

NELSON.

May 12.

A Small Dance.

On Wednesday last a small dance was given at the Foresters' Hall as a farewell to Mr F. C. Bowley, Bank of New South Wales. Those present were: Mrs Hal Cook, blue crepe de chine, with velvet trimmings of a deeper shade; Mrs G. Hoby, pale green net over glace; Mrs R. Fell, black net; Mrs de Tourettes, orange-coloured silk frock; Miss Hodson, black sequined net; Miss Hair, white silk; Miss Booth, cream; Miss D. Booth, primrose taffeta; Miss F. Edwards, pink silk; Miss Avix (England), pretty white sequined net; Miss S. Fell, pale pink chiffon; Miss Bell, white silk; Miss Widding (Christchurch), shell pink chiffon over glace; Miss Richmond, black silk, with panels of Limerick lace; Miss Haggett (Dunedin), white; Misses Bamford, black frocks; Miss Clark, strawberry silk; her sister, white satin; Messrs Rowley (2), Fell, Cook, Allen, Baumgart, Johnson, Hamilton (2), McCabe, Hoby, de Tourettes, Briggs, Skelton and Clark (2).

Miss Tolmie gave a very enjoyable ladies' bridge evening on Friday last. The drawing room was artistically decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn foliage. The hostess received her guests in a handsome strawberry satin champagne gown; Miss Haggett (Dunedin), pretty pale blue ninon de soie; Mrs Heaps, handsome black silk; Mrs Harrison, black; Mrs Gibbs, white, trimmed with cerise; Mrs Hoby, smoke blue mesaline, trimmed with silver; Miss E. Booth, white muslin; Miss D. Booth, blue silk; Miss Heaps, muslin frock; Miss Clark, red silk; Miss G. Clark, white satin; Miss Kirtou, blue chiffon; Miss Leggatt, white; Miss Maginuity, nasturtium-coloured silk.

The King's Death.

The news of the death of his Majesty King Edward VII. was received here with great grief. Immediately the news came, all entertainments were postponed, flags were lowered half-mast, and the Cathedral bells tolled for the loss of our beloved Sovereign.

Personal.

Miss Leatham (New Plymouth) is the guest of Mr and Mrs A. T. Maginuity, Brougham-street.

Miss Francis (England) has been staying with Mrs V. H. Barr.

Mr and Mrs H. B. Stuckey are visiting Nelson, and are at present visiting Mrs Bamford.

Miss Buchanan is spending a few days with Mrs C. R. Fell.

Miss Dewes (Auckland) is visiting Mr and Mrs A. T. Maginuity.

Miss Phyllis Fell has arrived from Napier.

DOLCE.

PICTON.

A Social.

May 8.

The Pictou Brass Band held their annual social last Friday evening, when, though the weather was unfavourable, a large number attended. The Pictou Orchestra and the Band supplied perfect music, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Among those present were: Messrs James J. Smith, white figured silk, trimmed with white lace; Furness, white net over glace; Riddell, green chiffon over silk; Lucena, cream net over glace; Lane, black silk; Nicol, white satin, trimmed with chiffon; Hardy, pink silk blouse, black skirt; Tarrant, blue silk blouse, black skirt; Chapman, pale blue; Hood, black chiffon; McCormick, green silk; Stone, brown silk; A. Smith, white; Misses Storey, blue silk blouse, black skirt; McCormick, cream; Borek, blue silk; Dart, grey silk; C. Godfrey, white muslin; Kerr, white silk; Chapman, white. The following are some of the gentlemen who were present: Messrs McCormick, Nicol, Bush, Riddell, Parfitt, Phillips, Bush (5), Lucena, McIntosh (2), Lane, Hurdy, Sloan, Couch, Godfrey, Kerr, Bragg, Furness, Smith (4), Toms.

Personal.

Mr and Miss Allen have gone to spend the May vacation with Mrs G. Rutherford, at Wairere.

Mr and Mrs Hammonter are spending a few days at Pictou.

The installation of the new Mayor (Mr Gordon Maitland) took place on Wednesday. The retiring Mayor (Mr McCormick) and the councillors made complimentary speeches, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr McCormick.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs Nesbit, of Dunedin, have returned from a visit to their home, and intend spending a few weeks in the Pelorus Sound with their son.

Mr and Mrs Duncan are spending a few days in Wellington.

Mrs Speed and her daughter (Mrs Gilles) left Pictou on Wednesday for Wellington, where Mrs Speed will spend the winter.

Mr and Mrs Furniss, of Wellington, are on a visit to Mr and Mrs Lucena, of Upper Wellington-street.

BELLE.

CHRISTCHURCH.

May 13.

Gaieties Stopped.

The universal mourning, which is being observed in consequence of the death of King Edward has, of course, put a stop to all gaieties.

A Dance.

Last Friday the first of a series of four assembly dances, which have been arranged for by Mrs. Gower-Burns, Mrs. Walter G. Moore, and Mrs. H. A. Knight, took place at Miss Cox's Assembly rooms, and was a great success; all the arrangements were perfect, and left nothing to be desired. Mrs. Moore wore a gown of black net applied with black velvet over white satin; Mrs Burns, black moire relieved with garnitures of jet and sequins; Mrs. Knight, black satin and lace. The guests included: Miss Hamner, wearing a frock of yellow satin with overskirt of white satin, striped chiffon; Miss M. Hamner, pale blue satin, with touches of lace and silver embroidery; Miss Boyle, black ninon and lace; Miss Kitson, bright blue crystalline silk; Miss Knight, white satin and chiffon; Miss N. Knight, cream satin with silver sequin trimming; Miss Agnes Humphreys, frock of black ninon relieved with vieux rose velvet; Miss Moore, black net with touches of emerald green; Miss D. Moore, pale pink ninon with pink sequined net; Miss Symes, pale blue ninon, over white silk; Miss Park, black crepe de chine relieved with cream lace; Miss G. Merton, black net embroidered with shaded green sequins; Miss Inman, cream satin with silver sequins; Miss Thomas, vieux rose radium; Miss D. Anderson, rose-coloured tulle with touches of pale blue; Miss Trim, pale green satin and sequins; Miss Wood, ivory net with touches of turquoise blue. Amongst the gentlemen present were: Messrs. Wood, Anderson (2), Tryor, Gibson, Lees, Boya, Aitken, Butterworth, Godby, Fell, and Dennison. The ball room was charmingly decorated with autumn leaves and palms.

Afternoon Tea.

An afternoon tea was given at the Shirley golf links last Thursday, when Mrs. Stevenson was the hostess. The guests included: Mrs. J. D. Hall, Mrs. and Miss Thomas, Miss Campbell, Miss Merton, Mrs. Becker, Mrs. C. Cooper, Mrs. T. Cowlishaw, Mrs. Nancarrow, Miss Symes, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Henry Wood, Mrs. Pratt, Miss Cowlishaw, and Mrs. W. Day. A golf match was played, which was won by Mrs. T. Cowlishaw.

Personal.

Visitors to Christchurch include: Mr. and Mrs. Andrews (Nelson), Mr. and Mrs. Bealer (Horarata), Mrs. Barnicoat (Wanganui), Mrs. E. B. Millton (Birch Hill).

Mrs. Stilling (Dunedin) is the guest of Mrs. Orbell (Cashel-street, Christchurch).

Miss Phillips ("The Point") has returned to Christchurch from Wellington. Miss Elworthy has returned from her visit to Timaru.

Mr and Mrs. Andreae have left Christchurch for Auckland.

Miss Croxton (Christchurch) is visiting friends in Ashburton.

Miss Amy Murphy, who was to have sung the music of Marguerite in "Faust" with the Musical Union, left Christchurch yesterday for Sydney. The

concert was postponed in consequence of the King's death, and Miss Murphy's engagements in Sydney compelled her to go, which is a great disappointment to the musical world of Christchurch.
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