

Personal.

Mrs. J. R. Kirk returned from her visit to Wellington on Saturday.
Miss Allen has returned from her holiday.
Miss Ursula Williams is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Nolan, Otipi.
Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Gully have gone South, and are visiting Mrs. H. V. Gully, The Port, Nelson.
The Misses Busby are visiting Rotorua.

Invitations are out for the Hunt Club Ball, on August 21st.

Miss P. Lusk is on a visit to Gisborne.

Miss Etta Nolan is back from an enjoyable holiday.

Dr. and Mrs. Truby King (Dunedin) were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Reeves last week. During his visit here Dr. Truby King gave two very interesting lectures.

NAPIER.

August 3.

Lecture.

Last Friday Dr. Truby King gave a lecture in the Athenaeum Hall, to women only. The hall was crowded and numbers of people could not find seating room. The lecture was excellent, dealing mostly, of course, with "baby lore."

Golf.

Last Saturday the Ladies' Club played a handicap Bogey over the short course. Among the players I saw Mrs Arthur Kennedy, Mrs G. Kelly, Mrs E. C. Moore, Mrs Edgar, Mrs Davis, Mrs Manning, Mrs Bernau, Mrs Gould, Miss Bernau, Miss Kettle, Miss Dean, Misses C. and M. Hindmarsh, Miss D. Clark, Miss I. Balfour, Miss J. Clark, and Miss Miller. Tuesday, as usual, was a practice day, and on Thursday the semifinals of the club championships were played.

Personal.

The marriage between Miss Daisy Clark and Mr. J. Boothroyd will take place on the 14th inst., at the Presbyterian Church, Napier.

Mr and Mrs Levien, Palmerston North, are in Napier for a holiday.

Miss B. Brown, of Australia, is staying with Mrs J. Viger Brown, Hospital Hill.

HASTINGS.

August 2.

Tennis Ball.

The Hastings Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club ball, which was held in the Drill Hall, was a huge success. The hall was decorated with greenery, the floor was in good order, and with the delightful music provided by Tomb's band the dancers thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The supper room was prettily decorated with boughs of wattle; the small tables looked daintily with bunches of violets. The supper itself was delicious, and was provided by the club ladies.

Among the many presents I noticed: Mrs Nelson, in emerald green charmeuse, oriental trimmings; Mrs Mackenzie, black charmeuse; Mrs Gordon, white charmeuse veiled with gold-spangled net, scarlet aigrette in coiffure; Miss Russel, green charmeuse, veiled in gold net; Mrs Cooper, grey charmeuse; Mrs Rochfort, blue charmeuse with ninon overskirt; Miss Cooper, eky-blue charmeuse; Miss Wheeler, white charmeuse veiled with ninon; Miss Clarkson, white charmeuse veiled with green ninon; Mrs Rainbow, black taffeta; Mrs Shields, black charmeuse; Mrs Faulkner, blue charmeuse veiled with ninon; Mrs Miller, black satin with embroidered ninon tunic; Mrs McLeod, black charmeuse veiled with white beaded ninon; Mrs Wellwood, black charmeuse; Mrs Douglas, smoke-grey charmeuse veiled in grey sequined chiffon; Miss Hialop (Dunedin), grey ninon; Mrs Landels, rose-pink silk; Mrs Lewis, white charmeuse veiled in white sequined ninon; Mrs McKibbin, pink and black, veiled in white ninon; Miss Crose, flowered silk; Miss J. Crose, maize-pointed chiffon; Mrs Luckie, black charmeuse; Miss Luckie, maize satin veiled in rich lace; Miss Moeller (Napier), pale blue chiffon; Miss Braithwaite, rose silk; Miss Grey, iris pink silk; Miss Mason, thistle mauve charmeuse, veiled in grey ninon; Miss L. Mason, shell pink charmeuse; Miss Anderson, white silk, silk embroidered; Miss Baird, blue ninon. Others present: Misses Symon (2), Baird, Harpin, Palmer, Dobbie.

Children's Fancy Dress Ball.

The children's fancy dress ball, which was held in the Drill Hall, was a great success. Among the many prettily-dressed children, I noticed the following: Ada Wilkins (kitchenmaid), G. Stead (Willow Pattern), Sibel Butler (Brianna), M. Townsend (Topsy), Francis Fowler (Pierrot), W. Whitlock (Weary Willie), W. Petersen (Paper Bag), F. Bridgman (Cowboy), P. Waider (Facher Christmas), C. Robinson (Boy Blue), J. Ballantyne (Pierrette), E. Hart (Sunflower), E. Westlake (Danish Flag), E. Norris (Pierrette), M. Hay (Topsy), L. Griffiths (Harem Dress), D. Fowler (Powder and Patches), M. McCorkindale (Poppy), B. Ballantyne (La Minuet), C. Jones (Gipsy), D. Dashing (Miss Muffet), J. Griffiths (Spring), M. Townsend (Topsy), M. Dalton (Shamrock), G. Lord (Redman), M. Symonds (Pierrette), M. Charlton (Daughter of Regiment), A. McKenzie (Japanese), E. Lorne (Rainbow), G. Bellows (Queen of Diamonds), M. Dalton (Tribune), M. West (Milkmaid), D. Barnes (Queen of Hearts), L. Hay (Dutch Girl), W. Fuesard (Grace Darling), A. Smith (Summer), K. Start-up (Good-night), E. Start-up (Early Dawn), O. Brittan (Dawn), E. Stead (Pierrot), D. Trotter (Fishgirl), O. Fuesard (Circus Rider), A. Banks (Butterfly), M. Hare (Pierrette), M. Watson (Butterfly), E. Lys (Fairy), M. Hawkins (Ivy), P. Ballantyne (King), E. Ferguson (Robinson Crusoe), H. Burns (Scout), C. Banks (Grand-dad), P. Prevetti (Prince), W. Armstrong (Nigger), E. Hart (White Rabbit), D. Hart (King of Hearts), A. West (Clown), R. Charlton (Kittie), H. Lord (San Toy), K. Watson (Hunter), O. Armstrong (Pierrot), B. McKnight (Clown), I. Jones (Pirate), H. Hawkins (Prospector), A. Barnes (Officer), E. Start-up (Undergraduate), C. McKnight (Indian).

Personal.

Sir William and Lady Russel have returned from the South.
Mrs and Miss Hislop (Dunedin) are staying at the Carlton Club.

Miss Moeller (Napier) is the guest of Mrs Luckie (Charles Street).

Mr and Mrs W. G. Stead have gone to Dunedin.

FEILDING.

August 3rd.

Mr and Miss Dalrymple are staying with Mrs Atkinson.

Mr and Miss Godfrey are staying in Feilding.

Mr and Mrs Wall are staying with Mrs Gillespie, "The Hill."

Mr and Mrs Francis are staying with Mrs Walpole.

Mr and Mrs B. Giesen (Dannevirke) are visiting Feilding.

Miss M. Lethbridge (Turakina) is staying with Mrs Lethbridge, Makino.

DANNEVIRKE.

August 3.

Personal.

Mrs F. Couper returned on Saturday, from a three months' trip to Australia. Miss Molly Couper went down to Wellington to meet her mother.

Mrs T. L. Buick left on Saturday for Wellington, many friends being at the station to say good-bye. Mr Buick followed a few days later, and it is their intention to take up their residence in Wellington.

Mr and Mrs G. Edkins (Rotorua) are spending a few days with friends in Dannevirke.

Miss G. Irvine, who has been spending a holiday in Wellington, returned home on Thursday.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

August 3.

An Excursion.

Quite an exodus of the fair sex was made last Thursday by the mid-day train, the great attraction being a bachelors' ball at Stratford. Amongst those who went I noticed: Misses Blundell, Glasgow, Mathews, Bedford, Mills, Fitzherbert, Brewster, Kirkly, Govett, Rofs (3), Skurivant, Whitton, McAllum (2), Evans (2), Fookes (2), Stewart, Rymond, Meadows Penn, C. Weston and Hentley.

Bridge.

Mrs Bradbury gave a bridge party last Thursday at which Mrs Mills won

first prize and Miss Wood second. Amongst those present were: Mrs Bradbury, Mrs Dodgshun, Miss F. Wood, Misses Humphries, Mrs Fitzherbert, Miss Brown, Mrs G. Kibbell, Mrs H. Russell, Miss K. Hamilton, and Mrs Mills.

Another enjoyable bridge party was given by Mrs Dodgshun last Monday evening, and the prizes were won by Mrs Mills (first) and Mrs Fitzherbert (second). The hostess received her guests in a pale blue charmeuse veiled in black ninon; Mrs Heard, cream chiffon taffetas; Mrs Fitzherbert, black silk pretty black and white shoulder scarf; Miss Wood, amethyst-coloured velvet; Mrs. Paul, very dark bottle-green charmeuse, handsomely trimmed with gold Oriental embroideries; Miss Haemerlin, black silk; Mrs Horne, pale vieux silk; Miss Teatar, dove-grey silk corsage, lightened with pale pink; Mrs Newman, black velvet, trimmed with steel passementerie; Mrs. Herst, biscuit-coloured voile; Mrs. Curtis, black silk; Mrs. Walter Bayley, black velvet, trimmed with jet.

Euchre Party.

Miss Dodgshun gave her second euchre party last Tuesday evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The prizes were won by Miss S. Fitzherbert (ladies) and Mr. W. King (gentlemen), while Miss S. Mills and Mr. B. Simpson received consolation honours. Miss Dodgshun was robed in a dainty black velvet, relieved with cream lace; Miss L. Greatbach, pale blue voile; Miss S. Mills, cream silk; Miss K. Latham, pale blue crystalline; Miss B. Herst, cream silk, grey and pale pink opera coat; Miss S. Fitzherbert, dainty black velvet, trimmed with Spanish lace; Miss H. Cutfield, cream silk, pale pink opera coat; Miss D. Bailey, white muslin; Miss D. Bradbury, pale blue velvet, white opera coat; Miss D. Saxton, white muslin.

Personal.

Mr. W. Pearce, of Temuka, is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Roy, New Plymouth.

Mr. Eric Sclanders, Wellington, is paying a visit to his uncle, Mr. Blundell,

manager of the Bank of New Zealand New Plymouth.

Miss F. Evans (New Plymouth) is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. Burton, Rotorua.

Mrs. Charteris, who has been visiting Mrs. Colvill, New Plymouth, has returned to Auckland.

Mr. C. E. Archibald, senior clerk of the Lands Department, Auckland, has been promoted to relief clerk in the New Plymouth office, in succession to Mr. H. M. Bannister, who has been transferred to Wellington.

Mr. H. C. Collier, of New Plymouth, has gone on a six weeks' trip to Sydney.

Mr. H. F. Knight, of Rotorua, is on a visit to New Plymouth.

Prior to his departure for Wellington, Mr. H. M. Bannister was presented with a travelling rug from the local bar, Mr. R. C. Hughes making the presentation.

Miss J. Mackay, of the Government Post Office, Wellington, has been transferred to New Plymouth.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

August 3.

Street Toilettes.

We have had a few gloriously fine days this week, which have been a great relief after the long tedious spell of downpour. A few street toilettes I have noticed lately included: Mrs. R. Davis, wearing a grey velvet corduroy coat and skirt, squirrel toque, with cluster of violets, squirrel fur and muff; Miss Irene O'Brien, Auckland, navy coat and skirt, squirrel fur and muff, suede navy felt hat lined with rose pink; Miss Armstrong, saxe blue coat and skirt, large hat with saxe blue wings; Mrs. A. Barraud, slate grey coat and skirt, black fox fur and muff, small black hat with cream leather mount; Miss Dorothy Waldegrave, navy coat and skirt, seal hat with cluster of small pale blue satin berries; Miss Barnicoat, cream serge coat and skirt, large black satin hat with pale blue ospreys; Miss W. Watson, fawn tweed coat and skirt, grey fur and muff, brown felt hat, the brim caught up in front with a cluster of golden brown flowers; Mrs. Clere, navy

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