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At Home.

MRS. H. O. Nolan, "Norana," St. Stephen's Avenue, Parnell, issued about 250 invitations to an "At Home" on Tuesday afternoon. The weather, though fine, was cold enough to make one appreciate the warm, cosy rooms. The flowers were exquisite; masses of daffodils were neatly arranged, and huge bowls of palest pink camellias and white flowers were used in the smoking-room. Tea was served in the dining-room, and the table looked charming with an artistic arrangement of daffodils in every shade of yellow to cream in silver vases of varied sizes. Mrs. Nolan wore a pretty frock of grey cashmere de soie, with touches of pink; Miss Dorothy Nolan, a lovely little white lace frock, over a silk foundation, which had a wide hem of pale blue charmeuse, and a folded belt of the same shade; and among the guests: Mrs. Holgate, in a dark blue cloth coat and skirt, finished with black silk fringe, smart black hat, and white feather boa; Mrs. Campbell, black and white; Mrs. Ernest Bloomfield, natter blue coat and skirt, seal hat with bunch of cerise berries at the side; Mrs. E. Horton, grey cloth coat, and skirt, black hat; Mrs. R. Moore, grey tweed coat and skirt, black and white hat, and white feather boa; Mrs. Sweet, blue charmeuse coat and skirt, large black hat; Mrs. Greig, black cloth skirt, broche silk coat, and smart black hat; Mrs. E. Benjamin, smart blue coat and skirt, smart blue hat with sand-coloured flowers; Mrs. W. R. Holmes, slate-blue coat and skirt, black hat with white feathers; Mrs. Napier, dark blue, and a smart toque; Miss Kissling, smart long black velvet coat, and a black and white hat; Misses Muir Douglas, blue tailored suits, black heaver hats; Miss Ruby Coleman, putty-coloured coat and skirt, smart grey squirrel fur toque with deep red roses; Miss Roysie Greig, natter blue frock, with deep cream lace finishing, black fur toque; Miss Dorothy Nathan, blue coat and skirt, large black hat with white feathers; Mrs. George Kent, smart brown coat and skirt, black hat with white feathers; Miss Mavis Clark, smart putty-coloured coat and skirt, and black and white hat; the Misses Mavis and Edna Reed, in smart blue coats and skirts, and pretty hats; Mrs. Archie Clark, Mrs. B. Dawson, Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. and Miss Foster, Mrs. J. R. Reid, Mrs. R. Isaacs, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. A. Dominick, Mrs. Major, Mrs. Clem. Lawford, Mrs. Perkins, Miss Campbell, Miss Olive Lusk, Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, Miss Towle, Mrs. C. V. Houghton, Mrs. and the Misses Cook (2), Mrs. and Miss Lindsay, Mrs. and Miss Vera Duthie, Mrs. and Miss Winnie Colter, Mrs. and Miss Prickett, Miss Kathleen Holburn, Miss Edith Isaacs, Miss Elsie Greig, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Alkin Carrick, Miss Norah Moore, Miss Hester Foster, Mrs. and Miss Grierson, Miss Nesta Thomas, Mrs. Pabel, Mrs. A. Ferguson.

Bridge and Euchre.

The Eden and Epsom Tennis Club gave a bridge and progressive euchre party in the Piccadilly Tea-rooms on Wednesday. There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent by those present. The progressive bridge prizes were won by Mrs. Atkins, first, and Miss Atkinson, second. Mrs. Harrison won the first prize for progressive euchre, Miss Keigh being second. At some tables just ordinary bridge was played, and the highest scorers were Mr. Baker and Mrs. Keating. Among those present were: Mrs. Briffault, Mrs. W. Brown, Mrs. S. Cooper, Mrs. Lintott, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Masefield, Mrs. Sloman, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Priestly, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Olliphant, Mrs. Oldham, Miss Udy, Mlle. Coche, Mrs. Bayly, Miss Alexander, Miss Tibbs, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Charlie Baker, Mrs. Caro, Mrs. Keating (2), Mrs. Kenderdine, Mrs. B. Neil, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. H. Walker, Mrs. Colson, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Chapman.

Dr. King's Lecture.

Dr. Truby King, of Dunedin, gave a most interesting lecture in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on Thursday afternoon, on the care of children. The large audience, which included quite a large sprinkling of men, listened intently. It all seems so simple and obvious the things that one "ought" to do, that one wonders how people can be so thoughtless. Yet only this week, traveling by train from Otahuhu to Newmarket, I sat opposite a woman who had a baby on her knees, too young to walk, who was given an apple to eat, and it demolished the lot—skin, pips, and everything. Of course, one yearned to say something, but somehow lacked the courage. Dr. King complimented the Auckland branch of the Plunket Nurses' Society upon the splendid work they are doing.

Dance at Devonport.

A most successful dance was given in the Parish Hall, Devonport, by a committee of ladies whose object was to assist the promoters of the "Door of Hope." The stage was transformed into a most delightful drawing room with footstools of greenery and cloths of gold roses, and was the favourite resort for the non-dancers, who viewed the gay scene with much interest. The committee—namely, Mesdames J. C. Macky, Benjamin, Napier, Gudgeon, Bennet, McLean, Misses Marks and N. Graham—must have been highly gratified with the result of their efforts, for the hall was well filled and everything went with a merry swing. The supper table looked lovely with decorations of daffodils and maiden hair very artistically arranged in tall brass vases. Mrs. Napier wore a very beautiful frock of pale blue charmeuse with an overdress of moulin lace, deep mauve sash fastened with a smart gold buckle; Mrs. Macky, a becoming grey bolero; Mrs. O'Brien's frock was of old rose mignon, over a deeper shade of satin; Mrs. Goldwater, very smart black and white toilette, composed of honiton lace veiled with beaded mignon; Mrs. Nettleton, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Atkinson, a very beautiful dress of rich satin in a lovely shade of old rose; Miss Marks, pretty frock of white crepe de chine, with a black velvet mesh; Miss Nellie Graham, a becoming ivory satin toilette; Miss Beryl Gra-

ham, a dainty frock of pink floral net; Miss Gudgeon, a smart black satin, and her sister in a dainty white; Miss Stewart, black satin charmeuse with braided embroideries; Miss Gladys Graham, a white satin with broad folds arranged round the skirt, pretty touch of red; Miss Bessie Graham, white net over pink; Miss Howden, a very smart toilette of white mignon; Miss Dorothy Macky, wore white; Miss Nicholson, a very becoming brown, with lovely Oriental trimming; Miss Duder's frock was a dull pink satin with an overdress of grey and pink shot chiffon; Mrs. G. Best, a black crepe de chine, relieved with white; Miss Biekle, grey chiffon over satin; Miss Miller, a very pretty pink satin with over-dress embroidered with silver net; Miss Lucilla Rogan, in white, with a red Juliet cap of narrow tullest ribbon; Miss Newell, a dainty frock of natter blue; Miss Beale, a very pretty frock of apricot satin; Miss Beale, white with pretty touches of pink; Miss Wyatt wore her coming-out frock of pure white; Miss Ansonne in a frock of grey tullest, and her sister Greta, a graceful white; Miss Cassy Macky, a sweet little frock of rose pink; Miss Campbell, pale blue and silver toilette.

Bridge Parties.

Mrs. Ernest Williams, "Elverston," Remuera, gave a most enjoyable progressive bridge party on Tuesday night of last week. The first prize was won by Mrs. A. Clark, and the second by Mrs. Devore. The supper-table was daintily decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. Williams received her guests in a pretty frock of black mignon over cream charmeuse, trimmed with cream lace. Among the guests were: Mesdames Erson, Devore, Aubin, Ferguson, Hartland, Bush, Walnut, Walklate, Rach, H. Wilson, Jakins, R. Neil, D. Clarke, C. Owen, Sweet, Steele, Morris, McDowell, Mahony, Oldham, Douglas, Hughes-Jones, Henderson, Munro Clarke, Cullen, Pabst, Hugh Wilson, Miss Snelling.

Mrs. Bruton Sweet, Remuera, gave a very jolly little bridge party on Monday night. The drawing room, where four tables were arranged, looked very charming and cosy, and was fragrant with bowls of daphne and violets. The supper table was decorated with daffodils, and looked very dainty. The hostess wore a most becoming frock of palest pink charmeuse with paneled drapery of silver spangled mignon. Among the guests were: Mrs. Copeland Savage, Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, Mrs. G. Roberts, Mrs. Purchas, Mrs. Sydney Nathan, Mrs. Smith, Mrs.

Duncan Clark, Mrs. C. Brown, Mrs. Frater, Miss De Camp, Mrs. Duthie, Mrs. Edmiston, Mrs. W. Coleman, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Edmunds.

Advertisement Tea.

Miss Daisy Friend, "Toreno," St. Stephen's Avenue, gave an "advertisement tea" to her girl friends on Thursday afternoon last. The first prize was won by Miss Dorothy Baker, and the consolation by Miss Helena Fraser. The tea table was dainty with yellow daffodils and violets, and streamers of violet ribbon. Miss Friend received her guests in a pretty frock of heliotrope mignon over silk; Mrs. Friend wore black relieved with blue. Among those present were: Misses Prickett, Kent, Devore (2), Hopkins (2), Goulstone, Fraser, Baker, Hurrocks, Towley, Douglas, Jakins, Metcalfe, Cheeseman, Neil, Walker (2), Atkinson, and others.

Personal.

Miss Beryl Keating, who is to be married shortly, has been the guest of honour at several teas. Mrs. L. Benjamin and Mrs. Caro each had parties last week for her, and Mrs. Louison is having one during the coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Allen, "Amandale," are in Auckland, and for the first week of their visit they are to be the guests of Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield.

Dr. Truby King, who is on a lecturing tour, is accompanied by his wife, and whilst in Auckland they were the guests of Mrs. Parks.

Dr. Milson and Mrs. Milson have returned from Rotorua, and are in their new home in Waterloo-quadrant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Parr, who have spent some weeks in and around Sydney, returned to Auckland on Sunday morning, after enjoying a splendid holiday.

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