

To Bid "Bon Voyage."

Mrs. W. Colbeck gave a small farewell party to her sister (Mrs. Fred Walker) on Tuesday night, on the eve of her departure for the Old Country. Mrs. Colbeck was wearing a beautiful frock of palest blue charmeuse; Mrs. F. Walker looked dainty in white satin with an overdress of embroidered net and touches of pale blue on the bodice; Mrs. Hope Lewis, dark green satin with handsome Oriental trimming; Mrs. E. Bloomfield wore a lovely peacock blue frock with corded trimming; Mrs. J. Bloomfield, a black jetted robe with touches of emerald green on the bodice; Mrs. H. Bloomfield wore a mole-coloured frock; Mrs. Rathbone was wearing a black toilette; Mrs. Browning also wore black; Mrs. W. R. Holmes, a pink and white pompadour silk; Mrs. H. Tonks; Miss Buckland; Miss Browning, soft white satin Princess robe with pearl trimmings; Miss Marjorie Towle, natter blue charmeuse; Mrs. A. Clark wore black; her daughter (Miss I. Clark) was in white; Miss Lusk.

Mrs. J. Bloomfield is chaperoning a party of young folk down to Waiwera for the week end. Some of those going are: Miss H. Bloomfield, Miss I. Clark, Miss S. Payton, Miss Vera Duthie, Miss Eva Cumming, Miss Marjorie Towle, Miss Eunice Saunders, Miss M. Reed, and Messrs. S. George, J. Toie, N. Duthie and Mowbray (2).

At Polo.

Somehow or other polo seems to be rather a "back number" these days. I can't think why, because the polo ground is so well situated and so very pretty, and there are always some good games to watch and delightful afternoon tea to drink. Mrs. Hellaby gave tea last Saturday, and was assisted by her daughters. The Misses Corrie and Cotter were among those present. The coming Polo Tournament is to be held in the Waikato this year, and is being eagerly looked forward to.

The Victoria League.

The Victoria League should receive a great impetus from the coming visit of Miss Talbot, the London Organising Secretary, who is expected here early in March, and who will be the guest of Mrs. Hope Lewis, wife of the President (Dr. Hope Lewis). A number of social functions had been arranged in honour of Miss Talbot, but owing to a sad family bereavement Miss Talbot has had to cancel all social engagements. Of course, all those interested in the work of the League will have ample opportunities of hearing Miss Talbot's views on this subject.

Tennis.

An American tournament on the Mt. Eden lawns, given by the Misses Udy, proved a most enjoyable function. After some keen tennis, Misses Martin and Davies were victorious; Mrs. Mahon and Miss R. Walker being the securers of second place. Dainty afternoon tea and fruit salads were served in the club's new pavilion, and were very much appreciated. Mrs. Udy wore black and white muslin, black hat; Miss Udy, mauve linen; green hat; Miss Daisy Udy, white frock, black hat; Mrs. Coates, blue coat and skirt; Miss Holmes, white linen, black hat; Mrs. James, black gown, black hat; Mrs. Eustace Coates (Wanganui), green frock; Mrs. Stewart Milne, white muslin, pink toque; Mrs. Alan Brown, pale blue Sicilian coat and skirt; Mrs. Muir, white linen, burnt straw hat; Mrs. MacWilliam, cream dress, cream hat swathed with black silk; Miss Stephenson, white muslin embroidered, violet hat; Miss Buttle, green frock, burnt straw hat; Miss E. Milne, white, black hat with pink roses; Misses Dawson, white; Miss Rice, brown holland frock, tennis hat; Miss Hall, white; Miss Abraham (Palmerston North), grey, erise hat; Miss G. Gorrie, white muslin, tennis hat; Miss Nicholson, white; Miss Bertha Oxley, white embroidered muslin, grey and pink hat; Miss Walker, green frock, black hat; Miss Pearl Gorrie, white linen dress, and white hat; Misses Walker, white dresses and black hats; Miss Fraser, white frock, natter blue hat; Miss Nina Crowther, white dress, blue hat; Mrs. Kidd, cream gown, green and white hat; Miss Martin, green frock; her sister wore white; Miss Davies, white; white hat; Miss Muriel Blades, heliotrope tennis frock; Mrs. Mahon (nee Blizard-Brown), white, white hat.

Personal.

The appointment of the Rev. P. T. Williams to the Wardenship of St. John's College is announced. Mrs. P. T. Williams (nee Miss May Pierce) will be welcomed back to Auckland by her many friends.

Mrs. Pierce and Miss Ethna Pierce have been out at Lake Takapuna since their return from England, and, sad to relate, Miss Pierce has been in the throes of influenza ever since. We hope she will make a complete recovery before the golf season starts, as we look to her to uphold the honour of Auckland in the golfing world.

Archdeacon Cole, Mrs. Cole, and their family and Miss Hamilton have returned from a delightful Northern tour, and are at present staying at the Esplanade Hotel, Devonport, afterwards taking up their quarters at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Williams and their children left on Sunday night for their home in Masterton. Mrs. Guy Williams was the guest of her mother (Mrs. Hope Lewis). Part of the visit was spent at Lake Takapuna.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reed left on Friday night for the South. Mrs. Reed hopes to go as far as Dunedin.

The Misses Ross, who many years ago used to reside in Auckland, but now live in Sydney, are paying a round of visits. Miss H. Ross is at present the guest of Mrs. Runciman, Parliament-street.

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A Distinguished Visitor.

It is seldom we have so distinguished a visitor as Miss Mary Hall, who is the only woman to make the overland trip from the Cape to Cairo. Moreover, as you know, she was accompanied by no white people, her escort consisting entirely of natives. Knowing this, one might suppose Miss Hall to be of severe and forbidding demeanour, and it is a delightful surprise to find a pleasant, middle-aged lady, with a genial, friendly manner and no trace of "side." Miss Hall is revisiting New Zealand after an absence of fifteen years, and is at present staying in turn with her relations (Mrs. Leonard Reid and Mrs. Henry Hall). Next week she leaves with a party to make the overland trip to Milford Sound. Mrs. and Miss Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. Godfrey Knight (Australia) and the Misses Knight, Miss Booth (Nelson) are accompanying her. Later on Miss Hall intends to go North to Rotorua and other places of interest.

At Home.

On Wednesday Mrs. Reid gave an "At Home" in honour of Miss Hall. The pretty rooms were gay with flowers, and the view from the wide, shady verandah was beautiful, with its panorama of blue bay and hills set in a foreground of green trees and red-roofed houses. Mrs. Reid wore black and white striped chiffon taffetas with a guimpe of net; Miss Reid, a white lingerie robe, embroidered and inserted with lace; Miss Hall, a smart gown of ninon, the yoke being of tuckered net and lace. Among the guests were: Mrs. Knight, Mrs. and Miss Young, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Reid, the Misses Halse, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Morrison, Miss Tollhurst, Mrs. Head.

The following day Miss Hall was the guest of honour at a tea given by Mrs. Henry Hall. The hostess wore ciel bleu chiffon taffetas with soutache in same shade, and a net guimpe; Miss Hall was wearing a black ninon with a chine design of roses, and a black hat. Pale pink sweet peas, set in silver vases, decorated the tea tables; in the drawing-room were ceropepsis, asters, while the heat of the day made the big, cool study a pleasant retreat, more especially as ice creams were there obtainable. The guests included Lady Ward, wearing a white poplin coat and skirt, with lace appliques, picture hat of mole with pale pink roses; Miss Coates, a grey tailor-made and a green hat; Mrs. Leonard Reid, black and white striped Sicilienne, and black toque; Miss Reid, white embroidered muslin and hat with roses; Mrs. Hend, biscuit striped taffetas and black toque with gold roses; Mrs. Edwin, navy taffetas; Miss Edwin, amethyst linen coat and skirt, and hat with hydrangeas; Mrs. Finch, green Sicilienne and dark green hat; Mrs. Salmon, purple linen with embroidered plastron, black hat with plumes; Mrs. A. Young, blue linen tailor-made and black hat; Miss Tollhurst, white lingerie robe and burnt straw hat with roses; Mrs. Ward, sapphire colienne, blue and brown hat; Miss Ward, blue Shantung, black hat; Mrs. Degg, electric blue poplin coat and skirt with cordings of material, and a black picture hat; Mrs. Firth, pale blue and white foulard and burnt straw hat; Miss Hannay, white linen and hat with roses; Miss Young, white lingerie robe and black hat; Mrs. Robertson, mole ninon over vieux rose chiffon with brassiere of mole embroidery, outlined with vieux rose charmeuse, mole picture hat; Mrs. Chatfield, white muslin and black picture hat; Mrs. MacTavish, electric blue tailor-made and black hat; Miss Reid, pale green ninon with guimpe of tuckered net; Mrs. Van Haast, fraise cloth with wide insertions of ceru lace, black picture hat; Mrs. Logan, black crepe de chine and black bonnet; Mrs. Samuel, dull blue cloth and blue hat with flowers; Mrs. F. Kemp, white broderie Anglaise and black hat; Mrs. Ewen, amethyst linen and black hat; Miss Ewen, coral pink Shantung, mole hat with pink flowers; Miss Paucourt, natter blue chiffon taffetas, net guimpe, and natter blue beehive hat; Miss Kane, white broderie Anglaise and black picture hat; Mrs. Palmer, white linen tailor-made and hat with roses.

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For England.

Among passengers for England by the Rimutaka is Mrs. Martindale Kendall, who is taking her two young daughters Home. Mrs. Kendall holds the Royal Red Cross for nursing under fire during an Indian campaign. She is also the Founder and President of the Nurses' Hostel here.

A Capital Flower Show.

The Hintt people had a capital little Flower Show on Wednesday, a string band and an afternoon tea department being added attractions. Quite a number of people went out from town, and the Show was opened by Lady Ward, who made a capital little speech. She was presented by little Miss Jolliffe with a bouquet of tea roses and sweet peas. Cactus dahlias, asters and begonias were the main features of the Show, but there were, in addition, some startling novelties. Lady Ward wore a graceful ninon dress in hydrangea tones, the corsage enriched with aluminium embroidery; her mole-coloured hat had shaded roses to match; Mrs. Jolliffe wore marine blue taffetas, relieved with white, black picture hat. Also present were: Mrs. Findlay, in dull blue poplin tailor-made, faced with black moire, dark blue hat; Mrs. Duncan, mole Sicilienne, smartly braided, mole hat; Mrs. Chapman, a Princess gown of yellowish-brown charmeuse, black picture hat; Mrs. Bunny, elephant grey Shantung, and hat with plumes; Mrs. Izard, green and white

linen and black hat; Mrs. Wylie, dull blue tailor-made, much braided, black hat; Mrs. Chatfield, mauve linen and black hat; Miss Duncan, amethyst

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