

chiffon taffeta frock; Miss White, green satin charmuse, trimmed with a darker shade of green; Miss Turnbull (New Plymouth), black silk; Mrs. Dingle, black chiffon taffeta; Miss E. Caplen, green satin charmuse, trimmed with Oriental insertion; Miss Reilly, black silk frock, Irish crochet berthe; Miss C. Reilly, white satin charmuse; Miss Williamson, pink floral muslin, with gold trimmings; Miss Glenn, black chiffon taffeta, rose point berthe; Miss Q. Glenn, black lace frock, finished with gold embroidery; Miss Brett, pink satin charmuse, with sequin trimmings; Miss Douglas, pink chiffon taffeta; Miss Moore, blue satin, with sequin trimming; Miss E. Moore, gold tissue over silk; Miss Wake (Stratford), white silk, with overdress of sequined net; Miss Littlejohn (Wellington), blue crepe de chine frock.

Personal.

Miss Turnbull, who has been the guest of Mrs White, has returned to her home in New Plymouth.

Miss Raine has returned after a short holiday spent in Wanganui.

Mrs Nicholas has gone to Nelson for a two months' holiday.

Mrs Temple-Atkinson has returned to her home in Wellington.

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STRATFORD.

December 17.

Progressive Bridge.

Notwithstanding the fact that it poured on Friday night, most of Mrs Raikes' guests turned up for her progressive bridge evening. Mrs Rennell secured first prize, and Mrs Crawshaw the booby. Amongst those who braved the weather were: Mrs Wake, Mrs Richards, Mrs Glasgow, Mrs Uniacke, Mrs Crawshaw, Mrs Stubbs, Mrs Chapman, Mrs A. Rennell, Mrs E. C. Robinson, Mrs Budge, Miss N. James, etc.

Children's Party.

A delightful children's party was given on Saturday afternoon by Mrs Fraser Grant. Many little tots were woefully disappointed when Saturday turned out wet, as outdoor games were impossible.

Mrs Raikes gave afternoon tea at the tennis courts on Saturday afternoon (club day).

Mrs Uniacke gave a small bridge party on Monday evening.

Progressive Euchre.

Mrs W. Webster's pretty house, Mountain-road, was the scene of a very gay gathering on Tuesday afternoon, when many friends availed themselves of the hostess' invitation for a progressive euchre party.

Mrs Webster received in a very becoming frock of turquoise silk taffeta, trimmed with lace; Miss Glynes wore white muslin, and Miss J. Glynes a pale mauve crepon. Amongst the guests I noticed: Mrs Grant, in mauve chiffon cashmere, black toque; Mrs Carey grey and black corded silk, handsome black lace fichu; Mrs Budge, pale blue voile, with gold passementerie on corsage, large Leghorn hat with roses; Mrs Wake, black glaze silk Empire costume, violet toque, white lace scarf; Mrs Dingle, in black; Miss Dingle; Mrs Anderson, brown cloth, brown hat; Miss Anderson, white cashmere, black hat; Mrs E. C. Robinson, white embroidered muslin, black hat; Mrs G. Hobbs, can de nil linen coat and skirt; Mrs J. C. Hobbs, Miss Hobbs, dark blue, large burnt straw hat; Mrs W. Raikes, black striped silk, black tulle turban with turquoise aigrette; Mrs Dillon Carbery, black silk taffeta, with heavy jet ornaments; black and white hat; Mrs Uniacke, pale grey-blue linen coat and skirt, large straw hat with pink roses; Mrs Chapman, white, with black hat; Mrs W. Crawshaw, blue striped coat and skirt, black and brown turban-shaped hat; Mrs S. Porritt, embroidered white muslin, black hat; Mrs Glasgow, blue coat and skirt, burnt straw hat; Mrs Fookes, black and white striped linen, hat with mauve scarf; Mrs Young, black silk, black hat with plumes; Mrs Rennell, black, with toque; Mrs A. Rennell, white chiffon; Mrs Stubbs, black chiffon taffeta, black toque; Miss Orbell, white linen; Mrs Richards, white, large black hat; Miss Fussell.

On Tuesday evening Mrs Budge, Mountain-road, gave an enjoyable bridge party for her sister-in-law, Mrs Carey, who is staying with her.

A Jolly Evening.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Dillon Carbery gave a jolly progressive euchre

party. After eight games were played, tea was served in the dining-room, the table being effectively decorated with pink flowers in silver vases. The hostess received her guests in a handsome black charmuse Empress gown with jet passementerie on bodice and skirt; Mrs. Uniacke wore pale pink crepe de chine frock. The guests were:—Mrs. Carey, who wore grey silk, with black hat; Mrs. Rennell, black velvet Directoire gown, hat with roses; Mrs. Young, vieux rose Liberty canvas costume, large vieux rose hat to match; Mrs. Fookes, pale mauve dress, hat en suite; Mrs. Stubbs, striped saxe blue silk trimmed with bronze passementerie, saxe blue straw hat; Mrs. A. W. Budge, Paris lace Empire gown, large black hat; Mrs. Kimbell (Hawera), olive green silk crepon with lace yoke, turban-shaped hat; Mrs. George Harrison (Eltham), white braided linen tunic and kilted skirt, large black silk hat; Miss Harrison (England), rose-coloured linen coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Jack Lucena, grey taffeta costume, hat en suite; Miss Gurr, blue coat and skirt; Mrs. Hogg (Midhurst), sapphire blue chiffon cashmere trimmed with black, black hat; the Misses James; Mrs. W. Raikes, dark blue silk, black chiffon hat; Mrs. Crawshaw, pale coral pink linen coat and skirt; Mrs. Porritt, white muslin with lace insertion, black hat; Miss Fussell, blue crepon, large straw hat; Mrs. W. Webster, mauve silk costume; Miss Glynes, white silk, black hat; Miss Y. Glynes, black and white striped linen coat and skirt; Mrs. E. C. Robinson, lilac poplin, trimmed with lace on corsage, large hat; Miss Orbell, biscuit-coloured linen coat and skirt, large saxe blue hat; Mrs. Menzies, white cloth coat and skirt, large straw hat; Mrs. Capping, grey costume, white hat with roses, etc. The first prize was won with Mrs. Hogg; second, Miss Orbell; third, Mrs. S. Porritt; first "booby," Mrs. T. C. Fookes; second, Mrs. G. Harrison.

A Delightful Party.

Mrs. Stubbs gave a delightful party on Wednesday evening. Bridge was played for part of the evening, then some music was indulged in. Amongst the guests were Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Budge, Mrs. Raikes, Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. Kimbell, Mrs. Rennell, Mrs. Robinson. Miss the guests were Mrs. Carey, Mrs. Budge, Uniacke, Baker, etc.

Summer Sports.

Nine of Stratford's best croquet players went to Inglewood on Wednesday afternoon, to play the return match, the result being a tie. The Stratford players were, Mrs. Munro, Miss Munro, Mrs. Wake, Mrs. Dingle, Mrs. C. Penn, Mrs. Hobbs. 82 all.

The cricket match on Wednesday afternoon, between the local eleven and Hawera resulted in a win for the visiting club. Hawera 161, Stratford 76.

On Thursday, owing to the bad weather, the bowlers had to put off their match with Inglewood.

The sports in connection with the Bagley memorial scholarship took place on Thursday afternoon, and owing to the heavy rain, the attendance was not as good as it otherwise would have been. Only twenty-three of the competitors turned up instead of forty-nine. The winner of the scholarship will not be published till after the scholastic examinations.

Personal.

Mrs. Carey has left for Hawera after a short visit to her brother, Mr. A. W. Budge.

Mrs. Chapman, who has been stopping with Mrs. Raikes, has left for Wellington.

Miss J. Glynes is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. Webster.

Mr. Lyardot, of Wellington, has been visiting Stratford.

Mrs. C. Curtis and her daughter, Mrs. McDiarmid have been the guests of Mrs. O. Curtis.

Some youthful scholars have returned for the Xmas holidays, Miss Doris Menzies from New Plymouth, the Misses Pagel from Auckland, the Misses Uniacke from Wellington, and Miss Zelda Hogg from Wellington, and Miss N. Malone.

DENISE.

WANGANUI.

December 16.

There was a very large number of parents and friends in the Girls' College Assembly Hall, on Thursday afternoon when the prizes were presented

by His Excellency the Governor Lord Dalington. During the afternoon, Mr. F. Perani (chairman of the Board of Governors) presented Miss Fraser with a most artistic illuminated address. Miss Fraser wore a white muslin frock with insertion and lace; Mrs. Wood (Nelson), black silk gown with touch of white lace; Mrs. Mackay, white muslin gown with tablier skirt and bands of fine Valenciennes insertion in the skirt and bodice, white feather boa, large black straw hat with black chiffon and aigrette; Mrs. Dove wore a beautiful pale grey crepe de chine gown made in Empire style, with wide gold thread and grey silk embroidery on the corsage and bands on the skirt, grey straw hat with chiffon rosette at the side and pale pink roses; Mrs. Richie, white linen coat and skirt, coarse cream straw hat with wreath of tiny flowers; Mrs. H. Sarjeant, deep cream Shantung coat and skirt with black satin revers, black straw hat with chiffon and black quills; Mrs. Stewart wore a dark green voile frock, the skirt made with wide tucks, black silk coat, green straw hat with wreath of flowers; Miss Owen, black silk gown with lace, black hat with heliotrope flowers; Miss D. Humphrey (Palmerston N.), pale blue linen coat and skirt, cream straw hat with tiny flower wreath; Miss Brewer, black silk with lace, black hat with bunch of heliotrope flowers; Mrs. Wall, white linen coat and skirt with revers of white Irish crochet lace, black satin shoulder scarf, and white mushroom hat with black satin ribbons; Miss Gillfillan wore a black gown, pretty bonnet with shaded heliotrope ribbons and strings; Mrs. Montgomerie, black silk gown with black silk coat, black bonnet with mauve flowers; Mrs. Pattle Lezt, grey and black striped frock with band of black silk at the foot, and belt of the same, pippings on the bodice, black hat with chiffon and wings; Mrs. Hewitt, handsome black brocade gown with lace, black and white bonnet; Mrs. J. C. Greenwood, deep cream and black striped frock with lace, heliotrope hat with wreath of flowers; Mrs. Hogg, blue and white striped cambric frock, straw hat with electric blue roses and foliage in it.

Sale of Work.


A very successful sale of work was held in the Christ Church schoolroom on Thursday afternoon and evening. Amongst those present were:—Mrs. Ashcroft, in a pale green-striped frock, green

hat with flowers in the same tones; Mrs. H. F. Christie, electric blue, blue hat with roses in the same shade; Miss Ashcroft, white muslin frock with lace and insertion; Mrs. A. Sherriff, pale heliotrope linen coat and skirt, straw hat in the same shade with flowers; Miss Gresson, navy blue coat and skirt, cream vest, cream straw hat with black glaze silk; Mrs. Dove wore a pretty pale grey crepe de chine frock, with wide bands of gold thread and grey silk embroidery, with panels of the same on the skirt, grey straw hat with grey chiffon rosette and pale pink roses in the front; Mrs. Mackay, white muslin frock, made with tablier skirt and row of fine Valenciennes insertion and lace, white feather boa, large black hat with aigrette; Mrs. Mason, pale heliotrope linen coat and skirt, white muslin vest, heliotrope straw hats with ribbons; Miss J. Mason, white muslin frock, with bands of insertion; Mrs. Ritchie wore a white linen coat and skirt, deep cream straw hat with wreath of tiny roses and foliage; Miss Moore wore a cream muslin with tiny pink roses on it, and rows of narrow Valenciennes lace, black straw hat with ostrich tips; Mrs. Fairburn, white muslin with embroidery, large black hat with wings; Mrs. H. Sargeant, deep cream tussore coat and skirt, with black satin revers, black straw hat with chiffon and wings; Mrs. Palmer, green tweed coat and skirt, black straw hat and ostrich tips; Miss D. Humphrey (Palmerston North), sky blue linen coat and skirt, white muslin vest, large cream hat with small flowers in a wreath; Miss G. Anderson, blue and white striped gingham frock, cream hat with scarf; Mrs. Jacob, black gown, straw hat with scarf; Mrs. Payne, white linen gown, cream straw hat with silk; Miss J. Mason wore a white muslin frock with lace; Mrs. Hewitt, black silk with mantle brocade, black and white bonnet; Mrs. Lezt, grey and white striped silk with black satin belt and piping, black hat with chiffon and wings; Miss Parsons, white muslin frock with insertion.

"She Stoops to Conquer."

The Wanganui College girls acted most successfully in "She Stoops to Conquer" on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The performance was in aid of the "Ad Astra" college paper and the museum funds. There were large and appreciative audiences on both evenings. Miss Fraser wore a white muslin frock,

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