

carpeted with crimson and arranged with pot plants and screens. In between the speeches there was music from a string band. Mrs. Wallis wore a dress of champagne taffetas with a gumpie of lace and net, and a black hat with plumes; Mrs. Joshua Jones, who spoke on behalf of the wives of the clergy, was in black taffetas and a black and white toque. People from St. Peter's, St. Mark's and St. Thomas's parishes were all represented, as well as the suburban and some of the country districts.

#### Afternoon Teas.

The tea given by Mrs. and Miss Didsbury on Wednesday, was in honour of Miss Marion Barraud, whose wedding is to take place almost immediately. Included in the guests were five other prospective brides, one of whom, Miss Kennedy is herself to be married next week. Then Miss Vera Fulton's wedding is to be in July, and Miss Jessie Reid has decided on a date in October. To commemorate the occasion there was a special cake elaborately iced, and ornamented with the names of all six brides-elect. Scarlet autumn ixias decorated the tea-tables, and in the other rooms bronze chrysanthemum and mauve and white cosmos were mingled. There was a clever amateur conjuring entertainment, and several of the guests sang or played. Mrs. Didsbury wore black crepe de chine with a vest of lace and net; Miss Didsbury, ecru net with a deep hem of silk and a satin sash; Miss Marion Barraud, vieux rose shantung, and black hat with flowers; Mrs. F. Didsbury wore a blue shantung dress and a black hat; Mrs. W. Blundell, a shantung tailor-made and a black hat; Miss Wheeler, blue eolienne with a lace gumpie, and a teal hat with flowers; Miss Hannay, a cream cloth coat and skirt, and a black and white hat; Miss Wilson, Saxe blue fizee, and black hat with blue flowers; Miss Seed, blue coat and skirt, and dark blue hat; Miss Booth, Saxe blue tweed and black hat with wings; Miss Kennedy, white tailor-made and a teal hat with flowers.

Miss Neeta Morrah gave a pleasant little tea on Friday in honour of Miss Tennant, who has lately arrived from England. The hostess wore pink and white nixon with a gumpie of lace. Miss Tennant had on a wine-coloured velvet tailor-made, and a black teal hat with lace bows. An amusing competition was won by Miss Butts. Among the guests were: Mrs. MacArthur, Mrs. Blundell, Misses Rawson, Harding, Von Dadelzen, Hannay, Butts, Seed, Wilson, Edwin, Quick, and Pollen.

#### Pioneer Club.

Mrs. Boyd, who has gone to Taihape with her husband, the new superintendent of the hospital there, was entertained at the Pioneer Club by a number of her friends, and given a farewell gift of an artistic pendant and chain.

#### Personal.

Easter seems to be considered rather a good time to move, and quite a lot of people have changed houses. Mr. and Mrs. Elgar have taken Mr. T. C. Williams' residence in Hobson-street for some months, and it is from there that the marriage will take place of their daughter and Captain Hamilton in June.

Then Colonel and Mrs. Chaytor are giving up their house on The Terrace, as Colonel Chaytor's military duties will necessitate his living at Palmerston. Mr. Ewen has taken their house for a term.

Mrs. Leslie Reynolds has returned to Wellington to live, and will soon be again occupying the house on The Terrace, which Mr. Reynolds bought a couple of years ago. They had just altered and done it up charmingly when they had to go back to the South Island.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. B. Fisher are moving from Hawkestone-street, where they have been for three or four years, and are going to Fitzherbert-terrace.

This passengers on the Arawa on Thursday had a good day to start, and numbers of friends to see them off. The clergy, of course, were there in great force, busy saying goodbye to the Bishop and Mrs. Wallis, who have gone for good. However, their many friends here hope that the Bishop may be completely restored to health, and that he and Mrs. Wallis may come out here again some day, if only for a short visit.

Lady Mills, who is off home for the Coronation, is a passenger by the same steamer, together with other well-known people.

## HAMILTON.

April 20.

#### A Dance.

On Easter Monday Mrs. W. A. Oliver gave a dance for young people at her residence, "Wattle." Although this is some four or five miles from Hamilton, the drive added to the pleasure, particularly the return trip, in the brilliant moonlight. Dancing took place in the large billiard room, and the supper was exactly the right thing in the young folks' opinion. Mrs. Oliver received her young guests in a black evening dress, with silver beaded scarf; Miss Jessie Oliver (debutante), pretty white silk trimmed with silver; Miss Margaret Oliver (debutante), white silk with bead trimming; Misses Oliver, white muslin; Miss Bollard, pale blue silk; Miss Lovell, blue silk with silver trimming; Miss Vida Hunter, dainty pink nixon; Misses Brenda Hunter, white palette, lovely Oriental trimming; Kathleen Knight, soft cream silk, with pearl front; Gladys Tompkins, pale blue; Kiro Brewis, white muslin; Enid Heywood, white muslin.

#### A Reception.

A garden party was to have been tendered the commandant of the New Zealand Forces, General Godley, and the Minister for Defence, Hon. G. Fowlds, on Friday, on the occasion of his first visit to the Waikato. The weather, however, was so very rough and uncertain, gales of wind alternating with sharp showers, that it was with a feeling of relief one heard the garden party had been abandoned in favour of a reception in the Town Hall. General Godley spoke very forcibly on the duty of all citizens to give hearty support to the new Defence Scheme, and he felt sure the result would be an efficient army of which we would all be proud. The Hon. George Fowlds, Colonel Bell, Mr. Greenslade, M.P., and the Mayor (Mr. Young) also gave speeches in the same vein. There were a few ladies on the platform, among whom were Mrs. Fowlds, in black satin coat and skirt, beige plumed hat, white boa, and Mrs. Allan Bell, black dress relieved with white. Among those present were: Mrs. Hunter, in pretty amethyst gown, black hat; Miss Hunter, navy costume, large black hat; Miss Vida Hunter, striped Norfolk costume; Mrs. Yule, tweed Norfolk coat and skirt, tweed hat to match; Mrs. McLeod, tabac costume, large black hat with wings; Mrs. Tompkins, coat and skirt; Mrs. Crabb, green Sicilian costume, hat with black; Miss O'Neill, green costume, wide hat trimmed with green.

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## CAMBRIDGE.

April 21.

#### Golf.

The golfers returned from Okoroire on Tuesday night, after having a delightful holiday, the weather being good all the time, except for a few showers on Saturday morning. Miss K. Willis was the only victorious one of the Cambridge players, she having won the driving competition. A number of the visiting golfers from Auckland and other places have promised to be present at the South Auckland Golfing Tournament, to be held in Cambridge in August next.

#### Flower Show.

The Cambridge Chrysanthemum Show was opened to-day by the Mayor. The exhibits were exceedingly good. Mr. Joseph Chambers took both prizes for the champion bloom in the show, one being a Japanese and one an incurved chrysanthemum. Mrs. J. R. S. Richardson got first prize for her bowl of 25 Japanese and first for a bowl of 12 Japanese chrysanthemums. Miss Sharkey got first for a lovely owl of 25 incurved green chrysanthemums. The table H. Wells second. Mr. W. F. Buckland decorations were all exceedingly pretty. Miss R. Nixon coming first, Miss Veale second, and Miss Chitty third. Miss Alice Hally gained first for her table, which was in another section for girls under 18. Mrs. H. Nixon had an exquisite shower bouquet, in shades of yellow, for which she gained first prize. Miss H. Wells was awarded first prize for the best collection of cut flowers, and Mr. Simpson second; and Mr. Simpson first for cactus dahlias, and Miss H. Wells second. Mr. W. F. Buckland first prize for peony dahlias, and he also had a lovely collection of flowering begonias for exhibition only. The afternoon tea was presided over by Mrs. McCulloch and Mrs. M. McDermott, as-

sisted by a bevy of young ladies; all were wearing white dresses. Amongst those present I noticed: Mrs. (Dr.) Edmonds, navy blue coat and skirt and hat to match; Mrs. C. Hunter, navy blue coat and skirt and green felt hat; Mrs. W. Hunter, white silk trimmed with white silk applique and white hat lined with pale pink, and trimmed with white tulle and white plumes; Mrs. H. Nixon, white embroidered muslin and Coronation blue hat; Mrs. Brooks, grey costume and black bonnet; Mrs. Willis, black coat and skirt and black bonnet with white roses; Mrs. Cameron, white muslin, and white hat trimmed with black and white daisies; Mrs. (Dr.) Roberts, white embroidered Anglaise coat and skirt and black hat with plumes; Miss Attfield, black and white striped cambie and black leather boa, and black picture hat; Miss Gwynneth, grey and mauve cotton voile and mauve toque; Mrs. Chitty, blue-grey muslin and black hat; Mrs. Bradney (Fiji), pale grey muslin, white ostrich feather boa, and vieux rose hat trimmed with silk; Miss Hill (Fiji), nattie blue voile trimmed with black and black toque; Mrs. Riely (Fiji), green costume and pink hat; Miss Bright (Ocean Island), white muslin, large mauve hat, with mole-coloured veil; Miss Chitty, green costume, and hat to match; Mrs. Payze (Matamata), grey coat and skirt and grey toque; Miss Banks, brown tweed coat and skirt and brown hat, trimmed with roses; Mrs. Hopkirk, green coat and skirt and black hat; Mrs. Richardson, black coat and skirt and mauve toque; Miss Richardson, green coat and skirt and green hat; Mrs. Veale, black costume and black hat; Mrs. M. Butler, grey coat and skirt and amethyst hat; Mrs. Bunyard, blue coat and skirt and hat to match; Mrs. Allen Bell, green coat and skirt and black hat; Mrs. McDermott, blue costume and hat to match. ELSIE.

## ROTORUA.

April 22.

#### The Easter Holidays.

The name of Easter in Rotorua conjures up visions of all sorts of festivities, and with quite 2000 visitors in the place Rotorua had this year laid itself out for "a good time"; but, as so often happens at Eastertide in New Zealand, that all-important factor, the weather, behaved atrociously, and did a great deal to mar the holidays. Not a chink was there to spare for visitors by Good Friday morning in any of the boardinghouses, and even private residences were called upon to "lend" a verandah or a tent to stranded acquaintances. Saturday morning was wet (though it cleared sufficiently in the afternoon for the much-talked-of tennis tournament to be begun on the asphalt courts in the gardens), and Sunday also was showery. Monday there was no rain, but a tremendous gale raged all day, and tennis was played under difficulties. Over 80 matches were got through on this particular day, and excited great interest.

#### A Dance.

On Saturday there was a very jolly dance at Brent's, where a great many of the tennis people were staying, and on Easter Sunday the great attraction was the soaping of the Wairoa Geyser, which about 1500 to 2000 people went out to Whakia to see. But the geyser declined to respond. The tea kiosk did a tremendous business that afternoon—tea is a solace for many woes.

The churches were thronged in the evening. St. Luke's having quite insufficient accommodation, and the congregations dispersed to the accompaniment of heavy rain.

#### Easter Monday.

The chief attraction on Monday, of course, was the tennis tournament, and the Sanatorium Gardens, all freshly washed by rain and looking bright and green, were a most animated appearance. Hundreds were away on the different trips, and at the Marine Parade the Rowing Club strove to hold a regatta for the edification of the crowd near the lake. It always blows when we try to have rowing sports here.

#### A Dance.

On Monday night the Rotorua Tennis Club gave a most successful dance for the visiting players in the Parish Hall. Owing to the fact that almost all the club men were busily engaged in the gardens all day getting the tournament through, and that several of the lady members were more than usually busy because of the Easter rush and unable to help, it was impossible to make

the dance anything but the simplest affair. It fell to the lot of a few (chiefly Miss Corlett and a few others) to do everything, and they carried the affair through most successfully, visitors all expressing themselves as thoroughly delighted. Amongst those dancing were: Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Kent (Auckland), Mrs. Prater (Auckland), Miss Empson, Miss Stella Empson, Miss Hawkesworth, Miss Bock, Miss Bagnall, Miss Pownall, Miss Bucknill, Miss Corlett, Miss Melville, Miss Butler (Wellington), Miss Myra Reid (Auckland), Misses Barstow (2) (Auckland), Misses Taylor (4) (Cambridge), Misses Usher (2) (Auckland), Miss Marriner (Auckland), Miss Crowther (Auckland), Miss Caldwell (Auckland), Miss Wilkinson (Hamilton), Miss Udy (Auckland), Miss Lundon, Miss Crapp, Miss Blades, Miss Caruth (Auckland), Miss Melville (Auckland), Messrs. Algie, Melville, Thacker, Empson, Ohlsen (Auckland), Angus (Auckland), Meredith (Parua), Brown (Auckland), Hume (Auckland), Richardson and Banks (Cambridge), Loughnan (Hamilton), Jordan (Hamilton), Gannaway (Auckland), Clifford (Hamilton), Lerner (Auckland), Kerr (Opotiki), Hanna (Auckland), Mark (Auckland), Hawkins, Murphy, Cooke, Dia, Aicken (Auckland), Crooke, and Hay. There were a great many others, but the room was so full it was difficult to see. On the following evening a delightful little dance was given by Mrs. Frank Lundon.

#### Personal.

Miss Dunnett (Auckland) is the guest of Mrs. F. Rhodes at present.

Miss Stella Empson left on Easter Tuesday for a three months' exchange in the Wellington G.P.O.

Miss Wordsworth (Auckland) is visiting Mrs. T. Walker.

Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Flower (B.N.Z.) through the death of her mother, which took place last week. Mrs. Cresswell was on a visit to her daughter lately, but as she was an invalid her death was not altogether unexpected.

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## GISBORNE.

April 17.

#### Kitchen Tea.

A very enjoyable kitchen tea was given by Mrs. Carmichael on Thursday morning last, in honour of Miss Carter, whose marriage takes place next Wednesday. Tea was served in the large dining-room and billiard-room, the whole house being daintily decorated with chrysanthemums and cosmos. Mrs. Carmichael received her guests in a trained gown of embroidered muslin, wearing over it a beautiful Paris lace coat; Mrs. Harney, her sister, who assisted the hostess, wore white linen; Mrs. Kinsling, champagne-corded linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat, with black velvet and roses; Mrs. Nolan, grey and white linen, black toque; Mrs. J. Bourke, blue corded silk, black and white toque; Mrs. Holmes, (Christchurch), slate grey linen braided with white, white hat; Mrs. Crawford, white embroidered muslin, floral hat; Mrs. Mann, white linen, large white hat, with black ostrich feathers; Mrs. Kennedy, blue costume, black and white hat; Mrs. Berry, black and white costume (Wedgwood), blue linen, black and white hat; Mrs. Berry, black and white costume; Mrs. Carter, black silk, touches of white; Mrs. Hodge, pink linen, black and white hat; Mrs. Parker, green linen, black hat; Mrs. Stephenson, white silk, green hat; Mrs. Traill, carnation pink linen, piped with black, black toque; Mrs. MacLean, white linen coat and skirt, hat en suite; Mrs. Agnew-Browne, grey embroidered crepe, black hat; Mrs. R. Willcock, white embroidered muslin, floral hat; Miss Brooke-Taylor, white embroidered muslin, burnt straw hat, trimmed with black; Miss I. Carter, white linen costume; Miss M. Carter, white silk, black hat; Miss Nolan, white embroidered muslin, black and white hat; Miss Pyke, wulfin-green linen gown, floral hat; Miss Murray, pink linen, white hat; Miss Coleman, pale grey gown; Miss Evans, vieux rose linen coat and skirt, hat en suite; Miss Allen, white muslin, hat with flowers; Miss Campbell-Thompson, white muslin, burnt straw hat; Miss Davis, white muslin gown, large black and white hat; Miss Agnew-Browne, white linen, large black hat; Miss Bradney, white gown, pale blue hat, trimmed pink roses; Mrs. Stock, white muslin, hat with roses; Miss Bright, white muslin, floral hat; A word building competition occupied the

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