

blue chiffon gown; Miss Elgar, pale green satin chiffon, overdress; Mrs. Colbeck (Auckland), pale yellow satin; Mrs. Charles Johnston, black and white chiffon and lace; Mrs. Goring Johnston, white satin; Mrs. Alan Strang (Palmerston North), blue silk Directoire. The drawing-rooms were decorated with masses of roses, Dorothy Perkins, and the blush rambler. In the hall-room cerise sweet peas and baskets of roses and peas were effectively used. The supper-tables were decorated with scarlet geraniums, and the billiard-room was turned into a conservatory.

**HAMILTON.**

December 10.

**Floral Fete.**

The first Floral Fete ever held in Hamilton, if not in the Waikato, was held on Wednesday last, on the A.P. Show grounds. Glorious summer weather prevailed, making the scene intensely picturesque, with numerous flower bedecked children and maidens, all kinds of flower covered vehicles, horses, etc., all with their background of green fields, edged with lovely native bush, which formed in all a really beautiful scene. Among the decorations, the brake of the Te Rapu school children, who were assisted by Mrs. Allan Bell, a military design with flower Union Jack, was very good, as was also Mr. Seifert's motor car, in pink and crimson rambler. Of the one-horse vehicles, Mrs. Douglas' and Mrs. Tom Jolly's were both very pretty, while in the class drawn by other than horses, Miss Dorothy Burd's team of six children drawing with their white ribbon reins; a white, and maiden-hair covered go-cart with a sweet little girl inside, evoked a good deal of praise, which was very well merited. The class of Ladies' decorated hat and parasol was very well patronised, there being no less than fifteen entries, some of which were most artistic, rendering the work of the judges very arduous. The first prize for most original decoration went to a Maori whare of rapu, on wheels, driven by a realistic Maori driver, with real Maori harness, viz., flax. The second prize to Miss Smith, as Bess and White, which was literally the case as regards herself, habit, and horse. We are sorry that space forbids a minute description of the floral march by 40 little girls, with flower decked hats and wands—of the old English maypole dance, by another bevy of little girls—and of the floral polka by others. Suffice it to say that the sum of £40 was taken at the gates, and 25/ by the 3d motor rides, which so delighted the children. This will doubtless leave a goodly sum to go to the aid of the Hamilton Band, and we congratulate Mrs. Furby, the Mayor, Mrs. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bell, and all the members of committee who really worked hard, at the desirable result attained. Among such a crowd it was almost impossible to individualize, but a few of those present we noticed were:—Mrs. Furby, stylish black and white coat and skirt, with hat to match; Mrs. Allen Bell, white, with floral hat; Mrs. Hunter, pretty black and white dress, with violet hat; Mrs. Knight, charming grey floral muslin, large black hat; Mrs. Knight, white, hat with big roses; Mrs. Brevia, cool blouse suit and green hat; Mrs. Heywood, pretty cream dress and black hat; Mrs. Lorie, black;

Mrs. Barugh, in navy floral muslin; Misses Lorie (4), floral muslin and large hats; Mrs. Burd, black and white; Miss Burd, white; Mrs. Peaberton, green check, hat to match; Mrs. Whitehorn, white linen coat and skirt, floral hat; Misses Hunter (3), white; Miss McAllana, pretty pale blue muslin, with big pink roses; Mrs. Pettit, white, violet hat; Mrs. Mulcock, white embroidered dress, old rose hat; Miss Bowker, white, large black hat; Mrs. Maxwell Walker, dainty green dress, hat en suite; Miss Manning, white, pretty black and white hat; Mrs. Stevens, grey striped dress, black hat; Miss Stevens, white; Mrs. Biggs, white; Mrs. F. Jolly, blouse suit, black hat; Mrs. Cowie, pretty green dress, and hat.

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**CAMBRIDGE.**

December 11.

**A Hot Month.**

I have had very little news to tell you about lately. The weather has been most unusually hot for early December. The thermometer stood at 83 in the shade most days, and everyone is busy preparing for Christmas, and for going away on holiday trips, but I am hoping to be able to send you a budget next week, when our new town hall and Carnegie library is to be opened, on Tuesday evening, with a citizens' "At Home," and on Wednesday by a children's party in the afternoon and a dance in the evening.

**An Enjoyable Outing.**

On Wednesday afternoon a picnic party drove in one of Crowther and Bell's large brakes, holding 24, to Mr. Brunskill's bush, about twelve miles from here, where they had a tea, and then went ferning. It is an ideal place for a picnic, and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The promoters were Miss Richardson and Miss Wells. The party consisted of Mr. and Miss Richardson, Mr. and Miss Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll, Mrs. Herrold (Auckland), Mr. and Miss B. Taylor, Misses Hally, London, Buckland, Beale, Gow, Mrs. J. B. Lusk (Auckland), Messrs. Gleeson, Bryce, Mein and Crowther.

**Musical Evening.**

On Friday evening Mrs. Isherwood and her pupils gave a most enjoyable musical evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, Cambridge, when there was a large gathering of parents and friends.

**Personal.**

Mrs. J. B. Lusk, of Auckland, is at present staying with her parents at St. Andrew's Vicarage, Cambridge.  
Mr. Mein, late of Mongonui, is visiting Archdeacon and Mrs. Willis, of Cambridge.  
Miss H. Wells, of Cambridge, is at present staying with Mr. and Mrs. Runciman, of Parliament street, Auckland.  
Mrs. N. F. Buckland is still away at Onehunga, undergoing a course of treatment for her health, and we are hoping she may come back to us restored to health very soon.

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**GISBORNE.**

December 10.

**Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. Blair have gone to Opo-tiki for a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. de Lantour returned from Auckland on Wednesday.

Mrs. and Miss V. Margoliouth (Napier), who have been visiting Gisborne, left for Auckland last Wednesday, en route for Rotorua.

Miss Doughty returned to her home in Wellington last week, accompanied by Miss de Lantour, who will be her guest for some weeks.

The Misses Davies gave a very pleasant young people's "At Home" on Wednesday at their pretty home, Kaiti.

Mrs. Sainsbury, who has been in England for some time, returned to Gisborne on Saturday last.

Miss Nolen is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. Barton.

Miss K. Williams returned from her trip to England on Saturday.

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**FEILDING.**

December 11.

**Croquet Party.**

Mrs. A. Dermer gave a most enjoyable croquet party on Friday, 3rd November. It was a beautiful day, and the lawn was in splendid order. Among those I noticed were: Mrs. Dermer, black skirt and white blouse; Mrs. Halliday, blue dress, Tuscan straw hat with black velvet bow; Mrs. Porter, heliotrope coat and skirt trimmed with black buttons, floral toque; Mrs. C. Dermer, vieux rose linen frock, white hat with flowers to match; Mrs. S. Johnson, white dress, hat with sweet peas; Miss Bailey, white dress, brown hat; Mrs. Walker, vieux rose linen coat and skirt, trimmed with black buttons, black hat; Miss Walker, white frock, white hat with pink roses; also, Mrs. Beattie, Miss L. Bailey, Miss Kirton, Miss Washbourne, Mrs. Kirton, Mrs. Knyvett.

**Kitchen Tea.**

Mrs. Kirton gave a kitchen tea on Tuesday, 7th November, for Miss Luxmoore, who is to be married shortly. Miss Luxmoore received some very useful presents. Among those present were: Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Luxmoore, Miss Luxmoore, Miss Sandilands, Mrs. Montgomerie, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Knyvett, Miss O'Halloran.

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**HASTINGS.**

December 9.

**A Huge Floral Fete.**

Hastings racecourse, with hundreds of people all in gala dress and numberless decorated motor cars, ponytraps, bicycles, etc., presented a gay and picturesque scene on Wednesday. The weather was glorious and the function a huge success, and will help to materially swell the funds of the Society for the Promotion of Health of Women and Children, for which the fete was inaugurated.

I shall not describe the gowns worn, as most of our smartly-dressed ladies were presiding over various departments, and all, with the exception of one or two, were dainty white frocks. The ladies of the refreshment buffet all wore becoming white peasant caps of quilled muslin, with bands and bells of sweet pea colours blended. This department was under the direction of the following committee of ladies, who are to be congratulated on the exceptionally nice afternoon

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