

the funds of their own and only band. The residents on the hills around hear so distinctly from their own residences that there is really no need to venture out from their own grounds. The programme rendered was:—Quickstep, "Good Shepherd," "Chatterbox," "Hymn," "Limefield," "Marches," "Crierion," "Assembly," "Lo, He Comes," "Let Your Golden Harps," "National Anthem."

The Diocesan Synod meet in Nelson this week, and thither proceed all our clergy—at least all who can be spared—with their wives, and the lay members of each district.

A man in Pieton who provides the daily bread for the community has taken to hatching chickens on the top of his oven. With a little chaff, and a thermometer, he has already improvised an incubator. One or two experiments only were needed to find out how often to sprinkle, and now he bakes bread and hatches chickens at one and the same time.

MIRANDA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, October 28.

There is nothing makes us feel the year is drawing to a close more than the recurrence of the various school sports, and they have fairly commenced now. On Tuesday last there was a great gathering of friends on the College grounds, and favoured with lovely weather, a very pleasant time was spent in watching the different events. Interest in the "Old Boys" race continues to grow as the years roll by, and the list of entries grows, but the number of competitors remain about the same, but as one now quite a veteran remarked, he thought there should be a "race for old crocks;" this would be funny indeed. Afternoon tea was dispensed at the different college houses by Mrs Bourne, Mrs Carrington, Mrs Andrews, and Mrs Hogg, all assisted by numerous young friends. Mrs Bourne wore all black, and large picture hat; Mrs Carrington, cream voile, and hat en suite; Mrs Andrews,

dark green costume trimmed with black velvet; Mrs Hogg, pale blue canvas, vest of Oriental embroidery, and cream hat; Mrs Julius, in black relieved with white; Mrs Blunt, black gown with black insertions, cream lace and muslin collar; Mrs H. M. Reeves, white linen costume, black picture hat; Mrs G. Rhodes, pale grey cloth coat and skirt, large cream hat with foliage; Mrs Morton Anderson, red freeze costume, cream Honiton lace vest, and hat to match; Mrs Ferguson, navy blue voile, cream lace front, with narrow black velvet, pretty toque; Mrs Nancarrow, black voile and picture hat; Mrs C. H. Gossett, Mrs W. Stringer, Mrs and Miss Meredith-Kaye, Mrs Cobham, Mrs Litchfield, Mrs and Misses Anderson, Mrs G. Gould, and Miss Cleveland, Mrs J. C. Palmer, Mrs and Miss Snyes, Mrs and Misses Reeves, Mrs and Miss Duniston, Mrs and Miss Prins, Mrs and Misses Wilding, Mr and Mrs H. Cotterill, Mrs G. Harper, Miss Harper, Mr and Mrs H. D. Buchanan (Little River), Mrs Malet, Mrs Raudall, Mrs P. Cox, the Misses Cox, Cholmondeley, Todhunter, Toulouse, Beswick, Secretan, Martin, Ross, Nancarrow, and many others.

Mrs George Gould gave a very pleasant afternoon tea at her pretty residence, "Avonbank," last week, when many friends were able to see Mrs Duncan Cameron and wish her "good-bye," as she is taking another trip to England shortly. Mrs Gould wore a dainty gown of white muslin spotted with black, and trimmed with black lace insertion, and large black hat; Mrs Cameron, a lovely grey crepe de chaine relieved with pale blue silk, and trimmed with lace; Miss Wells, grey voile trimmed with lace, and black choux; Miss Cleveland, white embroidered muslin; Mrs J. Gould, dark green velvet, deep lace cape collar, white feather boa, black hat; Mrs Woodroffe, pale pink delaine, cream lace vest; Mrs J. C. Palmer, very pretty cream silk gown, the coatee trimmed with faggotting, large black hat and feathers; Mrs Pyne, gown of dark blue piped with white, large cape collar, and black picture hat; Mrs E. C. J. Stevens, black striped silk, white satin vest covered

with lace; Mrs W. Bond, pale grey voile, and lovely lace trimming, feather boa, black picture hat; Mrs Stead, black silk, vest of cream satin and lace, white toque trimmed with jet; Mrs Dalgety, white silk and embroidered gauze, large picture hat; Mrs G. Hammer, Mrs and Miss Cook, Mrs and Misses Hill, Mrs and Miss Wilding, Mrs and Miss Neave, Mrs T. Cowlishaw, Mrs G. Harper, Mrs and Miss Helmore, Mrs Crook, Mrs Wardrop, Mrs and Miss Inman, Mrs Bowen, Mrs and Miss Tabart, Mrs Beswick, Mrs R. J. Scott, Mrs H. Cotterill, Mrs Malet, Mrs Lascelles, Mrs Randall, Mrs and Miss Deans, Mrs J. D. Hall, Mrs Beckett, Misses Maling, Harper, Elworthy, Julius, Denniston, Reeves, Ford (Dunedin), Sanders, Turnbull, etc. Some charming music was given in the drawing-room by Mrs Burns, Mrs Wilding, Mrs Beswick, Miss Cook and Miss L. Cook.

There dawned a sad day when we had to farewell the Captain and his brave men (for the second time) of the relief ship Morning. It was not quite such an official parting as the last, but we felt real friends were going from us into that ice-bound region. If warm regard and hearty wishes could make themselves felt, enough go with the Morning to thaw out the Discovery and bring her safely back, we are now looking to see them both and the Terra Nova about

next April. The Lyttelton Harbour Board invited a number of friends on board their tub-boat to proceed to the Heads in company with the Morning, which left the Gladstone Pier about 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Several launches all crowded, and other boats joined in the send-off, but on the tug were the Hon. H. F. Wigram (Mayor of Christchurch), Mrs Wigram, the Mayor of Lyttelton (Mr A. E. G. Rhodes), Mr Mrs, and Miss Bowen, Mr and Mrs R. J. Scott, Mrs (Dr.) Wilson, Mr and Mrs Waimouth, Mr and Mrs A. Kaye, Mr and Mrs Kinsey, Mr and Mrs Burns, Mr and Mrs H. Wood, Mr and Mrs Joseph Haydon, Dr. and Mrs Coleridge Farr, Mr and Miss Harper, and several others.

Several Christchurch residents went up to Wellington to be present at Lady Ranfurly's farewell ball, amongst whom were Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, the Hon. H. F. and Mrs Wigram, Mr and Mrs Boyle, Mrs Worsley, Mrs and Miss Kettle, Mrs Denniston and Miss Stead.

Numbers of visitors are again expected for our carnival week, which will be upon us again next week. Great improvements have been made at Riccarton, but rain has been badly needed for the sake of the lawns; however, there will be ample room now in the new stand.

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