

Miss Lily Macey in pink; Miss Ferguson was admired in a pretty shade of pink; Miss Mal Burnes (Wellington) was charming in pink with turquoise and diamond ornaments; Miss Reid and Mary Cooke wore lovely white ribbons; Miss Lilian Horne wore a pretty bright red frock with chiffon frills; Miss Pike (Nelson), wore the prettiest dress in the room—lovely cream silk fully made; Miss Seymour wore a dress in pale pink silk; Miss Farmer, black and *en de vil* ribbons; Miss Bertha Farmer, a pretty pale pink silk frock; Miss Conolly (Auckland), a lovely pale yellow frock with brocade sleeves; Miss Gilman, a lovely pale yellow frock with white ribbon; Miss opera cloak; Miss Dick was pretty in white embroidered muslin and pale blue ribbon; Miss Bell, black with lovely white chrysanthemums; Miss Bartlett, sea green and maroon velvet; Miss Chayer, white; Miss E. Carey, white; Miss Gordon, sapphire blue velvet and pink silk sleeves; Miss L. Stratford, white; Miss Dickens, cream; Miss Muir, black and gold. If I gave the names of half the nice present I should fill up your valuable paper, so must leave them out. Extras were played by Mrs Park and Misses Ferguson and White, and Mr Corrie, and the Kilmarie Masonic ball will long be remembered as a red letter date in Herne Bay.

Last Monday we got a terrible scare, for there was a big fire in town. Clarendon House being gutted, and a portion of the Criterion Hotel caught fire, and had it not been for the strenuous efforts of the Blenheim Fire Brigade, under Captain Snodgrass, aided by some plucky volunteers, the whole of the fine building must have been burnt, and if that had gone half the town might have gone too. The brigade are to be congratulated upon the rapidity with which they got up steam and got the water on, but we sadly need a Salvage Corps here, for more harm was done to furniture and effects last Monday night by rough handling than by fire or water! Albeit, these rescuers had the best intentions possible.

The first Catholic social of the series was held in Ewart's Hall last Wednesday, and was an unequalled success. There must have been four hundred present, and from start to finish all went off well, and everyone seemed to be having a good time, especially a whole army of small boys, who made a raid upon the supper table, and devoured the pocketed wholemeal bread. The supper table was laden with good things, and was prettily set out with vases and pots of flowers in red and green crinkled paper. Miss Leahy was much admired in a pretty pale blue gown, and so was Miss Gordon in black lace over amber. Miss M. J. Burnes wore a stylish cream crepon and more with black lace; Miss Macarney looked very well in black and gold; Miss Dick was pretty in black and amber; Miss Kate Leahy, pretty pink frock; Miss Mabel Macey was very pretty in pink velvet, so was Miss Lily Macey in pink crepon; Mrs H. V. Browne, a pretty shade of pink veiling; Mrs Ryan, cream blouse and black skirt; Mrs P. McEahan, shot silk gown; Mrs Thompson, black silk and red; Miss Barrett, black crepon and navy velvet; Miss M. Nolan, pink and black; Miss J. Cameron, pink; Miss Davis, black and cream; Mesdames C. Redwood, C. Kerr, J. Dodson, Fuller, Penny, and Misses Nolan, Hodson, Hunt, Kerr, Hodson, Hodson, Hodson, Hodson, Sullivan, Murphy, O'Dwyer, Whitton, Clayton, Penny, the Rev. Father Macanaira, and Dougherty, Messrs H. V. Browne, Christensen, P. Meighan, Hodson, Hodson, Hodson, Hodson, Thompson, Pasley, E. Conolly, E. Dodson, S. Little, Simon, H. Smith, G. Horton, C. Clark, O'Leary, Green, McCallister, etc., etc. The music was supplied by the Blenheim band, led by Mr Vanman.

His many friends in Marlborough and the public generally will be grieved to hear of the very serious illness of Mr Charles Watts, of Lansdowne.

SINCERITY.

DEAR BEB, JULY 1.

The first of this year's CATHOLIC SOCIALS was held in Ewart's Hall on Wednesday last, and as usual was a decided success. The arrangements were all perfect, especially the supper, which was under the supervision of Mesdames C. Redwood, Browne, Fuller, Dick, McEahan, and McMonagle. To please the rising generation, the "powders that be" allowed waltzing on this occasion, and that entrancing mode of whirling around the room was greatly enjoyed.

THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION are doing a good work among us. Their new rooms in High-street, are very attractive, and all sorts of illustrated papers and books are some of the inducements held out to those who frequent the streets and bars of public-houses, and lately the Union have started free lecture courses, which are very successful. On Saturday evening the items rendered consisted of readings, recitations, instrumental and vocal selections, those assisting being Mrs Kerr, Misses Rose, Girling, Parker, Brewster, the Rev. Mr Tee and Mr Cramp.

THE MERRY GO-ROUND is departing for fresh fields, having closed a most successful season on Saturday last. Some folk growl at the amount of money taken out of the pockets of the blue monidness of life in an inland town, the doctors' bills and patent tonics required when we have nothing to amuse us. We hope the merry-go-round will visit us again. One of our citizens, Mr. Fox, has just broken the world's record in club-swinging in Wellington. He and his daughter have been giving exhibitions of the "art" in various places of late. Still another departure from our midst, Mr and Mrs Booth, who have resided here for some years, left by the Waikato on Friday for Christchurch, whither Mr Booth has been transferred. Mr and Mrs Booth have been zealous church and choir workers, and will be much missed in many respects.

NELSON.

DEAR BEB, JULY 3

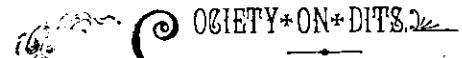
One of the MOST ENJOYABLE LITTLE DANCES we have been to for a long time was given by Mrs Glasgow on Tuesday at "Brooklands." The floor was perfect. One could have gone on dancing for hours without feeling tired, so that it is not to be wondered at that every one had a good time, and especially our sex, as wonderful to say, there were quite half a dozen more girls than men, and the fact is, the wide verandah was enclosed and carpeted, and made a snug retreat after the dances. Mrs Glasgow received her guests in the drawing-room, and wore a rich black velvet, trimmed, and dainty cap. Mrs A. Pasley wore a most becoming blouse of pale shade of silk with pretty striped gauze over it, and black silk skirt; Miss Glasgow looked extremely well in a pretty gown of gold coloured brocade trimmed with lovely lace; Miss Glasgow, her debutant's gown of pretty soft silk; Miss Tomlinson, in *butane*, simple and girlish gown of white net over silk, the net being edged with rows of bebe ribbon; Miss Sealy, becoming black silk and lace; Miss Edwards, pretty gown of pale pink silk; Miss Leiger looked handsome in black velvet; Miss Pitt, creamy gown, long silk sash; Miss McLean, cream crepon with gold bands; Miss Mackay, dark green velvet with pale blue silk corsage; Miss Bell (Picton), pretty soft white silk trimmed simply with gold insertion; Miss Broad, pale pink aursh with group velvet sleeves; Miss J. Macdonald, soft white crepon; Miss Lightfoot, black skirt, pale pink evening blouse, and long sash; Miss Fell wore a bright red gown, the skirt being strikingly trimmed with black jet bands; Miss K. Fell wore a very pretty gown of soft grey silk belted with silver braid; Miss Heape, white brocade, high necked and long, the corsage being trimmed with jet; Miss Currie, pretty white crepon with white sleeves; Miss Hubbard, cream crepon; Miss Wright, pale blue crepon and silk; Miss L. Gibbs, white gown relieved with blue; Messrs Glasgow (three), Leach (three), Hodson, Tane, Wills, Green, Low, Washbourne, Marshall, Fre-haw, Saxton, Dunn, Mackay, Broad (three), Tomlinson, Macdonald, Corrigan, Hamilton (two), etc.

THIRD ASSEMBLY

eventuated on Wednesday, July 3rd, and notwithstanding the fact of having danced until late in the night (or morning) before it, every one was most energetic. Some of those present were Mrs

and Miss Broad, Mrs and Miss Tomlinson, Misses Sealy, Miss Hubbard, Miss Glasgow, Mrs L. Glasgow, Miss Gannaway, Miss Heape, Miss Currie, Miss Mackay, Miss Wright, Messrs Green, Low, Glasgow, Lane, Broad, Humeau, Corrigan, Withier, Levien, Fre-haw, Washbourne, Tomlinson, etc.

PHYLIS.



THAT very cordial congratulations are tendered throughout the colony to Lady Augusta Boyle on her recovering the use of her ankle once more.

That there is an epidemic of hoops in Picton, a correspondent averring that every child in the place has invested in one. Processions are formed, and the fun is fast and furious—especially for nervous old gentleman, and daintily frocked ladies. Hoop-la!

That a Chinese Missionary is visiting the Chinese residents of Picton. The Maoris call him a 'Rangitira Wi-wi!'

That the Government objected to the proposal of some Auckland educational enthusiasts to provide an excursion train at low rates to Kaipara, in order to give the Board school children an object lesson on the twenty-seven dead and odorous whales now being vigorously dissected on the beach.

That as the Christchurch huntsmen and hounds are not trained to aquatics, there was no meet last week; the country much resembling a huge swamp.

That Mrs Macdonald's 'At Home' in Christchurch was very successful, professional musicians being engaged.

That Mrs Cutten (Anderson's Bay, Dunedin) had very tasteful table decorations at her luncheon party on Thursday, some lovely hot-house plants being a feature of the decoration.

That the *beau* of the Masonic ball, Blenheim, was Mr Cyril Gregory, whose regalia was universally pronounced 'most becoming.'

That there is intensely cold weather in Christchurch; heavy snow in Otago; gales in Wellington; and continuous showers in Auckland.

That at the Ladies' Savage Club in Dunedin the originally painted programmes are real works of art.

That all over the colony a return to the fur-skin clothing of pre-historic man is proposed.

That a visitor remarks on the improved style in hair-dressing visible amongst the New Zealand ladies, especially at the Wellington Club hall, when some really pretty coiffures were visible. He hopes the fair ones will now pay attention to a 'woman's crown of glory.'

That the Wellington Hunt Club Steeplechase, which takes place on Saturday, 13th July, will doubtless draw a large number of spectators.

ENGAGEMENTS.

MISS ISABEL PORTER, of Ponsoby, to Mr Audley Jones, of the Auckland Postal Department.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR WALTER A. HAWKINS TO MISS MAY S. BRACE.

ON the 27th June at the Church of the Nativity, Blenheim, Mr Walter Arnold Hawkins, clerk of the Court at Wellington (recently of Blenheim), was married to Miss May Sara Brace, of Blenheim. The ceremony was performed by the Venerable Archdeacon Grace, and was witnessed by a very large number of interested onlookers, both bride and bridegroom being well liked in Blenheim.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr Marshall (Nelson), and was attended by two bridesmaids—Miss Horton and Miss Bessie Smith, Mr E. Pasley acting as best man.

The bride was much admired in a handsome cream corded silk gown with train, long tulle veil and orange blossoms, and she carried a pretty shower bouquet of white flowers and foliage.

The bridesmaids looked very well in a becoming shade of pink veiling nicely made, white sailor hats with pink ribbon bands and rosettes, and white tulle veils.

MRS BRACE, the mother of the bride, looked well in handsome black silk with jet, and jet bonnet, and was accompanied by her two sons. Mr and Mrs W. A. Hawkins left for Wellington, the bride wearing a becoming tweed travelling dress and pretty toque.

This happy pair were the recipients of a number of nice wedding presents, and the wedding, though quiet and simple, was very pretty. Mr Royers officiated at the organ, the several voluntaries, (which made the time we had to wait before the bride appeared pass all too quickly) and the grand 'Wedding March' at the close were beautifully played by a lady visitor.

MR LANE TO MISS HUTTON.

ON Thursday afternoon, a pretty, though very quiet wedding took place at St. Michael's Church, Christ-

church, when Miss Hutton, daughter of Professor Hutton, was married to Mr Lancelot Lane, of Eastcote, Waikari.

THE REV. CANON HARPER performed the ceremony, and the bride, who wore her travelling dress—a very pretty brown costume with electric blue vest and hat to match—was given away by her father, and attended by one small bridesmaid—Miss Nettie Wells, who looked very dainty in pretty velvet frock and picture hat of sage green.

MRS HUTTON, mother of the bride, wore black brocade, with touches of geranium in a black bonnet; Mrs Lane, handsome long mantle with brown bear trimming; Miss Grigg wore a neat tweed costume; Mesdames Maitland, Rich, and Vernon were also present, but the guests were confined to the immediate circle of the bride and bridegroom's friends.

CAPTAIN and MRS HUTTON received the wedding party at their home, Armagh-street, and shortly afterwards the happy pair left for Little River, *en route* for Akaroa, by the 4 p.m. train.

MR MANSON TO MISS BRAITHWAITE.

ON Tuesday, July 2nd, a very pretty wedding was celebrated at the Cathedral, Dunedin, between Mr J. M. Manson and Miss Mabel Braithwaite, eldest daughter of Mr Joseph Braithwaite. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Neville. The church was decorated very prettily with white chrysanthemums and white satin ribbon; graceful pot plants bound round with white crepon papers lined the chancel.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked exceedingly pretty in a becoming gown of grey bengaline silk, the bodice almost entirely covered with pearl passementerie, a handsome embroidered veil with wreath of orange blossoms was on her hair.

THE first bridesmaid was Miss Bellit, who wore grey with white trimmings to match the bridal dress. Two little boys and two little girls dressed in white and yellow costumes, with large white felt hats, followed her. Mr Bellit acted as best man.

The bride's mother wore a very handsome dress of black corded silk trimmed with passementerie, quaint bonnet of yellow straw with yellow flowers.

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