

Y.W.C.A. Anniversary.

The anniversary of the Y.W.C.A. was celebrated at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, and was an unqualified success. The committee had taken a good deal of trouble with the arrangements, and the result was very satisfactory. The front of the stage was draped with green and blue art muslin, and a crimson carpet was laid below; on this were placed tables containing cakes and sweets, bicuits, besides flowers, roses and carnations predominating. The various prizes which had been awarded for these were presented by Lady Islington. On the stage, where the girls who sang in the choruses were grouped, some fine palms and bowls of arum lilies were placed. The girls all wearing white frocks. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Islington, accompanied by Captain Hamilton and the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Findlay, arrived at 8 o'clock, and were received by Miss McLean, vice-president of the Association. Lady Islington was presented with a bouquet of roses tied with pink ribbon. She wore a beautiful gown of white satin with overskirt of white chiffon with panels of Irish crochet lace, and touches of black velvet; her ornaments were pearls and diamonds, and she wore a scarf of black and silver. Mrs. Findlay wore black satin charmeuse; Miss McLean, black sequin gown. Lord and Lady Islington both addressed the girls, and were listened to with much interest, as was also Dr. Findlay. A short musical programme was then carried out. Among the performers were: Mrs. B. M. Wilson, Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Eric Waters. Mr. Parker was conductor and organiser.

Girls' College Sports.

The College girls were lucky in having their sports on such a beautiful day, and the grounds were very gay and cheerful with the crowds of spectators. The lady principal and the staff had issued invitations for a garden party, and detachments of girls were told off to look after the guests. Various amusements such as putting and croquet were arranged for their benefit, but interest in the sports was so warm that none people preferred to watch. Nothing could have been neater or becoming than the gymnastic costume worn by the girls taking part in the sports, their trim blue sailor suits, with skirts, reaching just to the knee, being ideal for the purpose. Afternoon tea was well managed by a bevy of girls in white dresses, with the College colours on their sailor hats. Nautiliums and Spanish iris decorated the tea tables, and the walls were hung with artistic sketches and studies. Outside strings of flags fluttered between the trees, and a band played cheerful music. After the sports, the prizes were distributed by the Mayresses (Mrs. Wilford), who made a pleasant little speech, and was heartily cheered. The sports were admirably managed, and the championship was won by Miss J. McKenzie, with Miss H. Grant second. Great amusement was caused by some of the events, such as the sack race and the costume race, which latter brought forth some wonderful toilettes; Miss McLean wore a Princess dress of pale blue shantung, with a guimpe of tucked net, white tulle and with mauve and blue flowers; Mrs. Dale, biscuit tussore, brown hat with Paisley scarf; Mrs. Ecclesfield, dark blue tailor-made and black hat; Miss Newman, blue voile, with a lace yoke and black hat; Mrs. Wilford, mauve shantung, with a net yoke, black hat, with garland of roses; Miss Richmond, a shantung tailor-made, black hat; Dr. Agnes Bennett, a light grey tailor-made, black and white hat; Miss Coates, navy cloth, and a black hat; Mrs. Izard, violet shantung and purple hat; Mrs. Nathan, black crepe de chine and black picture hat; Mrs. Easterfield, biscuit cloth tailor-made and brown hat.

A New Hospital.

The opening ceremony of the Infectious Diseases Hospital was performed on Wednesday by His Excellency the Governor. There were a good many invited guests, most of them, of course, being medical men and their wives. Afternoon tea was provided by the authorities in one of the new wards. A number of hospital nurses in their demurely becoming uniforms were looking after the guests. Her Excellency Lady Islington wore an ivory cloth tailor-made handsomely braided, white hat lined with black velvet; Mrs. Rhodes, black crepe de chine, and handsome black coat, black tulle; Mrs. Herbert, pale blue shantung, and dark blue hat

with flowers; Mrs. Luke, grey chiffon taffetas, and black picture hat; Mrs. Young, black and white tailor-made, and black hat; Mrs. Holmes, pale blue shantung, braided in soutache, burnt straw hat with grasses; Mrs. Hartly, pastel cloth tailor-made, and black picture hat; Dr. Edith Huntley, black and white tailor-made, and black hat.

There was a good attendance at the Navy League entertainment in honour of the Squadron, the audience including His Excellency the Governor and His Excellency the Admiral, with their staffs. During an interval Lord Islington presented a number of prizes to the Navy League children for their essay work. Mrs. Wilford wore black crepe de chine, with a burnous of silver tissue; Mrs. Wemyss (England), black ninon de soie, and scarf of Spanish lace; Miss Harcourt, a Princess gown of charmeuse, and a satin burnous; Mrs. Firth, long black lace coat over a ninon dress.

OPHELIA.

HAMILTON.

November 24.

A Pleasant Afternoon.

A small but very pleasant afternoon was given on Wednesday last by Mrs. Herdman to Mrs. L. B. Ewen, who is leaving Hamilton for a time to reside in Auckland. As the weather is still so abnormally warm and close, we all enjoyed sitting on the lawn under some large pear trees, where the breeze from the river was most refreshing. Mrs. Herdman received her guests in brown spotted muslin frock with square yoke of lace and narrow brown silk bands, large hat with brown silk; Mrs. L. B. Ewen wore pretty watergreen green Sicilian with tucked net yoke and undersleeves and bands of cream lace, long cream silk scarf, hat with wreath of brown and green; Mrs. Going, tucked deep heliotrope shantung, pretty white embroidery coat, black hat; Mrs. Gillies, graceful pale blue and white Empire dress with touches of black, hat with black cherries; Mrs. Loughnan, brown striped coat and skirt, brown hat with touches of green; Mrs. Baryl, pretty costume with long coat and collar of black silk, black hat; Mrs. Tompkins, green costume, Tuscan and black hat; Mrs. English, pink costume, large black hat; Mrs. Coventry, pale blue and white striped coat and skirt, white hat trimmed with black velvet and lovely feather; Miss Loughnan, striped amethyst gown, white vest and undersleeves, black hat; Mrs. Bennett, white with brown hat.

Horticultural Show.

The Summer Show of the Hamilton Horticultural Society was held in the Town Hall on Thursday last. The weather was perfect, so that quite a large crowd assembled to enjoy the wealth of blossom displayed. Among those present I noticed: Mrs. H. Valder, wall-flower brown silk Empire gown, silk scarf; Mrs. Furby, black silk, hat to match; Mrs. Heywood, pretty pale green Paisley frock with green bands, hat with daisies; Mrs. Stevens, brown Bengaline, with touches of blue, white lace scarf; Mrs. Bolland, violet toilette, black hat; Mrs. H. Biggs, linen costume, hat with flowers; Mrs. Douglas, black skirt, green blouse; Mrs. Hunter, dark amethyst gown, with gold trimmings, hat en suite; Miss Hunter, white, large black hat; Miss B. Hunter, white; Mrs. Jackson, cream cloak, cream hat with tulle; Mrs. Reece, shantung dress, grey cloth jacket, big black ruffle and hat; Mrs. Chitty (Cambridge), black satin, black hat; Mrs. Bond, green tucked dress, black hat with feathers; Mrs. English, rose pink linen costume, black hat; Miss Rothwell, green dress, hat to match; Miss Holloway, white, black hat; Mrs. T. Jolly, pale mauve frock, mauve hat; Miss Randall, brown; Miss Lambert, vieux rose linen costume with black facings, black hat; Miss Pearl Lambert, white, black hat; Mrs. Manning, heliotrope costume, black hat; Mrs. Kemp, shantung dress, black hat; Mrs. Aitken, rose pink; Mrs. Mulcock, shantung coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Gong, tucked violet frock, white embroidery coat, hat with floral wreath; Mrs. Herdman, shantung costume, with black and floral revers, brown hat; Mrs. Gillies, stylish cream dress and lace coat, large black hat with daisies; Mrs. Watt, pretty navy blue silk, with tucked net yoke and sleeves, large black hat; Mrs. Wait (Auckland), black silk, heliotrope bonnet; Mrs. Tompkins, green and heliotrope shot dress, black hat; Mrs. Knight, amethyst toilette, with Paisley trimming, touches of black, pretty black hat with feathers; Mrs. Hunter (Cambridge), grey Sicilian coat and skirt, violet hat;

Mrs. Wallace Hunter, grey costume, floral hat; Mrs. Loughnan, green tailor-made; Miss Loughnan, white muslin, black hat; Mrs. Noble, white embroidered dress, black hat; Mrs. Baring, light dress; Mrs. Holden, mauve costume, black hat; Miss Cox, white, black and white hat; Mrs. Bayly, pretty green costume, with black facings, black hat; Mrs. Northcroft, white, hat with wreath of roses.

ZILLAH.

CAMBRIDGE.

November 23.

"The Man from Cook's."

Last week we had a visit from the Fred. Graham Comedy Company, when they gave "The Man from Cook's" in the Town Hall to a crowded house. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs. E. J. Wilkinson, white embroidered muslin gown; Mrs. McDermott, black chiffon taffeta with cream lace vest and white scarf; Miss E. Dickenson, white muslin frock and crimson coat, trimmed with sequin trimming; Mrs. Farnall, black silk gown with cream lace vest; Mrs. Nicoll, cream net blouse, trimmed with pale blue, and black silk skirt; Miss Hill, pale pink muslin; Miss J. Brown, white silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Wells, black chiffon taffeta; Miss Beale, white muslin and white cloak, trimmed with pale blue; Miss H. Wells, black chiffon taffeta; Miss Gwynneth, heliotrope silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Richardson, black silk with Maltese lace collar; Miss Richardson, white embroidered muslin.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Brooks has returned to Cambridge from her visit to Auckland. Mrs. W. R. C. Walker is home again from Wanganui, where she has been visiting her mother (Mrs. Rosa). Mrs. E. E. Roberia has returned from Auckland, where she has been staying with Mrs. A. B. Herrold, of Remuera, and Mrs. J. C. Mackay, of Devonport.

ELSIE.

ROTORUA.

November 25.

Parish Social.

The Right Rev. Bishop Averill, of the Waikato Diocese, has been in Rotorua on two occasions lately, and advantage was taken of his return here from Whakaiti to entertain him at a parish social on Wednesday last. The gathering was held in St. Luke's Parish Hall, and was largely attended by parishioners, who were anxious to meet and welcome our already popular Bishop. Short and pithy addresses were made by His Lordship and by our vicar, Archdeacon Tisdall, and the remainder of the evening was spent in music and "chat," and, of course, supper. The programme consisted of songs by Miss Dyson, Miss S. Empson, Miss Hall, Miss M. Landon, Mr. Lyons, and Mr. Fanning, an organ solo by the organist, Miss R. Gardner, and a pianoforte solo by Dr. Crooke. Amongst these present were Mrs. C. Tisdall, Mr. and Mrs. Bent, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Halkett, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Batten, Mrs. and Miss Malfroy, Mrs. and the Misses Empson, Mrs. and Miss Rhodes, Mrs. Birks, Mrs. Cragg, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Blow, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. F. Landon, Mrs. T. Walker, Mrs. and Miss Crowhurst, and a great many others.

Afternoon Tea.

A number of guests were invited to afternoon tea at "Arawa House" by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hammond on Wednesday last to celebrate the opening of their croquet lawn and bowling green for this season. A most delicious tea was provided, and the lovely lawns and garden at "Arawa House" were very much admired. Some of the guests present were: Mrs. T. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart, Mrs. Bent, Mrs. Birks, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Pasley, Mrs. C. Tisdall, Mrs. Braitwaite, Mrs. Snodgrass, Mr. and Mrs. R. Miller, Mrs. P. Landon, the Misses Landon (2), Mrs. P. G. Allison (Auckland), Mrs. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Kruse, Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley, Dr. Keller (Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. Blow, Mrs. and Miss Gardner, Mrs. and Miss Penney, Mrs. Robertson, and others.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. and Miss Holdsworth of Auckland, are staying at "Grand Vae." Mrs. MacEwan, of Wellington, and

Miss Miles are staying at the "Grand." Mrs. and Miss Bryce, of Hamilton, are here.

Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Eliot Davis, of Auckland, are staying at the "Grand." Dr. Keller, of Auckland, is here.

Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Hamilton, of Adelaide, are visiting Rotorua.

Mrs. Tripe and Mrs. Johnstone, of Wellington, are visiting Mr. H. Tripe, of "Breata," Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodman Talbot, of Wellington, are here.

RATA.

GISBORNE.

November 22.

PERSONAL.

A representative gathering of Pahu-tahi parishioners assembled at "Swarthmore," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. Sherratt, by invitation on Thursday last to bid farewell to the Rev. A. H. Coles, Mrs. and Miss Coles, who left for Auckland on Saturday, Mr. Coles taking up mission work in India. The Rev. A. H. Coles was presented by Mr. Sherratt, on behalf of the parishioners, with a purse of sovereigns, also a valedictory address. Mr. J. C. Woodward spoke on behalf of the Vestry. Mr. Coles has been deservedly popular in his parish, and will be much missed.

Miss Robson, late of the staff of the Gisborne Hospital, was last week presented by the matron and staff of nurses with a very handsome silver kettle and stand. Miss Robson, who has been spending a week with Mrs. Symes, left for Auckland on Saturday, her marriage with Dr. Sampson (Sydney), late of Gisborne, taking place in Auckland shortly.

Mrs. Todd (Waipawa) is at present visiting her daughter, Mrs. Burleigh, of Gisborne.

Mrs. De Gemes Fraser left on Wednesday night for Wellington.

Mr. H. B. Williams went South on Wednesday, also Mr. R. Murphy.

Messrs W. Sherratt, Graham, Eranson, and Carmichael returned from Napier last Wednesday.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

November 24.

Rose and Sweet Pea Show.

The great event of this week has been the rose and sweet pea show, held by the Napier Amateur Horticultural Society. It seems very difficult to combine these two flowers, and certainly the roses would have been more plentiful a week or two ago, but the blooms that were shown were very lovely. Mr. Franch Mason, of Palmerston North, won the much coveted "McLernan Rose Bowl" for his exquisite exhibit of twelve roses. For the sweet pea classes, there were a very large number of entries, and the flowers were exceedingly good. This is the first sweet pea show ever held in Napier, and no doubt it will do much to increase the popularity of this favourite flower. Mr. Murdoch, secretary for the society, secured Mrs. A. D. Brown's trophy for the highest number of points in sweet peas. In the decorative classes there was much artistic arrangement. The first prize for a decorated mantle-piece was won by Mrs. Hector Smith for a lovely grouping of orange lilies and African daisies. The eighteen decorated dinner tables were all very pretty, bowls of pink sweet peas and maple leaves arranged by Miss D. Rutherford gaining first prize. The attendance proved quite a record for flower showers in Napier. In the evening a concert arranged by Mrs. Lindo Leven was a great attraction. A few of those present were: Mrs. R. D. D. McLean, Miss McLean, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. McLernan, Mr. and Mrs. Saxby, Mrs. Henley, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Canning, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Chambers, Mrs. Mason Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Lever, Miss Lever, Miss Tukey, Miss Hunter (2), Mrs. Hansard, Miss Williams, Miss Large, Mr. and Mrs. Franch Hutchinson, Miss Sutton, Captain and Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Russell Duncan, Mrs. Hartree, Miss White, Miss Hamlin, Mrs. Cato, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nelson, Mrs. Howlett, Mrs. Hartgill, Mrs. McAllum, Mrs. Hector Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Levidy, Mrs. and Miss Snodgrass, Miss Hoadley (2), Miss Fell, Mrs. A. O. Russell, Mrs. Lusk, Miss Lusk, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Pollen, Mrs. Ashcroft, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. and Miss Murdoch, Mrs. Crawshaw, Miss Baahmy, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Humphries, Miss Margoliouth, Miss Jagger, Miss Stopford, Mrs. H. Guthrie-Smith, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Kinross White, Mrs.