

Eavestaff, black taffeta, embroidered with beads; Mrs. Bedford, rose coloured taffeta; Mrs. G. A. Smith, pink charmeuse, silver embroideries.

AT a meeting of the National Council of Women, the president, Dr. Hilda Northcroft, occupying the chair, the following members were elected delegates to the conference which is to be held this month in Christchurch:—Miss E. Melville, National President; Miss Jackson, National Treasurer; Sister Hanna, Miss Griffin, Mrs. Carr Rollett, Mrs. Ferner, Mrs. A. Kidd, Mrs. W. Stuart and Mrs. J. Cook.

Mrs. Sarelius and Miss Porter, of Christchurch, are spending the winter months in Auckland, and are staying at Cargen. Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Day, of Christchurch, are also at Cargen.

A MOST successful dance was given by the North Shore Yacht Club in the Power Boat Association's Pavilion. The ideal situation of the ballroom and the excellent music contributed greatly to the enjoyment of those present. Among the guests were Mrs. Webster, who wore white charmeuse and silver; Mrs. Charles Prime, pink satin with beaded overdress; Miss E. Birch, cerise taffeta and lace; Miss E. Isemonger, saxe blue and silver; Miss R. Rogers, figured ninon; Miss M. Stronach, old rose taffeta; Miss C. White, black satin; Miss P. Wright, black velvet; Miss O. Ziman, peacock blue satin; Miss M. Miller, white satin and net; Miss M. Mason, heliotrope georgette; Miss M. Halstead, gold tissue; Miss R. Grant, flame satin; Miss

Lauder, gold and black, Mrs. I. Lee, pale pink and satin; Miss E. Gieson, pink net. Misses D. Newton, E. Newton, Ward, M. Gilbert, N. Gilbert, W. Gordan, D. Coldcutt, Stronach and Boddie were present also.

MR. and Mrs. A. Geddes were the host and hostess at the "At Home" at Cargen to welcome Toscha Seidel, and the genial welcome tendered to the young violinist and his gifted mother on that occasion must have gone far to dissipate to some extent the feeling of being a stranger in a strange land. Mr. Geddes, in a graceful welcoming speech, stressed the important place that art holds in national life. Beautiful groups of yellow daffodils provided a dash of spring sunshine that enhanced the charm of the gathering. Mrs. Geddes, who with her husband received their guests at the entrance to the lounge, wore a frock of oyster silk jersey handsomely brocaded with gold, and a hat of lace and gold tissue. Madame Seidel, mother of the artist, wore black, the cloak lined with turquoise silk, black hat with ospreys. With her were the Misses Wilson and Laing (Australia). Among the guests were Mrs. Plummer, Lady Lockhart, Mrs. A. McCosh Clark, Miss Geddes, Mrs. and Miss Oliphant, Mrs. and Miss Colville, Professor and Mrs. Algie, Mrs. and Miss McGuire, Mrs. J. Reid and Miss Reid, Mrs. K. MacKenzie, Miss Egerton, Mrs. Axford, Mrs. and Miss Marriner, Mrs. and Miss Tole, Mrs. Beattie, Miss Wyman, Mrs. Partridge, Mrs. Lindsay, Miss Logan, Mrs. Bayley, Mrs. Bankhart, Mrs. J. Carpenter, Mrs. A. M. Ferguson, Mrs. Stride, Mrs. Kinder and Mrs. M. Davis.

MUSIC lovers have just had an unusual treat in the Spivakovsky season, and will not easily forget the feast of melody provided for them by the brilliant young Russian.

Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Thompson gave an "At Home" at Cargen as a welcome to the illustrious visitor. The large dining-room arranged as a drawing-room was gay with deep golden narcissi and arum lilies. Dr. and Mrs. Thompson received their guests, the latter wearing a golden brown taffeta and georgette frock, with brown and henna lace hat. Among those present were Mrs. Wilkin, wearing brown and navy taffeta, and becoming black hat; Mrs. Singer, navy blue costume, black hat; Mrs. Stratford, brown frock, handsome furs; Mrs. Plummer, natter blue frock, black hat; Mrs. Dettman, smart mole costume and hat; Mrs. A. Geddes, pretty grey coat and skirt, becoming black hat; Mrs. Axford, grey costume, black hat; Mrs. Alderton, brown costume; Miss McCormick, brown costume, blue hat; Miss Axford, navy blue coat frock and hat; Miss Plummer, brown and navy costume, hat to match. Misses Newton, Riley, Herman and Colville were present also.

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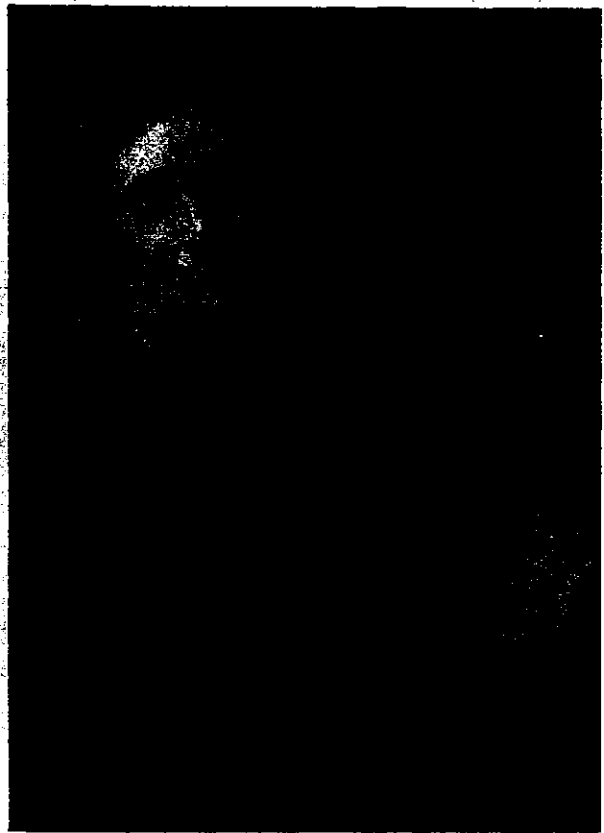
MRS. E. P. Cowles gave a most enjoyable bridge evening recently, the rooms having an artistic arrangement of mimosa and



Standish and Proece, Christchurch, photo.

Mrs. Nantes, of Napier, who has proved herself a capable organiser of charity work, her latest success being in connection with the late Sir Arthur Pearson's appeal for the blind.

white narcissi with trailing foliage. The lucky scorers were Mrs. Frank Jolly and Mrs. Melville Bell respectively. Mrs. Cowles wore a frock of dull blue and black crepe de chine and dark blue ornaments; Mrs. E. J. Mears, soft primrose georgette beaded in jet; Mrs. Melville Bell, black silk under a wrap of vieux rose velour cloth; Mrs. T. F. Jolly, pale rose silk taffeta and black georgette; Mrs. A. Day, oyster grey silk with touches of blue and rose; Mrs. P. E. Stevens, black and white silk with white beaded embroideries; Mrs. Matthews, black satin charmeuse with wrap of silver tissue; Mrs. R. P. Stewart, black ninon over soft black silk and gold lace; Mrs. F. Wilson, black velvet with gold tissue; Mrs. F. B. Jolly, amethyst satin charmeuse with Eastern embroideries; Mrs. Strang, black georgette over emerald silk; Mrs. Stace, black crepe de chine with panels of rich scarlet embroideries; Mrs. G. Hyde, black silk taffeta with gold tissue; Mrs. Beaven, black chiffon velvet with touches of gold; Mrs. P. O'Meara, black crepe de chine with girdle of jade coloured fruit; Mrs. H. Hopkins, pink silk taffeta with pale blue touches; Miss Jolly, black lace robe over silk taffeta; Miss Watty, geranium charmeuse with bunches of fruit; Miss Stevens, pale blue silk, and tangerine coloured scarf.



Broothorn, Melbourne, photo.

Portrait of a recent visitor to New Zealand, Mrs. A. Christie, wife of Colonel Archibald Christie, late of the Flying Corps in France, who is touring the world on the British Empire Exhibition Mission. Mrs. Christie, who has a delightful personality, is known to a large circle of readers as a writer of clever detective stories, two of which, "The Mysterious Affair at Styles" and "The Secret Adversary," were published recently in London. She has also a story coming out shortly in an Australian magazine. During the war, Mrs. Christie acted as dispenser in the Red Cross Hospital at Torquay.