

and a heliotrope cowboy hat; Miss Thorpe; Miss —, Thorpe looked charming in white, with large black and white hat; Misses Draper, white lingerie frocks and cream straw hats; Miss Shuttleworth, white linen, and a natter blue hat; Mrs. Camming, white linen coat and skirt, and vour rose hat with roses; Miss E. Canning, Miss E. Pierce, Miss H. Buckland, Miss Lulu Browning, Miss Armstrong; Mrs. C. Young, cream frock, cream golf coat, and black hat; Miss R. Grieg; Miss McLean, dark blue skirt, cream blouse, and a becoming crush strawberry cowboy hat; Miss Henderson, white frock, brown hat; Miss S. Payton, Misses Peacock (2); Mrs. E. Mahoney, long coat and skirt of white linen, black beaver hat with gold wheat; Mrs. Milne, dark blue, and a black hat; Miss Oliphant.

**Afternoon Tea.**

Mrs. C. V. Houghton gave a delightful little farewell tea on Friday last in honour of Mrs. W. R. Holmes, who leaves for England next week. The tea table was artistically arranged with pale mauve daisy and shaded heliotrope ribbons. The afternoon was beautifully fine, and some charming frocks were worn. Mrs. Houghton received her guests in a beautiful English frock of mole Ottoman silk with a touch of tarnished gold and pale blue; Mrs. W. R. Holmes wore cream and a smart tricorn hat with natter blue wings and a blue scarf; Mrs. Balthome, heliotrope cashmere and a lovely black hat massed with feathers; Mrs. Pollen, reseda green canvas with yoke of tuckled net, heliotrope hat with violets and wings; Mrs. Sharp, golden brown charmeuse, and a shaded brown hat to match; Mrs. Harry Gillilan; Mrs. Medhurst, a lovely white embroidered net over silk, and a becoming black hat; Mrs. E. Anderson, pale grey shantung and a mole hat; Mrs. Ferguson, white frock of embroidered nixon, lovely white ostrich stole, black velvet hat with white ospreys; Mrs. E. C. Smith, Mrs. W. Colbeck, Mrs. G. Morris, Miss Gill and Miss A. Stubbs.

**Dances.**

Invitations are out for two dances. Mrs. Hope Lewis is giving one for young folk on the 14th. Mrs. Rankin Reed is giving a ball on the 21st, at which her daughter Mavis will make her debut.

**Personal.**

Miss Sibley Greig, one of our most charming society girls, has joined the ranks of nurses, and has started her training in the Wellington Hospital. Mrs. and Miss Dargaville, who have been staying at "Clifton" since their return, are going into their own home in Victoria-avenue, Remuera. Mr. and Mrs. Larner have leased Mr. George Elliotts' house at the corner of Market-road. Mrs. Challoner Purchas is on a visit to Rotorua. Mrs. J. Noble (Hamilton) is in Auckland on a short visit, and is the guest of Mrs. Nelson, Symonds-street. Mr. and Miss Walker (Australia) are visiting New Zealand, and are at present staying at the Grand Hotel. Mr. J. Read has returned to Auckland, after a month spent down South. Captain E. H. Reynolds, R.A.A., and Mrs. Reynolds, of Melbourne, who are touring the Dominion, arrived in Auckland on Sunday, and are staying at "Cargen."

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Owen, who have been spending some time in Rotorua, returned to "Cargen" last week. Miss Horne has returned to St. George's Bay-road, having resided there the last two years at Takapuna. Miss J. Virtue has gone to stay with Mrs. C. P. Virtue, of "The Anchorage," Whangarei Heads, for a few weeks. Miss Winifred Leys who was the guest of Mrs. Peter Wood, of Christchurch, returned to Auckland by the Main Trunk express on Sunday.

PHYLLIS BROUN.

**WELLINGTON.**

April 1.

**Many Weddings.**

I hardly know where to begin to tell you about the weddings, there were so many directly after Easter. The Tuesday brides were fairly lucky in their weather, but those who had pinned their faith on Wednesday were sadly disappointed. It was such a pity for it rained for Miss Vallance's wedding at Kahurangi, so all the arrangements had to be altered at the last moment. The ceremony was to have been held in the garden, amidst

most picturesque surroundings; but, though the rain left off in time the ground was too wet under foot. Luckily, the house is a big one, and the hall—enlarged by the opening of folding doors—gave plenty of space for the wedding party and the many guests. The bride and her eight white-robed maids had a most becoming background in the crimson-tinted walls, and the idea was heightened by the decorations. Instead of bouquets, the maids carried prayer books, and their dresses were all slightly dissimilar to suit each individual wearer.

There were several innovations at the wedding. The bride discarded the conventional wreath of orange blossom for a most becoming Juliet cap of pearls, and the tulle veil was exquisitely embroidered with a design of New Zealand ferns.

As for the cake, it is difficult to describe its wonderful features successfully. On view beforehand in Wellington in the confectioner's window it was never without a group of awe-struck admirers gazing at the wonderfully modelled sugar horses, dogs, and other creatures. A novel idea was a bouquet holder of solid silver—in the form of a tree fern, with its drooping fronds—which was placed on the topmost tier, and there was a great demand for the many favours.

After Mr. and Mrs. Eel Williams had departed on their wedding journey, there were further festivities at "Kahurangi," which ended in a very jolly dance in the evening. There were over twenty guests in the house party.

Miss Lingard's wedding on Wednesday was a very pretty one, as was to be expected from the bride's standing as an artist. It is only a few months since she was acting as bridesmaid to her elder sister, who is now Mrs. Fancourt, and the same picture-que little page did duty at both weddings. The wee girl was hardly as big as her own name—which is a lengthy Welsh one—but she behaved with great decorum.

A girl whose marriage means a loss to musical circles in Wellington is Miss Elsie Hannal, whose future home will be in Melbourne. Miss Hannal was a member of the celebrated exhibition orchestra which toured New Zealand in 1907. Her self a niece of the late Mr. Seddon, her husband is a nephew of a former Premier of Victoria, Sir James Patterson, so there are political connections on both sides.

Rhodesia is to be the home of another Wellington girl, Miss Leda Lee, who is now Mrs. Grant. There was a good deal of romance about the affair, as the engagement was an extremely short one, and the wedding followed almost immediately on its announcement. Mr. Grant, who has been revisiting his parents at Woodville after a long absence in Africa, has now returned to that country, and taken his bride with him. The wedding itself was of the quietest possible nature, and was celebrated at the Lower Hutt.

The Hutt is to be the scene of an important wedding in a fortnight's time between Miss Ruth Humphrey, who is a daughter of the late Captain Humphrey, a well-known resident of the Hutt, and Mr. Deans, of Christchurch. Miss Humphrey is a niece of Mrs. E. J. Riddiford, and she will be married from Forngrove, where Mr. Vivian Riddiford is now living.

**A Pleasant Tea.**

Mrs. Kane was hostess at a pleasant little tea on Wednesday afternoon as a farewell to Mrs. Seaton, who is off to England for a trip. Another guest (Mrs. Samuel) is also going away shortly, but only as far as Australia. Hydrogen and autumn leaves decorated the drawing-room, while in the green dining-room flame-coloured nasturtiums made a glorious splash of colour. Recitations were given by Miss Kane and Miss Hardinge-Matley, and songs by Mrs. Mathieson (Tauranga) gave a great deal of pleasure. Mrs. Kane wore grey chiffon tulle with a yoke of delicate chiffon net; Miss Kane, shantung silk with Eastern embroideries; Mrs. Seaton, taupe cloth tailor-made, smartly headed, hat with wings; Mrs. Samuel, fawn chiffon tulle with brown tulle.

**Easter at Trentham.**

Easter passed off very cheerfully at Trentham, and big house parties were much in vogue. All day enthusiastic golfers were to be seen going round the links, which really are in capital order, while bridge parties, and occasionally an impromptu dance, filled up the evenings. Those who preferred a less strenuous game than golf found interest in the croquet tournament, which was going

through its final phases. There was more than one surprise in store, so the games were worth watching. In the finals Mr. Charles Johnston and Mrs. Willie Fitzgerald succeeded in beating Dr. and Mrs. Purdy.

**At Lowry Bay.**

At Lowry Bay things were rather quieter, as the serious illness of Mr. H. D. Bell caused a great deal of anxiety, which is now fortunately lessened.

**Personal.**

Last week I told you how Major and Mrs. Johnston were coming from India to spend a long furlough in the Dominion. This reminds me of other New Zealanders who have gone into the Army.

Captain Lindsay, of Timaru, is in a crack Dragoon Regiment. He was out here a couple of years ago with his wife, who was formerly Miss Elsa Riddiford, of the Lower Hutt.

Mrs. Harding has a soldier son who is a surgeon at one of the biggest military stations in the Bombay district. It is expected that Dr. Harding will be over here for a holiday before long.

Then Mr. Dudley Hewitt, who is a son of Captain and Mrs. Hewitt, of Palmerston North, has reached the rank of Captain in one of the native regiments in India.

OPHELIA.

**CAMBRIDGE**

April 2.

On Wednesday evening the "Scarlet Troubadours" paid another visit to Cambridge. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs. R. Reynolds, in white silk blouse trimmed with lace and black silk skirt; Mrs. Wells, black chiffon tulle and handsome blue coat; Miss Wells, cream spotted net blouse trimmed with lace and black silk skirt; Mrs. A. B. Herold (Auckland), cream Louise silk and white scarf, spangled with silver sequins; Mrs. A. H. Nicoll, white lace blouse trimmed with pale blue, white silk skirt; Mrs. Couper, white silk blouse trimmed with lace and black silk skirt; Mrs. Taylor, black silk and lace gown; Miss M. Taylor, white lace blouse and black silk skirt; Mrs. Bush, pink and white silk gown; Mrs. Neil, white silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. C. Hunter, black chiffon tulle and handsome blue coat; Miss Williams, white embroidered muslin Empire gown; Miss E. Hill, white muslin relieved with touches of black; Mrs. Brown, black silk trimmed with white; Miss Brown, black evening gown; Miss Edie Brown, pink evening frock with pink ribbon in coiffure; Miss Gleeson, can de nil silk frock; Mrs. Martyn, black silk and lace; Mrs. (Dr.) Edmunds, cream voile gown; Mrs. Brooks, black silk gown; Miss Brooks, white silk frock; Miss Gayneth, heliotrope silk blouse and black skirt; Mrs. McCallagh, black gown and handsome white coat; Mrs. Pilcher, black silk and net gown; Miss M. Pilcher, white silk blouse and dark skirt; Miss Willis, white gown; Miss K. Willis, cream voile; Mrs. A. Wallace, striped silk blouse and black skirt; Mrs. E. J. Wilkinson, pale blue and white striped silk blouse trimmed with lace and black skirt; Miss Hally, black satin charmeuse evening gown relieved with a touch of gold.

**Personal.**

Miss Wells has gone to Auckland, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Bunciman, of "Elwood." Mr. and Mrs. J. Philips are at present on a visit to Rotorua. Mrs. Kinder, sen., of Remuera, is staying at the Vicarage, Cambridge, for a few days. Mrs. C. Stone, of Mt. Eden, Auckland, is at present staying at the Vicarage, Cambridge. The Misses Willis, the Messrs. Willis (2), and B. Totten, of Auckland, who is at present staying at the Vicarage, Cambridge, and the Rev. Yarde-Buller, of England, visited the Waitomo Caves on Easter Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, of the Bank of New Zealand, have been spending their Easter holidays at Papakura. Mrs. Bush, of Waikoi, and Mrs. Neil, of Auckland, are at present staying with Mrs. Taylor, of "Bardowie," Cambridge.

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**HAMILTON.**

March 30.

**Tennis Tournament.**

Great disappointment has been felt at the very inclement weather experienced

during the Easter tennis tournament, rendering it most unpleasant, and at times impossible to play while mere watching was almost out of the question. Good entries were received, too, numbering 35, in the men's handicap singles, 19 in the doubles, 17 in the combined doubles, 11 in the ladies' singles, 6 in the ladies' doubles; which made it all the more disappointing to intending spectators. Arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Shand and Fabling, who performed their duties in a satisfactory manner. The concluding game in the men's championship singles will be played in Auckland, when Quinnell has to meet Robson, and the winner will play Sheriffs, the winner of this game playing Hawkins in the final. Robson and Stewart will also play the final of the men's handicap singles in Auckland.

**Bowling.**

The Whitiara Bowling Club sent a representative team to Cambridge at Easter to take part in the bowling tournament which is held there annually. After many exciting games, the final was played off between Whitiara and Cambridge. Mr. Mitchell being skip for the former club. The Whitiara club won, by scoring 21, as against Cambridge 19; the win proved a very popular one.

**Felo.**

The Auckland Provincial Tournament is being played at the Barkura Experimental Farm this week. The gate which has been raging so furiously, has spoilt or at least hampered a good many of the matches, and only allowed a moderate number of spectators to attend. Afternoon tea has been given by the ladies each afternoon.

**Various Happenings.**

An impromptu dance was held in St. Peter's Schoolroom on Easter Monday night, which was arranged by the Misses Chitty, Cousins, and several others. There was quite a large number present, including many of the visitors from the tennis and polo tournaments, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

On Tuesday morning Miss Lottie Barton was married to Mr. S. E. Empson. A great deal of interest was shown, the Bartons being old residents of Hamilton. The girl friends of the bride made a lovely wedding-bell of white flowers, which hung over the happy pair during the ceremony.

A very good dramatic performance, entitled "Lady Hamworth's Experiment," was given by local talent on Wednesday evening, in aid of the Hamilton Orchestral Society. Miss Lovell was well worthy of praise as Caroline Raywood, and Miss Gillespie as Keziah, was very good, causing genuine merriment by her portrayal of the vicarage servant. Mr. H. E. Gaze as Gandy, the butler, was also remarkably good, keeping the house in great good humour. We were sorry to miss Mr. Manning, who had taken so much trouble with the management, owing to a sudden indisposition.

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