

long green coat, straw hat with scarf; Mrs. Ashcroft, stylish cream and black striped tweed coat and skirt, straw hat with heliotrope flowers at the side and velvet a darker shade; Miss Moore, navy blue white spotted foulard, cream coarse straw hat with black velvet; Mrs. Elder (Wellington), black coat and skirt, cream muslinhood hat with black glaze silk ribbons; Mrs. J. Taylor, pale green striped tweed coat and skirt with silk revers, straw hat with green and brown silk roses and foliage; Mrs. A. Sherriff, heliotrope linen coat and skirt, heliotrope hat with silk scarf to match; Mrs. W. Atkinson wore a grey tweed coat and skirt, black hat with glaze silk; Miss Watson (England), dark tweed coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Hesse, white muslin frock with insertion, cream straw hat with all shaded pink roses and foliage; Miss H. Anderson, white muslin with insertion, cream hat with grey velvet and blue roses; Mrs. S. Gordon, dark tweed coat and skirt, straw hat with tips; Miss Spenser wore a white muslin frock with insertion, becoming Goden straw hat with tiny pink roses and foliage; Miss O. Williams, white muslin gown, cream hat with shaded flowers; Miss Ashcroft, white muslin large straw hat with heliotrope and blue roses and foliage; Mrs. Palmer, long green frieze coat and skirt, with buttons of the same, black straw hat with black tips.

Late on Monday a race was rowed on the river between crews from the Wellington College and Collegiate School. The local team were victorious. Amongst the interested spectators were: Rev. and Mrs. Dove, Dr. and Mrs. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. Crombie, Miss Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Allan, Mr. Wray, Miss Parsons, Miss Maling, Mr. D'Arcy, and many others.

Prizegiving.

There was a large number of parents and friends at Harworth prize-giving; the prizes were presented by Rev. J. Jacob. Mrs. Atkinson wore a black silk gown with cream lace and black lace transparent sleeves; Miss Watson (England), black robe with yoke of black transparent lace; Mrs. H. Surjeant, cream silk and lace gown, white opera coat with coarse lace; Miss Moore, navy blue and white; Mrs. Mackay, black silk with lace, cream opera coat; Mrs. Clay, white silk gown with lace and chiffon shoulder-scarf; Mrs. Hogg, black and white gown; Mrs. P. Forlong, black silk, smart cream opera coat with gold ornaments; Mrs. Lennard, black silk skirt, cream silk blouse; Mrs. John Stevenson, black silk with lace; Miss D. Brettargh, white muslin with lace, pink chiffon shoulder-scarf; Mrs. D'Arcy, pale heliotrope; Mrs. Brettargh, prunecoloured silk robe with white lace shoulder-scarf; Miss Brewer, black silk with lace and heliotrope, chiffon shoulder-scarf; Mrs. Payne, black silk with kimono of cream cloth with bordering of Oriental trimming; Mrs. Treadwell, black silk robe with berthe of lace; Miss Heaps, white muslin frock with lace and insertion.

River Picnic.

On Wednesday evening a very enjoyable river picnic was given by Mr. B. Anderson and Mr. Preston. Amongst those present were Miss G. Krull, Miss P. Jones, Miss Thompson (Sydney), Miss Ida Stevenson, Miss Brettargh, Miss D. Brettargh, Miss Spenser, Miss W. Anderson, Miss D. Christie, Miss Danley, Messrs. Strouts, Chamberlain, Stevenson, Brettargh, Anderson, Perston, Fletcher, and others.

College Prizegiving.

On Tuesday evening the annual prize-giving at the Collegiate School was held. The prizes were presented by Hon. Dr. Findlay. Sir Robert Stout was also present, and made a short speech. Mrs. Dove wore a beautiful charmeuse robe with peacock blue satin opera coat, bordered with wide gold thread embroidery; Mrs. Gordon Williams (Te Aute), pale blue silk with lace; Mrs. Godwin, black silk, with cream lace; Mrs. Crombie, old-rose silk frock, art green charmeuse kimono wrap; Miss Maling, black silk, with berthe of lace; Mrs. Atkinson, black silk, pastel blue cloth opera coat, and rose pink chiffon shoulder scarf; Miss Watson (England), black silk robe, with yoke of transparent lace; Mrs. H. F. Christie, pale heliotrope silk gown, with bands of insertion and cloth of a darker shade; Mrs. Gifford Marshall, black silk, with chiffon on her corsage, and touch of gold thread embroidery, cream opera coat, with wide insertion and high-waisted effect, finished at the back with a

gold buckle; Miss D. Marshall wore a pretty pale blue crepe gown, with chiffon; Miss D. Christie, cream charmeuse, with lace and soft blue silk ribbons threaded through her hair; Mrs. Gill-Carey, pale green silk robe, with black silk insertion and tucked cream net; Mrs. Paterson, black charmeuse gown, with silver sequin net on her corsage, pale blue opera coat; Miss I. Stevenson wore a smart frock of pale blue crepe, with chiffon and silver thread embroidery; Mrs. Wilde (Rangitikei), black silk, with cream lace and gold girdle; Mrs. Mackay, cream silk, with chiffon and stylish opera coat; Mrs. Mason, black silk, with lace and pale pink chiffon shoulder scarf; Miss Moore wore a maize-shaded brocade gown, with cream chiffon on her corsage, pastel blue cloth kimono opera coat, with shaded silk embroidery; Mrs. Pattle Izett, black silk gown, with lace; Mrs. Allan Cameron, pastel blue silk gown, with lace; Miss Nixon, white charmeuse, with chiffon and white ribbons in her coiffure; Mrs. James Watt, pale blue charmeuse gown, with touch of gold on it; Mrs. Lennard, electric-blue velvet frock, with black silk braiding and tucker of cream chiffon; Mrs. Ashcroft, black and white striped silk gown, with bands of insertion; Mrs. Fairburn, black silk, long pastel blue cloth opera coat, with black satin and jet ornaments; Miss Ashcroft wore a pale blue silk gown, with black jet trimming bordering the corsage and having panel effect on the skirt; Mrs. S. Gordon wore a pale blue silk blouse, with bands of Valenciennes insertion, black silk skirt; Mrs. Payne, black silk, with lace, cream cloth kimono opera wrap, with Oriental silk edging it; Miss D. Brettargh wore a pale blue silk frock, with chiffon on her corsage; Miss R. Hawken, pale pink, with lace; Miss Hawken, cream silk, with chiffon scarf edged with piping of black satin; Mrs. A. Allison, black silk gown, with cream lace; Mrs. Elder (Wellington), black silk robe, with lace on her corsage and heliotrope chiffon shoulder scarf.

Personal.

Mrs. Elder, of Wellington, has been staying in Wanganui recently. Mrs. Shaw, of Auckland, is staying in Wanganui with her daughter, Mrs. Reaney. Mr. and Mrs. M. Beth, Kimbolton, have been staying in Wanganui. Mrs. Carey, of Masterton, has been staying in Wanganui with her mother, Mrs. H. F. Christie, St. John's Hill. Mrs. Roehford, of Eltham, has been staying in Wanganui with her mother, Mrs. A. Lewis. Mrs. Oldham, of Taihape, is spending some weeks at Castlecliff, Wanganui.

NELSON.

December 21.

At the Theatre.

The visit of Nellie Stewart to Nelson was a red-letter day in the annals of play-goers. The charming "Sweet Nell" was recalled many times at the end of each performance, and was the recipient of many floral tributes. Miss Stewart was well supported by Mr. Harcourt Beatty and her company. In the audience on different occasions were:—Mrs. and Miss Heaps, Mrs. Macquarie, Mrs. and the Misses Booth, Mrs. Frank Edwards, Mrs. Andrew (Stoke), Mrs. C. H. Coote, Miss Oldham, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Noel Adams, Mrs. Glasgow, Miss Livesey (Christchurch), Mrs. and Miss Blackett, Miss Richmond, Misses Clark, Mrs. Burnes, Mrs. H. Cook, Misses Hamilton, Mrs. and Miss Houliker, Misses Gilkison, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Allen, Miss D. Webb, Miss G. Harrey, Mrs. Steyhe, Mrs. Hales, Miss Ledger, Miss Holton, Mrs. C. Y. Fell, Misses Fell, Miss Hunter-Brown, Miss Cook, Mrs. A. J. Glasgow, Mrs. and Miss Dodson, Mrs. J. Sharp.

At Home.

An enjoyable "At Home" was given by Mrs. Harrison last week. Some of the guests were: Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. S. Gibbs, Miss Richmond, Mrs. G. Holy, Mrs. Fell, Mrs. D. Edwards, Miss Gilkison, Miss Gibbs, Mrs. Booth.

Personal.

Commander Orme-Webb, R.N. (England), brother of Colonel Webb, of this city, is visiting Nelson, accompanied by Mrs. and the Misses Orme-Webb. Mrs. T. Maunsell (Christchurch) is the guest of Mrs. A. T. Maginnity.

Miss N. Trolove (Kaikoura) is visiting her mother, Mrs. Trolove.

Mrs. and Miss Solanders are back from their visit to Wellington.

Miss Heaps has returned from Wanganui.

Mrs. Scott (Christchurch) and Mrs. O. Stuckey (Masterton) have been in Nelson for the marriage of Mr. Walter Lawrence Scott (India).

Miss F. Richmond is away in Wellington.

Miss Livesey (Christchurch) who has been the guest of Mrs. Glasgow, "Brooklands," has returned to her home.

Miss M. Barkas (Timaru) is staying with friends here.

Miss W. Isitt (Wellington) is visiting here.

Miss Talbot (Richmond) has returned from her visit to Christchurch.

Mrs. McLaren (Wakapuka) who has been visiting friends in Wellington, has returned.

DOLCE.

BLENHEIM.

December 22.

An Entertainment.

On Wednesday evening the Town Hall was well filled, when the Convent High School placed a most interesting programme before their audience. It was surprising to see how well these children performed their various parts in "An Hour in Fairyland," and they displayed considerable talent, especially little Miss Rita Green. The stage was very prettily set, and the sisters deserve great praise for the very creditable manner in which they have instructed their pupils. The choruses were well rendered, and the marches and stage groupings were excellent. A few of those I noticed among the audience were: Mr. and Mrs. R. McCallum, Mr. and Mrs. Northeroft, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Florence, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Cheek, Mr. and Mrs. Revell, Mr. and Mrs. Broughton, Mrs. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Wolferstan, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. B. Clouston, Mrs. A. Mowat, Miss E. Florence, Miss B. Grice & fths.

Personal.

Mrs. W. Clouston and Mrs. Monro (Bank House) left this afternoon to meet Mr. and Mrs. B. Monro in Wellington, on their return from a lengthy visit to the Old Country.

Mr. J. Reid, accompanied by Dr. D. Reid, returned on Saturday evening from a holiday visit to Rotorua and Auckland.

Miss Middleton (Waimate) is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Perrott at Renwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy White (Hunterville) are the guests of Mr. J. White, at "York Terrace."

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bell, "Holmdale," together with their family, are spending a few weeks holiday at "Benopai."

Mr. H. White (Christchurch) has returned home for the holidays.

Mr. R. De Lambert has returned from visiting Wellington.

Mr. A. Davey, who has been on the local staff of the Bank of New South Wales for nearly two years, has received notice of transfer to the Feilding branch. Mr. Davey will be much missed, having made himself immensely popular during his stay here.

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

Bishop Mules (Nelson) paid a short visit to Blenheim.

J.E.N.

PICTON.

December 22.

Handkerchief Afternoon.

A handkerchief afternoon was given by Mrs. Seymour on Thursday for Miss Hawkins. The weather was not what it might have been. Still there were a goodly number present, all of whom enjoyed the competition, the beautiful flowers, and a most sumptuous tea. Mrs. Seymour received her guests in a handsome black veil; and Mrs. Riddell, who was assisting her mother, was also in black. Most of the guests were in wintery costumes, though, of course, that did not detract from the pleasure of the occasion. After tea the prizes were presented, Miss Allen winning the first, and Mrs. Vickers the second prize, while "the baby" was awarded to Miss M. Dawkins. Among those present were Mesdames Allen, Tripe, Vickers, Madson, Morris, Burgess, McShane, T. J. Smith, Nicol, Williams, Macallister, Chambers,

Misses Seymour, Allen, Bewick, Fuller (2), Philpotts (2), Greensill, Dimanti, Williams, Dawkins (2), Western, Scott, Dr. Paterson, Chambers, and Dart (2).

A Knick-Knack Afternoon.

A knick-knack afternoon was given to the bride-elect by Mrs. Riddell on Saturday. The weather having suddenly changed from mid-winter to mid-summer, people had to change with it into their most summery frocks. Mrs. Riddell wore a cool dress of green and white muslin; Mrs. Seymour, black

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