

gradually followed the hounds to Mount Roskill, where a hare was found in the ti-tree on the south side of the mountain. When she broke cover the hounds ran her over the mountain towards Dibble's farm, then up the big drain at Hillborough, and back to her lair again, where she was lost. During her course an odd fence or two had to be taken, and a big water jump consisting of a wire fence with a rail, and the off side a water jump of six feet in breadth, was taken by our huntsman, Mr Selby, who here pounded the whole of the field. Mr and Mrs Dennis O'Rorke, with their usual hospitality, asked the members of the Club to return to 'The Pah' and partake of some refreshments, of which kind invitation many most gladly availed themselves. Amongst those present mounted were Mrs Bloomfield, Mrs Tonks, Misses Percival, Dunnett, McLaughlin, Kerr-Taylor, Roberts, Gorrie (two), Tanner, Buckland, Bull, Ware, Corn. Taylor, Fribley, Colonel Dawson, Messrs Crowe, Dunnett, Ray, Gorrie, Tonks, Wynyard, Nolan, Phillips, Harrison, Carminer, Harris, Kerr-Taylor, Shers, Dawson, etc. Driving I noticed Mrs (Colonel) Dawson, Miss Elliot, Mrs Greenway, Mrs Tanner, etc.

The Rangitikei Hunt ball takes place at Marton on July 24th.

The annual dinner given by the members of the Wellington Hunt Club to the Hunt farmers came off at the Taita on the 24th ult. It was a great success.

There was wretched weather at the meeting of the South Canterbury Harriers at the New Zealand and Australian Land Company's station, Pareora. Only the following gentlemen were in attendance: Messrs Harper, Wedderell, Laurie, McDougall, Brooklyn, Reeves, Le Cren, and Lodder. Notwithstanding the state of the day there was a short but not very successful run.

In response to a cabled invitation, Mr James Smith (accompanied by a special buyer), of Te Aro House, Wellington, recently visited a leading Sydney drapery warehouse, and there secured some extraordinary bargains. In fact, before leaving Sydney they swept the market in the way of good things obtainable in the soft goods trade, and on such exceptionally advantageous terms that enables this old-established and most enterprising firm to now offer a magnificent display of choice goods in nearly every department at such very low prices that a speedy clearance of these goods is a foregone conclusion. Particulars respecting this great sale are fully set forth in another page.

After a dissertation on the disadvantages of the use of the old-time flint and steel at the Napier Philosophical Institute meeting last week, the Rev. W. Colenso said he was almost sorry that matches had been invented, as it led to the increased consumption of 'that wretched tobacco.'



AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE,

JULY 7.

I have little news for you this week, as we are somewhat quiet, and the unusually stormy weather has prevented much dissipation.

LARGE DANCE
at her residence, 'Glenholm,' last Friday, as a welcome home to her daughter, Mrs Rose, both Mr and Mrs Rose having just returned from their honeymoon, which time they have been spending at the lakes. We are having such excellent dances this year, always plenty of gentlemen, and Mrs Stevenson's dance was no exception to the rule. There were really over a dozen of the sterner sex forced to adorn the walls, so I had such a gay time that I had not time to look about to note all who were present. The supper, which was a tasty one, was prettily decorated with green ferns and yellow feathery wattle. Mrs Stevenson, who was wearing a black silk with tulle sleeves finished with black lace, received her numerous guests in the drawing-room, and was ably assisted to entertain them by her three sons and three daughters, who were very busy and energetic, bestowing acceptable little attentions here and there. The veranda and garden were covered in with canvas, and seats were arranged in all sorts of corners. I forgot to mention the weather was atrocious, being very cold, and heavy showers frequently fell. The music and food met with very general approval. Now for the gowns and those present: Mrs Rose, looking particularly bright and happy, was wearing a handsome white brocade silk (her bridal gown), but it was made short, she having wisely dispensed with that long useless train; Miss Stevenson, dome blue crepon; Mrs Daisy Stevenson looked chic in pale pink; her youngest sister looked very pretty in white satin; Miss Murray, heliotrope striped gown, and her sister, pink silk veiled in white lace; Miss McCracken, black silk; Miss Hull, royal blue velvet; Miss Devereux, electric blue; Miss Chambers-Taylor, white silk with red poppies; Miss Heywood, black lace gown, bodice of blue silk veiled in black lace; Miss Warr, white silk with balloon sleeves; Miss Cotter, stylish orange liberty silk; Mrs Archie Clarke, canary fancy silk relieved with dark velvet; Mrs McMillan, lovely pale Italic brocade with black velvet finishings; Miss Esie McMillan, white silk with pink empire waist; Miss Jackson, pale yellow silk with red finishers; Miss Thorpe, canary liberty silk; Miss Pierce, black velvet finished with white lace; Miss Minit, black velvet; Miss Stevenson (Ponsonby), pink creponette finished with green abstruse mirror ribbons; Miss Wynyard looked chic in white silk, her *debutante* frock; Miss Phoebe Buckland, white silk with wreath of pink flowers; Miss Beatrice Bull, buttercup brocade; Miss Kempthorne, mode grey china silk finished with white lace; Mrs Matthew Clark, electric slate silk with bodice; Miss Barton Ireland, stylish lilac striped fancy silk with bodice of white chiffon; Miss Upton, pale lemon silk; Miss Whewell, brown silk; Miss Gorrie, pink; Miss Mary Gorrie, blue creponette; Mrs Duncan Clerk, pink silk veiled in white lace and chiffon (very effective costume); Miss Whyte looked *distingue* in pink creponette; Mrs Payton—I really forget what she wore, but I know she looked very well; Miss Dargaville, white; Miss Griffiths (who, I think, was the belle of the ball) wore a white brocaded satin; Miss McFarlane, brown china silk; Messrs Rose, McDonald, Kerr Taylor, Riddings, Bloomfield (two), Dixon, Williamson, A. Clark, Dargaville, Herrold, Harrison, Ware, McMillan, Fairburn, Anderson, Parsons, etc.

Miss Mowbray particularly asks me to say that the following ladies assisted most energetically in all the arrangements for the Farnell dance:—Madames Duddle, J. P. Stevenson and Young husband, and Messrs Davy (two), Kissling (two), and Mowbray. We are all so sorry to hear that owing to the illness of one of Mrs T. Cotter's daughters, her dance to-night (Wednesday) has been unavoidably postponed.

PHYLLIS BROOME.

DEAR BEE,

JULY 8.

I must begin my letter this week with a description of Mrs PHARAZYN'S BALL, which was held in Thomas' Hall last Friday night. There were about four hundred people present. The decorations were splendid. I will begin with the ballroom. The stage was carpeted and

made comfortable with lounges, chairs, etc., while in the centre was a huge stand of ferns placed on a round mirror, with fairy lamps prettily arranged round it. The usual bare windows were hung with red and white curtains, and on the walls at intervals large bouquets of flowers were placed. The paper was of the pot plants and vases of pink heather and scarlet berries arranged among white and scarlet crinkled paper. The supper itself was all that could be desired. King's orchestra of performers provided a splendidly musical concert with a beautiful accompaniment on it. It was no wonder that the guests were loath to take leave of their hospitable host and hostess. I am afraid that I will not be able to give you a full account of all the gowns worn, as it was impossible to see the dresses, but I will do my best. Mrs M. Pharazy received at the entrance of the ballroom. Mrs Pharazy wore a very handsome grey brocade gown, trained and trimmed with ruffles of certain silk; she wore a pretty cap to match. Among the guests I noticed Mrs (Dr) Adams, who wore a very handsome cream brocade gown, the front of the skirt being beautifully embroidered with crystal beads, the berthe of lace being caught with diamond brooches; Mrs about, beautiful gown of black satin brocade with red and green flowers and trimmed with green velvet; Mrs Acland, handsome black brocade; Mrs Bell, pale green corded silk trimmed with white chiffon frills and jewelled embroidery; Mrs Butler, black silk with white pleated chiffon, beige bodice slightly trimmed with white lace; Mrs Butter, black satin trimmed with silver and black net, white plumes in her hair; Miss Butter, a becoming pale blue gown; Mrs Bise, black and white trimmed with pink crepon, and a berthe of some black striped silk gown trimmed with black lace; Mrs E. B. Brown, pale pink silk, the bodice very much trimmed with chiffon frills of the same shade; Miss Blackett, black silk handsomely trimmed with white lace; Mrs Blackett, black silk with figured silk crepon; Miss A. Brandon, coral pink gown with full sleeves of pink net; Mrs Baldwin, pale yellow pompadour brocade, the bodice slightly trimmed with yellow velvet, lace and jewelled embroidery; Mrs Black, black and white striped gown; Mrs Miss Barclay, pretty soft white silk trimmed with mauve ribbon; the Misses Barron, pretty pale blue silk gown with fichu of chiffon to match; Miss Beere, sky blue silk trimmed with white lace; Mrs Beere, pale pink gown with white lace; Mrs Beere, pale pink chiffon; Miss Coleridge, salmon pink crepon trimmed with coffee lace; Lady Douglas, a handsome black velvet gown; Mrs Duncan, black satin, the bodice trimmed with jet and white lace; Miss Dwyer, black and white striped gown with a berthe of fine white lace; Mrs Elliott, brown silk gown trimmed with black spangled chiffon; Miss Elliott, lemon-coloured silk trimmed with chiffon to match; Mrs W. Ferguson, pale pink striped silk; Mrs Ferguson, pale pink gown with a berthe of white shade; Mrs Fulton, handsome black brocade gown with berthe of deep white lace; Mrs Field, very pretty gown of pink brocade, the sleeves caught with straps of ecru lace, ruffles of chiffon round the neck; Mrs Gibson, pale green gown with a berthe of the same edged with brown fur; Mrs Gee, black satin gown frilled with black accordion chiffon edged with narrow white lace; Mrs Grace, handsome black watered silk gown with a berthe of white lace; Mrs Grace, black satin, the bodice covered with jet spangles, pale pink silk sleeves; Mrs Ian Duncan, white satin, with sleeves of white net; Miss Gore, black satin trimmed with white frills; Miss Gordon, pale green gown with a berthe of white lace; Miss G. Gibson, coral pink chine silk with full fichu of white chiffon; Mrs Gavin, black brocade, the bodice trimmed with white lace and green ribbon; Mrs Hector, pale grey silk, trained, and trimmed with fine white lace; Miss Hector, pale blue silk with berthe of white lace; Miss Harcourt, white silk trimmed with frills of accordion chiffon and white frills; Mrs Harcourt, clear blue gown with a berthe of white sleeves of pink silk; Miss I. Halse, heliotrope silk, the bodice finished with deep white lace; Miss E. Halse, pale pink spotted silk, with frills of chiffon round the bodice; Mrs Holt, handsome black and white gown with a berthe of yellow silk gown veiled with yellow and silver striped gauze; Miss Holt *ubetantia*, becoming soft white silk gown trimmed with pleated chiffon and satin ribbon; Mrs Hardy, black silk, the bodice trimmed with white lace and green ribbon; Mrs Harcourt, black and white striped gown, the bodice trimmed with white lace; Miss H. Harding, white chine silk striped with brown and pink, and trimmed with roses of pink bebe ribbon; Mrs Harcourt, black and white striped gown, the bodice finished with pale blue chiffon frills; Miss Handyside, white silk trimmed with soft white lace; Mrs Holmes, cream silk, trained; Miss Hutchinson, pale green gown with a berthe of white lace; Mrs Hutchinson, black and white lace; Miss Izard, lemon-coloured silk, the bodice finely veiled with chiffon and trimmed with satin ribbon; Mrs Ingles, bright pink silk slightly trimmed with pale green and white; Mrs Johnson, black and white striped gown of thick black satin with sleeves and folds of white chiffon spangled with silver sequins; Mrs Janisch, handsome black and white satin gown; Mrs S. Kennedy, white satin, with sleeves and reverse of black and white striped gown; Mrs C. G. King, pale pink, trimmed with deep white lace; Mrs Lomax, pale pink satin gown; Mrs Larnach, black velvet trimmed slightly with lovely white lace; Mrs Larnach, black silk gown with sleeves of spangled chiffon, the bodice being slightly trimmed with rich claret velvet; Miss Lingard, white satin elaborately trimmed with wreaths of pale pink roses; Miss M. Lingard, pale blue silk veiled with gauze to match striped with gold thread; Miss Ling, pink corded silk, trimmed with white lace; Mrs Hill, white satin trimmed with sparkling silver gauze; Miss Johnston, old gold brocade trimmed with chiffon ruffles to match; Mrs MacPherson, very handsome cream satin gown, with panels on each side of the skirt trimmed with white lace; Mrs MacPherson, the bodice also befrilled with chiffon; Miss Medley, soft white silk trimmed with pink roses and pale blue satin ribbon; Miss Moore, black and white striped gown, coloured sequins; Mrs Maxwell, handsome black velvet gown with a berthe of white silk; Mrs Maxwell, pale mauve silk trimmed with silk crepon figured with mauve; Mrs Morrison, handsome shot terra cotta silk gown; Mrs MacTavish, black velvet, the bodice with white lace and sleeves were of bright pink accordion silk; Mrs MacTavish, black and white striped gown of pale blue silk; Mrs (Dr) McKenzie, pale yellow silk with full sleeves of gauze to match; Miss M. MacGregor, pretty white brocade, trimmed with white lace; Mrs MacLaurin (Dunedin), pale blue silk trimmed with jet fringe and ornaments; Mrs Moore (Wanganui), handsome black silk gown trimmed with white lace; Mrs Moore, pale pink silk, the bodice and sleeves veiled with white lace; Mrs Moore, black and white striped gown with bands of bronze velvet; Mrs Newman, handsome black satin with a effectively trimmed with turquoise blue velvet and violets; Mrs Pearce, mauve spotted brocade slightly trimmed with violet velvet and white lace; Mrs W. Pharazy, handsome black brocade, trimmed with jet; Miss Pharazy, pale blue silk and white lace; Miss M. Quick, white satin, with epaulettes of brown velvet; Mrs E. Richardson, black velvet trimmed with jet and old lace; Mrs Richardson, black and white striped gown; Mrs Rhoads, handsome black brocade elaborately trimmed with white lace; Mrs L. Reid, claret satin trimmed with velvet to match and coffee lace; Mrs (Dr) Dawson, very pale pink corded silk trimmed with white lace; Mrs Reid, black and white striped gown with a berthe of green trimmed with accordion chiffon to match; Mrs Rhind, very handsome crimson satin gown trimmed with velvet to match and light coffee lace caught with a diamond star; the Misses Rose both wore white trimmed with white lace; Mrs Rose, black and white striped gown with a berthe of white lace; Mrs K. Wilford wore a very pretty gown of white brocade; Mrs Wray, green satin trimmed with panels of tulle embroidered, and sleeves of green velvet; Mrs Wray, black and white striped gown with white lace and pink roses; Mrs Wray, black and white striped gown trimmed with pink velvet. Among the gentlemen, I noticed Mr Arthur Douglas, Messrs Werry, Harcourt, Bull, Tuhurui, K. B. Brown, Duncan, W. Ferguson, Larnach, Rhind, Warren, Bald-

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