Miss Dorothy White, pretty white louis-sine silk with lace liminings; Miss Gow, white silk; Miss B. Gow, handsome gown of white satin; Miss Mary Rowan looked charming in a maine satin with tune of ninon of the same shade, edged with broad hands of rodd measurementer; with broad bands of gold passementerie; Mi-a McCullongh, very becoming blue with broad bands of gold passementerie; Miss McCullough, very becoming blue frock with overdress of blue and gold apangled net; Miss Linton, pretty mauve sath with tunic edged with silver trimning; Miss Kerr Tuylor, white gown with gold, green how in hair; Miss Jowitt, white muslin de soie; Miss Liene Walker looked nice in white ninen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Riddiford (Rangittkei) and Captain Escourt, the new A.D.C. to His Excellency Lord Islington, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. are the O'Rorke

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Dr. Pearce-Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin have been staying at "Arundel," and left for a three months' trip to Barotonga, accompanied by Miss Poris Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Noble (Hamilton) are down on a visit, and are staying at the Esplanade Hotel, Devonpert.

Miss Floss Hamlin (Hawke's Bay) Is on a visit to Aukland and is the most in the most to a wish and in the most in the mo

on a visit to Auckland, and is the guest of Mrs. John Reid. The Mayor (Mr. C. J. Parr) left on

the Maheno for a holiday visit to Aus-

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Miss Eva Sheppard, of Auckland, left by the Monowai on the 12th inst. to visit relatives in Gisborne.

News from Melbourne tells of the marriage of Mr. Robert II. Blair, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair, formerly of St. Stephen's Avenue, Parnell, to Miss Webb, daughter of a well-known resident of that city. The marriage took resident of that city. The marriage took place early in this month, after which bride and bridegroom left by the overland mail for Sydney, en route for Japan, where Mr. Blair has been appointed to the managership of the New Zealand Insurance Company's branch at Kobe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carlyon, who have been staying at "Cargen" for the past week, have returned to Gisborne.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Minnitt, who have been absent from the Dominion for the past three years, are expected in Auckland in a couple of weeks.

Amongst the passengers by the R.Ms. Makura on Friday will be Mrs. Mitchell and her young son, who are returning to England after a stay of some three months with Mrs. Robert Gillies, in Parnell. Miss Rooke (Parnell) is also a passenger for London,

passenger for London,
Miss Flossie Hamlin (Napier) is the
guest of Mrs. John Reid (Alten-road) for

a few weeks.

Dr. Stuart B. Reid, who has just returned from a short visit to England, is staying at "Cargen."

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# WELLINGTON.

An era of simple entertaining seems to have begun, much to the satisfaction of the young people. Instant of the actistaction of the young people. Instead of one claborate ball with a champagne supper, and expensive decorations, some of our leading society hostesses are this year substituting a series of informal little dinces at which all the arrangements are simple, and the hours early.

## Dance at Government House.

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That this meets with vice-regal approval was shown this week when notes written by the aides-de-camp arrived at various houses bidding the lucky recipients to a dance at Government House, from 8:30 to 11:30. Early as this seemed there was a dimer-party first, the guests including General and Mrs. General Cannt, R.N., and Mrs. Calonel Gannt, R.N., and Mrs. Calonel Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Elgar, Mr. and Mrs. In Duncan, Mrs. Boyte (Christelurch), Colonel Heard, Mr. and Mrs. and That this meets with vice-regal inc weste a real joy. Her Excellency Tody Felington were a beautiful deese of Blocky settin in the palest shade of apricot, with a cleverly draped toole

black net heavily embroidered in gold, and a dark red rose in her gold cordeliers, her jewels were diamonds; Miss Stapleton Cotton, palest blue embroidered ninon over pale blue charmeuse; Mrs. Ferguson (who is a #icst of their Ex-cellencies) was in white satin, the ninon arranged in panels with heavy I embroideries and crystal fringe; Mrs. Guise, pale pink creps de soie, delicately embroidered, and finished with lare; Mrs. Godley wore pale pink satin mignon, the consage defily draped over mignon, the coisage defly traped over heavy lace; Mrs. Thornton, white satin, the black net tunic threaded with a sush of cherry red ending in a hig bow; Mrs. Ian Dunean was in Irish grey mousseline de soie over pale grey satin, with entre deux of lace and dull silver with entre done of lace and dull silver embroideries; Mrs. Boyle, black liberty satin, the overdress cucrusted in silver; Mrs. Burnett Stnart, changeant char-neuse, draped in ninon and finished with lace; Mrs. Abhatt, a Josephine gown of ivory brocade and lace; Miss Brandon, pale blue satin, veiled in ninon; Miss Peance, ivory satin with a tunic of rivery brounds and lare; Miss Brancon, pale blue satin, veiled in ninon; Miss Pearce, ivery satin with a tunic of mousseline de soic, hommed with satin; Mrs. Flg.ir, a beautiful dress of satin lumineaux, embroidered, and veiled in Miss Miles, subtle shades of ninon; suittle shades of ninon; Miss Miles, hydrangea charmense, with an overdress of gauze, and a deep tucker of lace; Miss Tweed, palest blue ninon over rajah satin with delivate embroideries; Mrs. Dymock, a princess gown of satin, veiled in lace.

#### A Political At Home.

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A Political At Home.

As a rule political "At Homes" are many in the month of August, but this year's has been an exception, probably owing to the absence of Sir Joseph and Lady Ward. On Monday there was a large "At Home" at the Ministerial residence in Tinakori-road, now occupied by the Hon. J. Millar, and the guests were received by himself and his daughter, who is the youngest of our political hostesses. Indeed, she only grew up a couple of years ago, but already she has a good deal of experience in entertaining, although Monday was the first really big affair. The rooms were decorated with a profusion of flowers, duffodils, narcissi and wattle in one place, while elsewhere one was delighted with cyclamen of great size, in a wonderful range of colours from deep wino colours and purples, through rosy pinks to the ethereal loveliness of the pure white blooms. These all came from the Ministerial hot houses, together with other rare plants. On the tea table cyclamen and gloxinias and camellias were lightly arranged with bronze birch foliage as a centre piece, with surrounding vases of freesias. The mantelpieca was banked with rose-cloured rhododendrons, and one table was given up to pots of cineraria. The garden at Mr Millar's is not a large one, but it is picturesque, and in summer people come a long distance to see the big bank facing the road where, backed by tall dark firs, is the semi-circle of scarlet geraniums that are a blazing mass of colour. Misa Millar wore palest blue charmeuse, with a high waisted effect, and a round gulmpe of fine net; Miss Macandrew, black spotted ninon over ivory silk; Mrs Wilson, black velvet coat and skirt, black toque; Mrs Buddo, a black crope de chino dress, and a black hat; Miss Buddo dark blue tailor-made and blue hat; Mrs Fowlds, black velvet coat and skirt molical trimming, green tonuc, with tiny flowers in vieux rose shades; Mvs Hondwes in vieux rose shades; Mvs Hondwes in vieux rose shad osprevi Mrs Field, grev failor-maile, grey hat with green wines; Mrs Arthur Myers (Anckland), sannhire, blue welcurs en princesse, voks of blue net, block nicture hat and black velvet coat; Miss Beatrleo Dav, black velvet coat and skirt; Miss Nathan, grev sombs cloth with grey palon, grev sombs cloth with grey palon, grev satin hat; Mrs Nosworthy (Transki), green friere tailor-maile, braided, green hat with flowers; Mrs Buck, black coat and skirt, black nicture hat; Mrs Arnold, black chief, hatch nicture, with Oriental colon, black toque; Mrs Laurenson (Lettellon), grev tailor-maile, and black trad hat with flowers; Mrs. Wricht, sounde cloth costume in burnt toos colour, Mick nlumd hat; Mrs Schov (Donalin), roval blue and black string foulard, with a net culmae, black thin blumes; Mrs Scott, black and white results, black and white results, black toone; Mrs Dale, and tarnouse vided in mole-solaured nlume, mole-solaured bat with shumes; moto-coloured hat with phimes;

Mrs Luke, black foulard tailor made,

black and white hat; Mrs Poole, sand grey souple cloth, black hat, with roses; Mrs Mander, powder blue charmense with soutable, and a yoke of net, black plumed hat; Mrs Tai Te Tau (Wairarapa), dull petunia friese, black hat with petunias; Miss Reid, pale blue Shantung and hat with roses; Miss Mackenzie, grey cloth tailor-made, and grey toque; Miss de Castro, a white lingerie robe, and picture hat. robe, and picture hat.

#### Paper Bag Cookery.

Paper Hag Cookery.

Paper cooking seems to have come to stay, and there is no failing off in attendance at the demonstrations. One of the most enthusiastic experts is Mas. Cilennen, the principal of the Domestic Economy College in Melbourne, and she firmly believes—by benefit of her wide experience in culinary matters—that the method is a splendid one, and of inestimable value to women.

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Mrs. Gleinen cooks everything from soup to boiled eggs in paper, and the very things that one is told are to be avoided she screnely does, and her success is undoubted. She is emphatic on saving trouble, and declares making the bags quite unnecessary, and before the eyes of a class she delity folds a flat sheet of paper into a bag, clips it here and there, pours in hot water, adds the ingredients, and calmly puts the bag on a grid shelf over a naked flame, from which it presently emerges, steaming and done to a turn. Mrs. Glennen smiles at the idea of paper cookery being a passing phase, and predicts that ing a passing phase, and predicts that no intelligent woman will ever go back to pots and pans. As head of a college in domestic training, which has numbered a thousand students, and has been established for a number of years, her opinion in the magneted ion is to be respected.

#### On the Links.

This fine week has been delightful for the golf players, who were keenly ex-cited over the local championships. At Trentham the various matches were watched with great interest as the finals drew near, and Miss A. Pearce was much orew near, and Miss A. Pearce was much congratulated on winning this senior honours. Mrs. Guy Williams—who is an ex-New Zealand champion—was runner-up. Miss Wheeler beat Miss Dean in the junior class. Apart from the glory of winning, the prizes are most attractive, ranging from silver vases to Liberty wear and violet leather handbags.

The ladies of the Miranus Club have gone to Nelson to play a series of matches. Mrs. Freeth and Miss Ward are the new senior and junior champions for the year. The team for Nelson in-cludes Mrs. Firth, Mrs. Holmes and the Misses Gray, Didsbury and Seed.

# A Dance.

A very successful little dance was given lately at the New Century Hall, which was decorated with daffodils and lycopodium. The committee had arranged things very carefully, so there were no wallflowers, and everything went off well. ed things very carefully, so there were no wallflowers, and everything went off welt. White and yellow flowers adorned the supper table, a touch of black here and there being surprisingly effective. Mrs. J. Fuller wore ivory souple satin, with heavy crystal embroideries and silver fringe edging the ninon draperies; Mrs. Nathan, green charmense, veiled in ninon; Mrs. Rylands, black satin and jet; Mrs. Baxter, black lace and net over pale pink satin; Mrs. Nathan, black and white satin, veiled in ninon; Miss Nathan, white satin, with fringe and pearl embroideries; Miss N. Nathan, black velvet, with dull gold embroideries; Miss Macintosh, pale blue satin, with crystal galom and fringe; Miss Sullivan, eau de Nil chiffon taffetas, with touches of silver; Miss Cohen, black chiffon velours; Miss Wilson, pale blue ninon over taffetas of the same shade; Miss Chapman, white creps de chine; Miss Sheldon, shrimp pink charmeuse. shrimp pink charmeuse

# Bridge,

So many people have been going to Heretaunga lately that a good deal of entertaining has been done there, mainly in the way of luncheons and ten parties in the intervals of golf. Mrs. Bateson's in the intervents of goit. Mrs. Batesan's bridge afternoon was very much enjoyed, the prizewinners being Mrs. Wylie (who received a charming vase), Mrs. Runkins Brown (an "At Home" book), and Mrs. Fisher (a bag). The hostess were pink Fisher (a bag). The hostess were pink charmense, veiled in ninon of the same noft hue.

## Sale of Work.

A very successful sale of work in aid of St. Mary's Home, Karorl, was held in

the Sydney-street Schoolroom last week the styliner attrect Schoolroom last week. The stalls were prettily draped with as muslin and furnished with useful, as well as ornamental, articles. The home-made sweets and cakes found a ready sale, and proved a most attractive stall. The stall-holders were: Mrs. and Miss Duncan, Miss Coates, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. C. Davis, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Kemp, Missea L. Mackensie, Shirteliffe (2), and Elder, An attractive musical programme was L. Mackennie, Shirtchire (2), and Elder, An attractive musical programme was given during the evening, winding up with Haydn's "Joy Symphony," under the leadership of Mr. Lawrence Wutkins, which was much appreciated by the audience.

#### The Premier's Return.

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Teh late arrival of the steamer bringing Sir Joseph and Lady Ward and Sig John and Lady Findluy upset most of the plans for their reception. It had been arranged that they should be welcomed in the Town Hall on Friday afternoon, but it was 10 p.m. before the Ruapehu put in an appearance in the harbour, so there was no attempt made to receive them publicly. While Sir Joseph and Lady Ward were away a good deal has been done to improve "Awarna Ilouse," which has been done up and redecrated inside and out. A wide verandah has been added all along the Tinakori-road side, and at the south end the building has been considerably enlarged. All this points to enterfaining being done, but, perhaps, Miss ffileen Ward's absence will perhaps, Miss ffileen Ward's absence will perhaps, Miss ffileen Ward's absence will

## HAMILTON.

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Shakespeare Society.

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The Hamilton Shakespeare Club selection its last reading "Much Ado About Nothing," and was listened to with great interest by a fairly large audience. The cast is quite a large one, all the participation of Beatrice," was particularly good, as was also Mr. Manning's representation of Benedick, while Mr. McNicol was Constable Dogberry to the life. The Club intend giving a reading of "Paolo Francesca" on Saturday night next, when Professor Walker, from Auckland, will assist them.

### Hockey.

The Ladies' Hockey Club journeyed to Auckland on Saturday last to play a match against the Rawhitis at Remuera. match against the Rawhits at Romuera. Mrs. Jackson kindly chaperoned the team, while several other ladies also joined, forming a merry party. The game resulted in a win for the visitors by 3 goals to nil. In the evening the whole party went to hear the "Area dians," which they enjoyed immensely.

### Personal

Mrs. Brewis is leaving on Monday for holiday in Sydney. She expects to be

Aris, Brewis is feating of stonary or a holiday in Sydney. She expects to be away four or five weeks. Mrs, Noble has exchanged houses for a few weeks with a friend in Decomport. Miss Chitty is on a visit to Christ-

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## CAMBRIDGE.

### Personal.

Miss Gwen Gorrie, who is stoying at Gwynnelands returns home at Satur-

day.

Mr. and Mrs. Milnes (the former is principal of the Auckland Training College), left yesterday for the Thames, where Mr. Milnes will give a before.

Mr. and Mrs. McBride, of Christiauch, have been staying in Cambridge for

who have been staying in Cambridge for some weeks, returned home on Mon-

day.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buckland and family go to Auckland on Monday for ten days.

# ROTURUA.

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Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell (from England),
Mr. Fothernham (of Canada), Mrs.
Wheeler (a visitor from Wallanden),
Mr. and Mrs. Porkins (of Anckland), Mr.
and Mrs. Greenslade (of Anckland), Mr.
and Mrs. Greenslade (of Anckland), Mr.
Auckland), Mr. Trawere (of
Auckland), Mr. Friedheim (of 1.8 k),
Are staying at the Grand Hotel.
Mr. Snodgrass (of Napier), Capida
Carrudan (of Rienheim), Mr. Stadda (of Laursden), Mrs. Adams (of Laursden), Mrs. Adams (of Laursden), Mrs. Adams (of Laursden), Mrs. Stattford), Mr. Mr. and Mrs. Russell (from England),