

Maungakiekie Golf Club.

The opening of the above club's season has been postponed till April 15th owing to the abnormal growth of the grass, through the continued wet weather. The club's new professional coach will arrive in Auckland shortly, and members who so desire can arrange for lessons through the hon. secretary.

At a general meeting of ladies, held in the clubhouse, the following were elected officers for the coming season:— Captain, Mrs. Balt; secretary, Mrs. Ridings; ladies' general committee, Mrs. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Ridings, Mrs. Kingswell, Misses Mary Frater, Souler, Murray, Scott.

WELLINGTON.

March 23.

Changes.

Politics loom largely in the public mind, and there is much excitement. His Excellency the Governor has arrived from Auckland, and will be here for a few days. Government members and their wives are in town from all parts of New Zealand. At Awarua House great preparations are being made for a move, a difficult task, as it has been the home of Sir Joseph and Lady Ward for somewhere about ten years. Under Lady Ward's regime there has been a great deal of entertaining, and Awarua House has a reputation for hospitality that is not bounded by political considerations. It is probable that after leaving Awarua House Sir Joseph and Lady Ward will go South for a time, and spend the three months before Parliament re-assembles in resting after the turmoil.

Old Girls' Association.

The annual At Home of the Wellington College Old Girls' Association was held with much success at the College on Saturday afternoon. After a little formal business in the way of electing a committee, and a new secretary in the place of Miss Holm, whose resignation is regretted, came afternoon tea and an entertaining little programme. School colours carried out in yellow sunflowers with dark centres decorated the tea tables, and all the arrangements were well carried out. Miss McKean, headmistress of the College, wore pale grey crepe de chine, embroidered in grey, and a grey picture hat; Miss Holm, blue voile with a paisley pattern, black hat with blue berries; Miss Newman, black and white striped ninon, and a black hat; Miss Flux, dark blue tailor-made, and a blue hat; Mrs. Bradley, black and white striped taffetas, with black soutache, and a black hat; Miss Ecclesfield, navy blue coat and skirt, green hat with blue wings; Miss Ballinger, a ninon dress with lace yoke, tassel hat with tiny flowers; Miss Wilson, white lingerie dress and rustic hat; Miss Richardson, grey voile, and floral hat.

Pretty and Popular.

Much interest attached to the departure of Miss Rita Simpson, who is one of Wellington's prettiest and most popular girls, and is to be married to Mr. Hobson, in London, in two months' time. Mr. R. M. Simpson takes his daughter to the Old Country, and Miss Elsie Simpson, who goes, too, will be her sister's bridesmaid. Miss Hilda Miles, who is now in South America, on her way to England, will also be one of the bridesmaids. A number of farewell teas have been given for Miss Simpson, among the hostesses being: Miss Miles, Miss Watson, Miss Ewen, and Mrs. Whyte. Miss Simpson wore saxe blue shantung, with braided revers, and a blue hat with black wings; Miss Watson, a mole grey souple cloth braided in mole, black and white plumed hat; Miss Miles, pastel mesaline, with soutache of the same shade, and a net guimpe; Miss E. Simpson, blue eolienne, with embroidered lawn collar and cuffs; Miss Ewen, pale blue shantung and blue and white hat. Mr. Simpson's house on the Terrace has been taken by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, from Napier. Mrs. Simpson intends to spend the winter in Sydney, and Miss Margaret Simpson, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. Young, will travel about.

Many Passengers.

When the Ionic left the wharf for London there was an animated scene. So many well-known passengers were on board that a crowd assembled to make their farewells, and at times it was difficult to move. There were many people to see off Mr. and Mrs. Herries, and everyone hopes the long sea journey and London advice will restore Mrs. Herries to health. Mr. Herries hopes to be back

in New Zealand when Parliament is in swing again. A large contingent of Christchurch people were on board the Ionic, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Ellworthy and their children. Mrs. Ellworthy's sister, Miss Ada Julius, is travelling with them. Then Colonel and Mrs. Goring (Hawke's Bay) were also passengers, and intend re-visiting the Old Country after many years' absence.

Among people returning to England after a few months' visit to the Dominion are Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bridge and their small son and Mrs. Jones, and Mr. Moore Brown. The two latter have been most of their time at Roturua and Taupo, where Mr. Moore Brown has been fishing. They have visited New Zealand several times for the same purpose. Dr. and Mrs. Elliott left by the same steamer for their holiday trip Home. Mr. and Mrs. Coghill-Peacock and their family travelled by the Ionic, and with them went Miss Margaret Knox, who had a great many friends to wish her bon voyage.

An Important Infant.

Anything to do with the Seafield family is of interest to New Zealand, as it was in this Dominion the present Earl was born and he did not leave it until after his marriage to a daughter of the late Dr. Townsend, of Christchurch. Lord and Lady Seafield have an only child, a girl of eight, who, it is said on good authority, may succeed to the title in her own right, as the Earldom of Seafield is one of the few which can descend in the female line. The nearest male heir is the Hon. Trevor Ogilvie-Grant, who is living at Karori, near Wellington, and to him and his wife (formerly Miss Hardy-Johnston, of Christchurch) a little son has just been born. The Barony of Strathpey, also a Seafield title, will descend to him and, of course, to his small son, who is therefore perhaps the most important infant in New Zealand at the present time. The mother of the present Earl, with her daughters, left Oamaru a good many years ago, and they have since been living in England.

Personal.

Mrs. de Castro's tea was in honour of Miss L. Turnbull, whose marriage takes place before long. Purple asters and cecropia decorated the rooms, and music and recitations helped to amuse the guests. Mrs. de Castro wore saxe blue soutache with narrow Russia braid, and a transparent yoke; Miss Turnbull, a pale grey souple cloth, and a black hat with wings.

Mrs. and Miss Seddon, who have been away nearly a year for a trip to England, returned to Wellington on Wednesday with Mr. Tom Seddon, who met them in Sydney. Mrs. Morrice (West Coast) and Mrs. Bean (Christchurch) were in Wellington when they arrived.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Bossie Fitzgerald and Mr. Ward, which is to take place at St. Paul's pro-cathedral on April 15th. Miss Dolly Webb, who is to be one of the bridesmaids, has come over from Nelson and is at present staying with Mrs. Menzies, Thorndon Quay.

A slight postponement has been made in the date of the marriage between Miss Phyllis Riddiford (who is a daughter of the late Mr. E. J. Riddiford) and the Rev. Leonard Sedgwick. The ceremony is now arranged for April 24, and Mr. Sedgwick, who has a living in Wiltshire, is at present on his way from England, to which he will return with his bride. Miss Riddiford's sister, Mrs. Michael Lindsay, is expected from India in time for the wedding.

Mrs. W. Pharazyn returns to England by the Moldavia. Miss Ethel Wilson, Palmerston North, accompanies her.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clifford and the Misses Clifford are off to England again quite soon, and have taken passage by the Malwa.

The Athenic, which leaves for England next month, is already a full ship.

Dr. and Mrs. Anson have left their house at the Hutt and are going to England to see Dr. Anson's mother, who lives at Windsor, where her husband was a canon for a period of forty years. Mr. Hugo Anson accompanies them, but his elder brother is already in England at one of the great universities.

TE KUITI.

March 22nd.

At Home.

Despite the windy, boisterous day, a good number of ladies went out to Mrs. W. Gadsby's last Wednesday to a very enjoyable "At Home." During the afternoon a very interesting competition, "The Perplexed Politician," took place, and was

most perplexing to the guests, as well as the politician. Mrs. Vercoe was the least perplexed, and won the prize. Afternoon tea, dainty cakes, sandwiches, and fruit were served during the afternoon. Mrs. Gadsby was wearing a black silk voile, yoke of white lace; Mrs. Broadfoot looked exceedingly well in a frock of mole-coloured silk, trimmed with emerald green silk and dull gold embroidery, large mole straw hat, bunch of feathers and green and black silk trimmings; Mrs. Cory Matthew, lawn tweed costume, black hat wreathed with blue flowers; Mrs. Harry Matthew, grey costume, brown hat covered with pink and brown roses; Mrs. Fullerton, cream serge costume, braided with black silk, gold buttons, black hat, white lace trimmings; Mrs. Sinclair, grey costume, cuffs and collar of cerise velvet, large black hat; Mrs. Dransfield, white muslin, embroidered with pink and black silk, blue and white hat; Mrs. Boddie, brown costume, black and white toque; Miss Boddie, brown velvet, brown hat covered with red poppies; Mrs. Boscawen, blue linen, blue and fawn hat; Mrs. Vercoe, Shantung silk costume, natter blue silk straw hat; Mrs. Summerville, tassore silk, black hat covered with red berries; Miss Williams (Tauranga), white silk crepe, black and pink hat; Mrs. Cheal, grey frock, black satin coat, grey and black felt hat; Mrs. Graham, grey costume, blue and gold silk toque; Miss Graham, grey silk voile, black hat; Miss Ivy Graham, peacock blue silk, pink and mole chiffon hat; Mrs. Parsons (Wai-totara), pretty green silk voile, braided with a darker shade of silk braid, green velvet and silk hat; Mrs. Walker, beautiful frock of cream chiffon taffetas, trimmings of silk fringe and silk embroidery, black feather hat; Miss Scott (Auckland), white embroidered linen, large black hat with bunch of white feathers; Mrs. Melling, black silk, black hat; Mrs. M. J. Jones, black and white costume, black hat; Miss Day, cream and black costume, black hat with clusters of pink poppies; Mrs. B. Bayly, navy blue costume, grey straw hat with red berries; Mrs. Pine, prune-coloured silk, black hat; Miss Pine, white embroidered muslin, burnt straw hat wreathed with red poppies; Mrs. Power, blue linen, brown hat; Miss Gillanders, white muslin.

Personal.

Mrs. Alfred Julian is visiting friends in Hamilton.

Mrs. Parsons, of Waitotara, is the guest of Mrs. Graham.

Miss Williams, of Tauranga, is on a visit to Mrs. Summerville.

Miss Scott, of Auckland, has been staying with Mrs. J. E. Walker.

HAMILTON.

March 22nd.

Garden Party.

A garden party was given by Mrs. A. Diamond Hyde on Wednesday last at her residence in Selkirk-street in honour of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Julian and also Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Petersen and their daughter Thelma, the singer. Various games—golf, croquet, bowls, and several competitions—were among the attractions. The winners proved to be Mrs. Harry Valder and Miss Roche, Miss Lambert and Mrs. Manning, Miss Wallnutt and Mrs. Tompkins. A string band on the verandah rendered enjoyable selections. The hot-house was thrown open to the guests, who greatly enjoyed the unusual pleasure of plucking their own grapes.

Mrs. Hyde received her guests in vieux rose silk striped voile, richly trimmed with metallic embroidery, ninon yoke and sleeves, pretty view rose hat to match. Mrs. Brewis was wearing a charming black frock with pearl trimming veiled in ninon and tucked yoke and sleeves, white and black hat; Mrs. Julian (Te Kuiti), smart blue and white

striped silk, with beautiful Oriental trimmings hat to match; Mrs. Herdman, pink flowered muslin, shantung coat with black revers, piped with green, large hat with green; Mrs. Petersen, black velvet, black fur toque; Miss Thelma Petersen, navy serge, dark grey fur toque; Mrs. Bollard, violet costume prettily braided with black, black and cream toque; Mrs. Greenslade, charming grey satin, veiled in ninon of same shade with dainty pink trimming, black plumed hat; Mrs. Allen Bell, coronation blue flowered silk trimmed with black, big black hat with white feather; Mrs. P. A. White, grey trained frock with silk bands, black velvet hat; Mrs. Choquet, smart shantung costume, black hat; Mrs. Towsey, grey cloth costume, black hat; Mrs. Heywood, fawn cloth coat and skirt, brown hat with daisies; Mrs. F. Smith, pale grey princess frock, black satin scarf, pretty white hat with black trimming; Mrs. Valder, sea, pale heliotrope gown with purple bands, black bonnet; Mrs. Harry Valder, cream costume, black hat with flowers; Mrs. Burd, black silk, black hat; Miss Dorothy Burd, white muslin, pretty black hat; Mrs. Purze, black poplin with fringed floating panel, black hat with chiffon veil; Miss Purze, black and white figured foulard, black insertion and girdle, large black hat; Mrs. Eben Wilson, charming grey palette, pretty grey ninon scarf, white hat with black osprey; Miss Lambert, grey over pink, grey hat trimmed with pink roses; Miss Pearl Lambert, pretty moss-green striped frock, trimmed with pale green silk, large hat; Mrs. McDermid, navy tailor-made, smart navy hat with green wings; Mrs. Bert Hume, stylish black and white striped silk, black ninon overskirt edged with black insertion, large white and black hat; Miss Graham, dark coat and skirt, black hat with touches of cerise; Mrs. Yule, grey striped voile, large hat; Mrs. Cork, pale grey tunic frock with black satin piping, large black hat; Miss Roche, coronation blue frock with white tucked muslin yoke, hat with blue ribbons; Mrs. Manning, lovely soft black dress, trimmed with fringe, with black net yoke and sleeves, white feather bon, and black and white hat; Mrs. W. Whyte, stylish emerald green frock, trimmed with black fringe, large black hat; Mrs. Grocott, pretty natter blue silk crepe trained gown trimmed with buttons, hat with beehive crown of stretched silk; Mrs. F. Wilson, grey and black striped costume, black hat; Mrs. Stevens, green Sicilian frock, trimmed with insertion, black toque; Mrs. Bennett, navy blue costume with long coat, green toque; Mrs. Osborne, dark costume, black hat; Miss Wallnutt (Auckland), pale pink voile, black hat with roses; Miss Carrie Wallnutt, pretty blue frock with insertion, black hat with marguerites; Mrs. Coleman, royal blue palette silk, tucked net yoke and sleeves, white and black hat; Mrs. Browning, navy coat and skirt, floral hat; Mrs. Stevens, dark green silk, piped with pale blue, tucked net loka and sleeves; Miss Cutsen, cream serge dress with blue embroidery, black hat with blue flowers; Miss Ruby Cutsen, blue cashmere, black hat; Mrs. Swarbrick, black coat and skirt, black hat; Miss McPherson, brown costume, Tuscan hat with black ribbons; Mrs. Warren, black coat and skirt, black and white hat; Miss Warren, vieux rose muslin; Miss Malcolm, smart white muslin dress with floating panel back and front trimmed with insertion, pretty large hat. Among such a large assembly one could but distinguish a few, but we were all united with a feeling of regret when we had to say goodbye, and such a pleasant and entertaining afternoon drew to a close.

At Home.

Mrs. Towsey gave an "At Home" for Miss Thelma Petersen at the residence of Mrs. A. Hyde, "Aroha House." The

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