

Personal.

Mrs. McGill has gone to Wellington for a short stay.
 Mr. C. H. F. McPherson, accountant in the local branch of the N.Z. Loan and Mercantile Company, has been appointed manager of the Loan Company in Dannevirke.
 Mrs. A. Webster, Wellington, made a short stay in Palmerston, on her way through to Wanganui.
 Mrs. E. W. Hitchings has returned from Pahiatua, and is staying with her mother, Mrs. J. Bell, for a few days before going on to Levin.
 Mr. J. L. Barnicoat, manager of the Union Bank, has returned from the South, and is now going up to Auckland for a few weeks. Mrs. Barnicoat will accompany him on his trip to the North.

BLENNHEIM.

October 7.

Tennis Party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Conolly entertained a number of friends on Saturday afternoon at Springlands at a tennis party. The lawn was in excellent order, and many people enjoyed the game of tennis, whilst others wandered through the pretty garden. Some of those present were: Mesdames Woods, Wolfenstein, J. Mowat, A. Mowat, Clouston (2), Scott Smith, Tilly, Davies, Gard, Bennett, Misses Clouston (2), Mowat (2), Rogers, Gard, Leslie, Scott-Smith, Anderson, Messrs. Burden, H. Anderson, Scott Smith, Shivas, Wolfenstein, Tilly, Corbett, Woods, Moore, L. Griffiths, Churchward, and Dr. Bennett.

The Races.

The Spring Meeting of the Marlborough Racing Club opened on Wednesday at Riverlands, and although the weather in the morning was not too promising, it turned out a perfect day. The attendance was not so good as usual. Some of those present were: Mesdames Munro, Black costume, black toque; Rutherford, dark green striped costume, hat with purple flowers; Howard, navy costume, blue hat with roses; Mrs. Burden, pale green striped costume, black hat; Mrs. B. Clouston, green cloth tailor-made, green hat, pink roses; Stevenson, green tailor-made costume, brown hat with blue; Bennett, cream silk canvas Empire gown, black hat with feathers; Dillon, dark grey tailor-made, black hat; F. Dillon, navy tailor-made, brown and pink hat; C. Mills, green striped costume, pretty white hat with purple; Moore (Nelson), pale blue silk voile Empire dress with black hat; Vavasour, pale blue cloth costume, black hat; Wolfenstein, navy costume, navy hat with violets; MacLaine, green tailor-made, burnt straw hat; Woods, brown tailor-made, black hat; Lilly, brown tailor-made, hat to match; Weld, dove cloth costume, blue hat with black wings; L. Rodwood, black costume, black hat; McRae, purple costume, hat to match; Kelly (Picton), floral muslin, black hat; Riddell (Picton), dark striped costume, hat with purple; Bull, striped green costume, pretty blue hat with roses; Waddy, cream cloth costume, brown hat with brown wings; Tennant, striped green costume, pretty blue hat; Misses G. Rutherford, cornflower blue dress, cream hat; Anderson, brown checked dress with hat to match; Smith, black dress, black hat; Neville, navy braided tailor-made, hat with shaded roses; A. Neville, green striped tailor-made, hat with wreaths of forget-me-nots; Goulter (2), white muslin dresses, with white leghorn hats with flowers; Clouston, cream costume, green hat with cream roses; D. Clouston, green striped costume, cream hat with daisies; C. Clouston, green tailor-made, green hat with flowers; J. Horton, green checked costume, hat to match; Seymour (Picton), black and white muslin over pink silk, hat with orange wings; T. Rutherford, cornflower blue dress, blue hat; Greenfield, white muslin, white silk hat, with floral scarf; C. Western, grey coat and skirt, hat with pink flowers; Vavasour (2), cream cloth costumes, burnt straw hats with clovers; O. Leslie, grey striped costume, burnt straw hat with pink; Chapman, green coat and skirt, hat with roses; Messrs. Goulter, Coleman, Stevenson, Conolly, Neville (2), Bell (2), Williams, Vavasour, Griffiths, Bagge, Moore (Nelson), Burden, Weld, F. Dillon, C. Mills, Woods, Kelly (Picton), B. Clouston, Ward, Harvey, McCrae, McShane, Shivas, Fell (Picton), Pierpoint, B. Munro, Paul (2), Greenfield and McRae, Dr. Anderson, Bennett and Walker.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Moore, Nelson, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Burden.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Stevenson, "Upcot," have returned from Wellington, and are now staying at the Criterion Hotel.
 Mr. and Mrs. F. Dillon have returned from their wedding trip home.

JEAN.

NELSON.

October 7.

The Bowling Club.

The Nelson Bowling Green was formally opened on Saturday, by the President, Canon Lucas, after which Mrs. Lucas rolled the "Jack" across the green. Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs. Lucas, who wore a costume of myrtle green face cloth with green bonnet. The bevy of girls who served tea included Miss Lulu Lucas, Misses Perrin, Coster, Grace. Among others present were: Miss Cook, Mrs. and Miss Maginnity, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Houker, Mrs. A. H. Bisley, Miss Bisley, Mrs. W. Rout, Dr. Hamilton (Wakefield), Mrs. G. Harkness, Misses Tatbot (Richmond), Mrs. Trask, Hon. F. Trask, Dr. Wright.

A Dance.

A "surprise" dance was given last week by the Messrs. Hamilton at "May-toyd." Mrs. Hoby was wearing pale green silk covered with net; Miss Richmond, black silk, trimmed with panels of white Limerick lace; Miss Clark, rose taffeta; Miss Ledger, white chiffon; Miss Monroe (Palmerston North), Empire gown of white charmeuse; Miss Blundell, green satin; Miss F. Edwards, pale pink chiffon; Miss G. Harley, blue satin Empire gown; Miss Sutherland Smith, soft white silk; Miss A. Kelling, mauve taffeta; Miss F. Coster, green Directoire gown; Miss Houker, pale blue taffeta; Miss Maginnity, blue silk, with berthe of real lace; Miss Glasgow, mauve charmeuse; Miss Sclanders, pale pink net; Miss de Castro, white lace; Miss D. Hain, pink chiffon. Messrs. Hamilton (3), Hoby, Hair, Booth (2), Clark, Harley, Hanron, Henry, Grace, Menzies, Williams, Johnson, Jackson.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. J. H. Cook gave a large "afternoon tea" at Churchill for Miss Mabel Glasgow. The guests were entertained with songs by the Misses Bamford, Leggett and Cook, and pianoforte solos by Mrs. Anderson (England), and Miss Phyllis Fell. Mrs. Cook was wearing brown silk voile over glace, with yellow lace vest and long sleeves; Misses Cook, saxe blue cloth Empire costumes; Miss Cook, black silk; Mrs. D. Edwards, pale grey charmeuse, pale pink chiffon hat; Mrs. Hoby, grey striped coat and skirt, cream covered hat; Miss M. Glasgow, cream costume, cream lace blouse; Mrs. B. Fell, grey cloth, pale blue silk hat; Mrs. Anderson (England), grey Empire coat with revers of black satin, black plumed hat; Miss Blackett, brown cloth, green hat; Miss Richmond, green cloth; Miss F. Edwards, dark grey striped cloth, pink hat with roses; Miss C. Edwards, navy blue; Miss Gibbs, green silk, green hat with floral wreath; Miss Mules, cream cashmere cloth, pale blue hat; Miss Booth, saxe blue cloth, blue hat; Miss P. Fell, grey pleated coat and skirt, pink straw hat with large roses; Mrs. F. Glasgow, navy cloth, black hat. Some others present were: Misses Turner (Timaru), Webb, Monroe, (Palmerston), Sclanders, Clendenen (Melbourne), Langley-Adams, Houker, Leggett, Nicholson, Kirton, Clarke, Blundell, D. Fell, Clark (2), Trolove, Bamford, Maginnity.

Another large "At Home" was given by Mrs. Wright for her daughter, Miss Dorothy Wright, who is leaving this week for Hong Kong, where her marriage takes place. Some of the guests were: Mrs. Rose, Mrs. and Miss Nicholson, Misses Edwards, Misses Coster, Misses Cook, Miss Ledger, Misses Bamford, Mrs. Clendenen, Miss G. Harley, Misses Maginnity. The prize for an amusing competition was won by Miss Vera Bamford.

DOLICE.

CHRISTCHURCH.

October 8.

A Book Tea.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. George Merton gave "A Book Tea" at her residence on Park-terrace. A number of

girls were present, each wearing a card representing the title of a book. Some of these were really most artistic and clever. Miss Dorothy Sykes succeeded in winning the first prize, and Miss M. Molineaux the second. Mrs. Merton wore a charming gown of black ninon over white silk, with insertion of black lace; Miss Gladys Merton, white muslin and lace frock; Miss Simpson Perry (Sydney), in whose honour the party was given, was daintily gowned in a plum-coloured pinstriped frock with sleeves and vest of embroidered muslin, white hat; Mrs. Stevenson, pale green and white spotted foulard dress, large white hat with green and white scarf. Other guests were: The Misses Humphreys, Denniston, Hammer (2), Gosset, Burns (2), Gorrie (Auckland), Cracroft-Wilson, Park, Moore (2), Strachey, Russell, Hill, Bloxam, Reece, Anderson (2), Nan-ar-row, Wood, Wilkin, Rosa, and Knight.

Luncheon Party.

A luncheon party was given by Mrs. Stevenson on Tuesday. The hostess was wearing a richly-braided plum-coloured costume; Miss Simpson Perry (Sydney), navy blue coat and skirt, pale blue hat; Mrs. Wardrop, green cloth Directoire gown, with vieux rose toque; Mrs. Allen, blue and white striped costume, braided in black, Tuscan hat with black scarf; Miss Ogle, frock of cream cloth, with touches of black and white silk, large Tuscan hat lined with black and white and wreathed with shaded pink roses; Mrs. Thomas, dark green costume, hat to match; Mrs. C. Reid, tweed coat and skirt of dark grey, Tuscan hat; Mrs. W. Day, dark blue serge costume, floral hat; Mrs. Williams, black cloth dress, flower-trimmed hat; Mrs. G. Merton, navy blue costume, mole-coloured toque, with blue cornflower and velvet.

Euchre Party.

Colonel and Mrs. Hawkins gave a euchre party on Tuesday evening in honour of Major and Mrs. Andrew, who are returning to India. The gathering took place at the Officers' Club Rooms, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Christ College Sports.

The Christ's College sports took place yesterday (Thursday), October 7th, in the College grounds. The day was fine, and there was a large attendance of ladies. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Moreland. Amongst those present were: Mrs. and Miss Julius, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. and Miss Reece, Mrs. and the Misses Hammer, Mrs. Wanklyn, Mrs. and Miss Denniston, the Misses Humphreys, Mrs. and the Misses Bloxam, Mrs. and the Misses Rose, Mrs. Jennings, Miss Murray, Mrs. and Miss Holmes, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. W. Day, Mrs. George Rhodes, Mrs. and Miss Louison, Mrs. Frank Cowlishaw, Mrs. Marshal, Miss Cowlishaw, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. and the Misses Moore, Mrs. Boys, Mrs. Savill, Miss Phillips, Mrs. and the Misses Burns.

Lady Plunket as Honorary Colonel.

Yesterday, Thursday, October 7th, Lady Plunket, who is Honorary Colonel of the Second Regiment, North Canterbury Mounted Rifles, inspected the corps at Hawarden. She was attended by Captain Shannon, A.D.C., and accompanied by Mrs. Hawkins, Miss Hill and Miss Boyle. The handsome uniform of dark green cloth was most becoming to her Ladyship. Mr. Lance, "Horsley Downs, entertained them at luncheon, and the residents of Hawarden and Horsley Downs at afternoon tea.

Personal.


Mrs. G. G. Stead (Stroman Park, Christchurch) is at present staying at Summer for change of air, after her illness. Her daughter (Mrs. Russell Grace) has returned to Wellington.
 Mrs. T. Cowlishaw and her little daughter left Christchurch on Thursday for Sydney, where they intend spending several weeks.
 Mrs. M. Lewia (Methven) and Mrs. Fowler (Ceylon) are staying with Mrs. Andrew Anderson, at Opawa.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rutherford (Mendip Hills) have returned to Christchurch from a visit to Australia.
 Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood (Christchurch) are visiting friends in Dunedin.
 Miss B. Russell has left Christchurch for a visit to Auckland.
 Miss Chaytor (Blenheim) is the guest of Mrs. John Deane, at Riccarton.
 Miss Miles (Palmerston North) is visiting friends in Christchurch.

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