

on Tuesday last. The guests of honour were five brides-elect, two of whom will be married before this is in print—Miss M. Draper and Miss Stevenson, who were both married on Monday, 23rd. The three others were Miss Marjory Morrison, Miss Elaine Cooke, and Miss Hill. The flowers were especially beautiful. In the drawing-room were bowls of primroses and other spring flowers. The tea-table decorations were quite a feature of the party, carried out in a colour scheme of pink and white. From the gas lights over the table was a light bamboo, covered with smilax, from which hung five wedding bells, composed of dainty white flowers, and the table had pink carnations in silver vases and bowls. The whole effect was very charming. A string band played delightfully in the large front hall, and a very pleasant time was spent by the large number of girls who were there. Miss Dorothy Ware, who has quite recently returned from England, assisted her mother in receiving the guests. Mrs. Ware wore a smart black frock; Miss Ware, a charming soft white frock with lace insertions, and a smart Oriental coloured sash; Miss Draper, white, and a pretty hat; Miss A. Stevenson, tussore silk coat and skirt and a flower-trimmed hat; Miss Stevenson, grey cloth coat and skirt, with hat to match; Mrs. Booth (Paton), grey, with touches of blue; Mrs. W. Watson, grey cloth coat and skirt, smart black hat; Mrs. Bertram Dawson, blue coat and skirt, hat with red on it; Miss Maul Browning, brown coat and skirt, smart amethyst tassel hat; Miss Marjory Dargaville, cream serge, with pretty lace blouse, brown hat with brown feathers; Miss Dorothy Baker; Miss Thelma Bloomfield, smart blue tailored suit, with a touch of Royal blue, blue hat and cream Toby ruffler; Miss E. Corrie, shot taffeta, black hat; Miss P. Corrie, black velvet, black and white hat; Miss Mavis Reed, blue coat and skirt, French sailor hat lined with blue; Miss Enid Reed wore blue, and a hat lined with pink; Miss Hilda Bloomfield, a smart blue tailored suit, with one-sided cover of emerald green, large blue hat with green wings; Miss Dorothy Nathan, bright blue cloth coat and skirt and a smart hat; Miss Ruby Coleman, smart putty-coloured costume and a pretty hat; Miss Edith Isaacs, black velvet coat and skirt, and a pretty crease hat; Miss Jessie Reed, Miss Marjory Towle, Miss Prickett, Misses Kissling, Misses Kitty and Mavis Clark, Miss Etta Earl, Miss Sybil Payton, Miss A. Carr, Miss Rosyde Greig.

#### A College Function

A most enjoyable dance was given in the Parish Hall, Devonport, on Thursday, 19th inst., by the old and senior girls of Cheltenham College. No pairs were spared to make the dance a success. The decorations were carried out in crimson and navy (college colours), and were bright and pretty and most artistically arranged. The flowers used were crimson ramblers, violets, and anemones. The guests were received by Mrs. Dean (Principal), who wore a pretty grey dress with pearl trimmings; Miss O'Neill wore black silk relieved with emerald green; Miss D. Brett, spotted grey silk; Miss Mason, black silk, with spotted overdress; Mrs. McKellar, black silk voile; Mrs. Lippitt, white silk, trimmed with blue; Mrs. J. Beale, black silk, with overdress of sequined net; Mrs. Braithwaite, white silk; Miss Z. St. Clair, white net over heliotrope; Miss Graham, white satin; Miss B. Graham, apricot crepe de chine; Miss Short, blue silk voile; Miss Marks, white silk, black trimmings; Miss O'Neill, white satin, with Oriental trimming; Miss N. Benschaw, white embroidered muslin; Miss N. St. Clair, white net, trimmed with daisies; Miss V. Burgess, white satin; Miss E. Dean, white silk, spotted net overdress; Miss C. Macky, pink silk; Miss P. St. Clair, pale pink palette; Miss V. St. Clair, primrose crepe; Miss B. Gudgeon, white silk; Miss E. Levin, white embroidered silk; Miss I. Cardno, maize coloured crystalline; Miss O. Dean, pink crystalline; Miss D. Reven, white silk; Miss M. McKellar, cream voile; Miss E. Oakden, white mus-

lin; Miss Braun, white, with fringe trimming; Miss D. Braun, blue silk; Miss Wyatt, white embroidered dress, black trimming; Miss M. Wyatt, white silk, and fringe trimming; Miss E. Millar, white net; Miss D. Barr, blue nixon; Miss M. Wright, white satin; Miss B. Mason, white silk; Miss M. Brett, black velvet, cream lace trimming; Miss G. Anselme, pale green crepe de chine; Miss N. Anselme, white silk; Miss E. Lippitt, white, with net overdress; Mrs. Cardno, white, trimmed with lace; Miss Bessie Watt, tanzanite blue velvet, with pink roses; Miss R. Blomfield, black velvet, relieved with blue; Miss H. Craig, white net over pink; Miss Bongard, pale blue crepe; Miss M. Mason, spotted muslin over yellow; Miss Wordsworth, white chemise; Miss L. Wordsworth, blue, pink trimming; Miss C. White, white silk, with silver trimming; Miss H. Riddell, pink voile; Miss C. Riddell, white voile; Miss J. Goudie, white silk; Miss D. Senn, white silk; Miss Hosking, white chemise; Miss R. Rogers, crimson voile; Miss A. Haddow, cream voile.

#### A Dance.

Miss Brenda Kenderline, Parnell, gave a charming dance on Wednesday night. The large music-room was used for dancing. All the house was decorated with spring flowers, the supper-table looking especially pretty. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and lots of girls looked charming, among whom was the hostess, who wore a becoming frock of pale blue chemise, with a tunic of beaded nixon; Mrs. Kenderline, in a handsome black toilette; Miss Kenderline, a dainty pale blue silk frock; Miss Gertrude Douglas, white chemise, veiled with nixon; Miss Minnie Steel, blue chemise, with trimmings of Oriental embroidery; Miss Gladys Erson, blue silk; the Misses Devore, in blue; Miss Maggie Frater, black chemise, with nixon overdress, and touches of matter blue; Miss Emmie Young, apricot chemise, with tunic of nixon in the same tone; Miss Kathleen Holmes, a pretty blue frock, with bands of lace; Miss Inzel Lindsay, pink; Miss Marjory Lindsay, white chemise and nixon; Miss Thelma Hanna, a pretty pink frock; Miss Phyllis Metcalfe, shot green silk, veiled with nixon; Miss Marjory MacCormick, blue chemise, with overdress of pink nixon.

#### Bridge Party.

Mrs. Alfred Bayly, "Makeuri," Lady's Mile, Remuera, gave a large progressive bridge party on Tuesday night of last week. There were eight tables arranged for bridge. The supper-table was charmingly decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. Bayly wore a beautiful frock of pale grey crepe de chine. The first prize was won by Mrs. Wallcut, and Mrs. Hartland was second. Among the guests were: Mrs. J. B. Macfarlane, Mrs. Felix Kelly, Mrs. A. Herrold, Mrs. Hume, Mrs. W. Nicoll, Mrs. R. Neil, Mrs. Hartland, Miss Binks, Miss Workman, Mrs. Jackson, Misses Beresford.

#### Point-to-point Gathering.

The point-to-point races, which are always held at the close of the hunting season, after being postponed, were held last Saturday. The weather was most uncertain, but rough as it was there was a very large attendance. The locale was Mr. Gray's farm, out Papatoetoe way. One of the most interesting events is the ladies' race, for which Sir Robert Lockhart presented a trophy. Miss Lloyd won in the style, Miss Gill being second, and Miss Harris third. Unfortunately, the latter was thrown just as the last jump was cleared, and broke her collarbone. Among those riding were: Mrs. Markham, Misses Nora and Rachel Corrie, Miss Hilda Bloomfield, Miss Dorothy Baker, and Miss Una Saunders. Driving and motoring were: Sir Robert and Lady Lockhart, Mrs. C. Buddle, Mrs. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wallis, Miss Dorothy Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Southey Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Samers.

#### Personal.

Mrs. Hugh Robinson (Nelson) is at present in Auckland, and is the guest of Mrs. E. Anderson, Remuera. Captain Walker and Mrs. Walker (England) are on a long visit to Auckland, and are staying at Arundel, and later on will go to Takapuna. Miss Elsie Greig, after spending a holiday with her parents, returned to Sydney on Monday, to take up a responsible position in the Sydney Hospital, where she received her training. Misses Gwen and Rachel Corrie have returned home after competing at the New Zealand, Napier, and Manawatu golf championships. Miss Gwen Corrie winning the two latter.

## WELLINGTON.

September 21.

#### Hutt Flower Show.

When His Excellency the Governor two years ago announced his intention of donating prizes for the best-kept cottage gardens at the Hutt, he was unaware of the frequent changes of habitations made by New Zealanders. To have the same house and garden for more than a year or two seems most unusual in this district, which perhaps accounts for there being only four entries for the three handsome prizes. At the Hutt Flower Show, which was opened by His Excellency, there was a wonderful display of blooms, the yellow and white of daffodils and narcissi being the leading feature. Huge double yellow daffodils the size of a tea cup, and tiny white ones rather suggesting orchids, were all on view, and the increase of the orange and flame-coloured tones was noticeable.

Apart from the narcissi, great interest was taken in the stand of carnations, of wonderful size and delicious fragrance, which were grown by Mr. Harvey. His, too, were the freesias in the new tones of sulphur, amber, and apricot and orange, while the other variety, ranging from mauve and pale purple to almost a pink shade, were also admired. Sweet-scented bononias made the air delicious, and toned in well with the cyclamen and cineraria, some of the star-shaped flowers making a most effective and graceful appearance. Conspicuous in the centre of the floor was a tall and graceful young willow tree, its pendent boughs with budding foliage hung with many-coloured Japanese lanterns. A string orchestra played during the afternoon, and a tea stall, partitioned off from the main hall with white lattice-work festooned with lycopodium, did a roaring trade, although a lack of tea-pots and inexperienced amateur waitresses meant a good deal of delay.

On the platform with His Excellency were Captain Estcourt, A.D.C., Mr. Chapman (president of the Horticultural Society) and Mrs. Chapman, Mr. Wilford, M.P., and Mrs. Wilford, and Mr. Duthie. After Lord Islington had inspected the show he was entertained at tea at a special table on the platform, which was decorated with some particularly fine flowers. Lady Islington was unable to be present, as she is not yet going out into society on account of her recent bereavement.

Mrs. Chapman wore sage blue nixon, with a floral border draped over a dress of blue tulle; her hat was white tulle wreathed with white wheat, and finished with an upstanding aigrette of the same. Mrs. Wilford, who was presented with a bouquet of shaded cyclamen tied with dark red satin ribbons, wore a navy blue tailor-made braided in black, and a black hat with upstanding pheasant plumes of vivid green.

#### At Home.

Bishopscourt was the scene of a large "At Home" on Wednesday, when the guests of honour were Canon and Mrs. Garland, who have recently come from Australia for a three years' residence in New Zealand. Mrs. Coleridge, who, with her husband, has been living at Bishopscourt during Mrs. Spratt's absence in England, was helping her father to receive the guests, who, in turn, were introduced to Canon and Mrs. Garland. The reception rooms were decorated with violets, freesias, and narcissi, while the tea table in the dining-room was a harmony in crimson anemones and rhododendrons. Mrs. Coleridge wore white and pink nixon hemmed with satin and piped with the same material; her hat was pink, with a suggestion of mauve in the flowers. Mrs. Garland wore natural Shantung, with touches of black, and a black hat with plumes. Miss Campbell, pale grey voile, long black velvet coat, and black picture hat. Helping with the tea were Miss Harding, in Dublin red whipcord piped with black satin, and a black plumed hat; Miss Harecourt, cream Shantung, and pedal straw hat with osprey; Miss Richardson, pastel cotton voile, with a lace guimpe, wide hat with flowers.

#### Farewell Tea.

Still another farewell tea for Miss Eileen Blundell was given on Wednesday, the hostess on this occasion being her sister, Mrs. Tringham. Especially beautiful were the flowers which had come from many other places than Wellington, so roses and ranunculus figured in the scheme—flowers that here are not yet in bloom. White and pink plum and cherry blossom made a delightful decoration on the tea tables, where miniature silver ships, bells, and birds and a wonderfully iced wedding cake all helped to emphasise the fact of a coming marriage. All the cakes were iced in white and silver, and white satin labels designated the sandwiches. The drawing-room was sweet-scented with bononia, gay with heavy spikes of hyacinths, while in the hall was a profusion of daffodils and jonquils, together with the foliage of bronze birch.

A string band, vocal music, and a fortune-teller all helped to make things go off, and there was also a competition when the prize, a Liberty embroidered pin-cushion, was won by Miss Millar. Mrs. Tringham wore pink and white ebine tulle, with heavy cream lace, arranged in a coat effect, hemmed with pink; Miss Eileen Blundell's was of embroidered nixon, with pipings of satin, her tassel hat had a cluster of flowers; Mrs. Blundell, pretate purple tulle and a black plumed hat.

Violets appeared on every table at another tea for Miss Blundell, and the cakes were iced in delicate tones of mauve to harmonise. The locale was Miss Tondall's tea room, and a number of Miss Blundell's girl friends were present. The hostess, Mrs. Holmes, wore a dark blue tailor-made and a black hat with wings, her daughter was also in blue with a touch of geranium-red in her black tassel hat; Miss Eileen Blundell's tailor-made was of dull violet crepe, and her hat carried out the same scheme of colour.

#### Female Cadet Prizes.

Much interest is being taken in Mrs. Godley's idea of encouraging the senior cadets, and several influential ladies are taking it up. Prizes for shooting and, perhaps, other branches of military knowledge are to be given out of a fund contributed by women, and the cadets will no doubt be greatly stimulated in their doings by the knowledge that a real and practical interest is being taken in them. Mrs. W. Moorhouse, Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Corrigan, and Mrs. Davling are all on the list of ladies who will receive contributions, in addition, of course, to Mrs. Godley.

#### Y.W.C.A. Annual Meeting.

Although she is still taking no part in social affairs, her Excellency, Lady Islington, continues to show her interest in matters connected with the Y.W.C.A., and on Tuesday last she attended the annual meeting, at which the Governor presided. A very favourable account of the year's work was given, and both praise to the aims and achievements of the Association, and wishing it great success. On Saturday Lady Islington entertained the delegates at afternoon tea at Government House, when she wore black cachemere de soie, finished with black fringe.

#### Fancy Dress Party.

At the Engineers' Hall on Friday night there was a very jolly fancy dress party given by Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald in honour of her daughter, Miss Eleanor Pharaon. Trails of lycopodium decorated the hall, and on the window-sills and mantelpieces were banded masses of

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