

grey voile, pink tulle hat; Mrs. Watson, green cloth with touches of velvet; Mrs. Fitzgerald, pale grey tailor-made, black hat; Mrs. C. Jones, navy blue with lace yoke, small blue hat; Mrs. Macarthy, natter blue cloth, and black hat with flowers; Mrs. Wylie, black and white tailor-made; Mrs. O'Connor, grey coat and skirt, black picture hat; Mrs. Fisher, white cloth dress and hat with roses; Mrs. Marchant, black crepe de chine, and black taffetas coat; Miss Marchant, powder blue cloth with white vest; Miss K. Marchant, brown, voile and large brown hat; Mrs. Burnett, olive green cloth, with lace yoke outlined with Oriental embroidery; Mrs. Thorne George, black cloth with white revers, black toque; Mrs. Jacob Joseph, black and white striped taffetas, black and pale blue toque; Miss Joseph, tussore, coloured marquise, the epaulettes bordered with Hungarian embroidery and finished with tassels, ostrich toa, and black picture hat; Miss Elsie Joseph, Wedgwood blue colienne, the square yoke of fllet lace heavily embroidered with gold thread, black hat with flowers; Mrs. Joseph Joseph, navy blue voile over white glaze, black hat; Mrs. Hughes, black taffetas, and black hat with Alsatian bows; Mrs. Larnoch, reseda cloth and small toque to match; Miss Harding, ivory tweed and hat with pale yellow roses; Mrs. T. C. Williams, black crepe de chine and lace; Mrs. Rhodes, black taffeta and handsome coat; Miss Quick, black taffeta and pale pink hat; Mrs. Pearce, navy coat and skirt, black hat with lilac; Miss E. Ward, grey cloth tailor-made and black hat with big roses; Mrs. Pollen, lichen green cloth, lace vest and sleeves, black picture hat; Mrs. Dalrymple (Bulls), black and white tailor-made, and black hat; Mrs. Tuckey, black embroidered glaze; Mrs. Luke, black brocade and black toque; Miss Chatfield, white embroidered linen, and hat with roses. OPHELIA.

white lace frock, and white hat. Amongst the guests were Mrs. Ranald MacDonald, wearing a floral voile dress and black picture hat; Mrs. W. Wood, pale grey and pink voile, hat with pink roses; Mrs. Bevan-Brown, black dress, black hat; Mrs. Iuman, brown costume, with hat to match; Miss Moreland, dark grey dress, white and heliotrope hat; Mrs. Elworthy, black taffeta, black and white toque; Mrs. Gower Burns, pale grey costume, green hat trimmed with lilac; Mrs. Hutton, black dress, black bonnet; Mrs. Lane, dark grey dress, black and white hat; Mrs. Crooke, a pale blue dress, blue hat to match; Miss Anderson, grey coat and skirt, floral violet toque; Mrs. Longman (Timaru), black costume, sable fur, black and white hat; Mrs. H. H. Longman, grey dress and hat; Mrs. Chilton, cream cloth costume, brown hat with cream roses.

A SMALL BRIDGE PARTY

was given on Saturday evening by Mrs. Wardrop at Hereford-street. The players were Mrs. Kettle, Miss Kettle, Mrs. and Miss Pitman, Mrs. Pyne, Mrs. T. Cowlishaw, Mrs. Thomas, the Misses Humphreys (2), Miss Symes, Miss Cowlishaw, the Misses Murray Aynsley (2), Miss Thomas, and Miss Reeves.

THE CANTERBURY ROWING CLUB

held their annual club races at Avoiside on Saturday afternoon. The weather was fine, and the attendance good. Mrs. F. Cowlishaw presided over the afternoon tea at the sheds, assisted by the Misses Watson, Guthrie, and Way. Mrs. Ayers, Mrs. McBeth, Miss Duncan, and several others were present.

AN AT HOME

was given by Mrs. Molyneux on Wednesday afternoon at her residence in Hereford-street. Among those present were: Mrs. Joseph Palmer, Mrs. Cobham, Mrs. T. Cowlishaw, Mrs. Loughnan, Mrs. Gower-Burns, the Misses Burns, Mrs. M. Campbell, the Misses Campbell, Mrs. and Miss Thomas, Mrs. and Miss Harley, Mrs. and the Misses Nancarrow, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Shand (Wellington), Mrs. and Miss Louissou, Mrs. and Miss Hamner, Mrs. and Miss Wilding, the Misses Secretan (2), Miss Deans, Miss Moreland, Miss Cox, the Misses Devenish-Mearns (2), Miss Symes and Miss Mary Fox. Mrs. Gower Burns and Miss M. Fox sang some songs, and Mrs. Wilding played, after which tea was served in the dining-room.

THE CHRISTCHURCH MUSICAL UNION

gave concerts on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during this week at His Majesty's Theatre, both of which were excellently attended. The same programme was given on each occasion, the large number of subscribers rendering this necessary as the theatre is not sufficiently large to seat them all at once. Miss Rosina Buckmann, the soprano soloist, was in splendid voice, and quite charmed her audience with her artistic singing in "Hear My Prayer"; also in the solo passages in Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Festival Te Deum." Miss Katie Young played Beethoven's fantasia on the piano beautifully. Altogether the concerts were most enjoyable and successful. Amongst the many present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaye, the Bishop and Mrs. Julius, Miss Collins, Dr and Mrs. Crooke, Mr and Mrs Wood, Dr and Mrs Chilton, Mrs and Miss Elworthy, Mr Devenish-Mearns, the Misses Mearns, Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Mrs. and Miss C. Kettle, Miss Cook, Mrs. Gower Burns, the Misses Burns, Mrs. and Miss Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Little, Mrs. and Miss Waymouth.

A GARDEN PARTY

was given yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. Coverdale at their beautiful residence in Riccarton to the employees of Messrs. W. Strange and Co. A very large number were present, and spent a pleasant time in tennis, croquet, bowls, and in inspecting the garden, which is a blaze of bloom just now. This opportunity was taken by Mr Coverdale to say farewell, for a time, to his employees, as he intends, taking a holiday trip to recruit his health.

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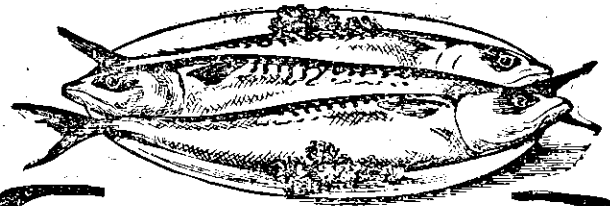
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AN AFTERNOON TEA

was given on Friday by Mrs. Hugh Reeves, at The Deanery, Armagh-street, in honour of her sister, Mrs. Cuthbert Gresson, of Timaru, who is staying with her. Mrs. Reeves, who received her guests on the lawn, wore a pretty dress of floral muslin, white Leghorn hat with pale pink roses; Mrs. C. Gresson was in pale pink taffeta dress and large black picture hat with feathers; Mrs. Acland, a grey tweed coat and skirt, white hat; Mrs. Blunt, a costume of white cloth, black hat; Mrs. Henry Cotterill, a tailor-made dress of grey cloth, black hat; Mrs. Lionel Knight, coat and skirt of navy blue cloth, blue and black hat; Mrs. F. Cowlishaw, blue Shantung silk dress, blue hat to match; Miss Elworthy, black taffeta, mauve hat; Miss MacDonald, pale grey costume, white hat trimmed with lilac; Miss Sinclair-Thomson (Dunedin), red coat and skirt, black and white hat; Miss Hill, dress of heliotrope cloth, small hat to match; Miss Moreland, white cloth costume, white hat; Miss Anderson, heliotrope mousseline de soie, pink hat; the Misses Burns, pale grey coats and skirts, with pink and grey hats; Miss Hamner, white muslin dress, black hat; Miss Murray-Aynsley, green and white striped dress, green hat; Miss Cook, pale blue costume, black and white hat; Miss Reeves, black and white dress, white hat; Miss N. Reeves, white voile trimmed with pale blue, blue and white hat en suite; Miss Pitman, grey coat and skirt, blue hat; Miss M. Cotterill, green voile, white hat; Miss Humphries, pink lustre dress, pink hat. Delicious afternoon tea was served in the dining-room, where the table was decorated with mauve and white columbines.

A DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON

was given by Mrs. Wilding, at Fawnhope, Opawa, on Tuesday, to the members of the Shakespeare Club, who during the afternoon read a scene from "The Merchant of Venice." Those taking part in it were Mrs. Bevan Brown, Mrs. G. Harper, Mrs. W. Wood, Mrs. Nancarrow, Miss Moreland, and Miss Pugh. Afterwards some delightful music was listened to. Mrs. Gower Burns and Mrs. H. H. Loughnan sang and Mrs. Wilding and Mrs. Crooke played the piano most charmingly. Mrs. Wilding wore a gown of black taffeta relieved with white lace, black and white hat; Miss Wilding, a



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