

Mr. Maughan Barnett (Wellington) composed the "ode" to be sung at the opening of the Christchurch Exhibition; Mr. E. J. Hill, Wellington, has been engaged to sing the tenor solos in "The Hymn of Praise," and as Mr. Prouse has been entrusted with the recitative, "Why Do the Nations?" Wellington musicians will be well represented.

Mrs. Julius (Christchurch) is staying in Timaru, on a visit to her married daughter, Mrs. Arthur Elworthy.

Mr. Robert Govett is returning from Europe to spend the summer in New Zealand, and is travelling out in the Orient liner Omrah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Moorhouse, Wellington, were the guests of Mrs. H. M. Moorhouse in Christchurch for the races.

Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan are among the many Wellingtonians in Christchurch for the Exhibition and the races.

Miss Iris Bell (Wellington) is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Pat. Campbell, at "Islam," for the Christchurch festivities and Exhibition.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond and Miss Ormond are in Christchurch for the Jubilee races.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry and Mr. and Mrs. Perry (Hawke's Bay) were in Wellington for a few days last week, en route for Christchurch, where they remain throughout the carnival.

Miss Joan Lee has returned from Australia, where she went for the winter, and is the guest of Mrs. Palmer, "Woodford."

Mr. and Mrs. John Prouse arrived from Wellington on Tuesday, and are at Mrs. Tribe's, Hereford-street. Mr. Prouse is to sing the solos in the Ode at the opening of the Exhibition.

Mr. E. J. Hill, of Wellington, also arrived in Christchurch on Tuesday. He is taking the tenor part in the Hymn of Praise to be sung in the evening, November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Heaton Rhodes have taken up their residence at Elmwood for the festivities, and have issued invitations for a garden party there on the 6th November.

Mr. John Deans, of Riccarton, and Miss Deans returned last week from their trip to England and Scotland, going via Australia and returning through America.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Tolhurst (Wellington) have arrived in Melbourne, on their way back to New Zealand from their trip to Europe, and will stay a short time with their relatives there, and witness the Melbourne Cup before returning to Wellington.

At the Wellington Drivers' Union dinner Mrs. Seddon was presented with a very handsome hand-painted panel by Mr. Allan Orr, on behalf of the Union, as a very slight recognition and return for all her kindness to the members of the Union, and as a small return for the labours of herself and the Premier on behalf of the workers.

Mrs. Inglis, who was the guest of Mrs. Busby, at "Valleyfield," left Blenheim last Monday, to return to Wellington.

Miss Kathleen Thomas, who has been staying at "Marshlands" with Mrs. Chaytor, left Blenheim last Friday, to return to her home in Christchurch.

Mr. Kenneth Mowat, of "Altmarloch," is making a brief visit to Christchurch.

Messrs. J. Duncan and C. Pearce, of Wellington, have been spending a few days in Blenheim.

Miss Craig, who has been living with Mrs. Foster, at "Starborough," near Blenheim, has now gone to stay with Mrs. Mowat, at "Altmarloch," whose health is much improved.

The Rev. Ronaldson, of Dunedin, is at present the guest of the Bishop and Mrs. Mules, "Bishopdale," Nelson.

The Rev. J. R. Dart, of Westport, spent a few days in Nelson last week.

Mrs. Lambie, of "Birch Hill," Waitara Valley, has been spending a week in Wellington, but arrived in Blenheim again on Saturday night.

The Wakatu Mounted Rifles (Nelson) have just spent a week in camp at Blenheim, which was greatly enjoyed in spite of rather a rough time owing to bad weather. They returned to Nelson on Sunday afternoon.

The Marlborough Mounted Rifles have been in camp for a week in the A. and P. Show Grounds, Blenheim, and were joined by the Wakatu

Mounted Rifles, from Nelson, who come down overland, and had a very rough ride, the weather being anything but favourable. On the way down they were entertained in Havelock.

Owing to the heavy rains and floods the spring meeting of the Marlborough Racing Club has been postponed until the 29th and 30th of October.

Mr and Mrs Purser and family, who have resided for many years in Blenheim, have gone to live in Wanganni, and a number of friends assembled at the Blenheim railway station to wish them a pleasant voyage.

Miss Frano Garstin left Nelson last week for Christchurch.

At the opening of the Marlborough Tennis Club last week, the president, Mr. Griffiths, made a very felicitous speech—as indeed he always does—and Mrs. Griffiths provided most dainty afternoon refreshments. The prize for the men's singles in the Tournament last season was presented to Mr. L. Griffiths; for men's doubles to Messrs Orr and Hawley; for mixed doubles to Miss Anderson and Mr. Hawley; and for the Croquet Tournament to Mrs. B. Clouston and Mr. Fish. A few of those present were: Mesdames Griffiths, Innes, Stubbs (Timaru), Black, B. Clouston, the Misses Greenfield, Fulton (2), McLauchlan, Waddy (2), Horton, and Messrs Orr, Fish, Stubbs (2), Sim, Hindmarsh Stow, Burden, B. Moore, F. Greenfield, Griffiths (2), Laery, Dr. Innes, etc.

The trustees of the Nelson School of Music have definitely accepted the tender of Mr. J. Hunter, of Wellington, for the new building, which is to be a handsome brick structure, and will be completed in May.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at Johnsonville on the return of Trooper Charlie Bold, last week, when a social was held in the Town Hall, and the esteem in which he is held was proved by the crowded room. After several speeches had been made, Trooper Bold was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain, and purse of sovereigns, which he acknowledged with a few well chosen words, and afterwards gave us a most interesting little account of his experiences in the Transvaal—quite the most modest account I have heard, in spite of his having been in twenty-seven battles and several scrimmages. Later on several songs were sung by local ladies and gentlemen, and the evening was brought to a close with dancing and a delicious supper.

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A TENOR'S MISFORTUNE.

Mr William Neilson, the well-known tenor recently of Williamson and Musgrove's Royal Comic Opera Company, and Miss Castles' Company, tells an interesting but true story concerning a tour in New Zealand.

"One day when at Dunedin we played cricket in the drizzling rain, and thoroughly enjoyed the game. I thought nothing of it till some time afterwards, when I was attacked with acute rheumatism. My joints and muscles became swollen and stiff, and ached terribly. I could scarcely use my limbs, and was confined to bed. Night or day I did not close my eyes, for the pain effectually banished sleep. My appetite failed, and my general health greatly suffered. After trying many remedies without avail, a friend recommended me to try Dr. Williams' pink pills. Before long the pains began to subside, and eventually left me. Since then I have been free from my complaint, and I have no doubt that Dr. Williams' pink pills permanently cured me. I therefore heartily recommend them."

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Dear Bee, November 6.

ST. GEORGE'S ROWING CLUB'S ANNUAL "AT HOME"

took place on Saturday afternoon last at Judge's Bay, Parnell. There was, as usual, a great crowd of visitors, and the strong contingent of pretty girls was a marked feature. A band was in attendance, and took up their position on a dais of heaped sand, spread with a sail. It was a magnificent day, the sky and sea both being exquisitely blue. The tide was in, the sea calm, so the magnificent view of the gulf was seen to its fullest advantage. A picture of more absolute beauty could not be imagined. The beach itself, with Mrs Street's lovely grounds rising behind, and Dr. Campbell's Point to the left, were brilliant with colour, the ladies' dresses being bright and variegated, while the yachts, still on their winter "slips," but all ready for the summer launching, and in all the glory of new paint, were gay with bunting. The bay was dotted over with tiny pleasure craft and racing boats, while a small oil launch rushed hither and thither in the absurdly important manner characteristic of these boats. The North Shore smiled brilliantly in the sunlight, and Rangitoto, in purple splendour, seemed standing sentinel over it all. The groupings on the beach, too, seemed to arrange themselves very happily from a pictorial point of view, the bright costumes of the ladies, and the bright red parasols giving just beautiful patches of brilliancy to the scene. Mrs Street, with her usual kindness, allowed the visitors the use of her property overlooking the bay, where afternoon tea was dispensed by the members of the Club in their usual efficient manner.

Mrs Atkinson, black broche with grey chiffon vest, trimmed with jet passementerie, black bonnet; Miss Atkinson, dark skirt, blue and white striped blouse, black hat trimmed with blue; Miss — Atkinson, fawn costume; Mrs Arnold, mourning costume; Miss Andrews, heliotrope plaid costume; Mrs Ashton, brown holland, sailor hat; Miss Bosenwen, black costume, white vest, black hat; Mrs Read Bloomfield, black silk, steel bonnet trimmed with green velvet; Miss Buchanan, dark skirt, pink blouse, black hat with flowers; and her sister wore a dark skirt, violet blouse, black hat with flowers; Mrs Sylvester Brigham, black silk skirt, lustrous blouse, black hat trimmed with pink; Miss Brigham, cream serge, hat trimmed with green tulle; Mrs Cyril Biss, dark skirt, black and white plaid blouse; Miss Brabant looked extremely pretty in black and white check skirt, with black braid, purple blouse, yellow chip toque with white tulle trimming and a bunch of red berries and black ostrich feathers; Miss Basley, dark skirt, white blouse; Mrs Cooper, black costume; Miss Cooper, grey; Mrs Chatfield, grey coat and skirt, white vest, black velvet toque with flowers; Miss Colbeck, pale greeny grey costume trimmed with green silk, cream hat trimmed with white; Mrs W. H. Colbeck, black skirt, green plaid blouse, sailor hat; Miss S. Cruickshank, pretty blue tussore silk relieved with pink, veiled in earr lace, sailor hat; Mrs R. Anthony Carr, grey, trimmed with canary; Miss Carr, pale fawn with a pink shade; Mrs Cuff, black silk, black toque trimmed with yellow; Miss O. Cuff, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs J. M. Dergaville, black broche relieved with white; Mrs Robert Dergaville, dark skirt, helio-

trope and white striped blouse, hat trimmed with yellow; Miss Devore, black skirt, blue blouse, black hat; Mrs D'Arcy, mode grey relieved with blue, black hat; Miss Frazer, fawn costume, sailor hat; Mrs Fraser, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs A. P. Friend, black costume; Miss Fenton, navy serge; Mrs H. Gilliland, grey lustrous; Miss Goodwin, navy; Mrs Goodhue, dark skirt, cardinal and black striped blouse, black hat with yellow roses; Mrs Gillies, black silk; Miss Gillies, brown skirt, salmon pink blouse, brown felt hat; Mrs Hart, black skirt, grey blouse, black toque; Miss Heath, grey plaid trimmed with cherry velvet, cherry red velvet toque; Mrs Herrold, black; Miss Herrold, black skirt, blue blouse, black hat; Miss Hardie, white pique, pink vest; Mrs Harrop, black costume; Miss Horne, black jersey cloth stylishly trimmed with grey check, sailor hat; Miss Ireland, navy skirt, purple blouse, black hat with white ruchings; Miss J. Ireland, black skirt, grey blouse, black hat; Mrs Jervis, black skirt, yellow blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Johnston, royal blue, with white let in at the neck; Mrs S. Kissling, black silk, black bonnet; Miss Kissling, grey check coat and skirt, hat trimmed with blue; and her sister wore a dark skirt, blue blouse, hat trimmed with blue silk; Miss Kempthorne, grey skirt, white blouse; Miss — Kempthorne, lemon coloured silk, veiled in fawn net; Miss Jones, dark skirt, white blouse; Miss Lennox, grey coat and skirt, pink hat; Miss Kitty Lennox, cardinal costume; Mrs Hope Lewis, black skirt, navy blouse, sailor hat; Miss Little, dark skirt, red blouse, sailor hat; Miss Lusk, black silk relieved with white; Miss O. Lusk, black skirt, claret coloured blouse; Miss Gorrie, mourning costume; Mrs Bruce, white pique; Mrs Morris, navy; Miss Phillips, dark skirt, blue blouse; Mrs Roach, very handsome violet costume trimmed with black velvet and pearl buttons, becoming black velvet toque with violets; Mrs Russell, white skirt, lavender blouse; Mrs E. W. G. Rathbone, green coat and skirt, black boa, black and white toque with white feather and pink roses; Mrs Murray, grey costume; Miss Murray, grey skirt, black jacket; Misses Preece (2), dark skirts, buttercup blouses, sailor hats; Mrs Pittar, black skirt, yellow blouse veiled in lace; Mrs Stuart-Reid, goblin blue relieved with white; Miss Ross, dark skirt, white blouse; Mrs Thornes, grey costume, black hat; Miss Savage, navy tailor-made costume; Miss D. Sutton, grey skirt, brown jacket; Miss Sutton, mode grey costume, white hat trimmed with lavender tulle; Mrs Salmon, black silk, white vest; Miss Salmon, black skirt, figured blouse; Mrs Steggall, white flowered muslin, lovely pink hat; Miss Whyte, white pique relieved



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