

enhanced by the gay uniforms of the military men, which included the officers of Fort Caulley, H.M.A. Pioneer, and H.M.C.A. Iris. Mrs. Napier wore a handsome oyster grey silk; Mrs. G. Best, black merr; Mrs. Benjamin, cream satin; Mrs. Grattan Guinness, lovely Cluny lace gown with corset touches; Mrs. J. O. Mackay, black silk and white; Mrs. Philson, striking black; Mrs. Pilkington, white chiffon; Mrs. Wolfe, black and white; Mrs. Bruce, dainty blue and black sequined net; Miss Gribbin, lovely rainbow silk silver panel; her sister was in blue; Miss Marks, dainty flowered net over silk; Miss N. Graham, pretty white silk with turquoise bands; Miss Beryl Graham, white chiffon; Miss K. Graham, rich lace Empire dress; Miss Frater, white and mauve; Miss Wilding, yellow; Miss L. Duder, dainty black; her two sisters were in white and pink; Miss Raffle Pink, net red rose; Mrs. Lecky, cream lace, relieved red; Miss Alison, black silk; Miss E. Alison, pink prettily-trimmed lace and flowers; Miss Cardno, ivory satin; Miss Brasey, white; Miss Bolton, white silk and gold in hair; Miss P. Metcalfe, pink; Miss Oxley, blue silk and tiny ruckings of net; Miss Jessop (Melbourne), pretty maize with gold touches, gold in hair; Misses J. and W. Macindoe, pretty blue Empire dresses; Miss F. Macindoe, white and red; Miss Kent, white silk trimmed blue; Mrs. Jackson, black; Mrs. Gribbin, beautiful black net and silk; Mrs. Boylan, black satin; Miss Wood, turquoise blue crew trimmed; Miss Newott, white with pink; Miss Creagmie, blue and gold; Miss Eileen Mathias, pretty blue dress.

Personal Items.

The many friends of Miss Freda Rose-warne will be interested to hear that she is doing well on the stage in Australia, where she is touring Queensland with a company. Her singing has been the subject of very favourable comment in the Australian Press.

Miss Vera Rose (of Tirau) is visiting her sister, Mrs. All Court, of Carleton Gore-road.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

WELLINGTON.

May 14.

Popular Sailors.

It is seldom we have such a sociably-inclined warship as H.M.S. Challenger, so the captain and officers have been entertained a good deal. Owing to scarlet fever on board, the first few days were spent in quarantine, but once the restrictions were removed the fun began. It culminated on Wednesday night, when a dance was given on the ship as a return for the hospitality which has been so abundant, and a tremendous success it was. The quarter-deck was cleared for dancing, the awnings being disguised by flags of all nations, which also draped the doorways and curtained the secluded seats. All the latest dance music was played by the ship's band, and the floor was waxed and polished till it could not be better. In the long low wardroom there was a profusion of flowers, mainly in tone of pink and mauve, which decorated the supper table. As the ship was alongside the wharf, the anxiety of a sea-trip when attired in one's best ball gown was absent, but many girls professed to be disappointed. Mrs. Ian Duncan wore ivory satin, with a deep flounce of guipure lace, in which the design was accentuated in black; Mrs. Nathan, white glaze, with a hydrangea design in natural tints, hem of mauve velvet, and corsage and collar of lace; Mrs. Willford, chestnut tulle over gold tissue, with bands of opalescent galon; Mrs. Harold Johnston, tangerine-orange satin charmeuse, the lace draperies studded with tiny sequins; Mrs. Kendall, black crepe de chine Spanish lace and jet; Miss Duncan, petal pink satin charmeuse, with Mechlin lace berthe and sleeves; Miss Cortes, black chiffon taffetas, jet embroideries and Spanish lace; Miss K. Duncan, white satin velvet veiled in sequin net; Miss Eileen Ward, ivory satin veiled in tulle, with silver fringe and tassels; Miss Bell and Miss E. Bell, myosotis blue satin charmeuse, made in semi-Empire style, and softened with lace; Miss Harcourt, rose pink corded silk, with lace berthe and sleeves; Miss Reed, geranium red tulle over ivory chiffon, bonneted with taffetas; Miss Hislop, ivory black crepe de chine, with choux of turquoise blue; Miss Brandon, ivory tulle bonneted with taffetas; Miss Hislop, ivory satin, veiled in flut net with rows of

satin ribbon; Miss Watson, flowered silk in pastel tones, Empire sash, lace vest; Miss Kwon, cameo pink crepe de chine, with epaulettes of lace; Miss Russell, petal pink charmeuse, draped with lace on the Empire corsage; Misses Nathan, ivory satin dresses, with lace berthes and sleeves, and touches of gold; Miss Beauchamp, ivory charmeuse and lace; Miss G. Beauchamp, emerald green crepe de chine and gold sequins; Miss Hungerford (Cheviot), mauve mousseline de soie, and lace berthe; Miss Miles, palest pink nixon de soie, with Empire sash of taffetas; Miss H. Miles, shell-pink charmeuse and roses; Miss Cecil Jones, moonlight-blue crepe de chine, with silver fringe and tassels; Miss Dean, cameo pink charmeuse, draped with lace; Miss (V) Kennedy, ivory chiffon satin veiled in crystal net, and softened with lace; Miss Beistow, palest pink glaze with an overdress of net and lace; Miss Nelson, white crepe de chine, with Indian embroideries; Miss Simpson, ivory satin and trail of shaded pink roses; Miss R. Simpson, sky-blue charmeuse, with lace sleeves; Miss Mackenzie, azure-blue nixon over ivory glaze.

Farewell to Mrs. Webb.

A very cheery little afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Kane as a farewell to Mrs. Webb, who is off to Nelson to live. Late as it is for roses, there were some exquisite specimens in silver vases in the drawing-room, while in the dining-room, the tea-table was done with white, amber and bronze chrysanthemums. Miss Hardinge Malby, Miss Miles and Miss Jones gave much pleasure by songs and recitations. Mrs. Kane wore black chiffon taffetas with a guimpe of Irish guipure and boules of black velvet; Miss Kane was in mist grey nixon de soie with lace and silver embroideries; her sister was in pale pink coltanne, made in semi-Empire style with a guimpe of lace and net; Mrs. Webb wore a dark blue tailor-made, a lace blouse, and a toque with roses; her daughters were in navy coats and skirts, and hats with wings.

For Mrs. Deane.

Mrs. de Castro (Kelburne) was hostess at a small tea on Tuesday in honour of Mrs. Deane, who, with Mr. Deane, is going to London to live. Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Kreeft and Miss Darling contributed pleasantly to an impromptu musical programme, and the decorations of chrysanthemums and corsepsels were pretty and unusual. Mrs. de Castro wore pastel nixon with Eastern embroideries; Mrs. Deane, a dark blue tailor-made and a black hat with wings; Mrs. Litchfield wore dark cloth tailor-made and a black hat; Mrs. Wilson, natter blue chiffon taffetas with lace vest; Mrs. Findlay, navy coat and skirt and black hat.

Nurses' Dance.

Very enjoyable was the dance got up by the Trained Nurses' Association, which was held in St. Peter's School-room. Red and white were the predominant colours, contrast being afforded by the numbers of palms and ferns. Pink and white and mauve chrysanthemums decorated the supper-table, and bowls of chrysanthemums were used with good effect in the room set apart for bridge. The majority of the nurses wore their pretty dainty uniform dresses of pale pink and blue, with becoming white caps. Mrs. Kendall, who is president of the association, wore black silk with an over-dress of puffed net; Mrs. Newman, ivory satin with a horizontal stripe and embroideries of gold and silver; Dr. Agnes Bennett, ivory crepe de chine and lace; Dr. E. Gunn, ivory mezzaline; Mrs. Herbert, white satin and sequins; Mrs. Johnson, black chiffon taffetas; Miss Kohn, black lace and net; Miss Cortes, black satin and jet; Miss Mackenzie, white mezzaline and silver sequins; Mrs. Fisher, petal pink taffetas with lace epaulettes; Mrs. Young, pearl grey charmeuse; Miss Bulkley, eau de nil taffetas; Mrs. Gibbs, dahlia taffetas; Miss Didsbury, pale pink nixon de soie; Mrs. MacArthur, black satin and jet; Miss Dundup, black crepe de chine; Miss Dean, sky blue taffetas.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Birkett gave a pleasant little tea at Kelburne on Wednesday. Purple iris and violets and yellow narcissus were mingled with autumn foliage in most artistic manner for the table decoration, and much pleasure was given by a group of songs and recitations. Mrs. Birkett's black and white attire was effectively relieved by touches of tangerine.

A Busy Week.

Race week in July promises to be very gay. Three days' sport are in prospect. The Jockey Club Ball is to be a gorgeous affair, and the Garrison officers have decided to give their annual ball during the same week. There are several private dances talked of, so there will be no lack of amusement.

Personal Items.

Lady Russell and Miss Marjorie Russell (Hawke's Bay) are here for a week or two chopping preparatory for Miss Russell's wedding in June. She is marrying Sir Francis Price, Bart., who saw service in the Boer War with his regiment, the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

OPHELIA.

GISBORNE.


May 14.

At the Theatre.

The principal attraction for this week has undoubtedly been the visit of the Williamson Comedy Company. Amongst the large audience who were present the night "The Merry Widow" was played were Mrs. W. Sherratt, wearing black spangled net; Mrs. Willock, black silk, with bands of real lace; Miss Willis, buttercup satin; Mrs. Kells, soft black silk, lace berthe, and Roman embroideries; Miss Rees, pale blue chiffon gown; Mrs. A. Rees, Mrs. Barton, Miss Brooke-Taylor; Mrs. Barker, sen., handsome black silk with trimmings of jet; Mrs. Walter Barker, black taffeta, with opera coat of pale blue brocade; Mrs. Kennedy, pink silk and lace; Mrs. John Murphy, cream lace gown with bands of pink silk; Mrs. R. Barker, cream chiffon over glaze silk, with trimmings of lace; Mrs. C. Thomas, cream silk and lace; Miss Seymour, pale green mousseline de soie, with trimmings of lace; Mrs. Vincent Barker, black silk, with berthe of lace; Miss Black, black glaze; Mrs. Syme, pink silk embroidered robe; Mrs. Stephenson, emerald green silk, with overdress of cream lace; Mrs. Biddles, black silk and cream lace scarf; Mrs. Watson also wore black silk, with grey embroidery and a silk cape; Mrs. Stock, black taffeta; Miss F. Barker, pale blue silk; Mrs. Pyke, crimson silk; Miss Pyke, in cream satin and lace; Mrs. Mann, handsome cream brocade; Mrs. MacLean, red silk and lace; Miss S. MacLean, pale pink taffeta; Mrs. F. Barker, cornflower blue chiffon, with trimmings of gold Roman embroidery; Miss Bradley, pale blue silk; Mrs. Lyonnar, black silk and jet gown; Mrs. Jex-Blake, rich white satin, with touches of gold; Mrs. White, deep heliotrope silk trimmed with lace; Miss White, Miss de Lautour; Mrs. Carmichael, handsome gown of black silk; Mrs. J. W. Williams, cream silk and net overdress; Mrs. Nolan, black taffeta; Miss Nolan, white Japanese silk; Miss Evans, Mrs. and the Misses Tucker, Mrs. A. Seymour, Mrs. Margolouth, Mrs. F. Parker, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Traill, Mrs. R. U. Burke.


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