

committees are to be congratulated on the success of their arrangements.

Amongst those present were: Lady Clifford, in a robe of rich black satin, relieved with cream lace; Miss Clifford, pretty frock of soft white tulle; Mrs Reswick, a gown of peacock blue satin, veiled with black tulle; Mrs C. Reid, white satin, with overdress of vieux rose nixon; Mrs Boyle, oyster grey satin, with beautiful tunic of black tulle richly embroidered in jet; Miss Boyle, pale pink satin, veiled with dewdrop tulle; Mrs T. Cave, black lace and net over black silk; Miss Longman (Hamilton), white net embroidered in gold, over white silk; Miss Ogle, a beautiful frock of white satin, with tunic of crepe nixon edged with ermine; Miss Bliss (Auckland), pink satin, with overdress of pink nixon; Miss Harley, black satin, with jetted embroidery on net; Miss Thomas, rose pink nixon, with deep lace of pink satin; Miss Prins, pale green crepe de chine; Miss I. Prins, white satin covered with tulle; Miss Macdonald, rose satin veiled with tulle of the same shade; Miss Symes, black satin, with jet embroidered net; Miss Merton, blue and white floral net, the tunic edged with bands of pale blue satin; Miss O'Brien (Timaru), white satin robe, with overdress of black net embroidered in jet; Miss Denniston, gown of ivory satin, the corsage swathed with pale green crystallized tulle; Miss Moore, pale blue satin, with touches of silver; Miss G. Moore, heliotrope mouseline de soie; Miss Pyne, white satin frock, with tunic of silk embroidered net; Mrs C. Millar, blue satin, with bugle embroidery; Mrs Arthur Elworthy (Timaru), pale blue satin, with deep tunic of black tulle, richly embroidered with gold; the Misses Anderson, frocks of apricot satin covered with tines of nixon; Miss Park, black crepe de chine; Miss Guthrie, frock of cream lace, with touches of gold; Miss Knight, reseda green chiffon taffeta; Miss N. Knight, frock of tangerine silk and cream lace; Miss Burns, pastel blue satin embroid. edged with gold; Miss H. Burns, pale blue doral nixon, with cluster of pink roses; Miss Fulton, pale blue satin; Miss Marchison, vieux rose satin, with tunic of oxidized silver net; Miss Chrystal, pretty frock of rose pink nixon; Miss Milne, can de nil satin, with bugle embroidery; Miss Robinson, frock of white crepe de chine; Miss Phillips (The Point), pastel blue satin, with clusters of pale pink roses; Miss Lucas, vieux rose satin frock, with overdress of nixon of the same shade; Mrs Henry Woods, robe of emerald green satin, with green and gold embroideries; Miss Lyon (Woodbury), frock of white satin veiled with crystal embroidered nixon; Mrs J. D. Hall, white satin robe veiled with black lace. Others present were: Messrs J. D. Hall, Montgomery, Harper (2), Fell, Preston, Gould, Anderson (2), Macdonald (2), Elworthy (3), Rhodes (2), Jameson, Wood (2), Thomas, Millar, Orbell, Nancarrow, Rutherford, Stead, Boys, Sinclair, Baker, and Dr. N. Guthrie.

Polo Sports.

On the following day (Saturday) the polo sports were held at Addington. The day was fine, and a number of ladies were present. Lady Clifford wore a coat and skirt of tussore silk faced with black, large black hat; Miss Clifford, a cream serge coat and skirt, cream hat to match; Mrs Arthur Rhodes, tailor-made gown of grey cloth, relieved with black, black hat with cream lace; Mrs George Rhodes (Meadowbank), costume of pale grey cloth, black and white hat; Mrs Arthur Elworthy, coat and skirt of black velvet, braided with silk; Mrs Pyne, gown of mole coloured silk crepon, embroidered with mauve, black hat; Mrs Wendrop, coat and skirt of black Shantung, black hat; Mrs T. Cowlishaw, dark grey cloth, braided with black, large black hat with silver cord; Mrs George Gould, tailor made coat and skirt of tweed, black hat; Miss Lee (Sydney), black and white checked tweed costume, black and white hat; Mrs Ronald Macdonald, fawn cloth coat and skirt, faced with pink; Mrs Guyon Macdonald (Orari), duck-egg blue costume, black hat with mole coloured feathers; Mrs C. Reid, electric blue cloth, large tuscany hat; Mrs Allen, grey coat and skirt, faced with black and silver, cream toque with black wings; Mrs Veaton, cream cloth coat and skirt, black toque; Miss Ogle, coat and skirt of mole coloured satin, large black hat with mole plume feathers; Mrs C. Millar, blencht cloth costume, cream straw hat with white wings; Mrs Boyle, navy blue silk coat and skirt, black hat; Miss Boyle, blue linen costume, black and blue hat; Mrs J. D. Hall, coat and skirt of brown tweed, blue and black hat.

A Delightful Dance.

On Saturday evening a delightful dance was given by Mrs Randal Macdonald, "Hambleden." The hostess wore a gown of pearl grey satin, with beautiful lace fichu; Miss Macdonald, white satin frock, with silver and diamond embroideries; Mrs George Gould, robe of pale blue satin, with black tulle, jet embroidered tunic; Miss H. Gould, pretty frock of ivory white silk and silver embroidery; Miss Bowden, white satin frock with white chiffon tunic edged with bugle fringe; Mrs Arthur Rhodes, black satin gown embroidered with jet; Miss M. Rhodes, frock of white crepe de chine, with pale blue sash; Miss Humphreys, white satin and lace; Miss A. Humphreys, white satin frock, with tunic of white tulle, silk embroidered; Miss M. Clifford, frock of ivory spotted tulle; Miss Wood, blue satin, with overdress of black tulle embroidered in gold; Miss Symes, dark red nixon, with oxidized silver embroidery; Miss Pyne, ivory white nixon over silk, with touches of pale blue; Miss Jessie Wilkin, white chiffon frock, with trellis pattern of pink rosebuds and green leaves; Miss Hamner, ivory white net, with touches of pink and pale blue; Miss Ogle, frock of black crepe de chine, with lattice embroidery of turquoise blue beads; Miss Moore, pale blue satin, trimmed with silver and crystal; Miss Strachy, frock of lavender satin; Miss Boyle, sapphire blue satin, with tunic of blue spotted tulle; Miss J. Wells (Amberley), frock of white crepe de chine. Others present were: The Misses Anderson, Denniston, Merton, and Thomas, Messrs Harper (2), Montgomery, Lawrence, Anderson, Wood, Wright, Fryer, Neave, Fell, Rhodes (2), Jameson, Douglas, and Gould (2).

Tennis Party.

A small tennis party was given by Mrs George Gould (Feudlton) on Tuesday afternoon. The players in the American tournament were: Mrs J. D. Hall, Mrs Pyne, Miss Pyne, Mrs Wigram, Miss Boyle, Miss Gould, Miss Bowden, Miss Rhodes, Mrs C. Reid, Mrs Boyle, Mrs T. Cowlishaw, Miss Moore, and Mrs H. Cotterell.

The Victorian League.

The general meeting and conversazione which was held on Monday night in the Provincial Council Chamber, was quite a successful and brilliant affair. The beautifully painted and decorated Council Chamber lights up so well, and forms a fitting setting for the dainty evening frocks and finery of the ladies. The President (Mrs Arthur Rhodes) wore a lovely gown of pale pink satin and white lace, with diamond ornaments; the Hon. Secretary (Mrs Carey Hill), a Princess dress of black velvet, the guimpe and sleeves of white lace; Mrs Boyle, oyster satin veiled with long tunic of black chiffon, richly embroidered with jet; Miss Boyle, white silk, with overdress of black net embroidered with jet; Mrs Percy Cox, black silk robe, relieved with white lace; Mrs Walter Stringer, a lovely gown of electric blue nixon over silk of the same shade; Mrs Hanmer, pale pink brocade and lace; Mrs Gower Burns, deep cream nixon, with lace scarf; Mrs Turnbull, frock of black and gold; Miss Turnbull, white silk, with touches of emerald green silk; Mrs Blunt, black silk, with gold embroidery; Mrs Julius, white silk veiled with black nixon; Mrs Hallenstein, robe of rose pink satin; Mrs Henry Wood, Princess frock of cream satin, with overdress of richly embroidered chiffon; Mrs P. Wood, pale pink silk and lace; Mrs Clifton, cream silk and lace; Mrs F. Graham, black nixon over silk, embroidered with jet; Miss A. Wray, pale blue silk; Miss Guthrie, black and gold net over silk; Miss Gibson, black silk, with white lace; Miss Olivier, white silk and lace; Mrs Firth, brown and cream striped dress; Mrs Appleby, black crepe de chine relieved with white; Mrs Cross, heliotrope silk and silver; Mrs Percy Smith, black silk and lace, trimmed with jet. Amongst others present were: Messdames Blaxam, Gibbs, Merton, Wanklyn, Bennett, McBeth, Miss Bullen, Bishop and Mrs C. Wilson, Miss Julius, Dr. and Mrs Stevenson, Miss Fairhurst. Light refreshments were handed round after the meeting. Mrs Gower-Burns and Mrs Firth sang the accompanist being Mrs Percy Smith. A recitation was given by Mrs Cross, and some of Moore's melodies were charmingly sung by a gentleman whose name I do not know.

Art Society.

The Conversazione and Private View in connection with the Canterbury Art Society was held on Thursday night at

the Art Gallery. The newly-elected President, Mr. W. Reece, made a short speech, and declared the exhibition open. The attendance of members and their friends was so large that it was difficult to get even a peep at the pictures until late in the evening. Those present included: Mrs and Miss Reece, Mrs Denniston, Dr. and Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Goulburn-Gibson, Miss Gibson, Miss Stoddart, Mr and Mrs Monteath, Misses Devenish Meares, Mrs and Miss Symes, Mrs W. Wood, Miss Wood, Mrs and Miss Burns, Mr and Mrs Montgomery, Mrs Wigram, Mrs and Miss Thomas, Mrs and Miss Turnbull, Mrs and Miss Duncan, the Misses Hay, Mrs Murchison, Mrs and Miss A. Collins, Mr and Mrs J. Collins, Mrs Cross, Misses Way (2), Mrs R. Harman, Mr and Mrs Maxwell, Mr and Mrs A. McKellar, Mrs Blunt, Dr. and Mrs Jennings, Mr and Mrs Menzies-Gibb, Mrs and Miss Murray, Miss Maling, Dr. and Mrs R. Anderson, Mrs and Miss Guthrie, Misses Rose and Spooner, Mrs T. Cowlishaw, Miss Cowlishaw, Mr and Mrs Menzies-Gibb, Mr and Mrs Hine, the Misses Gardner, Mr and Mrs G. Hanmer, the Misses Hanmer (3), Mr and Mrs Wood.

Afternoon Tea.

A Girls' Afternoon Tea and Guessing Competition was given on Thursday at Avonside by Miss Trolove in honour of the Misses Coulter (Blenheim). The winners of the competitions were: Miss Stella Murray, Miss M. Symons, and Miss Heather Campbell.

Personal.

Mrs Randall returned to Christchurch this week from a lengthened visit to England. Recent visitors to Christchurch include: Mrs E. D. O'Rourke (Auckland), Miss Laing-Meeson (Wellington), the guest of Mrs Arthur Rhodes, Merivale; Mrs T. Riddiford (Wairarapa), the guest of Mrs F. G. Westener, Oxford-terrace; Mrs and Miss Longman (Hamilton), guests of Mrs Randal Macdonald, Bealey-avenue; Mr and Mrs Guyon Macdonald (Orari); Mr and Mrs C. Millar (Timaru), guests of Mrs J. D. Hall, Middleton; Mr and Mrs L. Malet (Clearwell), the guests of Mrs F. de G. Malet, Christchurch; Mr and Mrs J. C. N. Grigg (Longbeach), and the Misses Grigg; Mr and Mrs Arthur Elworthy (Timaru), the guests of Mrs W. Fox, Armagh-street; Mr and Mrs J. Miles (Marton). Mr and Mrs Henton Rhodes have returned to Christchurch from a visit to Australia. Mrs J. Barker (Woodbury), who was the guest of Mrs Boyle (Riccarton) has returned to the South. Mrs F. Barker has returned to Timaru from Christchurch.

DOLLY VALE.

SEDDON.

March 15.

Handkerchief Tea.

Mrs Horn gave a handkerchief tea on Friday for Miss Margaret Humphreys, who is to be married on the 24th. The guests present were: Messdames Humphreys, Williams, Cunliff, Fuller, and the Misses Humphreys (2), Warinck, Horn. The amusement was a guessing competition, and Mrs. Williams won the first prize. A dainty tea was served in the dining-room.

A Social.

The school social, held in the Seddon Hall on Friday night, was a decided success. Four wee mites danced the "Rose Dance," which was greatly admired. After several other items had been creditably rendered, the prizes were distributed by Mr. C. Ferguson. Another pleasing item on the evening's programme was the presentation to Miss Hilda Cameron (a late pupil) from the School Committee. Mr. Humphreys made the presentation, a vote of thanks to Mr. Ferguson and Miss Young concluded the first portion of the programme, after which the children did ample justice to the supper, and dancing was kept up till the early hours.

Personal.

Mr. E. S. Rutherford (Kekeranga), who has been spending a few days in Blenheim, passed through Seddon on his way home. Mr. Thomas (Tirobangu) has returned home. Miss Foster (Stambrø) has gone to Pelding for a holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Vavasseur have gone to the North Island. GENEVIEVE.

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