

Mrs. Dr. Parkes is at present making a stay in Wellington.

Mrs. Finlay M. Hay, of "Wharepuna," Grafton-road, Auckland, has left on a brief visit to Wellington, principally on business in connection with the Remuera Children's Home, of which she has for many years been honorary secretary.

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October 15.

The Week in Wellington.

Late in the season as it is, the season seems to bring a certain amount of gaiety with it. Much, of course, is in honour of Lady Ward, who has been entertained incessantly. Her Excellency Lady Plunket is here for a week or two, and she and her party are quartered in the old Seddon House, in Molesworth-street, which is now usually occupied by Ministers and their staffs. Two men-of-war—H.M.s. Prometheus and H.M.s. Challenger—are berthed at the King's wharf, so there will doubtless be some festivities on board.

The Pioneer Club.

During Lady Ward's absence in England she was elected vice-warden of the Pioneer Club, and on Wednesday she made her first appearance there. The occasion was a reception in her honour, and the officials of the Club must be very gratified at its success. Rose coloured rhododendrons and azaleas decorated the common room, where the prevailing hue is rose coloured, and in the other rooms the flowers were arranged to harmonise. After Lady Ward had been welcomed by the president on behalf of the Club, she was taken on a tour of inspection, and the rest of the afternoon was occupied by a short concert and afternoon-tea. The reception was limited to Club members, of whom there are now over two hundred. Lady Ward wore a coat and skirt of oyster terry tussore, the Directorate revers, sash and buttons being of black, which was also the hue of her picture hat. With her came Miss Ward, wearing a white lingerie costume of lawn and lace, and a biscuit tinted hat with yellow roses and tawny oats; Miss Richmond wore black satin striped ninon with a lace guimpe, and a blue hat with jet beads and aigrette; Mrs. Newman, nattier blue ninon de soie, black hat with banksia roses; Mrs. Findlay, pale brown crepe de chine with brown embroideries, and a lace yoke, brown hat swathed with tulle and finished with lilac; Miss Kane (the clever and energetic secretary) wore tasec Shantung with brown filet insertion, blue straw rustic hat with shaded roses and blue strings; Mrs. Mackay, pale brown cloth Princess costume with brown and gold embroideries and a brown hat; Mrs. Malcolm Ross, celadon green cloth, the lace yoke outlined with Eastern embroidery, blue hat with tips; Mrs. Rankine, brown, brown linen and black hat; Miss Myers, grey radium silk with lace guimpe, rose wreathed hat; Miss Isitt, lingerie gown of white embroidered lawn and lace, hat with shaded roses; Mrs. Winder, black chiffon taffetas and lace; Black and white hat; Dr. Agnes Bennett, brown tailor-made and brown hat with wings; Mrs. Baume (Auckland), celadon taffetas, Princess gown with panels of embroidery, purple straw hat garlanded with grapes; Mrs. Fisher, blue cloth and hat with roses; Mrs. Sutcliffe, pastel Shantung and picture hat; Mrs. Atkinson, black taffetas and black and white toque; Miss Imrie (Palmerston), grey souple cloth sou-tache, hat with roses; Mrs. R. Mackenzie, satin striped ninon de soie braided in black, black picture hat; Mrs. Fell, black chiffon taffetas and lace, black hat. Among those who contributed to the concert programme were: Mrs. Fisher, Miss Parsons, Mrs. Sutcliffe, Miss Eileen Ward, Miss Mercer (who has just returned from Sydney), Miss Barber and Miss Putnam.

A Pleasant Dance.

A very pleasant little dance was given by Miss Estelle Boere as a wind-up to her dancing classes, the guests being mostly the advanced pupils, as the smaller ones had been entertained the day before.

A fancy dress dance was held on The Terrace by Miss Violet Warburton to mark the close of her pupils' season.

A Gay Soiree.

There was a very gay soiree at the opening of the Thorndon Bowling Green on Saturday, as the brilliant sunshine led all the ladies to appear in their summer best. The green was in splendid order, and the beds were gay with flowers. The pavilion was a coign of vantage, and in the big room Mrs. Collins and a bevy of girls presided over the arrangements for tea. Mrs. Barraud, wife of the president, wore black chiffon taffetas and a black toque. Among the many guests were Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, who looked in later in the afternoon. Lady Ward wore a Directorate coat and skirt of Shantung, and a black hat; Mrs. Collins, black tailor-made, smartly braided, black toque with jet beads; Mrs. Galbraith, Atlantic green Shantung, made en Princesse, the net yoke having touches of tarnished gold, black picture hat with field flowers; Mrs. Corliss, green Shantung, with touches of black and coloured embroideries, black hat with roses; Mrs. Percy Brandon, black and white striped voile, black hat with marguerites; Mrs. Bendall, black tailor-made, and black and white toque; Miss Bendall, white linen, with rose-coloured revers, black hat with roses; Mrs. Mentipally, black charmeuse, and black toque; Miss Mentipally, sky-blue Shantung, and hat with cornflowers; Mrs. Nixon, green and black striped ninon, and black toque wreathed with sweet peas; Mrs. Loughnan, grey tailor-made, and grey hat; Miss Collins, pale green Shantung, and blue hat; Miss E. Collins, brown linen, with striped revers; Miss O. Smith, white muslin, with rose-coloured sash and hat; Mrs. Stewright, black taffetas, black and white toque; Mrs. Mantley, plum-coloured Shantung, black hat; Mrs. Exley, grey esmère de soie, lace guimpe, and picture hat; Miss D. Hill, blue striped linen, and blue hat; Mrs. McVilly, brown Shantung, with embroidered net yoke, violet toque; Miss Nixon, celadon Shantung, black picture hat; Miss Holmes, reseda chiffon voile, rose-wreathed hat; Miss White, black charmeuse, with lace insertions, black picture hat; Mrs. D. Findlay, blue tailor-made, blue hat with black cherries; Mrs. Halse, navy taffetas, dark blue hat; Miss Halse, saxe blue Sicilienne, and hat with wings; Mrs. King, cream cloth tailor-made, black picture hat; Mrs. Wallace, grey silk and vieux purple hat; Mrs. Clarke, bronze Shantung, brown hat.

An Interesting Gathering.

There are many visitors here from all parts of New Zealand, their objects in coming being to attend the conference of the Society for Promoting the Health of Women and Children. Dr. Truby King is the leading figure, and his health lectures are all being well received. On Thursday the delegates were entertained by the Wellington members at an "at home" in the Town Concert Hall, among those present being her Excellency Lady Plunket, who, of course, takes a great interest in the subject. A few speeches were made, their object being principally to welcome the visiting delegates, after which the affair assumed a social aspect. Daffodils and anemones decorated the tea tables, and music was supplied by a string band. Dr. Elizabeth Platts-Mills, who is president of the local branch, wore pale grey Shantung, the embroideries having a tinge of purple, while the bolero was faced with deep purple velvet, the tone being repeated in her violet toque. Lady Plunket wore a periwinkle blue cloth, made en Princesse, the little short coat being richly braided in the same shade; her toque was black, with a long flame-coloured osprey; Miss Hill wore rose fance souple cloth and a black hat; Mrs. Atkinson, black tailor-made, and black hat; Mrs. Grey, nattier blue cloth, tailor-made, black jetted toque; Mrs. Chapman, black satin striped ninon, black hat with mauve roses; Mrs. Young, white tailor-made, faced with black, black picture hat; Mrs. Williams, green tailor-made, dark green hat; Mrs. Newman, lotus blue ninon de soie, the lace guimpe finished with gold tassels, blue hat with cornflowers; Mrs. MacVicar, grey ribbed Shantung, black toque with jet beads; Mrs. Findlay, black crepe de chine, black hat; Mrs. Morton (Christchurch), violet cloth, braided in the same shade; Mrs. Fell, black charmeuse, black toque with roses; Mrs. Parke (Auckland), princess gown of rose fance eolonne, black hat with roses; Mrs. Levy, black crepe de chine, black picture hat; Mrs. Hosking (Dunedin), white cloth, tailor-made, touched with black, picture hat; Mrs. Lewis (Hastings), grey tailor-made, black hat; Mrs. Walton, saxe-blue Shantung, brown hat; Mrs. Coleridge, shell pink ninon, black hat with plumest; Mrs. Hadfield, pastel Shantung, black

hat; Mrs. E. Etherington, black ninon, black hat. Lady Ward, who was also present, wore grey souple cloth, black hat.

An At Home.

The "At Home" given by the Warden of the Hadfield Hostel, at Kelburne, was a large and representative affair. The Bishop of Wellington and Mrs. Wallis assisted the Rev. J. Compton to entertain, and the students were most attentive to their guests. The Hostel was inspected with much interest, and the view from the windows—which is most extensive—came in for a lot of admiration. Daffodils and narcissus decorated the tea-tables, while in the hall were masses of arums and golden broom. During the afternoon an address in Latin was presented to his Excellency the Governor, whose first visit it was to the hostel in its finished state, although he had previously laid the foundation stone. Mrs. Wallis wore a mole-coloured tailor-made and a black hat with wings; Mrs. Sprott, black crepe de chine and lace, black picture hat; Mrs. Powles, black chiffon taffetas and lace, black and white bonnet; Miss Powles, blue Shantung, and brown hat; Mrs. Waters, dull green souple cloth, and black hat with plumes; Mrs. Blackburne, grey tailor-made and black hat; Mrs. MacKenzie, white and black chiffon taffetas and black hat with plumes; Mrs. Carter, grey tailor-made, and white and black hat; Mrs. Hwang, a Chinese robe of rich blue brocade over an underskirt of black satin; Miss Greenwood, black chiffon taffetas and lace, black and white toque; Mrs. Balcombe Brown, black tailor-made and black toque; Mrs. Barnett, navy tailor-made and black hat; Miss Ashcroft, cardinal cloth and black hat; Mrs. White, black chiffon taffetas and lace; Mrs. Henderson, navy cloth, blue hat with pink roses.

To Welcome Lady Ward.

A very pleasant "At Home" was given by Miss Coates and the Council of the Victoria League at "The Lawn," Hobson-street, on Tuesday afternoon, to welcome Lady Ward, who is president of the league. The rooms were gay with flowers, quantities of scarlet and yellow tulips and copper birch decorated the drawing-room, whilst the pretty hall was a study in green and white, spring bulbs, arum lilies and palms being placed in every available space. The dining-room table was cleverly done with bright red anemones, black birch, and streamers of ribbon connecting the whole. Lady Ward was received by Miss Coates, Messames Grady and Tuckey (vice-presidents) and the members of the council, who made little speeches of welcome, to which Lady Ward replied with a charming little speech, thanking them for the kindness of their reception. A string band played on the verandah during the afternoon, and many of the visitors strolled outside to enjoy the beauty of the lawns and gardens. Miss Coates wore a handsome gown of violet and white silk, with yoke of cream lace; Lady Ward, mole satin cloth made with long, smartly cut coat with many buttons, black hat with tips;

Miss Ward, navy cloth faced with black satin, large grey straw hat with brown velvet, and large shaded roses; Mrs. Hickey, black ninon, silk coat, black bennet, with mauve flowers; Mrs. Grace, black crepe de chine, handsome lace scarf, black bonnet with white tips; Mrs. Grady, black silk, white lace scarf, black bonnet with touches of white; Mrs. Rankine Brown, blue shot silk gown in faint check, cream net guimpe, silk scarf, wide black hat with feathers; Mrs. Harris, cigar brown Shantung, Tuscan hat swathed with brown velvet; Mrs. Stott, brown tailor-made; Mrs. Findlay, black filet net over white silk, white feather boa, black plumed hat; Mrs. Seddon, black Sicilian coat and skirt, black hat with plumes; Mrs. Newman, navy Shantung, made Princesse, blue tulle guimpe embroidered in faint gold, large hat wreathed with cornflowers; Mrs. Corliss, black taffetas, black hat with small roses; Mrs. Thorne-George, black cloth tailor-made, sable furs, black hat with tips; Mrs. Duncan, mole-coloured cloth, braided, wide hat with wings; Mrs. L. Blundell, black taffetas, cream lace yoke, black hat with heliotrope flowers; Mrs. Hwang, pale blue brocade tunic over dark blue satin; Mrs. Nelson, pretty white silk; her little girl with her Japanese nurse attracted much attention; Mrs. W. Mackenzie, black ninon with cream tucked guimpe, and large black hat; Mrs. J. P. Luke, gray cloth, feather boa, black crinoline toque, finished with jet, and plumes; Miss Richmond, green cloth, black feather boa, burnt straw hat with quills; Mrs. Jan Duncan, brown Shantung, wide brown hat with roses; Mrs. Chatfield, green tailor-made and green hat with violets; Mrs. Corrigan, brown embroidered silk, black hat with plumes; Miss Harding,

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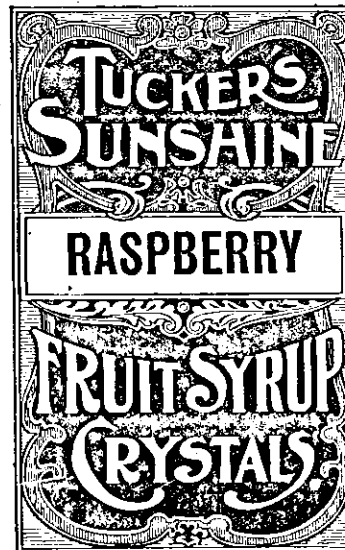
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