

Fanny Peake, aged 6, took the part of hostess and entertained a party of friends, the children being dressed up to represent elderly matrons. Misses V. Middleton and O. Roberts gained a well-deserved encore for their vocal duet, "My Pretty Maid." "Jessie's Dream" was a musical illustration of popular fairy tales. Masters O. Broad and D. Day gave an amusing dialogue entitled "Uostermongers." The Misses K. Middleton and H. Taylor gave a similar item, "Boarding School Accomplishments." An excellent display was given by the children of bandaging, also an exhibition of Indian club swinging was extremely good; and a fancy dance, "The Order of the Fan," was very graceful. Pianoforte selections were rendered by the Misses M. and K. Middleton, E. Reynolds, J. McCullagh, I. and D. Ashwin, G. Barnett, L. Reynolds, N. Gane, C. Richards, E. Hammond, and H. Taylor. At the close of the programme the guests and children were entertained at supper.

**Personal.**

Miss and Master Caldwell have gone to Auckland to stay with Mr and Mrs H. Tonks.  
Miss K. Tate, of Carterton, has returned home after spending three months in Cambridge with Mr and Mrs Caldwell.  
Mrs A. H. Nicoll, with her small son, Warwick, has gone to stay with her father, Mr W. Wright, at Devonport, for a week or two.  
Dr. Tudhope, who has been assisting Dr. Roberts for some months, leaves for England next month.  
Mr and Mrs Caldwell have gone to Auckland, and are staying at "Cargen."

**HAMILTON.**

May 11.

**Hospital Ball.**

The arrangements for the Hospital Ball, which will take place on Tuesday next, are well in hand. An enthusiastic committee has been formed, and everything promises well for an enjoyable function.

**Guild.**

The annual meeting of the St. Peter's Guild took place on Wednesday last in the schoolroom. Last year the various branches of the Guild together handed in about £100 toward the new church fund—a most satisfactory proof of the desirability and usefulness of guilds. A strong committee was formed for the ensuing year. Mrs. Cowie was elected President, Mrs. H. Valder secretary, Mrs. Valder, son, treasurer, and the committee—Mesdames M. A. Going, Garnham, Smith, King, A. Hyde, Furze, and Miss M. McPherson.

**St. Peter's.**

The annual meeting of the parishioners of St. Peter's Church was held in the schoolroom on Monday evening. A very lengthy report and balance sheet were read. The finances of the parish were shown to be very much better, owing to the late efforts of the C.E.M.S., and it was decided to raise to a reasonable amount the vicar's stipend. Mr. Snell was appointed vicar's churchwarden, and Mr. Swarbrick the people's representative.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Cooper is paying a short visit to her old home in Paruelli.  
Mrs. Oliver has been staying a few days with Mrs. Insoil, enjoying a good rest.  
Miss Mulcock has returned to the Waitako for a few weeks.  
Mrs. Insoil had an enjoyable few days in town, and returned on Tuesday.

**GISBORNE.**

May 11.

**Afternoon Tea.**

Mrs Agnew-Brown had an afternoon tea on Wednesday, but only a few people turned up, as the weather was so stormy. Afternoon tea was served in the dining-room, the table being decorated with pink chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Mrs Agnew-Brown received her guests in a dove grey dress trimmed with Oriental embroidery; Mrs J. Field, black face cloth coat and skirt, black hat with soft white feather trimming; Mrs F. Parker, blue costume, black toque; Mrs Reynolds, navy blue lustré coat and skirt, black hat; Miss Seth-Smith (England), brown costume, brown straw hat with wreath of red berries and bow of black and white ribbon; Mrs A. Murray, navy costume, black silk hat trimmed

with bows of white silk; Miss Murray, blue serge coat and skirt, black velvet toque with frilling of white lace; Mrs R. Cully, blue shantung dress, straw hat with grey feather mount; Mrs C. Bennett, grey coat and skirt, set of white fox fur, black silk hat with white feathers; Mrs. H. M. Porter, grey frieze costume, hat to match; Mrs. J. Bourke, navy tailored costume, black toque; Miss Shaw, brown coat and skirt, straw hat with white wings.

**Birthday Party.**

Last Tuesday Mrs. G. T. Black (Kaiti) gave a birthday party for her little grandson, George. The children played in the garden, and then finished up with games inside. There was a most delicious tea—every sweet and dainty that could be thought of. The table was beautifully arranged with daisies, and a large birthday cake in the centre. Mrs. G. T. Black wore a black silk dress; Mrs. R. Black, saxe blue frock; Miss Black, green linen pinafore dress; Miss B. Black, slate grey silk; Mrs. Carlyle Wilson, blue coat and skirt, muff and stole, suede hat with wings; Mrs. R. U. Burke, saxe blue dress, hat with blue wings; Mrs. Reeve, black and white coat and skirt, black felt hat with pheasant; Mrs. R. G. Crawford, heather mixture costume, black hat, trimmed with bunches of violets and green leaves; Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, grey cloth costume, black hat; Mrs. Pavitt, brown coat and skirt, brown toque with pink roses; Mrs. C. Sainsbury, green costume, tweed hat; Miss L. Coleman, blue serge dress, black fur hat; Miss D. Bennett, blue cloth coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. J. Blair, crushed strawberry dress, large straw hat with glaze silk bows; Miss Evans, slate grey dress, black heaver hat; Miss H. Nolan, tweed coat and skirt, heaver hat with wings; Miss F. Davies, navy costume, black hat, lined with white lace. Amongst the children were: George Black, Edith and Jim Wilson, Tony and Colin Reeve, Nancy Williams, John Crawford, Nancy Coleman, Brian Burke, George Sainsbury, Treasure Blair.

**Personal.**

Mr. H. R. Tullock has sold his property ("Mangatarata") to Mr. W. Busby.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tullock will start for Canada next month.  
Miss Shaw (Bakauia) has been the guest of Mrs. A. Murray (Kaiti).  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Adair, whose wedding took place in Wellington some weeks ago, have come back from their honeymoon, which was spent in Auckland and Rotorua. Mr. Adair has taken Mrs. Arthur Seymour's house furnished for a few weeks until his is finished being built on the Kaiti.  
The Misses Seth Smith (Surrey, England) are staying with Mrs. Reynolds ("Sandown").

**NAPIER.**

May 11.

**Dance.**

Mrs. Snodgrass gave a delightful little dance and musical evening last week. Mrs. Didsbury sang several times, also Drs. Ziele and Harvay. Mrs. Snodgrass wore an old rose frock with bands of embroidery the same colour; Miss L. Snodgrass, dainty white net frock; Mrs. Hawkins, floral chiffon; Mrs. Ziele, black, tunic of emerald green; Mrs. Didsbury, blue; Mrs. Henley, black embroidered union; Mrs. Hermann von Dadelzen, pale blue, silver embroidery; Mrs. Kettle, grey sequin frock; Miss Crosse, emerald green; Miss Lusk, mauve satin, pale blue union overdress; Miss Hindmarsh, white.

**Concert.**

Miss Thelma Petersen's concert on Thursday night was a marked success. She has a very beautiful contralto voice. She is giving these concerts with the object of raising enough money to enable her to go home and have her voice properly trained. The programme was supplemented by local talent, and was altogether very enjoyable. Those who assisted were: Mrs. Lehmann, Miss Beir, and Messrs. Cecil and Stanley Pinner, McClurg, McFarlane, and Weber. Miss Petersen's accompaniments were played by Mr. C. L. N. Petersen.

**Golf.**

A number of ladies went out to the links on Tuesday, but there was no match, it being only a practice day.  
On Thursday the Ladies' Club played a handicap stroke match. Among the players were: Mrs. Bernau, Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. T. C. Moore, Mrs. A. O. Russell, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Russell-Duncan, Miss Kettle, Miss Clark, Miss Davis, Miss C. Hindmarsh, Miss Dean.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Hamlin has returned home after spending several weeks in Auckland.  
Mrs. Davis Canning, of Oakburn, is staying in Napier.  
Mrs. G. W. Russell and Miss Russell, of Auckland, arrived from Taupo last week, and are staying with Mrs. Currie, Bluff Hill.  
Miss Hindmarsh is the guest of Mrs. O. C. Cooper (Masterton).  
Mr. and Mrs. George Rhodes, of Meadowbank, Christchurch, are visiting in Hawke's Bay.

**HASTINGS.**

May 11.

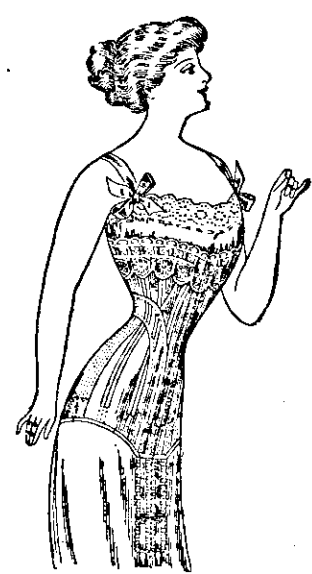
**Following the Hounds.**

Last Saturday most beautiful weather prevailed for the meet of the Hawks Bay hounds at "Greenhills," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McLean. A bounteous and delicious luncheon and afternoon tea was provided by Mr. and Mrs. McLean, about 150 visitors and sportsmen partaking. Among those present

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