

Hemerton (Patea), navy blue costume, white silk yoke, bonnet en suite; Mrs. McIlroy, black mervelleux, with cream silk yoke, brown satin hat with shaded roses; Mrs. Worthington (Auckland), soft cream silk, velvet hat with wings; Mrs. Manifold (Pahiatua), black silk skirt, cream and violet floral silk blouse, black hat; Mrs. Forbes, black and green costume, black hat; Mrs. Groove, black costume with cream silk vest, hat trimmed with shaded velvet autumn leaves; Miss R. Taylor (Auckland), pretty moss green chiffon taffetas, trimmed with velvet and floral passementerie, champagne Merry Widow hat trimmed with shaded feathers; Mrs. Cone, brown costume trimmed with gold military braid, cream hat swathed in orange velvet; Miss Bishop, green costume, ecru coloured hat trimmed with green; Mrs. Bishop, navy costume, hat en suite; Mrs. Walker, cream coat and skirt with stitched trapping facings, dainty violet folded chiffon toque; Miss Muir, cream cloth coat and skirt, moss green velvet toque swathed with gold braid and furnished with gold ospreys; Mrs. Ross (Dunedin), brown costume, hat trimmed with shaded feathers; Mrs. Catchpole (Auckland), black mervelleux, black hat with shaded red roses; Miss Standish, green Empire coat and skirt, pale blue hat bound with mole velvet and trimmed with pale blue and mole coloured wings; Mrs. A. L. Cooke, rich black chiffon taffetas with cream lace yoke, black feathered hat; Mrs. Basil Jones (Frimley), heliotrope and brown striped tweed faced with pale heliotrope silk, pretty violet hat bound with velvet and trimmed with tulle and feathers; Mrs. De Castro (Nelson), navy costume, black hat, with black and emerald green wings; Mrs. Basher (Feilding), blue and white foularde, trimmed with ecru lace, white hat with feathers; Mrs. Nelson, grey Etou costume, black hat; Miss Purser (Wanganui), cream silk blouse, black skirt, hat en suite; Mrs. Noaworthy (Blenheim), green coat and skirt, hat to correspond; Miss Pellham, black and white striped costume, white hat with black and white rosettes; Mrs. Sargeant (Hawera), black costume, black toque, with white feathers; Mrs. Barber, black satin and lace, bonnet relieved with white.

**Afternoon Tea.**

Miss Beatrice Webster gave a most enjoyable afternoon tea last Wednesday afternoon in honour of Miss Annie Taylor, who is shortly to be married to Mr. Rylands Crickshank. A recheke afternoon tea was served in the dining-room, the table being prettily decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. During the afternoon songs were rendered by Mrs. Harvey, Misses I. Taylor and B. Webster. There was a competition, Miss Bedford winning first prize and Mrs. Francis Cartlew second. Amongst those present were:—Mrs. Webster, in black voile over a silk foundation, trimmed with narrow killings of black silk, cream lace yoke; Miss B. Webster, natter blue silk, with cream net blouse; Miss I. Webster, white muslin, trimmed with embroidery insertion; Miss Taylor, cream corduroy velvet, relieved with a pale blue ceinture, black feathered hat; Miss Isabel Taylor, striking mole-coloured Empire coat and skirt, mole-coloured hat with large pink and blue roses; Mrs. H. Oswin, cream costume, black feathered hat; Miss Penn, navy costume, hat trimmed with cornflowers and emerald green wings; Mrs. Francis Cartlew, pretty mole-coloured coat and skirt, hat trimmed with magenta cosettes; Mrs. P. Lawson, green and black checked tweed coat and skirt, white felt hat swathed with royal blue silk and finished with green wings; Miss Balrd, maroon-coloured silk, with cream silk blouse, black feathered hat; Miss Godfrey, brown and white striped collanne, trimmed with cream lace and bands of brown silk, toque en suite; Mrs. Medley, dark green coat and skirt, white felt hat trimmed with navy blue silk and emerald green wings; Mrs. Clem Webster, cream silk voile, inset with cream silk lace, cornflower blue hat; Miss Leatham, cream costume, black hat; Miss Bedford, grey silk collanne, black satin Merry Widow hat; Miss F. Evans, yellow rose costume, grey hat with feathers; Mrs. J. Harvey, pretty brown and white striped silk muslin, trimmed with bands of brown silk, dark emerald green hat with wings; Mrs. Southall, dark green coat and skirt, pretty cream hat swathed with mole-coloured tulle and

corisee velvet; Mrs. Woodard, heliotrope and white floral muslin, brown hat with wings; Miss D. Capel looked well in dark navy coat and skirt, trimmed with black silk military braid, white felt hat with silk rosettes and wings; Miss N. Capel, black and white striped silk, cream silk yoke, very pretty cornflower blue hat trimmed with large rosettes of mole-coloured tulle and wings; Mrs. Ken Webster, champagne coloured voile, trimmed with brown silk, brown toque relieved with cornflower silk; Miss Bradbury, maroon coloured skirt, cream silk blouse, maroon toque with brown quills; Miss Stocker, navy blue coat and skirt, cornflower blue hat trimmed with mole-coloured velvet and wings.

**Masonic Ball.**

In the Theatre Royal on Thursday evening the Masonic visitors were entertained at a large reception, followed by a ball, and nobody who was able to attend will ever forget the grand spectacle. The theatre was beautifully decorated with flags, strings of Chinese lanterns, and banks of flowers. As the whole block of upstairs rooms had been lent, and the corner pavement of Devon-street canvassed in, there was ample accommodation for sitting out. Mrs. Walker and Miss Muir were responsible for the very artistic arrangement of the decorations of the supper table, the flowers being masses of shaggy orismous chrysanthemums and scarlet maple, with tall shaded silver candle-sticks standing at intervals. Shortly after 9 o'clock Lord and Lady Plunket arrived, and were escorted by the Provincial Grand Master (R.W. Bro. P. P. Corkill) to a low dais in front of the stage, during the playing of the National Anthem. Before dancing commenced, a short musical programme was rendered by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Mrs. Basham (Eltham), Misses Steeds (Cun-terbury), Bradney (Auckland), Warren, C. Bayly (Waitara), Right W. Bro. T. W. Allen (Auckland), and Bro. R. N. Renaud (New Plymouth). There were three official sets, which were composed by the following:—M.W. Grand Master (Lord Plunket) and Mrs. F. P. Corkill, M.W. Bro. Nicol and Lady Plunket, R.W. Bro. Michel and Miss Hill, R.W. Bro. Ross and Mrs. Fletcher; R.W. Bro. Bingham and Miss De Castro, R.W. Bro. De Lisle and Mrs. Wylie, R.W. Bro. De Castro and Mrs. Bingham, R.W. Bro. Powley and Mrs. Kennell; R.W. Bro. Hulme and Miss Fletcher, R.W. Bro. McDougall and Miss Hicks, R.W. Bro. Mooller and Miss Hlae, R.W. Bro. Moncrieff and Mrs. Roy.

**The Dresses.**

Amongst those present were:—Lady Plunket, oyster pink satin decolletage outlined with silver sequined net, diamond necklet, earrings and tiara; Miss Hill, black net over glace, diamond ornaments; Mrs. Corkill, dainty black crepe de chine over glace, trimmed with rich black lace; Mrs. Walker, very handsome cream net with pale blue chenille spot over a silk foundation, trimmed with bands of pale blue velvet ribbon, a swathed berthe of pale blue velvet trimmed with bands of cream lace embroidered with pale blue and pink silk; Mrs. Percy Webster, rose pink silk; Miss Muir, pretty champagne chiffon taffetas stamped with pale pink roses and trimmed with bands of brown silk; Miss M. Clarke (debutante), very striking frock of Ivory Duchesse satin with lace Watteau black banded with satin, chemisette and sleeves of chiffon; Mrs. Ellis, black; Miss S. Thomson, rose pink silk; Miss Wade, pretty cream taffetas, decolletage slashed with heliotrope silk; Miss Standish, very pretty pale blue chiffon taffetas trimmed with silver sequined embroidery; Mrs. Ken Webster looked well in a rich ivory taffetas with berthe of cream net and Valenciennes lace; Mrs. W. Webster, black silk; Miss Webster, eau de nil chiffon taffetas, semi-Empire, trimmed with cream lace; Miss L. Webster, pale blue chiffon taffetas, kimono bodies over a cream net blouse; Mrs. Cartlew, sen, black silk; Mrs. F. Cartlew, cream brocade, real lace berthe relieved with pale pink roses; Mrs. Stacy Griffiths, cream and heliotrope flowered chiffon taffetas, trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Mrs. Woodard, primrose satin, sequined berthe with bunches of violets on corsage; Mrs. Ewing, lovely real Limerick lace robe over pale blue glace, silk Empire sash; Miss Deacon, black silk; Miss Cunningham, pale pink silk; Miss W. Bradbury, pretty pale pink muslin bodice, trimmed with lace and outlined with a darker shade; Mrs. E.

Baily, pale heliotrope crepe de chine, trimmed with a darker shade and cream lace; Mrs. Cattley, black silk; Miss Cattley, Wedgwood blue silk, cream lace berthe; Mrs. Johns, pretty pale heliotrope silk muslin over taffetas, with epaulettes of violet silk, finished with large buttons; Miss Turner, red silk, cream lace berthe; Miss Campbell, black silk, real lace berthe; Miss Brown, black silk, relieved with white chiffon; Mrs. Tisch (mayorress), rich black chiffon taffetas, with cream lace yoke; Mrs. D. Robertson, black and white silk; Mrs. A. L. Cooke looked well in black chiffon taffetas, with sequin berthe, relieved with pink roses; Miss Taylor looked pretty in white chiffon taffetas, trimmed with silver sequined net, silver tissue in coiffure; Mrs. Mills, black chiffon taffetas; Miss D. Mills (debutante) looked charming in white chiffon taffetas, bodice draped with chiffon and finished with satin ball trimming, shower bouquet; Mrs. Schrackenberg, dainty pale blue chiffon taffetas, with decolletage trimmed with lace insertion; Mrs. Nicholson, pale blue taffetas, corsage prettily finished with lace; Mrs. Fletcher, pale dove grey crepe de chine, banded with black silk; Mrs. Kyngdon, cream taffetas, sequined berthe; Mrs. Basil Jones, black checked silk grenadine over white silk decolletage, finished with folded white silk; Mrs. Renaud, pretty pale blue crepe de chine; Mrs. F. Wilson, dainty cream lace robe over glace; Mrs. Bennett, black satin, white chiffon sleeves, slashed with black; Mrs. Whetter, cream silk; Mrs. Rodman, rich cream taffetas; Mrs. Roy, black silk, with sequined berthe; Miss Roy, dainty pale blue messaline Empire frock, with drapings of silver sequined net, Empire sash finished with silver tassels; Miss D. Roy, white messaline semi-Empire, decolletage of folded lace and silver fringe; Miss Gladys Roy (debutante), very pretty semi-Empire frock of ivory tinted messaline, corsage trimmed with silver and seed pearl passementerie, front panel and sleeves embroidered with raised rosebuds, shower bouquet; Miss Baker, black taffeta, cream lace chemisette, red roses in coiffure; Mrs. Simpson, black taffetas, square yoke of rich cream lace; Miss V. Simpson, canary-coloured silk bodice trimmed with cream lace; Miss Dorothy Simpson (debutante) looked extremely well in a dainty white crystalline over glace, bodice draped with folded silk embroidered, shower bouquet; Mrs. Cutfield, black chiffon taffetas, pink roses in coiffure; Mrs. Alderman, pale blue chiffon taffetas; Mrs. Alderman, white muslin, pale pink Empire sash; Mrs. Rudd, pretty black crepe de chine, bodice trimmed with lace and red roses; Miss Morey, very dainty eau de nil chiffon taffetas, bib yoke of cream lace insertion, finished with silver tassels; Miss Jackson, cream silk, red roses on bodice; Miss Warren, cream figured net over primrose satin, black velvet Empire sash; Mrs. Freeth, black silk; Mrs. Broome, cream silk and lace; Miss G. Laing, pretty turquoise blue embroidered silk, with cream chiffon trimming; Mrs. Medley, cream net over silk, autumn leaves on corsage; Miss Hanna, pretty turquoise blue silk, with dainty cream lace insertion, outlined V-shape decolletage; Miss R. Crawford, cream silk; Misses Furlong (2), cream; Miss R. Clarke, cream chiffon taffetas; Miss Brewster, white crepe de chine, emerald green velvet in coiffure; Mrs. Balharry, cream taffetas, spray of violets on corsage; Mrs. Wylie, black silk, cream lace berthe, finished with spangled net; Mrs. Clem Webster, black chiffon taffetas; Miss Godfrey, black figured net over silk, pink roses on decolletage; Miss A. Hempton, black silk relieved with white lace; Miss Messenger, pale blue crepe de chine, trimmed with satin bands, bodice draped with cream net; Mrs. Basham (Eltham), dainty eau de nil satin charmeuse, with lace insertion on decolletage; Mrs. MacDiarmid, brown silk; Miss MacDiarmid (debutante) was much admired in a white chiffon taffetas, bib yoke of silk insertion, finished with silver tassels, shower bouquet; Mrs. A. D. Gray, black figured net over satin, silver sequined berthe; Mrs. Robinson, black silk, beaded jet berthe; Miss Robinson, dainty pale pink muslin, bib yoke of cream lace; Miss Skinner, rich black velvet over glace, girdle of emerald green lace; Miss L. Skinner, canary coloured Yokohama silk, semi-Empire, finished with gold embroidered insertion; Miss F. Hamerton, black chiffon taffetas, cream lace berthe; Mrs. Kimbell, very pretty cream satin charmeuse, decolletage draped with chiffon; Mrs. Evans, peach coloured brocade; Miss R. Evans, very handsome frock of cream lace, embroidered with purple and green flowers over a silk foundation;

Miss F. Evans, cream embroidered silky Miss O. Mackay, very pretty shell-pink chiffon taffetas, semi-Empire, with draped bodice, trimmed with silver sequined net; Mrs. Paget, a dainty gold embroidered net over a cream satin foundation; Mrs. Young, lovely black sequined robe over glace taffetas; Mrs. Lepper, black chiffon taffetas, rich cream lace on corsage; Miss Lepper (debutante) looked pretty in white embroidered muslin, shower bouquet; Mrs. Newman, black silk; Mrs.



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