

Personal.

Mr. Percy Adams has returned to Nelson after several years absence in England; he is accompanied by his son, Captain Noel Adams, and Mrs. Noel Adams.

Captain and Mrs. Archie Hamilton (India) are visiting Mrs. Hamilton (May-royd).

Dr. and Mrs. Mackay have returned from their visit to England.

Mrs. Huskon, who has been staying with her son in Sydney has also returned.

Mr. Harold Glasgow, of New Plymouth, is on a short visit to Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watts, of Lambton, Marlborough, have motored through from Blenheim this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Quilliam, of New Plymouth, who have been on a visit to Nelson, have returned to the North Island.

Sir Robert Stout, who has been visiting Nelson has returned to Wellington.

Miss Elsie Booth has returned from her visit to the North Island.

Mrs. and Miss Stevens have left for a holiday visit to Dunedin.

Sister Vaggis, of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, is staying in Nelson.

DOLCE.

BLENHIM.

December 16.

Marlborough High School.

On Wednesday evening the Wesley Hall was crowded on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Marlborough High School. Sir Robert Stout presented the prizes and gave a most interesting address. Some of those present were:—Mr. and Mrs. R. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Florence, Mrs. J. Conolly, Mr. Strachan, Mr. and Mrs. Revell, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mrs. W. Clouston, Mr. and Mrs. Wolferstan, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Northeroft, Mrs. A. Mowat, Mrs. Canavan, Misses Clouston (3), Florence, Wolferstan, Marsh, Barnett, Northeroft, Grace, and Mowat.

A Cantata.

On Tuesday evening the Blenheim Harmonic Society performed the cantata entitled, "The Bride of Dunkerron," in St. Andrew's Hall. Unfortunately the attendance was very poor, which was not very encouraging to the members of the society who have given a great deal of time and energy to produce this cantata. Those present enjoyed a musical feast. The vocalists were in exceptionally good voice, and rendered their numbers in a manner that left nothing to be desired. Mr. Cheek the conductor is to be congratulated on the performance given. Mrs. T. A. Revell, in the absence of an orchestra played the difficult accompaniments most artistically. Some of those noticed among the audience were—Mesdames R. McCallum, Northeroft, Florence, A. Mowat, D. Strachan, Cheek, Fisher, Misses Rose Cheek, Mowat, Nowton, McCallum, and Ball.

Afternoon Tea.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. T. Grace invited the ladies of the Church of Nativity to an afternoon tea in the Sunday School room. A dainty tea was served, and dispensed by some young ladies of the Parish. Songs were sung by Mrs. Lambie and Miss B. Draper, and a pleasant afternoon was spent by all those present. A few of those I noticed in the schoolroom were:—Mesdames Woods, Carter, Duckworth, Filluel, Frazer, Meade (England), Barlow, Strachan, Sim, Canavan, Farmer, Tilly, Misses Grace (4), Neville, Clouston, Farmer, Rogers, MacLaine, Eyes, Draper (2).

Personal.

Mrs. C. Teshmaker Shute has been spending a few days in town.

Miss B. Masfield (Manaro) is spending a few days with the Misses Chaylor, "Mashlands".

Mrs. Moore (Parakawa) is in town, staying at Miss McEaurin, Maxwell-road.

Miss Uphart returned on Saturday from a pleasant visit to Christchurch and Wellington.

Miss L. Purser, Wanganni, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. Bull, Weld-street.

Sir Robert Stout has been staying at the Club Hotel during the Supreme Court sittings.

Miss K. Burnett, Tuā Marina, is the guest of Mrs. Murdoch for a few days.

Mrs. Adams, "Langley Dale," has been

spending a few days in town with Mrs. E. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Seymour returned to Blenheim on Monday, after a lengthy trip to the Old Country.

JEAN.

CHRISTCHURCH.

December 16.

Garden Party.

A garden party was given by Miss Gerard at her residence, "Willowbrook," Fendalton. The hostess, who stood on the lawn to receive her guests, was wearing a lovely gown of cream lace ornamented with appliques of silk, Tuscan hat trimmed with blue velvet and butterflies; Miss R. Gerard, a cream erpe de chine frock, large black hat with white wings; Mrs. Murray-Aynsley wore a satin gown, shot with mauve and light green tints, veiled in ninon, hat to match; Mrs. G. Rutherford, costume of mole coloured cloth, straw hat with violet flowers; Miss Rutherford, white embroidered muslin frock, and white hat; Mrs. G. Gerard, pale blue ninon hemmed with satin, blue hat to match; Mrs. Julius, black satin veiled with chiffon, black and gold bonnet; Mrs. Hansell (Wellington), a Russian costume of heliotrope linen, black hat; Mrs. Elworthy, gown of black broadened satin with touches of silver, large toque of black tulle; Miss Elworthy, a grey cloth dress with mauve floral hat; Mrs. George Gould, blue and black striped silk hemmed with black satin, black hat with lovely blue ostrich feathers; Mrs. W. Wood, a gown of deep rose-coloured satin veiled with striped chiffon, mole colour, black toque and feathers; Miss Wood, white embroidered muslin frock, white hat with pale blue flowers; Mrs. Andreae, white mousseline de soie, with black and white hat; Mrs. G. Hamner, gown of dove-coloured satin, straw hat with shaded blue cornflowers; the Misses Hamner, frocks of white embroidered muslin, white hats with pink roses; Miss Humphreys, rose pink Shantung, hat trimmed with Paisley scarf; Mrs. C. Reid, coat and skirt of cream tussore silk, black hat wreathed with crimson roses; Mrs. Deans, a gown of grey crepe de soie embroidered with silk, black toque, white feather boa; Mrs. H. Acton Adams white embroidered crepe de chine hat of white broderie Anglaise; Mrs. Strachey, copper-coloured satin veiled in black lace, black toque relieved with gold; Miss Strachey, white embroidered muslin, white straw hat, swathed with a fringed scarf; Mrs. Symes, black and white foulard dress, black and white hat; Mrs. Neave, grey benzine silk with silver embroideries, grey bonnet; Miss Neave, green and white striped muslin, white hat with pink flowers; Miss E. Neave, striped heliotrope muslin frock, with hat to match; Miss Murray Aynsley, vieux rose voile de soie, black hat; Mrs. H. Knight, a cloth costume of black and white check, pink straw hat; Miss Knight, coat and skirt of cream Sicilian, white hat with pink roses; Mrs. George Harper, black and white check taffetas gown, black and silver scarf, violet toque; Mrs. Moreland, dove grey crepe de chine dress, black hat and feathers; Mrs. J. Turnbull, a muslin frock, black and white spots, black hat with white ribbon bows; Miss Reeves, coat and skirt of cream Shantung faced with Paisley silk, white hat lined with Paisley chiffon; Mrs. Vernon, white silk veiled in black net, black and white hat; Mrs. J. Vernon, pale blue voile de soie, hat wreathed with white flowers; Mrs. Archer, dark grey cloth costume; black and white toque; Mrs. Thompson, gown of cream silk and net, mauve floral hat; Mrs. Wilkin, mauve satin veiled in black chiffon, embroidered in mauve, black hat; Miss Wilson, mole-coloured silk voile, with hat to match; Mrs. Blunt, heliotrope floral muslin frock, black hat; Mrs. Leonard Clark, robe of white embroidered silk, white straw hat with feathers. During the afternoon putting competitions and croquet competitions were held.

A large marquee stood on the lawn, where strawberries and cream, delicious tea and light refreshments were served.

Another Garden Party.

Mrs Meredith-Kaye (Papanui-road) gave a garden party in honour of Bishop Averil (Waiapu) and Mrs Averil, who are staying with Mrs Kaye. Unfortunately, the weather interfered with the out-of-door arrangements, and the guests were entertained in the house.

Afternoon Tea.

An Afternoon Tea was given on Friday by Mrs Stead (Strowan Park) in honour

of the christening of Mrs Russell Grace's baby daughter. The guests included several children. Amongst those present were: Mrs Gerald Stead, Mrs Ransald Macdonald, Miss Macdonald, Mrs and Miss Elworthy, Mrs and the Misses Phillips (The Point), Mrs Nancarrow, Mrs and Miss Gould, Mrs W. Fox, Mrs and Miss Boyle, Mrs Allen, Mrs and Miss Burns, Miss Harley, Miss M. Rhodes, Mrs Beals, Mrs William Day, Mrs Westmacott (Woodbury), Mrs Gibbs, and Mrs Wardrop. A very pleasant time was spent in amusing the children and playing all sorts of games.

An Afternoon Tea was given by Mrs Arthur Ollivier on Friday, at her residence, Holly-road. Amongst those present were: Mrs C. Fairhurst, Mrs and Miss Wood, Mrs Blunt, Mrs Cecil Wilson, Mrs Hansell, Mrs Strachey, Mrs Deans, Mrs Elworthy, Miss E. Reeves, Mrs Monteith, Mrs W. Thomson, Mrs C. Ollivier, Mrs Butterworth, Mrs and Miss Neave, Mrs F. Graham, Mrs Percy Smith, Mrs Merton, Miss G. Thomson, Miss Thurston, and Miss Murray Aynsley.

A Tea Party.

On Monday afternoon, Mrs. J. D. Hall gave a tea party, each guest being requested to bring a doll dressed in paper, a prize to be given to the best dressed one all the dolls to go to the bazaar in aid of the Girls' Hostel. The first prize was won by Mrs. A. Harper, and the second by Mrs. Free. Mrs. Hall was wearing a cream ninon blouse with cream serge skirt, black straw hat with royal blue bows; Mrs. J. Turnbull, cream sicilienne coat and skirt, small black hat trimmed with large white bows; Mrs. F. Cowlishaw, blue tweed coat and skirt, tuscan hat; Mrs. W. Hall, green cloth costume, black hat; Miss Cowlishaw, pale green Shantung coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. C. Dalgely, costume of dark green tweed, brown hat; Mrs. J. Deans, black silk coat and skirt, small black hat; Mrs. Rice, black silk gown, black hat; Mrs. Beale, grey coat and skirt, black and blue hat; Mrs. Burnett, amethyst cloth frock, black hat; Mrs. G. Gould, dark blue cloth gown, blue straw toque; Mrs. A. Murray Aynsley, reseda green cloth gown, floral hat; Miss Murray Aynsley, grey coat and skirt, black and white hat; Miss Gerard, vieux rose gown, hat of the same shade; Miss Macdonald, frock of blue and white foulard, blue hat; Mrs. W. Wood, plum cloth costume, black hat; Miss Wood, saxe blue crepe frock, blue hat; Miss Humphreys, biscuit cloth coat and skirt, hat to match with large ostrich plume; Miss A. Humphreys, black corduroy velvet Russian coat and skirt, black hat with pale pink ostrich feathers; Miss N. Reeves, pale blue spotted foulard, black and white hat; Miss Wynn Williams, blue serge coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Burns, gown of reseda green, black hat; Misses Burns, amethyst erpe frocks, tuscan hats; Mrs. W. Fox, nattier blue lustre costume, blue hat; Mrs. C. Reid, dark blue serge coat and skirt, tuscan and black hat; Mrs. Symes, mole cloth gown, black hat; Miss Symes, pink linen frock, tuscan hat veiled in lace; Mrs. A. Reeves, tweed costumes, black and white hat; Mrs. J. Vernon, pale blue cloth coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Wilkin, grey tweed costume, black hat; Miss Wilkin, cream serge coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Molineaux, mole satin gown, hat of same shade; Miss M. Molineaux, pale blue serge frock, large hat with roses. Others present were Mrs. J. Williams, Misses Rutherford, Cotterill, Turnbull, Nedwell, Harley, Wilding, Hamner (2), and Moore (3).

Personal.

Mrs. Pyne and family have returned to Christchurch from their visit to England.

Mrs. J. Barker (Woodbury) is spending a few days in Christchurch.

The Bishop of Waiapu and Mrs Averil have been the guests of Mr. Meredith-Kaye at Papanui-road.

Other visitors to Christchurch include: Mrs. Hansell (Wellington), Mrs. A. Elworthy (Timaru), Mrs. Westmacott (Woodbury), Mr. and Mrs. Leonard de C. Malet (Clearwell), Mr. and Mrs. T. Rhodes (Timaru), Mrs. Percy Elworthy (Timaru), Miss Orbell (Timaru).

Amongst the departures were:—Mrs. Wilson, wife of Dr. Wilson, of the Antarctic expedition, left for England yesterday (Thursday), December 15; Miss M. Williams has returned to Geraldine; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harper have returned to Ashburton; Mr. and Mrs. Guyon Macdonald have returned to Orari.

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