

tume with white lace, black hat with pink flowers; Miss R. Jackson, royal blue finished with white lace, black hat; Mrs Jackson, black silk with purple at neck, bonnet to match; Miss Hooper, white muslin, white hat; Miss Hooper (Mt. Eden), white costume; Mrs (Dr.) Laing, biscuit coloured coat and skirt, pink vest, fawn hat; Mrs W. H. Churton, white pique costume, sailor hat with red; Misses Wood, mourning costumes; Mrs Shepherd (Dargaville), dark skirt, blue striped blouse, sailor hat; Miss M. Stewart, brown holland; Mrs Stewart, black; Miss Stewart, black; Miss Horne, lavender gown, and her sister brown holland; Mrs Tunks, white cambrio; Mrs S. Kissing, black gown; Mrs Arnold, dark skirt, black and white figured blouse; Miss Kissing, white gown, black hat; Miss Heywood, white costume; Mrs Kempthorne, black and white figured costume; Misses Kempthorne, white silks; Mrs McDonald (Ponsonby), black gown; Miss Flora McDonald, black; Mrs Alfred Beckland (jun.), dark skirt, white blouse; Miss Keogh, brown muslin, black hat with feathers; Mrs Boach, navy canvas with borders of canary trimming; Mrs White, black; Miss White, white gown, black hat trimmed with white; Mrs McCullough, black lustre with bands of white satin, veiled in black lace, white hat trimmed with black; Miss Withers, yellow veiled in grass lawn, sailor hat; Miss Herrold, blue and white stripe, black hat; Mrs Cowan, cream, and her daughter wore white; Mrs (Prof.) Thomas, dark skirt, white blouse; Mrs R. Anthony-Carr, white; Miss Carr, pale green muslin; Miss Cole, white; Mrs Pond, dark skirt, striped blouse; Mrs Barry Keating, cream serge, black hat; Miss Basley, white; Miss Thorpe, white; Misses Holland (2), white; Mrs Williams, black; Mrs Tanner, white costume; Miss Tanner, brown holland skirt, pink blouse; Mrs Ward, fawn skirt trimmed with white braid, pink blouse, black hat; Mrs James, black; Miss Violet James, white; Miss O'Neill, white costume, black hat; Misses Kensington (2), white skirts, heliotrope silk blouses; Mrs (Dr.) Coom, white muslin, hydrangea toque; Mrs Craig, fawn tussore silk with blue velvet trimming; Mrs Johnston, white muslin with lace insertion, black hat; Miss Shepherd, white; Mrs Von der Hyde, black gown, white vest, black hat with pink flowers; Mrs Stone, black skirt, white bodice; Mrs Erson, black skirt, grey blouse, black toque with violets; Mrs Theo. Kissing, fawn costume; Miss Kissing, white muslin, sailor hat; Mrs Friend, white; Mrs Ferguson, lavender; Mrs Richmond, black silk; Miss Richmond, dark skirt, light blouse, white hat; Misses Chambers Taylor, white; Mrs Mahoney, white; Mrs Colegrove, blue grey lustre, black hat trimmed to match; Miss Peacock, pink; Miss Mackellar Kissing, green trimmed with red, red hat; and her sister wore white muslin, sailor hat; Mrs Upfil, mourning costume; Mrs Charlie Brown, blue gown with small spots.

AT HOME.

A garden party, one of the most enjoyable functions, particularly at this season of the year, was given by Mrs. Darby and her daughters at their residence, "Sea View," Ponsonby. Favoured with beautiful weather, the "at home" was a complete success. The exquisitely laid-out grounds, plentifully shaded with trees, lent themselves admirably to an entertainment of this kind. Mrs. Darby, ably assisted by her daughters, was indefatigable in efforts to make the guests enjoy themselves. A large marquee was erected on the lawn, where afternoon tea was served with all the delicacies of the season. The German band discoursed delightful music on the lawn during the afternoon. The hostess, Mrs. Darby, wore a black silk gown; Mrs. Macky, black and white costume, pretty tucked silk blouse, with lace bolero, large hat, with white daisies and black chiffon; Mrs. W. J. Napier, stylish black and white checked gown, Eton jacket, with white silk revers and vest, black picture hat; Mrs. Boardman, black and white striped silk bodice, black satin skirt, black and white Bennett. Mrs. James Elker, black lace over apple green silk, black toque with white feathers; Mrs. Edmund Mahony, sea foam green, with lovely lace round skirt and bodice, white toque

with pale pink roses; Miss Savag, French grey and black gown, black hat; Mrs. Dr. Grant, dainty pale pink costume; Miss McDonald, floral muslin dress, large white hat with plumes; Mrs. Hodgson, navy blue gown, cream lace trimming, black hat; Mrs. W. J. Ralph, black and blue grenadine, tiny black bonnet with blue and white tips; Mrs. O'Brien, Royal blue, prettily trimmed with cream lace, black hat, large blue feather; Mrs. (Dr.) Knight, black gown, violet toque; Mrs. Tom Mahoney, floral pink muslin, rose pink toque; Mrs. Douglas, Petunia gown, white silk blouse and white hat; Miss Douglas, white frock, grey and pink hat; Miss Hobbs, fawn costume; Miss Mahony, black; Mrs. Linton, black satin gown, picture hat; Miss Cissy King, white; Mrs. Allison, stylish royal blue gown, black hat; Mrs. Withford, black silk, with touches of white, black bonnet; Miss Sweet (Gisborne) looked pretty in white; Mrs. (Dr.) Thomas, white dress, white picture hat; Mrs. T. Darby, white silk, white hat; Mrs. Crawshaw, blue, white lace bolero, black hat; Mrs. Suggate, very pretty blue costume, with transparent lace yoke; Mrs. Kinely, black satin skirt, black and white blouse, lace bolero, black hat; Miss Baxter looked stylish in floral muslin, black hat; Miss Darby, white silk tucked blouse, white pique skirt, white satin belt; Mrs. Wilson, black silk figured gown, black picture hat; Miss Kenevig, cream silk, large Lagoon hat, with long white drooping feathers; Mrs. Sweet (Gisborne), black; Miss Dyson, white muslin over pale pink, large white hat with roses; Mrs. Haven, black satin, black bonnet with gold; Miss Owen, cream silk blouse, black silk skirt, pink straw hat; Miss Ada Owen looked daintily in white muslin, pale blue sash, black hat with white and blue feathers; Miss Haven, white muslin, white hat, with large bow of rose pink ribbon; etc., etc.

"Marino," Parnell, the beautifully situated residence of Mrs. J. M. Brigham, was the scene of a charming "at home" on Friday, the 16th. The entertainment fulfilled a two-fold object; it allowed the many friends of Miss Brigham, who is to be married on the 23rd, an opportunity of wishing her all happiness and prosperity; of the friends of Mrs. Westman (a sister of Mrs. Brigham), who is on a visit to Auckland. The guests assembled on the spacious balcony on the northern side of "Marino," which gives such a commanding view of the Waitemata. The afternoon was perfect, and the beautiful velvety green still characterising the lawns owing to the unusually damp season, bright flower borders, and dazzling prospect of rippling sea, made a pretty picture indeed. Mrs. Brigham was ably assisted in the discharge of her duties as hostess by Miss Brigham and Miss Hattie Brigham. The guests adjourned in groups to the dining-room, where a beautifully laid and recherche light repast was partaken of. From the dining-room the majority found their way to the extensive lawns. The bright summer costumes and gay parasols made the picture a varied and pleasing one. On the lawns also were the members of the German band, whose music throughout the afternoon was much appreciated. Among the large number of guests present I noticed: Mrs. Brigham, black broche; Mrs. Westman, white serge handsomely trimmed with lace; Mrs. Sylvester Brigham, white pique; Misses Brigham (3), were daintily gowned in white silk; Mrs. Dillingham, dark foulard; Mrs. Goodhue, black skirt, figured blouse, black hat; Mrs. Thorne George, black, relieved with cream lace; Miss Hesketh, biscuit coloured costume with blue sash; Mrs. Johnstone, dark skirt, pink silk blouse; Miss Horton, lilac flowered foulard; Mrs. Jas. Hardy; Mrs. Heywood, black; Miss Heywood, cream silk with lilac floral design; Miss McCosh Clark, white muslin with lace insertion, cream hat with azure blue trimming; and her sister wore a white costume, claret coloured hat; Mrs. Otway, black; Mrs. Isaacs, black; Miss Isaacs, green check costume; Mrs. Kempthorne, black; Miss Kempthorne, white, Indian silk; Miss Lennox, white; Mrs. Lyons, black relieved with white; Mrs. Thomas Morrin, white silk veiled in black lace, black toque; Miss Morrin, white silk; Miss Barstow, navy foulard; Mrs. Nichol, black; Mrs. McCormick, grey; Mrs. Lawson, primrose coloured silk veiled in muslin, toque

to correspond; Misses Horne (2), black delaines with floral design; Mrs. Tunks, white costume, white hat; Mrs. Laird Alexander, galois grey voile finished with tucks and black lace applique trimming, black hat; Mrs. Arnold, handsome black costume stitched with white, black toque; Mrs. C. H. Biss, white pique costume, black hat; Mrs. Fred Baume was much admired in Italian silk veiled in spotted net of the same hue, broad pink sash swathed the waist, and the same colour at neck, cream hat with flowers; Mrs. Chatfield, mode grey; Mrs. Theo. Ching, china blue figured silk, bonnet with roses; Miss Ching, biscuit coloured silk finished with lace; Mrs. Coder, black striped silk with steel beads at neck, black toque; Miss M. Cotter, pale green relieved with lace insertion; Mrs. Coleman, black silk, black bonnet; Miss Coleman, blue; Miss Coates, black and white figured costume; Miss Dargaville, white skirt, blue blouse, picture hat with feathers; Mrs. Moss-Davis, black and white figured foulard; Miss Moss-Davis, cream silk with lace insertion relieved with blue, blue parasol, black hat; Mrs. Lewis (Sydney), white silk, black hat; Mrs. A. Davis (nee Miss Alexander), lovely white silk with tucks and lace insertion, black hat; Mrs. Devore, heliotrope flowered costume; Miss Mowbray, grey; Mrs. Kerr Taylor, white; Miss Kerr Taylor, white; Mrs. Sidney Nathan, white silk, black hat; Mrs. Williams, black; Miss Williams, fawn costume; Mrs. Wilson, black; Mrs. Suggate, violet foulard, with fawn let in at the neck, black hat; Mrs. Napier, grey and white check bolero and skirt, white vest; Mrs. Nelson, navy foulard, flowered with white; Miss Nelson, white skirt, blue floral blouse; Mrs. Theo. Peacock; Miss Peacock; Miss Philips, white costume; Mrs. Russell, blue; Mrs. Sam Morrin, cream costume with floral design; Mrs. Whitney, black and green striped gown; Mrs. Harrop, black skirt, white bodice veiled in black lace; Mrs. Younghusband, grey; Miss Savage, grey, trimmed with black lace; Mrs. A. V. McDonald, grey, trimmed with black lace; Mrs. Oxley, white silk with lace fichu, white tulle toque; Miss Brigham (Ponsonby), grey coat and skirt, white chip hat with black chiffon and black feathers.

LAWN TENNIS.

There was a large attendance last Wednesday on the Parnell Tennis Lawns. The Auckland Tennis Club hold their annual ladies' picnic on February 19th, the North Shore on February 21st, and the Eden and Epsom on the 28th.

Amongst those present on the Parnell lawn I noted the following:—

Mrs Holmes, white pique, sailor hat; Mrs Walker, white skirt, muslin blouse, large mushroom hat; Mrs Rankin Reed, navy skirt, white blouse, red tie, hat with variegated roses; Mrs Dumbell, white costume finished with black, black hat; Miss Scherff, navy skirt, white blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Thorne George, dark skirt, cherry coloured blouse, black hat; Mrs Biss, white pique, sailor hat; Mrs Lucas Bloomfield, blue and white striped costume, black hat; Mrs Smith, white; Mrs Morris, white pique costume; Mrs W. B. Colbeck, brown holland with white trimming, sailor hat; Miss Kempthorne, brown holland; and her sister, brown holland skirt, white blouse; Miss Freece, white pique gown, sailor hat; Miss Hull, brown holland; Miss Fenton, white muslin; Mrs H. C. Tewesley, dark skirt, blue muslin blouse, sailor hat; Mrs McConnell, black alpaca skirt white blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Steele, mauve floral muslin, sailor hat; Miss Steele, brown holland; Miss Bellairs, brown holland gown; Mrs Nichol, white costume; Miss Mowbray, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs Hill, pretty pink costume with flounced skirt; Miss Pickmere, dark blue striped cambrio, sailor hat; Mrs Kenderdine, white costume; Miss Gill, dark skirt, light blouse, mushroom hat; Mrs Philson, lavender costume; Mrs Newton, white gown, sailor hat; Miss Davy, white; Miss Brabant, white pique; Miss Atkinson, brown holland; Miss Caro, white costume; Miss Dargaville, brown holland, with blue braid; Miss Thorne George, white; Miss Basley, brown holland.

PHYLLIS BROCK.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, February 13.

We have long looked forward to Miss Nance O'Neill's visit, and we have now had an opportunity of seeing her in various parts. She is undoubtedly all that is claimed for her; yet some people are disappointed. Her acting differs considerably from others conception of similar plays, and is quoted as the "new style." Her dresses are magnificent, also her diamonds, and her voice is a perfect stage voice. Among the different audiences have been the Mayor and Mrs Reece, Mr and Mrs R. H. Rhodes, Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes and Miss Studholme, Mr and Mrs A. Rolleston, Mr and Miss Cowlishaw, Mr and Miss Palmer, Mrs J. C. Palmer, Mr and Mrs Wardrop, Mrs Ogle, Mr and Mrs Peacock, Mr and Mrs Pat. Campbell, Mr and Mrs Louison, the Misses Louison, Mrs Marks, Mr and Mrs Appley, Mr, Mrs and Miss Allan, Mr and Mrs G. Kettlewell, Professor and Mrs Scott, Professor, Mrs, and Miss Cook, Mr and Mrs Stringer, Mr and Mrs F. W. Thompson, Mr and Mrs J. Donald, Mr and Mrs Wigram, Mr and Mrs Woodroffe, Mr and Mrs Quane, Mr and Mrs G. G. Stead, Dr. and Mrs Jennings; Miss Heywood (Auckland), Dr. and Mrs Thacker, Dr. and Mrs Anderson, Mr and Mrs V. Hargreaves, Miss C. Hargreaves, Miss Fairhurst, Miss Grant, Mrs R. D. Thomas, Mr and Mrs O'Rorke, Mrs J. C. and Miss Wilkin, Dr. and Mrs Cook (Rangiora), Mr and Mrs J. Gould, Mr and Mrs G. Gould, Mrs John and Miss Anderson, Misses Turnbull, Buckley, Sutton, May, Fisher, Mr and Mrs A. Wilson, and others.

Mrs Wigram gave a tennis party at her pretty home, Park Terrace, one afternoon last week. Among those present were:—Mr and Mrs O'Rorke, Dr. and Mrs J. C. Palmer, Mr and Mrs Woodroffe, Mr and Mrs Pat. Campbell, Mr and Mrs Beswick, Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, the Misses Campbell, Cowlishaw, Palmer, Studholme, Hill, etc. All the ladies were in black or white; none wore colour.

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