

might be carried away bodily, and the Government would have to build a new one. The captain was quite ready to take the risk, but the local powers, such as they need a new wharf, would not risk anything.

Meetings all on the subject of flood prevention up Blenheim way, Havelock, and Tuarua are taking the place of social functions and exhibition interests. In Picton, meetings are all in relation to the hospital bill for Easter Monday. Fortunately for them they are not troubled with floods, though, of course, they also feel the depression resulting therefrom.

The opening of the Havelock Cottage Hospital was a very successful function, though a great many people were unable to be present owing to the damage done to roads and bridges by the flood. The Hon. C. H. Mills came from Wellington to open the building and to take advantage of the gathering to reiterate his ever-verdant advice to "agitate, agitate," forgetting that people have agitated in this district without avail for more railways and a new wharf till they are gone grey under the process.

The Marlborough Volunteers proceed to Nelson by steamer on Thursday to take part in the Easter manoeuvres, to be held in camp in the Nelson district. They are to return on Easter Tuesday.

MIRANDA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, March 30.

Rumours of weddings fill the air. Mrs Elworthy, "Inglewood," Merivale, has issued invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Miss Olive Muriel Elworthy and Mr Williamson, of Gisborne, which will be celebrated at St. Mary's, Merivale. Invitations are also out for the marriage of Miss Rose Denham and Mr W. A. Day, at St. Luke's Church. The marriage of Miss Bessie Louissou and Mr W. Macrae Peacock will also take place in a few weeks.

Mrs W. Bond, who is at present liv-

ing at Miss Turner's, "Passifera," gave a

FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

last week for Miss Muriel Elworthy and Miss Mary Neave, both of whom will shortly be married. A very merry time was spent. Among those invited were the Misses Elworthy (2), Julius (2), Neave, Stead, Lee, Cotterill, Hill (2), Meares (2), Denniston (2), Anderson, Campbell, Cuine, Inman, Tennant, etc.

Mrs George Gould, "Avonbank," gave a small

TENNIS PARTY AND AFTERNOON TEA

last week, when among those present were Mrs Wigram, Mrs J. Gould, Mrs J. H. Beswick, Mrs H. Cotterill, Mrs Randall Macdonald, Mrs Archer, Mrs T. Cowlishaw and several others.

Mr Robert Duncan Lockhart has the sincere congratulations of his many friends in Christchurch on his succession to the title of his late uncle, General Sir Graeme Alexander Sinclair Lockhart, Baronet. During his residence amongst us he was a member of the staff of the Bank of New Zealand, a connection which lasted over 20 years, but was severed some three years ago when he joined the firm of Wakelin and Co., carrying on business as auctioneers at Whangarei, and in which Mr Lockhart is now a partner. It is also gratifying to hear there is a substantial income goes with the title.

Mrs Guthrie Moore, "Te Maire," Papanui-road, was

AT HOME

on Friday, when afternoon tea was enjoyed on the lawn and several games of croquet indulged in. Some of those present were Mrs W. Stringer, Mrs Kohn, Mrs Coverdale, Mrs Croxton, Mrs T. Garrard, Mrs H. Quane, Mrs C. D. Morris, Mrs McBride, Miss Morris, Miss Barraud (Wellington), Mrs Gordon, etc.

A FAREWELL WALKING PARTY

was got up for Mrs and Miss Waymouth, about 20 of last winter's walking party, being invited. Great regret is felt at the thought of losing Mrs and Miss

Waymouth from our midst this winter but we are looking forward to a happy reunion the following one. Among those invited were, beside Mrs and Miss Waymouth, Mrs Chilton, Mrs K. Garrick, Mrs V. Hargreaves, Mrs Thacker, Mrs T. Garrard, the Misses McLatchie, Berkeley, Mace, Barraud, Wilson (3), Garforth, Dr. Jessie Maddison and one or two more. The walk was over the hill from Lyttelton to Sumner, where afternoon tea was much appreciated in Drew's garden.

Mrs Wigram entertained some of her friends at

A BRIDGE PARTY

on Friday evening at her residence, Park Terrace. All greatly enjoyed the evening, which finished with a dainty supper. Among the players were Mrs J. Gould, Mrs J. C. Palmer, Mrs J. D. Hall, Mrs Pyne, Mrs G. Gould, Mrs Wardrop, Mrs Lee, Mrs P. Campbell, Mrs Randall, Misses Lee, Reeves, Murray-Aynsley, etc.

Mrs C. Louissou's croquet party on Tuesday was completely spoiled by the incessant downpour of rain, but there was just one thing, there was no uncertainty about it.

Mrs Leicester Watson gave a small children's party on Saturday afternoon, when the little people had great games and a sumptuous tea, all being sorry when night came on.

Mrs Diamond gave a large afternoon tea as a farewell to Mrs Thacker, who leaves this week for a year's visit to England.

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