

toque with cream fur; Miss Best (Marton), green checked tweed gown, brown velvet toque with pale blue crown and pompon to match; Mrs J. Foster, black broadened frock with sun-ray pleated blouse of black chiffon, seal-skin coat, becoming heliotrope toque with velvet and flowers; Miss Darley, black and white tweed costume, black picture hat and black and white feather boa; Miss Millward, brown tweed, vest of champagne lace, brown felt hat with chiffon and tangerine silk; Mrs P. Forlong, brown cloth tailor-made coat and skirt, brown beaver "Gains-bro" hat with large tangerine rose and foliage; Miss McNeill, black skirt, long green tweed coat, sable furs, and white felt hat, trimmed with velvet; Mrs Hartgill (Dunmeston), green tweed costume, felt hat with green velvet; Miss N. Cowper, navy blue serge coat and skirt, pastel blue cloth waistcoat with tiny gold buttons, coarse blue straw hat with silk to match; Mrs Louax, black skirt, seal-skin coat, black and crimson velvet toque; Mrs Jenkins (Hull), electric blue tweed coat and skirt, round collar of blue velvet, pretty pastel blue hat with tulle to match; Mrs Clay, blue flecked tweed with Russian coat, fancy pale blue straw hat with ribbons and foliage; Miss Thompson (Castlemaine) wore a smart gown of cream ganged serge, with yoke and wide cuffs of yak lace, white felt hat with pompon; Miss Krull, trained frock of blue serge, strapped with black silk, becoming white felt hat with black bird and black velvet ribbons; Mrs A. Izard, navy blue tailor-made serge coat and skirt faced with white cloth, cream chip straw hat with green ribbon and shaded wreath of dahlias; Miss Inlay, black gauged voile with champagne lace, black silk belt with knotted ends, white feather boa, becoming black toque with tulle rosette and strings; Miss Cotterill (Napier), brown cloth coat and skirt, velvet collar, brown hat with green ribbons and flowers; Mrs Gifford Marshall, blue cloth coat and skirt, black picture hat; Mrs Lundius, blue and white frieze costume, felt hat with cut de nil ribbons; Mrs Booth (Patea), bright navy blue cloth, collar, cuffs and revers of white cloth, white felt hat with bird and velvet; Miss Walker, navy blue cloth costume, fawn cloth coat, smart navy blue felt hat with ruche of blue silk; Miss Hill, pale pink silk blouse, navy blue skirt, hat to match; Mrs McGowan, black cloth Eton coat and skirt, white fur stole, black felt hat with feathers; Miss Hook, grey tweed coat and skirt, black straw hat; Mrs A. Montgomery, cream serge Eton coat and skirt, cream vest, fancy straw hat with shaded blue silk ribbon ruche; Mrs Chavannes, navy blue costume, long seal-skin coat, blue felt hat; Mrs McKelvie (Rangitikei), black voile with black chiffon heath, black picture hat; Miss A. Cowper, pale grey flannel gown relieved with cream, black chenille hat with ostrich plumes; Miss Rawson, black and white striped tweed sac-coat and skirt, becoming crimson hat with crown of shaded leaves; Mrs Baker, navy blue serge coat and skirt, cream silk blouse, white feather boa, petunia straw hat with velvet; Miss Baker (Auckland), black cloth coat and skirt, black straw hat with ruche of chiffon; Miss Jackson, pale grey tweed coat and skirt, brown straw hat; Mrs H. Nixon, grey tweed Norfolk coat and skirt, green velvet bonnet with shaded violets.

A GOLF MATCH.

Wanganui v. Manawatu, was played on Saturday at Palmerston North. The weather was beautiful, and the game resulted in a win for Manawatu by 10 games to 2.

On Friday a large number of

MRS WOODS' FRIENDS

assembled at the railway station to wish her a last good-bye on the occasion of her leaving Wanganui for Nelson. Amongst those who noticed were Misses Fraser, Shand (Dunedin), Blennerhassett, Jackson, Baker, Jones, Brewer, Blundell, Christie, Anderson, Krull, Rawson, Mr and Mrs Blundell, Mr and Mrs Atkins, Mrs Fairburn, Mr and Mrs Sarjeant, Mrs Anderson, and others.

On Saturday Mrs Fletcher Harrison gave

AN ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON TEA for her sister, Mrs Nivens, of the Waikarapa, who is paying a short visit to Wanganui. Amongst those present were Mesdames Harrison, Nivens, Kinsling, Jones, Mason, Blundell, Fairburn, McLean, C. Powell, A. Browne, Bridgewater, Dymock, and others.

HULL.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee,

May 29.

The second Cinderella dance arranged by Mrs Riddell and Miss Philpotts took place in the Public Hall, Picton, last Wednesday. Great preparations had been made in the way of a delicious supper, but the attendance was a very small one. Mrs Riddell wore pale green broche with lace flounces; Miss Philpotts, pink silk; Mrs Madsen, cream broche and lace; Mrs Radcliffe, black satin; Mrs Masfield, black silk and chiffon; Mrs H. Godfrey, black; Mrs A. Scott, blue silk; Misses Philpotts (2), white silk; Miss Macalister, cream silk; Mrs Roberts, black skirt, and white silk blouse; Miss Seymour, red silk; Miss D. Clouston, cream silk; Miss Masfield, white silk; Miss E. Western, green silk; Miss J. Seymour, white silk; Miss R. Macalister, white silk. Messrs. Riddell, Scott, Madsen, Western, Radcliffe, Stow (2), Wicks, Fisher, and Dr. Anderson.

The new Ladies' Hockey Club in Picton has started with a goodly number of members. Miss Rita Macalister was elected captain, Miss E. Philpotts vice-captain, Mrs Redman president, Mesdames Allen, Stow, and Macalister vice-presidents, Miss May Philpotts secretary and treasurer.

A Golf Club has also been started in Picton. The links are in a paddock belonging to Miss Claytor at Waikawa. There should be plenty of amusement for the energetic ones this winter in Picton.

MIRANDA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee,

May 31.

The Fancy Fair in aid of the Home for Destitute Children was opened on Thursday afternoon in the Canterbury Hall by Lady Plunket, and came to a successful close on Saturday night. The stallholders and their bevy of assistants must have felt worn out after their three afternoons and evenings of real hard work and excitement, but nobody thinks of that when he is forwarding a good work, and making a success of it, too. The fair was opened by Lady Plunket, who, in a few well-chosen words, expressed her entire sympathy with its object. Her Ladyship wore a charming gown of black crepe de chine, a dainty white toque, and ermine furs.

On Wednesday, the first night of "The Yeoman of the Guard" His Excellency the Governor and Lady Plunket were present with them being Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, the Hon. Kathleen Plunket, Miss Fanshawe, Mr Waterfield, and Captains Braithwaite and Bingham.

On Thursday, the Liedertafel gave a "Gemischter Abend" at the Art Gallery,

the Choral Hall, where these concerts are usually held, not being available. The music was delightful. Lady Plunket, attended by the Hon. Kathleen Plunket and Captain Braithwaite, was received by the President and Mrs Kaye, and was presented with a beautiful bouquet. Lady Plunket wore a lovely robe of heliotrope chiffon, sequined and embroidered; the Hon. Kathleen Plunket, yellow satin with chiffon and sequins. During the interval an adjournment was made to the next room for refreshments, which were duly appreciated.

Mrs Gower Burns, on Thursday, received presentations from the Roman Catholic Cathedral Choir, in the form of a beautiful bouquet from the ladies of the choir, and a richly-bound copy of Gounod's Mass from Mr Rossiter, on behalf of the choir, and from Bishop Grimes a large and handsomely-framed picture of his fine cathedral, as well as a portrait of himself in his episcopal robes, in recognition of Mrs Gower-Burns' services at the opening ceremony and consecration of the Cathedral. In referring to the presentation, Father Le Menant des Chenevis made charming reference to Mrs Burns' delightful singing.

On Friday afternoon the final of the Hagley Park tournament for Mrs G. G. Stead's prize was played, Miss Campbell winning by two up and one to play. Miss Rita Wilson was runner-up.

On the same day Miss Denniston gave a luncheon party. Amongst the guests were the Hon. Kathleen Plunket, Misses Stead, Deans, Macdonald, Synes, Tripp, Humphreys, and Thompson.

Mrs Pat. Campbell gave a fancy dress ball for children last Monday, which was a complete success. "Illum" is admirably suited for such an entertainment. The preliminary march past was an exceedingly pretty sight, about 150 children in costumes of endless variety taking part in it. An early tea was served for the benefit of the tiny guests, and later on a reboche supper was provided for the elder ones. Mrs Campbell, who received her guests on the staircase, wore a gown of black satin and sequined net. Miss Jean Campbell, as a Spanish Dancer, had an orange and black skirt, the bodice and cap covered with sequins. Miss M. Campbell made a fascinating "Folly" in pale pink and blue. Masters Ian and Kinloch Campbell were in Highland dress. The Misses Wilson (Cashmere) wore flower frocks, roses and forget-me-nots, and charming mites they looked. Miss Janet Ogle, a "Pierrette" dress of black and white, with powdered hair. Miss May Macdonald, a Breton Peasant; Master Macdonald represented "Force," Vincent Nancarrow, "Nansen;" Philip Carrington as "Saladin," and his brother as a "Crusader," were exceptionally well got up; the Archer boys were excellent as our two weekly papers, "Weekly Press" and "Canterbury Times;" Miss H. Burns was a doll, in a dainty white frock and pink sash, and on her head an embroidered cap of white muslin with lace frills and pink ribbon. It would take two pages to describe fully all the costumes, so you must be content with only a few.

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