

sports programme there were putting and croquet competitions for the benefit of the visitors. Miss Ecclesfield was in mauve striped linen and a hat with purple flowers; Mrs. Hudson, Atlantic green linen and dark green hat; Mrs. Fisher, tussore silk, faced with green, green hat with roses; Mrs. Kendall, navy Sicilian coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Larnach, green striped tweed and purple hat with violets; Mrs. Young, pink linen and pale pink toque; Miss Harding, green linen coat and skirt with facings of green silk, black hat with flowers; Miss Ashcroft, blue alpaca and black hat; Miss MacGregor, brown linen and cerise hat; Mrs. Hwang, petunia frieze and hat with shaded roses; Miss Lee, tabac linen and black hat; Miss Jameson, white embroidered linen and floral hat.

A Farewell Tea.

Mrs. Horatio Nelson's tea on Thursday was intended as a farewell to Mrs. Noel Nelson. Curiously enough, although the surname is the same, there is no relationship between the two families. The tea table was done with red rhododendrons and white narcissus, while red ribbons gave an added touch of colour. Mrs. Nelson wore pale grey ninon de soie, made en Princesse, with a delicate touch of pale blue on the tucked net guimpe; Miss Violet Nelson, white lingerie robe of lawn and lace; Mrs. Roland Robertson, pastel Shantung and rose wreathed hat; Mrs. Noel Nelson, petal pink ninon de soie, t.e. tunic skirt hemmed with taffetas of the same shade, mushroom hat with shaded pink roses; Mrs. Louis Blundell, black crepe de chine and lace, black toque with roses.

Kitchen Tea.

A kitchen tea for Miss Hoggard was given on Monday by Miss Vera Fulton, who is to officiate at the wedding as a bridesmaid. Pink ixias and feathery grasses made an artistic adornment to the tea table, and later on in the afternoon there was a very pleasant little amateur concert, to which the hostess contributed. Much fun greeted the opening of the parcels, and many of the guesses turned out hopelessly wrong. Miss Fulton wore white muslin en Princesse and elaborately inserted with lace; Miss Hoggard, glacier blue Shantung with a square guimpe of tucked net and a Josephine scarf, white picture hat with black plumes; Mrs. Fulton was in black crepe de chine with a lace yoke and embroideries in a pale shade of blue.

OPHELIA.

CAMBRIDGE.

November 12.

The Shakespeare Club.

On Monday evening the local Shakespeare Club gave an open night in the Victoria Hall for their closing evening of the present session. The piece chosen was Bernard Shaw's play, "Captain Brassbound's Conversion."

Summer Sports.

On Tuesday, the King's Birthday, the Bowling and Tennis Clubs opened their Lewis, when the weather proved more favourable than for the Croquet Club the week before, and there were very large gatherings. Mr. M. Fisher, the President of the Bowling Club, made a very appropriate speech in declaring the greens open, and Mrs. Fisher, wife of the President, threw the Jack across the green.

The tennis courts were opened by the President (Mr. W. M. C. Walker) with an excellent little speech, and the opening sets were played by Mrs. McCauley and Mr. A. H. Nicoll, and Miss McGovern and Mr. C. P. Stone, and Miss Lundon and Mr. R. J. Roberts, Mrs. H. Nixon and Mr. T. H. Simpson. Amongst so large and scattered a gathering it was difficult to see many of the dresses, but some of those I noticed were: Mrs. W. R. C. Walker, in a pale grey Etoupe coat and skirt, and white silk vest and large white hat trimmed with black velvet; Mrs. A. Stone, mauve and white striped gingham and white hat trimmed with black lace rosettes; Mrs. Hammond, cinnamon brown silk voile with vest of cream lace and brown hat; Mrs. R. Fisher, black canvas voile and black and white hat; Mrs. James Taylor, dark grey tweed tailor-made and black toque, with violets; Mrs. Middleton, navy blue tailor-made coat and skirt, and brown hat; Miss Middleton, mole coloured costume and hat to match; Mrs. George, grey and white striped coat and skirt and black hat; Mrs. Brooks, grey tweed coat and skirt and black bonnet trimmed with primulas;

Mrs. J. R. S. Richardson, brown tailor-made coat and skirt and black hat trimmed with mauve flowers.

ELSIE.

GISBORNE.

November 12.

We had beautiful weather for the King's Birthday, and hardly a soul was to be seen in the streets all day. The military sports, which took place that day were a great success, and had a very large attendance.

Afternoon Tea.

A very pleasant little afternoon tea was given on Monday last by Mrs. Blair in her pretty new home at Kaiiti, the guest of honour being Mrs. Frank Evans, of Masterton. Mrs. Blair's sister-in-law, who has been staying at "Bushmere." The hostess received her guests in a costume of soft grey check material, with vest and sleeves of tucked ecru net; Mrs. Frank Evans wore white muslin trimmed with insertions, very wide embroidered Anglaise; Mrs. MacLean, brown linen coat and skirt, brown hat to match; Mrs. Black, black costume, small black hat; Mrs. F. Parker, pale pink linen coat and skirt, hat of Tuscan straw with bows of black velvet ribbon; Mrs. Willock, grey tailor-made costume, small black hat with bunches of dull red rosebuds; Mrs. A. Rees, blue floral muslin, black hat; Mrs. Smith, white muslin, rose pink hat trimmed with tulle, etc.; Mrs. W. Sherratt, Empire dress of blue and white striped silk, burnt straw hat with bows of blue velvet ribbon; Mrs. A. Seymour, blue striped coat and skirt, large rose pink floral hat; Mrs. Stevenson, tailor-made costume of dark green cloth, white Leghorn hat with trimmings of black velvet; Mrs. C. Sherriff, black costume and black hat; Miss Evans, white muslin; Miss Gordon (Opotiki), heliotrope gingham, white lingerie hat; the Misses Barker (2), white muslin and floral hats; Miss Schumacher, pale pink lustre coat and skirt, violet hat; the Misses White (2), white muslin frocks; Miss Tucker, fawn cloth costume; Miss Black, white linen, green hat trimmed with green wings, etc.; Miss Bradley, white muslin and violet hat; Miss MacLean, and Miss M. Sherratt.

Personal.

Mrs. Reynolds, Hawke's Bay, is on a visit to Mrs. Hine. Mr. and Mrs. F. Evans, Masterton, who have been visiting Mrs. Evans, "Bushmere," returned home on Wednesday last.

ELSA.

FIELDING.

November 12.

Ornamental Tea.

An ornamental tea was given on Friday, November 12th, to Miss Vera Sandilands by Mrs. Luxmoore. The idea is that each guest is to bring an ornament as a wedding present. The drawing-room was beautifully decorated with quantities of roses, and the hall with scarlet geraniums. A delicious tea was provided. Mrs. Luxmoore received her guests in a black silk frock with cream lace on bodice; Miss Luxmoore, white muslin; Miss Sandilands, white muslin; Mrs. Sandilands, fawn coat and skirt, hat with heliotrope and green scarf; Miss Eileen Sandilands, blue and white linen dress, white hat, trimmed with blue; Mrs. Clayton, dark blue tailor-made gown with black braid, floral toque; Mrs. Gillespie, dark blue dress, floral hat; Mrs. Aylmer, white dress, black hat covered with white daisies; Mrs. Walker, cream dress, black hat; Miss Pratt, green silk muslin, heliotrope hat; Mrs. Sydney Fitzherbert, heliotrope linen coat and skirt, green hat; Mrs. Montgomerie, dark grey coat and skirt, white hat; Mrs. Hill, green costume, hat to match; Mrs. Sydney Johnson, green tailor-made costume, white hat with heliotrope sweet peas; Miss Kirton, fawn coat and skirt, hat with pink sweet peas; Mrs. Atkinson, dark blue coat and skirt, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Cotterill, brown costume with toque to match; Mrs. Woolfams, brown tailor-made coat and skirt, burnt straw hat with pink roses; Mrs. Macquie, grey dress, heliotrope hat; Mrs. Carr, peacock blue costume, white hat, trimmed with blue; Mrs. Willis, green coat and skirt, hat with heliotrope roses; Mrs. Jacob (Kiwitea), green tailor-made tweed, green hat; Mrs. Meyrick, brown tailor-made costume, brown hat with pink roses; Mrs. Wheeler (Stanway), brown

dress, hat with heliotrope; Mrs. Long, grey coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Mackay, black and white costume; Miss Long, white linen, white hat with pink flowers; Mrs. Ed. Goodchere, black and white dress, black hat.

Personal.

Mrs. McAllum is in Wellington, where she is the guest of Mrs. De Castro, Talavera Terrace. Mrs. Halliday is spending a few days in Wellington. Mrs. Porter has gone to Wellington for a week.

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HASTINGS.

November 11.

Floral Fete.

Last Tuesday afternoon a meeting of those interested in the floral fete, to be held under the auspices of the Society for the Health of Women and Children, was held in the Library Hall. About 60 were present at the meeting. It was decided to hold the fete on the racecourse on December 8th.

Visiting Gowns.

Mrs. Jack Miller is wearing a smart Putty cloth pleated frock, white souchette, plumed hat of black; Mrs. H. Russel is wearing a green hair cloth coat and skirt, amethyst mushroom hat; Mrs. (Colonel) Goring, silver taffeta Russian jacket and skirt, burnt straw hat with black silk bows; Mrs. Macdonell, shepherd's plaid kilted frock, and a chic little black buttoned coat, black hat; Mrs. Toswell is looking particularly nice in a black and white striped costume and a saxe blue hat and veil; Mrs. Newbigen, military blue coat and kilted skirt, champagne straw sailor, with rose velvet band, jet medallions, blue and champagne cockade; Miss Barcroft, a smart green and brown plaid coat and skirt, Panama hat; Mrs. Nairn, brown braided coat and skirt, brown toque with large ruyosia blue wings; Mrs. J. Faulkner is wearing a grey costume with lovely petrol blue satin hat, which becomes her exceedingly well; Mrs. Bellily is looking stylish in a gown of a fuchsia tone, black sequined hat; Mrs. Williams (Havelock), black and white striped coat and skirt, faced with black silk, cinnamon straw hat with black silk; Mrs. Lewis looks very elegant in a chamois cloth coat and skirt, buttoned and braided and lined with rose silk, becoming hat of corresponding shades; Mrs. Scannell, grey coat and skirt, pretty black hat with touches of China blue; Mrs. Brook-Taylor, handsome tobacco brown silk voile gown, smart hat en suite; Mrs. Lowry, mole and black striped coat and skirt, amethyst stole, black Merry Widow hat.

Personal.

Mrs. Macdonell has gone to Wellington with her father (Mr. Munroe), who is returning to the West Coast. The Misses Macfarlane (Grange) have gone for a trip to Rotorua. Mrs. Z. Cameron has returned from Masterton. Mrs. Peterson has gone back to Woodville. Misses Foster are visiting relatives in Hastings.

SIFERA.

STRATFORD.

November 13.

Mrs. Uinacke gave another of her delightful musical "At Home's" last Wednesday afternoon, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The music-room and drawing-room were prettily decorated with roses.

Amongst those present and invited were: Mrs. Munro, Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. S. Robinson, Mrs. Wake, Mrs. Budge, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Warnford, Mrs. Fookes, Mrs. Dillon-Carbery, Mrs. Mendes, Miss Bennett, Miss Fensell, Mrs. Porrett, Mrs. Meek, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Raikes, Mrs. Glasgow, Miss Grant. Mrs. Munro played some pieces and accompaniments, which were appreciated, and Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. Uinacke gave great pleasure by singing some charming songs.

DENISE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

November 12.

Tennis.

The formal opening of the New Plymouth West End Club's courts took

place last Saturday. There was a large attendance of the public. Amongst those present I noticed: Miss Lewis (Gisborne), cream costume, brown chip hat with yellow roses; Mrs. Ronald, navy blue costume, hat swathed with reseda green ribbon; Mrs. Alexander, white linen, Tuscan hat finished with floral scarf; Mrs. Leatham, white muslin, white crinoline straw hat trimmed with pale pink roses, and loops of black velvet ribbon; Mrs. Penn, white embroidered muslin, brown chip straw hat; Mrs. H. Stocker, white muslin with embroidery insertion, French blue straw hat, and floral scarf; Mrs. Claude Weston, cream and brown striped colienne, with bands of brown silk and rich cream lace on bodice, pretty black feathered hat; Mrs. Atkinson, very striking cream cloth coat and skirt trimmed with black and white silk braid, brown straw toque with roses and eoque feathers; Mrs. Frank Wilson looked well in a lovely embroidered muslin with narrow satin bands on skirt, black feathered hat; Miss Brewster, white tucked and inserted muslin, burnt straw hat swathed with sweet peas; Mrs. W. Shaw, pale grey costume faced with black and white striped silk, black feathered toque; Mrs. Hemo, black costume, waistcoat of white silk velvet in black lace, pretty violet bodice finished with blue; Mrs. H. Day, narrow navy blue and white striped costume, cream hat with pink roses; Miss Cartie, moss green striped linen costume, brighter green straw hat with cerise roses; Miss McKellar, grey costume faced with green, burnt straw hat with blue; Mrs. Fitzherbert, grey and black striped linen coat and skirt, black feathered hat; Mrs. Courtney, black costume, real lace yoke, black and white hat; Miss E. McAllum, white muslin, Tuscan hat swathed with blue; Miss Devore (Auckland), Wedgwood blue coat and skirt, Tuscan hat with blue; Miss M. Fookes, white muslin, cornflower blue silk, swathing hat; Miss Whitaker (England), moss green costume, hat with shaded roses; Miss E. Bayley, cinnamon brown linen coat and skirt, cream silk blouse, ecru coloured hat, with pale pink roses and loops of brown velvet ribbon; Miss Hanna, reseda green berked tweed costume, burnt straw hat with loops of reseda green ribbon; Miss Bedford, eau de nil Shantung silk, cream lace yoke, violet mushroom hat with roses; Miss D. Bedford, white muslin, Tuscan hat; Mrs. G. Keblel, reseda green coat and skirt trimmed with black silk braid, cornflower blue hat, with blue floral scarf; Miss M. Robinson, rose pink muslin, cream crinoline straw hat, with loops of pale pink satin ribbon.

Bowling.

The New Plymouth Bowling Club was formally opened last Tuesday afternoon, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. About three o'clock the President (Mr. G. Grey), after making his welcoming speech, called upon Mrs. Grey to throw the Jack, and thus open the season. Dainty afternoon tea was served in the pavilion provided by the President's wife, Mrs. Grey. Amongst those present were Mrs. Grey, cream tucked silk, black feathered hat; Mrs. Collins, reseda green pinafore costume, cream hat swathed with two shades of green silk; Mrs. A. D. Grey, heliotrope colienne, with bands of violet velvet ribbon on skirt, toque with shaded red roses; Mrs. Whetter, pale blue muslin, hat with hydrangeas; Mrs. Ewing, tussore silk, navy blue and white hat; Mrs. C. T. Mills, green and white striped linen, brown chip hat, with loops of brown ribbon; Miss Devore, pretty heliotrope floral muslin trimmed with lace and a darker shade of silk, burnt straw hat with blue; Mrs. H. Goldwater, rich brown taffetas, brown hat with shaded roses; her friend wore a very pretty white muslin, with embroidered lace coat, dainty cream hat en suite; Mrs. Morrison, navy coat and skirt, violet hat; Mrs. Sinclair, black taffetas, semi-Empire black and white hat; Mrs. Fraser, pretty mole coloured costume en Princesse, bonnet trimmed with eoque feathers; Mrs. R. Gray, navy blue tailor-made, with black silk braidings, pretty violet rose hat wreathed with roses and silk; Mrs. Hall, tussore silk, heliotrope toque; Mrs. Percy Webster, green linen, violet rose hat; Mrs. Clement Webster, cream costume, pretty black feathered hat.

Fire Brigade Ball.

The Theatre Royal was decidedly en fete last Tuesday evening (King's Birthday), it being the occasion of the Fire