

toque with touches of plak; Mrs Seymour Thorne-George, black nixon frock, veiling some lovely gold embroidery and a smart black and gold toque; Mrs Fred Waller was much admired in a smart coat and skirt of amethyst cloth, the coat being banded at the back with two straps and silver buckles, a tan coloured crinoline hat massed with lovely sprays of shaded lilac and pink and red roses; Mrs Duthie looked smart in an amethyst toilette; Mrs Lowry, a beautiful mole and silver frock and large black hat; Miss Alice Walker, navy blue coat and skirt with black silk braidings and a black velvet toque; Miss Firth, blue coat and skirt, emerald green toque; Mrs Alison, blue velvet and a black and Royal blue toque; Miss Duder looked pretty in a Naples blue frock, and a smart black hat and black fur stole; Mrs Algar Williams wore a smart blue suit with lovely embroidery on the coat, and a pretty hat; Mrs Wolfe wore a shaded brown toilette; Mrs Hugh Williams, well cut navy blue coat and skirt, trimmed with black military braid and a black hat with natural coloured 'ostfich tips; Miss Muriel Dargaville looked very smart in a cream cloth coat and skirt, and a large black hat; Mrs C. Buddle wore a smart little amethyst frock, and a black hat, with un-gurled ostrich feather; Miss Una Buddle looked dainty in white and a large black hat; Mrs Foster wore a handsome amethyst toilette, and her daughter looked pretty in blue.

A Charming Party.

Mr and Mrs C. Buddle gave a very charming and a very smart party in honour of their daughter Una, who made her debut, two of her friends making their plunge into the whirligig of parties at the same time, Miss Betty Grierson and Miss Ruth Spencer. The ball room was quite charming, being a long low room with wide lattice windows, with broad sills, and an angle nook with wide seats. The walls are cream, panelled with stained green wood, with a china shelf running right round the room on which were lovely bits of china, and vases of roses, carnations and maiden hair fern, and lighted with soft-toned electric lights. A most delicious supper was served at small tables, which were decorated with roses. Mr and Mrs Buddle and Miss Una Buddle received their guests standing just within the drawing room. Our hostess were a smart pale blue nixon over blue silk, and a pretty white shoulder scarf; Miss Una Buddle looked very charming in a beautifully simple short frock of gleaming white satin, with straight tunic of white nixon reaching nearly to the hem of the frock, and bordered with a narrow band of crystal bugle trimming. The daintiest wreath of tiny white and pink flowers suited its pretty wearer. A posy of flowers completed a lovely tout ensemble. Miss Betty Grierson looked lovely, and her frock was very smart white charmeuse, with tunic of nixon, with border of white fur and silver crystal beads. A lovely bouquet of white flowers with dainty loops of white satin ribbon, finished a charming toilette. Miss Ruth Spencer looked pretty and graceful in a soft white silk frock, veiled with nixon, bordered with Limerick lace. The bodice was prettily draped with the same lace, and her well-dressed hair was banded with a pretty pearl chaplet; and a pretty bouquet was carried. Lady Lockhart looked well in a lovely grey frock; Mrs Grierson wore a black satin charmeuse with overdress of net, embroidered with jet, and some white lace on the bodice veiled with black net, a beautiful toilette. Mrs Spencer wore a handsome gown of black crepe-de-chin over silk, with some handsome trimming on it. Mrs Harry Bloomfield looked pretty in a lovely cream frock, with silk embroidery with a touch of pale blue. Miss Grierson wore a dainty frock of palest blue and pink. Mrs Graham (Miss Winnie Scott, of "The Whip" Company), was admired in a dainty pale pink short dancing frock with chaplet and small pink roses on her hair; Miss Fairweather, a sister of Mrs Graham, wore a smart frock of white satin bordered with white fur and a dark green belt and long ends; Miss Ivy Buddle looked very smart in grey charmeuse, with tunic of steel and jet beads; Miss Buddle looked pretty in pale pink with tunic of pretty white lace; Miss Una Saunders looked very dainty in a smart little frock of heliotrope satin with tunic of nixon, edged with silver fringe; Miss Isobel Clark, the guest of hon-

our (who will be Mrs Sydney Thorne-George before this is in print), looked charming in rose pink; Miss Jessie Reid was admired in a smart peacock blue frock; Miss Hilda Bloomfield wore a graceful ivory charmeuse frock, with a touch of gold on it, and gold leaves in her hair. Want of space prevents me from describing other beautiful toilets worn. Among the guests were: Dr and Mrs Hope Lewis, Mrs Hugh Williams, Mr and Mrs A. Ferguson, Miss Fenton, Mr H. Fenton, Mr and Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Mitchell (England), Miss Gillies, Mr and Mrs Fred Waller, Sir Robert Lockhart, Miss H. Buckland, Miss E. Dyer, Miss Cotter, Mr Harry Bloomfield, Mr Grierson, Miss Muriel Dargaville, and Mr Dargaville, Miss Vera Duthie, Mr W. Garrick, Mr A. Reid, Mr A. Denniston, Dr Berrie, Mr Joyce, Mr Robertshaw, Mr Grundy, Mr Roy Towle, Mr J. Burns, Mr M. and S. Thourie-George, and many others.

University Tournament.

The New Zealand University's tenth annual tournament was held this year in Auckland. There was a large number of students of both sexes who arrived on Saturday and were welcomed by the Mayor of Auckland at a civic reception held in the Municipal Buildings. From this on till Tuesday the visitors were kept busy. There were tennis contests at the Devonport lawns, debating contests, athletic championships, picnic and concert on the harbour, and the round of pleasure ended with a ball held in the Choral Hall on Tuesday night. Though our representatives (with the exception of Miss Cumming, who won the ladies' tennis championship) did not score at all, let us hope they maintained the honour of Auckland by winning the Hospitality Championship, and judging by the expressions of many of the visitors, I think they all had a very good time.

The University Ball.

The ball was a great success. There must have been fully 400 people there. Needless to say, youth predominated, with a fair sprinkling of "grey hairs," which lent dignity to the proceedings. Among the ladies who arranged the supper tables at the hall were Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. Archdale-Taylor, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs Bedford, Miss Wallace, and numbers of the students. The hall was tastefully decorated, the music was good, but alas! the floor was awful, in spite of an immense amount of hard work. The Minister of Education, the Hon. G. Fowlds, was present with Mrs. Fowlds and the Misses Fowlds. Mrs. Fowlds wore a pretty black and white toilette of nixon over white silk, and a white feather boa; Miss Fowlds looked smart in a pretty frock of palest pink, with touches of gold; Miss Fowlds was much admired in a very dainty frock of white nixon over satin, the drapery caught up with flat pink roses; Mrs. Egerton looked distinctive in pale blue with an overdress of black jetted net; Mrs Dettman wore a pretty white toilette; Mrs. Jarman wore cream silk trimmed with handsome gold embroidery; Mrs. Milnes wore a dainty frock of palest pink net over nixon and lace; Mrs. Bedford, black jetted lace and silk; Mrs. Aubin, gold tissue over bright blue silk; Mrs. Wylie wore a pretty grey toilette; Mrs. Bush was in a smart cream frock; Miss Brown golden brown charmeuse; Miss W. Brown looked graceful in a frock of blue charmeuse and silver embroidery; Mrs. Andrews wore pale pink nixon over white silk, trimmed with pretty dull gold embroidery; Mrs. Archdale-Taylor wore white; Mrs. Oliphant wore a handsome cream toilette; Mrs. St. Clair looked well in black. There were several debutantes, among whom were Miss Dettman (a sister of Professor Dettman), who looked pretty in her frock of soft white satin and carried a lovely bouquet of white flowers with satin streamers; Miss Wylie wore a pretty dainty white frock and carried beautiful white flowers; Mrs. Rosenthal looked handsome in a smart jetted net black frock; Mrs. Thomas wore a smart pale pink frock; the Misses St. Clair looked pretty, one in heliotrope and the other in pale blue; Miss Scott-Smith looked pretty in a cream satin and lace frock.

Among the visitors present were: Mrs. Boyle, Miss Scott, Miss Aitel, Miss MacIntosh, Miss Clewatt, Misses Cooke (2), Miss Edwards, Miss Hall, Misses Clark, Cross, Patterson, Jameson, Crawley and Farnie. Miss Wallace wore a becoming frock of rose pink and silver; Miss Dickinson looked graceful in cream charmeuse satin; Miss Neata Thomas, golden brow-

nixon; Miss Mary Oliphant wore a pretty pale blue frock; Miss Oliphant was in white; Miss May Cameron, black lace and jet; Miss Lusher, cream silk with pretty pale blue velvet sash; Miss Dolly Denniston, pink.

A Water Excursion.

The delegates who attended the conference of the Librarians' Association of New Zealand, which held its session in Auckland this year, were entertained by the president of the conference, Mr T. W. Leys, and Mrs Leys. The party took the form of a water excursion, and was attended by about a hundred guests. The weather, though unsettled, cleared up as the party left the wharf. After a delightful cruise up the harbour, the guests landed at O'Neill's point, and there took the tram to Takapuna. Here afternoon tea was partaken of, at the Kiosk. After this pleasant function, the party walked over to Mr H. Brett's garden, and spent some time admiring this beautiful place. The following afternoon the delegates, at the invitation of Mr and Mrs Leys, enjoyed a run on the tramlines, going to Mount Eden, Remuera, and Onehunga. Here the party were entertained at afternoon tea in the Onehunga Kiosk, and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the outing.

Handkerchief Afternoon.

An enjoyable Handkerchief Afternoon was given last week by Miss Marie Cronin, of "Nadmore," Milford Bay, Takapuna, in honour of the Misses Marie and Kitty Ralph, Ruby Blake, and Ida Bond, and also as a farewell to Miss Kathleen Buxton, who leaves for England. A competition was won by Miss Kitty Ralph, who received a unique prize. Miss Ivy Alison recited charmingly, and the Misses Alda Ralph and Jeanie Hutchinson, played, and the Misses Rallager, Alison, Cronin, McCabe and Kelly sang. Tea was served on the verandah, and altogether a jolly time was spent.

A Party.

Mrs Dunlop, of "Edenholm," Epsom, gave a party in honour of her son, Mr F. S. Dunlop, on the occasion of his completing his course of study in the New Zealand University, where he has distinguished himself by passing all his law examinations with honours. The party was most enjoyable, and did not break up till the early hours of morning. Among those present were: Dr and Miss Scott, Mrs and Miss Donner, Mrs Bennett (Gisborne); Mr and Mrs Quarterly, Captain and Mrs Sharp, Mr and Mrs de Courcy Clarke, Mr and Mrs F. Waller, Miss Waller, Mr and Mrs Dawson, Captain Leven, the Misses Dickinson, Hay, Beaumont, Denniston, M. Lucher, Donna, Hellaby, Messrs Denniston, Mackenzie, Dunlop (2), Graham, Berkeley, Mackenzie, Smith, Commons, Hellaby and others.

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The Holidays.

Easter found most people out of town spending the holidays at one of the popular seaside or country places. Her-taunga was markedly in favour, and most of the houses were crammed with guests, so that things were quite gay. Naturally golf was the great occupation, but in the evening there were plenty of cheery social visits and several bridge parties. In town there was very little going on, but the number of strangers was unusually large, although many country people who had been down for a few days' shopping had managed to get home again before Easter.

Farewell to Bishop and Mrs. Wallis.

There was no spare room in the Sydney-street. Hall on Wednesday night, when the farewell social to the Bishop and Mrs. Wallis was held. It was the eve of their departure for England, and many were the expressions of regret heard on all sides. Archdeacon Farnout was deeply affected, and while making a presentation from the people of the diocese, he referred to the splendid work done by the Bishop and the great assistance given by Mrs. Wallis, who, among other works, was mainly instrumental in establishing St. Mary's Home for Girls. The sum of £200 was subscribed as a farewell gift to the Bishop, and took the form of a draft on an English Bank, while Mrs. Wallis received a draft from the wives of the clergy. The hall looked very bright and cheerful with its decorations, and the platform was

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