

skirt; Maclaine, creme lace blouse and silk voile skirt; Barnett, white chiffon taffeta, with tunic of white spangled net; Neira (Nelson), black taffeta; E. Mowat, blue satin; Messrs Conolly, Corbett, Reid (2), Tschemmaker-Shute, Hagger, Thine, A. Adams, Townshead, Thompson, Broughton, Woods, Strachan, Monlove, McShane, Churchward, Clouston (2), Mowat (2), Coleman, R. Bell, Revell, Waddy, O'Brien, Barnett, Dr. Walker, James, Anderson and Adams.

#### Birthday Party.

Mrs Hulme entertained a few children at her residence in Maxwell-road on Friday in honour of her son's (Jack) birthday. Those present were Misses Kauri Broughton, Katherine Hagger, Joan Rose, Pauline Bennett, Master Hugh Adams, Bob Lumbie, Jeff Broughton, Ian MacLaine, Morvin James, Neal Connavan, Ronald Bennett.

#### Personals.

Mrs C. Tschemmaker-Shute is spending a few days in town.

Mrs Adams and Mr A. Adams, "Langley Dale," were in town during the week.

Miss D. Horton has gone to Wellington for a holiday.

Mrs Fell (Belorus Sounds) is the guest of Mrs W. Clouston, "St. Andrew's."

Mr A. Bell is at present in Christchurch.

Mrs Stone Florence is spending a few days in Picton.

Miss Bell is the guest of Mr and Mrs W. Bell, "Flaxmere."

JEAN.

### PICTON.

August 17.

#### The Flower Queen.

This pretty operetta was repeated on Tuesday evening with a slight alteration. Miss Uphart, of Blenheim, sang three of her deservedly popular Scotch songs, and received an ovation from the audience. Misses R. B. Stewart and E. Chambers rendered a pianoforte duet in a style which delighted the audience, and Mr Valentine also gave some extra songs. The Picton orchestra played the opening overture. Those taking part in the performance have every reason to feel proud of their efforts.

#### Church Social.

Another of the popular church socials was held in the Sunday-school on Wednesday under the supervision of Mesdames Seymour, Lucena, and Miss Harris. Heavy rain kept many away.

#### Personal.

Mr Walsh, of the School of Art, Christchurch, is spending some weeks sketching in the Marlborough Sounds.

Mr A. P. Seymour and Miss Seymour have left to visit Russell and Whangarei. Mr and Mrs Riddell have gone to Wellington. They also purpose visiting Te Aroha and Waingaiti, and getting in some golf.

Miss H. Harris has returned from a visit to Wellington.

Mr and Mrs Henry Harris, of Port Segar, and Miss Philpott, Picton, have returned from a trip to Christchurch, and other Southern towns.

Miss Hutchison, Wellington, has been visiting friends in the district. Mrs Smith and Mrs Haslett invited a few friends to meet Miss Hutchison on Monday. Among them were Dr. A. and Mrs Paterson, Mrs Beauchamp, and Mrs Trapp.

Miss Goodall, Kaikoura, is visiting Mrs Huslett in Picton.

Mrs. Gregg, Makirikawa, is spending a few days with Dr. and Mrs. Trine.

BELLE.

### NELSON.

August 17.

#### Golf.

There was a good attendance of golfers at the Teahana Links on Saturday, when the semi-finals in connection with the men's championship matches were played off. Mr Price defeated Mr Johnston, of Cable Bay, and Mr Edward Jackson was defeated by Mr Brown (Stoke). Some of those present were: Mrs Lewis, Mrs J. Sharp, Mrs J. Wood, Mrs A. Glasgow, Miss Douglas, Mrs Cook, Mrs Fell, Miss E. Booth, Misses Ledger, Mrs Price, Miss Leggett, Mrs and Miss Coote. The ladies' semi-final championship matches resulted in a win for Miss E. Ledger, who defeated Miss Booth, and Miss D. Hair, who was successful against Miss L. Tomlinson.

A ladies' bogey foursome played during the week was won by Miss Gladys Adams and Miss Vera Leggett.

#### Bridge.

Several small bridge parties have been held during the week. Mrs Burnes invited several friends to meet her sister Mrs J. Williams, of Sydney. Some of the players were: Mr and Mrs Hugh Robinson, Mrs and Miss Booth, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Allen, Mrs Coote.

Mrs Allen gave another bridge party when some of the players were:—Mrs Barr, Mrs Booth, Mrs Hamilton Smith, Mrs S. Gildes, Mrs Bunny, Miss Richmond, Miss Gibbs, Mrs Dodson, Miss Ledger.

Miss Sutherland-Smith was another bridge hostess during the week, when some of those present were: Miss Richmond, Mr. Wyrven Wilson (Auckland), Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mr. and Miss Houlker, Miss Hodson, Messrs. Hamilton, Dalziel and Rowley (Gisborne).

#### Recital.

An enjoyable elocutionary recital was given last week by Mrs. J. H. Nicholson and her pupils. There were a number of invited guests present among whom were: Miss Lorimer, Misses Atkinson, Miss Gibbs, Mrs. and Miss Judson, Mrs. Leggo, Mrs. Fell.

#### Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams (Sydney), who have been the guests of Mrs. A. P. Burnes, have left for Wellington.

Mr. Arthur Duncan, who has been spending a short holiday in Nelson, has returned to Wellington.

Miss McKellar (Wellington) is making a short stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Tomlinson (Napier) are the guests of Mrs. Tomlinson.

Miss Ledger has gone to the Empire City.

Mr. Langley Adams and his daughter Miss Eileen Adams have gone for a trip to the South Sea Islands.

DOLCE.

### CHRISTCHURCH.

August 18.

#### Afternoon Tea.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. George Gould was "at home" at "Avonbank," Fendalton, and gave a delightful afternoon tea. Her guests included several of the race visitors: Mrs. Godley (Wellington), Mrs. Burge (Auckland), Mrs. Ferguson (England), Mrs. W. Turnbull (Wellington), Mrs. G. Pharozyz (Hastings), Mrs. H. Russell and Miss Russell (Hastings), Mrs. Goring Johnston (Wellington), Mrs. Kobbel (Wairarapa), Mrs. Buller (Wellington), Mrs. J. D. Ormond (Hastings), Mrs. C. Williams (Hastings), Mrs. and Miss Boyle, Mrs. H. Elworthy (Timaru), Mrs. Percy Elworthy (Timaru), Mrs. and Miss Wells (Amberley), Mrs. Studholme (Waimate), Mrs. W. Bond, Mrs. and Miss Dyne, Mrs. George Rhodes, Mrs. Jameson (Timaru), Mrs. Arthur Elworthy (Timaru), Mrs. Ronald Macdonald, Miss Macdonald, Miss Sinclair-Thompson, Miss Humphreys, Miss Denniston, and Miss Williams.

#### Bridge Party.

A small bridge party was given on Thursday evening by Mrs. Dyne (Bealey-avenue). The players included Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Burge, Mrs. C. Williams, Mrs. C. Reid, Mrs. and Miss Boyle, Mrs. R. Mabel, Miss Humphreys, Mrs. G. Pharozyz, Mrs. G. Gould, Mrs. W. Turnbull, Mrs. Goring Johnston, Mrs. Randall, Miss Murray-Aynsley, Miss Cowlishaw, and Mrs. J. Ormond.

#### Military Ball.

The cavalry ball, which was given by the officers, took place on Friday evening in the Alexandra Hall, and was a great success. The ballroom was artistically decorated with a lattice work design of native *lycopodium* over the ceiling, from which were suspended baskets of ferns and foliage plants, the effect being charming. The walls were draped with red and white muslin and graceful festoons of evergreens. The supper table-decorations were of spring flowers, daffodils, and jonquils. Amongst the guests were: Lady Clifford, in a robe of black satin, with jet embroideries; Miss Clifford, white satin frock, with white chiffon tunic edged with burlie fringe; Miss M. Clifford, pastel blue nixon over pale pink satin; Mrs. Hawkins, black satin, with overdress of black lace; Mrs. George Rhodes, crown of silver-grey crepe de chine, with silver and erudal embroidery; Mrs. J. Buckley, white satin dress, veiled with gold net; Mrs. T. Fuller, a pretty gown of pale blue brocade, veiled

with grey nixon and silver embroideries; Mrs. Deans, robe of black crepe de chine, relieved with beautiful Duchesse lace; Mrs. Ian Deans, black satin and sequins; Mrs. W. Bond, peacock-blue satin, with tunic of blue net edged with gold fringe; Miss Holdsworth (Dunedin), blue satin frock with black lace tunic; Mrs. Maurice Harper, white satin, with overdress of pale green dewdrop chiffon; Mrs. Arthur Elworthy, gown of grey satin, with deep tunic of sea-green chiffon, veiled with silver net; Miss C. Williams, silver embroidered tulle over white satin; Miss Humphreys, frock of white satin, with pearl embroideries; Miss Agnes Humphreys, white satin, with lace hem and tunic of nixon; Miss Brodrick, pale grey nixon and turquoise blue velvet; Miss M. Brodrick, frock of pale blue crepe de chine; Miss Symes, black nixon, relieved with emerald chiffon tunic, edged with silver fringe; Miss Sinclair-Thompson, pale blue nixon veiled with mauve chiffon; Miss Macdonald, emerald green satin, with tunic of black tulle, embroidered with gold; Mrs. Thornton, pale rose satin with overdress of golden brown nixon; Miss Boyle, white satin, with tunic of nixon edged with pink; Miss Ogle, grey satin frock, with silver net tunic and hydrangea-coloured embroideries; Miss Rhodes, white satin, draped with white nixon and gold fringe; Miss Moore, black net frock embroidery of jet; Miss G. Moore, white satin frock with overdress of apricot-coloured net; Miss M. Phillips, eau de nil satin with overdress of tulle of the same shade; Mrs. Bean, white satin frock with erimson roses; Miss Park, frock of black crepe de chine; Miss Harcourt (Wellington), dress of pale green satin; Mrs. P. Elworthy, pearl grey satin, with silver net overdress and pale pink embroidery; Mrs. Denniston, hydrangea blue satin, veiled with mole nixon; Miss Denniston, black satin frock relieved by touches of peacock green satin; Miss Hoadley (Napier), pale blue satin, with crystal trimming; Mrs. Melville Jameson (Timaru), black sequined net over black satin; Miss Orbell, rose pink nixon with gold embroidery; Miss Fyne, white satin frock, with tunic of hand-painted chiffon, pink and white edged with silver fringe; Mrs. Burnett-Stewart, smoke-grey nixon over hydrangea blue satin; Mrs. Rutherford, white satin gown, with insertions of beaded embroidery; Mrs. Gerald Stead, black nixon over black satin; Mrs. Randal, blue satin dress, with nixon tunic of the same shade; Miss Strachey, frock of powder-blue satin with girde of jet; Miss Hope, heliotrope chiffon and lace. Others present were: General Godley, Colonels Hawkins, Heard, Chaffey, Day, Major, Deans, Captains Rhodes, Malet, Dixon, Mr. Justice Denniston, Messrs Denniston, Stead, Deans (2), Clifford, Campbell, Hope, Gould, Macdonald, Davison, Ormond, Orbell, Reid, Bond, Burge, Humphreys, Jameson, Elworthy (3), Harper (2), Williams (2), Godley and Bond.

#### The Races.

At the Riccarton meeting on the second day there was an unusually large attendance. Amongst the numbers of pretty frocks worn were:—Lady Barnett in a black velvet coat and skirt, large black velvet hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs. Pharozyz, heliotrope corded silk coat and skirt, heliotrope hat with feathers and roses; Mrs. J. St. John Buckley (Dunedin), tailor-made costume of fawn cloth, hat with forget-me-nots; Mrs. Arthur Elworthy, pale blue cloth coat and skirt, blue velvet toque with green feathers; Mrs. George Rhodes, navy blue costume, blue hat with ospreys; Mrs. C. Dalgety, grey coat and skirt, black toque; Mrs. George Gould, black velvet costume, ermine furs, black hat with ermine; Mrs. Ronald Macdonald, dark red cloth coat and skirt, black hat; Miss Macdonald, black velvet coat and skirt, black velvet tricerone toque; Mrs. Burge (Auckland), mole-coloured cloth coat and skirt, Tuscan hat, with rose and black ribbon rosettes; Mrs. E. Reid (Timaru), violet satin, long black satin coat, black hat with Lancer plumes; Mrs. Dyne coat and skirt of biscuit coloured cloth, hat to match with black feathers; Mrs. E. Studholme (Waimate) grey velvet coat and skirt, blue toque; Mrs. Stead, black cloth costume, black and white hat; Mrs. Gerald Stern, pale blue coat and skirt black hat; Mrs. Buller (Wellington), navy blue dress, sealskin coat, large black hat with white plumes.

There was a good attendance at Riccarton on Saturday for the third day's races, and the weather was perfect. Amongst those present were Mrs. G. G.

Stead, wearing a black cloth coat and skirt, white ostrich feather boa, white hat with touches of black; Mrs. Boyle, dark grey costume, black hat with pale orange coloured roses and black wheat ears; Miss Boyle, black velvet coat and skirt, black hat with blue feathers; Mrs. George Rhodes, pale mauve cloth coat and skirt, black velvet, hat with black ostrich feathers, white fox furs; Mrs. Arthur Elworthy (Pareora), coat and skirt of turquoise blue cloth, large black and white hat; Mrs. Burns, heliotrope costume, black hat; the Messrs Burns, grey tweed costumes, grey hats to match; Mrs. P. Elworthy (Timaru), heliotrope coat and skirt, large hat to match wreathed in flowers of the same shade; Miss Ogle, mole-coloured cloth coat and skirt, with collar of Oriental silk, black toque with electric thin wings; Miss Humphreys, navy blue cloth coat and skirt, black velvet hat, fox furs; Miss A. Humphreys, black cloth costume, black hat with pale pink ostrich feathers; Mrs. H. Elworthy (Timaru), pale blue cloth coat and skirt, Tuscan hat with black; Mrs. Stevenson, gown of fawn cloth, long black velvet coat, brown hat; Miss G. Merton, navy blue costume, black hat; Mrs. Stranger, slate grey cloth coat and skirt braided in black, black hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Nancarrow, black cloth coat and skirt, black toque; Mrs. Gibson, navy blue costume, grey hat with mauve flowers; the Misses Hamner, pale grey velv. gowns, black hats with pale blue silk; Miss Murray, navy blue serge coat and skirt, black hat with erise velvet; Mrs. R. Harman, navy blue costume, black hat; Mrs. H. M. Macdonald, grey tweed coat and skirt, Tuscan hat with black roses.

#### A Musical Afternoon.

On Tuesday Mrs. Isaac Gibbs gave a delightful musical party in honour of her guest Mrs. Oldham (Dunedin). Musical items were given by Mrs. Blossa, Mrs. Oldham, Miss Rose, and Miss O'Jivier. Mrs. Gibbs wore a charming gown of white satin, with tunic of pale blue nixon; Mrs. Oldham, blue satin gown, with overdress of pale blue embroidered chiffon. The guests included: Mrs. Denniston, Mrs. Wilding, Mrs. Stead, Mrs. Nancarrow, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Ollivier, Mrs. W. Day, Mrs. Strachey, Mrs. Rurrell, Mrs. P. Wynn Williams, Mrs. W. Westera, Mrs. Montello, Mrs. Hamner, Mrs. Wanklyn, Mrs. W. Wood, Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. A. Pratt, Mrs. E. Gibson, Mrs. Stringer, Misses Nancarrow, Raibe, Nolan (Gisborne).

#### Personal.

Amongst the visitors to the races, who left Christchurch on Saturday, were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Reid (Timaru), Mr. and Mrs. Elworthy, Mr. and Mrs. P. Elworthy, Mr. and Mrs. H. Elworthy, Mrs. E. Palmer and Miss Ogle left for Gisborne, and Mrs. and Miss Denniston for Dunedin.

Miss Campbell (Christchurch) is visiting friends in Dunedin.

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