

Dyer, black satin; Mrs Welsh (vice-president of the league), black satin and lace, and a cluster of violets; Mrs Moore (secretary), black brocade and chiffon; Miss Moore, pale blue Oriental satin; Mrs J. F. Wright, black satin; her daughter was in turquoise blue; Miss Tester, black satin, veiled in net; Miss Tester, pink mervelieux; Mrs Ester, black satin; Mrs Hamilton, black silk voile; Mrs Jackson, grey crepe de chine; Mrs Barr, black satin and poppies.

The next 'Friseo steamer will bring back Mr and Mrs R. L. Levin, who have abandoned their trip Home, owing to the fatal accident to Mrs Levin's mother, which came as a terrible shock to everybody.

Mrs George Harper (Christchurch) is visiting her sister, Mrs Frank Loughnan.

Quite a number of weddings are coming off at Easter, including those of Miss Amy Pownall and Mr Oscar Kember; Miss Irene Taplin and Mr Frank Leekie; and Miss Mabel Blundell and Mr Arthur Smith.

Once the Lenten season is over we are to have some dances. Miss Borsae's subscription dances are beginning in April, and Miss Pearson is getting up some "Cinderella's" with the aid of Mrs Fitchett. The tennis ball is another in prospect, and Mrs Fulton is giving a ball. Quite a number of girls are to "come out" at the last mentioned, which is to be quite a big affair.

Among the teas given last week was a small one by Mrs Edwin, in honour of Mrs and Miss Martin (Napier), who were staying with her. Mrs Edwin wore black brocade, and her daughters were in white silk dresses. Among those present were the Misses Harding, Lady Stout, Mrs and the Misses Quick, Mrs Watson, Mrs Fitchett, Mrs and Miss Ewen.

Dunedin girls are noted for their enterprise, and one of their number is Miss Macandrew, who has come to Wellington, and intends to start an art needlework depot, in conjunction with tea rooms. Such a venture is badly needed in Wellington, where the few tea rooms are always crowded, and novel designs in fancy work are very difficult to get. At present Miss Macandrew is staying with Mrs Leslie Reynolds.

OPHELIA.

NELSON.

Dear Bee, March 7.

On Thursday week a most enjoyable little dance was given at Mr O'Brien's, Wakapuaka. An excellent floor, the beautiful grounds, and a beautiful moonlight night all helped to make a very pleasant evening. Mrs Dokamore kindly acted as chaperone. Others present were Miss Stevens, Miss Glasgow, Miss Robinson, Misses Leggatt, Misses Ledger, Miss Eawson (Wellington), Miss Clifford, Messrs O'Brien, Rowley, Russell, Hamilton, De Sourrettes, Yates, Leggatt.

Notwithstanding a very wet night the surprise party at Mrs Hamilton's on Friday night was very much enjoyed. Those present were—Mrs F. Hamilton, in black; Miss Rawson, white lace over blue silk; Miss Webb Bowen, black;

Mrs Smith, white silk; Miss Glasgow, black voile; Miss Clifford, pink silk; Miss Harris; Miss Robinson; Misses E. and J. Ledger, Miss Hodson, Misses Boyd, Messrs Hamilton (3), Levin, Edwards, Cook, Peraton, Russell, De Sourrettes, Houliker (2), Hobey, Deschaler, Yates.

Mrs Steven's handkerchief tea, as a farewell to Miss Bunney, took place on Wednesday afternoon. Mr Stevens received her guests in black; Miss Bunney, in a pale green delaine and large black hat, stood by a small table, on which each guest laid her handkerchief, all of which were afterwards placed in a sachet of yellow satin and point lace—the present of Mrs Stevens. The guests were each given pieces of paper on which was written the word "handkerchief," out of which they had to make as many words as possible in a given time. The prize, a silver shoe horn, was won by Miss Hilda Trent, with 118 words. Some of the guests were—Mrs Bunney, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Watts, Mrs Dodson, Miss M. Bunney, Miss Gribben, Miss Robertson, Miss Gibbs.

On Saturday week the final for Mr Macquarie's prize were played at the Brook Courts, the winners being Miss Robinson and Miss Leggatt.

WAKATU.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, March 8.

The W.C.T.U. Convention now being held in Blenheim is creating a stir. Blenheim has been taken possession of by the delegates, who are billeted out like soldiers in war time. The convention opened on Thursday afternoon with a very successful reception in the Wesley Hall, which was decorated for the occasion. Addresses of welcome by various temperance advocates, appropriate songs and afternoon tea were indulged in on this first occasion. On Friday evening a largely-attended public meeting was held in Ewart's Hall, and on Monday night the entertainment of the Union "Congress of Nations" was held, about 50 local young people representing the different nations.

The members of the Marlborough Club gave a social to their lady friends on Friday evening in the club rooms. High-street. Dancing, whist, progressive euchre, music—vocal and instrumental—went off very successfully. The dresses were very pretty, and a de-serve greatly enjoyed.

The Supreme Court is now sitting in Blenheim, and, fortunately for us, no criminal cases are on the list, though some interesting civil cases will most likely take up a good deal of the Chief Justice's time.

Exhibition matters are going on smoothly, and presently we hope to make Marlborough famous by holding as good an exhibition as can be raised lightful supper and delicious claret cup in the colony.

A lecture was delivered in Picton on Thursday by Nurse Speed, who went out to South Africa during the late war, and was enrolled on the Imperial staff of nurses. A good audience listened to her advocacy of the need of military nursing establishments, and agreed with

her though they could not help her. She wore her nurses uniform, and displayed the King and Queen's medals, the badge of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and Princess Christian's medal for nurses. The Hon. Captain Baillie and Lieut. Swanwick, of the Waitohi Rifle, occupied seats on the stage, and the Mayor, Dr. Redman, was in the chair.

The funeral of the Rev. E. Emsor, who was drowned at Gisborne, took place on Sunday at Marlboroughtown, the remains having been brought here for interment. A large number of people were present, and many beautiful floral tributes of affection from his neighbours and friends rested on the coffin and grave.

At the Misses Greensill's (Picton) afternoon on Wednesday there were present Messrs Greensill (2), the Hon. Captain and Mrs Baillie, Mrs and Miss E. M. Allen, Mrs Riddell, Mrs H. J. Howard, Mrs Wolff, Misses Philpott's (2) and others.

MIRANDA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, March 9.

Nothing but grey wet skies greeted us last week, and the barometer was watched very closely on Wednesday, when Mr and Mrs Gilbert Anderson had invited a number of friends to

A GARDEN PARTY

at their pretty home, "Bryndwr." The occasion was a double one, that of bidding good-bye to Miss Flo Bullen (Miss Anderson's sister) prior to her marriage, and celebrating the anniversary of Mr and Mrs Anderson's wedding day. The grounds were looking lovely. Mr and Mrs Anderson received on the lawn, Miss Flo Bullen assisting. Mrs Anderson looked exceedingly well in black spotted with white, the bodice inset with white lace and trimmed with insertions, black hat; Miss Flo Bullen, shrimp pink voile trimmed with narrow black velvet, black hat; Miss Bullen (Kaikoura), a sweet gown of heliotrope silk beautifully embroidered with lace braid, pretty hat; Miss F. Bullen (Kaikoura), grey voile trimmed with lace, grey and green hat; the Misses Anderson (2), white muslin frocks and white hats; Mrs Adair, slate grey canvas flecked with white, lace vest and touches of black velvet, sequin toque; Mrs Erwin, black gown, white lace vest and trimming, sequin hat; Mrs W. D. Wood, all black; Mrs Henry Wood, black voile with emerald green chain, large black hat; Mrs J. V. Ross, all black; Mrs Derry Wood, cornflower blue canvas, pretty hat to match; Mrs Hepworth, royal blue with handsome motifs of ceru lace, ceru net vest, picture hat; Mrs R. B. Bennett, biscuit canvas over pink trimmed with lace, black hat; Mrs Murchison, cream canvas, black and cream hat; Miss Murchison, a similar gown with narrow black ribbon and cream lace motifs; Mrs B. M. Litchfield, turquoise blue canvas with black and white trimming, white silk vest, black picture hat; Mrs McDougall, black gown relieved with white, bonnet to match; Mrs Roerfort Snow, black brocade, the deep collar edged with chiffon

and applied with Honiton lace, picture hat; Mrs R. Anderson, green voile with hat to match; Miss Connal, handsome black costume and shaded red roses in bonnet; Mrs T. Garrard, pale grey voile with cream lace insertions, black and white hat; Mrs H. D. Carter, pale green crepe gown with handsome applique on bodice, black and pink straw toque; Miss Carter, navy coat and skirt, cream lace vest, black and white hat; Miss Bullen (England), tussore silk with heliotrope waistbelt and collar, large black hat; Mrs Harman Reeves, black voile trimmed with pale blue and cream lace, large black hat; Mrs Leicester Matson, cream canvas, black picture hat; Mrs Bickerton Fisher, black voile finished with lace and touch of orange velvet, black picture hat; Miss Fisher, cream canvas, with pale blue sash and chon, cream hat trimmed with forget-me-nots and silk to match; Misses Louison, navy costumes of similar coat style trimmed with Oriental embroidery; Mrs Tapper, navy gown stole ends of Oriental embroidery; Mrs M. Cholmondeley, pale grey canvas prettily trimmed with cream lace, cream hat; Miss Bowen, pale green gown, long linen coat, picture hat; Miss K. Wood, biscuit muslin with black spot, pale blue chon, black hat; Misses Ross (2), soft white silk gowns inset with cream insertion, picture hats; Mrs A. Kaye, pale green with white stripe trimmed with lace, black toque; Mrs Chilton, slate grey Etou costume with stole ends, trimmed with embroidery, white lace vest, and pretty hat; Mrs



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