

**Afternoon Tea.**

Miss Stevens gave an afternoon tea at the "Haeremai" as a farewell to her sister, Mrs. W. Wratt, of Dunedin, and her guest, Miss Fines-Clinton, also of Dunedin. Miss Stevens wore a pretty Empire gown of cream tulle, striped with black, and a bonnet shaped hat trimmed with pink roses and black velvet. Among others present were: Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Wratt, Miss Fines-Clinton, Miss Webb, Miss Fitzgerald (Wellington), Mrs. S. Gibbs, Miss Gibbs, Miss Ledger, Miss Jaggleden, Misses Maginnity, Miss Booth, and Miss Bamford.

**Personal.**

Miss Fraser (Toowomba, Queensland) is the guest of Mrs. G. G. Macquarie. Mrs. W. de Castro has returned from Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. A. Pearce, of Wellington, are paying a visit to Nelson. Mrs. J. P. Kempthorne has returned from Auckland. Mrs. and Miss Cuthbertson have gone to Invercargill. Dr. and Mrs. Andrew have returned from their visit to the Empire City. Mr. and Mrs. J. Blechynden have gone to Wellington. Mrs. H. Hunter-Brown, of Palmerston North, intends residing in Nelson. Miss Langley-Adams has returned from her visit to Christchurch.

DOLCE.

**BLLENHEIM.**

February 15.

**Afternoon Tea.**

On Friday afternoon the Misses Marsh entertained a number of their girl friends in honour of their cousin, Miss Macpherson (Dunedin). During the afternoon a jumbled word competition caused considerable amusement, and Miss Decima Horton was successful in winning first prize for guessing the most words. Music was also much enjoyed. A dainty afternoon tea was tastefully arranged and dispensed in the dining-room. Mrs. Marsh received the guests in a pretty white linen dress relieved with purple belt; Mrs. Macpherson (Dunedin) wore a handsome black chiffon taffeta relieved with cream lace; Miss Marsh, pale blue muslin; Miss Olive Marsh, pretty white muslin; Miss Macpherson (Dunedin), handsome pale blue Shantung skirt and pretty white net blouse. Others present were: Mrs. Lambie, heliotrope muslin, hat with flowers; Mrs. Broughton, white muslin, hat with pink; Misses Anderson, white dress, brown hat with flowers; S. Rogers, striped muslin dress; E. Mowat, white dress, black hat; N. Mowat, white dress, pretty white hat; Neville, white silk Empire dress, hat with shaded flowers; Urquhart, pink coat and skirt, black hat; Amy Neville, cream embroidered delaine, hat with blue scarf; Decima Horton, green linen coat and skirt, hat with sweet peas; Connie Greenfield, white embroidered dress, blue hat; Connie Clouston, white dress, hat trimmed with hydrangeas; Loey Clouston, white dress, white hat; O'Meara, white dress, black hydrangeas; Loey Clouston, white dress, white hat with ostrich feathers and green velvet ribbon; Metcalfe (Auckland), white dress, white hat relieved with black; Belle Griffiths, white linen dress, white hat with wreath of flowers; Smith (Nelson), vieux rose dress, braided hat to match; Vera Brittain, white embroidered dress, hat with roses; Cheek, cream dress, cream hat.

**Tennis.**

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs Walker provided and dispensed a dainty afternoon tea at the Marlborough Lawn Tennis grounds. Some of those present were: Mesdames McCallum, Reid, Scott-Smith, B. Clouston, Orr, Wollerstan, Innes, Bennett, Greenfield, Misses Scott-Smith, Bell (2), Neville (2), C. Clouston, Anderson, Smith, Marsh, McLaughlan, Nerien, Ewart, Fuiton, Messrs B. Moore, A. Bell, Davey, Borek, W. Grace, Hulme, Tuke, Scott-Smith, F. Clouston, G. Griffiths, M. Wilfen, Dr. Anderson, and Bennett.

**Personal.**

Mrs W. Clouston and Misses Maud and Deanie Clouston have returned from a short visit to Wellington. Mrs G. Richardson, "Meadow Bank," has returned from a visit to Wellington. The Hon. C. H. and Mrs Mills (Wellington), accompanied by Mr and Mrs K. Neville, are visiting Mr and Mrs I. Mills at Eli Bay. Mrs R. Adams is visiting friends in Nelson. Mrs and Miss Macpherson (Dunedin),

who have been visiting relations in Blenheim, have returned.

Miss Smith (Nelson) is at present staying with Mr and Mrs J. Mowat at Springlands. Mrs Simpson (Wellington) is the guest of Mr and Mrs T. Hall at "The Pines." Mr C. Goulter (Wellington) arrived on Wednesday evening to spend a few days in Blenheim.

Mrs Borek (Christchurch) and her two daughters are staying at the Criterion Hotel.

JEAN.

**PICTON.**

February 18.

**Picnics.**

During the warm weather nothing but picnics are on the tapes. One to Double Bay on Saturday last was very enjoyable. Four ladies went off fishing all by themselves, while the only men of the party went off by themselves, also some of the ladies bathed, while the rest sat on the beach and laughed at the mermaids, and prepared the fire ready for tea. The party consisted of Mesdames Riddell, Allen, Vickers, Wilkin (Christchurch), Haslett, Maitland, Le Coeg, Haughey, Tripe, Madsen, Lucente, C. Philpotts, Misses Speed, Scott, Allen, Tripe, Seymour, Moynihan, Easther, Godfrey, Kenny, Philpotts, and Messrs. Stocker, Haughey, and Crompton-Smith.

**Personal.**

I am glad to say that Dr. Patterson, who is suffering from an attack of scarlatina, is progressing favourably. Her many patients will be glad to see her again, when her term of isolation is over. Mrs. Stuart Greensill has gone to Wellington, where she awaits a cable message from Siam. She expects to start off to join her husband in Siam at any time. Miss Kippenberger (Christchurch) is staying with Mrs. Cawte at Mahakipawa. Marlborough boys appear to be affected by the fascination of adventure. Several fresh ones have joined the second expedition of whalers to the Campbell Islands, and the Blenheim crew left last Wednesday to try their luck at Tasmania. Both parties were heartily farewelled in Picton. Mr. Scott-Smith, S.M., was also given a hearty speeding by the members of the Bar, Mr. B. Crompton-Smith voicing their regrets at the Monday sitting of the Court.

Many people here are grieved to hear of the untimely death of Mr. Tukey, of Clouston and Co., Blenheim.

The weather is not so favourably inclined to-day as it has been during the week. This is unfortunate, as several excursions and private picnics are being held, as well as a fete for the Methodists, who are doing doughty deeds in the way of raising funds for their new church.

BELLE.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

February 18.

**Farewell Tea.**

A farewell tea was given by Mrs. Beals at the Golf House, Shirley, in honour of three of the members who are shortly leaving for England, Mrs. Borthwick, Mrs. J. C. Palmer, and Miss Ogle. A golf match, over thirteen holes was played, and won by Miss Wood, Mrs. Allan Campbell coming second. It was a lovely afternoon, and a delightful time was spent. Amongst the guests present were: Mrs. and Miss Molineaux, Mrs. and Miss Elworthy, Mrs. Arthur Rhodes, Mrs. Roycroft (England), Mrs. Rice, Mrs. and the Misses Burns, Mrs. and Miss Loughman, Mrs. Boys, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Wilding, Mrs. and Miss Nakaraw, Mrs. Westera, Mrs. Wigram, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Lee, Miss Fisher, Mrs. and Miss Boyle, Mrs. Allan, Miss Ogle Miss Anson, Mrs. H. Acland, Mrs. T. Cowlishaw, Miss Cowlishaw, the Misses Humphreys, Miss Symes, the Misses Secretan, Mrs. Borthwick, Mrs. Wardrop, Miss Milne, Mrs. G. F. Ronalds, Miss Campbell, Mrs. W. Day, the Misses Wood (2), Miss Wilkin, Miss Anderson and Miss Reece.

**Children's Party.**

On the same afternoon (Friday) a small children's party was given by Mrs. Archer, at Fendalton, in honour of her daughter's birthday. A right merry time was spent by the little guests in the hayfield. Mrs. Archer gave "A Farewell Tea" on Saturday afternoon for Mrs. C. C. Cook and the Misses Cook (2), who are leaving Christchurch for Marion.

Some capital games of tennis were played, and tea was served in the garden. The guests included: Mrs. and the Misses Cook, Mrs. John Deans, Mrs. Wilfred Hall, Mrs. and Miss Butterworth, the Misses Grosson, Professor and Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. A. Murray-Aynley, Mrs. and Miss Robinson, Miss Park, Miss Gerard, Mrs. Westera, Messrs Hamilton, Deans, and Robinson.

**Afternoon Tea.**

An afternoon tea was given on Monday by Mrs. Carey-Hill at her residence, "Turihana," Merivale, to introduce Miss Talbot, the secretary of the Victorian League, England, who is the guest of Mrs. Carey-Hill. Miss Talbot gave a most interesting account of the aims and objects of the Victorian League, and succeeded so well in interesting her audience and enlisting their sympathy that nearly all present became members of the league during the afternoon. Miss Talbot wore a white voile dress, made in tunic style, edged with bands of white silk, Peter Pan collar and cuffs; Mrs. Carey-Hill, gown of royal blue Shantung and cream lace. The guests included: Mrs. Elworthy, who wore a black and white spotted costume and small black feather hat; Miss Reeves, navy blue dress, pink hat; Mrs. W. Reece, mole coloured costume, hat to match, with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Isaac Gibbs, white linen coat and skirt, white hat with shaded roses; Mrs. Frank Graham, a black costume and hat; Mrs. McBride, leaf-green Shantung, hat en suite; Mrs. Walter Stringer, Princess gown of heliotrope satin charmuse, high-crowned heliotrope hat and feathers to match; Miss Way, white muslin frock, floral hat; Miss J. Way, cream muslin, heliotrope hat; Mrs. Cross, Directoire gown of pale green silk, green hat with white feathers; Mrs. George Haumer, white embroidered linen costume, hat with roses; Mrs. Waymouth, tweed skirt, white embroidered blouse, mauve hat with long ostrich feather; Mrs. Guthrie, black corded silk coat and skirt, black picture hat; Mrs. Tonks, grey spotted coat and skirt, small black hat; Mrs. Appley, black and white striped dress, black and white hat; Mrs. Wanklyn, dark blue skirt, white muslin blouse; Miss Bullen, a brown costume and hat; Miss McClatchie, blue silk dress, hat to match; Mrs. W. Wood, dark grey costume, black and white hat; Mrs. de Vries, white embroidered linen dress, white hat with flowers; Mrs. Hewitt, black dress and hat. The Misses Wilson, Mrs. Crossley, and several others were also present.

**Farewell Afternoon.**

Mrs. Henry Acland (Park Terrace) gave a farewell afternoon tea for Mrs. and the Misses Cook and Mrs. Borthwick. The guests were: Mrs. T. Cowlishaw, Mrs. Gower-Burns, Mrs. Blunt, Miss Maling, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. C. Reid, Mrs. and Miss Nancarrow, Mrs. and the Misses Cook, Mrs. Borthwick, Miss Elworthy, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Beals, Mrs. Goulburn-Gibson, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. W. Stringer, Mrs. Boyes, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Lester and Mrs. Morton.

**Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Triggs (Christchurch) are leaving shortly for a trip to England. Visitors to Christchurch include: Mrs. W. Barton (Featherston), Miss H. Moorhouse (Wellington), Miss Hawdon (Woodbury); Mrs. Reyecroft (England) is the guest of Mrs. Arthur Rhodes (Merivale); Mrs. Maitland Rich (Wairona); Miss Winter (South Canterbury) is the guest of Mrs. H. P. Hill (Papanui); Mrs. W. Buchanan (Timaru) is staying with Mrs. Elworthy (Merivale). Mrs. G. G. Stead has returned to Christchurch from the North Island. Miss Julina (Christchurch) is staying with friends in Timaru. Mrs. Borthwick (Christchurch) left for Auckland, where she intends staying for a short time before leaving for England. Mrs. and Miss Lee have returned to Christchurch from the Rakuia, where they have been fishing. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair-Thompson (Dunedin) have returned from their trip to England, and are spending a few days in Christchurch. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rutherford (Mondip Hills) and their three daughters will leave Christchurch at the end of this month on an extended tour, which will include visits to France, Spain, Germany, Italy, England, Ireland, Scotland, and America, lasting about 1800 years.

DOLLY VALE.

**HEALTH OF THE HAIR.**

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The formula we have the privilege of reproducing here is of a "true" hair restorer, discovered by a lady who once despaired of making her scanty, greyish, rusty hair look presentable again. She now glories in her splendid hair, and has given us the benefit of her cleverness. Our readers should profit thereby.

**FORMULA.**

Menthol Crystals, 1 dr.; Lavona de Composee, 1 oz.; pure Bay Rum, 3 oz.; French Fon Fleur perfume, 1 tea-spoonful.

**PREPARATION.**

Get your 3 oz Bay Rum in a four-ounce bottle, add the Menthol Crystals, wait till these are entirely dissolved, then add the Lavona de Composee from the sealed 1 oz bottle, and finally the French Fon Fleur perfume. Let the mixture stand thirty minutes.

**APPLICATION.**

For stopping falling hair, removing dandruff, and relieving scalp diseases, apply mixture once a day; for stimulating hair growth or promoting a new growth, and for restoring grey hair to its natural colour, apply twice a day, rubbing well into the scalp. In two or three days the improvement in the condition of hair and scalp is amazing.

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We are permitted to publish the above formula by the courtesy of Madame Meta, the well-known Parisian Beauty Specialist, of 61, New Oxford Street, London, W.C., who will be pleased to answer any inquiries in respect to "The Care of the Hair."—Beauty Editress. —(Ad.)

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