

ings, and sleeves edged with jet; Mrs Clay, apple green satin, the skirt having a wide flounce of green chiffon, and fichu of chiffon; Mrs H. Speed, black silk, the corsage trimmed with lace; Mrs H. Marsack, (Auckland), cream satin, veiled with cream figured Brussels net, a gauged flounce on the skirt, the corsage having handkerchief sleeves, and fichu edged with beige satin ribbon, pink satin choux, a bow of the same with white aigrette in coiffure; Mrs Jack Peat (Nukumarua) wore a dark red velvet trained gown with exquisite berthe of lace; Mrs R. Jackson, black satin frock with lace on the corsage; Mrs (Dr.) Anderson wore an Empire gown of pale blue silk with zouave and ash of black velvet; Mrs Higgie wore a black satin with berthe of lace; Mrs Mackay looked charming in her bridal gown of crepe de chine with court train of cream Duchess satin and berthe of Brussels lace and chiffon on corsage; Mrs Swan wore cream satin, veiled in figured net, with crimson roses on her corsage and in her coiffure; Mrs C. Millward, black silk with lace fichu, and spray of pink roses; Mrs W. Borlase, black evening gown, relieved with crimson; Mrs J. H. Nixon, lemon brocaded Princess robe, edged with sequin trimming; Mrs Holdship wore pale blue silk, veiled with lace, and long opera coat of grey cloth; Mrs H. Lomax, pale pink brocade with bands of black insertion; Mrs Faber wore a rich black satin; Miss Leigh Hope wore a white Liberty silk with insertion and lace; Miss Murray wore a striking gown of heliotrope velvet ribbon, connected with faggotting, and underskirt of white silk; Miss Corcoran (Auckland), a dainty frock of narrow cream accordion-pleated chiffon with cream silk ribbon sash having large spots of turquoise blue; Mrs Bayley (Kai Iwi) wore her bridal gown of cream satin with chiffon and lace; Mrs Comyns, black silk costume, handed with jet, and turquoise blue flowers on corsage; Mrs A. E. D'Arcy (Sydney) wore a turquoise blue silk, profusely trimmed with wide cream insertion; Mrs Fairburn wore black silk veiled with net, spray of pink roses on corsage; Mrs Pattle-Izett, cream crepe de chine, the whole skirt trimmed with horizontal bands of cream beige ribbon, the corsage was edged with heliotrope and gold Oriental trimming and Neapolitan violets; Miss McNeill, black velvet gown with berthe of beautiful lace; Miss H. McNeill wore a lemon brocaded gown with fichu on corsage; Miss Gould (Auckland); pale blue crepe de chine, the skirt with gauged frill, edged with cream insertion, zouave of cream lace, butterfly bow in coiffure; Miss Higgie, white liberty silk with insertion and lace; Miss Duncan, rose pink silk with cream insertion; Miss Blair wore a white silk frock; Miss Blackmore, rose pink satin; Miss Dogshun, black silk with chiffon on corsage and spray of blue flowers; Miss Baker wore a heliotrope silk and cream lace; Miss Brewer, black and white evening costume; Miss Topping, black silk banded with sarglet velvet; Miss Pemberton, heliotrope silk frock, trimmed with cream lace; Miss Peed (Mangaweka) looked charming in a pale pink and cream brocade with underskirt of fawn satin, the corsage had a large cham-

pagne lace collar; Miss R. Jones wore a white silk trimmed with lace; her sister, a debutante, was gowned in a soft white silk, gauged hip yoke, the corsage trimmed with berthe of lace, she carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums and ferns; Miss Cutfield (Hawera), wore a black silk frock with folded chiffon on corsage; Miss Duigan, black silk relieved with white; Miss G. Duigan, a debutante, white gauged Japanese silk, fichu of chiffon and spray of flowers; Miss Faulkner (England), cream crepe de chine banded with insertion; Miss Danvers wore a white silk frock, gauged hip yoke and flounce, with berthe of lace on corsage; Miss Fleetwood (Marion), turquoise blue silk with flounce of gauze on the skirt and folded on corsage; Miss A. Fleetwood, turquoise blue gown with champagne lace trimmings. Among the men were: Messrs. Selby, Morton, C. Wilson (Mangamahū), C. Russell, Anderson, Bruce, Fairburn, Cameron, Jones, Millward, Blackmore, Lomax, Montgomerie, R. Grace, H. Speed, Harold Wood, Holdship, Corrie, Atkins, Low, Faber, Swan, Phillips, Pattle-Izett, Hair, Nixon, Jardine, Clay, Higgie, Blair, Dr. Anderson and Wall, and others.

The opening

MEET OF THE HUNT CLUB

for the Wanganui district was held on Saturday, 7th inst., at Mr A. Sutherland's, "Lamb Hill," and finer weather could not have greeted the members. They had excellent sport, and there was a large following. Amongst the riders I noticed Messrs. J. Higgie, Brownlie, Speed, R. Grace, J. Blair, Wilson, S. Morton, D. Blair, E. Brownlie, Michell (Mania), Hair, Cutfield, W. Chapman, G. F. Moore, A. Cameron, Foreman, Sutherland, Gordon, Misses Q. Nixon, Campbell, Crawley, Blackmore, Cutfield, Corcoran, and Mrs Campbell. Amongst the large number of drivers were Dr. and Mrs Anderson, Mr and Mrs Foster, Miss Menli, Mr and Mrs Mackay, Mr and Mrs Mackenzie, Mesdames Cutfield, John Stevenson, A. Cameron, Misses D. Higgie, Robertson, Cutfield, M. Brewer (Hawera), Harrison, Messrs. H. Nixon, Faber, Harold, Corrie, Saunders, Higgie, Russell and others.

In the ladies' golf match played on the Balgownie links on Wednesday Miss Taylor was the winner among the senior players, Miss Jackson being second, and Mrs Cleghorn third. Miss Tiffin won the junior prize, with Miss Cowper second, and Mrs James third.

HUIA.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, May 12.

The Marlborough Horticultural Society held their

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

on Wednesday. It was a full week late for the "mums," but the event had been postponed on account of the Picton Autumn Show, and with very good reason, it seemed, as Picton exhibitors made the show, and most of the prizes went to that city. Mr Crawford, in cut

blooms, and Misses Furness, Clare, Ewart and Noworthy, kept up the honour of Blenheim, while Mrs Allen, Mrs Riddell and Miss Dart carried off the Picton honours. A collection of cut blooms from Wellington would have taken first prize, but they were rather badly shaken in transit, and Mrs Riddell scored first, the Wellington collection coming second, and Miss Dart received honourable mention, with over a hundred varieties. She, however, won a first for twenty-four named varieties, and a specimen (Mrs J. G. Warren). Mrs Allen was first again with twelve blooms, Japanese, and first also with pony of flowers, wreath and shower bouquet. Mrs Riddell, first and second for three pol-pints, Japanese, hand bouquet, and several seconds. Mrs Allen was awarded a second for best trained plant in the room, there being only one entry. Miss E. M. Allen gained a first for original design. Miss Furness' bouquets were very prettily arranged, and she deservedly won. Miss Ewart also makes it difficult for Pictonians to keep their laurels. Miss Clare's banner screen was a perfect combination of colour and taste. Miss Noworthy's work was also good, and shows what a few years' training will accomplish. The improvements in all the floral exhibits during the past few years is quite wonderful. I must not forget the tables, all of them decorated by girls under seventeen. Miss Belle Griffiths took first, but they all looked exceedingly nice.

Mr Clement Wragge has been lecturing on astronomy in the various centres of Marlborough. His lectures are very interesting, but he mixes up kittens and washerwomen and Eno's fruit salt in a rather absurd manner, and people wonder what Eno's fruit salt has to do with astronomy.

The Marlborough Exhibition is progressing. Most successful meetings are held, and various side-shows are in progress. Large sums of money have been guaranteed to cover any losses, which are not anticipated, but many people who would become guinea members are anxious, of course, not to be liable for anything further. The president (Mr R. McCallum) has guaranteed £50, and the rest of the committee £25 each. We are all looking forward to a successful and interesting time.

MIRANDA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, May 11.

Just a final word about

THE GARRISON BAZAAR

and the wonderful success of it. We are told the gross proceeds are over £3000, and expenses uncertain, but something like £500; but that is a splendid return and satisfaction for all the hard work. A dance was given last week to the stall holders and assistants by the members of the "E" Battery (who, by the way, head the list with the proceeds of their stall) and the Christ's College Rifles, in the Alexandra Hall, which was prettily decorated, and looked very bright with the uniforms of the volunteers, while some of the ladies wore the uniform in which they had been so successful at

the bazaar. Some of those present were Captain and Mrs. Marsh, Captain and Mrs. Treleven, Captain and Mrs. Fisher, Captain and Miss Bishop, Captain Harper, Mrs. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. G. Harris, Dr. and Mrs. Diamond, Lieut. Symes, Mrs. and Miss Hynes, Lieut. Deans, Miss Deans, Mrs. and Miss Staveley, Misses Milson, Wilson (2), Dr. and Mrs. R. Anderson, Misses Pratt, Gibson, Martin, Tabart, Ferguson, Deantonian, Secretan, York, Moir, Kiver, Bishop, Fox (2), Burnett, Olliver, Pender, Styche, Spooner, and many others.

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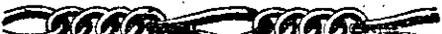
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