

weather was perfect, and between 50 and 60 guests assembled in the large dining-room, which was tastefully decorated with Autumn leaves and dahlias. Miss Petersen's singing was much admired. During the afternoon Mrs. Towsey also sang and Mr. Towsey gave a pianoforte selection. Mrs. Towsey wore a stylish grey skirt and a pretty white point lace blouse; Mrs. A. Hyde, blue charmeuse frock with overdress of blue paisley ninon; Mrs. Herdman, beautiful floral muslin; Mrs. Manning, black silk voile; Mrs. E. Wilson, grey silk; Miss Pearl Lambert, smart green voile dress; Miss Bertha Lambert, pink; Mrs. Hunter, black silk; Miss Vida Hunter, cream; Mrs. English, pretty green dress; Miss Aitken, cream; Mrs. H. A. Dixon, grey; Mrs. Furze, black; Miss Emily Roche white embroidered dress; Miss Roche (Auckland), blue costume; Mrs. Swarbrick, black; Miss Searauke, black; Miss Lorie, blue; Mrs. Crocott, sage green dress; Miss Hulse, cream; Mrs. Cork, grey; Mrs. P. B. White, grey; Mrs. E. Heywood, champagne voile; Mrs. F. O. B. Loughman, black costume; Mrs. Loughman, dainty grey ninon; Mrs. Ross, tussore dress; Miss Cussen, cream; Miss Ruby Cussen, blue; Miss Lichfield, blue muslin; Mrs. Warren, white costume; Mrs. Douglas, cream; Miss Douglas, grey; Mrs. Sims, black silk; Miss Sims, champagne costume; Misses Barker (Auckland), white; Mrs. Milne, grey costume; Miss Milne, white; Mrs. Greenslade, beautiful grey ninon; Mrs. Payne (Thames), black; Mrs. Grant (Wellington), black; Miss McPherson, grey; Miss Crook, cream; Mrs. Choqueel, white embroidery dress; Mrs. Petersen, brown silk frock; Miss Thelma Petersen, pretty cream dress.

Petersen Concert.

There was a large audience present at the Town Hall to hear Miss Petersen. The young vocalist received a splendid reception and all her numbers were heartily encored. A few of those present were:—Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Brewis, pretty blue silk; Mrs. Manning, was in black frock; Mrs. Greenslade, red velvet princess gown, with spangled overdress; Mrs. Heywood, black silk with cream oriental trimmings; Mrs. Copeland, (Auckland), pretty blue frock; Mrs. Towsey, black charmeuse, relieved with black net over blue; Mrs. Herdman,

blue silk, veiled in grey ninon; Mrs. Gillies, pink silk with grey ninon overdress; Mrs. Furze, black; Mrs. F. Smith, cream gown; Mrs. English, cream; Mrs. Bollard, black silk; Mrs. Stewart, pink silk with silver tunic; Mrs. Payne, black, trimmed with silver; Mrs. Sims, black, bands of Oriental trimmings; Mrs. Ross, cream; Mrs. Hyde, cream charmeuse veiled in cream ninon; Mrs. Julian (Te Kuiti), fawn silk, tunic of black silk; Mrs. Anderson, cream; Miss Malcolm, pretty blue floral muslin; Miss Crook, blue dress overdress of silver; Miss Barker, pink floral muslin; Miss Lambert, grey silk; Miss Hunter, blue ninon.

Personal.

Mrs. Brewis is at home again after a very pleasant holiday in the South Island. Dr. Brewis will not return for a few weeks, as he has extended his trip for some deerstalking. Mrs. Gillies returned from town last week. Miss Hamilton (Hawera) has been paying a short visit to Mrs. Bayly this week. She is on her way to Australia for a few months. Mrs. Julian, from Te Kuiti, is visiting Mrs. A. Hammond Hyde. Mrs. J. Whight has been paying a flying visit to Hamilton, staying with Mrs. Insoll, and getting a glimpse of a few other friends. Mrs. Northcroft's mother is paying her a short visit.

GISBORNE.

March 22.
Dr. J. E. K. Brown, late of Dunedin, has been appointed house surgeon at the Gisborne Hospital, vice Dr. Singer, resigned.
Mr. Frank Long is staying with his aunt, Mrs. Walter Barker, Whataupoko, Gisborne.
Dr. Reeve, Kaiti, left for South last week.
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wall returned to Gisborne last week after a pleasant trip to England.
Mrs. Hart, Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Willock, Kaiti.
Miss Ina Lewis has returned home from her visit to New Plymouth.
Mr. Vincent Pyke and Miss Pyke arrived home last Wednesday.

HASTINGS.

March 21.

Handkerchief Tea.

Mrs. Dr. Tosswill gave a "Handkerchief Tea" to Miss Maud Williams, of Havelock, who is shortly to be married. Among those present were: Mrs. and Misses Williams (2), Miss E. Williams (Frimley), Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. and Miss Lowry, Mrs. De Lisle, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Nation, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. and Misses Crosse, and several others.

Dance.

Mrs. Newbigen invited a few of her most intimate friends to a small impromptu dance in honour of her guest, Mrs. Wylie (Wellington). Among those present were: Mrs. Macdonell, Mrs. Halse, Mr. and Mrs. G. Maddison, Mr. and Mrs. J. Betts, Mrs. Beilby, Miss Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Landels, Misses Wellwood (2), Baird, Miss Martin-Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bennet, Mr. and Mrs. Elkington, Miss Smith, Messrs. Beatson, Wellwood, Smith, Hartshorn, Baird, and several others.

Croquet.

Miss E. O'Reilly gave a croquet competition afternoon to her many friends prior to her leaving for England. Among those present were: Mrs. Pegler, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Lawlor, Mrs. Hulse, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Pinckney, Mrs. Gillispie, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. McKibbin, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Garnett, Mrs. Hall.

Children's Party.

Mrs. Lawlor gave a delightful children's party on the racecourse on Saturday afternoon. The day was beautifully fine, and the little ones, numbering about 50, spent a most happy time with all kinds of games and delicious things their kind hostess had provided.

Personal.

Miss Clarkson, Wellington, who has been the guest of Colonel and Mrs. Wheeler, Havelock, has returned to her home.

Mrs. and Miss Luckie have returned. Mrs. Macfarland, Olive Grange, has returned from Taupo, and has quite recovered from the severe shaking she received in the accident at Rangitaiki. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lowry have gone to Auckland. Rev. and Mrs. Brocklehurst have returned from Auckland. Dr. Barcroft has gone to Taupo for a short holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Circuit are spending a few weeks at Taupo. Mrs. Dudley Hill's little child has recovered from a serious illness. Miss Lowry, Havelock, has gone to Taupo. Mr. and Mrs. Tosswill have returned to Pahiatua. Miss Mackersay has returned from Dannevirke.

DANNEVIRKE.

March 22.

Tennis and Croquet.

Saturday was hardly an ideal day for tennis, but quite a number were at the courts in spite of the cold wind blowing. Mrs. W. F. Knight, assisted by Miss Young and Miss Westall, presided over delicious afternoon tea. Others present were: Mesdames Blakiston, Nymand, Burmester (Auckland), Misses Hartgill, Irvine, Baker, Knight, McGibbon, G. Irvine, Barker, Hopper, and Cowper.

Kitchen Tea.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Bickford gave a most successful "kitchen" tea in honour of Miss Mildred Ryan, who is to be married early next month. Such a useful assortment of gifts was received, that I am quite sure it would be difficult to think of any useful article that will not have a home in that particular kitchen. An interesting and amusing flower competition was held during the afternoon, the pretty trophies falling to Mrs. W. F. Knight, Miss Hartgill, Mrs. Gordon Lloyd, and Miss E. Ryan, Miss Caniton and Mrs. Tanaley winning the two consolation prizes. Mrs. Bickford received her guests in a reseda green poplin skirt and pretty blouse; Miss Mildred Ryan looked charming in

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