Whitley, nattier blue ninon de soie; Miss Wrigley, white Oriental satin and silver; Miss Alison, pretty ivory satin; Miss Ethel Bagnall, saxe blue ninon de soie; Miss Stuart, white silk and lace; Miss Webber, white chiffon taffeta, handsome Mechlin lace berthe; Miss Macindoe, fine white muslin with gold braid; Miss Elsie Court, nattier blue chiffon taffeta; Miss Norton, eau de nil chiffon taffeta; her younger sister in pale lavender silk. Messrs. Steele, Elliott, Smith, Bach, Mitchell, Tattley, Paterson, Woodroffe, Winks, Robertson, Percy, Dean, Beale, Westbury, Good, Culpan, Foster, F. M. B. Fisher, M.P., Howarth, Robson, Mills, Symons, Baker, Hanna, Endean, Marks, Clark, Kronfeld, Symons, Bruce, Philcox, Webber, A. Watson, Gittos, Bennett, and Cardno were among the gentlemen present.

At the French Club.

At the Auckland French Club on Tuesday evening a dramatic entertainment was held in honour of Lady Plunket, who is an honorary member. Lady Plunket, who was presented on her arrival with a beautiful bouquet of dull pink sweet peas and fern by little Miss Neligan, was gowned in a robe of autumn brown tinted diagonal patterned chiffon, the decolletage trimmed with handsome Oriental gold thread embroidery in Greek design. She carried a pastel pink brocade opera wrap, and wore a lovely necklet of pearls with pear drops to match; Mrs. Waterfield was attired in reseda goffered mousseline; Miss Hill's costume was of Bruges lace in deep cream, with diamond ornaments; Mrs. Parkes wore a gown of black taffeta, with long Japanese silk wrap embroidered in tinted butterflies of ciel blue; Mrs. Neligan was in black chiffon over white silk, with pale blue chine scarf; the little Misses Neligan were in white muslin with blue belts and hair ribbons; Mrs. George Bloomfield, pastel pink brocade opera coat with Brussels lace over a white gown; Mrs. Fred Baume, carnation pink wrap handsomely embroidered in tinted and black silk over black costume, gold filet with jet in coiffure; Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, buff embroidered filet net robe with tiny satin trimmings; Miss Gwen Nathan, white silk with insets of briar stitching; Miss Geddes, white ninon with Spanish lace, shell pink opera coat with gold sequin galon; Miss Alice Law, pastel blue panne chiffon velours cloak with handsome black silk braiding, and white costume; Miss Henus, rose pink taffeta with Maltese lace; Miss Elsie Hamilton, cream tinted filet net over glace, with silver filigree braid and tassels; Mlle. Bouillon, foam green charmeuse, with corsage of white Oriental lace and emerald necklace; Miss Commons, lovely pure white taffeta dress with button trimming and chemisette of white net; Miss Aickin, black chiffon and net over white silk; Miss Keesing, black and white costume; Mlle. Cochet, sienna red silk.

Enjoyable Dance.

Quite one of the pleasantest dances of the season was that given on Thursday evening last by Mr and Mrs P. Oliphant, the guests being chiefly the young friends of their two elder sons and daughters. Dancing took place in the ball-room, at the rear of which was a sitting-out resort, carpeted and furnished with rattan chairs and lounges, and decorated with beautiful foliage plants and screens. A long closed-in passage-way connecting the ball-room with the house was carpeted and lit with a profusion of fairy lights and Japanese lanterns, lending a most picturesque effect. A recherche supper was served in the dining-room at about 11, the tables, with their tall vases filled with brilliant crimson anemones and camellias intermingled with rose leaves, being especially admired. The music, which was supplied by Burke's orchestra, was, of course, delightful. Nothing was left in promoting the enjoyment of the guests, and the "thank you so much for a pleasant evening" at parting was anything but a hollow form when it came to be regretfully said.

Mrs Oliphant was gowned in a graceful white brocade softened with lace, and wore a white osprey in coiffure; Miss Oliphant was dainty in shell-pink mousseline de soie over silk; Miss Margaret Oliphant's white Japanese silk frock, with gold girdle, was very becoming; Mrs Lindsay wore a trained azure blue peau de chine, with white and silver lace decollete; Miss Lindsay, graceful white chiffon taffeta gown, made en princesse, with Directoire sash; Miss Milnes was in palest pink crepe de chine posed on pink silk; Miss Moss Davis, mist blue chiffon over silk; Misses J. and B. Oliphant wore pretty white silk frocks; Mrs Moritzson (Dunedin), violet silk, with Paris lace entredeux; Miss Klingender (Melbourne), a lovely silver embroidered net over amber satin; Miss Daisy Benjamin, ivory white striped satin charmeuse, with lace and bugle bead berthe; Miss Kate Devore, cream Oriental lace frock, with crimson filet in coiffure; Miss Blanche Devore, white lace over silk, emerald green poppies; Miss Ethelwyn Cook, cream chiffon taffeta and lace; Miss Erson, white silk, pink Directoire sash; Miss Metcalfe was pretty in emerald green satin, with white and gold decollete; Miss Q. Kirker, white crepe de chine frock, with white lace Empire bodice, clusters of daffodils; Miss Geddes, cameo pink mousseline de soie; Miss N. Douglas, white Oriental lace over mist blue silk; Miss Rita Moritzson (Dunedin), white chiffon taffeta frock, with berthe of crystal beads; Miss Winnie Kent, silver-spangled net over pale blue silk; Miss McLean, white crepe de chine gown, with gold embroidered decolletage; Miss Madge McLean, effective old gold satin frock, with gold beaded berthe; Miss Florence Walker, delicate blue silk gown; Miss Hazel Craig, cream satin charmeuse, with blue and gold embroideries; Miss Essie Holland, graceful pale blue silk and lace; Miss Ida Sharland, cameo pink mousseline de soie Empire gown; Miss Shayle George, white velvet, brightened with pale blue tulle and pink rosebudsffi Miss Jessie Frater, Nile green silk; Miss Sybil Payton, white chiffon over silk, berthe of lace and silver tissues; Miss Runciman, black evening frock; Miss Dorothy Biss, white chiffon taffeta; Miss V. Tibbs, eau de nil silk, softened with white lace.

Some of the gentlemen present were: Messrs. Neville, George, Cardno, Kirker, J. Patterson, Bedford, Gardiner, Watson, Thorne-George, Sharland, Milnes, Drs. Aickin, C. Owen, Tibbs, etc.

Takapuna Tennis Club at Home.

Neither "Dido" nor the dreadful state of the Takapuna roads deterred the Tennis Club of that district from holding their annual "At Home" on Friday last. About 50 guests in all assembled in the Parish Hall, of whom about 40 danced. The supper table, which was set on the stage, against a background of greenery, and decorated with violets, looked particularly inviting. The dances, numbering about twelve, were made enjoyable by a perfect floor and good music. Amongst those present were:—Mesdames Moren, Corry, H. Brett, Craig, Green, Misses O'Neil, Jones, Corry, Craig, Thomson, King, Dennison, Rawlinson, Adams, Curtis, Lloyd. Among the gentlemen were:—Messrs. Grimwade, Curtis, Logan, Macdonald, Fisher, Adams, Hart, Moren, Baker, Good, Dr. Atkinson, Foster, Hall.

An Enjoyable Dance.

Despite the warring of the elements, consequent on the machinations of "Dido," a goodly number gathered in response to Mrs. F. Moore's invitation to "Moorefort," Parnell, on Friday evening, and spent a gay time. The big dining-room, with a floor like glass, was given over to dancing, and a profusion of flowers abounded there, while the chandeliers were twined with lycopodium. The halls were transformed into groves of palms, and the wide verandah was secured with nikaus and lit with Chinese lanterns. At the end of the hall a sitting room was fitted up, like a fairy bower, and looked so inviting that it proved very popular between the dances. The supper-room was a beautiful sight, peach blossoms being employed in decoration, with tall sprays in silver vases, and for the centre of the table a small tree in full bloom had been transplanted (peach trees bloom early in Parnell), from which peach pink satin streamers were carried to each corner. An original novelty was introduced on the programme, each one being inscribed with some quotation of an elevating nature, such as, "The chief want in life is some one who will make us do the best we can"; "Let a man go where he will, he can only find so much beauty or worth as he carries"; etc. These not only served to break the ice between newly-introduced couples, but stimulated conversation, and dispensed with the awkward necessity of remarking on the "music," the "floor," or the "weather." Further interest was provided in the shape of vocal items rendered by several ladies and gentlemen during the evening. Mrs. Moore received her guests attired in a handsome dark blue silk gown, and was assisted by her daughters. Miss Moore wore fine white organdie muslin pintucked and ornamented with Valenciennes lace motifs; Miss Rene Moore was in a soft shimmering satin Princess gown of palest green with wide lace corsage and shirred chiffon sleeves; Miss Jean Moore's dress of silvery net over white satin, with touches of very pale pink, and tiny rosebuds, was most becoming. Many handsome gowns were worn by those present, but lack of space prevents further mention.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Bushell, of Temuka, are in Auckland.

Mrs. A. N. MacKelvey has arrived home after her Wellington trip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kissling, who have been spending a holiday in New Plymouth and Napier, have returned to Auckland.

Miss Tuke, daugher of the late Captain Tuke, of Hawke's Bay, who has been residing in England for nearly eight years, has returned to New Zealand by the Wimmera, en route for Napier, and is visiting her sister, Mrs Raymond, "Medina," Brighton-road, Remuera.

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Golf.

A fresh spasm of gaiety has kept us busy for the last few days. Of course, golf has been the great topic of conversation everywhere one went, and Miss Lucy Brandon, who upheld the honour of Wellington so well that she was within an ace of winning the championship, has been very heartily congratulated. There was a delightful little surprise in store for her at Mrs Pearce's dance, when she was presented with a gold curb bangle and a lovely bouquet, the former being a token of admiration from her golfing friends. Mr Harold Johnston made a little speech, saying how proud Wellington was of her, and hopinig that next time she would bring the championship to Wellington. The bouquet was presented by Mrs Pearce, who clasped the bracelet on Miss Brandon's wrist to the sound of much applause and hearty cheers. Miss Brandon brought back several trophies from Palmerston, including the silver medal for runner-up, and a pair of silver-backed brushes.

A Jolly Dance.

Mrs Pearce's dance was a very jolly one, and went with a tremendous swing. Quantities of daffodils, anemones and violets were used for decoration, and the floor and music were both excellent. The hostess wore ivory brocade, the decolletage draped with lovely old lace, and twist of geranium red velours giving a dash of colour; Miss Mary Pearce was in lotus blue, the Directoire effect being given by a knotted sash of black tulle; Miss A. Pearce wore ivory charmeuse, with sleeves and vest of lace; Mrs Brandon, brocade and lace; Miss Lucy Brandon, ivory ninon, with gold embroideries; Mrs C. Pearce, pastel charmeuse and lace; Mrs Johnston, chine silk, softened with lace; Mrs Duncan, ivory satin and lace; Miss Tweed, sky blue charmeuse; Miss Harcourt, ivory charmeuse, draped with lace; Miss Bell, white messaline, with lace sleeves and vest; Miss Burnes, Princess ninon de soie, embroidered in silver.

A Farewell Dance.

On the same night a very successful dance was given by Mrs. Beauchamp as a farewell to her daughter, whose marriage takes place at the end of next month. Mrs. Beauchamp wore violet taffeta and lace; Miss Beauchamp, eau de nil ninon, with silver belt; Miss C. Beauchamp, Empire green silk, with gold fringe and tassels; Miss Stafford, ivory satin with panels of gold embroidery; Miss Russell, black mousseline de soie; Miss Miles, eau de nil crepe de chine, with bands of darker velvet; Miss Nathan, amber charmeuse, the corsage draped with lace; Miss G. Nathan, white marquisette, with a twist of pale blue among the lace berthe and sleeves; Miss McKenzie, pale pink ninon de soie, made in Princess style, with silver embroideries; Miss Cecil Jones, ivory satin, with silver fringe and tassels; Miss Simpson, white satin, the sleeves and vest of embroidered filet lace; Miss Ewen, cameo pink charmeuse. The decorations were mainly rhododendrons, and among the guests were the officers of H.M.S. Encounter, who are themselves giving a dance on Friday night.

Quite a number of girls have gone to the Wairarapa for the Bachelors' Ball, which promises to be a memorable affair.

Several entertainments are being given as farewells to Mrs. Riddiford, who is just off for a long trip to England. By-the-way, the engagement is just announced of Mrs. Riddiford's niece, Miss Ruth Humfrey, to Mr. Ian Deans, of Christchurch. Miss Humfrey is a daughter of the late Colonel Humfrey, of the Hutt.

A Municipal Ball.

The City Council staff gave an excellent ball on Friday night in the Town Hall. The decorations were cleverly done, and there were several original ideas, which were warmly welcomed. The Mayoress wore shadow-striped ninon de soie, in a faint biscuit tone, it was much appliqued with lace, and sewn with tiny gold sequins; Miss Barron, who accompanied her, was in lotus-blue charmeuse; Mrs. Morton wore orchid mauve souple satin finished with lace; Mrs. Palmer, black crepe de chine and jet; Miss Palmer, pale pink chiffon taffetas; Mrs. Tuke, lotus-blue messaline, hemmed with velvet of a deeper shade; Miss Tuke, sky-blue paillette; Mrs. Carmichael, mauve Liberty satin, embroidered in gold sequins; Mrs. Fell, black satin and jet; Miss Hervine, pale green crepe de chine, with gold fringe; Miss Ballinger, white charmeuse, relieved with palest pink; Mrs. Richardson, rose-pink messaline, with lace sleeves and vest; Miss Beauchamp, white taffetas.

The Drapers' Ball.

An exceptionally well-dressed affair was the drapers' ball on Wednesday. The decorations were unusually elaborate; many mirrors enhanced the brilliancy of the scene. Pale blue and white were the colours of the canopy suspended from the ceiling; festoons of crimson roses contrasting delightfully with the delicate tints of the background. Mrs. Corrigan wore ivory chiffon elaborately embroidered in gold; Mrs. S. Kirkcaldie, white Liberty satin disclosing an underskirt of gold embroidered lace; Mrs. Dawson, sky blue charmeuse on lace; Madame Longton, mauve crepe de chine embroidered in shades of blue and violet, Irish lace coatee.

A Successful Dance.

A most successful dance, given in aid of the Free Kindergarten, was held last night in the upper flat of Winder's new building, which was kindly lent free of charge for the occasion. Rooms for supper and dressing had been screened off, and a drawing-room, cosily carpeted and furnished, arranged at one end, the whole flat being gaily decorated with flags and festoons of lycopodium. The roof-garden is one of the attractions of this flat, but unfortunately it was not seen at its best on this occasion, the night being overcast, and a drizzling rain falling. However, that was quite a minor affair. The committee were Miss Burnett (secretary), Misses A. Hursthouse, Bulkely, and Winder, who must be congratulated on the

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