

Bennett, sapphire corded silk, the embroideries veiled in black muslin, black hat massed with blue flowers; Mrs. Harwood Smith, ivory shantung with touches of pale blue, tassel hat with wings; Mrs. Valintine, lilac linen, with pipings in tone mauve, hat with flowers; Mrs. Collins, mauve blue couple cloth, with blue and dull gold embroideries, black hat with shaded blue pleureuse plumes; Mrs. MacCarthy, pale violet charmeuse veiled in violet muslin, long seal coat and violet plumed hat; Dr. Elizabeth Platts-Mills, white linen tailor-made with guipure entredeux, black hat with wings; Miss Joseph, mole and white spotted foulard, with Irish lace applique, champagne hat with lilac and pink roses; Mrs. Litchfield, grey shantung, black and white check silk revers, black hat with wings; Mrs. Miles, blue and white striped ninon, with entredeux of lace, black hat; Mrs. Shirtcliffe, blue charmeuse, with a black ninon coat; Mrs. Young, wedgwood blue foulard spotted with white, black hat with roses; Mrs. Corliss, grey-blue crepe poplin tailor-made, black picture hat; Miss Harding, natural shantung, with revers and pipings of wedgwood blue moire, blue tassel hat; Mrs. Larnach, black cloth braided in black, black hat; Mrs. Kendall, mole cloth braided in mole, black and white toque; Mrs. Blundell, violet resida, with Oriental embroideries, and a violet toque; Mrs. Herbert, sapphire charmeuse, the corsage of ninon and dull embroideries, panel of sapphire velvet edged with deep fringe, blue velvet hat with flowers; Dr. Edith Huntley, black crepe de chine, fichu of white ninon, black and gold toque; Mrs. Webster, dark blue tailor-made and blue hat; Mrs. Butts, pale grey coat and skirt, black toque; Miss Butts, white lingerie robe, black hat, with white flowers; Mrs. Nelson, dark blue crepe de chine, black hat with roses; Mrs. Hales, black satin coat and black hat; Mrs. Field, grey tailor-made braided in black; Mrs. M. O. Williams, black morveilleux, black and white bonnet; Mrs. Turner, wine-red shantung, black hat with roses; Miss Turner, black and white spotted voile and raspberry-red ninon scarf; Miss Morrah, white linen, tuscan hat with tulle flowers; Miss Wilson, grey colienne and grey hat; Mrs. Cohen, black satin coat and skirt and black picture hat.

**Afternoon Tea.**

Miss Margaret Knox was the guest of honour at a tea given by Miss Dale on Wednesday. Each girl brought home-made sweets to cheer Miss Knox on her long voyage (she leaves for England by the Ionic on Thursday), and after tea there was a competition, which after much amusement was finally won by Miss Hamilton. Songs by Miss Dale and solos by other guests added to the enjoyment. Coreopsis and montbretias decorated the tea room, and sweet peas and carnations were used in the other rooms. Mrs. Dale wore mole ninon over apricot charmeuse with embroideries in tone. Miss Dale, white crepe de chine with entredeux of lace; Miss Knox, pale blue shantung embroidered in subdued tones, black hat wreathed with roses.

**Farewell for Mrs. Peacock.**

Mrs. Knox's tea on Thursday was a farewell for Mrs. Peacock, who is a passenger to England by the Ionic. Pink and purple asters harmonised delightfully in the decorative scheme, together with sweet peas of the same shade. During the afternoon there was an enjoyable little amateur concert by Miss Dell. Mrs. Jameson and Mrs. Peacock. The hostess wore black charmeuse with a net guimpe and a fringed sash. Her daughter was in a white lingerie frock. Mrs. Peacock had on a vieux rose shantung with oriental embroideries, black and white plumed hat; Mrs. Dale, grey tailor-made black and white hat; Miss Dale, pale blue foulard, and black picture hat; Mrs. Young, grey resida and grey hat; Mrs. Corliss, blue tailor-made black hat.

**Reception for Miss Irving.**

The Pioneer Club added still another to their series of At Homes for distinguished strangers when they entertained Miss Ethel Irving on Thursday. The guest of honour, who was accompanied by Miss Burroughs, wore black charmeuse with panels of white satin and Venetian lace, her long coat was of white cloth braided in black combined with black velours, and her black picture hat was relieved with a knot of pink satin roses. She was received by the president and committee of the club, and many introductions followed. Artistic decorations of pink specosum lilies and sweet peas were massed in one room, and in another were bowls of wild flowers and miniature sunflowers. Miss Bur-

roughs wore ivory cloth with oriental embroidery, and a white plumed hat; Mrs. Darling wore grey cloth tailor-made and a black hat; Miss Richmond, black crepe de chine and a purple scarf, black picture hat; Mrs. Hogg, bicuit brown tailor-made, and a hat with green wings; Mrs. Collins, black and white voile, and black hat; Mrs. Young, blue coat and skirt, and dark blue hat; Miss Kane, black and white striped tailor-made, and black hat; Mrs. Blundell, black crepe de chine and lace; Miss Tennant, amethyst cloth, and hat of the same shade; Mrs. Reed, dark blue coat and skirt, and black hat.

"Sim Tola," the quaintly named house occupied at Kellburne by Mrs. Ernest Lurvey, was the scene of an At Home on Wednesday afternoon. In a corner of the hall a string band played cheery music, and vocal and pianoforte items were interpolated by some of the guests. Flame coloured montbretias and nasturtiums decorated the tea room, and in the drawing room were pink and white tiger lilies and heliotrope sweet peas. Mrs. Lurvey wore grey charmeuse, the ninon tunic embroidered in the same soft shade and finished with fringe; Mrs. L. H. B. Wilson wore dark blue and white striped ninon with eastern embroideries, and a black toque; Mrs. Dykes, pastel shantung and black hat; Mrs. Corrigan, tussock silk with empiement of Saxe blue satin, black hat; Mrs. Sheriff, black silk, and black and white hat; Miss Sheriff, white lawn and lace, hat with roses.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Henry Blundell, Miss Blundell and the Messrs. Blundell have returned from their trip to England. They spent some weeks in Ceylon before going on to New Zealand. Dr. and Mrs. Anson are off almost immediately for a trip to England. Mr. and Mrs. Cavica Birch and their children are returning to New Zealand by the Remuera, which is due here early in April. News has been received by cable of a marriage at Hong Kong of Miss Ethel Savelly, of Wellington, and Mr. Rowland Ellis, of China.

**CAMBRIDGE.**

March 10.

**"Silhouette" Party.**

A most successful "Silhouette" party was given by Mrs. Middleton on Thursday evening, and caused much fun. Miss Ida Landon won the ladies' first prize, and Mr. Innes Taylor the gentlemen's first prize. Later on there was a snelling competition, Miss Ethel Hill winning first prize. The rest of the evening was spent in games and dancing. A charming supper was served during the evening. Mrs. Middleton received her guests in a pretty grey and white French muslin trimmed with lace, and a touch of black; Miss Margaret Middleton wore pink silk, with silver embroidery; Miss Hull (Auckland), frock of white muslin; Miss Wells, white silk with overdress of white ninon; Miss Vida Caldwell, white spotted net over silk, trimmed with embroidery; Miss Hally, black satin charmeuse; Miss Alice Hally, a frock of white muslin; Miss Brooks, white muslin; Miss E. Hill, frock of pale pink charmeuse; Miss Keys, pale green satin; Miss M. Pickering, white embroidered muslin; Miss N. Pickering, flowered voile; Miss K. Tate (Greytown), pink flowered voile; Miss M. Roberts looked sweet in moonlight blue voile, with point lace yoke; Miss Landon, primrose ninon with wide band of satin; Miss Myra Taylor, creme net with touch of yellow; Miss B. Taylor, pale pink crepe de chine; Miss A. Landon, white muslin frock; Miss Gwen Roberts, a frock of pale blue charmeuse, with a touch of deeper blue on the bodice.

**The Young People.**

On Friday evening Miss Gwynneth had a small young people's party. Much amusement was caused by them all arriving wearing absurd masks and dressing gowns over their evening dresses. After they had guessed each other's identities, they retired to unmask. Several competitions were held, the granophone gave several selections, and guests danced on the verandah which extends round three sides of the house, and with songs and recitations the evening passed quickly. Miss Gwynneth received her guests in black silk and net gown; Mrs. Caldwell was wearing a black and white striped gown, with black satin revers; Miss Myra Taylor, a little muslin frock trimmed with Valenciennes lace and pin tucks; Miss Gwen Roberts, a frock of ballstone muslin and lace; Miss V. Caldwell, a frock of white muslin and embroidery Anglaise; Miss Mary Roberts, a frock of pale blue with point lace

yoke; Miss Alice Hally, in white muslin trimmed with altover embroidery; Miss K. Tate (Greytown), a frock of white muslin trimmed with lace insertion.

**Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. Philips and family left Cambridge on Wednesday by the Main Trunk for Wellington, where they will stay until the 18th April, when they leave by the Athenic for England.

**HAMILTON.**

March 10.

**Golf Croquet.**

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent at Mrs. Harry Valder's, when about thirty of us took part in a golf croquet tournament. As those conversant with the game would know, we were divided into groups of fours, the winners in the first round, viz., Mesdames Yule, Furze, Lorie, and Mrs. Hurd-Wood, playing a combined game, which was won by Mrs. Furze, who then played with winners of other games, viz., Mrs. Douglas, Miss Newell, and Miss Riley. This match resulted in Mrs. Douglas and Miss Riley coming equal, the latter winning the decisive two hoops. Mrs. Valder received her guests in Paris poplin, with tacked net yoke and sleeves, and handsome point lace collar. Among those present were—Mrs. Douglas, in white silk blouse, black skirt with strappings of silk, heliotrope hat; Mrs. Greenelade, smart white lace princess frock, black hat with lovely black plumes; Mrs. Furze, black rep. gown with panels trimmed with fringe, black hat; Mrs. Yule, pretty grey mousseline frock, with high-waisted effect and flowing girdle, large black hat with flowers; Mrs. Lorie, black trained gown, black hat; Miss Lorie, white embroidered frock, shabby heliotrope hat; Mrs. Hurd-Wood, cream serge costume, pretty blue hat, and veil with blue spots; Mrs. P. White, graceful lavender gown, with long tunic, black velvet hat with black and white ribbon bows; Miss Rothwell, green costume, black hat; Mrs. Pountney, lovely white embroidered frock, black hat with roses; Mrs. Hyde sage green costume with floating panel skirt, white hat with black wheat and roses; Miss Wallnutt (Auckland), grey cashmere gown, piped with cerise, black hat; Miss Carrie Wallnutt,

turquoise blue dress with braided bands, black hat; Mrs. Cork, anethyst gown, panels turned back with silk, black hat; Mrs. Grant, rich black silk, pretty black bonnet; Mrs. Harugh, navy silk blues costume, Tuscan hat; Miss Brown, white muslin, black hat wreathed with roses; Mrs. McLeod, tubac coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Frank Jolly, grey Japanese silk gown with pipings of blue, toque of blue crinoline straw with touches of black; Mrs. Tom Jolly, graceful pale grey frock with tunic trimmed with black silk and silver edging, touch of cerise on corsage, black hat with aluminium lace trimmings; Mrs. Osbourne, navy blue dress and black hat; Miss Bayly, cloth tailor-made, large hat with flowers; Miss Riley, electric blue frock with satin bands and cream lace; Mrs. Valder, sen., pale heliotrope gown with trimming of darker shade; Mrs. Tompkins, grey dress, hat to match; Miss Newell, navy poplin prettily piped with red, black hat; Miss McPherson, grey skirt and white silk blouse, hat with black bows.

**The Camp**

The Waikato A. and P. Show grounds have been quite a centre of attraction this week, for 800 men of the territorials have been in camp there. Gun practice has been the order of the day, the cannon drawn by eight horses and each accompanied by its ammunition wagon with six horses, with attendant soldiers, making quite a stirring sight. The Governor, Lord Islington, is expected to inspect the camp, and also to witness some live shell practice across the swamp beyond Frankton.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Herdman is spending a holiday in Auckland with her mother.

**GISBORNE.**

March 11.

Mrs. Malcolm Ross, Wellington, is visiting her brother, Mr. George Grant. Dr. Dulcie Williams arrived from the South last week. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barker returned last week from Auckland. Miss Smallbone is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Smallbone, Riverside Road. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs.

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