

**Miss Lucas, Mrs. and the Mrs. Blechyn** den, Mrs. Cooze, Mrs. W. Harley, Miss Harris, Mrs. Hamilton Smith, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Lorimer, Mrs. Broad, Mrs. Bett, Mrs. Cuthbertson, Mrs. and Miss Atkinson.

**Personal.**

Mr. and Mrs. Napier, of Dunedin, are paying a short visit to Nelson.

Mr. J. H. Cook is away in Wellington. Lieut. H. E. Rennie, of the Terar Nova, who has been in Nelson for a few days, on Admiralty survey work, has left for Pictou.

Mrs. Travers has returned from Wellington.

Mrs. Renwick and Mr. T. Renwick have also returned from a visit to Wellington.

Mr. W. S. Lucas is away in the North Island.

Miss Iva Hudson (Tapawera) is the guest of Mrs. Tomlinson.

**PICTON.**

June 15th.

**Gift Social.**

The young lady members of the Presbyterian Church, anxious to assist the Presbyterian Orphanage in Wellington, arranged a gift social on Thursday afternoon. The affair was a very pleasant one, and an astonishing display of useful gifts was adequate reward for their thoughtful assistance. Those giving good help during the afternoon were Misses Nicol, Smith (3), Tobbell, Bizzard, Arthur, Oxley, and the Rev. J. Dickson and Mrs. Dickson. In addition to children's songs, Mesdames Dickson, Arthur, and Jennings sang, and Miss Tobbell gave an appropriate recitation.

**Card Party.**

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Riddell entertained a few friends at their residence. Cards—bridge and five hundred—were played, and the evening passed away all too quickly. The drawing-room was decorated with beautiful chrysanthemums. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. and Miss E. M. Allen, Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Beswick, Misses Dawkins and Macalister, and Mr. Rutherford.

**Afternoon Tea.**

A number of ladies walked round to the Freezing Works on Tuesday to visit Mrs. Healey and call on her visitors. The weather was favourable for a long walk, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Ellis, and Mrs. Nichols sang pleasant little songs, and Miss Chambers played a selection. Those present were Mesdames Healey, Ellis, Smith, Allen, Vickers, Beswick, Harris, Haslett, Storey, Williams, Lucena, Chambers, Nicol, Misses Philipotts, Healey, Chambers, and Williams.

**Cantata.**

The cantata entitled "Red Riding Hood's Rescue" was cleverly performed by a number of children who were trained by the Rev. C. C. Bottomley. The epidemic of mumps interfered considerably with the practices, but for all that and the changes entailed the cantata was a decided success, and a crowded audience was greatly pleased with the performance. The principal performers were: "Mother," Miss Violet Sturmer; "Red Riding Hood," Miss Irene Pollard; "Rose," Miss Iris Pollard; "Battercup," Miss May Hance; "Robin," Master T. A. Bottomley; "Woodman," Master P.

Burrough; "The Wolf," Master F. Martin, and a number of other children for the choruses. The second part was composed of songs, as follows: "When Hign the Mighty Billows Roll," Mr. Burroughs; "Red, Red Roses," and "Because," Miss Macalister; "Off to Philadelphia," and "Annie Laurie," Mr. D. McCormick; "Break," and "Dreams," Mrs. Gribble; recitation, "Ticket of Leave," Mr. Heniker; quartette, "The Wandering Savoyard," Mrs. Nicol, Miss R. Macalister, Messrs. Bottomley, and D. McCormick; duet, "A.B.A.," Mrs. Willets and Mr. Gribble. Miss Burrough played the accompaniments, and Mrs. Bottomley superintended the children and stage effects.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Ellis and Miss Frankish are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Healey at the Freezing Works.

Nurse Stuart, who is a very capable and favourite nurse, has left for Wellington to study maternity nursing at St. Helen's Hospital.

Mr. Madsen has returned from a fortnight's holiday in Featherston where he has had an enjoyable time playing golf.

At the recent competitions held in Christchurch, Mrs. K. Allen was awarded second prize for an original story and third prize for an original poem, and Miss B. Allen third prize for an original story.

Mrs. and Miss Millington (Nelson), former residents of Pictou, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Kenny, Waikawa-road.

**BLENHEIM.**

June 15.

**Concert.**

A very large audience assembled at the Town Hall on Thursday evening for the concert in aid of St. Mary's Old Boys' Football Club. Among those invited present were:—Mrs. R. McCallum, Mrs. J. Cory, Mrs. W. Clouston, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Redwood, Mrs. McRae, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Girling, Mrs. Hylton, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. R. Goulter, Mrs. Hull (Wellington), Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Burde, Misses Goulter (3), Clouston (2), Neville, Redwood, Brittain, Chapman, Girling, Farmer, Messrs. Powell, Hylton, Mead, Burden, McKae.

**Card Party.**

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey gave a most enjoyable card party on Wednesday evening at their residence in Alfred-street. Among those present were:—Mesdames Brock, Parker, Miller, Girling, Messrs. Hall, Butler, Girling, Penney, Messrs. Spence, Rose, Brock, Miller, Girling, Mogridge, and Parker.

**Afternoon Tea.**

Before their departure for a trip to Sydney, Mr. and Mrs. H. Howard were entertained at a farewell tea at the Loloma Tea Rooms by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Seymour. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Wolferstan, Dr. and Mrs. Mead, Mrs. W. Clouston, Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge, Miss J. Anderson.

**Song Title Evening.**

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke entertained a number of friends at a "Song Title" evening on Friday at their pretty home in Maxwell-road. Miss Ewart carried off first prize for guessing the greatest number of songs. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Kier, Misses Clarke (2), Ewart (2), Burgess, Stapp, Murphy,

Messrs. Clarke, Stapp, Bush (Wellington), Golding, Admore.

**Birthday Party.**

Dr. and Mrs. Russell Adams took a number of young people and their mothers out to "Langley Dale" on Saturday by motor bus in honour of their son's (Hughie's) birthday. On their arrival they were well entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Adams, and a very jolly day was spent. Those who journeyed out were: Mrs. Teashawthorne and Doreen, Mrs. C. Meadomaker-Shute and Helen, Mrs. P. Stuart and Mary, Mrs. A. Mowat and Katie, Mrs. Bennett, Susie, and Billy, Mrs. Coleman Douglas and George, Mrs. Woods and Tony, Ian MacLaine, Jean, and Leetie Burden.

**Personal.**

His Excellency the Governor is the guest of Mr. H. D. Vavasour at Ugbrooke.

Miss Vavasour has returned from Wellington.

Mrs. Ritson Thomas, Tirolanga, has been spending a few days in town.

Miss Rutherford has returned to Kekerangu.

Miss Skinner left on Tuesday for Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Howard have gone to Sydney for a lengthy holiday.

Mrs. Woods has returned from Masterton.

Mrs. Coleman, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Coleman, left on Tuesday for Hunterville.

Mrs. Jack Sharp (Nelson) is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Trolove, The Shades.

Mr. and Mrs. Trolove, The Shades, were in town during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge are staying at the Criterion Hotel.

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

June 14.

**Musical At Home.**

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Wilding, "Fawnhope" Opawa, invited a number of her friends to a musical "At Home," which was a most enjoyable affair. Songs were sung by Mrs. Gower Burns, Mrs. H. H. Loughnan and Mrs. Beale. Miss Audrey Gibson played accompaniments and pianoforte solos. Mrs. Wilding also contrived solos. The hostess wore a becoming gown of dark mole-coloured velvet, relieved with motifs of guipure lace; Mrs. Gower Burns, coat and skirt of blue serge, black velvet hat and sable furs; Mrs. H. H. Loughnan, costume of navy cloth; black hat with ospreys; Mrs. Beale, tailor-made suit of blue cloth, and a fur toque; Mrs. Westera, costume of prune-coloured cloth, grey and white hat; Mrs. Bevan-Brown, dark green coat and skirt, with green toque to match; Mrs. Pyno, coat and skirt of dark petunia cloth, velvet hat en suite; Miss H. Burns, costume of navy blue cloth, fawn-coloured hat with lancer plume; Mrs. Rolleston, black cloth coat and skirt, black picture hat, and black fox furs; Mrs. Allen, tailor-made costume of blue cloth, black panne hat; Mrs. W. Helmore, frock of grey velvet, grey toque relieved with saxe-blue feather; Miss Talbot, black cloth tailor-made costume, black hat and feather; Mrs. Wall, coat and skirt of brown tweed, brown and blue hat; Mrs. G. Helmore, navy blue cloth coat and skirt, blue toque; Miss Helmore, grey coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Stephenson, cos-

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