

linen and cream insertion, hat to match; Mrs Pyne, white linen costume, black hat; Mrs Vernon, all black; Mrs Blunt, grey coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs G. Gould, black coat and skirt, black hat and feathers, and touch of pink chiffon; Mrs W. B. Cowlishaw, pale grey voile; Mrs W. Fox, cream serge and pretty hat with pink roses; Mrs E. Turrell, green linen skirt, white silk blouse; Miss Elworthy, pale green silk skirt, white satin blouse, tan cloth coat with green velvet collar; Miss Rutherford (Amuri), green linen costume, hat to match with cornflowers; Mesdames Archer, Harley, J. R. Scott, Misses Wynn-Williams, Tabart, Mills, and others were present.

Bridge (or as I saw the other day the correct spelling was "brich") has become quite the fashionable game, and two very enjoyable parties have been given during the week to almost the same players by Mrs J. Gould (Merivale) and Mrs Pyne ("Fayrestowe," Park Terrace). Among the players were Mrs J. Gould, Mrs Wigram, Mrs Woodroffe, Mrs Pyne, Mrs Wardrop, Mrs P. Campbell, Mrs Hanna, Mrs Fox, Mrs Cowlishaw, Mrs Lee, Mrs J. C. Palmer, Mrs Cotterill, Mrs G. Gould, Mrs Kettle, Mrs Randall, Mrs Beswick, Misses Elworthy, Stead, Lee, Fitzgerald, Murray-Ansley, Pember, Kettle, Mills, N. Reeves, and Neave.

Miss Fairhurst gave a farewell afternoon tea for Mrs Hargreaves prior to her departure for England, when a large number of friends wished her bon voyage. Some of those present were Mrs J. Fairhurst, Mrs Price, Mrs Cook, Mrs Hargreaves, Mrs Waymouth, Misses Way, K. Wood, Preston, Waymouth, Hanaman, Freeman, Fodor, Grant, and others.

Mrs R. D. Thomas gave a small but very charming afternoon tea to say good bye to her niece, Mrs R. Johnston, who has returned to her home in Western Australia, after spending the summer in Christchurch. Among the guests were Mrs Sweet, Mrs Gould, Mrs J. Gibbs, Mrs and Miss Martin, Mrs Percy Cox, Mrs J. Hume, Mrs P. Hunt, Misses Sweet, A. Martin, A. Cox, Tennant, etc.

Mrs Henry Cotterill gave a small tennis party last week at her pretty home, Pandalton, which was much enjoyed both

by players and onlookers. Among the guests were Mrs Ronalds, Mrs J. Gould, Mrs Kettle, Mrs Randall, Mrs G. Gould, Mrs Malet, Mrs Beswick, the Misses Cotterill (2), Mills, Egerton-Jones, Hill, Wilson, Fitzgerald, etc.

The polo sports took place on Saturday afternoon, but were very sparsely attended, greatly owing to the damp state of the ground and the cold afternoon. The most interesting event (the ladies' handicap) was won by Mrs Alister Clark's Ladybird, ridden by Mr K. Neave, and the Polo Cup by Mr F. Courage's Mermaid. Among the ladies present were Lady Clifford, in black coat and skirt and black hat; Mrs Stead, dark navy coat and skirt, blue and green hat, white fox fur; Miss Stead, navy skirt and military coat, white and red hat; Mrs Heaton Rhodes, dark green costume trimmed with lace and pale blue brocade, hat with pink roses; Mrs Alister Clark, navy blue cloth trimmed with red Oriental embroidery; Mrs Denniston, brown zibeline flecked with white, toque to match; Mrs Denniston, pretty grey cloth; Mrs Ronald Macdonald, fawn tweed costume, red hat; Mrs J. Gould, fawn cloth, white feather stole and cream hat; Mrs J. D. Hall, grey cloth trimmed with black, picture hat; Mrs T. Cowlishaw wore green; Mesdames W. B. Cowlishaw, E. V. Palmer, Ogle, W. Bond, C. Daigety, E. Turrell, G. Gould, W. Fox, Clarkson, Wardrop, the Misses Neave, Lee, Julius, Elworthy, Helmore, Hill, Tabart, Mills, and others.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY OF ARTS

was opened on Monday evening by the president, Mr R. D. Thomas, in the presence of a very large gathering of members and friends. The collection of pictures is a most creditable one for this year's work, and we have been fortunate in having several fine pictures added to the permanent collection by the generosity of Christchurch citizens. Among those present were Mrs R. D. Thomas, in a rich black silk with Maltese lace berthe; Miss Thomas, rose pink silk and silver grey coat; Miss Gladys Thomas, black evening gown and pale grey coat; Mrs Denniston, all black even-

ing gown; Mrs Haslam, black satin skirt, heliotrope blouse; Mrs (Dr.) Thomas, black gown relieved with white lace; Miss Thomas, black skirt, pale blue blouse; Mrs Haselden, cream voile with wide insertions, transparent yoke; Mrs Snow, handsome black brocade relieved with white lace; Major and Miss Snow; Mrs Cobham, black silk with long owing net sleeves; Miss Leach, turquoise blue skirt trimmed with insertion, white silk blouse; Mrs (Dr.) Jennings, black silk bodice and sleeves trimmed with old lace; Mrs Litchfield, black skirt, white silk blouse; Mrs Waymouth, cream voile gown, handsome mole coat; Miss Waymouth, white with orange velvet bands; Miss R. Waymouth, cream and navy blue; Mrs Tyree, black evening gown; Mrs T. Gibbs, black silk, sequin net sleeves, and lovely lace on bodice; Mrs Alfred Evans, pale green silk and net with touch of crimson on bodice; Mrs Burns, cream canvas trimmed with black; Mrs T. Garrard, black brocade, net yoke and sleeves; Miss Barraud (Wellington), pale blue silk; Mrs G. Harris, all black; Mrs Gilbert Anderson, black with cream lace; Miss K. Wood, pale green silk; Misses Gardner (2), Colborn-Veel, Waller (2), McIntyre (2), Mrs J. S. and Miss Guthrie, Mrs H. Hargreaves, Mde. Winter, Miss Cabot, and many others.

The marriage of Miss Mary Neave, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs

Neave, of "Okover," Riccarton, and Mr Percy Acton-Adams takes place very shortly, and will be followed very soon by that of Miss Muriel Elworthy, a daughter of the late Mr Elworthy, of Pareora, South Canterbury, and Mr Williams, of Gisborne.

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