

BLENHHEIM.

DEAR BEE, FEBRUARY 23. The bad weather has put a stop to most festivities this week, but on Thursday a good many put in their appearance at...

MRS GRIFFITHS' AT HOME. In spite of the chilly afternoon, I noticed present, Meadams, T. Redwood, Singson, Robinson, McIntosh, Howard, Earp, Orr, A. Farmer, Howard, Dodds, Jackson, Mearns, G. Lewis, Martin, Redwood, F. Smith, B. Horton, Worthington, Dodson, L. Farmer, and Messrs Griffiths, J. H. Smith, E. Conolly, Bunting, S. Hodson, etc. The ladies were seasonably clad in warm gowns...

On Friday we had a very severe gale in the teeth of which Lord and Lady Hopetoun, Lord Newbould, accompanied by Mr. Beaumont, drove into Blenheim from Starborough. They stayed at the Criterion Hotel till Saturday morning when they left by train for Picton to join the Hinemoa, which had been dispatched from Wellington. It was a most unfortunate and unfortunate...

TO-NIGHT the Blenheim City Rifles meet at Captain Griffiths' for their yearly social which has been postponed three times on account of the rain, but we hope the weather will be more propitious to-night.

DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEE, MARCH 2. (Crowded out of last issue.) SECOND DAY.

Thursday was also a fine day, but there was not a great crowd of ladies present. It was very pleasant upon the lawn, and the dresses were seen to advantage upon the lawn, large balloons sleeves of a contrasting shade and different materials to the dress were worn with a goodly number in the Empire style, the hats trimmed high in front and the hair curled at the back of the head...

AMONG THE VISITORS

On Cup Day were Mrs Alan Scott (Christchurch), wearing a stylish black costume with corset bodice, the upper part and sleeves being pale grey silk, black and grey bonnet; Miss C. Reid (Picton), pretty fancy delaine with pink and blue ribbons; Mrs W. Hutton (Picton), pretty black crepon with light blue facings; Miss Buckley (Dunedin), pale heliotrope, with black and heliotrope hat; Miss Menlove (Dunedin), dark blue costume with scarlet facings, blue and red hat; Miss Reid (Dunedin), pale grey with rows of white braid; Miss Backhouse (Sydney), smart tweed with zouave jacket, vest and sleeves of olive green velvet, picture hat with feathers; Miss Moffat (Invercargill), white delaine, trimmed with pale green silk and lace, huge white hat and feathers; Mrs McDonald (Sydney), pale grey silk, with black lace trimmings, and black jet bonnet. On the second day of the races there were also a number of pretty dresses worn by visitors. The Hon. Mrs Parker (Christchurch), stylish brown tweed with brown velvet hat and trimmings, brown hat; Mrs Storey (Sydney), fawn coloured crepon, with black lace epaulettes; Mrs J. Campbell (Christchurch), dark blue serge; Mrs Alan Scott (Christchurch), show black and blue with the bodice in black and blue; Mrs McDonald (Sydney), heliotrope delaine trimmed with narrow bands of violet velvet, black and heliotrope hat; Miss Stewart (Scotland), fawn trimmed with green; Miss McCurdy (Aberdeen), blue and white crepon trimmed with lace, white hat; Miss Backhouse (Sydney), white serge with jet trimmings, and black ribbons; Mrs McDonald (Sydney), shot silk covered with black lace; Miss Buckley (Dunedin), pale pink crepon; Miss Buckley (Dunedin), pale grey lined with pink and pink trimmings; Mrs Stevens (Christchurch), brown striped tweed trimmed with jet.

THE RACE HALL.

There were so many handsome dresses it is difficult to say which looked best. Mrs Mason looked remarkably well in a very handsome broad of delicate pink colour. It had a beautiful ruffles of lace; Mrs J. Mills, handsome yellow brocade with yellow velvet sleeves and trimmings; the Hon. Mrs Parker wore a stylish pink brocade with beautiful hat; Mrs Storey wore a pink brocade made loose in front and with long Watteau train; Mrs A. Scott (Christchurch), cream coloured silk with lemon coloured velvet sleeves; Mrs J. Davidson, handsome green brocade; Mrs Orton (Dunedin), pale pink silk trimmed with lace; Mrs H. McKenzie, pale green silk with a Watteau train, relieved a little with pale pink; Mrs Johnson, stylish black costume with large green velvet sleeves; there were a number of dresses present; and a great many pure white dresses were worn. Miss Kate Mills looked very well in lilac white corded silk made in Empire style, masses of white lace round the neck; she carried a lovely white bouquet; Mrs Bell (Melbourne), another debutante; she wore a lovely white mervellous, with cross folds of soft white lace on the bodice; she also carried an exquisite white bouquet; Miss Peop Gibson, a very stylish white mervellous

with Watteau train, the bodice being trimmed with narrow bands of silver and embroidered chiffon; Miss K. Stephenson wore rich white corded silk, the skirt more heavily trimmed, and the bodice trimmed with embroidered chiffon; Miss K. Neill, lovely white and silver brocade with bunches of lily of the valley draping the skirt and bodice; Miss Backhouse (Sydney), pale blue trimmed with jet and heliotrope; black jet waist belt; Miss F. Sise, rich white silk; Miss Gibson, yellow silk trimmed with three heliotrope silk frills; the bodice was trimmed with heliotrope silk and long heliotrope ribbons at the back; Miss Dymock, pale pink mervellous with large sleeves; Miss Backhouse (Melbourne), pale pink and green silk, with lace trimming the bodice; Mrs R. McMaster, handsome pink brocade with trimmings of Maltese lace; Miss Buckley (Dunedin), handsome bougainvillee dress, the front being embroidered chiffon; Miss Menlove (Dunedin), red velvet trimmings and large red sleeves; Miss Reid, electric blue silk trimmed with ruffles of the silk; Miss C. Reid, pretty white satin; Miss Wright, rich white corded silk hanging loose in front from the neck, and a long Watteau train; Miss Greenwood, white silk with red Empire sash; Miss E. Farquhar, pink and white striped grenadine, hanging loose in front from a pink velvet yoke, and sleeves of the velvet; Miss Gardner, black velvet with yellow ribbons; Miss Moffat, white crepon with large sleeves; Miss Stewart, pale pink Liberty silk; Miss Black, handsome black silk with buttercup velvet sleeves, veiled in black lace; Miss A. Roberts, pretty white silk with delicate white embroidery; Mrs McDonald (Sydney), Miss M. Williams, white striped silk with yellow velvet collar and trimmings.

PICTON.

DEAR BEE, FEBRUARY 23. I am sending for 'Topics' an account of the DELIGHTFUL CONVERSATION

given by the residents of the town and district to welcome Mr and Mrs Sedgewick back amongst us. As there were more than three hundred people present I can only attempt to describe a few dresses worn by the ladies. Miss Duncan wore handsome black silk and lace; Mrs Mellish, black satin, and lovely white lace pelorine and cap; Mrs Baillie (Para), black brocade; Mrs Rutherford, black velvet with yellow ribbons; Mrs McIntyre, light silk with large collar, and new circular cap of Limerick point; Mrs A. P. Seymour, black velvet and white lace; Mrs Speed, handsome black Lyons silk; Mrs Sedgewick, dark green silk; Mrs P. C. Seymour, black mervellous and pink ribbon bows; Mrs Waddy, well-fitting dark costume with collar and cuffs of white gypure; Mrs Scott, black mervellous, pretty circular cap of lace and ribbon; Mrs Baillie, black silk and white lace frills; Mrs Allen, black; Mrs Gard, black with gold; Mrs Philpotts, black; Miss Linton wore white muslin, and managed the musical part of the entertainment in quite a mastery manner; Miss Hassel wore white lace over pink; Misses L. Falconer, pink muslin; M. Philpotts, white muslin and black bows; S. Philpotts, black; M. Greensill, French grey brocade; A. Scott, fawn cashmere with silk facings; M. Speed, white; B. Waddy, white; E. Waddy, fawn cashmere; M. Greensill, cream flowered delaine; Mrs Allen, black skirt, white blouse; M. Seymour, pretty frock of fawn striped material; K. Seymour, pink delaine, and I. Seymour, skirt and pale blue blouse; A. White, pale blue frock with puffed sleeves and ribbon bows; Miss Hay wore cream delaine; Miss Speed, navy blue surah silk with white pattern; Miss Howard, black; Miss Carey, white muslin. All wore pretty flowers and had bright faces, so I need not say how welcome their appearance with places of cakes and all sorts of good things to every delighted on our returned wanderers. On Sunday afternoon a party of ladies and gentlemen consisting of Mr and Mrs Rutherford, Mrs Allen, Mr Gudgeon, Miss Speed, Miss M. Speed, and Miss Nora Allen, were entertained at

AFTERNOON TEA ON BOARD H.M.S. RINGDOVE in the Captain's sanctum sanctorum. They were shown over the ship, and saw the non parade, and listened to many interesting stories of the ship's cruise around the Islands of the Pacific. On Monday Mr and Mrs Rutherford gave a most delicious little dinner at their residence Fern Hill. The guests were Mr and Mrs Waddy, Captain Bain, Mrs Allen, and Mrs Speed. One or two other invited guests were unavoidably absent.

PERSONALIA.

Pictonians are pleased to know that Mr Waddy, of the Bank of New Zealand, who has been absent on sick leave, is about to take up his duties again, and Mr T. Moutat of the Blenheim branch, who has been on relieving duty, will return to his old office. The Misses M. and I. Seymour, M. Philpotts, and A. Scott, who have been visiting Captain Harris' family at Richmond Bay, Pelorus Sound, have returned to Picton, and look all the better for their charming holiday, which was full of interest from beginning to end. Lawn and water excursions were frequent, tennis matches, dancing and musical evenings, visitors also were quite an everyday affair, as also were earthquakes, after the earthquake of Sunday morning, which was severely felt in that locality. Mrs Linton, who is going Home for a trip in the Coptic, invited her friends to

A FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

on Tuesday. Quite a goodly gathering rolled up, amongst whom were Mrs Scott in black grenadine, and handsome long black lace mantle, bonnet of black straw with cream tips and flowers; Mrs Gard, black silk, and lace mantle, bonnet with yellow flowers; Mrs Speed, in black, and black jet bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Rutherford, dark brown cotton with coloured chrysanthemums, white hat with terra-cotta bows and cream chrysanthemums, baby ribbon strings; Mrs Fitzgerald, pretty pale blue cashmere with white vest, collar and gaudies; Mrs McShane, dark costume; Mrs McIntosh white muslin; Mrs Philpotts, black; Mrs H. C. Seymour, spotted blue cotton, black lace straw hat with pretty pink flowers; Mrs Allen, black; Miss Greensill, white Indian muslin prettily embroidered in pink, etc.

JEAN.

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