

arrived punctually, and was escorted to the platform by Mrs. Calder and the Vicar of St. Matthew's. Mrs. Neligan, amidst applause, came forward to the edge of the platform, and started her speech, which proved to be extremely interesting. Mrs. Neligan is a grand example of a womanly woman, clever and capable, but so gentle and sweet. The G.E.S. seems to hold a large part of Mrs. Neligan's heart and interest, and her departure from Auckland will leave a gap difficult to fill in the council of the society. It made me sad indeed to think we were so soon to lose this charming woman. Among the stall-holders I noticed were: Mrs. Parkes, Mrs. and Miss Nelson, assisted by Mrs. Monaghan and Miss Winnie Kent; All Saints'; Mrs. Calder and Mrs. Atkinson; St. Paul's; Mrs. and Miss Barry, Mrs. and Miss Nairn and Miss Cooper; Sister Hannah presided at another stall, with several helpers; Epton, Mrs. Bramwell and Mrs. Stride; St. Matthew's, Mrs. Gillam, Miss Larkins, and Miss Hancock; St. Sepulchre's, Miss Pickering, Miss Pierce, and the girls of the D.S.A.; Refreshments: This stall was in charge of Miss Filleul, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Mason, and Miss Glennie. Among the large number present, I noticed: Mrs. T. C. Williams and Miss Williams, Mrs. Hope Lewis, Mrs. E. Russell, Mrs. Coppeland Savage, Mrs. H. Brett, Mrs. C. Buddie, Mrs. Kinder, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Bloomfield, Mrs. Bedford, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. King, Mrs. Eason, Mrs. Hudson Williamson, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Davis, Miss Pirault, Miss Beresford, Miss Buddie, Miss Cooper, Miss Durcan, Miss C. Willis. Mrs. Neligan was wearing a pale blue silk with overdress of black tulle, a black toque with touches of blue, and a blue scarf. At the conclusion of Mrs. Neligan's address, she was presented by Miss Sybil Schulz with a pretty bouquet of violets and anemones of the same shade.

Impromptu Dance.

Mrs. Lindsay gave a very jolly little dance on Tuesday at her residence, "Camacha," Ballour-road, Parnell, in honour of her son Reggie, who is to be married shortly to Miss Hall, of the Bay of Islands. Mrs. Lindsay looked well in a black velvet skirt and white silk blouse; Mrs. Cummings was very pretty in pink; Miss Lindsay wore her becoming black dress and scarlet flowers; Miss G. Lindsay, white with blue ribbons; Mrs. Pycroft, pretty pale pink; Miss Young, blue; Miss Ruth Whyte looked nice in black; Miss M. Peacocke, old gold and shoes to match; Miss Hall looked charming in a beautiful crepe de chine gown; Miss Wilson was pretty in black, her sister wore white; Miss Sheppard wore her pretty white net; Miss Horrocks, pink; Miss Cook, pink; Miss Sheath, white. The gentlemen present were: Messrs. R. Lindsay, T. Lindsay, Gosset, Whyte, Laird, Taitton, Sheath, Wilson, C. Cook, H. Cook, Laserson, Lewis, Peacocke, Pycroft, and Dr. Jaglis.

An Enjoyable Party.

The junior members of the Victoria League were given a party by the members of the Hospitality Committee on Saturday afternoon in St. Mary's Parish Hall. I was sorry not to be present, but I hear the party was a huge success. One of the most interesting items in the afternoon's programme was a short speech by Mrs. Gillies, a most interesting visitor to Auckland. This lady, who wore her nurse's garb of pale grey with scarlet tipped, and an imposing display of medals, succeeded in interesting her audience with a short sketch of her experiences whilst nursing during the Boer war, etc. Mrs. Gillies is matron-in-chief of the Princess Christian's Army Nursing Reserve. Miss Mary Hall also addressed the children. Mrs. Leo Myers read the prize essay, the prizes for which were presented during the afternoon by the President, Dr. Hope Lewis. "The Winding of New Zealand," by Harry Paton, of the Cambridge West School, aged 16, was of high merit. The essay on "Modern Methods of Defence" was won by Leonard Rayne, 13 years, Auckland Grammar School. "The Story of a Farm" was won by Charlie Haines, 13 years, also Girls' Grammar School. Three other prizes were allotted by Miss Lones, Leo Myers, Dunlop and Dawes to essays dealing with farm life in Auckland, the winners being Myrtle Wood (Auckland), James Clowthorpe (The Avonmouth), and Sarah McCarroll, aged 9 years (Marsden). The essays dealing with the fauna and flora of New Zealand showed least originality. The prize in this section was awarded by

Mr. Arthur Myers, M.P., to Hugh Wernham, aged 10 (Turua, Thames). Despite the fact that the balloon was in the vicinity of the hall, the children's attention did not flag at all. After full justice had been done to the tea and all sorts of refreshments, games and competitions were played. The children were divided into four classes, boy and girl under twelve and over twelve. Each child was given a piece of paper, and out of this they had to tear with the fingers a rooster. Most of the results were fearful and wonderful to behold, and created great fun.

Mrs. Seager arranged a "Dandy Dick" competition. Among the helpers and onlookers were: Mrs. Hope Lewis, Mrs. Leo Myers, Miss Mowbray, Mrs. Gillies, Miss Mary Hall, Mrs. Carr-Robert, Mrs. Seager, Miss Campbell, Miss Alice Walker, Misses R. Greig, D. Nathan, M. Egerton and Seager.

Personal.

Mrs. and the Misses Worsp have returned to the Grand Hotel after a visit to Mr. S. G. Worsp, "Kainui," Waikato.

Misses K. and M. Clark, who have been in Sydney on a holiday jaunt, returned home on Sunday, also Miss Pearl Gorrie. Miss McLean leaves on Monday week for Sydney on a visit with her brother. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross (Bruntswood) were in town for the Avondale races, and are the guests of Mrs. Ross' mother (Mrs. McCosh Clark).

Mr. R. Runciman and his sister (Mrs. Hayden) are visiting their mother (Mrs. Runciman), who has been so seriously ill, but is now at Lake House, Takapuna.

Miss Elsie Runciman and Mr. R. Runciman are at present on a visit to Australia.

Miss T. Runciman is visiting friends in Wellington.

Miss Annie Lee Rees was admitted to the Bar by Judge Chapman last week. Miss Rees is a daughter of Mr. W. L. Rees, Dunedin. Judge Chapman's father, who was then a Judge, admitted Miss Rees' father to the practice of the Court.

Mr. S. N. Zimm, the 1908 New Zealand Rhodes scholar, has passed the Indian Civil Service examination. This entitles him to a position in the Indian Service. It found medically fit successful candidates are allowed by Government about £200 for the following year so that they may remain in England to study the language used in the district in which they are to work. Mr. Zimm has been at Oxford for two years, and is 23 years old. This year he has taken his B.A. with first-class honours in mathematics.

Miss Jennie Moore, M.A., M.Sc., has been appointed science mistress at the Auckland Girls' Grammar School, and will arrive to take up her duties on the 25th inst.

Mr. Alfred Saunders, of Auckland, has gained the gold medal for pianoforte playing at the Royal Academy of Music, London. Mr. Saunders intends sitting for his I.R.A.M. diploma, and also for the organ diploma, and then visiting the Continent before leaving London for Auckland to take up music professionally.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

WELLINGTON.

September 24.

An official announcement that on the expiration of the full Court mourning period on September 30th, there will be some entertaining at Government House, has caused a thrill of delightful anticipation. So far we have not heard any details, but enough has been said to show that October is to be an unusually gay month. Of course, the first function will be purely official, probably a dinner to the Prime Minister and the members of the Cabinet. A big reception later on is also on the programme, but we are not yet informed whether it will be an afternoon or evening affair.

Meantime rather a serious question crops up with regard to the means of getting to Government House. The old vice-regal quarters were in the residential part of the town and easily accessible from anywhere. New Government House is situated just outside the radius for which cab fares are scheduled, so there are sure to be difficulties. True, the entrance gates are just at the boundary line, but it is calculated that the drive is a quarter of a mile in length, and very exposed at that, so no one would feel inclined to walk up when dressed for a State occasion. His Excellency is interesting himself in the question, and an interview with the Mayor ended in

the latter making an arrangement that when necessary special trams should be run every few minutes to the most suitable stopping place. It would be a relief to many people if a definite cab and taxi fare could be settled.

The Calve Concerts.

Crammed houses have been the rule at all the Calve concerts, which have really created a furor here. On the last two nights the added attraction of scenery and costumes doubled the enjoyment of the audience, the "Carmen" scene being a most memorable one. At one concert in the Opera House, their Excellencies Lord and Lady Islington were present, the latter wearing black crepe de chine embroidered in jet; Lady Beatrice Kerr-Clark was in black charmeuse and paillettes. Also among the audiences have been Mrs. Elgar, in pale blue ninon, with a black velvet coat edged with ermine; Mrs. Joseph, black satin and jet; Miss Joseph, black pailletted net; Mrs. Nathan (Palmerston), rose du Barri charmeuse embroidered in the same shade; Mrs. Johnston, Princess gown of charmeuse, with scarf of lace; Mrs. Richmond, black crepe de chine and lace; Miss Seymour (Picton), black ninon de soie and pale blue burnous; Mrs. David Nathan, black satin veiled in beaded net; Miss Nathan, ivory satin and pearls, ivory burnous; Mrs. Prouse, ceru lace dress and Paisley coat; Miss Parsons, black jetted net; Mrs. Parsons, black crepe de chine; Mrs. Menzies (Southland), pale blue merveilleux with draped cincture of black satin, silver Egyptian scarf; Miss O'Connor, white crepe de chine and lace; Mrs. Miles, pastel charmeuse, mauve coat; Miss Butts, black satin with silver embroideries.

Among the Golfers.

Golf tournaments are still going on, although, of course, the great events are over. Nevertheless, plenty of interest and excitement go on at the smaller district championship meetings. Just lately Napier has been the attraction, and among players from Wellington have been Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Miss Bell, Mrs. and Miss Tweed, Dr. and Mrs. Webster, Mrs. and Miss Pearce, and a number of others.

Anglican Mission.

There has lately been rather a lull in social matters, which will probably become much more pronounced in a week or two. The Anglican Mission, from which such great benefits are hoped and expected, is drawing very near, and a vast amount of quiet preparation has been going on for some time. Bishop Julius is coming from Christchurch to assist, and on Sunday there is to be a grand meeting in the Town Hall to inaugurate the Mission. The special hymns have been practised after services, and careful and complete organisation is arranged, all the parishes uniting. The Rev. Canon Stuart is already here, making the final preparations, and is staying at Bishopscourt with the Bishop and Mrs. Wallis.

Children's Pageant.

It was such a pity Lady Islington could not be present at the final performance of the Children's Pageant, as it was really a charming sight. The little ones looked so pretty in their flower frocks and went through all the evolutions with much grace and dignity, even the intricate figure that revolved itself into a special welcome to Her Excellency. Part of the proceeds went to Mother Aubert's Home of Compassion. Much warmth of applause greeted the special compliment arranged in her honour, the children carrying out their parts wonderfully well.

The Boys' Institute.

The scheme of holding a bridge tournament in aid of the Boys' Institute was a capital one, and a handsome cheque was handed in to the funds by the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Morrison. Kirealdie's Tea Room was again the scene of play, the green walls making an admirable background to the many pretty evening dresses worn, a number of them being only partly visible under the picturesque form of wrap which is so popular just now. The girls of the tea room had volunteered their services, a graceful act, for which they received warm thanks from the committee. The scoring throughout was pretty high, the winning cards showing 1,800 points, and the runners-up 1,500, and would, of course, have been very much higher had doubling been allowed. Mrs. J. Joseph received a pair of silver vases, and her

partner, Mr. L. Nathan, a silver card case. The consolation prizes fell to Mrs. Etherington and Professor Rankine Brown. Mrs. Newman wore a Princess gown of blue charmeuse, the décolletage delicately embroidered in gold and crystals; Mrs. Morrison was in black crepe de chine, with a great deal of jet and burnous of electric blue charmeuse; Mrs. Tweed, white chiffon taffeta, with an overdress of black lace and jet, Liberty wrap of soft satin; Miss Joseph, a Princess dress of black crepe de chine, elaborately worked in jet, guimpe and elbow sleeves of Irish lace; Mrs. David Nathan, black lace dress, and long seal coat; Mrs. Johnston, black charmeuse, with panels of white elaborately embroidered in jet and chenille; Mrs. C. Johnston, black charmeuse, picturesque wrap of geranium red souple chine; Miss Miles, Princess dress of crepe de chine and lace, heliotrope burnous; Mrs. Pearce, black satin, and coat of Empire green; Mrs. Fitchett, pastel chiffon taffetas, and coat of chine silk; Mrs. Macarthy, rose coloured eolienne, with guimpe and sleeves of chiffon in the same shade embroidered with iridescent beads; Mrs. Nathan, black satin, and jet embroideries; Mrs. Monzies, black chiffon velvet, and fibu of lace; Miss Miles, pale pink eolienne and lace; Miss Pollen, aqua green ninon, and green burnous; Miss Nathan, black satin and lace.

Afternoon Entertainments.

Both Mrs. Grace and Mrs. Johnston were entertaining on Friday afternoon, and many of the same guests were at both parties. Mrs. Grace's was quite a large affair, but there was no crowding, although so many people were present. The hostess received her guests in the spacious hall, where bowls of daffodils and flowering plum had a charming background of old china against dark oak, palms being placed about in the recesses. In the red dining-room the table was done with bowls of crimson rhododendron set in silver bowls, and the drawing-room had many vases of daffodils and jonquils, white on the mantelpiece was a delightful scheme of bluish mauve perennial peas and white plum blossom. All the afternoon groups of admirers clustered round the cinerarias in the conservatory, which were wonderful in their depth and variety of colour and harmonising hues. Double azaleas of all shades of rose and white were placed about here and there, and in the morning-room the chocolate table had demurely sweet bowls of primroses on it. A delightful musical treat was afforded by the singing of Miss Phoebe Parsons, the music-room being thronged with listeners for every song.

Mrs. Grace wore black crepe de chine, the taffier elaborately embroidered in flat jet beads; the guimpe was of Irish guipure in an old ivory tint. Mrs. Jan Duncan was in ninon of twilight blue, with a deep hem of Paisley foulard, the yoke and sleeves of tucked net, dark blue hat massed with shaded white and blue lilac; Mrs. Arthur Duncan, lotus blue eolienne, with embroideries of shaded blue, and sleeves of Toscana net in the same shade, black hat wreathed with roses and lilac; Mrs. Wallis, moly grey charmeuse, with guimpe of net, black picture hat. Lady Ward was among the guests, wearing black ninon, the sleeveless coat strapped with black lace, black picture hat; Miss Eileen Ward, black foulard, with white ring spot deeply,

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