

Miss Dorothy White, pretty white lousine silk with lace finishings; Miss Gow, white silk; Miss B. Gow, handsome gown of white satin; Miss Mary Howan looked charming in a maize satin with tunic of ninon of the same shade, edged with broad bands of gold passementerie; Miss McCullough, very becoming blue frock with overdress of blue and gold spangled net; Miss Linton, pretty mauve satin with tunic edged with silver trimmings; Miss Kerr Taylor, white gown with gold, green bow in hair; Miss Jowitt, white muslin de soie; Miss Irene Walker looked nice in white ninon.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Riddford (Rangitikei) and Captain Esdourt, the new A.D.C. to His Excellency Lord Islington, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. O'Rourke.

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

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

Miss Floss Hamlin (Hawke's Bay) is 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 Australia.

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 H. Blair, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair, formerly of St. Stephen's Avenue, Parnell, to Miss Welsh, daughter of a well-known 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 management of the New Zealand Insurance Company's branch at Kobe.

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.M.S. 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.

Miss Flossie Hamlin (Napier) is the guest of Mrs. John Reid (Allen-road) for a few weeks.

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

PHYLLIS BROWN.

WELLINGTON.

August 23.

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

Dance at Government House.

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 dinner-party first, the guests including General and Mrs. Godley, Captain and Mrs. Thornton, Captain Gault, R.N., and Mrs. Gault, Colonel Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Elgar, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Duncan, Mrs. Doyle (Christchurch), Colonel Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Dymock, Mr. Vernon Reid (Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. Abbott. Scarlet poinsettias made most effective decorations in the ballroom, where the walls were white with red hangings, and on the dais were tall stumps of arums, white narcissi, freesias, and anemones were set about the drawlroom, and on the dinner table were silver bowls of wattle. The dance was really a delightful affair, and went with a great deal of zest and spirit. Great improvements had been made in the ballroom floor, which was for long satisfactory on its first trial, but on Wednesday it was in splendid order, and made dancing to the inspiring music a real joy. Her Excellency Lady Islington wore a beautiful dress of black satin in the palest shade of apricot, with a cleverly draped tunic of

black and white hat; Mrs. Poole, and grey souple cloth, black hat, with roses; Mrs. Mander, powder blue charmeuse with soutache, and a yoke of net, black plumed hat; Mrs. Tai Te Tau (Wairarapa), dull petunia frieze, 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.

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Paper Bag Cookery.

Paper cooking seems to have come to stay, and there is no falling-off in attendance at the demonstrations. One of the most enthusiastic experts is Mrs. Glennen, 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.

Mrs. Glennen cooks everything from soup to boiled eggs in paper, and the very things that one is told are to be avoided she serenely 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 deftly 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 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 is to be respected.

On the Links.

This fine week has been delightful for the golf players, who were keenly excited 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 congratulated on winning the 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 Miramar 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 includes 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. 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 charmeuse, 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 galon and fringe; Miss Sullivan, eau de Nil chiffon taffetas, with touches of silver; Miss Charlesworth, petal pink paillette silk, with crystal passementerie; Miss Cohen, black chiffon velours; Miss Donnelly, white satin, veiled in ninon; Miss Wilson, pale blue ninon over taffetas of the same shade; Miss Chapman, white crepe de chine; Miss Sheldon, 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 tea parties in the intervals of golf. Mrs. Bateson's bridge afternoon was very much enjoyed, the prizewinners being Mrs. Wylie (who received a charming vase), Mrs. Rankine Brown (an "At Home" book), and Mrs. Fisher (a bag). The hostess wore pink charmeuse, veiled in ninon of the same soft hue.

Sale of Work.

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

the Sydney-street Schoolroom last week. The stalls were prettily draped with art 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 stallholders were: Mrs. and Miss Duncan, Miss Coates, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. G. Davis, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Kemp, Misses L. Mackenzie, Shirlcliffe (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 Watkins, which was much appreciated by the audience.

The Premier's Return.

Teh late arrival of the steamer bringing Sir Joseph and Lady Ward and Sir John and Lady Findlay 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 Rarotonga 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 "Awarua House," which has been done up and redecorated inside and out. A wide verandah has been added all along the Timakori-road side, and at the south end the building has been considerably enlarged. All this points to entertaining being done, but, perhaps, Miss Fifteen Ward's absence will perhaps, Miss Eileen Ward's absence will

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HAMILTON.

August 23.

Shakespeare Society.

The Hamilton Shakespeare Club selected for 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 parts being very creditably taken. Miss Gillespie, as "Beatrice," was particularly good, as was also Mr. Manning's representation of Benedict, while Mr. McNeil was Constable Dogberry to the life. The Club intend giving a reading of "Faust 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 Rawhitts at Remuera. 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 "Arcadians," which they enjoyed immensely.

Personal.

Mrs. Brewis is leaving on Monday for a holiday in Sydney. She expects to be away four or five weeks.

Mrs. Noble has exchanged homes for a few weeks with a friend in Devonport.

Miss Chitty is on a visit to Christchurch.

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CAMBRIDGE.

Personal.

Miss Gwen Gorrie, who is staying at Gwynnelands returns home at Saturday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. McBride, of Christchurch, who have been staying in Cambridge for some weeks, returned home on Monday.

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

DEIRD.

ROTORUA.

August 24.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell (from English Bay), Mr. Fotheringham (of Canada), Mrs. Wheeler (a visitor from Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. Perkins (of Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf (of Auckland), Mr. O. Nicholson (of Auckland), Mr. Hogan (from U.S. America), Mr. Tawney (of Auckland), Mr. Friedheim (of U.S.A.), are staying at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. Snodgrass (of Napier), Captain Carradan (of Blenheim), Mr. D. Hill (of Lumsden), Miss Adams (of Tame), Mr. S. Tait (of Stratford), Mr.