

lacked muslin frock, with lace and insertion; Miss A. Nixon, white silk gown, with lace, and spray of lilies of the valley; Miss R. Nixon, pale blue silk frock, with yoke of fine cream lace; Miss — Lock, old rose silk gown, with each of the same; Mrs. Stuart (Mania), black silk gown, with fine black silk insertion. Amongst the fancy dresses were: Miss G. Christie, as a Peasant; Miss — Duigan, Japanese Lady; Miss M. Cholmeley, Norwegian Peasant; Miss T. Cholmeley, Russian Peasant, in a blue killed skirt, white embroidered muslin apron and pale blue muslin head dress with flowing ends; Miss B. Cholmeley, Dutch Peasant; Miss E. Cameron, Poppy; her sister was a French Fishwife; Miss — Locke, Highlander; Miss — Duigan, Lady in King George's reign; Miss — Stewart, Fairy Queen; Miss — Nixon, in a pretty pale blue velvet gown and close-fitting lace bonnet. During the evening some very pretty fancy dances were executed by some of Miss Brewer's pupils.

Personal.

Mrs. Hole, of Belmont, Wanganui, left this week for a trip to Rotorua. She expects to be away some weeks.

Mrs. Swainson, of Rangitikei, is the guest of Mrs. Cholmeley, Tayforth, Wanganui.

Mrs. Rarnicoat, of Wanganui, is staying in the Wellington district with her daughter, Mrs. Eric Riddiford.

Miss H. Anderson, of Wanganui, has gone to Picton. She will be the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. Tripe.

Professor Von Zethietz, of Wellington, is staying in Wanganui.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Izard, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to Hawke's Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to Rotorua.

Miss G. Anderson, of Wanganui, left this week for a visit to Picton.

Archdeacon Fancourt, of Wellington, who has been staying in Wanganui, has returned to his home.

Mrs. Scott, of Palmerston North, who has been visiting relations in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

H.C.I.A.

NELSON.

October 28.

Summer Sports.

The Nelson Croquet Club opened their season on Saturday. The cold and showery weather prevented many from going, but the lawns looked very well. Mrs. Renwick, the club president, sent the first ball of the season through the hoop, and declared the greens open for play. A dainty afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Renwick and Miss Airey (Cable Bay). Amongst those present were: Mrs. Renwick, black silk, with long coat of black silk, black chip hat with long plumes; Mrs. Airey, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Coote, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. and Miss Scandlers, Miss Richmond, Miss Gibbs, Mrs. de Castro, Mrs. Bunnell, Mrs. Bunny, Miss Sutherland-Smith, Mrs. C. King.

Gymnastics for Girls.

A very successful gymnastic display was given by the Nelson College girls in the School of Music. During the evening musical items were also given by the Misses Bamford and Miss P. Fell. In the audience I noticed Mrs. Mules, Miss Mules, Mrs. Fell and Misses Fell, Miss Greenwood, Mrs. and Miss Cook, Mrs. Scandlers, Misses Atkinson, Misses Maginity, Mrs. Nicholson, Miss Lorrimer, Miss Kirton, Miss Ledger.

Bridge.

Mrs. Macquarie gave a delightful bridge party at her residence, "Glen Forsa." Some of those present were: Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Bunny, Mrs. Booth, Misses Gilkinson, Miss Gibbs, Mrs. Heaps, Miss Tolmie, Mrs. Haggitt (Dunedin), Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Allen, Miss Ledger, Miss Richmond.

A Handkerchief Tea.

An enjoyable "handkerchief tea" was given for Miss Mariel Webb by Mrs. F. St. John. Some of the guests were: Misses Webb, Miss Lightfoot, Misses Fell, Misses Ledger, Miss Leggett, Misses Cook, Miss Clark, Mrs. B. Fell, Misses Maginity, Miss Bamford.

Personal.

Mrs. and Miss Scandlers have gone to New Plymouth.

Mr. A. P. Burns has returned from Sydney.

Mrs. R. Fell is visiting friends in Christchurch.

Dr. Hudson (Tapawera) is in Wellington.

Miss J. Ledger has returned from her trip to Samoa.

The Rev. E. K. Mules is staying at Bishopdale.

Mrs. B. C. Haggitt has returned to Dunedin.

Mrs. and Miss Turton have left for Dunedin.

Mrs. Arthur Ledger has gone back to Christchurch.

DOLCE.

BLENHEIM.

October 28.

Garden Party.

On Friday afternoon a most enjoyable afternoon tea and garden party was given by Mrs. A. Mowat at her residence at "Springlands." This party was given in honour of Miss N. Mowat to celebrate her birthday. During the afternoon tennis was played by those inclined, and a guessing competition also caused considerable amusement. All kinds of picture advertisements were placed around the verandah, and the guests had to guess what they each represented. The prize was eventually awarded to Miss K. Scott Smith, who was successful in guessing the most. A dainty afternoon tea was dispensed in the large dining room. Mrs. A. Mowat wore a pretty white muslin dress; Miss N. Mowat looked particularly charming in a green striped dress, with pink hat relieved with black velvet; Miss E. Mowat, blue checked dress, hat with roses; Miss H. Mowat, white muslin. Others present were: Mrs. Gard, black silk; Mrs. J. Mowat, heliotrope dress, hat with roses; Mrs. J. Conolly, cream dress, pretty hat with flowers; Mrs. Sharp, white linen, pretty hat with coloured sweet peas; Miss Gard, green costume, hat with flowers; Miss Gard, cream dress, burnt straw hat; Miss I. Chaytor, striped brown costume, hat to match; Miss F. Chaytor, green striped costume, hat with blue; Miss Decima Horton, pale green linen costume, pretty hat with roses; Miss K. Scott Smith, blue striped muslin, white hat with blue velvet; Miss Gardiner (Christchurch), white dress, hat with roses; Miss Amy Neville, white muslin, burnt straw hat; Miss Nessa Grace, white dress, white hat with red poppies; Miss Rene Horton, pink linen coat and skirt, hat with flowers; Miss H. Marsh, navy costume; Miss Janet Bell, blue linen, hat to match; Miss N. Rogers, blue costume; Miss Mary Bell, striped green costume, white hat; Miss Connie Clouston, pink dress, hat with flowers; Miss K. Hall, white dress, blue hat; Miss C. Hall, blue linen costume; Miss Coleman, white Empire dress, white hat; Miss L. Clouston, white muslin.

Tennis Opening.

Last Saturday afternoon the Church of Nativity opened their tennis courts for the coming season. A dainty tea was provided by Mrs. Grace, which was nicely arranged under the shade of the trees. Misses Grace (4) dispensed tea to all those present. Mrs. Grace wore a black and white checked costume, black hat; Miss M. Grace, brown costume, hat to match; Miss N. Grace, cream serge, pretty white hat; Miss U. Grace, white muslin, white hat. Others present were: Mesdames Adams, Scott Smith, McNab, Scott, J. Mowat, MacLaine, Handley, Misses Mowat (2), MacLaine, Newton, Clouston (2), Scott Smith, Easter, Horton (3), Home, Farmer (2), Messrs. Grace, White, De Lambert, Gilling, Webb, Stace, Flowers, Perrot (Renwick).

Last Saturday afternoon, the weather being somewhat showery rather spoilt the attendance at the Marlborough lawn tennis grounds. Mrs. Bennett provided a dainty tea, which was much appreciated by all. Some of those present were: Mesdames Walker, Scott Smith, McCullum, Wilson, B. Clouston, Marsh, Broughton, J. Murray (Woodbank), Bagge, Adams, Orr, Misses Bell (2), Neville (2), Marsh (2), Scott Smith, Easter, Clarke, Messrs. B. Moore, Scott Smith, Davey, Parker (2), Hill, Griffiths, A. Bell, Wilfen, Smale, and Tuke.

Personal.

Miss Horton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Parsons at Waipari.

Miss Clark (Wellington) is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Barge in Maxwell-road.

Miss Fell, "Riverlands," is visiting the Empire City.

Miss B. Suited (Westport), who has been spending a short holiday with Mr. and Mrs. K. Bell at "Riverlands," has returned.

Miss Smythe (Christchurch) is the guest of Miss McLauren.

Mrs. T. Grace, "The Vicarage," has returned from visiting friends in Nelson.

Miss Hall has returned from a visit to Mrs. H. Sharpe at Seddon.

JEAN.

CHRISTCHURCH.

October 29.

A Delightful Afternoon.

"A song title" afternoon was given on Monday by Mrs. John Deans (Riccarton) in honour of Mrs. Humphrey, of Wellington, who is staying with her. Miss B. Wood won the prize for guessing the largest number correctly. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Maurice Denniston (Wellington), Mrs. J. Vernon, Mrs. G. Ronalds, Misses Cotterill (2), Symes, Boyle, Ogle, Nancarrow, Julius, Wilkin, Moore, Harley, Burns (2), Anderson (2), Merton, Hill, Gossett, Pryn (2), Molineaux, Strachey, Wood (2), Milne, Simpson-Perry (Sydney), Turnbull, Thomas, Cook (2), Sanders, Burnett (Wellington), Gorrie (Auckland), McIlwraith, and Cotton.

A College Tea.

The lady students of Canterbury College entertained the professors and men students at afternoon tea on "The Cottage" lawn on Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was large, and the gathering was a great success.

A dance was held at Miss Cox's Assembly Rooms by the students on Saturday night to say farewell before leaving for their homes for the long vacation.

Concert.

The Christchurch Musical Union gave the fourth concert of their season on Tuesday evening, October 26th, at His Majesty's Theatre. Dr. Bradshaw being unable to attend, Mr. H. H. Loughnan took his place as conductor, and wielded the baton most successfully. The orchestral numbers went splendidly. They included: Overture, "Oberon" (Weber); Symphony No. 4, "The Clock" (Haydn); ballet music, "Faust" (Gounod); Chaut Sans Paroles and Beethoven's Turkish March. Miss Daisy Lezard sang "When the Heart is Young" charmingly; she received an enthusiastic encore, and was presented with three beautiful bouquets. Mr. Sidney Williamson was unable to appear, so his place was filled by Mr. Farquhar Young. Miss Lezard wore a dainty robe of soft white silk with embroidered front panel; Miss Packer (leader of orchestra), black sequined net; Miss Rima Young (pianiste), white muslin and lace. Amongst the many present were: Mrs. H. H. Loughnan, Miss Vio Parson, the Bishop and Mrs. Julius, Professor and Mrs. Blunt, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaye, Mrs. Denniston, the Misses Gibson, the Misses Gardner, Miss Secretan, Mrs. Winter Hall, Mrs. and Miss Young, Mrs. J. Fairhurst, Dr. and Mrs. Crooke, the Misses Cook.

Personal.

Mrs. Wigram and Mrs. Beswick (Christchurch) are staying at Hanmer.

Mrs. and Miss Wells (Amberley) are visiting friends in Christchurch.

Other visitors in town are: Mrs. Bethell (Pahau Pastures), Mrs. E. C. Studhelme (Waimate), Mr. and Mrs. L. de C. Malet (Clearwell), Mrs. Sabill (Waddington).

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean (Mt. Hutt) are staying with Mrs. Nancarrow (Armagh-street).

Miss Burnett (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs. Andrew Anderson (Opauca).

Mrs. T. Williamson (Gisborne) is visiting friends in Christchurch.

Miss Wimperis (Dunedin), Mrs. B. Fell (Nelson), Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harley, have taken a house at Sumner, and have left their Christchurch residence to Mr. and Mrs. Molineaux, of the Bank of New South Wales.

Mrs. George Harper (Riccarton) has gone on a visit to Timaru.

Mrs. Morton (Riccarton) has returned from the North Island.

Mrs. Michael Campbell (Avonside), has returned from the West Coast.

Mrs. Pyne (Bealey-avenue, Christchurch) is staying with Mrs. H. Knight, Racecourse Hill.

Miss Borrie (Dunedin) is the guest of Mrs. Walter Thomas, Colombo-street, Christchurch.

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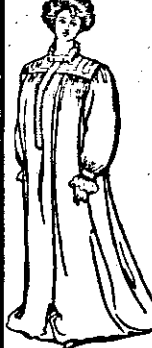
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