

Stock, soft white silk; Mrs. Jex-Blake, pale blue satin, overdress of chiffon, bugle trimming; Miss Sherratt, pink satin, pink nixon tunic; Miss H. Sherratt, pale blue satin; Miss K. Sherratt, white silk; Miss Kitson (Christchurch), pale pink satin charmuse; Miss H. Bloomfield (Auckland), pale pink nixon over satin; Miss Nolan, white satin; Miss H. Nolan, white satin charmuse; Miss Nicoll (Ashburton), blue silk trimmed with lace and ducks; Miss Symes, pale blue satin, overdress of Paris embroidered net; Miss Scott, flame-coloured silk gown; Mrs. MacLean, white satin and pearls; Miss Dorrner, pale blue silk hobbled skirt, with chiffon; Miss Bennett, blue silk shot with green, bead passementerie; Miss M. Williamson, emerald-green satin, hobbled, with gold braiding; Miss E. Williamson, old rose satin and lace.

The Polo Ball.

A tremendous crowd of people attended the Polo Ball on Wednesday night. Some of the frocks were most beautiful, but I shall quote only a few:—Mrs W. G. Sherratt, pale grey crepe de chine, wide bands of silver and grey passementerie; Mrs Holdsworth, pink chiffon over satin, bordered black satin; Mrs Wilcock, maroon velvet; Mrs Jex Blake, pale pink satin, oventunic of wedgwood blue, shot beaded net; Mrs Wallis, black chiffon over satin; Mrs Strachan, white silk over dress of black and white chiffon; Mrs E. H. Mann, silver net gown, black beaded tunic, edged with black fringe; Mrs J. Williams, white satin gown; Miss Reynolds, black chiffon taffeta, trimmed black and silver; Mrs J. W. Williams, cream ribbed silk bengaline; Mrs Bloomfield (Auckland) cream satin, overdress of silver sequin net; Miss Bloomfield (Auckland) white satin and nixon; Mrs A. Murray, black chiffon gown, trimmed lace; Miss Murray, pale pink nixon over pink satin, banded black lace; Miss Willis, pale blue satin and lace; Miss Busby, white chiffon taffeta; Miss A. Busby, pale pink nixon gown; Mrs Pattullo, black crepe de chine, trimmed lace and jet; Miss Graham, pale green satin, covered with silver sequin net; Miss Nolan, pale blue floral chiffon over cream satin; Miss H. Nolan, cream satin and nixon trimmed with chiffon and fringe; Miss Symes, lace gown over pale blue satin; Miss Nicoll (Ashburton) green silk, trimmed passementerie darker shade; Mrs K. S. Williams, pink satin, and lace; Miss D. Bright, cream silk pink roses; Mrs J. Murphy, pale blue nixon, overdressing of fine lace; Miss P. Lusk (Napier) white satin and net, touches of green; Miss G. Sutherland (Hawke's Bay) red silk and lace; Miss Kitson (Christchurch) aeroplane blue gown, banded with silver; Mrs Max-Jackson, cream glace, covered net, trimmed with jet; Mrs Branson, white brocade and lace; Mrs R. Sherratt, vieux rose nixon over pink silk; Mrs Donnan black chiffon gown over gold embroidery; Mrs Dodds, pale pink satin; Miss M. Williamson, emerald green satin, gold embroidery; Miss Hine, white satin, pearl embroidery; Miss Ensor, plain coloured satin, pearl embroidery; Miss Pike, floral silk gown; Mrs MacLean, pink nixon, trimmed silver embroidery; Miss Sherratt, pale blue silk and lace; Mrs E. Matthews, sea-green silk; Miss Bennett, green silk, chiffon tunic, finished with pearls; Mrs Ludbrook (Tuparua) black satin and lace; Miss M. Sherratt, pale blue silk; Mrs C. Thomas, pale pink chiffon, trimmed lace; Mrs Trill, aeroplane blue liberty satin, tunic of vieux rose nixon de soie; Mrs Gover, white satin and lace; Miss Watkins, pale blue silk; Mrs Kels, pink satin gown; Mrs Barton, white satin gown; Mrs Palmer, petunia nixon de soie, trimmed with silver; Mrs Jamison, cream satin, striped chiffon; Mrs Rutledge, black crepe de chine; Mrs Russell, white satin gown; Miss Ludbrook, black satin, lace berthe; Mrs R. N. Burke, cream satin, pearl embroidery; Mrs John Morris, white chiffon, banded with satin; Mrs F. Parker, pale pink satin, trimmed with brown velvet.

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ELSIE.

NAPIER.

March 17.

A Scotch Concert.

Miss Edith Nevill gave a farewell Scottish concert in the Theatre Royal last Friday. Unfortunately the audience was not large. Miss Nevill was assisted by several local amateurs and professionals, and a very good programme was presented. Miss Nevill's numbers were "Charlie is My Darling," a "Summer Night," and "Turn ye to Me," the last item being quite the gem of the evening. Miss Bertha Williams, who has a very sweet voice, sang the Flower Song from "Faust," and "Annie Laurie." A trio (piano, organ, and violin), "Pierre de Barclay," by Herr Lehmann, Madam Lehmann, and Mr H. G. Spackman, was much appreciated.

Children's Parties.

Mrs Baxter gave a very jolly little party for children last Tuesday. The small guests arrived at four o'clock, when all kinds of games were played and afterwards there was dancing in the evening.

Personal.

Mrs Humphries, Miss Cara Humphries, and Mr Sidney Humphries left to-day on a holiday visit to Sydney.
Mrs H. Carlyan is visiting Napier.
Mr and Mrs Fred Lysnar (Gisborne) are on a visit to Napier, and are staying at the Masonic Hotel.
Mr and Mrs Johnston (Waipukurau) are spending a few days in Napier.
Mrs S. Sheath is visiting Auckland.
Mr and Mrs Guy Mannerling of Timaru are in Napier for 6 months.
Mr Mannerling is relieving Mr Stewart, of the Union Bank of Australia.
Mrs Hugh Blythe (Dannevirke) is on a visit to Mrs McPhail, who is spending the winter in Napier.
Mrs Dewes is on a visit to Wellington for some months.
Miss Dewes is visiting friends in Wairoa.
Mrs Robertson and family (Dannevirke) have come to Napier for a few months.
Mr and Mrs John Nairn are on a visit to Mr and Mrs J. H. Coleman.
Mrs C. Margoliouth has returned to Gisborne.
Mr and Mrs Balfour Kinnear, have returned to Kumerua.
Mrs A'Dean (Ascot) is visiting Napier.

MARJORIE.

HASTINGS.

March 17.

Croquet Tournament.

The croquet tournament which was commenced yesterday afternoon at the club's grounds was well attended. The entries were large, many competitors coming from as far away as Wellington. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies. Among spectators and players I noticed Mesdames Beamish, Tooswill, Miller, Pinckney, Murray, Maedonnell, Halse, Lawlor, Fraser, Ross, Webley, King, Pearce, McKibbin, Farnin, Bilton, Bowie, Hughes, Gregory, Symes, Wellwood, Hall, Limbrick, Pegler, O'Reilly, Seal, Tippling Kiely.

The Races.

Napier Park races which were held on Wednesday and Thursday, were well attended on both days. Many Hastings folk motored or drove out.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, "Tomona," have gone to Auckland to join the steamer for England. Before leaving Mr. Richmond was entertained by a number of gentlemen friends, and presented with a purse of sovereigns.
Mrs and Miss Chaytor (Oxford) left for the South on Monday.
Misses MacLain, who have been visiting Hawke's Bay for some months, left by the express last Friday for Auckland and Rotorua.
Mrs. and Miss Luckie have returned from their holiday in the country.

SHEILA.

FEILDING.

March 18.

A Concert.

Feilding music lovers had a great treat on Tuesday last when Miss Amy Castles gave one of her popular concerts. Among the audience I noticed: Mr and Mrs. Gorton, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gorton, Mr. and Mrs. Revington Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Coltrill, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Moy-

rick, Mrs. Jacob, Miss G. Innes Jones, Mrs. Luxmoore, Miss Johnston (Kiwitea), Mr. Shannon, Miss Bruce, Miss B. Innes-Jones, Miss E. Bruce, Mrs. and Miss Leithbridge, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Horrocks, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Montgomerie, Mrs. Glasgow, and many others.

Flower Show.

The Feilding Horticultural Society held their Autumn Show on the Racecourse on Wednesday last. The attendance was fair, and a few among those I noticed were: Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Alymer, Mrs. Barron, Miss M. Levin, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. and Miss Leithbridge, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Sevil (Auckland), Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Glasgow, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Gorton, Mrs. Munro (Palmerston), Mrs. Levin, Mrs. Melsop (Palmerston), Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Millar, Mrs. Woolhams, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Fitzherbert.

Personal.

Mrs. Woodward, who has been staying with Mrs. Gillespie, has gone to Masterton.
Mr. and Mrs. Porter left Feilding on Thursday last for England.
Mrs. S. Fitz Herbert is the guest of Mrs. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Mason are leaving Feilding for Dunedin. Mr. Mason has been transferred from the Feilding to the Dunedin branch of the Bank of Australasia.

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MARTON.

March 16.

Tennis.

A tennis match was played on our club's courts on Saturday against a team from Hunterville, resulting in a win for the local team. The weather was perfect for the occasion. Afternoon tea was provided by the lady members and presided over by Miss Marshall and Miss Newman. Interest in the match drew a very large number of onlookers, among whom I noticed:—Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Beckett, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Bill, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. J. Simpson, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. J. Hammond, Mrs. Harden, Misses Stedman, Cook (2), Hardy, Howard, Simpson, McDonald, Smith, Sola.

Afternoon Tea.

On Monday Mrs Scott entertained at afternoon tea the Misses Johnston, who are visiting here from America as the guests of Mrs Sandford-Cox. Others present were:—Mrs Warren, Mrs Sandford-Cox, Mrs Kiteat, Mrs Harris, Mrs Morrison, Miss Stedman.

A Concert.

In the evening everybody went to hear Amy Castles and her concert company. Among the audience I noticed:—Mrs Kiteat, Mrs and Misses Fullerton-Smith, Mrs Ross, Mr and Mrs Bishop, Mr and Mrs W. Simpson, Mrs Scott, Mrs and Miss Fitzherbert, Mrs Morrison, Mrs and Miss Esau, Misses Cash, Miss Kennedy, Mr and Mrs Harris, Misses Wallace, Miss Castles was gowned in a beautiful vieux rose charmuse.

Farewell At Home.

On Monday, March 6th, Mrs Ridley Cooke, of Marton, gave a very enjoyable farewell "At Home" to Mrs P. P. White, wife of the postmaster, who is leaving for Hamilton. During her residence in Marton Mrs White has made many friends, and a pleasing feature of the afternoon was a presentation by those assembled, of a solid silver vase and cake dish, as a token of their friendship. Among those present were:—Mesdames Beckett, Kiteat, (Dr) Scott, (Dr) Warren, Sandford-Cox, E. Rawson, Howard, F. Hatherly, Jamieson, Sladden, D. Morrison, Northcote and Cameron, Misses Stedman, Hardy, Howard, Me-Beth and Cooke. Musical items were rendered by Mesdames Kiteat, Sladden, Warren and Miss Hardy.

Personal.

Quite a gloom was cast over the Rangitikei district on Monday when the sad news was spread of the death of Mr Ernest Rawson. Deep sympathy is felt for Mrs Rawson and her two little sons. Mr and Mrs Butler (Utiku) were in town last week staying with Mrs Crawford.
Miss Sola (Bulls) is staying with Mrs J. Wilson.
Mrs Fullerton-Smith has returned from Rangitikei.
Miss Tudor has been staying at "Thyrburgh."

Mrs Pat Marshall (Pahitua) has been the guest of Mrs White, "Elmwell."
Mrs E. Broad has returned from New Plymouth.
Miss McDonald, of Mangamahu, is the guest of Mrs Simpson.
Miss Cara Grlinham (Dunedin) is the guest of her sister, Mrs Taverner.
Mrs Cook (Edale) has gone to Wellington.
Mrs Blackburne from Hunterville, is staying with her sister, Mrs C. Rawson.
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