with rich cream lace; Mrs. D. Dunlop, black silk; Mrs. C. Bennett, becoming gown of white satin; Mrs. Scott, white satin; Mrs. John Murphy wore pink chiffon over glaze silk, with trimmings of silver; Mrs. Jex-Blak, white satin semi-Empire gown, trimmed with gold braid and tassels; Mrs. Geoffrey MacLean, black and white silk; Mrs. Max Jackson, white satin; Mrs. C. Thomas wore white satin; Mrs. K. U. Burke, white crepe de chine with French knots of silver thread; Mrs. O. Sainsbury, soft white chiffon taffetas; Miss Brooke-Taylor, black silk gown; Miss E. Brooke-Taylor, pretty dress of grey crepe de chine; Miss J. Dunlop (Auckland), pale pink chiffon and pink roses; Miss Hilda Sherratt, pale blue taffetas; Mrs. F. Barker, white lace Princess robe, trimmed with pink velvet ribbon; Miss Gray, white net made over a white satin slip; Miss MacLean (Napier), white silk with pink flowers; Miss Zoe Williams, white brocade and chiffon; Miss Iris MacLean, pale pink taffetas; Miss N. Davies, pink crepe de chine with red roses; Miss Pyke, black velvet dress with touches of green; Miss Tucker, rich cream satin; Miss de Latour, pretty dress of white muslin; the Misses Agnew-Brown, lovely frocks of blue floral chiffon made over satin foundations; Miss Nolan, white muslin trimmed with pale blue lace; Miss Bennett, white crepe de chine Empire frock; Miss Evans, white silk; Miss White, pretty soft pink taffetas; Miss Scott, white silk; Miss Barker, palest of pink silks; Miss F. Barker, light blue spangled net over glaze silk of same shade; Miss Seymour, cream colienne and red roses; Miss Rees, pink satin with over-dress of plum-coloured chiffon; Miss B. Bradley, pale blue silk; Miss Reynolds, yellow taffetas with panels of hand-painted violets, etc.; Miss S. Reynolds, black taffetas and red roses; Miss R. Reynolds, dress of sea green crepe de chine, with trimmings of green velvet in a darker shade; Miss Schumacher, ivory brocade; Miss M. Wachsmann, soft black silk dress; Miss Christ, pale blue crepe de chine with spangled trimmings; Miss Wallis, very pretty dress of pale green ninon over taffetas of the same shade; Miss Queenie Graham, pale pink taffetas; Miss D. Bright, soft white satin relieved with yellow trimmings; Miss Broderick, white silk.

Personal Items.

News has been received that Mrs. Dawson Thomas, who left to visit her parents in Sydney quite lately, is very seriously ill, and Mr. Thomas left by Wednesday's boat for Sydney.

The Misses Telford and Old have sold their business in connection with the Alexandra tea-rooms, and intend going home to England for a trip. They left Gisborne by the Waikare on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray and their son, Mr. S. Gray, went to Wellington by the Waikare, on Sunday last, where Mr. S. Gray joins his boat for England.

Miss Iris Dunlop, of Mount Eden, Auckland, is at present in Gisborne, visiting her aunt, Mrs. Donner.

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NEW PLYMOUTH.

May 7.

A Masonic Week.

Never before in the annals of New Plymouth have we had the annual communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge, so no little interest has been taken in it, and its importance drew in the town representative citizens from all parts of the Dominion. Mr. F. P. Corkill, Provincial Grand Master, and his commit-

tee all worked with untiring energy, and deserve great praise for the perfect arrangements they made.

Reception.

Last Wednesday afternoon the wives of the local Masons held an "At home" in the Masonic Hall, Robt-street, in honour of the lady visitors. The guests were received at the entrance by Mrs. F. P. Corkill and Mrs. F. G. Evans, and then by Mrs. A. G. Gray, Mrs. G. T. Murray, and Mrs. F. Wilson, who conducted them to the main hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion by Mesdames Corkill and Rudd. A very enjoyable musical programme, arranged by Mesdames Johns and Schnackenberg, consisted of pianoforte selections by Mrs. A. L. Cooke; vocal solos by Mrs. Basham (Eltham), Miss Rosa Taylor (Auckland), Miss Bayly (Waikara); and duets by Mrs. Johns and Miss Standish, and Mrs. Schnackenberg and Miss Taylor. A dainty afternoon tea was served in the supper-room. The floral decorations were charming, the centre epergne being autumn leaves and ferns, resting on a cunningly arranged centre piece of pale blue silk, representing Masonic emblems, the credit of which was due to Mrs. A. D. Gray, and Miss Alice Hempton. The ladies who assisted in serving the tea were: Mesdames Hugh Baily, Ewing, Rudd and Corkill. Amongst those present I noticed: Mrs. Corkill, very pretty champagne coloured chiffon taffetas, with tiny brown stripe, bib yoke inset with lace, and piped with brown silk, white felt hat, trimmed with shaded autumn roses, and loops of reseda green velvet ribbon; Mrs. Evans, national blue costume, white silk yoke, finished with a lighter blue embroidered silk passementerie, white hat with black and white feathers; Mrs. A. D. Gray, pale mauve canvas cloth over a violet foundation, trimmed with bands of a darker shade of velvet, pretty moss green satin toque wreathed with pink shaded roses; Mrs. G. T. Murray looked extremely well in a black chiffon taffetas, with dainty white chiffon blouse trimmed with pale blue French knots, black Merry Widow hat with two large wings; Mrs. F. Wilson, brown and green striped tweed Eton costume, cream silk blouse, emerald green satin hat swathed with black tulle and feathers; Mrs. Johns, black chiffon taffetas, cream lace vest, navy blue chip hat with emerald green wings; Mrs. H. Baily, white embroidered muslin, pretty heliotrope hat with roses; Mrs. Rudd, pretty white muslin, green ceinture and hat with wings; Mrs. Ewing, rich black chiffon taffetas, cream lace vest, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Harz, black merveilleux skirt, heliotrope silk blouse, black hat; Mrs. Schnackenberg, eau de nil chiffon taffetas, daintily trimmed with cream lace, and green and cream silk passementerie, cream hat with green and pink roses; Mrs. Kembell, brown chiffon taffetas, pretty pale pink hat trimmed with a darker pink and brown roses; Mrs. Basham (Eltham), cream embroidered silk, helio hat swathed with chiffon and roses; Mrs. Redman (Blenheim), pretty, black and white silk, cream lace yoke slashed with cornflower blue silk, black feathered hat; Mrs. Percy Webster, cream cloth costume, black feathered hat; Mrs. Nicholson (Auckland), cream costume, with bib yoke finished with silver tassels, silver girde, black Merry Widow hat; Miss Bradney (Auckland), black and white costume, black hat; Mrs. A. Avery, black chiffon taffetas, cream lace yoke, dainty pale pink toque with roses; Mrs. Holloway, navy costume, red hat swathed with green tulle; Mrs. McDougall (Napier), black crepe de chine, national blue bonnet with white epneys; Mrs. Doig, green costume trimmed with a lighter green silk, pretty emerald green hat; Mrs. Kaye, brown coat and skirt, brown hat with peacock blue; Mrs. Hicks (Wellington), navy blue costume, pretty moss green hat trimmed with pale blue; Mrs. Fletcher (Wellington), brown costume, hat relieved with autumn leaves; Miss Fletcher, navy blue costume, vieux rose hat, trimmed with black; Mrs. Denbow, cream costume, green hat; Mrs. Quin, navy costume, hat swathed with green tulle; Miss Hill, navy costume, green hat; Mrs. Lane, (Oamaru), navy blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Christensen (Patea), black silk skirt, cream silk blouse, black hat; Mrs. Holtzang, white chiffon taffetas blouse, black silk skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Jervoid