

coat, black skirt and hat, becoming feather box; Miss Seale, bright red coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Gore, black costume, sealskin jacket, black hat; Miss Burke, red blouse, dark skirt, fawn jacket, becoming black picture hat; Mrs Harold Russell, dark coat and skirt; Mrs Nutes, stylish cloth costume, biscuit, trimmed with dainty figured silk, black hat; Mrs Perry, fawn coat and skirt, large picture hat; Mrs Donnelly, pretty shade of blue, fur cape; Mrs Moore, very pretty grey dress embroidered in black and relieved with pink, pink toque; Miss Glendinning, navy blue, red hat; Mrs Smith, goblin blue costume, stylish toque; Miss Williams, brown.

Mrs Jardine won the second monthly competition for the medal on Saturday at the Waiohiki Golf Links, with 83—12—71; Miss Hindmarsh, Mrs C. H. Cato, and Miss Jardine making the next best scores. Tea was provided by Mrs C. H. Cato and Miss Bennett.

MARJORIE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, July 4.

Mrs Leatham gave a very ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON TEA, as a farewell to Nurse Fotheringham, of Invercargill, who has been in the New Plymouth Hospital for some months, but is now leaving to join one of the London ones. She will be greatly missed in our little town, both by patients and friends, as she has such a sweet, winning manner. This assemblage took the form of a "placard afternoon tea," which was very laughable. After being received by the hostess in the drawing room, someone slipped forward and pinned a placard on one's back, with a noted person's name written on it, and we were then told that we had to try and guess whose name it was. We could ask one another questions, such as "Am I alive or dead?" "Mtn or woman?" "Actor or actress?" etc., always getting "Yes" or "No" for an answer, and if by that we could guess who we were, we had to write the name down on a card, which was placed in our hands when we first entered, then go to the hostess, and have that taken off, and another pinned on, and so on. The one who guessed the most was Miss MacDiarmid, so she received first prize, Miss Standish coming second. Dainty afternoon tea and sweets were served in the dining-room, during which Dr. Leatham gave several musical selections on the pianola.

Mrs Leatham wore a black silk costume, with cream lace yoke; Nurse Fotheringham looked well in a white silk blouse, scarlet silk skirt, braided with black velvet; Mrs Bewley, navy coat and skirt, pink silk front; Miss Maynard, pale green blouse, dark skirt; Miss Newland, brown tweed costume; Miss Knight, fawn coat and skirt, cream silk front; Miss Kemp, fawn coat, navy blue skirt; Miss Kemp, grey blouse, dark skirt; Miss Wood, national blue costume, toque en suite; Mrs Capel, dark blue coat and skirt, cream silk front; Miss

Bedford, black with velvet jacket; Miss Webster, blue costume, black hat; Miss Devenish, navy coat and skirt, pink silk front; Miss G. Stanford, red silk blouse, dark skirt, fur toque; Miss O. Stanford, cream serge blouse, cornflower blue skirt, hat to match; Miss Read, dark blue coat and skirt, hat trimmed with red; Miss Percy-Smith, black costume, black and red toque; Miss McKellar, dark green costume; Miss J. McKellar, navy coat and skirt, cream silk vest; Miss Govett, pretty pale greeny-grey Eton costume, black toque; Miss Hamerton, figured blouse, dark skirt; Miss E. Hamerton, navy blue coat and skirt; Miss Pridham, blue figured blouse, dark skirt; Miss Baker, blue costume, black toque; Miss W. Baker, brown, hat to match; Miss MacDiarmid, blue, hat trimmed with pale blue; Miss Thomson, dark green costume, white feather boa, black hat; Miss Standish, blue blouse, fawn jacket, dark skirt; Miss G. Fookes, navy costume, hat to correspond; Miss E. Fookes, black, cream lace yoke, black and pink chiffon toque; Miss Skinner, pretty grey tucked costume, black picture hat trimmed with pale green, and pink chiffon; Miss G. Shaw, navy coat and skirt; Miss Sadler, dark blue costume, red in hat; Miss Paul, pretty grey costume, banded with grey silk, vieux rose camel's hair toque, trimmed with cream; Miss Walker, navy coat and skirt, faced with black silk, cream silk vest, hat en suite; Miss A. Walker, black Eton costume, pale blue and cream vest, pretty pale blue toque; Miss B. Rennell, blue silk blouse trimmed with passementerie, dark skirt, toque trimmed with pink; Miss E. Rennell, pretty national and pale blue blouse, with darker skirt, toque en suite; Miss Rawson, black costume; Miss Carthew, olive green costume trimmed with velvet, hat to correspond; Miss Hawkins, pretty pale blue satin blouse, with black lace zouave, black satin skirt, hat en suite; Miss Hawkins, pink silk blouse, veiled in black lace, dark skirt; Miss Drake, dark green costume; Miss A. Drake, navy blue; Miss Holdsworth, brown costume, toque relieved with pink; Miss Marchant, blue costume, black and pink hat; Miss Hales, black coat and skirt, etc.

On the same afternoon Mrs Kelsey also gave a very

PLEASANT AFTERNOON TEA

for Mrs R. C. Hughes, to enable her friends to say "Good-bye," as she and Mr Hughes are going for a trip to the Old Country. After dainty afternoon tea was partaken of in the dining-room, the table of which was very prettily decorated, vocal and musical selections were rendered by Mesdames Hughes and Mullens, and Misses Burton (Dunedin). Mrs Kelsey received her guests in a black brocaded tea-gown, trimmed with cream lace; Mrs R. C. Hughes, black coat and skirt, cream vest; Miss Burton, pale green tucked silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Olive Burton, pale blue tucked sailor blouse, black skirt, hat en suite; Mrs Mullens, black coat,

with scarlet vest; Mrs Nicholson, black, pink in bonnet; Miss Nicholson, grey coat and skirt; Mrs Johns, bluey-grey costume; Mrs Stanley, black skirt, fawn jacket, picture hat; Mrs Evans, black costume, grey and pink spangled toque; Mrs Corkill, black merveilleux, hat to correspond; Mrs H. Gray, dark green costume, black and red toque; Mrs Collins, black; Mrs (Dr.) Barr (Nelson), pretty heliotrope poplin, fawn jacket, hat trimmed with violets; Mrs Fenton, green costume, heliotrope toque; Misses Abier (2), dark costumes, etc.

NANCY LEE.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, July 3.

Tuesday turned out a beautifully fine bright day, though bitterly cold, for the opening of Parliament, and we were all very thankful for being able to go out without our water-proofs and umbrellas, as we have had wet weather for the last fortnight. The opening was attended by the usual gorgeous display of uniforms, etc., and the surroundings of the Parliamentary buildings were thronged with people to witness the proceedings. The sun always adds to an occasion of this kind, and on Tuesday it came out brilliantly, and made the gold and steel glitter brightly. His Excellency the Governor entered the Chamber, attended by his private secretary, Captain Alexander, Major-General Babington, Captain Campbell, and Captain Rich (H.M.S. Ringarooma). The Countess of Ranfurly was unable to be present, and her place was taken by Lady Constance Knox. Lady Eileen was also present, and her governess, Miss Costello, the Hon. H. C. Butler being in attendance. Among those I noticed also occupying seats to the left of the Speaker's chair were Lady Ward and her daughter, Lady Stout, Mrs. C. H. Mills and the Misses Mills, Mrs. Babington, Miss Babington, Mrs. A. Pearce, Mrs. Focke, Mrs. Menteth, and a few others. Lady Constance Knox was wearing a peacock green cloth tailor-made suit, with fur-edged revers and sable collarlette and muff, large black hat trimmed with chiffon and feathers; Lady Eileen wore a suit of the same shade, with a fur hat, collarlette and muff; Miss Costello had a neat grey gown and black and white

toque; Lady Ward wore a deep violet cloth gown, braided with black, and a black toque with ospreys; Lady Stout, black gown and caracul jacket, black toque with jet and ospreys; Mrs. Babington wore a cream cloth costume, the sacque coat made to reach almost to the foot of the skirt, black furs and large black hat with feathers; Miss Babington had a stone grey striped cloth coat and skirt, and a grey rough felt toque trimmed with lace; Mrs. Napier (Auckland), a neat blue tailor-made suit and black hat; Mrs. A. Pearce, black skirt and sealskin coat, black hat with tips; Mrs. Mills, a black gown and hat with yellow roses; Miss Mills, a black coat and skirt, and black and cream toque; her sister wore a dark gown and pink hat; Mrs. Focke, black costume, and violet velvet toque; Mrs. Menteth, a brown suit, with blue vest and a bright blue straw hat, with autumn leaves; Mrs. Herepath, black skirt and caracul Eton coat, with ermine collar, red velvet toque with black wings; Miss Coates, black coat and skirt, and black and white toque; Mrs. Bothamly, a brown gown and velvet cape, toque to match; Miss Randell-Johnston (England) wore a grey Eton suit and toque to match; her sister also wore grey, and a large black hat; Mrs. Fitchett, black costume, and a white toque trimmed with violets and wings; Mrs. Mason, a blue coat and skirt, and velvet toque to match; Miss Harcourt, black coat and skirt and grey toque; Miss Gore, dark skirt and fawn covert coat and toque; Miss Rawson, black skirt and caracul coat, large white felt hat, with black tips and velvet; Mrs. M. Ross, in a black costume and toque.

A very large afternoon "At Home" was given by Mrs Babington to-day. Mrs Richmond's house, in Brougham-street, which General and Mrs Babington have taken for a lengthy period, is a delightful one for entertaining, and besides having all the rooms thrown open, the broad verandah was covered in, carpeted and furnished with comfortable chairs, etc., so that there was plenty of room for everyone to move about. Delicious tea and cakes were laid out in two rooms, the dining-room and another smaller one next it. The tables were lit with pink-shaded candles, and had pot plants and flowers as decorations. King's String Band was stationed on the verandah, and played exceptionally well. Mrs

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