

who motored from Palmerston in very disagreeable weather. She was obliged to leave almost directly after the opening for the return journey, but she had previously paid an informal visit to the bazaar early in the day, when she inspected all the stalls, and made her purchases. Lady Plunket wore an electric blue cloth Princess costume, the short bolero smartly soutache in the same shade, a black picture hat with blue ribbons and pink roses; Mrs. Rhodes wore black taffetas, the Empire coat of poplin being softly ruched with lace, black bonnet with ostrich tips; Miss Hill, green cloth and hat with roses; Mrs. Chapman, green tailor-made, mauve toque with roses; Mrs. Young, blue cloth and blue hat with black wings; Mrs. Newman (Mayores), mulberry cloth Princess gown, soutache in the same shade, tugal hat with ostrich tips, and gold buckle; Miss Nathan (who is acting as secretary) wore a pastel cloth Princess gown, and a hat garlanded with flowers; Mrs. Newman (Marion), tan cloth tailor-made and brown hat with black wings; Mrs. Findlay, navy cloth and blue hat with tiny roses.

The Baby Show.

Wednesday was a great day at the bazaar, for then the baby show was on. An army of perambulators outside gave a suggestion of what was going on in the hall, where it was difficult to move for the crowd. The long rows of mothers and babies were surrounded with admirers—voting papers in hand—who discussed the various charms of baby with enthusiasm. Excitement ran high when it was announced that there was only five minutes left, and great was the suspense until the winners were announced. The twins were a particularly fine pair, and their mother, Mrs. Costello, was naturally very proud of them. It was difficult to identify the other prize winners, as they became lost in a congratulatory crowd, and their names and addresses were not easily available. A special effort is being made to get the City Council to allow the Ambulance Committee to have the hall free of charge, as the affair is non-political and non-sectarian. The funds for nursing will be considerably increased by so doing, as rent of the Town Hall for a week is a very heavy item.

Some Visitors.

Visitors to the bazaar have included: Mrs. Duncan, in black chiffon voile and a taffeta coat; Mrs. W. Johnston, navy tailor-made, and black hat with plumes; Mrs. Herries, black and white striped tailor-made, and hat with wings; Miss Harding, green tailor-made, and black hat; Mrs. Morrison, brown coat and skirt, hat with flowers; Mrs. C. Johnston, grey tailor-made, and black hat with green wings; Mrs. Leckie, Tussock coat and skirt, and black picture hat; Miss Fauchep, pson blue frieze, and blue toque; Mrs. Hacon, green tailor-made, and green and black hat; Mrs. Collins, pastel cloth tailor-made, and black hat; Mrs. Hsard, dark blue cloth, and hat with roses; Mrs. Elgar, grey striped tweed tailor-made, faced with black, black picture hat.

Garden Party.

Thursday was a glorious day for a garden party, and there were many guests at the one where Mrs. T. W. Young was hostess. The pretty grounds were looking their best, and on the lawn various croquet and putting competitions were going on. Under the shady trees was a band, which played all the latest showy music. Scarlet poppies and white gaulther roses decorated the tea room, and in the drawing-room were many fragrant flowers. Mrs. Young wore black crepe de chine, with a guimpe of lace; Miss Young, a Princess gown of white broderie Anglaise, inserted with lace; Mrs. T. Young, pale pink and white floral muslin, with effective touches of black, black picture hat; Miss Arthur Young, amande Shantung, the coat braided in the same shade, green hat garlanded with roses; Mrs. Alec Young, pale pink linen, guimpe of lace, white ermine hat with black tulle and white wings; Mrs. W. Young, white linen Directoire coat and skirt, with revers of pale blue, black mushroom hat with wings; Mrs. Tripe, black taffeta, and black toque; Mrs. Martin, blue Shantung, and blue hat; Mrs. Dean, blue chiffon voile, and blue and brown hat; Mrs. Russell, mauve Shantung with lace guimpe, black hat with shaded roses; Mrs. MacArthur, green Shantung, with

touches of darker green velvet; Mrs. Hannay, white muslin inserted with lace; Miss Finch, pale blue linen, mushroom hat with flowers; Miss Simpson, floral muslin with lace guimpe, floral hat; Miss Martin, pale blue ninon, and black hat. OPHELIA.

CAMBRIDGE.

November 6.

The opening day at the croquet clubs took place on Wednesday, but the weather upset everything. A large party had been expected from Hamilton for the occasion, but only five braved the weather. Mrs. Earl, the hon. secretary, on whose ground the lawns are, very kindly invited us in to afternoon tea in her house, after which an adjournment was made to the lawns, and in the absence of the president (Mrs. J. R. S. Richardson) Mrs. Earl hit the first ball through the hoop and declared the lawns opened for the season, after which Mr. and Mrs. Hyde, of Hamilton, played Mrs. Alan Bell and Mr. Forbes, of Cambridge. Of course, everyone was in coats and skirts or mackintoshes, instead of a display of pretty spring frocks, as is usual on these occasions.

Bazaar.

The annual bazaar in connection with St. Paul's Methodist Church was held in the Alexandra Hall on Friday and Saturday last. The opening ceremony was performed by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. W. F. Buckland).

The various stalls were all tastefully decorated, the sweet stall being especially worthy of mention. The decorations were carried out under the supervision of Mrs. Veale. The orchestra, under the baton of Mrs. Isherwood, gave several selections. A pretty floral march was gracefully performed by a number of young ladies, also under her direction. The list of stall-holders is as follows:—Plain work, Mesdames Beck, Kingdon, and Russell, and Miss Nixon; fancy work, Misses R. Nixon and Vosper; fernery, Mesdames H. L. Nixon, C. Reid, and P. Smith; literature, the Misses I. Nixon, E. Reece, and Hulise; produce, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Miss Hooker; jumble, the Misses Reynolds and Trythall; sweets, Misses E. and M. Roberts, Butler, and Dickenson; fish pond, Misses M. Butler, V. Morgan, and A. Allen; Christmas tree, Mrs. Shepherd and Miss Hooker; guessing competitions, Misses J. and L. McNish, E. Vosper, Dickenson, Chitty, R. Beeche, Wootton, E. Reid, and M. Allen; refreshments, Mesdames C. Roberts, Edmonds, A. Gane, and McCordle, Misses Clark, Fisher (2), Alliwil, and Beck.

A gaily-decorated Christmas tree, laden with all sorts of articles, proved a great source of interest to the young folk.

The New Town Hall.

On Thursday afternoon a meeting of the ladies of Cambridge was called by the Town Clerk (Mr. F. J. Brooks) to discuss and arrange about the celebrations in connection with the opening of the new Town Hall. There was a very large and representative meeting of ladies, when it was decided to hold a social on the first night, to be followed by a children's dance the next day from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., to be followed by a dance for the older ones. A strong committee of ladies was formed, and they undertook to provide all the refreshments for both days.

Personal.

Mrs. H. Price, of Auckland, is visiting Mrs. Brookes, of "Jesmond," Cambridge, for a few days. Mrs. U. F. Buckland has gone to stay with her sister, Mrs. Bassett, of Onehunga, for the benefit of her health. Mrs. J. C. Mackay, of Devonport, has been staying with Mrs. Roberts for a fortnight, and returns home to-day, taking Mrs. Roberts back with her. Mr. M. Wright, the father of the Bowling Club here, has come up from Auckland to be present at the opening on the 9th inst, and is staying with his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Nicoll, of Cambridge. Mrs. W. A. Scott, of Cambridge, has gone with her family to Devonport for three months. ELSIE.

GISBORNE.

November 6.

The Tennis Season.
The Whataupoko tennis courts bid fair to being as popular as ever this year,

judging from the very large attendance present on Saturday afternoon, when the courts were opened for the season. Afternoon tea was provided by the lady members of the club, and was presided over by Mrs W. R. Barker, wife of the president. Amongst those present were: Mrs W. R. Barker, wearing white embroidered linen, large hat trimmed with flowers and bows of velvet ribbon; Mrs Barker, senr., black silk gown and black bonnet; Mrs Willock, grey tailor-made, small black hat with clusters of dull pink rosebuds; Mrs Agnew-Brown, grey and pink floral silk, large black hat with plumes; Mrs Reese, white muslin, cornflower blue toque; Mrs Williams, heliotrope linen coat and skirt, large picture hat of violet silk; Mrs Mann, brown linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat with bows of black velvet ribbon; Mrs Jeffries, light tweed coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Anderson, butcher blue linen costume; Mrs Williamson, handsome black grenadine over petunia silk, large black hat with feathers, etc.; Mrs F. Barker, white embroidered Anglaise Princess robe, and handsome lace coat, white hat with floral trimming; Mrs J. Murphy, green linen Princess gown, large green hat with pink roses; Mrs H. de Lantour, white serge coat and skirt, relieved with black, large black and white hat; Mrs A. Seymour, navy striped linen coat and skirt, large rose-pink floral hat; Mrs A. Rees, black and white striped coat and skirt, white ermine hat with cluster of blue daisies; Mrs Kells, white serge costume, floral hat; Mrs W. Sherratt, blue and white striped silk, white straw hat with bows of velvet ribbon; Mrs Morrison, white muslin, large white hat; Mrs C. Thomas; Mrs Parker also wore white muslin, with an embroidered coat, and black hat; Mrs Donner, blue cloth coat and skirt, braided in black, rose-pink hat; Mesdames MacLean, Dunlop (Auckland), Lewis, Barlow, Murray (Hastings), Johnston, Carmichael, Stock, Traill, Kissinging, Porter, Stock, Pyke, R. Sherratt, Humphreys, Blair, Hughes, and Murray, Misses Coleman, Barker (4), Dunlop (Auckland), MacLean, Lewis, de Lantour, Bradley, Seymour, Reynolds, Agnew Brown, Evans, Murray, Sherratt, Nixon (Dunedin), Willis, Schumacher, and Foster.

A Dance.

Mrs. W. Barker gave a very pleasant little dance at her home, "Midelney," on Friday evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. They included: Mr and Mrs F. Barker, Dr. and Mrs Williams, Mr and Mrs Jeffries, Mr and Mrs Mann, Mr and Mrs Jex-Blake, the Misses Barker (2), Nixon (Dunedin), MacLean, Donner, Nolan, Pyke, Mrs J. Murphy, Miss Bennett, Miss Gray, Miss Ferguson (Ireland), and Miss MacLean (Napier).

Personal.

Mrs and Miss Dunlop, of Auckland, are visiting relatives in Gisborne. The Ven. Archdeacon Williams returned from Auckland by the Monowai on Sunday. Miss Seymour is the guest of Mrs Loisel, the East Coast. The Hon. Captain Tucker returned from Wellington on Saturday last. Mr and Mrs Nolan have gone to Christchurch for Cup week. Miss Gillingham returned to Wellington on Sunday. Mr, Mrs and Miss H. White are visiting Christchurch for the races, etc. down there. Miss Nixon returned to Dunedin by the Monowai on Sunday last. ELSA.

NAPIER.

November 5.

We had Mr. John Foster Fraser with us this week, and felt quite sorry we had read his books so well: it is so much easier listening to a traveller's tales. His lectures were very well patronised in Napier, but as the theatre was in almost complete darkness from beginning to end, dresses were not to be had for the discerning. However, here are a few that I noticed: Mrs. J. H. Coleman wore a black gown, with lovely lace on bodice; Mrs. Dr. Moore, black skirt and pale pink silk blouse, with lattice of narrow black ribbon velvet; Mrs. Rutherford, black gown and long grey coat; Misses Rutherford wore very charming coats of vieux rose and light frocks; Misses Hindmarsh wore pretty white frocks; Mrs. Margoliouth, handsome black velvet gown relieved with white; Miss Margoliouth, pale blue and white striped frocks finished with

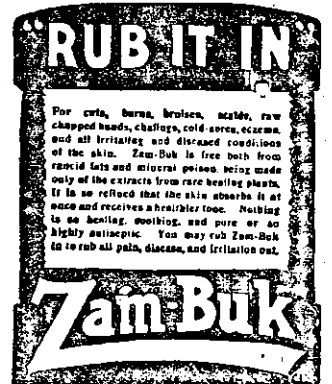
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