

started during the winter months when the necessary repairs and improvements are being made to the courts.

I suppose Marlborough ladies are not unique when they fail to appreciate the "thoughtful consideration" of some of the clerical members of the General Synod in regard to our rights in church matters. Is it any wonder that we take so little interest in a religion which upholds a man—be he never such a dummy, and worse—in a position in the church and condemns a woman, because she is a woman, though her abilities and honour may soar as far above the ordinary lay reader, or even a bishop, as the stars are above the earth? Women are far more religious than men, though there are many Peck-sniffs in the world still, and it seems strange that the worm has not turned long ago, and taken up a religion in which men—and particularly narrow-minded men—have no part.

MIRANDA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, February 10.

Quite the nicest thing in the way of a MUSICAL EVENING

in Christchurch for a very long time was given by Mrs. Elworthy, "Inglewood," Papanni-road, on Friday, when she was "At Home" to a large number of friends to introduce Miss Lloyd Hassell, of Timaru, who has just returned from England, after completing her musical education. Miss Hassell's singing gave intense pleasure. A dainty and delicious supper was served in an interval, and a most enjoyable time spent by all. Mrs. Elworthy received in a handsome gown of black satin, faintly trimmed with silver cord and lovely white lace fichu; Miss Elworthy, eau de Nil silk, embroidered in cream, chiffon sleeves; Miss M. Elworthy, pale green crepe de chine, with handsome cream insertion; Mrs. W. Bond, pale blue silk under lace, the bodice finished with cream and pink roses, full chiffon sleeves; Mrs. J. Bond, rich black brocade, long white accordion chiffon sleeves, transparent yoke; Mrs.

Bond, black satin gown, the bodice trimmed with white; Mrs. Wigram, black chiffon over silk, thin net angel sleeves; Mrs. G. G. Stead, black satin, relieved with white and pale blue choux on bodice, beautiful diamond ornaments and tiara; Mrs. A. E. G. Rhodes, white satin, with overskirt of net, embroidered in sequins; Mrs. Alister Clark, white satin, with sequin net overskirt, with pearl and sapphire ornaments; Mrs. J. Gould, a lovely brocade of pink roses and foliage on cream ground, bodice finished with chiffon, pearl ornaments; Mrs. P. Campbell, black satin and jet; Mrs. Reeves, black velvet, white lace fichu; Miss Reeves, black evening dress; Mrs. Wilding, black satin; Mrs. Wardrop, white silk gown, trimmed with pink roses; Mrs. Ogle, pale grey crepe de chine; Mrs. Lee, black skirt and pink evening blouse; Mrs. H. W. Loughnan, black satin, trimmed with white chiffon, full sleeves of the chiffon; Miss Loughnan, white silk; Miss Wilding, pale blue satin; Mrs. R. Macdonald, black silk, trimmed with white lace; Miss Cook, white satin, veiled with black net; Miss L. Cook, pink satin; Mrs. G. Gould, cream and gold brocade, gold belt, pearl ornaments; Mrs. H. M. Reeves, pale blue satin, finished with cream lace; Mrs. J. M. Turnbull, black chiffon, with white pin spot, the frills on the skirt edged with white ribbon; Mrs. H. Cotterill, black satin, and white lace berthe; Mrs. P. Smith, white silk; Mrs. Vernon, black satin and jet; Mrs. Haswell, grey voile; Mrs. Deans, black silk; Miss Deans, white silk and chiffon, with bright red berries on the bodice; Mrs. Burns, white brocade, and angel sleeves of chiffon, scarlet flowers on bodice; Mrs. H. P. Woodroffe cream satin and lace, strapped with green velvet ribbon; Mrs. Crooke, cream figured silk, trimmed with black; Miss Graham, all black; Mrs. Archer, Mr. and Mrs. T. Cowlshaw, Dr. and Miss Moorhouse, Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hill, the Misses Hill (2), Heimore, Hassell, Cox, Lee, Cleveland, Moore, Professor and Mrs. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, Professor and Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. W. Fox, Mrs. Inman, Messrs. J. Bond, A. E. G. Rhodes, Gould (2), Stead, Lane, Turnbull, P. Campbell, Wallick,

etc. Among others who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were Mrs. Burns, Mrs. P. Smith, the Misses Cook (2), Mr. H. M. Reeves, Dr. Crooke, and Mr. H. H. Loughnan.

AT POLO

On Saturday a very pleasant afternoon was spent, the weather being lovely. Mrs. Heaton Rhodes dispensed delicious afternoon tea. A large number of people were present, including Sir Donald and Lady Robertson, Captain Heaton Rhodes, Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Mr and Mrs Alister Clark (Melbourne), Mr and Mrs J. Gould, Mr and Mrs J. D. Hall, Mr and Mrs J. H. Beswick, Mr and Mrs T. Cowlshaw, Mrs and Miss Boyle, Mrs and Miss Wilder, Mrs Wardrop, Mr and Mrs Lance, Mr and Mrs G. Gould and many others.

Mrs W. Reece gave

A MOST ENJOYABLE PICNIC

for her young friends last week at "Wainoni," when among those present were the Misses Reece, Raine, Elmslie, Anderson, March and Prins, the Misses Reece, Anderson, Thomas, Morton, Anderson and Hill

A DELIGHTFUL LUNCHEON

was given by Mrs T. Cowlshaw during the week The table was placed outside under the trees in a cool and shady

spot Among the guests were the Misses Lee, Reeves, Hill, Elworthy, Fitzgerald, Cleveland and Kettle.

The Misses Devenish Meares, "Tootooa," Papanni-road, gave

A PLEASANT EVENING

to their girl friends before their sister left for the North Island. A small force was acted by the Misses Denniston and Devenish-Meares, followed by a dainty little supper and dancing. Among those present were Mrs H. O. D. Meares, Mrs Denniston, the Misses Denniston, Turner, Prins, Molineaux, Thomas, and several more.

Mrs Wardrop gave

A BRIDGE PARTY

on Thursday at the Bank House, Hereford-street, which was greatly enjoyed by all present, amongst whom were Mrs and Miss Lee, Mrs Wigram, Mrs and Miss Kettle, Mrs Woodroffe, Mrs T. Cowlshaw, Mrs J. M. Turnbull, Mrs Beswick, Mrs J. Gould, Mrs G. Gould, Mrs W. Fox, and Miss Cleveland.

The garden party for the Children's Aid Society fixed for the 18th is to be held at Stroran, in Mr G. G. Stead's beautiful grounds, kindly lent for the occasion, and given fine weather will or should be well patronised.

DOLLY VALE.



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