

Mrs Rose, and several others lending valuable aid for the latter. The wide hall and rooms were beautifully decorated, and tea was served from the dining-room. Mrs Stead wore a handsome gown of white silk under black embroidered gauze or chiffon, white vest with pale blue silk, pale blue toque and gold quilt; Miss Stead, white gown with pink belt, sailor hat and band to match; Miss Roberts (Dunedin), white muslin and lace over pale blue slip, black picture hat; Mrs Wilding, black tucked cloth skirt, with finely tucked lace silk coat, handsome lace collar, black hat and feathers; Miss Wilding, white embroidered muslin, white hat, with cerise ribbon; Mrs Burns, grey and white muslin trimmed with black velvet and lace, pretty flat hat with green leaves; Mrs H. Rose, black skirt, black and white striped silk blouse, large black hat; Mrs Denniston, navy and white foulard, white vest, and finished with lace, black toque with roses; Miss Denniston (Auckland), heliotrope muslin, hat trimmed with violets and chiffon; Mrs O'Rourke, a lovely gown of cream silk and lace, full ruffle, black and white toque; Mrs Palmer, handsome black silk toilet, and lace mantle; Mrs R. Macdonald, cream tucked voile gown, Eton coat, vest of silk and lace, cream toque with roses; Mrs J. C. Palmer, pretty pink muslin and becoming hat; Mrs T. Cowlishaw, pale blue voile with blue and white silk blouse, white chiffon hat with roses; Mrs C. Clark, black silk gown and mantle trimmed with cream lace, bonnet to match; Mrs Pat. Campbell, black voile, large black hat; Mrs John Deans, all black; Miss Deans, black skirt, white blouse; Mrs C. Dalgety, a lovely gown of blue grey voile and applique bolero, white picture hat with feathers; Miss Neil (Dunedin), black voile, white chiffon vest, black and white hat; Mrs J. D. Hall, handsome black costume, large hat; Mrs G. Gould, pale grey, large black hat; Mrs Kettle, black silk muslin much tucked over pink silk, black hat; Miss Elworthy, pale grey

trimmed with lace and black velvet; Miss Julius, white muslin with pink rosette on bodice, white hat; Miss A. Julius, grey voile with cream lace, pretty hat; Miss E. Tabart, black voile, transparent yoke, black glaze and chiffon hat; Mrs Secretan, all black; Mrs Cobham, pale grey crepe de chine, black hat; Mrs M. Turrell, heliotrope and white floral muslin, white chiffon ruffle, black and white hat; Mrs E. Turrell, navy and white foulard with white lace, black toque; Mrs and Miss Wynn-Williams, Mrs and Miss Fenwick, Mrs Lane, Mrs Ogle, wearing a pretty blue flowered muslin with yellow lace, black hat with pink roses; Mrs B. M. Litchfield, green floral muslin, black ruffle and black toque; Mrs G. and Miss Lee, Mrs J. and Miss Anderson, Mrs and Miss Hill, Mrs Fox in a very pretty grey voile with white vest, hat to match; Mrs Boyle, pale grey silk, black hat; Mrs Wardrop, Mrs Vernon, Mrs Woodhouse, Mrs Wigram, Mrs Jackson, Misses Reeves (two), Babington, Helmore, Kettle and others.

The greatest sympathy has been expressed for all the sorrowing relatives and friends of our brave New Zealanders who have fallen at Bothasberg while so gallantly doing their duty. Memorial services were held in most of the churches on Sunday, and tributes of high praise bestowed upon them.

The croquet tournament on Mrs Croxton's lawn is being played off, some most enjoyable afternoons are spent there. Tennis, too, has its devotees, Mrs Wardrop and Mrs T. Cowlishaw have each had tennis parties with almost the same players. Mrs Morton (Riecarton) had a pleasant afternoon for players.

Mr Joseph Palmer, "Woodford," gave a delightful little luncheon party during the week, among the guests being Mrs Heaton Rhodes, Mrs Alister Clark, Mrs Barclay, Mrs Wardrop, and Mrs J. D. Hall.

Quite a number of children's parties have been given this week. Mrs Gould, Colombo-street, had a party

of little people on Wednesday. Mrs Fox on Thursday, Mrs Lambie and Mrs W. Moore on other days. It generally happens that mothers or sisters go with them and enjoy the time too in helping make the little ones happy.

His Excellency Admiral Beaumont, accompanied by Flag-Lieutenant Pratt-Barlow, paid an official call on His Excellency the Governor, on Tuesday morning, at the City Council Chambers. Lord Ranfurly was accompanied by the Hon. C. Hill-Trevor and Captain Campbell. Admiral Beaumont is the guest of the Mayor, Mr A. E. G. Rhodes, at "Te Koraha," and in the afternoon His Excellency the Governor called upon him there. To-morrow (Thursday) evening a ball is to be given by the citizens of Christchurch to the officers of the Squadron now visiting Lyttelton. The warships are H.M.S. Royal Arthur, Phoebe, Mildura, and Ringarooma.

An interesting wedding is to take place next week at the Synagogue, Gloucester-street, that of Miss Hannah Davis, of Christchurch, and Mr Louis Morris, of Dunedin.

It will be remembered that at a very early stage of the war four nurses were sent to South Africa from Christchurch by the people of Canterbury, a fund being raised for that purpose, those chosen being Nurse Peter (Anama) and Nurses G. H. Webster, Hiatt and Littlecott, of the Christchurch Hospital. Two others, Nurses Brook-Smith and Jeffries, determined to go at the same time on their own account; but on the day of sailing were advised by the Premier they were attached to the Imperial Government. These six nurses sailed in the s.s. Lincolnshire on the 20th January, 1900, and have done much good work amongst the sick and wounded, and gone through some trying scenes, one of the most pathetic being that of taking notes and writing to relatives and friends of the dying soldiers. They have also had

their good times, most of them having had a trip to England with a troopship of invalided soldiers. Nursing Sister Peter had very indifferent health, and returned to New Zealand after a year's service. Recent news advises that Nursing Sister Webster has received an appointment on the hospital staff of the South African Constabulary, and resigned her position at the General Hospital, Mooi River, on the 20th January, exactly two years after leaving Lyttelton. She was to report herself at Pretoria, when she expected to be sent to Potchefstroom. Nursing Sister Hiatt remains at Mooi River Hospital, and Nursing Sister Littlecott is transferred to Newcastle, where she thinks she will like the work, many New Zealanders being there.

DOLLY VALE

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee,— March 5.

A large number of friends and neighbours assembled at St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday evening to welcome the coming and speed the parting guests upon the occasion of the departure of Mr. J. Strauchon (late Commissioner of Crown Lands, New Plymouth) and his family, and the advent of Mr. McKenzie, who succeeds Mr. Strauchon, with his family. The function took the form of a

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of the clans and their friends and relations, and was a great success. Many pretty songs were rendered in a pleasing manner during the evening by Mr. Perry, Miss MacDiarmid, Miss Nixon, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Bacon. An address was presented to Mr. Strauchon by Mr. Doyle, the secretary of the church, tastefully written and illuminated by Mr. J. B. Cairns, and signed by the minister and members of the congregation. Mr. Strauchon feelingly replied, and

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