

crystal galon; Miss Stead, white and mauve chine silk; Miss Harcourt, ivory Oriental satin with scarves of Maltese lace; Miss Russell, mauve chiffon over sky blue messaline; Miss Fulton, pink and white chine silk; Miss Beauchamp, ivory satin with a draped tunic of spotted chiffon; Miss Stafford, mauve crepe de chine and lace; Miss Cecil Jones, white satin, with a tunic of dew-drop tulle; Miss Tolhurst, ivory satin and lace; Miss Finch, maize charmeuse and lace vest; Miss Scobie Mackenzie, ciel blue Liberty satin, with draperies of lace; Miss Miles, white satin with green and gold appliques; Miss Kennedy, shell pink Liberty satin with lace sleeves and vest; Miss Sinclair, pale rose chiffon taffetas and lace; Miss Simpson, ivory satin and gold embroideries; Miss R. Simpson, pale pink ninon de soie; Miss W. Miles, black satin and jet; Miss Pearce, palest blue magnon with lace sleeves; Miss Brandon, ivory charmeuse, softened with lace; Mrs. Duncan, sky blue charmeuse with touches of silver; Miss Bell, pastel ninon de soie and lace; Miss Tweed, changeant taffetas with Oriental embroideries and lace; Miss Collins, palest charmeuse, the Princess corsage draped with lace; Miss Moorhouse, ivory satin with touches of palest blue; Miss Harding, white charmeuse with gold embroideries; Miss Watson, pastel chiffon taffetas with vest and sleeves of lace; Miss Seddon, black satin and jet; Miss Nathan, ivory satin with pearl and crystal galon; Miss Nathan, pastel charmeuse, the corsage swathed in lace.

Bridge Tournament.

The bridge tournament which was held in aid of the St. John Ambulance District Nurses Fund on Wednesday was an unqualified success. The whole thing went well from start to finish, and was much enjoyed by all present. There were 50 tables, and practically no expenses, as Messrs. Kirkcaldie and Co. generously gave their big tea room free of charge, the players provided their own cards, markers, etc., and the prizes (£3 3/4 and £1 1/4) were orders on the bazaar which is to be opened on Monday. The room, always a pretty one, was decorated with palms and large clumps of arum lilies, and all the lights were shaded with pink, which gave a soft and becoming glow. Play was very animated during the evening. Finally Mrs. C. Pearce and Mr. McCosh Clark were declared the winners, and Mesdames Kane and Abbott the runners-up. Mesdames Morrison, Tweed, and A. Crawford were the promoters of the tournament, and were highly congratulated on the success of it. Supper was provided by Miss Tendall, and the tea-room staff acted as waitresses, all wearing pink and white gowns. There were some very handsome gowns worn, but it was difficult to see them, as there was naturally so little moving about. Mrs. Morrison wore black sequin frock with white lace scarf; Mrs. Crawford, floral silk, faintly patterned pink roses on a pale blue ground; Mrs. Tweed, black lace, banded with velvet over white silk; Mrs. Newman, champagne coloured ninon semi-Directoire gown, with gumpes of jewelled lace and folds of gold tissue; Mrs. C. Pearce, cream satin, with touches of gold on the bodice; Miss Eileen Ward, pale blue satin with crystal embroideries; Mrs. Louissou (Christchurch), black net striped with gold galon worn over pink silk; Mrs. Raume (Auckland), black satin charmeuse, with pearl embroidery; Miss Harcourt, black lace gown, long opera coat of lettuce green silk with Oriental embroideries; Mrs. A. Young, pale pink silk; Mrs. Dymock, white esprit net with touches of pale blue on bodice; Mrs. D. Nathan, black lace and jet; Mrs. J. Abbott, black crepe de chine with bunch of violets on bodice, terra cotta opera coat; Mrs. W. Turnbull, white satin, green coat with embroidery in gold; Mrs. Algar Williams, cream satin; Mrs. Vernon Reed, pale blue ninon de soie; Mrs. Campbell, yellow satin with jewelled lace panel; Mrs. Rankine Brown, black silk and jet; Mrs. Cliffe (England), saze blue satin charmeuse tunic gown, banded with gold and silk embroidery; Miss Skerret black sequin net; Mrs. Dalziel, pink chiffon with touches of brown and gold; Miss Rita Simpson, pink mousseline de soie; Mrs. Arthur Young, rose taffetas; Mrs. Richardson, ivory satin, white lace scarf; Mrs. H. Crawford, white net applique in black velvet; Mrs. Elgar, black satin duchesse, long coat with ermine collar; Mrs. Arthur Duncan, black satin with black and gold embroidery; Mrs. Herbert Nathan, fine black

lace over white satin, shoulder knots of blue velvet. Others present were: Mesdames Kirkcaldie, Duncan, Lee, Fulton, Stafford, Bunny, Collins, Pearce, Misses Watson, Nathan, Jones, Simpson, Tolhurst, Moorhouse, Keblell, Duncan, Messrs. Duncan, Nathan, Cooper, Mr. Justice Denniston, Drs. Purdy, Collins, Professors, Brown, and Adamson.

Supper and Dance.

On Monday night Mrs. Elgar had a delightful little supper and dance as a finale to the bridge tournament in which she and her guests had been taking part. The rooms at Sayes Court were gay with spring flowers. The supper tables were done with anemones and azaleas.

Great preparations are being made for the big bazaar in aid of the District Nurses' branch of the Ambulance Association. It is to last six days, and a great many invitations have been issued for the opening ceremony on Monday, when Her Excellency Lady Plunket will preside.

Elsewhere I send you an account of the marriage of Miss Doris Roskrige, who was much admired on her wedding day. Her engagement to Mr. Collins was announced just before she left for England two years ago, and it is only a couple of months since she returned. Her time in England was mostly spent with her sister, Mrs. Garnet Holmes.

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ROTORUA.

October 26.

A Maori Mission.

Quite a number of people were invited by Miss Griffin to the opening of the new Maori Mission house at Whakarewareware on Monday, the 18th. Miss Griffin (who has come out to New Zealand a second time for the purpose) and Miss Grant hope to do a great work amongst the Maoris at Whakarewareware, the children especially taking to the instruction imparted by those two zealous lady missionaries, of whom they are very fond. Native children are affectionate little souls, and are easily interested. After a short dedication service by Archdeacon Williams, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Tisdall, addresses were given by the Rev. Tisdall and Archdeacon Williams, and by Meta Taupopoki and Wheroero. The absence of the Rev. F. A. Bennett on this occasion was regretted by all, but he is away on a visit to the Islands after the severe shock of his wife's death. A delicious afternoon tea was served to the guests later by Misses Griffin and Grant, assisted by several bright young Maori girls. Amongst the guests I noticed: Mesdames Empson, Tisdall, Malfroy, Kenny (Auckland), Rhodes, Scott, Penney, Robertson, Gardner, Melville, Pasley, Maxwell, Birks, Hill, Steacie, Lyons, Wrigley, Misses Burgoyne, Malfroy, Penney, Seideberg (Napier), Butt.

An At Home.

Mrs. L. Birks gave an "at home" on Tuesday, the 19th, and invited a number of people to meet Archdeacon and Mrs. Williams. She received in an Empire gown of electric-blue chiffon taffeta, and was assisted by Nurse Seideberg (of Napier), who wore a white silk blouse threaded with blue, and a blue lustra skirt. Amongst those present beside the guest of the afternoon, Mrs. Williams, I noticed: Mesdames Malfroy, Empson, Carr, Wilson (Wellington), Kenny (Auckland), Landon, Hammond, Menzies, Whitcombe (Christchurch), Tisdall, Braithwaite, Cragg, Crowhurst, Misses S. Empson, Corlett, Malfroy, Freer, Landon. A delicious afternoon tea was handed round, and during the afternoon, Mrs. Cragg played, and songs were given by Misses Malfroy, Corlett, and S. Empson.

The Winter Dances.

The last of our series of jolly little winter dances was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, the 21st, and, in spite of the rain, everyone turned up, and the dance, as usual, was quite a success. The committee—Mrs. Maxwell, Misses Donne, C. Smith, Pownall, and Hawkesworth—was to be congratulated upon the way in which they have managed these little affairs, which provided a long-felt want amongst the young people. A delicious supper was arranged upon the stage, which has done duty as a supper-room, and the music was provided by Mr. Bartlett, extras being contributed by Misses Smith and Pownall. Amongst those present were Mesdames Maxwell, Kenny, Malfroy, Misses Pownall, Smith, Donne, Hawkesworth, Ireland, S. Emp-

son, Symes (Gisborne), Wylie, Sisley, Lyon, Malfroy, Messrs. Hawkins, G. Empson, W. Purcell, Mauney (Te Aroha), Martin, Wright (Auckland), Hawley, Browning (Auckland), Wylie, Munson, Melville, Dr. Bertram.

The Bowling Season.

The opening of the bowling green on Saturday last was rather marred by the wet weather. A number of bowlers, however, turned up, and the jack was thrown in by Mrs. Urquhart, wife of the president of the club, and the green was declared open in a short speech by the president. All the members present were entertained at afternoon tea at the Kiok by the president. Owing to the sodden condition of the green, through heavy rain, play was not allowed, but bowlers are looking forward to a good season on splendid greens.

Personal.

Archdeacon and Mrs. Herbert Williams have been visiting Rotorua.

Dr. and Mrs. Coates, and Mrs. Leslie Mair (of Auckland), are visiting Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Grimstone (B.N.Z. Waitara) are staying in Rotorua just now.

Mr. W. E. Dive and Miss Dive have just returned to Auckland, after visiting Rotorua.

Mrs. Blow has returned to Rotorua after a holiday spent in Wellington.

Miss Eas Empson, of Rotorua, is visiting friends at Tauranga.

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October 29.

Tennis Opening.

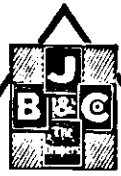
What with the show, races, theatre, and sundry small dances, this last week has been a gala one, and the elements, on the whole, have proved kind. The town has been thronged with visitors in various walks of life, from the "squatter" of the backblocks down to the "organ grinder" of the street corner. The Kaiti Tennis Club were fortunate in having a beautiful afternoon for the opening of their courts on Saturday last, and a very good attendance of both members and friends were present, amongst whom I noticed: The President of the Club, Mr. T. A. Coleman and Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Penn, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. R. Barker, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Palairit, Mrs. F. Barker, Mrs. Maude, Mrs. Murray (Hastings), the Misses Agnew-Brown, McCredie, de Lautour, Barker, Murray, Coleman, Robson, Davies, Coplin (Hawera), Crawford, Bright, Doughty (Wellington), Mrs. Traill and Mrs. Carmichael. A delicious afternoon tea was dispensed by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Barlow, the tables of which were tastefully decorated with roses from Mr. Grant's garden. The Vita Bros. Orchestra played at intervals during the afternoon, and a very pleasant time was spent by everyone present.

A Small Dance.

Mrs. Frank Barker gave a small dance at her home, "Te Harpara," on Tuesday evening. Amongst her guests were: Mrs. W. Barker, Mrs. Stevenson, the Misses Barker, MacLean, Wachsmann, Bennett, Donner, Nolan, Nixon (Dunedin), Reynolds, and Mrs. H. de Lautour.

The Show.

On Tuesday and Wednesday the annual show took place. The weather was showery on the first day, which prevented many people from going out to the grounds, but on Wednesday, "People's Day," bright sunshine prevailed, and a record attendance of over 7000 are said to have passed through the gates, the showers of the previous day having proved a blessing in disguise, for it laid the dust and made the grounds in perfect order. Amongst so many people it was hard to distinguish many notables, much less their frocks, etc., but the following are a few who were to be seen amongst hundreds of others:—Mrs. Murphy, black coat and skirt, white hat trimmed with black; Mrs. Reynolds, grey costume and black hat; Mrs. Nolan, dark tailor-made coat and skirt, electric blue hat trimmed with blue and touches of grey; Mrs. S. Williamson, fawn cloth costume, fawn hat of erinoline straw; Mrs. J. Reynolds, blue and white silk dress, white straw hat; Mrs. R. Sherratt, blue and white striped coat and skirt; Mrs. D. Sherratt, heliotrope and white check costume, burnt straw hat with velvet ribbon; Mrs. Jex-Blake, rose pink linen coat and



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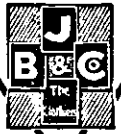
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