

silk, trimmed with a darker shade of velvet; Mrs. Hadfield, black silk and pink roses; her little daughter wore white silk, with yellow ribbons; Miss M. Moon, white tucked silk; Mrs. Holmes, Miss G. Morey, Mrs. Oswin, Mrs. Fenton, Miss Kendal (Auckland), Madame Tuschka, black grenadine; Mrs. W. Bayly, black silk and pink roses on shoulder; Miss Wells, white silk; Miss O. Sole, pale blue, with gold trimmings; Miss O. Cook, pale blue silk blouse, white skirt; Miss Hook, scarlet silk; Mrs. J. Roberts, red blouse, white skirt; Miss A. Fynn, white corded silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Burton, white silk; Miss O. Burton (Dunedin), pink flowered muslin; Miss Sarten, red silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. T. O'Donnell, scarlet velvet blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Penn, black satin; Miss J. Fraser, pale blue silk, white silk skirt; Miss Irvine, pale pink satin; Miss Rundle, pink silk. Among the gentlemen were: Messrs. Smith, M.H.R., Captains Cook, and Weston, E. Gilmour, Priar, Smith, Goldwater, Armitage, Bacon, Bellringer, Carter, Rogers, Morgan, C. Givett, Newall, Robertson, Standish, W. Bayly, Beckett, Paul, Kirky, George, Hughes, Dempsey, Fookes, Wynn Williams, Humphries, Cliff, Thomson (2), Horrocks (2), Cutfield, H. Stocker, Northcroft, Hadfield, Tuschka, Tunbridge, Weston (3), Kennell, T. Shaw, Drake, Messenger, Goldwater, Breunan, Brasch, Bruce, Williams, Miller, Spencer, Clarke, C. Davies, W. Moon, Sarten, Barrett, Tonks, Rowan, Griffiths, Bennett, Wilson, Cook, Tribe, etc.

NANCY LEE.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee,

June 27.

At last Saturday's meeting of the Waiohiki Golf Club, though the weather was most unpropitious in the morning, there was a good attendance, and some very interesting play in the ladies' foursomes. The scoring on the whole was higher than usual.

Mrs. Jardine and Miss Mary McLean were first with 98-20, 74; Mrs. C. Cato and Mrs. A. Kennedy with 91-12, 79, came in second; and Misses M. and L. Davies, 85-12, 82, were third. The men's course was unplayable, as four of their greens were covered with water, so their match for the captain's trophy was postponed. Tea was provided by Mrs. Herrold, who looked well in a grey tweed coat and skirts and a sailor hat; Mrs. Donnelly wore a black dress, a sable cape and a large black hat; Mrs. C. Cato had a stylish grey dress, and a Panama straw hat; Miss Page wore a black jacket, dark skirt and fur boa; Mrs. Jardine was in black. Most of the players wore red and gold, the colours of the club.

Mrs. A. Davidson gave a pleasant entertainment to her friends on June 24. It took the form of a "personal tea." The first prize was won by Miss Mary McLean, and the second by Miss Todd. Mrs. Davidson looked well in a pretty black silk, with vest of black and white silk and black ribbons introduced on the bodice; Miss Connan wore black foulard, with a tucked bodice; Mrs. Pharazyn wore a rich grey dress; and Mrs. Stedman was dressed in blue, trimmed with gold, and she wore a little red introduced into her hat; Mrs. Kettle was also in blue, large red hat; Mrs. P. S. McLean, dark cloth dress; Mrs. Hovell, fawn jacket, black skirt, pretty toque covered with silver passementerie; Miss Myra Williams had a black dress; Miss Nellie Cotterill also wore black; Miss Cornford wore a grey blouse, a black skirt, and a hat trimmed with blue; Miss Glendinning (Wairoa) was in navy blue, and her hat was trimmed with red; Miss Kitty Williams wore a dark serge costume; Miss Kettle had a fawn jacket, a dark skirt and a burnt straw hat; Miss Louie Hoadley, bright blue cloth dress, white boa and hat; Miss Hovell, fawn jacket, dark skirt, bright rose-pink hat; Miss Todd wore a dark coat and skirt, and a hat to correspond.

MARJORIE.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee,

June 26.

How little we thought, a few days back, what sad and painfully sudden news Wednesday would bring us! The serious illness of His Majesty the King has cast a depressing gloom over the whole community, coming so unexpectedly after the news of his apparent recovery. Crowds of people await each piece of latest information outside the newspaper offices. Of course, all festivities are cancelled, also the ball at Government House, which was to have been held to-morrow night, and the Reception there on Tuesday. The only arrangements which were carried on were the school-children's treats and dinners to the poor, as this was His Majesty's expressed wish.

It was a sad piece of news to greet the returned troopers of the Seventh Contingent with yesterday. The troopship Manila arrived in the harbour at about half-past twelve, and the Contingent was landed immediately after being passed by the Health Officer. The troopers were enthusiastically welcomed with cheers, and

were afterwards entertained at a luncheon by the Ministry in the Drill Shed. His Excellency the Governor presided, Major Johnston (in command of the Contingent) being on his left. Others who were present were Sir J. G. Ward, Mr Aitken (Mayor), General Babbington and his A.D.C. Captain Campbell, Major Moore, and several members of Parliament. The health of the King was proposed by Lord Ranfurly, who made a short speech, referring briefly to the sorrowful news of our Sovereign's illness, which they had received but a few hours before. The toast was honoured enthusiastically, and the National Anthem was sung. Sir Joseph Ward proposed "His Excellency the Governor," and also "The Seventh Contingent," and Captain Johnston replied to the latter in a very brief speech. The troopers seem very bright and well, and are full of their adventures. There are two invalids among them, but they were carried into the Drill Shed and were able to take part in the festivities there.

The Misses Harding gave a very pleasant afternoon "At Home" to a number of their girl friends last Friday. Unfortunately it turned out a horribly windy, wet day, but in spite

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