

congratulated on the success of the affair.

Presbyterian Function.

The annual meeting was held in the Sunday school room, and partook of the nature of a social gathering after the routine business was concluded. A presentation of a Morris chair, and a Church Praise was made to Mr D. Lloyd for valuable services rendered as choir-master for many years, and three cases were presented to Mrs Lloyd for many services to the church. Musical items were rendered by Mrs Edmunds, Mrs C. Stuart, Miss B. B. Stuart, and the choir.

Cantata.

On Friday last the cantata "Phillis" was staged in the Albert Hall. There was a large and appreciative audience in spite of bad weather, and the Rev. C. C. Bottomley, the conductor, and the company have reason to be pleased with the reception of their efforts. The principals were: "Phillis," Mrs Nichol; "Margaret," Miss Macalister; "Farmer Meadows," Mr D. McCormick; "Douglas," Mr G. Robertson; "Chap-leigh," Mr J. McIntosh. The chorus consisted of Mesdames Tarrant, Steele, Bottomley, McNab, and Willets, Misses Burroughs (3), Smith, Wheatley, Newman, Lewis, McMahon, Sturmer, Pollard, Adams, Messrs Hahn, Brown, Batchelor, Bush, Jackson, Hennecker, Jennings, Willets. At the conclusion the members of the Methodist Church entertained the performers at a supper, when a presentation of a brief bag was made to the Rev. C. C. Bottomley, as a slight token of their appreciation of his services to the church, and also to the musical interests of the town.

Bulb Show.

The first show held by the Horticultural Society could scarcely be called a success, though there were some very pretty exhibits. There were very few exhibitors, and the attendance not what was expected. The principal exhibitors and prize takers were Mrs Riddell and Misses Hart. Mrs Wastney (Nelson), judged the cut blooms. The foliage of red birch was largely used in the decorative section, and lent beauty to the white and yellows of the spring bulbs.

School Concert.

The annual concert in aid of the Linkwater school prizes, was held on Tuesday, and was considered the most successful yet arranged by Miss Allen (teacher), and her enthusiastic friends. The programme included a piano duet, Messrs Minn and M. Greensill; song, "Come, Let Us All Be Merry," children; recitation, "The Funny Old Woman," Misses M. Kerr and M. Voyce; song, "A Farmer's Boy," Masters Bert Coleman and C. Voyce; recitation, "Going On An Errand," Miss M. Thompson; dumb-bells, children's song, Miss Powell (Haylock); duet, "What Are the Wild Waves Saying," Mr and Mrs C. J. Fulton; "Have You Got Another Girl Like Mary?" Mr N. Bryant; trio, "Three Old Maids of Lon," Mrs C. J. Fulton, Miss B. Allen, and Miss E. Fulton; piano solo, Mrs Howe (Haylock); song, Mr Hut; song, Mrs Haw and Miss Powell; "My Dinky Buse," Mr J. Patterson; song, Mr Griffiths; duet, "Barboard Watch," Messrs C. J. Fulton and Minns; farce, "Maria Jane's Plan," Mrs C. J. Fulton, Miss Allen, and Miss E. Fulton; "Jessie's Dream," Mrs Beauchamp.

Personal.

An interesting letter has been received by a resident from Mr W. Cullen, of Mahakipawa, who is having a good time doing the grand tour. Mr Cullen thinks the Rhine can boast of one or two pretty spots, but none to equal the natural beauties of Petorus Sound.

Captain Victor Kobsall, of the Defence Force, arrived in Pieton on Saturday, and proceeded to Resolution Bay, Queen Charlotte Sound, where he will spend a fortnight's holiday.

The Minister for Railways, the Hon. Mr Herries, accompanied by the member for the district, Mr R. McCallum, and escorted by the Mayor and Council, and also by the president and members of the Chamber of Commerce, visited the new wharf on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs C. Peck, of Dublin Street, are away for a few weeks' holiday in the North Island.

Miss E. Wallace left on Tuesday to join the staff of the Wellington Hospital.

Prior to Mr Bottomley's departure for Wellington on Tuesday, the members of the bowling club met him and presented him with a case of pipes and a tobacco pouch as a memento of many pleasant hours spent on the green.

NELSON.

September 7.

Ladies' Golf Championship.

The sixteenth meeting of the ladies' championship was held in Nelson, on the Tahuna links, from August 20th to September 5th. For the first two days the championship meeting was marred by wet and stormy weather. On the final day there was a large crowd of spectators and visiting golfers following the game, and the prizes were presented by Mr J. H. Cook, Dr. Hope Lewis, of Auckland, returned thanks on behalf of the visitors. Among those present on the links at the finals were:—Mrs. J. H. Cook, Mrs. Burnes, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Trolove, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Alice Glasgow, Mrs. Noel Adams, Mrs. Brown (Stoke), Mrs. Marsden (Stoke), Mrs. F. Bett, Mrs. Boulker, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Hope Lewis (Auckland), Mrs. F. Richmond, Mrs. Pearce (Wellington), Mrs. Holmes (Wellington), Mrs. Bunny, Mrs. W. Rogers, Mrs. S. Gibbs, the Misses Gibbs, Miss Sutherland-Smith, Miss Coster, Mrs. C. H. Conte, Miss Crateroff Wilson (Christchurch), Mrs. Handyside (Invercargill), Miss M. Rowley (Geraldine), Mrs. Bigg-Wither, Mrs. and Miss Blackett, Miss Didsbury (Wellington), the Misses Ledger, Miss Eileen Ward (Wellington), Mrs. Guy Williams (Masterton), Miss Hindmarsh (Napier), Miss Gould (Dunedin), Misses Brandon (Wellington), Miss Kettle (Grey-mouth), Mrs. R. Fell, Miss Snodgrass (Westport), Miss M. Burns (Wellington), Miss B. Wood (Christchurch), Miss Elsie Booth, Miss F. Maginnity, Misses Clark, Miss Hanker, Miss M. Glasgow (New Plymouth), Mrs. E. R. Moore, Mrs. Nutting, Miss von Daldszen (Wellington), Miss M. Hodson, Miss G. Cook, Miss Robleson (Masterton), Miss Tweed (Wellington), Mrs. Donald (Christchurch), Miss Bateson (Stoke).

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A number of members of Parliament came by the Government steamer Himeon to visit Nelson in connection with the opening of the Glenhope section of

the Midland railway. The party consisted of the Hon. J. Rigg and J. Paul, M.L.C.'s, Messrs. W. H. D. Bell (Wellington Suburbs), J. H. Bradley (Auckland West), J. Colvin (Dunedin), J. G. Coates (Kaipara), J. H. Escent (Pahiatua), A. E. Glover (Auckland Central), E. P. Lee (Dunedin), W. D. S. Macdonald (Bay of Plenty), Hon. R. McKenzie (Motueka), J. Robertson (Otago), T. W. Rhodes (Pharases), E. H. Smith (Waitaki), and G. R. Sykes (Masterton). There were also present the Hon. W. R. Herries (Minister of Railways) and his private secretary, and Mr. R. McCallum (Wairau). In the evening the visitors were entertained at a banquet by the Chamber of Commerce.

Bridge.

An enjoyable progressive bridge party was given by the members of the Nelson Golf Club for the visiting golfers. The prize was won by Miss Cowlishaw (Christchurch). Among those present were:—Mrs. Burnes, who was wearing black muslin over white satin; Mrs. Robinson, emerald green charmeuse; Mrs. Booth, black velvet; Miss Elsie Booth, cream floral chiffon over yellow satin; Mrs. McArthur, black; Miss Gould (Dunedin), black chiffon and lace; Miss Rowley (Geraldine), pale blue silk; Mrs. R. Fell, mauve satin; Miss Kettle (Grey-mouth), red satin, with blue tunic; Mrs. Dodson, black over white; Miss Elsie Gray (Wellington), pale pink frock; Misses Anderson (Christchurch), pink floral silk frocks with white lace coats; Miss Rachel Corrie (Auckland), pale pink satin; Miss E. Ledger, black satin; Miss B. Wood (Christchurch), pale blue charmeuse; Miss Eileen Ward (Wellington), white satin; Mrs. Holmes (Wellington), black charmeuse; Miss Clark, white lace frock.

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BLENHEIM.

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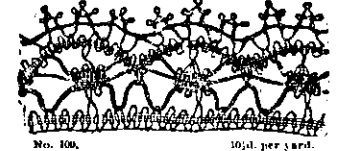
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Silver Wedding.

On September 1 Mr and Mrs H. D. Vavasour entertained a number of

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