

black cloth coat and skirt, black hat with rosettes; Miss Stanford, grey tweed costume, cream hat with cream corded silk on it, and black and white wings; Mrs. H. Jackson, pale blue and cream striped muslin frock made in Empire style with tucked neck vest and under-sleeves, pale blue crimoline straw hat with roses at the side; Mrs. Barnicoat, navy blue serge coat and skirt, cream vest, cream straw loquie with jet ornaments along the brim, and black tulle at the side.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Hole (of Wanganui) has returned from her visit to Wellington.

Mrs. K. Riddiford (of Wellington), who has been staying in Wanganui with Mrs. Barnicoat, has returned to the Empire City.

Mrs. A. Izard (of Wanganui) has returned from her visit to Wellington.

Amongst visitors in Wanganui for the Spring Race Meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Levin (Rangitikei), Mrs. Gordon and Miss Levett (Bulls), Miss Brandon (Wellington), Mrs. Holmes (Wairarapa), Mr. Aldworth (Silverhope), Mr. and Mrs. A. Fitzherbert (Feilding).

Mrs. Greenwood (of Wanganui) has returned from her visit to Wellington.

Miss Maling (of Wanganui) has returned from her visit to Miss Lysaght, in Hawera.

Mrs. Baker (of Wanganui) has been staying in Hawera with her daughter, Mrs. A. Good.

Miss I. Cameron (of Wanganui) has returned from her visit to Hawera.

HUIA.

**BLLENHEIM.**

September 30.

**Presentation.**

On Thursday evening the staff of the "Marlborough Herald" drove down to Thurston and made a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. S. Neville, in connection with the 40th anniversary of their wedding. The presentation took the form of a handsome illuminated address, and was presented by the editor (Mr. W. Allen), on behalf of the staff.

**Sale of Work.**

The annual sale of work in aid of the New Zealand Church Missionary Association and the Melanesian Mission was opened in the Church of the Nativity schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon by the Ven. Archdeacon Grace. The following ladies were in charge of the various stalls:—Mrs. V. Powell, sewers; Mesdames Rogers and McKenzie and Miss Norgrove; Mrs. R. Barlow, sweets; Misses Hale and E. Mowat, flowers; Mesdames Lord, F. Robinson, and Miss Moreland, Melanesian Mission; Mrs. Conolly, Misses Eyes, Carkeek, and Brown, second-hand books, etc.; Mesdames Duckworth, Carkeek, and Misses Ross and Nosworthy, afternoon tea. Some of those present were: Mrs. Adams, Mrs. McNab, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. C. Mills, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. J. Mowat, Mrs. Redwood (Wellington), Mrs. A. Mowat, Mrs. Conolly, Mrs. Stace, Mrs. Duckworth, Mrs. Northcroft, Misses U. Grace, N. Grace, E. Mowat, N. Mowat, M. Grace, L. Clouston, C. Clouston, MacLaine, M. McNab, S. Rogers, K. Barnett, G. Rutherford, N. Rogers, I. Rutherford.

**Personal.**

Mrs. W. Cannavan is visiting friends in Wellington.

Mr. W. Gabites (Wanganui), who has been spending a few days with Mrs. W. E. Clouston, has returned.

Mrs. T. Grace, "The Vicarage," is on a visit to Nelson.

Hon. E. and Mrs. Townshend and Miss Townshend are visiting Wellington.

Misses Vavasour (2) are visiting Napier.

Mrs. L. Redwood (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs. J. Mowat, at "Springlands."

Mrs. Pentreath is visiting friends in Wellington.

Mr. A. Kellow (Wellington) has been visiting friends in Blenheim.

Mrs. Stace (Robinson Bay), who has been visiting friends in Blenheim, has returned.

JEAN.

**NELSON.**

September 30.

**Bridge.**

A very enjoyable "bridge afternoon" was given by Mrs. George Watts (Marlborough) on Monday at the "Haeremai" tea-rooms. Mrs. Watts re-

ceived her guests in a becoming costume of pale floral voile over pink glace. Some of the players were: Mrs. Renwick, Mrs. Coote, Mrs. J. Sharp, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. E. J. Allen, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Bunney, Mrs. A. Airey, Miss Gilkison, Miss Stuart-Forbes. The successful prize-winners were Mrs. Coote and Mrs. Blundell.

Another afternoon bridge party was given by Mrs. Renwick at "Newstead." Amongst others present were: Mrs. G. Watts (Blenheim), Mrs. Airey, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. S. Gibbs, Mrs. Booth, Misses Ledger, Mrs. Allen, Miss Richmond, Mrs. Harris, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Sclanders, Mrs. Kissling, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Coote, Mrs. Blundell.

**Afternoon Tea.**

A very pleasant "afternoon-tea" was given by Miss H. Blundell, for her guest, Miss Monroe, of Palmerston North. Mrs. Blundell wore a handsome black chiffon taffeta with white lace; Miss Blundell, pretty dress of white lace and voile; Miss Monroe, white net, cream silk skirt; Miss Richmond, black and white tweed; Miss Sealy, navy coat and skirt, becoming black hat. There were also present: Misses Sclanders, F. Edwards, Blackett, Booth-Cock, Ledger, de Castro, Douglas, Houliker, Glasgow, Maginity, Webb, Gilkison, Clark (2), Clendene, Trolove.

**A Successful Concert.**

A very successful concert was given by the Nelson Harmonic Society. Cole-ridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha" was performed, and the soloists, Mrs. Wright, Mr. de Looze (tenor) and Mr. H. Kidson (bass) all acquitted themselves well. Mrs. Richmond Fell was the leader of the orchestra, and Miss Earl pianiste. In the audience I noticed: Mrs. and Miss Mules, Mrs. C. Y. Fell, Misses Ledger, Mrs. W. S. Lucas, Miss Richmond, Mrs. and the Misses Maginity, Mrs. Glasgow, Mrs. Arthur Atkinson, Miss Atkinson, Mrs. and Miss Gibbs, Miss Cuthbertson, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. and the Misses Cock, Mrs. de Looze, Miss Booth, Miss Leggatt.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Renwick has returned from Blenheim.

Miss Tolmie has arrived from England.

Mrs. B. C. Haggitt (Dunedin) is the guest of Miss Tolmie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watts (Marlborough) are spending some weeks in Nelson.

Mrs. Hamilton Smith has returned to Melbourne.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bell have arrived in Nelson.

Mrs. H. O. Ledger is in Wellington.

Mr. Cecil Heaps has gone back to Perth.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Tomlinson have returned to Napier.

Miss Dorothy Pollen is the guest of Mrs. Hunter-Brown.

Mrs. F. Richmond and Miss Richmond are away in Blenheim.

DOLCE.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

October 1.

**At Home.**

Mrs. and Miss Denniston (Armstrong-street) gave an "at home" in honour of Miss Rattray (Dunedin). Mrs. Denniston, who received her guests in the drawing-room, was wearing a pretty gown of pale sage green cloth, with vest and sleeves of cream net lace; Miss Denniston, navy blue cloth, made pinafore style, with yoke and sleeves of cream lace; Miss Rattray (Dunedin), tailor-made coat and skirt of olive green cloth, white chip hat wreathed with cream roses and foliage, light fox furs.

**Afternoon Tea.**

On the same day a small tea was given by Mrs. Wardrop at the bank building in Hereford-street for Mrs. Herbert Elworthy, of Timaru. The guests included: Mrs. J. C. Palmer, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ogle, Miss Fisher, Mrs. C. Reid, Miss Murray-Aynsley, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. T. Cowlishaw.

**A Dance.**

A carpet dance was given by Mrs. Finch at Opawa on Saturday evening. The hostess was charmingly gowned in white taffeta and lace; Miss Finch, cream silk dress, with Empire sash of pale blue; Mrs. Wilding, black silk, richly trimmed with jet; Miss Nedwill, gown of reseda green taffeta and net; Miss Wilson, pale

blue eohenne, with touches of pale pink; Miss Devenish Meara, green velvet and cream lace; Miss Symes, an Empire gown of vieux rose silk; Mrs. W. Day, cream satin, relieved with gold embroideries; Miss Hungerford, pale blue silk; Miss Murray, grey satin and sequin trimming. Also present were: Messrs. Wilding, Hesse, Ross, White, Turner, Parkinson, Day, Mrs. Nedwill, Gribben, and Flach.

**Flower Show.**

A flower show was opened in the Alexandra Hall on Wednesday afternoon. The display of narcissi was very fine, the season having been perfect in all spring flowers. It was kept open again yesterday, when the awards were made for the best decorated tables. Amongst others present were: Mrs. Wigram, Mrs. J. D. Hall, Miss Cowlishaw, the Misses Humphreys, Mrs. Wardrop, Mrs. Allan, Miss Ogle, Mrs. T. Cowlishaw, Mrs. Beswick, Mrs. Bunt, Mrs. and Miss Pyne.

**The Theatre.**

At the Theatre Royal the Ward Company are having a most successful season, which will be brought to a close to-night. Amongst those attending have been Mrs. and the Misses Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. Savell, Mrs. W. and the Misses Moore, Mrs. and the Misses Hamner, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Russell, Mrs. George Harper, Mrs. and Miss Wilding, Mrs. Andrew Anderson, Mr. and the Misses Secretan, Mrs. and Miss Nancarrow, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Thomas, Mr. and the Misses Way, Misses Guthrie, Merton, and Denniston.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Hansel (Wellington), with her children, are staying with Mrs. Julius, at Bishop's Court, Christchurch.

Mrs. Russell Grace (Wellington) is in Christchurch, staying with Mrs. G. G. Stead, at "Strowan Park."

The Hon. Laine Plunket passed through Christchurch last week, en route for St. Hilda's, Dunedin. During her stay here she was the guest of Mrs. Boyle, at Riccarton.

Mrs. and Miss Nicholls have returned to Christchurch from Methven, where they were staying with Mrs. Lewin and Mrs. Fowler.

Miss Corfe (Christchurch), who has been in England and on the Continent for three years, has returned by the Ruapehu.

Mrs. and Miss Pyne (Christchurch) have been staying at Springfield.

Miss Izard, who has been visiting friends in Wanganui, has returned to Christchurch.

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