

blue chaineuse finished with lace; Mrs. Guy Williams (Masterton), "dead roses" chiffon velvet, the corsage draped with lace; Mrs. H. Williams (Masterton), black chiffon velvet with sleeves of Alencon lace; Mrs. Algar Williams, pale green ninon de soie, the sleeves of frilled Valenciennes in a delicate biscuit colour; Mrs. Russell (Palmerston), pale pink Liberty satin lace; Miss I. Russell, pale blue full with an oversleeve of amethyst chiffon and garlands of violets; Miss Ella Vallance (Masterton), pale pink chiffon taffetas, made in the Empire style and finished with lace; Lady Stout, grey brocade with sleeves of ivory guipure and chiffon; Mrs. Turbull, mist blue Liberty satin, made in the Directoire style, the skirt opening over a panel of lace, steel embroideries defined the corsage which was softened with lace; Mrs. Johnston, black and white striped satin, lace draperies touched with jet; Mrs. U. Johnston, flame coloured satin with heavy embroideries in sequins; Mrs. Rolleston, grey souple satin, the skirt draperies being caught up by a velvet rosette centred with a diamond button; Miss Johnston, ivory satin Directoire gown with a draped scarf of pale blue crepe de chine, diamond ornaments; Mrs. W. Barton (Waipara), ivory satin Princess gown with bertha bounees, and sleeves of Italian rose-point; she wore a wreath of pearl roses in her hair; Mrs. Wilford, gold tissue veiled in changeant chiffon, and nished with gold roses; Mrs. W. Moorhouse, white chiffon exquisitely embroidered in ribbon work, with a design of pink roses; Mrs. Fitzgerald, ivory satin with skirt panel and bretelles of silk fillet heavily embroidered in gold, black cheville; Mrs. Martin, palest pink crepe de chene and lace; Mrs. Brandon, oyster brocade and lace; Miss F. Brandon, ivory satin Empire costume, the corsage encrusted with gold and pearls and finished with a deep graduated gold fringe, a gold Empire fillet in her hair; Miss Nora Brandon, who is our latest debutante, had a charming frock of white mousseline de soie made with a becoming simplicity, and finished with touches of white satin; Mrs. Colveridge, lace robe with Empire belt of palest blue velvet; Miss Coates, black chiffon taffetas, the skirt bordered with silver embroideries; Mrs. A. Crawford, floral chiffon taffetas striped with black; Miss E. Fell, pale yellow brocade with chiffon frills; Mrs. Dymock, white chiffon with an oversleeve of black embroidered net; Mrs. Newman, white and grey striped ninon with a bayader effect, guimpe sleeves of delicate lace touched with silver; Miss Harcourt, ivory souple satin embroidered in silver; Miss G. Harcourt, ivory chaineuse, the corsage having a wide band of gold Grecian embroidery, which also bordered the tunic skirt; Miss Holmes, black Chantilly lace over chiffon; Miss Richmond, black chiffon satin and ficlu of lace; Miss E. Richmond, green velvet sleeves of net; Mrs. Findlay, grey satin with bertha of lace; Mrs. V. Riddiford, ivory satin Empire gown, draped with lace; Mrs. C. Crawford, sky blue souple satin; Mrs. Duncun, grey satin, the lace ficlu caught up with a knot of black velvet; Mrs. Tweed, white chiffon with a striped over dress of lace and narrow black velvet; Miss Tweed, ivory satin with touches of gold; Miss Medley, white lace robe, with rouleaux of pale blue velvet; Mrs. W. Johnson, ivory satin, the seams inlet with gold embroidered lace, which also composed the pretty draped sleeves; Miss Reid, white souple satin Empire costume, the corsage draped with delicately tinted embroideries; Mrs. Bell, black chiffon taffetas with hanging sleeves of lace; Miss Bell, pale pink chiffon with revers of painted silk; Miss V. Bell, white chiffon glace and lace; Mrs. J. Tripe, black lace and net; Mrs. K. Duncun, white silk and silver sequins; Mrs. Hacon, grey brocade with bands of black jet; Mrs. Field, amethyst chiffon taffetas draped with beautiful lace, pearl and amethyst ornaments; Mrs. Haddfield, ivory satin, the skirt cut short in front to disclose brocade underskirt; Miss Seldon, black souple satin and lace; Miss Barron, esprit net with rouleaux of black velvet ribbon; Miss Ashcroft, pale grey crepe de chine with a ficlu of white chif-

fon; Miss Fitzgerald, pale pink crystalline and lace; Miss Fraser, peacock blue satin.

Also among the guests were Miss Mildred Fell and Mr. Dillon, whose wedding and departure for England took place the next day.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Miss Coates has returned from her trip to Auckland.

Dr. and Mrs. Fitchett, who have been away in Auckland, are back and staying at Day's Bay.

Miss Mouro (Palmerston), has been here for a few days, having come to be bridesmaid at the marriage of her cousin, Mr. Dillon, to Miss Fell. The ceremony was extremely quiet, and the only other bridesmaid was Miss Erica Fell.

During the autumn their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Plumket are thinking of taking a trip to the Cook Islands, and Radford.

Miss Garofond, of Auckland, is at present in Masterton. She is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. H. T. Wood.

Mrs. R. J. Collins and Miss Evelyn Collins accompanied Colonel Collins on his trip to Rotorua, Te Aroha, and Auckland.

Mrs. and Miss Monteith (West Coast) are in Wellington at present, and staying at the Royal Oak.

OPIHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, February 5.

There are few social events taking place in Christchurch; at present everyone has been occupied in various ways with obtaining fund for the children's ward of the Hospital.

A GARDEN FETE

organised by the Hospital Lady Visitors' Association, was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Hospital grounds; it was a most enjoyable and successful affair; no more suitable spot could have been chosen; the gardens were looking their best. The stall holders were:—Doll Stall: Mrs. Heaton Rhodes and Mrs. Arthur H. Turnbull; Sweets Stall: Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. A. E. G. Rhodes; Flower Stall: Mrs. Wardrop; Refreshment Stall: Miss Turner (secretary), Mrs. Neave and Mrs. William Irving. The Garrison Band was in attendance and played at intervals. A large number of people were present, and the promoters expect to be able to present fully £100 towards the building of the Children's Ward. Amongst the many patrons present were:—Mr. and Mrs. G. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cracroft Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Alister Clark, Mrs. Moreland, Mrs. Gower-Burns, Miss Burns, Mrs. and Misses Payne, Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Mrs. Vernon, Dr. and Miss Nedwill, Dr. and Mrs. Irving, Mrs. L. Harley, Mrs. G. Helmore, Mrs. and Miss Olivier, Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. and Miss Moineaux, Mrs. H. Cotterill, Mrs. and Misses Hanner, Mrs. W. Day, Mrs. and Miss Bowden.

On behalf of the same object

A CONCERT

was given on Wednesday evening in the Choral Hall, under the patronage of Lord and Lady Plumket. The soloists, Mrs. Gower-Burns, Mrs. Pidgeon, Miss Allison, Miss Arrowsmith, Colonel Day, and Mr. March, were all enthusiastically applauded and encored. Part songs were sung by the Liedertafel quartet. The Empson played a pianoforte solo. The "Vignolas" gave instrumental items. Dr. Leslie Crooke and Miss March were the accompanists. The programme was an excellent one, and, apart from the object for which the concert was given, well merited the liberal patronage bestowed. Some of those present were:—The Bishop of Christchurch and Mrs. Julius, Mrs. Denniston, Professor Cook, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Andrew Anderson, Miss Anderson, Mrs. and Miss Widding, Dr. and Mrs. Westera, Dr. and Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Neave, Mrs. G. Harper, Dr.

and Mrs. Crook, Mrs. and Miss Mollinoux, Mrs. Symes, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, the Misses Wood, and Miss Cholmondeley.

On Thursday next

A BENEFIT MATINEE

will be given in His Majesty's Theatre by the members of Mr. J. C. Williamson's Comedy Company, also for the purpose of raising funds for the Children's Ward. Several of the young ladies of the company intend during the next four days to station themselves in various parts of the city to sell tickets. It is to be hoped that this generous effort of our professional visitors will meet with every encouragement and success and be liberally supported by the public.

AN AT HOME

was held by Mrs. W. H. Triggs on Thursday afternoon at her residence, St. James-street, Avonside, in honour of her niece, Miss Mona Dombell (Wellington). Miss H. Anthony played pianoforte solos and accompaniments. Miss M. Anthony, Miss Craddock, and Mr. J. S. Triggs sang several songs. Afternoon tea was served on the verandah and in the garden, and afterwards an amusing competition was held. Prizes were given for the best twelve word telegraphic message. The winners being Miss A. Craddock, and Mr. Redhead. Amongst the guests were:—Miss Evans, Miss Macmillan Brown, Miss Guthrie, Miss Arrowsmith and Miss Eckford, Messrs. Edwards, Redhead, Jennings, Wilcox, Dawn, Fraser, and Greenwood.

AT THE THEATRE ROYAL

the Williamson Musical Comedy Company have been producing "The Red Mill," which to-night will be replaced by

A PICNIC PARTY

was given by Mrs. C. Reid (Riccarton) on Saturday afternoon at "Moon Hay," Cashmere Hills. Amongst the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Helmore and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dalgety and children, Mrs. Payne and children, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. T. Cowlshaw and child, Margery and Barbara Thomas, Miss Joan Lee, and Miss Symes.

THE SUMMER MEETING AT RICCARTON RACECOURSE.

There were some pretty dresses for the first day's races on February 4. Mrs. Boyle, silver grey ninon, with trimmings of satin of same shade, black picture hat; Miss Boyle, cherry coloured chiffon over white, with lace insertions, black and white hat; Mrs. Alister Clark, cream ninon, relieved with cream satin and lace, large black picture hat; Mrs. A. Rhodes, shell pink cloth costume, large hat trimmed with pink; Mrs. Heaton Rhodes, cream radium, with Empire coat of cream lace, black hat; Mrs. C. Dalgety, pink and white floral chiffon, trimmed with bands of pink satin, black hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. C. Reid, white voile, white hat; Mrs. T. Cowlshaw, white embroidered muslin, viens rose Empire sash, pink hat; Mrs. Lee, blue and white striped muslin, dark blue hat; Mrs. E. Allen, deep rose eolienne Empire frock, black hat; Miss Ogley, white muslin, white and pink hat; Miss Lee, white muslin, picture hat of white; Mrs. G. Rhodes, grey silk costume, hat with grey ostrich feathers; Mrs. W. Moore, dark blue taffetas, hat to match; Misses Moore, white muslin frocks, floral hats; Mrs. G. Ronalds, mauve ninon Empire gown, large tuscain hat; Mrs. J. D. Hall, cream voile, large black hat; Mrs. Kettle, saxe blue gown, black hat; Miss Kettle, dull violet voile gown, hat to match; Mrs. Nancarrow, grey cashmere, black hat; Miss Nancarrow, dress of saxe blue, large blue and black hat; Mrs. Symes, blue shantung, trimmed with oriental embroidery, floral hat; Miss Nedwill fawn Empire coat and skirt, tuscain and black hat; Mrs. W. Montgomery, reseda green taffetas, leghorn hat with roses; Mrs. H. Reeves, pale blue over white, with lace inser-

tions, leghorn hat. Others present: Messdaunt Wigley, Stevenson, Bewick, Wells, Knight, Louison, Gorton, Campbell, Steele, Holmes, Gow, Misses Wells, Wigram, Burns 121, Knight, Mathias, Campbell, and Pyne.

A SMALL BRIDGE EVENING

was given on Tuesday at "Avonside" by Mrs. H. H. Loughlan. The players included Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Butterworth, Dr. and Miss Nedwill, Mrs. Nancarrow, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, and Mr. Brittain.

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