

A Croquet Party.

A croquet party was given at the United Courts, Hagley Park, on Tuesday by Mrs Morton-Anderson, when a Yankee Tournament was played. The prize was won by Mrs McOwen. The other competitors were: The Mesdames Blackburn (2), Mrs Kirkpatrick, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Bloxam, Mrs Secretan, Mrs Louisa, Mrs Graham, Mrs Stringer, Mrs Merton, Mrs Reeve, Mrs R. Anderson, Misses Macfarlane, Wilson (2), and Lingard.

Morning Tea.

Mrs J. O. Smith gave a morning tea on Wednesday in honour of her sister, Miss Ethel Lingard (Auckland), who is staying with her. The guests were: Mrs William Thomson, Miss Thomson Mrs Von Dadelzen, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Fairhurst, and Miss Fairhurst.

A Small Tea Party.

Miss Holmore (Fendalton) gave a small tea party on Friday afternoon in honour of Mrs H. Cotterill who has just returned to Christchurch from England.

A Civic Reception.

A civic reception was held yesterday (January 16th) by the Mayor of Christchurch and Mrs Holland at the City Council Chamber, to welcome Mr E. Wrench, who, with his sister, Miss Wrench, is on a visit to Christchurch, as organiser of the Overseas Club. There was a representative gathering of citizens present, and a few ladies. Some short speeches were made, afternoon tea was handed round, and shortly afterwards the guests departed, the Mayor having first announced that Mr Wrench would address a meeting to-day (Friday) in the Chamber of Commerce Hall with the object of forming a branch of the Overseas Club in Christchurch.

Seaside Gala.

The Summer seaside gala took place yesterday, and attracted an immense number of people. An almost continuous stream of men, women, and children travelled thither by trams from morning to evening. The day was fine, and a great variety of attractions and amusements were provided for their enjoyment and entertainment. Bands were playing, and sports of all kinds indulged in. The evening finished up with a torchlight procession of members of numerous fire brigades, including Sumner, New Brighton, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Lyttelton, and Akaroa. Coloured fires and Roman candles were let off, and a display of set pieces was greatly admired.

Personal.

Mr Evelyn Wrench, honorary organiser of the Overseas Club, and his sister, Miss Wrench, are visiting Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs Wilding, Opawa, Christchurch, are spending a few weeks at Leithfield.

The Hon. Trevor and Mrs Ogilvie Grant and family (Wellington) are staying with Mrs Owen Cox (Christchurch) prior to their leaving the Dominion for their ancestral home in Scotland.

Mr and Mrs J. Vernon (Fendalton) have returned to Christchurch from Racecourse Hill, where they were the guests of Mrs H. A. Knight.

Mrs Killian (Glent Hills) is visiting friends in Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs George Rhodes (Christchurch) are paying a visit to Timaru.

Mr and Mrs P. Herman (Christchurch) are visiting at Roturua.

Professor Salmon and Mrs Salmon (Christchurch) are staying with friends in Dunedin.

The Rev. H. and Mrs Jones (Christchurch) are visiting Dunedin.

Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes (Christchurch) are in Timaru.

The Rev. H. D. Burton and Mrs Burton (Christchurch) are staying at the Viarage (Timaru).

Mrs J. MacKenzie (Christchurch) is staying with friends in Dunedin.

Miss Lingard (Auckland) is paying a visit to her sister, Mrs P. Smith (Christchurch).

Mrs Ronalds (Christchurch) is the guest of Mrs H. Lane (Horsley Downs).

Mrs and Miss Pims, who have been staying with Mrs P. Murray-Aynsley (Norwood), have returned to Christchurch.

Mrs and Miss Nantarrow have returned to Christchurch from Mt. Hutt, where they were the guests of Mrs McLean.

Mrs J. Studholme (Waimate) is the guest of Mrs Wigram at Park Terrace (Christchurch).

Mrs Lindo Ferguson (Dunedin) has been spending a few days in Christchurch. Miss Denniston has returned to Christchurch from the south.

Mr and Mrs Turner have arrived from the North Island. They are the guests of the Misses Way (Park Terrace, Christchurch).

Mr and Mrs Henry Cotterill and family, and Miss M. Cotterill, returned to Christchurch last week from a visit to England.

DUNEDIN.

January 17.

Afternoon Tea.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Ferguson, Royal Terrace, invited a few friends to tea to meet her daughter, Mrs. Cotterill (Napier). Mrs. Ferguson received her guests in the drawing room, wearing black nixon, softly finished with pale grey silk lace; Miss Ferguson wore pale blue charmeuse, with chiffon overdress; Mrs. A. E. Phillips (Sydney), cream cloth costume, and large black and white hat; Miss Theomin, pale blue nixon frock, with draped tunic trimmed with silk fringe, and black feather hat; Mrs. John Roberts, handsome black gown; Mrs. Hart, stylish coat and skirt of dark blue satin, large picture hat with pale blue feathers; Miss Carew, oyster coloured coat and skirt, the coat finished with revers of pale blue; Miss Batchelor, pale grey tailormade costume, and picture hat of black and white; Miss Marjory Hart, cream cloth costume, and smart hat with bows; Mrs. J. Ross (London), pretty pink cloth costume, and black hat. During the afternoon tea was served in the dining room, where the table was decorated with lovely sweet pea.

A Conversazione.

On Friday evening a conversazione was held in the ball room of the Art Gallery in honour of Mr. Evelyn Wrench and Miss Wrench. The reception was arranged by members of the Victoria League and the Overseas Club, and a large number of members and citizens had been invited. Mr. Burnett (president of the Overseas Club) opened the evening with a short speech, after which came the various musical items on the programme, followed by Mr. Wrench's address, and an interesting little speech by Miss Wrench, her subject being "Patriotism from a Woman's Point of View." The hall looked gay and bright with flags and greenery, and a string band played at the commencement and at the close of the evening.

Amongst those present were: The Mayor and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Theomin, Mr. and Mrs. Macfie, Mrs. and Miss Macansey, the Misses Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Eardley Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. G. Fenwick, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Joachim, Mr. W. D. Stewart, Miss Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Harris, Mr. C. White, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Black, Miss Anderson, Dr. Benham, Rev. W. Fitchett, and Captain and Mrs. Hay.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Care invited about 20 friends to tea at her pretty summer cottage at Macandrew's Bay to meet Mr. Evelyn and Miss Wrench. Besides the host and hostess, there were present: Miss Carew, Mr. and Mrs. Theomin, Mrs. Baruch (Melbourne), Mrs. and Miss Joachim, Mrs. and Miss Reynolds, Mrs. Colquhoun, Mrs. Bridges (Christchurch), Mr. J. and Miss Allen, Rev. C. Allen, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Harris, Mr. A. Sise, Mrs. Woolhouse, Miss Denniston, Mr. W. Downie Stewart, and Mr. Leslie Wilson.

On Monday evening Mrs. Theomin invited some friends to dinner to meet Mr. and Mrs. Wrench, amongst whom were: Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Macfie, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. A. E. Phillips (both from Sydney), Sir James Mills, Mr. E. and Miss Theomin, and Mr. Hallenstein. Later in the evening Mrs. Theomin gave a small reception, the guests being invited to meet Mr. and Mrs. Wrench. Amongst those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Ewen, Dr. and Mrs. Colquhoun, Mrs. Chapman (Wellington), Mr. J. Cook, Mr. J. and Mrs. Allen, Rev. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Baruch, Mrs. and Miss Ferguson, Miss Maud Reynolds, Mrs. and Miss Joachim, Mr. G. M. Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. E. Williams, the Misses Farquhar, etc. Mrs. Theomin wore a hank-nine black gown; Miss Theomin, white silk and lace; Miss Wrench, dress of pink nixon, draped with cream nixon; Mrs. Chapman, salmon pink satin, veiled in mole coloured nixon; Mrs.

Hart, handsome black, with lovely lace draped on the bodice; Mrs. Phillips (Sydney), lovely white satin dress, with trimmings of mole colour; Mrs. Alec Ewen, handsome white satin dress.

Luncheon Party.

On Wednesday Mrs. Hart, Royal Terrace, gave a luncheon party in honour of her daughters from Sydney, Mesdames Phillips. The table was beautifully decorated with pink sweet pea, the glasses being placed on a polished table, which was most effective. The other guests were: Lady Williams, Mrs. J. Roberts, Mrs. Macansey, Mrs. Baruch (Melbourne), Mrs. Godfrey Baldwin, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Sise, Mrs. Driver, and Miss Batchelor.

Personal.

Dr. Frieda Bathgate returned on Saturday from her trip Home.

Mrs. Baruch (Melbourne) is visiting her sister, Mrs. Theomin.

Mrs. Phillips and her sister, Mrs. A. E. Phillips (Sydney), are guests of their mother, Mrs. Hart, for a few weeks.

Mrs. Menlove (Moseburn) and her family are spending the holidays at St. Clair.

Mr. Evelyn and Miss Wrench, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theomin during their stay in Dunedin, left on Tuesday morning for Oamaru, en route for Auckland.

Dean Fitchett left this week for the meeting of the Synod in Nelson.

Mrs. Reading (Wellington) is in Dunedin to meet her parents, the Hon. J. R. Sinclair and Mrs. Sinclair, who arrive this week.

Mrs. Ziele (North Island) is visiting her brother, Dr. Sydney Allen, High Street.

Miss Livingston (Carterton) is staying at "Littlebourne House" with Mrs. John Roberts.

Mrs. Bridges (Christchurch) is visiting Mrs. Colquhoun, High Street.

Miss Tolmie returned by Tuesday's steamer from England by way of Melbourne, and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Haggitt, before proceeding to her home in Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson (Wellington) are guests of Mrs. Eardley Reynolds.

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