

of her friends. Mrs. Kerslake wore black crepe de chine and Mrs. Veitch was in grey cloth with a hat of the same shade.

Croquet.

The first meeting of the Kelburn Croquet Club produced a strong and energetic set of officers, the prospects of the club being much improved now that men are eligible for membership. Lady Stout is president, Mrs. R. McVilly, Messrs. W. Didsbury, and R. Mandel vice-presidents, and the hon. secretary is Mr. Keith Izard, who has made a name for himself in England at the game.

The question of the club's ground—over which so much difficulty has arisen—is to be gone into thoroughly, and the members are sanguine that everything will be managed successfully in spite of the unfortunate misunderstanding.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Tudor Atkinson are off for a trip to England, travelling by way of Australia.

Mr. and Miss Blow have gone to Sydney for a trip.

Miss Johnston is back at the Lower Hutt after a stay of some months in India.

Dr. and Mrs. Truby King and their little girl were passengers to England by the Rangitira. They spent a week or so in Wellington before departing.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgar have left on one of their many trips to England. Their daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Hamilton, is, with Captain Hamilton, also off to England quite soon. They do not intend to return, unless perhaps for a visit later on.

Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald is going to England shortly for a trip, taking her young daughter with her.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Salmon have let their house at Kelburne to Professor and Mrs. Adamson, and are staying with Mrs. Leonard Reid.

Mrs. Andrew (Otaki) is coming to Wellington to live, and has taken a house in Hobson Street.

Mrs. MacEwan is back from Sydney, which she has been visiting with her brother, the Hon. F. M. Fisher.

HAMILTON.

May 10.

At Home.

The first of this year's series of "At Homes" in aid of the Hamilton Croquet Club was given by Mrs Tom Jolly on Friday last. The weather was decidedly wintry, which made Mrs Jolly's beautiful new home all the more delightfully cosy and inviting. Five hundred was played in the drawing and dining rooms, Mrs Frank Jolly heading the list when scores were totalled, and Mrs Cork received the consolation prize. The hostess announced during the afternoon that Mr Howden, the president, had donated a small silver cup as a points prize, which was to be held by the winner until the next afternoon, until it was won three times in succession or four times at intervals. Mrs F. Jolly was thus the first holder of the cup. In addition to this the club is offering a points prize for the whole season, which will add to the fun. In the breakfast room a large number amused themselves by answering questions with the letters contained in "chrysanthemum," Miss Gladys Stevens carrying off the prize. Mrs Tom Jolly received her guests in a pretty white and black soft silk, with oriental and aluminium lace trimmings. Among those present were: Mrs Frank Jolly, black charmuse with Persian insertions; Miss Jolly, grey silk; Miss Jolly, blue shot silk; Mrs Burgh, navy costume; Mrs Rawson, navy costume with grey lapels, grey and black felt hat; Miss Rawson, navy coat and skirt, black beaver hat; Mrs Brevin, green whipcord with black satin trimmings, black hat with white wings; Miss Brevin, dark green frock with buttons, black hat with pheasant's feathers; Mrs Witt, pretty costume of maize whipcord, hat with lovely maize plume; Mrs Ferguson, navy costume with turquoise blue revers, black velvet hat with marabout plume; Mrs P. P. White, dark costume, lovely furs, black and white hat; Miss White, navy costume, black beaver hat; Mrs Vahler, son, black silk with lace yoke, black toque; Mrs Harry Vahler, dark dress with green; Mrs Whyte, emerald green silk with black lace, black hat; Mrs Yule, pretty whipcord frock with tan trimmings, taged hat, with taupeine ribbons and yachting plume; Mrs Cork, navy costume, violet felt; Mrs Eben Wilson, grey cloth with

black trimmings, grey felt hat with violets; Mrs Watson, black and grey costume, felt hat to match; Miss Watty, grey tweed costume, big black hat; Miss Bayly, pretty vieux rose costume, velvet hat to match; Mrs Douglas, white silk blouse, black coat and skirt and hat; Mrs Grocott, navy costume; Mrs Garham, coronation blue frock, blue toque; Mrs Whitcomb, black dress and hat; Mrs Heywood, navy costume with eponge cloth revers; Mrs Tompkins, natter blue frock, black velvet hat; Miss G. Tompkins, brown tweed costume, brown velvet hat; Miss Riley, grey costume; Mrs Coleman, pretty dark natter silk frock and toque; Miss Newell, shot blue silk dress; Mrs Stevens, chocolate coloured whipcord, hat to match; Miss Gladys Stevens, grey costume, blue hat; Mrs Cussen, black costume; Miss L. Cussen, vieux rose costume, black hat; Mrs Furze, black seal-skin hat; Mrs F. T. Wilson, dark costume, black toque; Mrs Bond, grey costume, black toque; Miss Hounsell (Auckland), lngoon blue poplin, blue hat with black feather; Mrs Watty, black charmuse, black toque; Mrs Beale, dark red frock with trimmings of black, small hat; Mrs Kerr, grey costume, scarlet hat.

CAMBRIDGE.

May 10.

Carnival.

On Tuesday evening the Band Carnival was opened by Mr. J. A. Young, M.P., who was supported by the Mayor (Mr. Mervyn Wells) and members of the Carnival Committee. The principal stall-holders were:—Plain and Fancy Stall, Mesdames Palmer, Clarke, and W. J. White; Lolly Stall, Miss K. Sweeney; Produce Stall, Mrs. Harry Bell; Bands-men's Stall, Mesdames Coleman, Holmes, and Watson. The refreshments in the supper-room were in charge of Mrs Hyde (Hamilton). The entertainment on the stage was one of the features of the Carnival, being styled "A Dancing Tour of the World." Sixteen items were included in the programme, from which a selection of some half-a-dozen is presented each evening. Some 60 children took part in the dancing. The adult performers included the Misses Car (2), Sanders (2), Watson, J. Sharkey, Alford, Webb, Blanchard, Grinter, G. O'Toole, N. Mellor, R. Shirley, and E. Cardston, and Messrs. Holmes, Peirce, Sharkey, Sim, McDermott, W. Coutts, Cubis, Page, Alford, Sanders, and Cardston. The dancing was under the direction of Professor Cardston. Miss Eileen Bell was the principal soloist in the vocal accompaniments, to the dances. Incidental music was supplied by an orchestra conducted by Mr. A. Duncan. The Rev. Father Murphy filled the post of manager of the Carnival, with Mr. Duncan as treasurer, and Messrs. J. T. Young and W. Cate as secretaries.

Personal.

Mrs. Huddleston and her sister (Mrs. H. Clark), of Hamilton, are in town, staying at the Central Hotel, for a week.

The opening of the hunting season was held last Saturday at "The Kennels," the residence of the Master (Mr. Wynn Brown), where a most sumptuous hunting-breakfast was given. Before starting to hunt, three cheers were called for Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Brown. Unfortunately rain set in, and rather spoil the hunting.

TAURANGA.

May 10.

Bridge.

Last Saturday evening Mrs. E. Baker gave a delightful bridge evening. The prizes were won by Mrs. Horne and Mr. G. Brown. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. Mountfort, Mr. and Mrs. D. Day, Mrs. Baigent, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Barton, Mr. Gannaway, Miss Litten. On Thursday evening the Bridge Club met again. There were eleven tables, the prizes falling to Miss Samuel and Mr. A. Matheson.

Golf.

Large numbers of golfers are to be seen daily on the links. Next month the competitions will be started, which promise to be interesting.

GISBORNE.

May 10.

On the Links.

Last Saturday proved ideal weather for golf, and the new links were formally opened by the president. May

consisted of mixed foursomes. Amongst those present I noticed: Mesdames Willock, sen., Collis, King, Matthews, Scott, Traill, Morgan, Rusche, Barlow, Bennett, Burke, Singey, Fenwick, O'Meara, Bull, Tole, Brook, and Barker, and the Misses Davies, MacLaurin, Pyke, de Latour (2), Falknor (2), Bradley, Black (2), Bull, Rees (2), Hime, Watkins, Orr, Agnew-Brown, Sweet, King, McCreddie, Coleman, Murray, and Taylor, and Messrs. Willock, Wachsmann, J. H. Bull, C. Bull, Howie, G. B. Smith, W. Nolan, Burke, Matthews, Fenwick, A. Foke, Brown, P. Kelha, Reynolds, W. R. Barker, Blakley, Schianning, Hamilton, Jeffreys, H. Barker, Brewster, Hookey, and Spillsbury.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. King Reed, of "Tutuhora," Whangaparaoa, East Coast, are at present in Gisborne.

Miss D. Falknor has returned from her visit up the coast.

Mrs. Barns-Graham left for Waerega-kuri this week.

Mrs. C. Kissling is at present on a visit to Auckland.

Miss M. Sievwright has returned from her lengthy visit to Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, who have been staying at the Masonic Hotel, have returned to Timaroto.

Mrs. (Dr.) Morrison is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Willock.

Mrs. McNeil, of Waimata, is at present staying at the Masonic Hotel.

Mr. H. de Latour left for Auckland on Wednesday last.

Mr. Guy Reed, Tologa Bay, paid a short visit to town.

Miss F. Orr, for some time the guest of Mrs. G. Reynolds, "Marshlands," Ormond, has returned to her home at Te Karaka.

Mr. H. B. Lusk, of Napier, was in Gisborne for a short time last week.

Professor Mills, who is conducting a campaign on behalf of the Unity scheme, arrives in Gisborne this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright, sen., have gone on an extended tour through New Zealand. On the eve of their departure a large number of prominent citizens met, and, with suitable speeches, presented them with some useful and valuable presents, in token of the great esteem in which they are held. One of the presents consisted of a handsome purse of sovereigns.

Mr. G. T. Williams, of "Mokoivi," East Coast, is at present in Gisborne.

Mrs. A. Kempthorne left on Sunday last for Auckland.

Mrs. R. Ludrook, Tuparoa, has returned from her trip to Auckland.

The Venerable Archdeacon Williams and Miss C. Williams returned last Tuesday from their trip up the coast.

Miss Gossett, of Christchurch, has been visiting friends in Gisborne.

Miss A. Brook-Taylor went to Auckland last Sunday.

Mr. A. Watkins, of East Coast, paid a short visit to Gisborne last week.

NAPIER.

May 9.

Golf.

The qualifying round for the Captain's trophy (handicap bogey) was played on Thursday afternoon. The best B card on the day qualified for a trophy to be given by Mrs. Evan Davis on the lines of the Donnelly Vase competition, namely, four rounds and a final. Some of the players were: Mesdames Gould, Davis, Bernau, Niell, Hector Smith, Pollock, Henley, Kelly, Spodgrass, Misses Lipscomb, Campbell, Chapman, Snodgrass, Williams, Hetley, Sandtman, Hindmarsh (2), Crosse, Wilson.

Personal.

Miss Nina Headley has gone to Christchurch to visit her sister, Mrs. Gerald Stead.

Miss Booth (Nelson), who has been staying with Mrs. A. O. Russell, returned home last week.

Mrs. Mayne and family, who have been staying in Christchurch for some time, returned to Napier on Thursday.

HASTINGS.

May 10.

Debate Afternoon.

Mrs Georgetti (London Road) gave another entertaining "debate" afternoon last Tuesday. Mrs. Georgetti (hostess) wore an adorable little French silk frock of grey and pink pompadour, made en panier, the under bodice and skirt of olive couple, Paris collar of exquisite

lace and Brussels net; Miss Georgetti, simple Quaker grey silk frock. The hostess received her guests in the billiard-room, great bowls of chrysanthemums brightening up all the corners. The question debated was "Should our daughters be encouraged to support themselves?" Mrs Miller took the negative, and Mrs Bear (Napier) the affirmative. Mrs Bear won by two votes. Tea and

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