

Mrs Buddie's Party.

Mrs C. Buddie gave a charming party on Friday evening. The first part of the evening's programme consisted of a bright scene in which a group of charming-looking girls, dressed in Eastern costumes and reclining on cushions, sang the "Tea Cup Song" from "The Cingalee," followed by "Ceylon" from the same opera, the solo being well sung by Mr. Tole. Then followed a screamingly funny skit on the militant suffragette acted by Dr Bamford, Mr A. M. Ferguson, Mr McLean and Mr Easter, who was the suffragette. Dr Roger Buddie gave some very clever Maori impersonations. Supper and dancing followed, and among the guests were a good number of middies from H.M.S. New Zealand, including Prince George of Battenburg and Lord Berghurgh. Most of the girls were in their pretty Eastern draperies, and the scene was very charming. The party was given as a "farewell" to Dr and Mrs Hope Lewis, who left the following day for Vancouver en route to England. Mrs Buddie wore a pretty white charmeuse frock with silver fringe; Mrs Hope Lewis, lovely grey toilette. Among the guests were Mrs F. M. B. Fisher, Mrs Fisher, and Mrs McKewen, a sister of Mr Fisher's who has been with him on his Australian tour. Mrs Fisher wore black and white, and Mrs McKewen a lovely frock of blue brocaded satin softened with lace and net. Others were Mr and Mrs Archie Clark, Mr and Mrs Sydney George, Mr and Mrs A. M. Ferguson, Miss Gillies, Miss Buller, Miss Fountain, Mr Hugh Fenton, Dr Parkes and Mrs Parkes, Miss Foster, Misses Nathan (3), Miss Ruth Spencer, Misses Tole (2), Miss Jessie Gades, Miss Mac Rice, Miss Nora Moore, Miss Ruth Spencer, Misses B. and M. Tole, Miss Foster, Miss Phyllis Boulton, Captain Blount, Lieutenants Cyril Gore and A. D. Boyle, Mr Tom Lewis, Mr Guy Pierce, and several others.

Picnic.

Mr and Mrs Alfred Nathan gave a picnic on Thursday for Captain Halsey and his officers at the ostrich farm, Pukekohe. Unfortunately the weather was unfavourable. The party left Auckland in special cars attached to the Rotorua express, and upon arrival at their station were conveyed per "kay wagon" to their destination. Among those present were their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Liverpool, Miss Foljambe, Miss Rhodes, Captains Shaw, Hutton and Eastwood, A.D.C.'s, Captain Halsey, and about 25 of his officers, Mr C. J. Parr and Mrs Parr, Mr and Mrs G. Wilson (Wellington), Misses Nathan (2), Miss Gillies, Miss J. Reid, Miss M. Tole, Miss A. Buddie, Miss T. Thomas, Miss Neville George, Miss G. Cole, Miss D. Nolan, Miss M. Geddis, Miss N. Saunders, Misses Cotter (2), Miss D. Demiston, Miss P. Gorrie, Miss Cooper, Miss May Foster, Miss H. Buckland, Miss Dormer (Gisborne), Miss Hilda Bloomfield, Miss T. Thomas, Miss Rachel Gorrie, Miss Enid Reid.

Children's Party.

Mrs. Harry Hume gave a delightful children's party on Saturday evening at her house for her little daughter Doris. A delicious tea was partaken of in the dining-room. The drawing-room, with its many flowers, was a bright scene, where music and progressive games were indulged in. Little Doris Hume looked pretty, wearing a French muslin trimmed with real lace and blue ribbons. Amongst those invited were:—Ray Dimmett, Marian Macfarlane, Ruth Shipperd, Gretchen Shipperd, Jean Buckleton, Vera King-well, Anna Wynyard, Marjorie Bevis, Ethelene Morris, Mona and Nancy Otway, Joyce O'Hallaran, Rosie Brabant, Marjorie Ryan, Dorien Simson, Doris Bayly and others.

A Farewell.

One of the most successful functions held by the Victoria League was the "farewell" party given to the president, Dr. Hope Lewis, and Mrs. Hope Lewis on Thursday last in the Piccadilly Tea-rooms. Mr. E. Anderson (acting-president), Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield received the honoured guests, and Mrs. Lewis was presented by the members with a lovely bouquet of violets tied with deep purple ribbons. A short programme, arranged by Mrs. Archdale Taylor and Mrs. C. Buddie, was most enjoyable. Madam Chambers, Miss G. Evans, Mr. B. H. Dellow, Mr. Ripley, and Mr. Easter contributing items.

Speeches were made by Mr. Anderson, Mr. W. J. Napier, and Mr. Reddoe (Canadian Commissioner). Dr. Lewis made a very happy response. Refreshments were handed round, and members had the opportunity of taking individual farewell of the president and his wife.

Girls' Realm Dance.

Though the elements were anything but propitious, the attendance at this popular function was a large one. No attempt had been made to decorate the ballroom, but in the supper room, from columns of tinted bamboo, placed at intervals along and across the long tables, sprang arches wreathed with autumn foliage and brown, red, and yellow chrysanthemums. The effect was beautiful, and reflects great credit on Miss Brookfield, who designed and carried out alone the whole scheme of design and colour. The supper was prepared and served entirely by the girl hostesses. Among the official chaperons I noticed: Mrs. A. P. Friend, who was wearing a very handsome gown of purple brocade veiled with Spanish lace; Mrs. Butler, gown of black merve and beaded chiffon, with touches of vivid green; Mrs. Ashton, a lovely robe of black velvet, with brown fur on hem, and exquisite pearl embroidery on corsage; Mrs. Holman, black satin charmeuse, relieved with cream lace; Mrs. Wright, black satin, with arrangement of white lace on corsage; Mrs. Bewes, amber satin, with jetted overdress; Mrs. Turnbull, amethyst charmeuse, with black lace. Two debutantes — Miss Kendrick and Miss Harvey — wore beautiful white frocks, and carried shower bouquets. Miss Brookfield wore grey nixon with effective touches of black; Miss Gwen Beale, heliotrope satin, with chiffon drape; Miss St. Clair wore pink satin, with nixon overdress; Miss — St. Clair, beautiful white embroidered dress with silver effect; Miss Waka, rose satin, with lovely lace tunic; Miss Lush, blue nixon; Miss Farley, white satin, lace overdress; Miss Iris Dunlop, green satin with exquisite short overdress of heavy silver and pearl embroidery; Miss Tiki Edwards, frock in two shades of pink and blue, giving opal effect; Miss Elsie Potter, black velvet with red roses; Miss Harvey, pretty white frock with lace flounces, frosted with silver; Miss Snelling, white satin; Miss Hay, rose-green velvet; Miss Jean Moore, white satin veiled in white nixon; Miss Doris Knight, pink satin with rose contour; Misses Jakins (2), pale blue satin with nixon drape, and black velvet, relieved with vivid touches of red; Miss Earle, gold satin; Miss Marriner, amber silk, with embroidered panel; Miss Isabelle Devore, spotted net over white satin, ruffled frills on skirt; Miss Queenie Butler, coral pink satin, veiled with chiffon; Miss D. Butler, white satin caught up with white roses; Miss Jessie Frater, flowered nixon; Miss H. Dawes, flowered nixon over satin, chou of cerise velvet; Miss Dorothy Morton, white lace over white silk; Miss Cole, pale blue crepe de chine; Miss Milly Earle, pretty yellow satin frock; Miss Etta Earle, pink satin; Miss Ashton, grey satin, with fur trimming; Miss Cumming, flesh pink, veiled in pale blue nixon; Miss Charter, lovely white frock; Miss Matis Cooke, electric blue; Miss Daphne Cooke, black velvet; Miss Dewes, sage green nixon; Miss Phyllis Baker, pink satin, lace and overdress; Miss Gossett, natter blue charmeuse; Miss Miller, yellow nixon over white satin; Miss Cora Munro, white satin, wreath of red roses on hair; Miss Daisy Friend, natter blue, over white silk, and exquisite lace on corsage; Miss Amy Dufaur, yellow satin, with overdress of chiffon; Miss Gilpin, royal blue satin, with flowered nixon draping; Miss O. Ziman, pink satin, with raised embroidery; Miss D. Montague, white-silk frock with lace overdress.

Personal.

Mrs. Pycroft, of Ellerslie, gave a most enjoyable afternoon on Thursday for the members of the Dreadnought Tennis Club and their friends. Everyone had a gay time, and two guessing competitions held were diverting and clever. Mrs. Pycroft received the guests, and was wearing a smart black velvet frock relieved with pretty white chrysanthemums and maiden-hair fern. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brodie left by the Barawa last Wednesday, for Hawera. Mr. J. D. Thomson (Wellington) arrived in Auckland on Sunday, and is staying with his brother-in-law, Mr. Henry Wilson, Parnell. Miss Colville England is the guest of Mrs. H. O. Nolan, Parnell.

WELLINGTON.

May 9.

A Successful Dance.

Coming at a slack time in social festivities there was extra zest about the dance on Tuesday. The organisers were a number of girls, most of whom are well accustomed to entertaining, so everything went smoothly. It was with great reluctance that the dancers stopped in order to catch the last tram home. Quite a new place in the Oriental Bay Kiosk, but with a big ball-room upstairs, a wide glassed-in verandah for sitting out, and the tea-room downstairs for supper, it seems admirably arranged. Being a cold night dancing was particularly enjoyed by the young people, while the chaperons much appreciated the warm fires. Palms and ferns were grouped about with good effect in the alcove, and on each supper table were flowers and autumn foliage. Mrs. Fell wore black charmeuse and beaded nixon; Mrs. Garland, white satin draped with black lace and jet; Mrs. Myers, a fuchsia-tinted dress of nixon in tones of crimson and blue; Mrs. Coull, black crepe de chine with coloured embroideries; Mrs. Turnbull, heliotrope charmeuse draped with lace.

The committee of girls included Miss Fell, black nixon with a picturesque fleck of ivory lace and net; Miss M. Atkinson, oyster nixon over satin of the same hue; Miss Garland, white satin nixon with touches of lace; Miss Isaacs, white lace over accordion-pleated nixon; Miss Turnbull, white mousseline de soie with a souchon of delicate pink; Miss Myers, white satin veiled in Watteau-tinted nixon. Many compliments went to the young hostesses—each of whom wore a distinguishing touch of black velvet—and they were urgently requested to get up another dance later on.

Flower Show.

The Hadfield Hostel Flower Show turned out a great success, although beforehand there were rather gloomy forebodings on account of the weather. Certainly it was a chrysanthemum show, but other flowers contested the place of honour, and greatest interest was taken in a stand on which Mr. Jazd's exhibits were displayed. Here were to be seen orchids, delicate butterfly-like things of pearly white and luminous mauve, while others lifted slender erect stems of flame-like form glowing with deep vivid hues. Tree carnations are another speciality of Mr. Jazd's, and he had some perfect specimens. Covetous desires were awakened by Mr. Harcourt's table of chrysanthemums for exhibition only, and some very fine specimens were sent by Mr. Williams and Mr. McLean from Hawke's Bay. Decorated hats, baskets and tables all found a place, and the voting was quite an interesting process. On the executive committee were Mrs. Hadfield, who wore a smart tailor-made and a tagel hat with flowers; Mrs. Pearce, dark blue cloth with braided

revers and a blue hat; Mrs. E. Anderson, white shantung; Mrs. A. Williams, violet tweed, and a suede hat of the same shade; Mrs. Kirkcaldie, and Mrs. Gore. The committee in charge of the stalls and tea-rooms included Lady Stout, who wore grey bengaline and a grey hat; Mrs. Britts, a black tailor-made and a black and white hat; Mrs. Stephens, white silk, and a black and white picture hat; Mrs. Martin, blue tailor-made, black hat with rose-coloured wrap; Mrs. Coleridge, white cloth strapped with silk, violet toque; Miss Coates, black braided tailor-made and black and white hat; Miss Duncan, blue coat and skirt braided in black, saxe blue hat; Miss Edwards, Miss Rose; Miss Fancourt, navy blue coat and skirt, blue hat with saxe blue wing.

The show was opened by the Prime Minister, whose speech emphasising the Hadfield Hostel followed one by the Bishop of Wellington, who also dwelt on the same subject. The hostel is a memorial to the late Bishop of Hadfield, and the students are in training for the University, with the intention of taking Holy Orders in the Anglican Church.

Farewell Tea.

Miss Henrys, who is leaving next week for Australia, was entertained at a farewell tea on Wednesday by Miss Devine. Bridal decorations of white satin ribbons, silver slippers, and white flowers in silver and crystal vases, gave a clue to Miss Henrys' departure, and as each guest was also in the secret a number of fine dainty handkerchiefs were received by the principal guest. She wore a dark blue tweed with blue and white revers, and a blue hat with white plumes; and her hostess was in pale grey nixon with veiled blue embroideries; Mrs. Devine, a soft orchid purple ribbed crepe de chine, the skirt slightly draped, while the bodice had folds of nixon in the same shade; Mrs. Henrys had a black velvet hat with her dark blue dress; and her married daughter, Mrs. Reginald Hawley, who not long ago came back from her wedding trip to Australia, wore another velvet, white fox fur, and a black picture hat.

Another bride-elect is Miss Sadio Richardson, who was guest of honour at a big tea given on Tuesday by Mrs. M. P. Cameron at her house at Khandallah. Chrysanthemums, asters, and cosmos decorated the rooms, and the tea table was done with white flowers. Several of the guests sang or recited during the afternoon, and there was a good deal of fun over a competition, the prize-winners turning out to be Mrs. Anderson and Miss Richardson. Mrs. Cameron wore changeant merveilleux in tones of dull green and kingfisher blue, with a glimpse of net; Miss Richardson had a black hat with a long white ostrich plume and a dress of green crepe de chine.

Before her departure for a long stay in Queensland, Mrs. Veitch was entertained at a tea by Mrs. Kerslake. Autumn flowers and foliage decorated the rooms, and a pleasant surprise came to Mrs. Veitch when she received a travelling rug, which was a farewell gift from some



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