



# THE SOCIAL WORLD



Both local residents and visitors welcome the opportunity the lounge teas at the Auckland Grand Hotel afford them for entertaining their friends. There was another merry assembly last Thursday, when every table was requisitioned. Those giving parties were Mrs. Waller, Miss Martin, Mrs. Thorne George, Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Blomfield, Mrs. Ballin, Mrs. Caldwell (Cambridge), Mrs. Rossiter, Mrs. Luckie, Mr. Evans, Mr. Berlyn, and Mr. Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Deans, of Christchurch, have been on a visit to Auckland.

The new St. Margaret's College, on the west side of Cranmer Square, Christchurch, was opened last week by Bishop Julius in the presence of a large gathering.

A Southern paper announces the engagement of Miss Elsie Newbigin, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Newbigin, Feilding, to Mr. Norman Beatson, of Hastings.

Miss E. Melville has been appointed one of the Auckland City Council's representatives at the biennial conference of the Municipal Association of New Zealand, which is to be held in Wellington on July 14.

The engagement is announced in the N. Z. "Times" of Miss Elsie M. Yates, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yates, Petone, to Mr. R. Hyslop, of the locomotive department, New Zealand Railways, Upper Hutt, and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyslop, Invercargill.

A presentation was made to Lord Kelburn, commander of H.M.S. Pyramus, by the Napier Harbour Board of several photographs showing Lord Glasgow (Lord Kelburn's father) opening the Glasgow Wharf, Napier, in 1891.

An engagement is announced between Miss Eileen O'Hea, youngest daughter of Mrs. O'Hea, "Inglecroft," Gisborne Street, Elsternwick, and Mr. Ernest John Denny, of Dunedin, New Zealand.—Melbourne "Punch."

The engagement is announced in the "Dominion" of Miss Del Marks, daughter of Mrs. Lewis P. Hayman, of Wellington, to Mr. Henry Hayman, son of Mr. Max Hayman, of London. Also of Miss Addie Clouston, youngest daughter of the late Captain Clouston, Nelson, to Mr. W. Morton, Manga-weka.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fielder, of Napier, in celebration of their golden wedding, were presented with a handsome taltalus by the members of the Napier Bowling Club. Mr. W. C. Yates made the presentation.

Miss Russell, daughter of the late Sir William Russell, of New Zealand, went into a nursing home on Friday to have an operation performed on her arm by Sir Arbutnot Lane (says a British paper, dated April 31st). It is understood that Miss Russell has been commissioned by the New Zealand Government to look into matters appertaining to the immigration of woman domestic servants.

The winter meeting of the Auckland Racing Club was concluded on Monday, June 8, another big attendance being recorded at Ellerslie. Among those on the lawn during the three days' gathering were Lady Lockhart, Mrs. Seymour Thorne George, Mrs. F. Waller, Mrs. W. Colbeck, Mrs. W. Turnbull (Wellington), Mrs. R. Logan, Mrs. H. O. Nolan, Mrs. Strang (Palmerston North), Mrs. H. L. Friend, Mrs. W. H. Parkes, Mrs. H. Rainger, Mrs. Lapraik (Thames), Mrs. Gold Smith, Mrs. Felix Kelly, Mrs. W. R. Holmes, Mrs. F. Fryer, Mrs. Alison, Mrs. Marsack, Mrs. Farnall, Mrs. J. C. Somers, Mrs. Norman Banks (Cambridge), Misses Gorrie, Mrs. and Miss Caldwell, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. D. Tole, Miss Mary Foster, Mrs. Dettman, Mrs. W. Lloyd, Mrs. Dawson, Miss Gladys Nathan, Miss Greig.

Mr. J. C. Maddison, of Christchurch, accompanied by Mrs. Maddison and Dr. Jessie Maddison, is spending a holiday in Auckland.

Mrs. and Miss Margoliouth, of Napier who have been in England for two and a half years, returned home last week.

Mrs. Claxton, widow of the late Mr. Wm. Claxton, of Norwich, England, died as the result of an accident, at her residence, Remuera, on June 5, at the advanced age of 95 years. The deceased lady, who had lived many years in Auckland, was the grandmother of Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, one of the victims of the recent tragedy in the St. Lawrence River, Quebec, of whose fate, however, she was not aware. Mrs. Claxton had resided for a long period with her daughter, Mrs. J. Friar Clarke, of Remuera.

Mrs. Seddon has been re-elected president of the Women's Social and Political League in Wellington. Lady Ward has been re-elected vice-president.

A London cable states that damages to the amount of £500 were awarded in the King's Bench Division against the London weekly "Modern Life" for libelling a young lady, Miss Violet Schmitz, in some remarks which it published concerning the dress that she wore at a dance club in Brighton. The action was not defended. In its comments upon Miss Schmitz's toilet the paper wrote:—"Its absolute transparency left little to the imagination. It was a bit of a scream, and the more modestly-minded guests literally held their breath." The plaintiff gave evidence that her dress was made by an ordinary dressmaker and under her mother's supervision.

committee received their guests in the ballroom, and, with the excellent music rendered by Armiger's orchestra, a most enjoyable evening was spent. Among the guests were: Mrs. Monro, who wore a black gown; Mrs. Jervis, a pretty gown of mauve, with floral tunic; Mrs. Nelson-Mitchell, white satin; Miss Hay, dainty frock of cerise satin and brown ninon, with cerise osprey in hair; Mrs. W. H. Fisher, white satin, with draped ninon overdress; Miss Birch, emerald green and white lace; Miss Millie Birch wore a brown frock with black net overdress edged with fur; Miss Abbott, tangerine; Miss J. Marriner, white, with silvered tunic; Miss Ashton, white satin; Miss Wilson, pink satin with overdress of cream lace; Miss Alderton, a tango coloured charmeuse, with lamp shade tunic; Miss Walsh, white satin; Miss Molly Taxon, blue with floral belt; Miss Mildred Hay looked well in champagne coloured ninon, with belt of deep blue satin; Miss Marjorie Hay, white satin frock, with a hip belt of flame colour; Miss Innes had on a striking dress of sapphire blue; Miss Mary Hannon wore white satin, with overdress of blue ninon edged with white fur. There were five debutantes, all in white satin and carrying bouquets of white flowers—Miss Judy Luxford, Miss Wilton, Miss Matherson, Miss Clare Blenkhorn, and Miss Lillian Cooper.

At a meeting of the Auckland City Council on Thursday, the following resolution was carried in silence:—That the Auckland City Council deplores the great distress of mind brought to so many families by the sudden disaster to the Empress of Ireland in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Canada, on May 29, 1914, a disaster brought home to our own city by the deaths on board that vessel of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, Miss Hilda Bloomfield, and Mrs. H. Wynn Price, whose loss the council deeply regrets.

Mlle. Eva Gauthier, the dark-eyed French-Canadian soprano, who won so much popularity during her previous visit to Australia, has just returned to the Commonwealth from Java to join the Mischa Elman concert party in the Australasian tour. For some time past Mlle. Gauthier has been living at Samarang, in Java, where she became so imbued with the native music that she set about learning the language and dances of the country, while she gave a series of highly successful concerts on the island.

On his arrival in Sydney, Mischa Elman, the gifted young violinist, was given a reception at Parliament House by the Premier and Mrs. Holman. The hostess wore a dark blue velours costume and a scarlet and black toque. Those present included Mlle. Eva Gauthier (soprano with Mischa Elman), Lady Patey, the Lord and Lady Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Richards), Sir Joseph and Lady Caruthers, the Dean of Sydney, the German Consul-General and Frau Kiliani, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Ferguson, Judge and Mrs. Murray, Judge Backhouse, Herr Slapoffski, M. Henri Staell, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bavin, Judge and Mrs. Gibson, and numerous other well-known personalities.

One of the most popular dances of the season was held in St. Benedict's Hall, Auckland, on Wednesday, June 10, when the Melmerly Old Girls' Club entertained their friends. The hall was hung with flags and greenery, one end, a perfect bower of bamboo, being reserved for sitting out. The stage was furnished as a drawing-room, where the chaperons sat. Among them were Mrs. Hay, who wore a grey toilette; Mrs. Dews, in black; Mrs. Abbott, in heliotrope; Mrs. J. H. Dalton, in black paillette silk; and the Misses Thompson. The supper tables, in the artistic hands of Miss Mona Hay and Miss Birch, were exquisite, being done in autumn tints, with splashes of deep yellow chrysanthemums. Mrs. McNair (the president of the Club) and the members of the



MRS. MERVYN WELLS, MAYORESS OF CAMBRIDGE.

The marriage of Miss Constance Cannon, only daughter of Mrs. Stapley, Cambridge, to Mr. R. T. Sawers, younger son of Mr. J. G. Sawers, Kent, took place at St. Andrew's Church, Cambridge, on June 3. The bride was given away by her stepfather, Dr. Stapley, and wore a white embroidered voile frock and a tulle veil.

Mr. Percy Kahn, the brilliant young London pianist, who has accompanied Mischa Elman, the violinist, on all his tours for the past three years, is coming to Australasia with Elman. During Elman's tour of America, just concluded, over 70 concerts were given—stated by the American papers to be a record for any one artist.

A startling incident is reported to have occurred at Buckingham Palace whilst the Court was in progress. A woman who had been provided with a proper card of admission was passing the throne when she suddenly fell down on both knees and cried in shrill, loud tones which could be heard all through the throne room, "Your Majesty, won't you stop torturing women?" The woman was immediately seized by the officials and escorted away. The King and Queen did not betray the slightest sign that they had any knowledge of what had occurred.