



Bartlett and Andrew, Wellington, photo.

Miss Lyra Taylor, Wellington's first woman solicitor.

Miss M. Manning, rose coloured silk; Miss E. Hammond, blue charmeuse; Miss B. Hunter, cream silk and lace; Miss I. Ranstead, flame taffeta; Miss T. Ring, peach coloured silk taffeta; Miss Rogerson, mauve satin charmeuse; Miss Wallnutt, blue crêpe de chine; Miss Seavil, lemon silk with black tulle and fur; Miss D. Ring, blue silk taffeta; Miss Coulthard, tomato coloured velvet; Miss Heywood, black net and emerald; Miss Lerner (Auckland), black net and silver.

MRS. and the Misses Hunter gave a delightful farewell afternoon party for Miss Enid Heywood, who is leaving shortly for Wanganui, and also in honour of the return to New Zealand of the Misses Brewis. Mrs. Hunter wore a robe of soft black silk and spangled embroideries; Miss B. Hunter, cream silk; Miss C. Hunter, dark sapphire georgette over primrose silk; Miss Heywood, navy tailored costume and hat to match; Miss R. Brewis, smart grey frock and small black hat; Miss V. Brewis, brown tailored costume and henna coloured straw hat; Miss D. Brewis, dark blue costume, small blue hat. Also present were Mesdames McLean, Polson (Auckland), Fenwick, Gillies, Magnus Johnstone, Tunks, Farrer, Douglas, W. Ranstead, Gower, McFarland, Joseph, A. Bond, Fraser, E. Stewart, Tudhope, Budd, N. Holden, J. Grey, Oliphant, and the Misses G. Tompkins, Roche, F. Jolly, Southey-Baker (3), Chadwick, Donney, McNichol, Valder, Lucas, Yule, A. McPherson, L. Cussen, Clayton-Greene, B. Jolly, Hammond, Jackson, Newell, R. Whyte, Cowie (2) and Beale.

THE Arts and Crafts Society gave a most enjoyable little afternoon in the Alexandra Hall recently in order to exhibit some of their handiwork. Effective decorations with Oriental scarves and masses of daffodils and spring flowers made a pretty setting for the paintings, stitchery and copper work, which were much appreciated by the visitors. These included Mrs. H. Valder, Mrs. Melville Bell, Mrs. E. P. Cowles, Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. H. J. Ferguson, Mrs. Kaber Harrison, Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Strang, Mrs. Lonsdale, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Hyde,

Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Wyatt, and the Misses Roche, Pulliene, J. Dalzell, Roche, Grey, G. Tompkins, Verity, E. Bell and Robinson.—IMOGEN.

#### HAWKES BAY.

THE Returned Soldiers' Ball in Napier was the largest ever held in Hawkes Bay, over 1600 people being present. The hall was decorated with a great number of flags, and a profusion of greenery, specially brought from the bush. The supper-room was delightful with its groups of pink camellias, fruit blossoms and ferns, and balloons of all colours.

Lady Russell wore a handsome frock of black adorned with sequins; Mrs. Boxer, black taffeta, embroidered; Mrs. H. E. Troutbeck, gold lace over soft satin, a trail of flowers over the skirt making a pretty finish; Mrs. Gilray, bronze and black frock trimmed with fruit; Mrs. A. Falls, apricot georgette; Mrs. Braithwaite, rose coloured silk; Mrs. W. W. Moore, black with touches of gold; Mrs. Newbegin, apple green silk with gold lace; Mrs. A. McCarthy, black taffeta with fringe; Mrs. W. A. Russell, black beaded satin with sleeves of lace; Mrs. N. Beatson, black tulle and silk; Mrs. Harvey, black taffeta and lace; Mrs. Arbor, black beaded net and soft satin; Mrs. Mills, beautiful frock of Madonna blue and silver trimmed with fringe; Mrs. Hindmarsh, black ciré lace over silk; Mrs. Berman, black net and silk; Mrs. S. Hannah, radium lace and satin; Mrs. Simpson, heliotrope with bright overdress of pink; Miss Mary Crosse, moss green with radium lace; Miss Dolbel, black and silver; Miss Neill, apricot georgette trimmed with flowers; Miss Dyer, blue satin and net; Miss Curlett, black lace over white; Miss D. Lane, pretty frock of white with silver lace; Miss Armour, rose du Barri charmeuse; Miss Handiside, hyacinth blue and blush pink with gold effects; Miss Pinckney, corn-coloured silk and lace.

Miss Annie Kennedy, of Napier, is contemplating a visit to England early in the New Year.

Miss T. Glassford has left for South Africa, to visit her brother.

Miss Holland, of the Diocesan School, Auckland, is to succeed Miss Hodge, of Woodford House.—CYNTHIA.

#### WELLINGTON.

A VERY largely attended ball was given at Government House recently by Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Viscountess Jellicoe. It was particularly enjoyable, owing to the courtesy shown in introducing visitors to local residents, a somewhat unusual proceeding in these days of casual hospitality. The decorations were very charming, the top of the ballroom and all one side being massed with beautiful flowering pot plants, many of them being cinerarias. The portico, enclosed for the occasion, was arranged with couches and chairs, and groups of palms and tall foliage plants made it a charming sitting-out place. Opening from the large drawing-room is the conservatory, another very pleasant sitting-out place, the corridor and the staircase also being turned to this use. Supper was laid in the dining-room, the billiard-room, and the vestibule with narcissi and other flowers arranged upon the tables. Fires and electric radiators in the different rooms were very pleasant things to see and to feel, as the night, though fine, was bitterly cold.

At nine o'clock Their Excellencies entered the room, and the official set was at once formed, as follows:—Lord Jellicoe with Mrs. Coates, Lady Jellicoe and the Hon. Sir William Fraser; Lady Pomare and the Hon. J. G. Coates, Mrs. F. Seddon and Major-General Sir Edward Chaytor, Lady Chaytor and Mr. T. Seddon, Mrs. Gathorne Hardy and Captain Hamilton, R.N., Mrs. Hamilton and Colonel Gathorne Hardy, Miss Massey and Lieut.-Colonel Gardner.

Lady Jellicoe wore a gown of soft black satin with beaded panels and a slight train. Her ornaments were a rope of pearls and a diamond tiara, and she carried a black ostrich feather fan. Miss Massey wore shot pink and gold tissue with overdress of georgette made with long waisted effect; Lady Pomare's gown was of black tulle with scarlet flowers at the waist, and scarlet shoes; Lady Chaytor wore peacock green satin with Oriental embroideries; Mrs. Hamilton, emerald green georgette; Mrs. T. E. Y. Seddon, white satin with silk fringed overskirt; and Mrs. Gathorne Hardy, an uncommon frock of bronze brown lace over charmeuse, with passementerie embroideries to match. Many very handsome gowns were worn, and with the uniforms worn by naval and military officers the ballroom was a brilliant scene.

AN investiture is an interesting, if formal, occasion, and many guests were present at the investiture and reception which was held at Government House recently. At one time decorations for war services figured

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Mrs. Spence Clark, President of the Dunedin Women's Citizens' League. During her husband's absence at the war Mrs. Clark carried on his business with great success.