

dita, while a bowl of big arums called forth much praise. Both Mrs. Fisher and Miss Kell, who sang delightfully, had the advantage of being accompanied by Miss Humphries, who is unequalled in this respect. Miss Martin and Miss Humphries also played very charmingly. Mrs. Humphries wore black taffetas, with a fichu of lace; Miss Humphries, a graceful frock of myrtle green velvet, with a vest of lace and net, high-waisted belt of chine ribbon; Miss Baldwin-Warne, beige souple cloth, and a brown hat. Another English artist of note was present in the person of Mrs. Clifford Godden, whose clever work has attracted much attention. Both she and Miss Baldwin-Warne are exhibiting next week at the annual show of the Art Society.

Miss Christine Smith, who is back from Rotorua for a few weeks, was the principal guest.

AT MRS T. G. MACARTHY'S TEA

on Wednesday. It was rather a cheerless day, but the drawing-room looked charming with its rose-shaded lights, while the brisk hum of conversation and the gay music of the band added to the exhilarating effect. Delightful fetures were forecast by a fortune teller, and a perverted proverb competition added excitement and interest, the winner being eventually declared in Miss Ward, who received a silver heart-shaped box; Mrs. G. Richardson coming next with a faintly-bound book of poems. The tea-table was enchanting with its decoration of rose-pink carnations and cyclamens in silver vases, the silver candlesticks having rose-coloured shades to match. Mrs. Macarthy wore white lumeneux, with a blouse of lace and net, and a high Empire sash with long ends of pale blue; Miss Christine Smith, green check tweed tailor-made, and green hat with wings.

Still another tea was given on Friday by Mrs. Riley, whose guest of honour was Mrs. McEwan. The latter leaves shortly for a trip to England.

LADY WARD'S LUNCHEON PARTIES.

Lady Ward gave another of her series of luncheon parties on Thursday. Mauve and purple were the predominating colours of the decorations carried out by anemones, hyacinths, and violets in silver bowls, strips of delicate-tinted ribbons being laid on the cloth. Lady Ward wore Alice Alice chiffon, glaze, with a guimpe and sleeves of lace. Her daughter was all in white, with a lace blouse. The guests included Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Heaton Rhodes, (Christchurch), Mrs. David Nathan, Lady Steward (Oamaru), Mrs. Charles Johnston, Mrs. Herries (Auckland), Mrs. Mackay, Miss Coates, Mrs. Baume (Auckland), Mrs. J. Allen (Dunedin), Mrs. H. Johnston, Mrs. J. Studholme (Taupo), Mrs. Thorne George (Auckland), and Misses Seddon, Frouse, and Rutherford.

MRS MILWARD'S TEA

on Wednesday was characterised by its beautiful flowers, most of which had been sent down from the country. Pink camellias, surrounded by the artistic bronze tones of birch, proved a fascinating combination in the tea room, the effect being enhanced by narrow pink ribbons. The drawing-room was dedicated to daffodils and jonquils, and there was a profusion of flowers in the hall. Mrs. Milward wore pale mauve taffetas, made in semi-Empire style, with a yoke of delicate laces and net; her sister (Mrs. Martin, Wairarapa), who was staying with her, wore black crepe de chine and lace. Miss Beauchamp and Miss Martin contributed musical items.

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CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, September 18.

A CHILDREN'S DANCE

was given by Mrs. Leonard Harley on Friday evening, which was a delightful affair, most thoroughly enjoyed by those present. The hostess was gown'd in a scarlet crepe de chine Empire frock, relieved with bands of black silk. The ladies who helped amuse the children were: Miss Wynne Williams, in black satin and lace; Miss N. Reeves, pale blue tulle and white lace; Miss Prins, black satin dress with berths of white lace; Miss Thomas, pale blue and white floral muslin; Miss Bennett, apple green crepe de chine; Miss

Cracroft Wilson, white silk; Miss Robinson, blue muslin. The little guests were: Miss Wynne Harley, in a pretty frock of pale blue satin; the Misses Wilson, Pyne, Thomas (2), Robinson (3), Holderness, Westera, Hamilton, Moore, Jennings, Macdonald, nearly all wore pretty white frocks, with coloured sashes; Masters Harley, Harris (3), Wanklyn, Jennings, Holderness, Anderson, Pratt, Robinson, Moore, Carrington (2), Messrs Reeves, Anderson, Ronald, and Nancarrow.

AN "AT HOME"

was given on Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. George Merton at her residence, Park-terrace, in honour of, and as a farewell to, Miss Moreland, who is shortly leaving Christchurch for England, via India. Mrs. Merton wore a pretty dress of black chiffon, with insertions of lace, and worn over white silk; Miss Merton, olive green esolanne, with cream lace yoke; Miss Moreland, cream serge coat and skirt, with pretty blue hat; Mrs. Denniston, black cloth costume, black hat; Mrs. George Harper, grey tweed coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. John Deans, black taffeta, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Ronald Macdonald, grey cloth costume, with hat to match; Mrs. T. Cowlishaw, dark blue cloth coat and skirt, hat trimmed with shot ribbon. Others present were: Mrs. Isaac Gibbs, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Kettle, Mrs. Beals, Mrs. Quaine, Mrs. Symes, Mrs. Wilding, Mrs. Comper, Mrs. G. F. Ronalds, Mrs. Anderson, Madams Robinson Harley, Gossett, Hill, A. Merton, Rose, Wanklyn, Jennings, Carrington, Campbell, Wood Sheverson, and Hall. The Misses Gorrie (2) (Auckland), Anderson (2), Wood, Humphreys, Moore, Mathias, Julius, Campbell, Gossett, Park, Molinaux, Burns (2), Kettle, Cracroft-Wilson, Banks, Wilding, and Todhunter. During the afternoon, Mrs. Wilding played the piano, and songs were sung by Mrs. Gower-Burns, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. and Miss Kettle.

AN "AT HOME"

was given by Mrs. Scherek as a farewell to her husband, Herr Benno Scherek, who has now left Christchurch for Australia. During the afternoon a delightful musical programme was given; Herr Benno Scherek and Madame Scherek both played pianoforte solos. Miss Paula Scherek delighted the guests with her violin playing. Dr. Crooke gave two pianoforte solos, Mr. H. H. Loughnan a cello solo, and Miss Parsons sang. Amongst the guests were: Mrs. H. H. Loughnan, Mrs. Boyes, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Isaac Gibbs, Mrs. Wilding, Mrs. Kettle, Mrs. Denniston, Mrs. Parsons, the Misses Parsons (2), Kettle, Rosa, and Loughnan.

GOLF.

The ladies' championship of the Hagley Park Club was won by Miss Preston, with Mrs. L. Harley as runner-up. There was a large attendance of interested spectators to watch the finals. To-day (Friday) various competitions are to be held on Hagley Park links, and the championship prizes will be presented. At Shirley a medal match and bogey competitions have been played during the week. The first was won by Miss C. Kettle, and the second resulted in a tie between Mrs. Cowlishaw and Miss N. Campbell. The Championship Meeting takes place this year at Dunedin. A number of Christchurch golfers have entered for the different events.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grace (Wellington) are in Christchurch, staying with Mrs. Stead, at "Strowan Park."

The Misses Gorrie (Auckland) are the guests of Mrs. Borthwick, Christchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson and Miss Anderson have returned to Christchurch from the North Island, where they have been residing for some time.

Miss Woodhouse (Dunedin) is staying with Mrs. Walter Moore, at St. Albans.

Mrs. Cias. Louison has returned to Christchurch from Wellington, where she has been spending some months.

Mrs. Izard (Christchurch) has gone on a visit to Wanganui.

The Misses Wood (2) and Miss A. Humphreys have returned to Christchurch from the North Island.

Miss Pansy Ford is the successful competitor for the prize offered for the best design for a new seal for the Christchurch City Council. None of the designs sent in were of sufficient merit to induce the Council to change the present one, but they decided to award the first prize.

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