

summer things, though I fancy some of them felt rather chilly as the afternoon wore on, but it certainly made the scene a bright and charming one. "The School" character of these sports is almost lost, so large have they become, really much like a public sports gathering. There seemed to me such a lack of enthusiasm, a predominant feature in most school or college functions. I hoped great things of the Invitation Race, but I suppose because a Grammar School boy won, F. B. Carolan, it was hardly to be expected, though the King's boys gave him a hearty clap. The most exciting episode during the afternoon was the One Mile Open Handicap, which was won by a sturdy little fair boy, who, with a start of 90 yards, ran in fine style; his name was Adamus. The Old Boy's Race was rather funny. Most of the starters toed the mark just as they arrived from office, many not even taking off their hats, much less their coats. J. Walker won in great style. Several school records were broken during the day. J. C. Whitney lowered the 220 yards record, from 24 3/8 to 22 3/8, an excellent school boy performance. He also created a new long jump record, 20ft. 10in. G. Larnar made a new high jump record, 5ft. 4in. The Sack Race was great fun, and the winner Murray, certainly has acquired the "art" of sack running, for while all the others were tumbling about, he kept on his course, and with tiny steps, romped in a winner. The tug-of-war, Boarders v. Day Boys, proved the latter the stronger. The Boarders wanted more "heef." Tea was brought round the stand by a number of the College boys, and was most welcome; such nice mannered little chaps they were, waiting upon everyone so nicely. The Bavarian Band played pretty music, which gave a finishing touch to a delightful afternoon.

A few I noticed among the crowd were: Lady Lockhart, blue Shantung, flower wreathed hat; Dr. and Mrs. McDowell, the latter in a fawn cloth coat, skirt and hat, with shaded pink roses; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Reed, who was wearing a smart reseda green Ottoman silk coat and skirt and a becoming black toque; Mr. and Mrs. Rainger, the latter in a reseda green linen coat and skirt, and a pretty floral toque; Mrs. H. Brett, dark amethyst cloth coat and skirt, braided in black, amethyst hat to match; Mrs. Colbeck, a pretty waxe blue coat, and skirt, burnt straw hat lined and swathed with black charmuse; Mrs. John Reed, a grey coat and skirt and a becoming black toque with touch of Royal blue; Mr. and Mrs. J. Tole, the latter in a smart black cloth coat and skirt, and black hat; Misses Tole (2); Mrs. M. McLean wore black and a handsome hat; Miss McLean had a beautifully-cut cream cloth coat and skirt and black hat; Miss — McLean, amethyst cloth coat and skirt and shaded brown hat; Mrs. Louissou; Mrs. Carrick; Mrs. E. Anderson, in cream, with red tie and hat swathed with same colour; Mrs. Leo Myers, dark coat and skirt and a nodish blue hat; Mrs. L. Myers; Mrs. W. Coleman, reseda green Shantung and large black hat; Mrs. Alexander; Mrs. L. D. Nathan; Mrs. David Nathan was a smart figure in cream cloth, Tuscan hat with pink roses and grasses, and a black and white scarf; Mrs. Larnar, blue cloth coat and skirt and black hat; Mrs. Napier looked especially nice in a tan linen coat and skirt, faced with blue linen, a burnt straw hat with grasses and black velvet; Mrs. Macky; Mrs. Egerton; Mrs. Cheeseman; Mrs. Friend and Miss Friend; Mrs. Cumming, dark cloth coat and skirt and smart hat; Mrs. Davis; Mrs. Sharnan; Mrs. Derry; Mrs. E. Russell wore a smart serge coat and a bronze green furban toque; Mrs. Noel Bamford looked smart in a pretty cloth Russian suit with large black hat; the Misses Douglas, in grey cloth and large black hats; Miss A. Carr looked charming in a smart black and white checked coat and skirt, and a large black hat; Miss H. Bloomfield, blue cloth coat and skirt and a becoming patty-coloured straw hat with blue velvet band; Miss D. Nathan wore a smart cream coat and skirt, a tagel straw hat trimmed with cherries; Miss R. Greig looked a dainty girl in smart blue little frock and a large blue hat; Miss Myvis Reed wore cream and a Tuscan hat, damped with Paisley scarf; Miss Enid looked sweet in white muslin; Miss Rachel Gorrice, dark coat and skirt and a becoming large black hat; Miss Jenny Nicholl wore a pretty blue frock with bands of white insertion; Miss R. Horrocks, white linen and a flower-wreathed hat; Miss N. St. Clair looked pretty in a cream serge coat and skirt, faced with black, and a pretty hat; Miss Matin Cooke looked pretty in pink with black hat wreathed with pink roses;

Miss Hunter Hamilton, wore a pretty frock of palest green crepe de chine, with hat to match; Miss Binney, long cream coat and skirt with hat trimmed with shaded feathers; Mrs. Towle, mole cloth coat and skirt and black hat; Miss Mary Towle, Shantung coat and skirt of mole, pretty white hat wreathed with shaded pelitrope flowers; Mrs. Hector Pierce looked charming in palest mauve cloth, beautifully braided in a dark shade, an amethyst hat with violets and pink roses; Mrs. Thomas, mole cloth frock and a smart hat; Miss Biss looked pretty in a tweed coat and skirt and a most becoming hat.

One noticeable feature of the King's College sports gathering was the large number of old boys present, showing that their interest in their alma-mater was still as keen as ever. The King's College Old Boys' Association is a very live institution, and they have many pleasant reunions.

#### A Kitchen Tea.

Mrs. Luckie (Mt. Eden) gave a kitchen tea in honour of Miss Ethel Hay, who is to be married shortly. The afternoon was a great success. Some clever competitions had been arranged, which the guests entered into with great zest. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers, and a delicious afternoon tea was served. There was a most varied collection of kitchen utensils, which should prove most useful. Mrs. Luckie was wearing a pretty rose-coloured silk voile with blouse to match; Miss Ethel Hay wore a smart black and white frock and black hat. Among the guests were:—Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Bob Isaacs, Mrs. Thornes, Mrs. Niel, Misses Myra Reid, and E. Commis.

#### Skating Carnival.

The Black and White Skating Carnival, held on Tuesday night at Prince's, was a great success. There were all sorts of attractions. The race was most exciting, and great fun. The exhibitions of graceful skating were pretty. The prizes which had been won at the last sports evening were presented to the lucky winners, who were greeted with rounds of applause. Now that the season at Prince's is drawing to a close, everyone is talking of the new rink in Khyber Pass, which, we hear, is to be a very fine one, much larger than Prince's, and with a lovely smooth and noiseless floor. The people who are starting this new rink have wisely secured the services of Mr. Gonard, the popular manager of Prince's.

#### A Dance.

A dance given by Mrs. Udy at her residence, "Eden Grove," Mt. Eden, on Wednesday evening last proved most enjoyable. A lovely moonlight night, good music and floor left nothing to be desired. The verandahs were gay with flags and palms, and the decorations of the supper table, served in the dining-room, were anemones and fine grasses. Mrs. Udy received her guests in a black silk; Miss Udy, blue taffeta voile, Maltese lace, black marguerites; Miss Daisy Udy, black crepe de chine, relieved with white nixon; Mrs. Barnard, reseda green gown; Mrs. Cooper, black and white; Mrs. Nicholson, black; Mrs. S. Milne, black silk evening gown; Miss Etta Cooper, white silk taffeta voile; Miss Dawson, pink charmuse; Mrs. Walker, white satin gown; Miss Beatrice Dawson, green satin charmuse, overdress of black chiffon; Miss Petrie, white gown; Miss True Walker, embroidered net over white chiffon; Miss Oxley, pink satin gown; Miss Tibbs, white frock; Miss B. Price, white chiffon, embroidered in blue; Miss Bertha Oxley, pale pink satin charmuse; Miss Crowther, white gown, pink roses in coiffure; Miss Ethel Martin, white satin charmuse; Miss Muriel Blades, white; Miss Wilson, pale blue evening gown; Miss Milne, white embroidered gown; Miss Metelife, green satin charmuse, overdress of black net; Miss Stevenson, red crepe de chine, overdress of chiffon. Among the gentlemen were the following: Messrs. Brown, Phillipson, Crowther, Trevithick, Dr. Tibbs, Oxley, Browne, Roberts, Andrae, Connolly, Milne, Cooper (2), Nicholson, Kidd, Billing, Stubbs, Nolan, Walker, Reid.

#### On the Links.

On Saturday afternoon those playing in the mixed foursomes, at One-tree Hill, which event marked the closing of the Maungakiekie Golf Club's season, spent a very jolly afternoon. The onlookers, of whom there was a goodly number, were loud in their admiration of the beautiful park, which is looking at its best just now. Towards the close of the afternoon Mr. Parker Upton, cap-

tain of the club, presented the prizes, which had been won during the season, to the following players:—Miss Eva Cummings, Miss E. Martin, Miss Pierce, Miss C. Gorrice (2), Miss Souter, and Miss Bascby, Messrs. D. Hay, Ridings, Cooke, and D. Kirker. There were some good cards handed in, the best being Miss Gordon and Mr. J. A. Peacock, who won with an excellent card of 37 net for 10 holes; Miss N. Macklow and Binney were second with 40; Miss Sellars and A. J. Cooke, 43, third. Among the on-lookers and players I noticed: Mrs. R. A. Carr, Miss Gillies, Mrs. Wynyard, Miss Wynyard, Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, Mrs. Edmiston, Misses Martin (2), Hull, Coutts, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Wade-Garey, Miss Cameron, Miss Bascby, Miss Kirker, Miss Murray, Miss Ruth Buckland, Miss Jean Richmond, Miss A. Carr, Miss Peacock, Miss Mary Frazer, Miss Crowther, Miss E. Barstow.

#### Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell, accompanied by Mrs. R. A. Carr, left for a short trip to Rotorua on Monday last.

Dr. H. E. Jeffreys and Mrs. Jeffreys, of Wellington, are on a visit to Auckland, and are staying at the Central Hotel.

Mr. Cecil Leys has returned to Auckland after a prolonged tour of the East and Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Devore and the Misses Devore, who have been on a trip to the Islands and Australia, returned from Sydney by the Maheno on Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Derry, of Remuera, is leaving on a visit to America, and has booked her passage by the Zealandia, leaving Suva on 31st instant for Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stout, of Invercargill, are at present in Auckland, and are staying at "Cargen."

Mr. and Mrs. W. Thornton, of Cambridge, are in Auckland on a visit, and are putting up at "Cargen."

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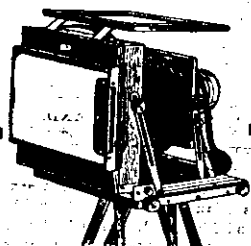
#### At Trentham.

Such a disagreeable day for the races! In town there was a high wind and threatening rain, so many of those who were going for pleasure changed their minds and stayed at home; but, of course, all the keen racing people went out. Once at Trentham it was really not so bad, and the grandstand is excellently sheltered from the wind, though elsewhere one felt it a good deal. Smart tailor-mades were worn by nearly all the women, and the few flimsy frocks looked distinctly out of place, and under the circumstances unbecoming to their wearers. Mr. Harcourt (President of the Club) and Miss Harcourt had large parties both for luncheon and afternoon tea. Miss Harcourt wore sapphire blue cloth en tailleur, with a black hat garlanded with Marguerites of white and yellow; Lady Ward was present, wearing an aluminium grey cloth coat and skirt and a black toque with white osprey; Miss Ward, grey Shantung tailor-made and grey hat; Lady Clifford (Christchurch), dark petunia frieze, en tailleur, black beaver hat with plumes; Mrs. Johnston ("Higden," Awahuri), black cashmere de soie, the coat heavily braided, black and white toque; Mrs. Ian Duncan, myrtle green cloth tailor-made, with a lace and lawn vest, green hat massed with pale blue and white lace; Mrs. Abbot, shepherd's plaid tailor-made, faced with black, tagel hat with pink and blue roses; Mrs. Lowry (Hawke's Bay), mole coat and skirt, much braided in the same shade, mole-coloured hat with plumes; Mrs. W. Turnbull, black cloth tailor-made, smartly braided, black hat with Royal blue corallowers; Mrs. Holmes (Wairarapa), navy blue coat and skirt, brown hat with roses; Mrs. C. Johnston, black braided tailor-made black sequin toque with white osprey; Mrs. Bidwill (Wairarapa), brown frieze tailor-made and brown hat with roses; Mrs. Elgar, black velvet coat and skirt, violet hat and ermine fur; Mrs. E. J. Kiddiford, black charmuse en tailleur, black and white toque; Mrs. A. Pearce, dark navy cloth, braided in black, tagel hat with black pleureuse plumes; Mrs. Tweed, dark amethyst cloth tailor-made, toque of the same shade; Mrs. Gore, black and white tailor-made, brown hat; Mrs. Myers (Auckland), pale mole

souple cloth en tailleur, tagel hat with shaded roses; Mrs. C. Pharyzyn, sapphire Shantung coat and skirt, blue hat wreathed with roses; Mrs. Joseph, navy, blue tailor-made, blue toque with plunage; Miss Joseph, natural tussore coat and skirt, tagel hat with pleureuse plumes; Mrs. Fringham, vieux rose frieze braided in the same shade, yoke of tinted net, vieux rose plumed hat; Mrs. Burnee, blue tailor-made smartly braided, blue hat with green wings; Mrs. Nathan, dark blue coat and skirt and blue hat; Mrs. Ziuman, mole tailor-made, mole-coloured hat with flowers; Miss Wardell, sapphire blue Shantung and black and blue hat; Mrs. Biss, grey coat and skirt and tagel hat with blue flowers; Miss Bauchop, navy tailor-made and black hat; Miss Bell, dark blue coat and skirt, tussore hat with wreath of miniature flowers; Miss Tweed, Rose du Barri linen and black plumed hat; Miss Kiddiford, cream cloth tailor-made, Paisley hat wreathed with cornflowers; Mrs. Kerr-Hislop, green frieze Russian costume and green hat; Mrs. Kember, dark blue cloth and blue hat with black wings; Mrs. Richardson, green tailor-made and green hat garlanded with foliage; Mrs. Tripe, dull green frieze and green frieze hat; Miss Beauchamp, violet cloth Russian costume and violet hat.

#### Tennis.

There were many guests at the opening ceremony of the Bidwill street tennis courts, and they were lucky in witnessing some capital games. Sir Edward Osborne-Gibbes, who is president of the club, made a speech wishing the members great success in the battles before them on the courts. Mrs. Moor wore white embroidered muslin and a white hat; Miss Kirby, white linen costume, and white and pale blue hat; Miss Morris, white soie de chine and lace, hat with roses; Miss D. Morris, pale pink voile, with a net guimpe and a pink hat; Miss



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