

own dress of ivory satin richly embroidered.

A Ladies' Dinner.

There were a hundred and fifty guests at the third annual dinner of the Wellington Trained Nurses' Association, including several visitors from other parts of New Zealand. Toasts were proposed and responded to by Mrs. Kendall (the president), Dr. Agnes Bennett, Mrs. Irving (Canterbury), Mrs. A. R. Atkinson, and Miss MacLean. The decorations of red and white flowers were carried out in a Maltese Cross design (the nurses' badge), and after dinner there was a pleasant musical programme. Mrs. Kendall wore black crepe de chine and lace; Mrs. Irving, poppy red and chiffon taffetas and Maltese lace; Mrs. (Dr.) Agnes Bennett, black Liberty satin and lace; Dr. Elizabeth Gunn, white chiffon taffetas; Miss MacLean, black jetted net; Mrs. Fisher, pale pink crepe de chine, and a coat of Irish lace; Mrs. Baume, Princess gown of black charmeuse with jet and gold embroideries; Mrs. Salmond, grey crepe de chine and lace; Miss Payne, electric blue chiffon taffetas with lace yoke and silver scarf; Mrs. Etherington, black ninon de soie; Mrs. Young, gobelin blue crepe de chine; Mrs. Haddfield, dull purple messaline; Miss Berry, pale blue eolienne, with guimpe of lace; Miss Holgate, black lace and net.

Miss MacLean was hostess at a tea on Thursday, the guests of honour being the visiting delegates to the Nurses' Conference. The tea was held at the Kelburne Kiosk, one portion of the glassed-in verandah being reserved and set with flower-decorated tables. Miss MacLean wore grey crepe de chine and a black picture hat.

Flower Show.

The Town Hall looked very gay on Wednesday for the Rose Show, and the Rose and Carnation Club made a great success of it. There was keen competition for the silver tea set, and Mrs. H. M. Gore was much envied as the fortunate possessor for a year, at least. The tea arrangements were particularly good. Over the decorated tables there was much discussion owing to their general excellence, the prize, by popular vote, being awarded to Mrs. Twingham, who had used sweet peas. A table which took second place was decorated with aequilegia in pale mauve and yellow tints. Most of the rose prizes were won by Mr. Trevithick, including the "Lady Ward" Silver Bowl, but the championship medal was awarded to Mr. Burch for a splendid bloom. Many welcomes were extended to the President (Dr. Izard), who had only returned from England the day before, and a mild sensation was aroused by his suit and hat, all alike in a bright shade of sapphire blue. The show was opened by the Mayoress (Mrs. Newman), who was received by the committee and presented with a lovely bouquet of roses. With her came Mrs. J. G. Wilson, who is a noted rose grower from the Rangitikei district, and Miss Constance MacLean (Mrs. Newman's guest). Mrs. Newman wore sapphire blue eolienne, made en Princesse, the square yoke outlined in galon of blues and dull gold, her blue hat had a gold buckle and blue plumes; Mrs. Tuckey, black chiffon taffetas and black brocaded coat; Mrs. Grace, black tailor-made with braided revers, black and white bonnet; Mrs. Samuel, blue Shantung and black hat; Miss Ward, grey blue Shantung, grey hat with yellow roses and wheat; Mrs. Dalzell, white cloth dress, the Directoire coat souché in black, Tuscan hat with hydrangeas; Mrs. Wilson (Bulls), dark amethyst ninon, square net yoke, and black picture hat; Miss Wilson, white lingerie costume, sash of geranium red velvet, black hat wreathed with geraniums; Mrs. Russell (Palmerston), mole tailor-made, and black hat; Miss Johnston, navy serge, the coat having revers of palest blue, black hat with plumes; Mrs. Williams, black chiffon taffetas and black and white toque; Mrs. Reed, white tailor-made, pale blue hat; Mrs. Riddiford (Rangitikei), dark blue cloth, braided, dark blue hat; Mrs. Goode (Hawera), navy serge; Mrs. V. Riddiford, pale blue cloth, souché in the same shade, black hat with tips; Mrs. Miles, brown tailor-made, black hat with flowers; Miss Miles, mole Siellienne, with pleated skirt, and pale mauve facings, and Directoire coat, mole hat with mauve violets; Mrs. Finch, myrtle green eolienne, lace guimpe, and dark green hat; Miss Finch, white lawn and lace; Mrs. Litchfield, lilac linen, and black hat; Mrs. Wallis, mole eolien Princesse, with panel of souché, net guimpe, and black picture hat; Mrs.

Findlay, blue linen, brown hat with flowers; Mrs. Johnson (Highton), black cloth tailor-made, and black and white hat; Mrs. Duncan, mole coat and skirt, smartly braided, mole hat; Mrs. Pearce, gendarme blue tailor-made, black plumed hat; Mrs. Fisher, blue eolienne tegal hat with roses; Mrs. Rhodes, black dress and black toque; Miss Moorhouse, Beauvais blue cloth, made a la morgen age, the skirt knitted from the knees, while the tunic was pleated horizontal, and had handsome appliques of black souché, black picture hat; Mrs. Tringham, white muslin Princesse costume, white muslin hat with coloured roses; Miss Skerrett, blue tailor-made, white hat with black beads and tips; Mrs. Chatfield, blue tailor-made, and hat with violets; Mrs. Nathan, green linen coat and skirt, black hat; Miss Nathan, mauve linen and mauve hat; Mrs. Tewsley, petrol blue charmeuse, net guimpe, and black picture hat; Miss Tewsley, turquoise coat and skirt, white hat; Mrs. H. Gülmér, pink flowered muslin, and pink hat; Miss Rauchop, white muslin Empire dress, large white hat with flowers; Mrs. Bunny, grey tailor-made, and mole hat; Mrs. Holmes, brown linen, and black hat with yellow flowers; Mrs. Gorton (Feilding), nattier blue Siellienne, with black satin facings, black hat, pale blue and petunia roses; Mrs. Macarthy, white muslin, coat of Irish crochet, hat wreathed with violets; Mrs. Hansell, pale brown tailor-made, and rose-wreathed hat; Miss Harecourt, paon blue tailor-made, and blue hat; Mrs. Morrison, mole coloured cloth, and black hat; Miss MacLean (Hawke's Bay), white muslin, tegal hat with big pink roses; Mrs. O. Crawford, fawn and pale blue striped tweed, pale blue hat with choux of Valenciennes lace; Mrs. Bundell, brown linen, and black hat with flowers; Mrs. Ward, saxe blue taffetas, lace guimpe, and black picture hat; Mrs. H. Gore, royal blue voile, net yoke, and black picture hat; Mrs. J. Joseph, navy blue, much braided; Mrs. Yllie, blue taffetas, and black hat with flowers; Mrs. S. Harcourt, lotus blue Shantung, faced with black, pale blue hat; Mrs. Davies (South America), grey tailor-made, and white hat; Mrs. E. Bundell, white lingerie costume, bisenet hat banded with tangerine velvet.

Euchre Party.

There were over 150 guests at a euchre party given in honour of Miss Beatrice Mercer (Sydney), whose fine contralto voice has been much admired here. Carroll's rooms, where the party was held, were elaborately decorated with flowers, and the card-playing was interspersed with a capital musical programme—Miss Mercer contributing several items. She wore black charmeuse and red roses; Mrs. Coull, ivory satin veiled in net; Mrs. Darling, bronze taffetas; Mrs. Newman (Mayoress), black and white striped ninon, with touches of pale blue. The handsome prizes were won by Mesdames Pascoe and Mead, and Messrs. Hull and Hoops.

Personal.

Everyone was so sorry to hear of Miss Freda Martin's serious illness on the very eve of her wedding day, which, of course, is now indefinitely postponed. Much sympathy is felt for her people, and for her fiancé, Mr. Reid, who are undergoing such anxiety. Appendicitis is always a rather lengthy illness, even in its most favourable form, and Miss Martin's friends are all wishing her a speedy recovery.

I am glad to give you more favourable news of Mrs. Frank Leckie, who, as you know, met with a terrible accident last week by being struck in the face with the full force of a man's golf club. She is progressing well, and it is hoped will entirely recover from the blow, although at first her condition was dangerous. Besides being very popular, Mrs. Frank Leckie is a notably handsome woman, and if good wishes are of any avail, she would soon be well.

OPHEILIA.

HAMILTON.

November 19.

The Show.

The eighteenth A. and P. Show held in the Waikato was terribly marred by the inclement weather experienced on the second day (the people's day). The horses were superb, and were said to be, as a class, never equalled in New Zealand. The champion ladies' horse was particularly admired, Eureka, born and bred in the Waikato, and ridden by its owner's daughter, Miss Olive Hinton.

Although such a splendid rider, she had rather a nasty spill, owing to the slippery ground, but pluckily mounted again, and took her horse over every jump. Miss Adams, who also had a spill, was rather more hurt, as the girth broke, shooting the saddle and rider far ahead. Among those present we noticed: The President's wife (Mrs. J. Wright), in navy and green striped costume and pretty jet beehive hat; Mrs. Hardman, mole-coloured costume with dark heliotrope revers, cream hat with shaded heliotrope "humanity plumage"; Mrs. Going, brown silk costume and hat; Mrs. Reece, pretty pale grey costume and large purple hat with roses; Mrs. Loughnan, grey striped Eton costume, black hat; Miss Loughnan, navy costume; Miss Rothwell, navy costume; Mrs. Pailleret, grey costume, pretty hat with roses; Miss O. Sande, brown striped blouse suit, brown hat; Mrs. Stewart, navy costume, sweet green and old rose floral toque; Miss Lovell, grey coat and spring hat; Mrs. Pemberton, navy costume, green hat; Mrs. Jackson, dark green coat and hat; Mrs. Tompkins, green costume, Tuscan and black beehive hat; Mrs. Barugh, black; Mrs. Lovell, black; Mrs. Allan Bell, navy costume and black hat; Mrs. T. Jolly, light grey costume, pretty grey and heliotrope hat; Miss Bowker, pretty grey costume, large black hat; Miss Hunter, grey and white striped Eton costume, pretty hat with large roses; Mrs. Rush, black silk pinafore costume, black hat; Miss Rush, pretty myrtle green Princess dress with cream guimpe, large hat with big blue bow; Mrs. McKenzie, navy costume and toque.

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CAMBRIDGE.

November 20.

A Concert.

On Friday evening the second annual concert given by Mrs. Isherwood's pupils took place in the Alexandra Hall. The concert was in every way a great success, and reflected great credit on all those taking part.

Rose Show.

The annual rose show and sale of work in connection with St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Cambridge, was held during the week. The show was opened by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. W. F. Buckland). Following were the stall holders:—Fancy work stall, Mesdames Wells, Richardson and Brooks; plain work stall, Mesdames Hammond, Webb and Nairn; sweet stall, Misses E. Dickenson and Hill; toy stall, Misses Willis; produce stall, Misses Wells, Hally, I. London, Mrs. C. Peake; refreshment tent, Mesdames Hunter, McCullagh, A. Stone and several assistants. The Cambridge Orchestra played several selections during the evening.

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FEILDING.

November 20.

Spring Show.

The Horticultural Society held their Spring Show in the Drill Hall on Friday, 19th November. They had a beautiful day, and it was considered one of the best shows that has been held. A few among those I noticed there were: Mrs. Jacob (Kiwitea), fawn coat and skirt, black hat with black and white feathers; Mrs. Meryich, grey coat and skirt, black hat with feathers; Mrs. A. Fitzherbert, black and white linen coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. S. Fitzherbert, heliotrope linen coat and skirt, green hat with roses; Mrs. Gillespie, dark blue coat and skirt, hat with red roses; Mrs. Monckton, brown dust coat with brown hat to match; Mrs. McBeth (Kimbolton), dark blue coat and skirt, hat with heliotrope roses; Mrs. Aylmer, brown coat and skirt with green hat; Mrs. Campbell (Wanganui), green coat and skirt, green hat to match; Mrs. Woollams, dark blue coat and skirt, brown hat with pink roses.

Personal.

Mrs. Campbell (Wanganui) is staying with Mrs. Aylmer.

Mrs. Waldegrave (Wellington) is staying with her daughter, Mrs. S. Fitzherbert.

Miss Liversey (Christchurch) is staying with her brother, Dr. Liversey.

Invitations have been issued for Miss Luxmoore's wedding, which is to take place on Thursday, 10th December.

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NAPIER.

Nov. 19.

"Ohvetta."

The Pollards opened a season here on Thursday evening last. They were welcomed by crowded houses, and are having a very successful time. Amongst the audience I noticed Mrs. McIlrath, in a handsome black and white gown; Miss Hoadley, dainty pale blue frock; Miss Nina Hoadley, pretty white dress; Miss

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