

voile; Mrs. Healey, grey coat and skirt, floral hat. Other married ladies—Messrs. James Allen, Beswick, Tripe, Madsen, Burgess, Macalister, Chambers, Swanwick—in either black or white; Mrs. Williams, blue costume; Miss Chaytor, blue costume; Miss Allen, blue Shantung; Miss B. Allen, tussore frock; Miss Philpotts, grey striped linen frock; Miss Western, blue linen; Miss Williams, blue; and others; Misses Greensall (2), Scott, Dr. Paterson, Macalister (2), Dawkins (2), M. Philpotts, Chambers, Beswick, and Dart (2).

Mrs. Biddell was in white and green muslin; Mrs. Seymour, black; Miss Seymour, High-street, black and white figured voile, hat trimmed with pink velvet; Mrs. Nicol, white embroidered muslin, black and red floral hat; Mrs. Healey, grey coat and skirt, floral hat; Mrs. Beswick, white costume, black hat; Mrs. Allen, black; Mrs. Tripe, dark summer costume, hat trimmed with black and white; Mrs. Madsen, white pique coat and skirt, floral hat; Mrs. Macalister, black broche gown, black bonnet with blue velvet; Mrs. Burgess, white muslin, and floral hat; Mrs. Swanwick, black dress with white lace scarf, and black and white hat; Mrs. Chambers, white; Mrs. Williams, blue coat and skirt, hat to match; Misses Dawkins (2), white embroidered frocks, and floral hats; Miss Allen, blue Shantung shirt and blouse, burnt straw hat trimmed with black; Miss B. Allen, tussore silk frock, white hat trimmed with heliotrope; Miss Chaytor, blue coat and skirt, hat to match; Misses Greensall (2), white embroidered frocks, floral hats; Misses Beswick, white; Miss Scott, white; Dr. Paterson, white; Miss Western, blue linen costume, and floral hat; Miss Philpotts, grey striped linen costume, floral hat; Miss Williams, blue costume, floral hat; Miss Chambers, white muslin frock, and large hat trimmed with flowers; Miss M. Philpotts, white muslin, and floral hat; Misses Dart (2).

The Band.

On Saturday the Picton Brass Band went to Havelock to play for the benefit of the funds of the Cottage Hospital. They were generously entertained by the residents, and the funds were augmented by £50, collected at the time.

Personal.

Mrs. Cracroft and family, Wellington are spending the holidays in the Pelorus Sound with Mr. and Mrs. H. Harris.

The Rev. A. H. Sedgwick, a former vicar of Picton, and Mrs. Sedgwick, Onehunga, are visiting the Misses Harris in Picton.

Mr. Robert Macalister has passed his first solicitors' examination this year. He is not yet twenty-one years of age.

Miss Jean Beauchamp, of Wellington, has gone to Mahau to visit her relations Mr. and Mrs. J. Anderson.

Miss M. Chaytor, Pahiatua, is visiting her cousins, Miss Chaytor and Mrs. Percy Stuart at Waikawa.

BELLE.

CHRISTCHURCH.

December 21.

Musical Evening.

A musical evening was given on Saturday by Mrs. H. H. Loughnan (Avon-side). Songs were sung by Mrs. Gower Burns and Messrs. Wood, Inglis, Alwright and W. Day. The instrumentalists were Messrs. Lewin, Loughnan, and Bunz. Mrs. Loughnan wore a gown of pale blue satin and chiffon; Miss Loughnan, white nixon with insertions of lace; Mrs. George Harper, black satin and net; Mrs. Gower Burns, lemon brocade satin; Mrs. Cox, pale pink taffetas and cream lace; Mrs. Symes, violet nixon and jet; Mrs. Inglis, frock of cinnamon taffetas; Mrs. Day, black silk relieved with pale blue velvet; Mrs. Murray, black silk and lace; Mrs. Finch, russet green crepe de chine; Mrs. Bunz, cream nixon with pipings and hem of pale pink satin; Miss Durant, pearl grey satin; Miss Morrison (Auckland), frock of mauve crepe de chine relieved with cream net; Miss Cracroft Wilson, black lace relieved with jet; Miss Symes, robe of cream lace over cream silk; Miss Russell, black and white striped Grenadine with belt of tangerine yellow; Miss Dovenish Moore, white taffetas and silk embroidery; Mrs. Michael Campbell, black satin and cream lace; Miss Campbell, pale pink voile relieved with cream lace. Others present included Messrs. Harpen, Wood, Lewin, Inglis, W. Day, Bunz, Cox, Murray and Alwright.

A small musicale was given by Mrs. Walter Stringer at her apartments in Warwick House. Songs were sung by Miss May Pudney who has for some time been studying music at Home and on the Continent, and, it is said, intends returning to England shortly. Miss Fairhurst also sang. Mrs. Stringer, Mrs. G. Fairhurst, and Mr. Lancelot Lewin played the piano.

Breaking Up for the Holidays.

Schools breaking up for the Christmas holidays and children's parties are at present the only entertainments. Christ's College Grammar School Breaking-up and prize-giving took place on Monday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of parents and friends of the boys. In the evening Mrs. Northcote, of Culverden, gave a children's dance at Miss Cox's Assembly Room, Hereford-street, at which most of the College boys were present. The hall was gaily decorated, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Children's Party.

On Tuesday afternoon a children's party was given by Mrs. Arnot McKellar (Park-terrace). A marquee was erected on the lawn for the refreshments. Several grown-ups were present to assist in amusing and looking after the children. All kinds of out-of-door games were played, and then came the unveiling of a huge Christmas-tree, from which each child received a gift to carry away with them.

A Picnic.

On Tuesday Mrs. Free (Fendalton) gave a picnic, and invited a number of young people. They took the tram to Sumner, and from there walked over the hills to Taylor's Mistake, where they made Billy tea and thoroughly enjoyed a delightful picnic.

A musical afternoon was given by Mrs. Gover Burns at her residence, Kilmore-street, in honour of Mrs. Westmacott, of Woodbury.

Personal.

Mrs. M. Lewin (Spaxton Downs, Methven) is in Christchurch with Mrs. Thornton, of Reefton, who has been staying with Mrs. Lewin, and who is returning to Reefton on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee and Miss Lee (Sydney) have arrived in Christchurch. They are the guests of Mrs. Palmer, "Woodford," Papanui-road.

Mr. and Mrs. Aufrere Fenwick (Dunedin) are in Christchurch.

Mrs. J. Douglas (Waikari) has been staying with Miss Humphreys at Fendalton.

Miss Helmore has returned to Christchurch from a visit to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Harper, who have been staying with the Dean of Christchurch, have returned to Timaru.

Miss Boyle (Christchurch) has returned from a visit South.

Miss E. Raine (Timaru) is the guest of Mrs. E. Turrell (Christchurch).

Mrs. J. Barker (Geraldine) has been staying with Mrs. Boyle at Riccarton.

Recent visitors to Christchurch include: Mrs. J. C. Grigg (Longbeach), Mrs. Percy Elworthy (Timaru), Miss Brownjohn (England) is the guest of Mrs. George Helmore (Fendalton); Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rhodes and Miss Rhodes (Blue Cliffs), en route for England; Miss Bathgate (Dunedin), Miss Peache (Mt. Somers), Mr. and Mrs. A. Holmes (Rakata).

DOLLY VALE.

SEDDON.

December 19.

Pupils' Concert.

A very large audience was present at the Seddon Hall on Friday night, the occasion of the annual concert given by Miss McCabe's pupils and friends. The performance of the pupils throughout was well above the average, and the items contributed by friends were greatly appreciated. Those who assisted were: Mrs. Stace, Misses McCabe, Foster, Humphreys, Berry, Ida and Grace Gunn.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Monro, "Auchenbowie," Flaxbourne, have returned home after a most delightful trip South.

Mr. G. J. Ward has gone to Auckland for a short holiday.

Mrs. Radcliff, who has been on a short holiday to Mt. Pleasant, has returned home.

Mr. Westerne (England) is the guest of Mrs. Radcliff, Richmond Brook.

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