Brown, Mrs. H. O. D. Meares, Miss D. Meares, Mrs. and Miss Naucarros, Mrs. Mathian, Mrs. and Miss Prims, Mrs. and Miss Pergas, Mrs. and Miss Neave, Mrs. W. Day, Mrs. Beale and the Missues Cook, Gerard, Wynn-Williams

A string hand played at intervals dur-ing the afternoon, Mrs. Gower Burns sang and Mrs. Wilding played the pisuo. Af-ternoon tea was served in the diung-room and billiard-room. The floral decorations were of mauve and violet violas.

#### A SMALL DINNER PARTY.

was given on Friday evening by Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes at "Te Koraha." The guests were Mr and Mrs George Rhodes (Meadowbank), Mrs Hansell (Wellington), Mrs and Miss Barker Geraldine), Miss Julius, Mr Malet, and

#### A WEDDING RECEPTION.

was held in Miss Cox's assembly rooms, "Te Whare," Hereford-street, by Mrs 'Arthur Virtue, on Friday afternoon, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ethel Virtue and Mr J. Stanley Dickson (Sydney). Mrs Virtue wore a semi-Empire gown of heliotrope chiffion taffeta, with crean net sleeves and vest trimmed with silver embroidery, large black hat with ostrich feathers. The bride's dress was a semi-Empire robe black hat with ostrich feathers. The bride's dress was a semi-Empire robe of white satin, veiled with Limerick lace, with silver trimming; tulle veil caught with orange blossoms, beautiful bridal bouquet. The bridesmaids, the Misses Hewer, Carter, and Pearl King, wore frocks of white China silk, with silver tassels; white beehive hats, with pale pink roses. Miss Gytha Owen, as a flower girl, wore short white muslin as flower girl. silver tassels; white beehive hats, with pale pink roses. Miss Gytha Owen, as a flower girl, wore short white muslin frock, white hat, and carried a large basket of flowers. Amongst the guests were Mrs Prain (Invercargill), who wore a stylish gown of heliotrope voile, with painted flowers, ruchings of heliotrope silk on the bodice, with touches of black bebe ribbon, black picture hat; Mrs A. King, claret coloured chiffon taffeta, black hat; Mrs Gosset, black coat and skirt, black and white toque; Mrs R. W. England, brown glace silk dress, grey toque, with feathers; Mrs Fairhurst, floral mousseline de soie, with black stripes, floral toque to match; Mrs Guthric, black dress, with vest, of cream lace, black and white

managered nat, white feather boa; Miss N. Guthrie, pale blue chiffon taffets, pule blue hat with pink roses; Mrs C. Cross, white silk source. feathered hat, white feather box: Miss . pale blue hat with pink roses; Mrs C. Cross, white silk gown, Empire coat of flowered chifton taffeta, white hat and feathers; Mrs Labatt, Royal bine glace silk, black and white toque; Mrs Menzise Gibb, black silk dress, black and white hat; Miss Luxton, soft green summer serge, green and brown hat; Mrs Beath, black brocaded silk, green toque; Mrs R. Green, cream voile, green tulle hat, with ostrich feathers; Miss K Parker, grey voile, China blue hat, with roses; Miss Laurie, heliotrops voile, white hat, with white and black feathers; Mrs Birch-Brown, black and white costume, black hat; Miss Freda Marsden's quintette string band played several times, and a delightful afternoon was spent. The bride's going-away dress was a tailor-made gown of navy blue eloth, cornflower blue tulle hat, white fox furs. white fox furs.

#### CANTERBURY R.C. AT HOME.

The Canterbury Rowing Club on Saturday gave an "at home" to celebrate the opening of the season, at their club-house, Avonside. It was a lovely day, and a great many people were present. All the pleasure boats and most of the racing boats were out, and formed a procession down the river to Stanmore racing boats were out, and formed a pro-cession down the river to Stammore bridge and back, after which two racing events were rowed—a scratch fours and a mixed double sculls, in which the stroke of each boat was a lady member. There were about 14 entries, and some good racing was witnessed, as well as some annising incidents. The final was won by Miss Way and Mr E. R. Cuthrie. A tropby was later on presented to Miss won by Miss Way and Mr E. R. Guthrie. A trophy was later on presented to Miss Way—a pretty brooch, gold sculls joined by the letters C.R.C. The afternoon tea was presided over by Mrs F. Cowlishaw, Mrs Norman McBeth. Mrs Ayers, Misses Watson, Guthrie and Duncan. Amongst those present were: Mrs McBeth, white linen dress, brown hat with forget-menots: Mrs Macdonald, bronze green silk frock, with lace yoke and collar, white feather boa, hat with red roses: Mrs C. Smith, grev tweed cont and skirt, pale grey hat: Miss Murray, cream serge costume, white hat: Miss Townsend, white feather toone: Mrs Steele, navy blue serre coat and skirt, navy blue serre coat and skirt, navy blue lat; Mrs Cecil Hawkins, white muslin dress, white hat with pink scarf; Miss Duncan, white hat with pink scarf; Miss Duncan, white hat with pink searf; Miss Duncan,

gray tweed costume, blue hat; Mrs F. Cowlishaw, pale grey tweed coat and skirt, cornthower blue hat; Miss Wilson, white linen, pale pink hat; Miss Rerksley, cream serge coat and skirt, blue and brown hat; Miss Marriott Watson, cream cloth costume, views rose hat; Miss Way, cream serge dress, white hat; Mrs Heauchamp, tweed costume, bound straw hat with roses. In the evening a very enjoyable dance was held at the rowing shed. Mrs Owen Cox wore black relieved with white: Mrs Macdonald, black chiffon taffeta with white lace and touches of pile blue ribbon; Miss Fisher, red silk; Miss Townend, white chiffon and silver tissue over white silk; Miss Bruee, white silk and lace, pale blue belt and sash ends; Miss Hydop, white muslin; Miss Dunean, navy blue silk and with insertions of lace; Miss Cox, pale blue nun's veiling; Miss Marriot Watson, white silk and hece; Misses Sponer, Hawkins, Hurst, Dongall, Hobbs, Blundell and Mrs Lake. Blundell and Mrs Lake.

#### CONCERTS.

Two concerts have been given in the Theatre Royal this week by Miss Irene Ainsley (the Auckland contraited), who met with considerable success in England. The audiences were most enthusiastic, and the sweet singer charmed her hearers, whose only regret was that the season was too short. Miss Ainsley was assisted by Mr Hamilton Hodges (who is also a favourite in Christchurch), Mrs Querce (pianist), and Mr Vere Buchanan (violinist).

#### TRAFALGAR DAY CELEBRATIONS.

The Navy League, who arranged for a function to take place in King Edward Barracks on Wednesday evening, October 21, met with considerable patronage and success. Speeches were given by the Mayor of Christchurch, prominent members of the Navy League and Commander Browne, of H.M.S. Encounter. A most interesting exhibition of drill, gymnastics, and gun work was given by a detachment of bluejackets and marines from the Encounter. Mr George March sang "Land of Hope and Glory," and the Garrison Band played suitable selections. A great many ladies were present.

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