

Mrs and Miss Alice Brewster have returned to New Plymouth after their trip to Dunedin, but the latter was most unfortunate there, because during the excitement of the Royal visit she fell and broke her leg. It is, however, progressing favourably.

Many tourists from all parts of the colony who know, and have been driven by Mr E. Robertson, the well-known coach proprietor, of Rotorna, will be sorry to hear that he met with a rather serious accident a few days ago, being kicked on the side of the head, when endeavouring to mount a restive horse on the Whakarewera Road. One ear was split and a nasty gash made behind it, the unfortunate man being rendered unconscious. The Whakarewera bus was passing at the time, and Robertson was picked up and taken in to Rotorna, where he was attended by Drs. Kenny and McLaughlin.

Mr Thomas Scouler, who has managed the Edendale Dairy Factory for the last 14 years, having retired from the position, is being succeeded by Mr James Sawers, Government dairy expert. Mr Scouler has had a successful career, having trained a great many young men, and was always at the front at the Dunedin Winter show. After being first for two years in the MacNairn Cup test, he only lost the final contest by a few points. It may be mentioned (says the Otago "Daily Times") that Mr Scouler has been on the Land Companies' estates in Southland for close on 40 years and has always been very highly respected.

Mr W. Lindsay, who has recently settled down in Invercargill, having moved from Alexandra, was, prior to his departure from the latter township, entertained at a farewell smoke concert by the members of the Alexandra Rifles (in which he held the rank of senior lieutenant). There was a large and representative attendance, and numerous toasts were honoured during the evening, in the course of which Mr Lindsay was presented with a purse of sovereigns on behalf of the members of the volunteer corps as a slight token of the esteem in which he was held and of the valuable services which he had rendered to the corps. Mr Lindsay was also presented with a handsome set of gold sleeve links and studs from the Central Otago Foundry, as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the men in the shop.

Mrs G. W. Sampson, of Gisborne, has taken out a patent for a bedrest, constructed on the principle of the deck chair. It is an excellent device, and should tend to promote the comfort of invalids. With the greatest ease, patients can be raised to any elevation required for their comfort, without the troublesome expedient of propping up with pillows. The rest is so simple in its construction that it will be cheap enough to come within the reach of anyone requiring it, and should be a distinct boon to sufferers, and to nurses who have charge of them. It is spoken of most favourably by medical men and others experienced in nursing who have examined it.

Mr. George Glendinning, who has left the Railway Department of Timaru, having been removed to the Ad-dington workshops, Christchurch, was, prior to his departure from Timaru, the recipient of a handsome presentation from the members of the Railway Union. To Mr. Glendinning was handed a beautiful travelling bag, and a letter containing a handsome amount was tendered for Mrs. Glendinning. Mr. W. G. Cooper, the chairman of the branch, in making the presentation, stated that it was the spontaneous gift of the members in recognition of the many valuable services rendered by the recipient, not only by his labours, but also in a pecuniary sense, to the cause of railway unionism, and to the Timaru branch in its earlier struggles. Mr. Rupert E. Burke endorsed the sentiments of the previous speakers, and on behalf of the Traffic Department expressed a wish for the future prosperity and success of Mr. Glendinning. In thanking the meeting Mr. Glendinning said that the gifts would serve to remind him of the many pleasant days spent in the Timaru district.

After many years faithful and effi-

cient service, one of the most popular officers of the N.Z. Shipping Co. is about to retire and enter business on his own account. One refers to Mr H. H. McMaisters, who has for years been chief steward and providore on the old Elmutaka, the Paparua, and the Ruapehu, and at present he is in charge of the victualling department of the new steamer Rimutaka. Mr McMaisters will leave the last-named vessel on her arrival at London.

Mr Milner, who has been organist at Holy Trinity Church, Avonside, for the last thirty-two years, with the exception of two years when he was absent from the parish, has resigned the position, and Mr R. Lake has been appointed to succeed him. Mr Milner takes with him the best wishes of the parishioners in his retirement, and a few days ago, as a token of their esteem, a presentation was made to him consisting of a handsome easy chair and a smoker's cabinet, together with a teapot for Mrs Milner. The presentation was made by the Rev. Canon Pascoe, who was accompanied by the two churchwardens, Mr Bean and Mr Crichton, and Mr J. L. Scott, the choir-master. Mr Milner appropriately returned thanks.

The Rev. Chas. Williams, of Acreington, England, who is visiting the Baptist churches of this colony, and afterwards goes on to Australia and India, was accorded a warm social welcome at Auckland last week. The rev. gentleman is accompanied by his daughter.

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Society Gossip
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OPERA DRESSES.

Mrs C. M. Nelson wore black satin, and white opera cape; Miss Nelson was in black satin, paillettes on corsage; Miss K. Nelson, apple green silk blouse, and a black satin skirt; Mrs (Dr.) Lindsay wore black moire, with tuckered net sleeves, white brocade opera cape; Mrs (Prof.) Egerton was in black satin, with cream Maltese lace caught with red ribbons on low corsage; Mrs Brett, black satin, black opera cape, with chiffon ruckings edged with white; Mrs Rainger, rich black brocade, with garniture of shaded crimson roses, white opera cape, with white ostrich feather trimming; Mrs Alfred Nathan wore an effective pale blue theatre corsage, with gold tinsel net sleeves, black satin skirt, pink brocade cape and diamond necklace; Mrs Taibot Tubbs, black evening dress, with cream Maltese lace on décolletage; Mrs Pond, pink silk blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Pond, white silk; Mrs J. W. Rees, black silk gown, with a white silk vest; Miss Rees, pretty light evening dress; Mrs Self, cerise silk blouse, white lace collar, black silk blouse, Mrs Moss Davis, black brocade, with sequin bodice; the Misses Davis wore white silk frocks; Mrs E. Dufaur, white silk blouse, trimmed with lace and black satin skirt; Miss Dixon, white silk; Mrs John Chambers, azure blue silk; Mrs H. Lloyd Brett,

black silk, with touches of pale blue, and a white opera cape; Mrs V. Rice, gowned in violet satin, with a white design and a white satin yoke; Mrs R. M. Watt, blue surah silk; Mrs I. Alexander, grey brocade, with emethyst silk sleeves and velvet points on low corsage; Mrs Dignan, black evening gown; Mrs Banks wore black satin, with paillettes on corsage; her sister also wore black satin; Mrs Maitland, black silk gown, white cape; Miss Ruddle, blue silk bodice, with cream lace bolero, black skirt; Mrs (Dr.) Lewis, black, white opera cape; Miss Lewis, white; Mrs Wiseman looked well in white satin, veiled in black sequined net; Mrs Rathbone, black silk, with white vest and revers strapped with black velvet; Miss Lennox, black, with white cape; Miss K. Lennox, black, black cape, with touches of white; Miss Ruddock, black, white opera cape; Miss Myers, white glaze silk blouse, black silk skirt; Miss E. Myers, pink silk; Mrs Shakespear, black gown, corsage bouquet of crimson roses; Miss Brigham, pale blue velvet blouse, black skirt; her sister wore white; Mrs W. S. Douglas, black and silver Oriental silk bodice, black silk skirt; Miss Deere wore a blouse composed of blue satin ribbon and white lace insertion, black skirt; Mrs Peacock, black, white cape; Miss Peacock, primrose satin; Miss M. Peacock, white silk; Mrs Sowerby, black velvet gown; Miss Pittar, crimson silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs Cheeseman, white silk, crimson roses; Miss Keesing, black silk, with pink silk yoke and sleeves; Miss Peacock, ruby silk, white cape; Mrs De Montalk, pink; Mrs Brown, black evening gown.

SMART SOCIETY BALL.

The evening fashions of the season were admirably portrayed at the ball given for the benefit of the Society for the Protection of Women and children and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals last Thursday. The Choral Hall looked its best amidst cool palm decorations and crimson bunting; the luxuries of smart folk, new gowns, and more youth and beauty than I have seen at a dance for a long time. I must not forget the supper laid in the ante-room, amidst lovely fresh daffodil and jonquil decorations, and dishes that would have gratified the greatest epicure. The music supplied by Meredith's band was, as usual, of a high standard. Such a galaxy of lovely gowns was there everywhere around that I have but vague visions of chiffon and lace. Amongst those present I noticed Mrs Goodall, who was gowned in black velvet, en traine, with Maltese lace deftly arranged on the bodice; Mrs C. M. Nelson wore a black velvet gown, with berthe of rich cream lace and cluster of red flowers; Miss Nelson was in a black evening gown, brightened with crimson roses; Miss K. Nelson looked charming in ivory satin, with corsage bouquet of cloth of gold roses; Mrs Alfred Nathan, black silk and chiffon, embroidered with jet; Mrs Sidney Nathan, lovely white brocade, with touches of the new shade of blue; Mrs Dargaville, black satin, relieved with white; Miss Dargaville looked well in a black trained satin, with garniture of crystal trimming and white chiffon; Miss Julia Nathan wore a beautiful fimerick lace gown over flesh pink silk; Mrs (Dr.) Parkes beautiful ivory brocade, with rufflings of black chiffon and jet buterflies, was very effective; Mrs F. Baume wore a white silk, with numerous flounces, and an elegant black cloak; Miss Levi, pink crepon, en traine; Mrs A. E. Devore was gowned

in a black brocade satin, and wore lovely daffodil silk cloak; Miss Lillian Devore looked charming in a white tuckled silk; Mrs Holmes, exquisite white brocade, en traine; Mrs I. Alexander, white satin, veiled in rich black lace; Miss Z. Thorne George looked sweetly pretty in white satin, ruffled with chiffon; Mrs Elliot Davis wore her lovely white satin, with a spray of pink roses on the low corsage; Mrs (Dr.) King was in black, embroidered with jet; Mrs Lyons, salmon pink satin, with over-skirt of soft creamy lace; Mrs E. Ashton, black, with corsage bouquet of pink roses; Mrs (Dr.) Lowe looked well in a very pretty black net gown, embroidered with silver galeon; Mrs Edmiston, black satin gown, softened with lace, transparent sleeves; Miss Edmiston wore an effective coral pink silk, with decorations of creamy lace and black bebe ribbon; Mrs Lusher, black silk, spangled with jet, white mousseline de sole fichu; Miss Essie Holland was graceful in white silk; Mrs Arch. Taylor wore a harmony of black and daffodil satin; Mrs Benjamin, elegant black brocade, with touches of white, white aigrette in coiffure; Mrs Moss Davis wore a black satin striped voile, embroidered with jet, and a spray of violets on the low corsage; Miss Moss Davis, rich ivory white satin, pink roses on low corsage; Mrs (Dr.) Knight, pretty black satin, the bodice embroidered with sequins, long grey cloak; Mrs Myers, handsome black gown; Miss Lillian Comber looked charming in white brocade; Mrs Haslett was in black satin, with long transparent sleeves; Mrs St. Clair, black evening gown; Mrs (Dr.) Lindsay looked exceeding well in a white figured satin, with cape en suite; Mrs McK. Geddes was gowned in black silk; Mrs Henry Wilson, handsome black satin gown; Mrs Montgomery, elegant heliotrope brocade satin, the bodice being thickly encrusted with pearls; Miss Cruickshank was graceful in black satin with suggestions of pink; Miss Fanny Hudson wore a dainty frock of white silk with long lace sleeves; Mr (Dr.) Grant, pretty black evening gown; Miss Muriel Whitson (debutante) wore soft white silk; Mrs A. B. Donald, black brocade; Miss Donald was in black with shoulder straps of white roses; Miss Winnie Leys wore a handsome black Brussels net over black silk; Miss Belle Moir, azure blue brocade satin blouse and a black skirt; Miss B. Atkinson, black evening gown with pink shoulder straps; Miss Ethel Atkinson wore Nile green satin; Miss Peacock, pretty white satin; Miss Borlase (Wanganui), Nile green brocade; Miss Reid was in black with garniture of shaded pink roses; Miss Horton's white silk veiled in spotted chiffon was very much admired; Miss Annie Berry, soft white silk; Mrs W. Sharland looked very well in ivory white silk with touches of black velvet; Miss Richardson wore a rose pink silk much tuckered, and with tiny frills round the skirt; Mrs J. R. Hanna, black brocade, with jet corsage; the Misses Mabel and Effie Hanna wore pretty white silk frocks brightened with pink roses; Mrs Litter, black brocade, en traine; Miss Keogh, black with white lace sleeves; Miss Fanny Preece, blue evening dress; Miss Allison wore a very pretty blue satin draped with white spangled gauze; Miss Laird looked well in black, her sister wore white with garniture of shaded roses; Mrs Leckie's yellow satin with violet velvet was much admired; Miss Dolly Scherriff looked

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