

H. Hawkesworth. Mrs. Maxwell, unfortunately, was indisposed and unable to be present. In addition to the committee, there were present: Mrs. Birks, Nurses, Lyons, Cecily, and Davey, Misses Empson (2), Malifroy, Grace, Osmond, Cranwell, Bell (Auckland), Penney, Messrs. Birks, Thacker, Wanless, Hampson, Algie, Empson, Melville, Macdonald, Penney, Grace, Clay, Rutherford, Purcell, Graham, Brackenbush, and Dr. Endletzberger and Bertram.

Golf has been taken up with enthusiasm this winter in Rotorua, and on fine days quite a number of players and would-be players may be seen on the links. Mr. Allan (of Christchurch) has been giving some of the keener golfers the benefit of his experience lately, as he, with Mrs. Allan, is visiting Rotorua. On Wednesday last afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Hill, assisted by Miss Helen Scott, and amongst those present I noticed: Mrs. C. Kusab, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Crowther, Mrs. Campbell-Smith, Mrs. Urquhart, Mrs. Judge, Mrs. Goudie, Miss Ireland, Miss Pownall, Miss S. Empson, Miss Mackenzie, Miss Bond, Miss Corlett, Miss London, Miss Stella Empson, and Miss Mackenzie, who tied for the ladies' monthly medal at the last match, played off on Wednesday, Miss Empson winning by two.

Quite one of the most flourishing clubs in Rotorua at present is the Literary and Debating Society, which holds well-attended meetings every fortnight. It has a membership of about 60, quite half of whom are ladies. Thursday, the 5th, was centenary evening, when most interesting papers were contributed by our president (the Rev. C. A. Tisdall) on Tennyson, Mr. L. Birks on Darwin, Mr. Worthington on Abraham Lincoln, and Mr. Hampson on Gladstone.

A great feeling of sadness pervaded the town this week, owing to the particularly sad death of the young and charming wife of the Rev. F. Bennett on Tuesday morning last. Mrs. Bennett was loved by all for her remarkably sweet and gentle disposition, and honoured for the great aid she gave her husband in his work amongst the Maoris. Both races deplore her loss, and the greatest sympathy is felt for her husband and his five children, the youngest being a baby of only eight weeks old.

Personal.

Mrs. Ireland and Miss Ireland, of Parnell, have returned to Rotorua after a month spent in Auckland.

Mrs. Laing, of Parnell, is visiting Rotorua at present and taking a course of baths for her health.

RATA.

GISBORNE.

August 13.

Bridge Party.

Mrs. Jex-Blake gave a very pleasant bridge party one afternoon this week at her residence in "Whataupoko." Amongst her guests were Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Kells, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Fnoor, Mrs. Donner, Miss R. Burke, Mrs. Mann, Miss H. Sherratt, and Miss Sparks (England).

Golf.

A team of golfers left by the Victoria on Wednesday evening for Napier to play their team, and were to be entertained on Thursday evening by Mrs. Kettle. The team included Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barker, Mrs. Traill, Mrs. King, the Misses Barker (2), Miss Nolan, Miss de Latour, Miss Bright, Miss H. Black, Messrs. Keiha, Dodds, G. Willock, Bull (2), Anderson, Chirside, Gibson, W. B. Willock, Paku, H. and P. Barker, Grant, and Murray.

Personal.

On Tuesday the directors of the Gisborne Co-operative Building Society took the opportunity of presenting Mr. L. T. Symes with a handsome silver entree dish as a slight token of recognition for his services as chairman of the society. Mr. Symes, who has just resigned, and has occupied the chair for the last nine years, suitably replied.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Barker leave by Sunday's boat for the South to join the Main Trunk line and then proceed to Auckland and Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have gone to Auckland for a few weeks.

Miss Sparks (England) is the guest of Mrs. Jex-Blake.

Mrs. Kissling is visiting relations in Auckland.

The Hon. J. Carroll arrives in Gisborne to-morrow (Saturday) for a short visit.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

August 13th.

Civil Service Ball.

The annual ball of the Napier branch of the Civil Service Association eventuated on Wednesday evening last. The function was held in the Garrison Hall, which was effectively decorated with flags. The weather was most unpropitious, but that did not deter a large number of dancers from attending. The Grand March was led off at 8.30, and dancing was kept up enthusiastically until 3 o'clock. It would be very difficult, at such a large function, to detail all the pretty dresses worn, and some were indeed very handsome. The number of white frocks amongst the dancers was quite noticeable. Mrs. D. N. McMillan wore a smart gown of pale green chiffon taffeta, reseda trimmings; Mrs. C. Critchley, dainty frock of white silk, with pink silk poppies finishing corsage; Mrs. J. Archer, Empire gown of white silk, with spangled net; Mrs. Jowett, shrimp pink silk muslin, old rose velvet trimmings; Miss Hutson, very becoming Empire frock of old rose chiffon taffeta, guipure lace on bodice; Mrs. J. Thompson, ivory satin gown; Miss Burgess, dainty Empire frock of cream silk; her sister wore pale blue; Miss Allen, black spangled net gown; Miss P. Ferguson, pale blue muslin de soie; Miss Ashton, lavender flowered chiffon; Miss D. Ashton, princess robe of pale pink silk, overdress of dewdrop net; Miss Price, very pretty frock of pale heliotrope crepe de chine with velvet trimmings of a deeper tone; Miss Butcher, handsome gown of ivory satin charmeuse with effective gold trimming on corsage; Miss K. Barry, pale pink crepe de chine, point lace finishing bodice; Mrs. L. Freedman, pale pink silk, silver embroidery; Miss M. Patterson, blue voile de soie; Miss McDonald, white silk frock; Miss M. Niven, white silk; Miss F. Cogswell, pale blue; Miss Robertson, vieux rose chiffon taffeta, corsage finished with soft white tulle; Mrs. F. Fenton, becoming pale pink silk; Mrs. Tristram, black silk; Miss M. Condon, white silk; Miss K. Webster, dainty pale blue silk; Miss Sweetapple, soft white silk trained gown, spangled net finishing corsage; Miss Bishop, white silk; Miss E. Paulkner, cream frock; Miss Myhill, white silk frock, deep red roses on corsage; Miss Pufflet, pale pink silk; Miss N. Pufflet wore cream; Miss McCartney, white muslin de soie; Miss P. Freeman, becoming buttercup silk, handsome gold embroidery on bodice; Miss O'Reilly, mauve silk gown; Mrs. Halpin, reseda green gown; Miss Halpin, pale blue silk.

Hospital Ball.
A committee of ladies and gentlemen has been formed to promote the Hospital Ball, the date of which has been altered—it will not take place next month. It is to take the form of a poster, fancy, and plain ball, and is to be held in the Garrison Hall. The ladies on the committee are Mesdames F. W. Williams, T. H. Lowry, H. Hill, A. E. Eagleton, E. R. C. Bowen, F. Mayne, J. A. Miller, and L. H. McHardie. The gentlemen are: Messrs J. V. Brown, M.P., T. Richardson, J. Scheele, Captain Baker and J. A. Miller.

Golf.

On Thursday afternoon a number of ladies journeyed from Gisborne to try conclusions with local ladies on the links. They played interesting games on the Waiohiki links on Friday afternoon. The ladies who represented the Napier clubs were: Miss Hindmarsh, Miss Hamlin, Mrs. Kurupo Tereha, Miss B. Hindmarsh, Mrs. A. A. Kennedy, Mrs. Bernan, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Russell, Miss Newbold.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson have gone to their home in Melbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Wilson, of Dunedin, are on a visit to Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowry, of Okawa, are in town for a few days.

Miss Partridge, of Wellington, has been spending a holiday in Napier to recuperate after a recent illness. She is now the guest of Mrs. Lethbridge, of "Sherenden," Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell, of Wellington, who have been spending a short holiday in Napier, left for their home at the end of the week.

Mrs. A. J. Williams, of Napier, is visiting friends in Wellington. At present she is the guest of Mrs. Dimant.

Mrs. J. Sandtimann, of Napier, has gone

for a short holiday to Wellington, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Wellington Terrace.

MARJORY.

SOUTH TARANAKI.

Hawera, August 13.

Bridge Party.

Mr. and Mrs. G. McLean entertained some of their friends at a most enjoyable bridge party last Friday evening. The hostess wore a black brocade gown, trimmed with white lace; Miss McLean, scarlet taffeta, trimmed with satin of the same shade, and touches of cream silk lace; Miss Laisley (Wellington), red silk corsage, trimmed with cream net and lace; Mrs. Caplen, black silk; Mrs. Barton, prune coloured taffeta, with silk lace trimmings; Mrs. Webster, black satin; Mrs. Gillies, black taffeta; Mrs. Foyster, cream silk; Mrs. A. Good, black taffeta, corsage trimmed with beautiful cream lace; Mrs. Coultas, silver grey eolienne, with touches of black velvet; Mrs. Dunn, cream voile, lace blouse; Mrs. Raine, sarr. (Wellington), black silk; Mrs. Raine, brown eolienne; Mrs. Nolan, black taffeta; Mrs. T. Atkinson, white floral silk; Mrs. Nicholas, black satin; Mrs. F. Livingston, black taffeta, with cream net on corsage; Mrs. Brown, heliotrope mousseline de soie.

Golf.

The weather this week has been more than kind for the Hawera Golf Championship, which is being played for at present. The championship trophy, a handsome rose bowl, has been won two years in succession by Miss Coultas, and if this lady should prove successful again this year the bowl will become her own property.

Personal.

Miss Laisley (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs. G. McLean.

Mr. G. Maingay has returned from his trip to Australia.

Mrs. Raine (Wellington) is staying with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Raine.

Mr. F. Taylor (Napier) is on a visit to friends in Hawera.

Mrs. McDiarmid has returned from the Empire City.

Mrs. A. Good is spending a couple of weeks in Wanganui.

JOAN.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

August 13.

Bridge.

This week the fortnightly meeting of the Ladies' Bridge Club was held at Mrs. Leslie Webster's, and the prizes were won by Misses Fitzherbert and E. Bayley, Mrs. A. Jones receiving the "booby." Mrs. Webster received her guests in a golden brown chiffon taffetas, cream net blouse, pale blue silk ceinture; Mrs. Percy Webster, black chiffon taffetas skirt, cream silk and lace blouse; Mrs. Heard, black taffetas, with cream silk blouse; Mrs. A. Jones, reseda green silk, with cream and pink floral guimpe; Miss Bedford, white embroidered muslin; Mrs. Fitzherbert, black silk; Miss Fitzherbert, black silk, real lace berthe; Miss A. Hempton, navy blue silk relieved with white; Mrs. W. Newman, black silk; Mrs. Kimbell, brown chiffon taffetas; Mrs. C. Webster, brown and white crepe de chine, trimmed with rich cream lace; Mrs. Simpson, cream rich blouse, with pink floral guimpe trimming, black silk skirt; Mrs. Collins, grey flowered muslin finished with lace; Mrs. Meldrum, cream silk; Miss Bayley, cream voile; Miss Webster, black taffetas, cream net blouse; Miss L. Webster, cream silk, pale blue ceinture; Mrs. Sladden, cream net and lace blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Thomson, rose pink silk; Miss S. Thomson, cream silk blouse, black skirt.

A Dance.

Another of Miss Bedford's dances eventuated last Wednesday in the Brougham-street Hall, and it being a fine night, there was a good attendance. The table was prettily decorated with pale pink camellias and peach blossom. Amongst those present were: Miss Bedford, black chiffon taffetas, Directorate gown, finished with silk passermenterie; Miss D. Bedford, cream silk; Miss M. Clarke, very pretty cream chiffon taffetas, with chiffon chemisette; Miss Bradbury, pale pink mousseline de soie; Miss J. Fraser, cream taffetas decolletee finished with gold guimpe; Miss O. Macklow (Auckland), very pretty pale pink satin charmeuse, with pink ribbon on corsage; Miss Skinner, cream embroidered crepe de chine; Mrs. Walker,

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