

Millward, Griffiths, Vennell (Wellington), Williamson, Hawke, H. Nixon, Gordon, D'Arcy, Edgar, Grieg, Misses Millward (Wellington), Campbell (Patea), Gibbons (2), Hawson, Brabant, Knapp, Gillard, Cowper (2), McNeill (2), Montgomerie, and a great many others.

On Saturday Mrs Babbage gave a "FAREWELL TEA" to Mrs Hole, who is leaving "Belmont" and going to live up the Wanganui river. Amongst those present were Mr and Mrs Babbage, Mr and Mrs James Anderson, Mr and Mrs Gifford Marshall, Mesdames Krull, Moore, Blundell, Lomax, Hawke, Hole, Wray, Christie, Sarjeant, Humphreys, and Atkinson.

HULA.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, October 29.  
Mrs Biss gave a very enjoyable afternoon "At Home," on Tuesday at her residence, Molesworth-street. Though a very windy day, the garden was sheltered, and the guests could sit outside and hear the excellent music provided by the Austrian Band. In the drawing-room a pianola was a great attraction, and its performances were enjoyed. Mrs Tweed and Miss George presided over the tea table in the dining-room, and very delicious were the many dainties laid thereon. Mrs Biss wore a pretty gown of pale green voile with trimming of narrow satin ribbon, and soft lace at the neck and wrists; her mother, Mrs George, wore a black silk gown, and a black hat with tips and pink roses; Miss George, in a dainty white crepe de chine gown with herring-boning and tucked chiffon yoke, large white hat with plumes; Mrs Tweed wore white and black spotted muslin, and a black hat with plumes; Mrs O'Conner had a black gown and coat, and a pale pink bonnet with roses and leaves; Miss O'Conner, a white silk blouse and dark skirt, cream hat trimmed with flowers and black velvet; Mrs Barron had a black coat and skirt, with cream revers and a black toque; Miss Barron, in a blue gown, and a black and cream toque; Mrs Burns, had a black

cloth gown, the short coat made with tabs and stoles of galloon trimming, green and mauve hat; Mrs Levin, in a pretty grey gown with coloured silk motifs, and a blue hat with roses; Mrs Tuckey, in a black gown and jacket, and black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Fell, black gown and silk coat, black hat with feathers; Miss M. Fell wore a royal blue Eton gown, and a white hat; Mrs Gore, in a black gown, and white ruffie, black and white bonnet; Mrs K. Duncan wore pale grey voile much pleated and shirred, and trimmed with white lace and black velvet galloon, burnt straw hat with blue and mauve flowers and ribbon; Miss Coates, in blue zibeline, trimmed with white, and a black toque; Mrs A. Duncan wore a cream figured silk trimmed with lace, and a black and blue hat; Mrs Coleridge, in pink, and a black hat; Mrs C. Cooper, dark blue tatiou-made suit, and large burnt straw hat trimmed with black; Mrs Marchbanks, dark red and black figured gown, and black chiffon hat; Mrs Ross, grey voile skirt, and tucked satin coat, black hat; Mrs Campbell, in pale blue voile, and a blue and white toque; Mrs Turnbull, black silk voile gown, and large black hat; Mrs H. Johnston wore a soft black gown stripped with narrow satin ribbon, white feather stoles, and a white hat with pink roses; Mrs Chatfield, in a brown linen gown, and black toque; Mrs Loughnan, blue Eton gown, black hat; Miss Duncan, blue and white foulard silk, and pretty black hat; Miss O. Fitzgerald in white, and a straw hat with foliage and ribbon; Miss K. Fitzgerald, pink linen gown, and hat with coloured ribbons; Miss Rawson, blue Eton gown and pale blue silk hat; Mrs Hislop in a black costume; Miss Hislop, a grey voile, and lace gown, and black hat; her sister in blue frieze, with lace collar, and a straw hat with flowers; Miss Harcourt, blue frieze gown, and black hat; her sister was in red; Miss Rawson in a brown gown, and floral hat; and Miss E. Rawson in pink. The members of the Wellington Club are giving a ball on Wednesday next, as a farewell to the Countess of Ranfurly. Lady Ward has issued invitations for a garden party on Monday next.

OPHELIA.

MARLBOROUGH.

Dear Bee, October 28.  
A wail of disgust has arisen in the district, because the Union Company cannot put on a boat to suit the Agricultural, Horticultural, and Poultry Associations, all of whom have shows fixed for the last week of November. The Racing Club also has a meeting on the same date, and it was hoped that a steamer would be put on to suit Northern exhibitors, but disappointment is the lot of man, and unless the river fleet will answer the purpose there appears to be no hope of getting outside exhibitors. This is especially disappointing now, when the prizes are worth competing for.

Mr George Langley, the examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music, examined the candidates of the Blenheim Centre last week. There were about sixty entries, and thirty-nine succeeded in passing, three with distinction.

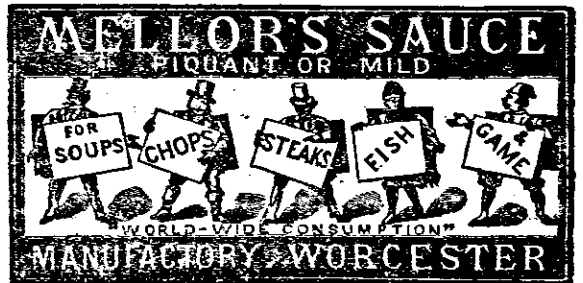
The Blenheim Rifles have had fine weather for their annual training camp at the A. and P. Show-grounds. The proceedings were attended by Major Chaytor (Mounted Rifles), Captain Kenny (Waitohi Rifles), and Lieut. Girling (Rifle Cadets). The officers in

camp were Captain Powell and Lieuts. Bailie and Parker. At the conclusion of the proceedings in camp Lieut. Bailie and Mrs Bailie entertained the officers and men at their residence, Alabama Road. The gathering was very enjoyable. The Garrison Band discoursed music in the grounds. Among the guests were Colonel Wolfe and Major Chaytor. The corps, with the band and cadets, paraded at evening service at the Church of the Nativity, when Captain-Chaplain Smith officiated. The annual High School sports for boys, and those also for the girls, were carried through successfully.

A magnificent meteor was seen from this part of the colony late on Tuesday night. It swept across the sky from S.W. to N.W., and looked like another moon which in its flight had cultivated a brilliant tail. It exploded and fell in a beautiful shower of blazing light.

The Marlborough Tennis Club opens the season on Saturday, and next week the Picton Rowing Club formally open, though real practice began long ago, in hopes of once more in Picton Harbour. All the clubs, in fact, are starting work—or play—and a lively season is expected.

The Waitohi Brass Band gave a sacred concert on Nelson Square, Picton, on Sunday afternoon, but only a few people came to listen and contribute to



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