

hat of the same shade; Miss Morrah, blue tailormade and black hat; Miss Hannay, pale blue linen, and black hat; Miss Wilson, pale blue frieze tailormade, and blue hat.

#### A Dance.

There was a pleasant little sequel to the "Gaymakers'" successful public appearance on Tuesday night, when a dance was given in their honour by Mrs Simpson. Of course, all the guests knew each other well, and had been further united by the ordeal of criticism and comment which followed on their performances, but as public opinion was universally favourable, it only gave them pleasant reminiscences to talk over.

The dance was a very jolly one, and the intervals between the dances gave time to stroll about the delightfully picturesque garden, with its native bush and rambling walks.

#### Mother Mary Aubert.

All Wellington is interested in the golden jubilee of Mother Mary Joseph Aubert, and one of the schemes to do her honour is a fete at Newtown Park. Everyone is working with great diligence for its success, and among the many novelties is to be a Beauty Show, for which Dr. Izard is busy making arrangements, assisted by Mr Plimmer. Lady Ward is head of the committee which is managing the Baby Show, and she is being helped by a number of experienced mothers, who are well qualified to look after things. There is sure to be a run on the sweets and flower stalls, especially as the ladies of the Plimmer-Dennis Company have offered to help there, as well as at the tea kiosks.

#### Pioneer Club.

The Pioneer Club is always a popular place for entertaining, and on Friday there was a pleasant little tea there, the hostess being Mrs W. J. Anderson. The guests of honour were her two sisters, Mrs Wright (Napier) and Miss Cudden (Sydney). The hostess wore black Tosca net over white silk, with a guimpe of lace, black and white picture hat; Mrs Wright was in black and white ninon de soie, with entreeux of lace and pipings of velvet; Miss Cudden, lilac Shantung, and a black and white hat; Miss Gibbes was present wearing a Shantung tailormade, and a black hat; Miss Holmes, mole cloth coat and skirt, and a black hat; Mrs Mitford, blue Shantung, and floral hat; Mrs Bridge, a grey tailormade, and black hat.

#### A Concert

A really good concert was given on Thursday night by Mr. Herbert Bloy and Mr. Horace Hunt, two of Wellington's leading musicians. They were assisted by Miss Gertrude Hunt, who has a pleasant high clear soprano. The programme was an excellent one, and the performers were frequently recalled by an enthusiastic audience. Miss Hunt wore palest pink ninon de soie hemmed with satin. Included in the audience was Lady Ward, wearing black charmeuse and a black satin burnous; Miss Eileen Ward was in pink and white chene silk and a pale blue Liberty satin wrap.

#### Personal.

Every day one hears of other lucky people who are off to England for the Coronation. The Ruahine seems to be a very popular ship, and among those who have booked passages by her are Mr. and Mrs. Watson and the Misses Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp and their daughters, Mrs. and the Misses Johnson.

The Ruahine is due to arrive in London in May, so her passengers will be in time to witness the Coronation festivities. By last Friday's Sydney steamer Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pharyzyn started on their journey to England. As their house at "Longwood," Featherston, has been taken by his Excellency the Governor for two years, they will probably be absent most of that time.

The usual influx of people returning from England has begun as it always does in the closing months of the year. The Arawa brought a number of Wellington people, among whom was Mrs. Ferguson, who was so well known to us all as Miss Githa Williams. She has brought her three little girls for a fairly long stay, but Captain Ferguson's visit will be a shorter one, as when his leave is up he must rejoin his ship. Both Captain and Mrs. Ferguson were out here about three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Duncan returned on Wednesday after a delightful trip home. Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan, with whom they were travelling, stayed a

weeks longer in Sydney, and are due here early next week, as they are coming overland from Auckland.

Then Mr. and Mrs. W. F. G. Lovin, who have been to England for a flying trip, are also coming over by the same steamer, but, of course, they will leave the train at Marton, which is their station. They will probably be in Wellington a week or two later on.

#### OPHELIA.

### CAMBRIDGE.

November 5.

#### Tennis.

The official opening of the Cambridge Tennis Club's season was held on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. L. Isherwood (president) declared the courts open for play, and referred feelingly to the loss the club had sustained in the deaths of Messrs Thomas Wells and O. P. Stone. Mrs. Isherwood hit the first ball over the net, and then a series of progressive games were played, the winners being Miss Cox and Roy Roberts, who defeated Miss Clark and George Simpson in the final. The winners were presented with the president's trophies—a silver thimble for the lady's prize and a sovereign wallet for the men's prize.

#### Bowling.

The Cambridge Bowling Club also opened their greens for the season. The bowlers rolled up in force, and there was a large attendance of the general public. Also a number of members of the Hamilton, Whittora, and Te Awamutu Clubs were present and took part in the games. Mr. G. E. Clark, the president in his opening speech, referred to the great loss the club had sustained in the death of Mr. Thos. Wells. It has been decided to hang in the pavilion an enlarged photograph of the deceased gentleman. At the conclusion of the president's speech, he called upon Mrs. Clark to throw down the first jack, and the green was declared open. During the afternoon refreshments were served to players and visitors by a committee of ladies. Amongst those present at tennis and bowls I noticed: Mrs. (Dr.) Edmunds, wearing white embroidered muslin and black picture hat; Mrs. Isherwood, white embroidered muslin, black hat with plumes; Mrs. Middleton, fawn and brown striped summer flannel coat and skirt and hat to match; Miss Middleton, black costume and black hat; Miss Campbell (Christchurch), Rose du Barri costume and large black hat; Mrs. Caldwell, navy blue tailormade and leghorn hat trimmed with cerise velvet and wreath of roses; Mrs. Kent (Auckland), fawn and brown coat and skirt and large brown hat trimmed with grass and pink flowers; Mrs. Frater (Auckland), black costume, black and white feather boa, and black bonnet; Mrs. Brookes, black costume, and black bonnet with mauve plumes; Mrs. Hammond, fawn and brown costume, and hat to match; Mrs. Couper, grey coat and skirt, and blue straw hat trimmed with black silk; Mrs. Crowther, grey linen coat and skirt, and Rose du Barri straw hat with wreath of roses; Miss Gavey, blue and white cambric, and white hat; Miss Beale, white linen frock, and white hat; Miss Richardson, white linen coat and skirt, and black and white hat; Mrs. Clarke, black costume, and black and white bonnet; Miss Clark, pink cambric, and white hat; Mrs. Farnall, black velvet coat and skirt, and natter blue hat with black velvet band; Miss Cox, white frock, blue tie, white hat with blue Paisley scarf; Mrs. C. Hunter, grey coat and skirt, and natter blue hat trimmed with black velvet; Mrs. Wallace Hunter, white frock, and white hat; Mrs. McDermott, white embroidered muslin, and large white rose hat; Mrs. Bunyard, vieux rose linen coat and skirt, with black facings, and white hat trimmed with pink flowers; Mrs. Murray, pale grey voile, and black and white hat; Mrs. C. Peake, brown costume, cream dust coat, and white hat; Mrs. A. Gibbons, green striped linen coat and skirt, and pale blue hat; Miss Hill, white muslin, and becoming blue toque; Miss Nixon, white frock and blue hat; Mrs. H. Nixon, pale green cambric and white hat; Miss Reece, green frock and amethyst hat; Miss H. Wells, black frock, large black hat trimmed with black silk; Miss Middleton, fawn and blue print, and white hat; Mrs. C. Roberts, blue linen, and black hat.

#### Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Macky have returned to Auckland from Cambridge, where they have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Roberts.

The Misses Willis have returned to Cambridge from Waihi, where they have been spending a fortnight.

Mr. W. Wright is at present in Cambridge, having come up for the opening of the bowling season, and is staying with his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Nicoll.

#### ELSIE.

### HAMILTON.

November 4.

#### Fete.

The Hamilton Polo Club held their "At Home" on Saturday last on the ground kindly lent them by the Government, at the Ruakura State Farm. A short address was given by the president, Mr. John Knight, who congratulated the Club upon its continued prosperity, and the enthusiasm displayed by its members. A very large number of visitors were present from Te Awamutu, Cambridge and Ohaupo, as well as from Hamilton, teams of players also being included, so a succession of friendly matches was kept up during the afternoon. Afternoon tea was provided by the members' wives, which was greatly appreciated. Rather an amusing incident occurred while we were enjoying our tea, in or near a large marquee erected for the purpose, when an unusually severe gust of the unpleasant south-easterly wind brought the whole tent down upon visitors, eatables, and everything. A little broken crockery, a few bruised arms, and some crushed millinery was the only damage. Amongst those present were:—Mrs. Knight, who wore stylish white linen costumes inserted with wide lace, becoming pale blue and black hat, black and white scarf; Mrs. McNicol, black; Mrs. Hume, Petunia frock; Mrs. Bennet, white, brown toque; Mrs. Coventry, pale blue striped coat and skirt, hat with feathers; Mrs. Valder, grey costume, purple toque; Mrs. H. Valder, grey, hat with Paisley scarf; Mrs. Noble, pretty black and white toilette, black picture hat; Mrs. Tompkins, green costume, black hat; Mrs. Even Wilson, brown check silk, pretty blue and brown hat; Mrs. McLeod, self-coloured Shantung toilette with Paisley trimming, black hat; Miss McLeod, wine-coloured frock, hat to match; Mrs. Ewen, Petunia costume with black braids, black hat; Mrs. Ferguson, Shantung frock; Mrs. Brewis, dark costume, fawn and black hat; Miss Bayly, cream; Miss —, Bayly, cream; Mrs. Chitty, dark tailor-made, floral hat; Miss Chitty, amethyst costume, pretty amethyst hat; Miss K. Chitty, stylish vieux rose costume with black facings, brown and pink hat; Mrs. Lorie, grey; Miss Lorie, amethyst gown, hat to match; Miss I. Lorie, Royal blue Shantung; Mrs. Swarbrick, black; Mrs. Ward, shell pink toilette, with black velvet; Mrs. Barugh, dark tailor-made; Miss Lovell, pale green voile, black silk, scarf and hat; Miss O'Neill, pretty grey muslin hat with daisies; Mrs. Lawson, black; Miss Lawson, white, grey tulle hat; Miss V. Hunter, white; Miss Brinda Hunter, white; Miss Knight, riding costume; Mrs. Going, dark costume, black hat with small roses; Mrs. Parkinson, black; Mrs. Heywood, brown toilette, pretty hat with Marguerites; Mrs. Gillies, dark blue costume; Miss Cussen, white, floral hat; Miss Roche, white silk.

The Misses Willis have returned to Cambridge from Waihi, where they have been spending a fortnight.

#### Children's Concert.

A children's concert was held in the Town Hall on Thursday last, when many costume marches, drills, swing song, Japanese fan song, by numbers of little girls, and bayonet drill and costume eon song by the boys were given. Every item was well rendered, with great precision and spirit, and reflected great credit on Miss Roche, who trained the performers. Songs by Mrs. Bellini and Mr. Swarbrick and a humorous recitation by Mr. Gaze were much appreciated.

#### Personal.

A presentation of a gold watch and address was made to Mr. Stevens by the pupils, teachers, and old scholars of the Hamilton East School during the concert on Thursday last, as a slight token of their esteem for him and appreciation of his twenty-eight years' service in the same school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight and the Misses Knight have returned from their trip to Australia.

Mrs. Herdman, who sustained a severe fall at the skating rink last week, is recovering satisfactorily.

#### ZILLAH.

### ROTORUA.

November 5.

November 1 saw the opening of the sailing season, and quite a number of anglers—local and otherwise—went out, and returned with good hauls.

The Seddon memorial clock, which is to be erected in Rotorua, is expected to arrive from Home in a few weeks' time. The cost of the clock will be between two and three hundred pounds, £300 odd has been collected by the townspeople, and this, with the Government subsidy, will go to erect a suitable tower for the clock.

#### Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dufaur, of Auckland, have been visiting Wairakei and Rotorua.

Miss Kinsling and Miss Kenderdine, of Auckland, are staying at Waiwera House.

Captain O'Sullivan and Mrs. O'Sullivan, of Auckland, are here.

Mr. Rouston, of Wellington, is visiting Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyde-Brown, of Christchurch, are here on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Skurrel, of Hastings, are staying at Brent's.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, of Wellington, are staying at Grande Vue.

Miss Isaacs, of Auckland, is staying out at Whakarewarewa.

Mrs. L. Nathan, of Auckland, is visiting Rotorua.

Mr. E. Gerard, of Auckland, is at present in Rotorua.

Judge Jackson-Palmer is here on business.

Miss Turner, who has been living in Tauranga for some time, has now taken up her residence in Rotorua again. Her father, Captain A. C. Turner, will arrive to join her later.

Miss Fisie Flower has returned to Christchurch after a visit to her brother at the B.N.Z., Rotorua.

#### RATA.

### GISBORNE.

November 1.

#### At the Show.

Fine weather favoured the inhabitants of Gisborne for the annual show last Tuesday and Wednesday, though a westerly wind blowing on Wednesday—People's Day—made things somewhat unpleasant, on account of the dust. A great number of ladies turned out on Tuesday, but the majority on Wednesday, a very large concourse of people attending that day. Amongst those present were—Mesdames Reynolds, R. Sherratt, W. Sherratt, Maude, Preston, Reeve, T. Sherratt, Shield (Hastings), Watson, Morice, Burke, C. Sainsbury, O. Sainsbury, Barker, F. B. Barker, R. Barker, Parker, Rees, Bright, Murray, Morrison, C. Thomas, Willock, Stephenson, Williams, Busby, etc.

Some very fine exhibitions of riding were given by the ladies, Miss K. Sherratt, a prize winner, being particularly good at jumping.

#### The Races.

Thursday and Friday last were given up to the spring meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club; literally given up, for everyone appeared to be present. The weather conditions were ideal, and consequently some very pretty frocks were worn. Among the most noticeable were—Mrs J. Murphy, striking gown of old rose Roman satin, large black and white hat; Mrs Williams, pale green silk; Mrs Mann, sage green Shantung, hat with black ostrich plumes; Mrs Pattulo, pale grey silk; Mrs F. B. Barker, charming costume of pale grey and black, large white ostrich feather stole; Mrs Gully, pretty gown of quaker grey, touches of pink; Mrs Jex-Blake, flowered white and blue muslin, large black hat; Mrs Stephenson, white silk, black hat, trimmed with vieux rose; Mrs Nolan, pale grey silk, flowered toque; Mrs Reeve, smart green tweed tailor-made, toque to match; Mrs O. Sainsbury, striking black and white costume, a Turk's head toque, completing this costume; Mrs Sherratt, grey silk; Mrs McLean, grey, blue bengaline silk, toque to match; Mrs Carmichael, black silk, large black hat; Mrs Carlyon, dainty flowered chiffon of pink and white, over white glace, black and white hat; Mrs Burke, white silk, black hat; Mrs R. Barker, white embroidered linen, pale blue hat; Mrs O. Thomas, petunia coloured silk hat en suite; Mrs Dodds, slate grey silk hat with roses; Mrs R. Scott, black silk