

Mrs. J. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson, and many more.

Miss Cox's fortnightly practice assemblies for dancing promise to be more than usually successful this winter. A committee has been formed, including the Misses Kitson, Denniston, Anderson, Molineaux and Thomas, who issued the invitations for the first, which took place in the Art Gallery, and was greatly enjoyed by about sixty young people. Among those present were Mr and the Misses Denniston, Mr and Miss Barker, Mr and Miss Couturie, Mr and Miss Moore, Mr and Miss Devenish-Mears, Mr and Miss Robinson, Misses Campbell, Kitson, B. Julius, Maling, Inman, Williams, Lounison (2), Thomas, Williams, Anderson, etc. Messrs. Reece, Webb, Williams, March, Harper, Cane, Fryer, and others.

The Christchurch hounds met at Lawford on the 5th, the residence of Mr and Mrs W. Bond, when some capital hunting was provided, and the kind hospitality of Mr and Mrs Bond at luncheon and afternoon tea much appreciated. Two unfortunate accidents happened to mar the pleasure of the meet. In the first run Mr H. Collins and his horse (Eld Wave) came a fearful cropper at an ugly fence, the horse breaking his neck and his rider being severely hurt. Dr. Jennings was telephoned for and sped out the twelve miles in an hour. Mr Collins was afterwards removed to the hospital and is making good progress. Mr Neave also had rather a bad fall, getting his face severely cut. Among the followers were Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Mr Bond, Mr and Mrs Woodroffe, Mr Parkinson, the Misses Bassett, Neave, Hill, Hancock, and others, and among those driving were Mrs and Miss Elworthy, Mrs E. Palmer, Mr and Mrs Hayden, the Misses Hill, and a large number of others.

The Christchurch Musical Union gave the first concert of the season last week in the Canterbury Hall, which was a usual well filled with an expectant audience, but on this occasion it asked for bread and got a stone. I will not say anything of the performance, excepting

of Miss Phoebe Parsons, of Wellington, whose beautiful voice and cultivated singing was the one redeeming feature ably seconded by the chorus singing. Better luck next time. Among the audience were Judge and Mrs Denniston, Dr. and Mrs Bradshaw, Misses Julius (2), Cholmondeley (2), Mr and Misses Devenish-Mears, Mr and Mrs A. Kaye, Mr and Mrs W. Moore, Mrs C. Morton Anderson, Mrs W. Reece, Mrs F. M. Wallace, Mrs and Miss Wilding, Mr and Mrs J. C. Wilkin, Mr and Mrs Loughman, Mrs W. Stringer, Mrs Bamber, Mr and Miss Milson, Mrs J. Mills, Mrs W. J. Bruce, Misses Fairhurst, Croxton, Stringer, Reece, Burns (2), etc.

A farewell afternoon tea was given by the Misses Hill, Leinster-road, for Miss Kathleen Greson, who is going to England by the Athenic this week. Some of those present were Mrs Bewick, the Misses Elworthy, Murray-Aynsley, Harper, Gossett, Reeves, Williams, and others.

Mrs Henry Wood is giving a dance at her residence, Avonside, this week, which is a matter of pleasurable anticipation to a goodly number of invited guests.

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MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Dec,

May 11.

It is with the greatest regret that I have to mention the death of Mrs Mowat, sen., which took place on Friday last at the residence of her son, Mr J. Mowat. The whole community are deeply concerned at her death, she was so generally beloved, so hospitable, and so kind so well-known also all over the colony that many more than Marlborough and Nelson people will grieve at her death. The funeral took place at "Albmarlock," the family estate.

The latest social sensation is the teachers' appeal case, held in the Courthouse before Mr T. Scott-Smith, Sripendiary Magistrate, Dr McArthur, of Wellington, and Mr J. Raynor. The Courthouse has been crowded every day, and an unusual amount of interest taken in the case,

which was decided in favour of the teachers. Thus Mr Sturrock, the teacher in dispute, wins his case, and the Board have no power to dismiss him.

The Marlborough Horticultural Society held their

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

on Wednesday last, and it was voted by all to be the best show held in Blenheim for many years, though a good deal of the success was due to Picton exhibitors, who competed in every class, and carried off the bulk of the prizes. Mrs Allen and Mrs Riddell, Picton, were the only exhibitors of pot plants, Mrs Allen again getting first for the best trained plant, a handsome white specimen in full bloom, and first for three incurved plants, Mrs Riddell getting first for three Japanese. A new grower sprung a surprise upon the old ones, and carried off a fair amount of the prizes, though Mrs Riddell and Miss Dart were well ahead. Mrs Allen, Picton, and Mrs Vickers judged the bouquets and floral designs, in the designs Miss Dart, Picton, took first with a floral model of a Union Co.'s steamer which was capitally carried out, and Mrs Riddell carried off a good many first prizes among the bouquets, winning first for bridal suite, first for shower bouquet, first for bridal: Miss Furniss also was very fortunate in gaining first prizes, and several new exhibitors gained wins. The tables were quite a feature of the show, and the judges had to consider the merits of several—the centres often losing where the flowers gained. Ultimately, the awards fell to two sisters—Misses F. Nosworthy first, and L. Nosworthy second. Mrs C. Powell's table ran them very close indeed, the centre lost it. Vegetables and fruit excelled, and potatoes as specimens of local growth were a splendid advertisement for the country. Mesdames Griffiths, Macalister, Temperley and others dispensed afternoon tea on the stage. Among those present I noticed Mesdames Furniss, Bethwaite (Nelson), W. Adams, R. Scott, A. Farmer, Howard, Rogers, Greensfield, etc., etc. A good many people visited the show during the afternoon, and a crowd in the evening attracted by the music, etc. Picton people

were disappointed that there was no late train for the occasion.

Picton is still suffering from an over-dose of herrings. The perfume is increasing rapidly, and now people do not mind matters but call it an unmitigated —. Strange to relate people can still feel interested in fishing, and more they eat the fish, when every atom of the atmosphere is simply fish, in all stages of decomposition. It is impossible to get rid of the nuisance, for every tide lands a fresh supply on every beach all up the Sound.

Mrs Stow gave her usual Thursday evening "At Home" last week. The affair was most enjoyable, ping-pong, cards and music making up a pleasant time. Those present were—Mr and Mrs Stow, Mr and Mrs Riddell, Mr and Mrs Leocq, Misses Millington, Greensill (2), Philpotts (2), J. Seymour and Mr Bridge.

In all probability the coaches which now run from Nelson to Blenheim will shortly change their route and come to Picton instead, thus avoiding the rivers, which are frequently in flood. If the Government grant the money to finish the Picton-Gore Road the change will soon take place. The scenery round the track from Havelock to Picton will charm all the tourists who travel by that route, and the coach would arrive in time to catch the evening trains.

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