

Bradbury, black; Miss Baker, blue floral cream lace yoke; Mrs Martin, cream silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs Cook, black, cream lace yoke finished with passementerie trimming; Miss Curtis, rose-pink silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Wade, green and white striped silk, cream lace yoke; Miss E. Smith, vieux rose crepe, finished with lace insertion; Mrs Kyngdon, black silk, relieved with cream lace; Miss O. Baker, navy blue; Mrs Phillips; Mrs Randolph Smith; Mrs S. Shaw, white silk blouse, black skirt; Miss McKellar, dark green silk, finished with cream lace; Mrs Harvey, white muslin blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Kyngdon, rose-pink silk; Miss D. Bedford, cream silk; Miss Cottier, black silk; Mrs A. Fookes, black and white striped muslin; Mrs Kempthorne, navy blue; Mrs Adden-brooke; Mrs McKellar; Mrs Rosaud, black, cream opera coat; Mrs A. Jones; Mrs Lusk, white silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs W. Payne, rose-pink crepe, trimmed with lace and black velvet; Mrs Heard (Copenhagen), blue cloth costume, finished with applique insertion; Miss Hempton, black; Mrs Taylor, white muslin; Mrs Baker; Mrs Dabb, white muslin; Miss D. Bradbury; Mrs Cutfield, black, white lace scarf; Miss Shaw, black; Miss Godfrey, black net over yellow silk; Miss Wilson, grey muslin; Mrs Bunde; Mrs Bunde, cream; Miss G. Shaw, white muslin; Mrs Dempsey, black; Miss G. Roy, white muslin; Miss J. Hempton, pale grey; Mrs Paton, black and white silk; Mrs McLean, black silk; Mrs Booking; Miss Standish, white inserted muslin; Miss A. Hempton, grey flowered muslin, cream lace yoke; Miss Testar, blue striped colienne; Miss R. Hirst, white muslin; Mrs R. Jury, black; Mrs Courtney; Miss White, white muslin; Miss T. Smith, vieux rose crepe, relieved with cream; Miss —, Smith, white silk blouse, black net skirt; Mrs Freeth, brown velvet; Mrs N. King, navy blue.

Afternoon Tea.
At her charming residence Mrs. C. H. Burgess gave a most enjoyable afternoon tea last Thursday, and the competition prizes, which were greatly envied, were won by Mrs. R. George and Mrs. Fitzgerald. The floral decorations were most artistic. The drawing-room was decorated with Japonica, while that of the dining-room, where tea was served, was purple Argentine sweet peas, intermingled with white Australian creeper. Mrs. Burgess received her guests in a beautiful robe of dark blue charmeuse, tunic of flowered chemise silk, veiled in blue ninon, bodice deftly finished with sequined passementerie trimming; Mrs. Glasgow, white serge costume, dark blue hat; Mrs. Murray, Coronation blue costume, braided with black, black toque en suite; Mrs. Morrison, pretty navy blue costume, braided in black, fawn and pink hat, black furs; Miss Bayly, black and white ninon over white silk, black furs, black feathered hat; Miss C. Bayly, dove grey colienne, corsage prettily embossed, black velvet toque, natter blue scarf; Mrs. Cooke, striped grey coat and skirt, black toque; Mrs. Hutchens, grey and black coat and skirt, black hat to correspond; Mrs. Walter, grey costume faced with black silk, brown hat, with pink roses; Miss Nixon, dark blue costume, hat en suite; Miss Grant, black coat and skirt, toque to match; Miss Stephenson, white serge coat and skirt, navy toque; Mrs. Fitzherbert, grey coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Collins, dark blue coat and skirt, black feathered hat; Mrs. Robinson, black charmeuse, cream lace scarf, black bonnet, relieved with white ospreys; Mrs. Hirst, Copenhagen blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Chaney, dark blue costume, wine-coloured velvet toque; Mrs. Heard, sage costume, blue hat; Mrs. Law, blue serge costume, black hat, white furs; Mrs. Paton, green coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Mathews, grey and black check costume, hat with yellow roses; Mrs. McInland, dark green coat and skirt, braided in black, green and black topper; Mrs. Blundell, grey tweed coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Russell, navy coat and skirt, black hat, with furs.

Afternoon Tea.
A most enjoyable afternoon tea was given last Friday by Miss C. Bayly, and the competition prizes were won by Misses Brewster and S. Thomson. Delicious afternoon tea was served in the dining-room, and at intervals songs were sung by Misses Standish, Taylor, Saxton, Thomson (2), and O. Mackay. The hostess, Miss C. Bayly, was much admired in a dainty rose pink crepe, banded with cream lace insertion, applique with black; Mrs. Bayly, handsome black chiffon taffetas; Miss Bayly,

black and white striped taffetas, piped with black velvet; Miss Mills, navy blue costume, brown chip straw hat; Miss Whitcombe, dark green costume, hat to correspond; Miss Webster, cream coat and skirt, black hat; Miss W. Webster, cream costume, Coronation blue hat lined with black; Miss Bedford, navy blue coat and skirt, black hat; Miss McDiarmid, green tweed costume, hat to correspond; Miss S. Thomson, navy blue costume, black hat with one large pink rose; Miss M. Thomson, navy costume, burnt straw hat swathed with blue silk; Miss D. Roy, green tweed costume, black tagel hat; Miss G. Roy, navy costume, violet hat; Miss Brewster, roseda green coat and skirt, brown velvet hat with pink roses; Miss Bradbury, cream costume, cream hat, with large Coronation blue bow; Miss Glasgow, brown costume, brown hat to correspond; Miss Saxton, cream costume, trimmed with bands of brown and erise, brown hat; Miss Taylor, navy blue costume, Coronation blue hat; Mrs. Clem Webster, claret coloured costume, braided with black, black hat, with quills; Mrs. F. Wilson, cream coat and skirt, bottle green velvet hat; Miss Bowley, navy blue costume, Coronation blue hat; Mrs. Morrison, brown costume, brown toque to correspond; Mrs. F. Carthew, navy blue costume, black beaver toque; Mrs. Lysons, checked tweed costume, black hat with white silk bows; Miss Standish, crown flecked tweed coat and skirt, brown hat with wings; Mrs. Walter Bayly, dark green costume, green hat with quills; Miss Blundell, Wedgwood blue crepe, black hat; Miss Kyngdon, dark green costume, velvet hat; Mrs. H. Russell, navy costume, black hat with pink roses; Miss L. Fitzherbert, navy coat and skirt, pretty black hat, with erise rose; Miss Wade, bottle green costume, cream lace yoke, black hat; Miss Douglas, navy costume, black hat with brown wings; Mrs. P. Lawson, cream costume, pretty coral-blue wings; Miss Kirkby, cream costume, roseda green hat with quills; Miss Pridham, light sage cloth costume, brown hat; Miss Wilson, cream costume, brown fur toque; Miss Mathews, navy costume, mole-coloured hat, lightened with pale blue; Miss McKellar, grey costume, velvet toque; Miss Mackay, green costume, black velvet hat.

Personal.
Miss Godfrey, with her niece, Miss P. Arden, has gone on a visit to Christchurch.
Dr. and Mrs. Home have been on a short visit to Auckland, but have now returned to New Plymouth.
Mrs. Brewster, New Plymouth is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. Samuel, Royal Oak, Wellington.
Mr. and Mrs. R. Cook, who have been touring the Islands and Sydney, have returned to New Plymouth.
Miss Short, late of the teaching staff of Miss Stanford's school, has returned to Auckland.
Miss G. Shaw is the guest of Miss E. Hursthouse, Wellington.
Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Skinner left last week for their future home in Blenheim.
Miss M. Fookes is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Pat Fitzherbert, Dannevirke.
Miss Blundell, who has been visiting Mrs. Mullies (aunt), Nyson, has returned to New Plymouth.

SOUTH TARANAKI.

Hawera, August 25.
A Dance.
Mrs. Moore entertained some of her young friends at a small dance last Saturday evening, the dining-room being turned into a ballroom. Besides Mrs. Moore and her two daughters were: Mrs. F. Parkinson, Mrs. Tovey (Kaponga), Misses Whitcombe, Glenn (2), Reilly (2), Williamson, Nelson, Messrs. O'Callaghan, Smith, Joll, Bridge, Moore, Glenn, Bayley, Douglas, Sellar, Cox, Chisholm, Bayley, Lysaght (2).

At Home.
Last Thursday afternoon Mrs. G. McLean gave a most enjoyable farewell party for Mrs. B. Lysaght, who, with Mr. Lysaght and family, leave in a month's time for their new home in Tauranga. Spring bulbs and bowls of violets were used for decorating the drawing-room and dining-room. Mrs. McLean was assisted by her daughter and Mrs. R. McLean, and amongst some of those present were: Mrs. H. Lysaght, Mrs. and Miss Moore, Mrs. McDiarmid, Mrs. Williams,

Mrs. C. Hawken, Mrs. White, Mrs. Kimbell, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Wylds, Mrs. Nicholas, Mrs. Worthy, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Bewick, Mrs. Fortune, Mrs. Foyster, Mrs. Raine, Miss Good.

Children's Parties.
This week has indeed been a gay one for the children. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. H. Lysaght had a large party at her residence near Normanby, at which many happy little people were present. All the guests, both young and old, were given charming presents. Some of those present were: Mrs. Nicholas, Mrs. Worthy, Mrs. and Miss Moore, Mrs. Kito and her three small daughters, Mrs. Page and three daughters, Mrs. Stewart and four small sons, Mrs. Nalder and little daughter, Mrs. Buckley and son, Mrs. R. McLean and son and daughter, Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. and Miss McLean, Mrs. C. Hawken and two daughters, and many others.

On Thursday night Mrs. Buckley gave a children's plain and fancy dress ball in the Foresters' Hall. Mrs. Buckley, who with her little son, has been on a long visit to Hawera, leaves next week for their home in India.

Personal.
Mrs. Turton is on a visit to Hawera, having come up from Dunedin to say good-bye to her daughter, who left to-day on a visit to South Africa.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Willis have returned from a trip to Australia.

JOAN.

August 25.
Very little gaiety is heard of nowadays, owing, no doubt, to an epidemic of measles affecting the various families in the town.

Bridge.
Despite the very cold weather of Friday, a number of ladies, including members of the Bridge Club, went out to Mrs. Grant's, Flint-road, where a very pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the party were: Mesdames Budge, Carey, Rennell, Stubbs, Richards, Glasgow, Cardale, and Miss James.

Personal.
The many friends of Mrs. Hugh Good sympathise with her deeply on the death of her mother, Mrs. Capel, which occurred at New Plymouth last week.
The Rev. H. A. Favell, late Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, has been spending a few days in Stratford.
Mrs. Hugh Good is spending a few days in New Plymouth.
Mrs. Glasgow has returned from Wellington.
Mrs. (Dr.) Hogg (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs. Glasgow, Mountain-road.
Mr. France, who has been relieving Mrs. Grant, of the Union Bank, has left for Christchurch.
Miss Tester (New Plymouth) has been spending the week end with Mrs. Raikes, Pembroke-road.
Mrs. Menzies was a passenger by the mail train from Auckland on Monday.

DENISE.

PALMERSTON NORTH.
August 25th.
A Dance.
A subscription dance, got up by a party of ladies took place at the Municipal Hall last night, and from first to last went with a swing. One end of the hall had been carpeted and arranged as a drawing room for the chaperones. Jars filled with bamboo and large sprays of fruit blossom were dotted about also tables with bowls of yellow daffodils and other spring plants. At the other end of the room was a raised laie, effectively decorated with arum lilies, branches of pink camellias and bamboo. Here was the band, the Marton band, which had been specially engaged for the occasion. Mrs. L. A. Abraham, Mrs. H. P. Gibbons, Mrs. C. J. Munro, Mrs. Louisa, Mrs. Lyons and a few others were the hostesses. Mrs. L. A. Abraham wore a turquoise blue silk toilette draped with white lace, and pink flowers on corsage and in hair; Miss Sybil Abraham, white satin with white ninon tunic, sash of crimson ninon and cluster of crimson flowers in her hair; Mrs. Munro, black ninon over black satin, the tunic finished with black fringe; Mrs. Gibbons, black satin effectively trimmed with gold insertion, band of emerald green in hair. Mrs. Louisa, apricot satin, cream lace on corsage, black onyx in hair; Miss Mawhinney, green ninon over white satin, ping flowers in hair; Mrs. G. Moore,

Euchre Party.
Mrs. H. F. Gibbons, Hokowhitu, gave a euchre party and dance at her residence last Friday night to celebrate the coming of age of her son, Mr. Jack Gibbons. Miss Coutts and Miss Alma Guy tied for the first prize, Miss Coutts winning in the play-off. Mrs. Gibbons wore a green charmeuse toilette. Included amongst the guests were: Miss Prior (Fitzroy), Miss Coutts, Miss W. Watson, Miss Gargill, Miss Nora Armstrong, Miss Dorothy Morrish, Miss T. Waldgrave, Miss D. Waldgrave, Miss A. Barnock, Miss D. Trine, Miss G. Moore, Messrs. J. Johnson, Pratt, Scott, Keeble, Lyons, Keeble, McDonald and several others.
Personal.
Miss Sybil Abraham has returned from the Wairarapa.

mauve satin with black sequined net tunic; Mrs. Pascoff black lace robe over yellow satin, band of gold encircling hair; Miss Pascal, white satin, the tunic finished with silver fringe; Mrs. Harman, white silk and chiffon, cluster of violets on corsage; Mrs. W. Coombs, black satin with jet trimming, yoke of embroidered cream chiffon; Miss Coombs, white satin, the tunic finished with silver fringe, cluster of white flowers in hair; Mrs. O'Brien, nil green crepe de chine; Miss O'Brien, white satin, the ninon tunic trimmed with crystal; Mrs. Morrish, pale blue taffeta and cream lace; Miss Hunter (Hawke's Bay), white satin with wide white lace hem, cluster of white flowers in hair; Mrs. H. B. Waldgrave, black velvet frock; Mrs. T. Waldgrave, pale blue muslin with gold insertion; Miss D. Waldgrave, pale blue satin, the ninon tunic finished with ninon roses. Cluster of rich crimson flowers in hair and at waist; Mrs. Warburton, black satin, with rich gold embroidery on corsage; Miss Warburton, pale pink ninon tunic over pale blue satin; Mrs. McKnight, black satin, the black ninon tunic finished with black silk fringe, cluster of deep pink flowers at waist; Mrs. Goring-Johnston, mole ninon over mole satin, richly embroidered in dull gold; Mrs. I. Nathan, green ninon over green satin; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, black sequined net over black silk; Mrs. Higginson, black satin; Miss Turner, blue silk, the tunic finished with cream lace; Miss Randolph, black crepe de chine, with beaded net tunic, pink roses in hair and at waist; Miss Alison Barncock, white satin, the tunic finished with silver fringe; Miss D. Trine, soft white satin, pearls in her hair; Miss Cargell, white satin, the tunic finished with silver fringe; Mrs. Montgomery, white satin, with pale pink ninon tunic, turquoise blue silk belt and blue flowers in her hair; Mrs. Chaytor, pale blue silk toilette, wreath of blue forget-me-nots in hair; Mrs. Harden, pale pink ninon over pink silk; Mrs. Rosher, black satin, touches of royal blue satin on bodice; Miss Porter, white ninon over white satin; pink roses at waist; Miss Helen Porter, white silk; Miss Colling, white satin, with clusters of pink roses on skirt, bodice, and in hair; Mrs. Bagnall, grey velvet frock; Miss E. Wilson, black net, embroidered in white, over black silk; Miss F. Branday, peacock blue velvet; Miss Dolly Hayward, white satin, with silver trimming, cluster of pink flowers in hair; Mrs. A. N. Gibbons, white Tosca net over white silk; Miss W. Watson, white lace, finished with wide emerald green satin hem, same shade of ribbon in hair; Miss Preece, blue satin with ninon tunic, finished with clusters of small pink roses; Mrs. Moodie, blue silk, ping satin bow in hair; Mrs. D. F. Reed, silver beaded white net over saxe blue silk; Mrs. Spencer, black crepe de chine, with cream lace berthe; Miss Armstrong, black satin, the ninon tunic finished with gold fringe; Miss Reed, cream silk; Miss St. Hill, crimson ninon over crimson satin; Miss Christine Wanganui, pale pink silk, hair tied with pink ribbon; Miss Wray, white silk; pink flowers on corsage; Mrs. Stone, royal blue and black broaded satin; Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. Spragg, Mrs. G. Potts, Mrs. and Miss Lyon, Miss Dundas, Mr. and Mrs. Levin, Mr. and Mrs. Stedman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cooke, Messrs. L. A. Abraham, Mr. P. Abraham, H. P. Gibbons, R. M. McKnight, C. J. Munro, Goring-Johnston, C. Louisa, F. Nelson, J. M. Johnston, Waldgrave (2), Gilbert Moore, Porritt, P. Baldwin, Moore (2), Elliot (2), Scott (2), A. N. Gibbons, J. Gibbons, Blackmore, Copland, McInnes, Spencer, Reed, McDonald, Tovey, Keeble, Collins, Clere, Lyons, McInnes, Vernon, Wray, Watson, Winhall, Dwyer, Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A. Elliot, Mr. H. N. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Bendall, Dr. Stowe, Dr. Bett, and a great many others were there.