

pink rose on the corsage; Mrs. A. B. Herold, heliotrope paillette silk made en Princesse, with panel on the skirt of heliotrope tulle and silver, and the bodice had a vest of the same, and shoulder scarf of white with silver sequins; Mrs. L. Peake, a lovely frock of cameo pink satin charmeuse, trimmed with silver, and shoulder scarf of fine lace; Miss Cox, rosewood silk voile with yoke and sleeves of creme tulle net; Mrs. Farnall, bodice of creme satin with bretelles of black silk, and black silk skirt; Mrs. Middleton, anethyst chiffon taffeta with creme lace net yoke and bretelles of the same outlined with anethyst silk applique; Mrs. B. Conner, black crepe de chine over black glace with tuckled net yoke and sleeves, pale blue and silver scarf; Mrs. (Dr.) Roberts, black paillette silk evening gown, bodice having a vest of fine white lace, and white chiffon tucker, and handsome jet trimming; Miss Beak, white silk and lace evening dress; Miss Willis, black silk with pink bow beribe and white-net scarf; Mrs. A. Gibbons, white silk embroidery crepe de chine with a touch of black about it, and very pretty evening coat of palest pink pastel cloth trimmed with Oriental trimming; Miss Halley, black satin charmeuse made en Princesse, bodice having a touch of gold and creme net yoke and sleeves; Miss Middleton, creme null muslin, made semi-Empire and trimmed with silk insertion; Mrs. Gwynneth, silver grey paillette silk trimmed with silver tissue, vest and sleeves of tuckled white net, waistcoat and revers of black brocade; Miss Brooks, pale pink chiffon taffeta made semi-Empire, bodice and sleeves being trimmed with silver sequin, white net; Miss Clark, white silk trimmed with lace. The men were Messrs Nicoll, Peake (3), Dyer, Willis, Cox, Middleton, McBride, Wells, F. Reynolds, Hindmarsh, Farnall, Scott Dr. Roberts.

**At the Rink.**  
Last Monday another private evening was held at the rink in the Alexandra Hall, and proved most enjoyable. It was decided to hold a fancy dress party four weeks from last Monday, which is being looked forward to by the rinkers. Some of those present on Monday night were: Mr. and Mrs. N. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. S. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. L. Peake, Mr. and Mrs. C. Peake, Mr. and Mrs. H. Worp, Mrs. A. B. Herold, Misses Beale, Ward, Clark, Halley (3), Dickenson, Ferguson (2), Middleton (2), M. Hunter, C. Roberts, Pickering (2), Taylor (2), Mrs. J. Martin, Mrs. (Dr.) Roberts, Mrs. R. J. Roberts, Mrs. A. Gibbons, and many others.

**HAMILTON.**

August 11.

**A Dance.**  
A very enjoyable dance was given by the Misses Chitty on Tuesday last in Mr. Aubrey Chitty's house, to which a new addition has just been added. Masses of camellias prettily decorated the rooms, the floor was excellent, and a very jolly evening was spent. Miss Chitty received her guests in black evening dress with touches of anethyst; Miss K. Chitty, pretty pale blue silk voile relieved with black; Miss Muriel Chitty, white muslin. Among the guests were: Mrs. Vere Chitty, pretty black silk; Miss N. Metcalfe, lovely green silk draped with gold embroidered black net; Miss Cussen, soft cream satin with sequin trimming; Miss Cussen, cream embroidered net; Miss Cussen, pale blue voile; Miss Furse, white muslin, red poppies in hair; Miss McAllum, black silk; Miss Clara Holloway, red silk; Miss Primrose, white muslin; Miss Daphne Primrose, white silk; Miss Hay, black velvet; Matron Swinburne, biscuit coloured voile, touches of deeper shade; Miss Pickering, white; Miss L. Lorie, white silk; Miss C. Lorie, cream; Miss McNeil, black with floral sash; Miss Lambert, deep cream satin charmeuse; Miss Soudes, pure white chiffon taffeta frock. Among the gentlemen were: Messrs. A. A. Chitty, Cussen (2), Edgecombe, McNeil, Primrose, Hunter (2), Ford Wood, Davey, Holloway, Jordan, Barnett, Ransted (2), Gordon, Thompson, Bond, Baxter, Rev. Houchen, etc.

**Captain Brassbound's Conversion.**  
The Hamilton Shakespeare Club on Friday last read one of Mr. Bernard Shaw's works, "Captain Brassbound's Conversion." Though totally different from the usual readings, the Club members did very well, the piece being thor-

oughly enjoyed by the audience. Mr. Fox, as Captain Brassbound, made a good study of the part. Mr. Northcroft was a good Sir Howard Hallam (the English High Court Judge); Drinkwater, a Cockney, and one of Captain Brassbound's followers, was capably portrayed by Mr. Gaze; Miss Lambert made a very good heroine (Lady Cicely Wainfleet); while Messrs. Ransted, Sward, Luxford, Pountney, and McDiarmid, all gave good interpretation of their parts.

ZILLA.

**ROTORUA.**

August 12.

**At Home.**  
A very pleasant "At Home" was given in Te Ruananga on Tuesday afternoon by Mrs W. R. Blow, to meet her mother-in-law, Mrs H. J. H. Blow, of Wellington. A well-arranged guessing competition kept all engrossed in excitement for some time. Amongst those present I noticed: Mesdames Empson, Malfroy, Hill, Hicks, Landon, Crowther, Urganhart, Braithwaite, Gardner, Crowhurst, F. Landon, Walker, Kusabs, Bent, McLeod, and Misses Malfroy, Smith, Pownall, Landon, Potts. The tea-room was bright and comfortable, and decorated with flowers.

**Personal.**  
Mr J. B. Purcell, of the local Post and Telegraph Office, has been transferred to Palmerston North, his place being filled by Mr Twiddle, of the Palmerston office.  
Miss Burgoyne has resigned her position as teacher at the Mangatuna School, and was presented with a silver teapot when leaving.

Mr E. Rawnsley, of Christchurch, is staying at Grand Vue.  
Mrs F. E. Baume and Mrs Sydney Nathan, of Auckland, are staying at Waiwera House.  
Mr Hampson, of Rhodes and Hampson, left for Wellington by Saturday's express.  
Mr Fastier, of Stratford, is staying at the "Australia."  
Mrs Singer and family, of Auckland, are staying at Lake House Hotel.  
Mr and Mrs A. H. Wallis, of Gisborne, are staying at Bathgate House.  
Mr P. Durham, of Kaitiaki, is staying at Grand Vue.  
Mr and Miss Manton, of Sydney, and Mr Upton, of Wellington, are staying at Bathgate House.  
Mr E. E. Vaile, of Waiotapu, has returned to his home from Auckland.

**GISBORNE.**

August 12.

**Rink.**  
Gisborne has been very quiet this week, though skating is still the rage. On Saturday, August 6th, a race was held during the evening at the rink, and only those who had started this season were allowed to compete. A great number entered. A trophy, in the form of a bracelet, was presented by Dr. Collins. The judges for the race were: Messrs. Geo. Grant, Lachariah, H. Tucker. The winner of the bracelet was Mrs R. Barker, following her in second and third places were Miss Smith and Mrs C. F. Scott. It was difficult to judge amongst so many graceful and clever skaters.

**Personal.**  
Mr L. Goldsmith left on Sunday last for England, on account of his health.  
Mr Geoffrey Maclean has been spending a few days in Napier.  
Mrs and Miss Bright left for South on Wednesday.  
Mr Hine, from London, is staying at the Gisborne Hotel.  
Mr Clarke, manager of the South British Insurance Company, is visiting Gisborne at present.

E.L.S.A.

**NAPIER.**

August 12.

**The Hospital Ball.**  
The Hospital Ball was held in the Garrison Hall on Thursday evening, and proved a great success. The hall was beautifully decorated with hawthorn and branches of cherry blossom, with long streamers of white and yellow drapery stretched from side to side. The supper table was arranged with daffodils. The music was excellent, extras being played by Mrs Russell, Miss Snodgrass, and Miss Margoliouth. Amongst those pre-

sent were: Mrs Shrimpton, pale yellow satin; Mrs Vigor Brown, black satin; Miss Trixie Brown, blue charmeuse; Miss Ruby Brown, pale pink, silver trimming; Mrs McHardy, blue satin, silver trimming; Mrs Nantes, black satin; Mrs Hector Smith, black silk taffeta; Mrs Edgar, oyster satin, handsome Oriental trimming; Mrs George Nelson, vieux rose charmeuse fishwife gown; Mrs Henley, Boral chine silk; Mrs Archie Brown, vieux rose satin, Oriental trimming; Mrs Bernau, black satin; Mrs Perry, violet gown, violets on corsage; Mrs Smurt, white silk; Miss Bery, black satin; Miss Miller, maize-coloured net; Miss Ashton, white satin, gold trimming; Miss Elsie Macfarlane, pink silk taffeta; Miss Myhill, eau de nil satin; Miss T. Margoliouth, brown chiffon, blue trimming; Miss V. Margoliouth, blue silk taffeta; Miss Oliva Snodgrass, white satin; Miss L. Snodgrass, pink crepe de chine; Miss Morecroft, black satin; Mrs A. O. Russell, white watered silk, corslet of white dew-drop net; Miss Hartgill (Dannevirke), terra cotta satin; Miss Hindmarsh, white crepe de chine; Miss B. Hindmarsh, white satin; Miss Meg Hindmarsh, black velvet; Mrs Duke Shields, black satin, gold trimming; Mrs A. Y. Williams, blue satin, silver trimming; Miss Mills, oyster satin; Miss May Williams, pale blue silk taffeta; Mrs Sandtman, black; Miss Sandtman, vieux rose.

**The Napier Horticultural Society.**

The Napier Horticultural Society held their annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon. It was decided to hold a rose and sweet pea show some time in November. Sweet peas have become most popular flowers of late, and every season brings out more lovely varieties. Judging from the number of people cultivating sweet peas, the show in November should be a great success, and encouragement to the society. A bulb show will be held in St. Augustine's Schoolroom on September 7th. These little shows have always been most popular. The daffodils promise to be very good this season, and with other early spring flowers should make a show well worth visiting.

**Hockey Dance.**

The Napier Hockey Club gave a very successful dance in the Foresters' Hall on Wednesday evening in aid of the Association fund for sending the ladies' representative team to Nelson. A delicious supper was provided by the ladies. Extra dances were played by Miss Ward, Mr. H. Wrim, and Mr. H. Bobjohns. A number of country visitors were present.

**Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. Absolum (Risington), have been spending a few days in town. Miss Chapman left for Christchurch on Thursday. She will remain there till after the Golf Championship.  
Miss Mary Shirley is on a holiday visit to Napier.  
Mrs. Henley, Mrs. Geo. Kelly, Miss Hindmarsh, and Miss Hamlin leave for Christchurch this week to take part in the Golf Championship.  
Miss Hartgill (Dannevirke) is visiting Napier.  
Mrs. Duke Shields (The Toie) is staying at the Masonic Hotel.  
Mr. and Mrs. Pollen have arrived from Auckland, and have taken a house in Sealey-road. Mr. Pollen succeeds Mr. Broderick as Commissioner of Crown Lands.

MARJORIE.

**HASTINGS.**

August 11.

**A Delightful Party.**  
Mrs. Malcolm Brodie gave a very delightful party to-day, quite 40 ladies being present. Early spring flowers brightened the drawing-room. The hostess received her guests in a very smart gown of pansy-silk made in the new scarf and panier effect. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Stevenson (Gisborne), Mrs. Beyers, and Mrs. Miller. Most delicious cakes, sandwiches and tea were dispensed. Each guest wore an emblem of a song, some being particularly clever. Mrs. Jack Beamish gained first prize, being the one who guessed the greatest number correctly, and Mrs. Halse, for the most original, second prize. Mrs. McKibbin won a letter competition. Those present were: Mrs. Jack Miller, blue gown and soft black jotted straw, black fountain leathers; Mrs. Charles Scott, bronze gown with large black hat wreathed with rosy apples and bronze leaves; Mrs.

(Dr.) Barcroft looked very stylish and nice in a green cloth coat and skirt braided and buttoned, a particularly sweet hat of aeroplans green banded with gold and black wings, black fox furs; Mrs. Rochfort, black coat and skirt, sable furs, black hat; Miss Cooper looked nice in brown with becoming black hat swathed with white silk; Mrs. Lawlor, dainty little coat and skirt of military blue, black hat; Mrs. Jack Beamish looked exceedingly nice in black taffeta, white embroidered stole and becoming hat, undeviled with lily white; Miss Evans looked very stylish in a pansy cloth coat and skirt and a smart mushroom hat in two shades of pansy silk and satin; Mrs. Stevenson (Gisborne), ivory voile and white silk, black mushroom hat and a lovely black lace stole; Miss Symes, pretty Russian costume, anethyst winged hat; Mrs. Stronach, hazel tweed Norfolk costume, black mushroom hat with roses and wings; Mrs. Gregory, hair-lined dove tweed, becoming rose hat with shaded wings; Mrs. Gascoyne, black gown, stylish hat of black with silver embroidery bandeau, silver rye and berries; Mrs. Murray, stylish black coat and skirt, large black hat with white roses and long black overspreys; Mrs. Beyers looked nice in a putty coloured tweed, Paisley waist, and a smart cinnamon straw hat; Mrs. (Dr.) McKibbin, scarlet cloth gown braided with black, large scarlet straw mushroom banded with velvet; Mrs. Fairclough, black gown, black bonnet; Mrs. Croll, rose Shantung gown braided, rose hat; Mrs. (Dr.) De Lisle, navy voile, smart rose hat; Mrs. Halse, wedgewood blue gown, cream lace insertion, hat en suite; Mrs. Beilby, dark wine cloth gown, braided, black hat; Mrs. Wallace, green cloth coat and skirt, smart mushroom hat to match wreathed with shaded

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