

At the Y.W.C.A.

The members of the Y.W.C.A. also kept up the old-time custom associated with the celebration of Halloween. The hall was decorated with red geraniums, red lanterns and drapings, while rosy checked apples added to the effect as they hung suspended from the roof or floated in a tub of water. In one corner a witch with a black head and characteristic cap was busy stirring her cauldron to discover answers for the numerous visitors who sought her counsel. In the dim light behind a curtain another group watched carefully the predictions of their future to be found from the "burning of nuts," while still another group of girls tried the water test to secure knowledge of a destined partner. Mrs. Stewart, in witch's cap and red hood, charmed her audience with her song of Halloween. A double encore hardly sufficed to satisfy her hearers. The origin and later meaning of this ancient Celtic festival was explained by Miss Stillwell, and supper brought to a close a most delightful evening. Among the guests were a number of English and Scotch girls, who had just arrived from the Old Land, and who expressed much gratitude at the warmth of welcome found in Auckland.

Students' Recital.

A dramatic recital by a number of students, under the direction of Mrs. C. Forsyth, was given in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening last, before a large audience.

A most interesting programme was submitted. The stage, which was draped in Royal blue toning, admirably matching the dresses worn, represented a drawing room. Mrs. Forsyth was associated with Miss Fanny Eury in two scenes from "Romeo and Juliet," playing the Nurse to Miss Lary's Juliet. They were both in costume, Juliet's dress being very pretty, with pale blue effects. Excellent portrayals were given. Miss Cottrell appeared in the sketch, "Reggie," given with taste and dramatic power, and she was in soft pale blue silk, with small pink roses nestling in its folds. Later in the evening she played Ophelia in the mad scene. She was robed in pale grey, and with streaming hair and wild eyes, carrying a sheaf of daisies and grasses. Miss Gillett did excellent work. As Lady Teazle she was piquantly charming, and Mr. Dennis as Sir Peter Teazle was in excellent vein. She acted in a dramatic recital, "The Telegram." As Lady Teazle she wore a pale pink silk, draped with green nixon. Miss Stubbs, who wore salmon pink silk, gave a humorous sketch splendidly. Master Lindsay Bevis, dressed as a groom, gave the "Amateur Rider." Miss Marie Gaudin, Miss Beryl Nettleton, and Master Trevor Laurie recited naturally. The programme concluded with a sparkling modern comedy, "Granny's Juliet," the parts being taken by Mrs. Forsyth, and Misses Gillett and Cottrell. Mrs. Forsyth, as the Countess, looked very handsome in crimson silk and black chiffon. Miss Gillett wore blue charmeuse and nixon. Miss Cottrell as Annie, was in pale grey velvet, trimmed with fringe. During the evening Dr. Cox, Messrs. Hemm, Palmar, and Mulgan played two quartets, which were most enjoyable.

Personal.

Mrs. S. E. Hughes, of Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, left by the Wimmera on Tuesday night, on a three months' visit to her eldest son, who is chief engineer of the C.S.R. Co.'s big refinery at Yarraville, Melbourne. Miss Taylor, of Sydney, is at present on a visit to Dr. and Mrs. Beattie, at Avondale.

WELLINGTON.

November 2.

At the Races.

Desperately unpleasant was the weather at Trentham on Saturday—one can never rely on it for the Spring Meeting and the only women who can be said to have disregarded it were the lucky owners of long fur coats. Equipped in these, with small fur toques or hats, they were snug and warm, while other women shivered in their water-proofs and labor-waives. Rain added much to the discomfort, and the grandstand was swept with driving showers. To compensate, the races were more exciting than usual, and there were many amusing incidents. Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Dington were present. Lady Dington wore a black coat and skirt, with white facings, and a black hat; Miss Stapleton-Cotton, a black and white tailor-made, and black

hat. The president of the Racing Club, Mr. Harcourt, entertained the vice-regal party at luncheon, and at afternoon-tea. Miss Harcourt wore a blue dress, and a long seal coat, blue hat.

On Monday the sun shone gloriously in a cloudless sky, and not a breath of wind disturbed the trees. Great was the indignation about the inadequate train arrangements. Many ladies had to stand for the long journey, and some of the pretty frocks were badly treated in the crush. As for the huge hats—they seem bigger than ever this spring; it is a miracle how they arrived with so little damage done. His Excellency the Governor, attended by Captain MacDougall, was present, and later on Lady Islington and Miss Stapleton-Cotton motored out for the afternoon. Lady Islington's hat was black, massed with upstanding loops of tulle, and she wore black fox furs with her black dress; Miss Stapleton-Cotton's black cloth coat and skirt had a collar of black satin, and her hat had pleur-use plumes; Mrs. Harcourt was in grey whipcord, with braid and buttons, blue hat with blue and grey wings; Mrs. Gillon was also in grey, with a rose-wreathed hat.

Visitors to Wellington were fairly plentiful. Mrs. Elgar (Featherston) wore dark blue Ottoman silk, with pale blue and mole shaded pleur-use plumes; her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Hamilton (Palmerston), was in Gentian blue cachemire de soie, and a blue hat, the long plumes shading from blue to opal and orange tones; Mrs. Myers (Auckland) narrow black and white striped whipcord, and black hat, and "ermine" furs; Mrs. Sidel (Dunedin), a long black satin coat and skirt, and a black and white hat; Mrs. Nathan (Palmerston), smoke grey ribbed silk on tailleur, and a hat with roses; Mrs. C. Pharyzyn, who has come over from Sydney for a visit to her friends and relations here, wore champagne cloth, and a champagne hat with blue ospreys; Mrs. P. M. B. Fisher was in pale grey, and a hat with flowers.

Pupils' Gathering.

Very charming was the scene at the breaking-up of Miss Borlase's pupils, as most of them came in fancy dress, and the decorations were unusually elaborate. Clematis was largely used in its graceful trails, and some cunningly made chrysanthemums were notably effective. Many of the dresses were reminiscent of the fancy ball some weeks ago, and there was a whole set of Boy Blues and Bo-Peeps, who then gained such admiration and a handsome prize. Miss Borlase wore black satin and nixon.

Assembly Dance.

On Friday evening there was a dance to mark the end of the assemblies which have been running through the winter months. It, too, was more or less of a fancy dress affair, but most of the young men had not aspired to anything more ambitious than flannels or cricketing garb. Two girls went as Marsinah, from "Kismet," and as they were closely veiled there was much guessing as to their identity. Miss Borlase wore black crepe de chine and jet; Mrs. Morton Clark, who has had much to do with the dances, was in a Pompadour costume of rose pink brocade, with a fichu of lace.

Groydon School.

The annual sports of Groydon Preparatory School for Boys came off most successfully at Kelburne Park on Thursday. It was a most interesting and amusing spectacle, and the boys—looking such quaint little shrimps in their white sports jerseys and shorts—were tremendously keen on the events. The three-legged race was responsible for some comic incidents, and even more so was the sack race, which aroused shrieks of laughter from the onlookers. Most of these were sisters, mothers and aunts of the boys, and therefore deeply interested in their success. In between there was time for a hurried dash up to Kelburne Kiosk for tea, much needed on these occasions, and generally impossible to get. When the sports were over Lady Ward presented the prizes, Rutherford gaining the senior championship, and Marchbanks the junior. Very handsome most of the prizes were, ranging from silver trophies and quite grown-up looking brief bags to pocket knives and pencils. Miss Sommerville wore a grey tailor-made, and a white tegal hat with flowers; Mrs. Sommerville, dark grey coat and skirt, and a hat with black wings; Lady Ward had on a blue tailor-made, with touches of black, and a black and white hat.

Arts and Crafts Club at Home.

On Friday evening the members of the Arts and Crafts Club held a conversa-

zation at their first annual exhibition at the Society of Arts Gallery. The club were to be congratulated on the extent of the display and the very interesting collection of art. It was, of course, impossible to do more than glance cursorily at the pictures and crafts as one wandered through the crowd, but the view obtainable at the conversation was really meant as an encouragement to repeat the visit on a less crowded occasion. A pleasant programme of musical selections was given by Miss Edith Whitelaw, who played some beautiful violin solos, songs by Mr. Barry Coney, and recitations by Mr. G. Warren. Later, refreshments were served in the supper-room downstairs. The catalogues were most handsomely got up, and much appreciated. The exhibition was opened by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. C. J. Parr), and he complimented the members on the very fine beginning they had made. Mrs. Warner was in cream charmeuse, and plaited beaded coronet in her coiffure; Miss E. Whitelaw, a charming rose, pink silk; Miss Jakins, pretty blue silk frock; Mrs. W. H. Derry, an exquisite rose chiffon frock over hand-embroidered cream satin; Mrs. J. A. Toke, black nixon toilette; Mrs. Sholto Douglas, green velvet gown; Mrs. Napier, a magnificent black evening gown; Mrs. Lyons, black lace evening frock; Miss Phillipson, pale blue; Mesdames Armstrong, Langwith, Mairriner, Wrigley, Misses Hunt, Toke, Douglas, K. Williamson, Butler, Beale, and others.

Personal.

The Hon. Trevor Ogilvie-Grant, with Mrs. Ogilvie-Grant, their little daughter and baby son, are leaving for England early next year. They will stay with Mr. Ogilvie-Grant's brother, the Earl of Seafield, both in England and at the historic old place in Scotland, where the Earl was lately welcomed with great ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster have gone to Australia for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are back in Wellington again. The former has been for a trip to England, while Mrs. Simpson has been wintering in Sydney.

CAMBRIDGE.

November 2.

Surprise Party.

On Saturday evening, a jolly little surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Norman Banks by between twenty and thirty young friends to celebrate the addition of a large room to their house. The form of amusement was dancing. Mrs. Banks received her guests in a pretty blue and gold frock; Mrs. Fraser, was wearing a pale blue satin with an overdress of pink nixon; Mrs. Wallace Hunter, a cornflower blue velvet trimmed with silk to match; Miss Wells, primrose nixon trimmed with Oriental trimming; Miss Caldwell, primrose satin with tunic of blue nixon caught up with bunches of pink roses and forget-me-nots; Miss Roberts, pale blue voile, with point lace berthe; Miss B. Taylor, pale pink silk crepe frock; Miss Myra Taylor, with silk and lace frock, with yellow sash; Miss Barstow (Auckland), white satin with gold-beaded tunic; Miss Landon, pale rosea green voile frock; Miss A. Landon, white muslin.

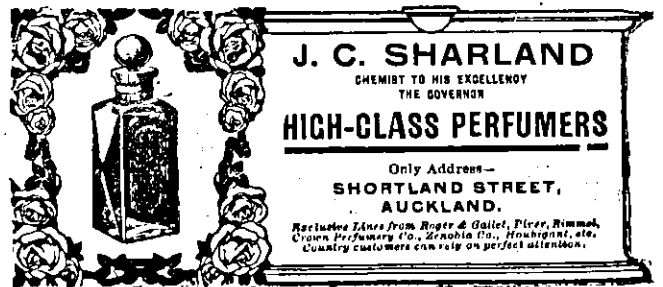
Croquet.

The Cambridge Croquet Club had an official opening of their lawns and new pavilion on Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering. The Mayor (Mr. G. Dickenson) declared the lawns open. There were a number of visitors from the Hamilton Club. Amongst those present I noticed: Mrs. Brewis (Hamilton), grey coat and skirt, and small black hat; Mrs. Furze (Hamilton), black gown and black hat; Mrs. Hyde (Hamilton), green coat and skirt, and large hat with a wreath of black roses and black wheat ears; Mrs. T.

Jolly (Hamilton), blue coat and skirt and black hat with a touch of emerald green; Mrs. Stephens, black coat and skirt, and small black hat with white osprey; Lady Magill (Auckland), black silk coat and black bonnet; Mrs. Middleton, grey coat and skirt and black hat with black plumes and wreath of tiny pink roses; Mrs. Middleton, black gown and black hat; Mrs. Hopkirk, black and white striped voile and black toque, with white osprey; Mrs. McDermott, fassore silk frock and large black hat; Mrs. Banyard, pink frock and large black hat with pink roses; Mrs. Cooper, blue tweed coat and skirt and burnt straw "sunshine girl" hat, with coral and black osprey; Mrs. Nicoll, navy blue coat and skirt and large grey hat trimmed with shot blue and gold ribbon; Mrs. Caldwell, white silk blouse and grey skirt and black hat with black and white bows; Miss Gwynneth, blue coat and skirt, and large black hat with green and black bows; Mrs. Asher, purple cloth costume and large grey hat trimmed with grey and black ribbon bows; Mrs. McCullagh, brown tweed coat and skirt and brown hat; Mrs. C. Hunter, navy blue coat and skirt, and putty-coloured hat trimmed with black; Miss Veale, green crepe trimmed with wide band of guipure lace on skirt, and square tunic of the same lace, large black hat with wreath of pink flowers veiled with lace; Mrs. H. Nixon, pale pink frock and white hat; Miss Nixon, white frock and white hat; Mrs. E. J. Wilkinson, navy blue coat and skirt, and small hat with blue and black wings; Miss Lewis, pink frock and large black hat with pink flowers; Miss Ferguson, brown coat and skirt and white hat; Mrs. Edmonds, grey costume, grey hat.

Winter Social Club.

On Thursday evening the last night of the season of the Winter Social Club was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, when over fifty members and friends were present. The opening play was called "Personally - or by Letter," in which Mrs. Caldwell made a most charming Margery, the others taking part in it being Miss Gwynneth, and Messrs. Couper, Bown and Hammond. The second piece was "An Excellent Receipt," in which Mrs. Couper made a fascinating Lady Armadale, Mr. Caldwell Sir Walter Armadale, and Miss Landon Joyce (the maid). The next piece was "The Golden Wedding," in which Miss Dunne made the sweetest old lady, Mr. Bown the old Professor (aged 82), and Dr. Roberts as Admiral Flanack. The last item was an amusing little piece called "Lights Out," those taking part being Mrs. Hammond as the Maiden Aunt, and Miss Landon and Miss Caldwell two pretty girls. Mr. Meredith took the principal part excellently, and other performers were Messrs. A. Willis and A. R. S. Richardson. Mr. Shaw, who was in excellent voice, sang two songs during the intervals. At the close of the evening Dr. Roberts made a little speech, in which, on behalf of the club, he returned thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell for their kindness and hospitality to the club in giving the use of their house for the rehearsals and entertainments. Mr. Caldwell responded. Mrs. Caldwell was wearing a white Liberty satin, with a tunic of white nixon, and pink coral ornaments; Mrs. Couper, amber satin, with tunic of brown nixon, edged with brown fur, and wide Oriental trimming at the foot of the skirt; Mrs. Hammond, black silk and cream lace vest; Miss Landon, erise satin, with tunic of nixon the same shade, and trimmed with Oriental trimming; Miss Caldwell, black satin charmeuse, with a cinrass of Oriental trimming; Miss Dunne, black silk, with overdress of black spotted net, bodice trimmed with floral silk, veiled in net; Miss Gwynneth, black satin charmeuse, and black net and applique trimming; Mrs. F. Ross, white silk, with



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