

black silk bonnet to match; Miss Mabel Hay; Miss Heywood (Wellington), dark gowns with magenta collar and floral beaver; Miss Kilgour, peacock-blue gown, white felt hat; Mrs. Archer; Mrs. Frodham; Mrs. Edwin Hesketh, black silk handsomely trimmed with beads; Miss E. Hesketh, dark skirt, striped black and white silk blouse; Miss Milly Hesketh; Mrs. Barton Ireland, black silk; Mrs. Keating, black silk; Mrs. Fred Ireland, widow's weeds; Mrs. Bodie, Mrs. Hanson; Mrs. Gamble, black silk; Mrs. Kiebling, handsome black silk; Mrs. Theo. Kiebling, shiny grey cashmere trimmed with white silk, bonnet en suite; Mrs. Keating, black silk; Mrs. A. Carrick; Mrs. Keating, shot terra-cotta silk, bonnet en suite; Mrs. William Taylor, widow's weeds; Mrs. Henry Walker, dark gown trimmed with blue; Mrs. H. Johnston, dark silk; Mrs. J. B. White, black silk; Mrs. Grace Ireland, navy serge; Mrs. Nancy cloth; Mrs. Hamner, widow's weeds; Mrs. Lyons looked chic in black mourning costume; Mrs. Chambers-Taylor, black silk, plush and fur mantle; Miss L. Chambers-Taylor, navy serge, sailor-made gown, stylish hat; Mrs. W. Rattray, navy serge, shot silk trimmings; Mrs. Lewis, black silk; Mrs. Arthur Nathan, black; Miss White, handsome black silk figured gown, cape en suite; Mrs. Peacock (Ponsonby), grey figured silk; Mrs. Hay, black; Miss Amy Banks looked chic in navy serge frock, white hat with red band; Mrs. Rose, shot brown with yellow linings; Mrs. Peel, brown tweed; Mrs. S. Shuttleworth, Miss Baber, fawn tansore silk, etc. But really there were so many present, it is quite impossible to mention them all.

Mrs Douglas, of Ponsonby Road, gave a

DANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

on Thursday evening from 8 o'clock till 12. The large drawing-room was used for dancing. The verandah closed in with canvas, and furnished with lounges and seats, made a cool and comfortable room for sitting back and watching the dances. Fairy lights on the staircase had a very pretty effect, and for the supper table, which was set out in the dining-room, the decorations consisted of Nil green silk and spring flowers. There were forty guests present. A novelty in the programme in the shape of two leap year dances, which caused a pleasant diversion. Altogether the evening was a most enjoyable one. Mrs. Douglas wore black mervelline, black and red striped gloves; Mrs. Keating, black silk; Mrs. A. Carrick, grey; Miss Owen, pale yellow, black velvet sleeves; Miss Devore, pink silk trimmed with crystal pascamentiers; Mrs. Reynolds, yellow and black; Miss Valie, Nil green crepon; Miss Martin, blue with pink floral design; Mrs. O'Brien, grey; Miss Varrom, cream with yellow silk sleeves and frill on low bodice; Miss Holland, white, with cluster of red roses; Miss Mabel Douglas, shell pink Empire dress with Nil green silk sleeves; Mrs. Keating, black and red; Mrs. E. Hesketh, black; Miss Lillian Devore, white frock, yellow satin yoke; Miss - Holland, pale pink and white lace; Miss May Rees, pink, black sleeves and sash; Miss Aldickin, black and white check silk frock; Miss - Holland, white, black and white; Mrs. E. Hesketh, pink frock with white lace; Miss Lucy Bell, pink Liberty silk frock; Miss Aniel Gittos, white veiling; Miss Muriel Blades, pink; Miss Mabel Leighton, white and heliotrope; Miss Ivy Manning, cream, red and white; Miss Odium, pretty white net dress; Mrs. E. Hesketh, Caldwell, Reynolds, Rees, Hanna, Valle, Upton, Andrews, MacIndoe, Beale, Foster, Masters Owen (two), Gallagher, Holland, Woodroffe, etc.

On Friday evening last Mrs Crawford gave a

DANCE

at her charming residence, 'Garfield,' Home Bay, which was much enjoyed by those fortunate enough to be present. The house is well suited for entertaining, a large room having been specially added for dancing, while the surrounding grounds are delightful. Mr and Mrs Crawford made a capital host and hostess, and they were ably assisted in promoting the enjoyment of their guests by Miss E. Hesketh, Miss E. Hesketh, and Miss E. Hesketh. During the evening by Mrs Crawford, Misses Binnsed, E. Harris, and Mr Harris, while a little dot of about five summers, Miss Hazel Rainey, sang most pleasingly that much-abused song, 'I Don't Want to Get into Your Bed.' A waltz supper was given out in a side room, tastefully decorated with evergreens, flowers, and coloured lights. The evening was beautiful, and dancing was kept up with great spirit till considerably after midnight. Our hostess wore a handsome dress of rose-coloured silk; Miss Ivy Crawford looked pretty in blue Liberty silk, and her younger sisters in soft pink frocks; Miss Goldie, blue evening dress; Miss Hanna, white; Miss Effie, Hanna, pretty white frock; Miss Stephens, pink; Miss Mabel Hudson, blue and white; Miss Liberty silk; Miss Mabel Douglas, white; Miss F. Hudson, becoming white silk edged with brown; Miss Hainey, white; Miss Conolly, cream; Miss O. Odium, rich blue satin; Miss E. Harris, white; Miss S. Campbell, blue cashmere; Miss Wilson, white; Misses Binnsed (two), pretty black dresses; and a number of others whose names for the moment I am unable to recall.

SPRING PROMENADE SHOW AT MILNE AND CHOYCE'S.

These fine days make one feel spring is advancing quickly, therefore it seems the appropriate moment to devote our attention to lighter garments. Milne and Choyce sent cards to their numerous customers last week intimating that they would hold a promenade show of spring novelties on last Thursday and Friday. It was a good idea, as people could go and look, without being pressed to buy, at the innumerable novelties in the way of dainty muslins, grass lawns, silks, not to speak of the charming hats and bonnets to be found in the millinery show-room, which still, I fancy, possess the most critical and exacting. The first department is devoted, as usual, to dress materials, gloves, belts, lace, etc. The first table is arranged with delicate chine silks of artistic designs; then the table next is covered with hats and corsets. Some quite specially noted were white kid, sequined, jewelled and galoon. A rain we go slow and come to lined muslins, grass lawns, plain and spotted prints, and muslins covered with old-world designs that recall the days of our grandmothers. Then there are the more substantial materials in chine silks, alpaca and lustre, challies, Japanese washing silks, etc. We then wandered up the staircase, which is replete on one side with children's costumes of every size, and passed into the show-room, with its show cases of millinery and tea-gowns in all designs to suit the individual fancy. It was extremely difficult to pass the blouses in their attractive array, and the figure dressed in de-

lightfully cool-looking costumes of grass lawns over colour-I loved one especially smart costume of short alpaca with the quaint little jacket, a happy blending of sac and Etou, with about six inserted in fan shape in the sleeves, and vest of same-and to march straight on ignoring the charms of the various Parisian capes, which offered themselves persuasively on all sides. But when we had withstood the temptations by the way, we found a goodly array of most excellent hats, which were worthy of the effort. There were hats simple and elaborate; there were some adapted to the use of the motor car. The most of the favourite styles seems to be the largest hats of picturesque design, trimmed with coloured laces and chiffon, and huge bows of chine ribbons. We must not forget to mention the ruffles and collars made of filmy chiffon and lace, and the Boulevard au tout ce paraols.

The fifth Ponsonby 'At Home' eventuates on Friday evening next. These functions are quite as popular as ever despite the warmer weather. Mrs Dacre, Grafton Road, gave a sucho party, followed by a dance, last week.

PHYLLIS BROUNE.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE,

SEPTEMBER 10.

Truly we are wonderfully fashioned if nothing else, for we soon forget our troubles, and a little brightness in the atmosphere is a great restorer and a little brightness and change in our lives. We have been revelling in perfect weather since the deluge of last week, and I don't think natural lakes and rustic bridges are thought, altogether an improvement before one can arrive at the point that what he likes it not. Our sympathies have been very much with our golfers. We hear they were never dry for a whole day together, and have suffered severely from colds in consequence. We congratulate the Hutt on securing the points of the front gate, but we are very proud of our representatives at the same time. They have now mostly returned, and are quoting the new religion, 'the survival of the fittest,' without any ill feeling. Miss Wynne-Williams was top scorer in the Handicap Competition, and she was very good. On Tuesday Captains Stewart, of the 'Ranapu,' Millward of the 'Mataura,' Canoso of the 'Tokoa,' and officers gave

A DANCE

in the Oddfellows' Hall, Lyttelton, as a slight acknowledgment of the many acts of hospitality shown to them on various visits. The hall was tastefully decorated, and though the dance was got up very hurriedly, was none the less enjoyable and unique of its kind, arising at an interval the chief steward of the 'Ranapu' begged us with some clever sleight of hand tricks, which made a pleasant rest. The captains and officers wore their uniforms, and you know a little gold lace always gives an air to any gathering; they were most kind and attentive to all. The supper was very pretty, though light, and everyone appreciated the soup at 1 a m. Dancing began at 8.30, and was kept up till late hour, many of the guests staying in Port with friends, and a special train conveying the Christchurch contingent back to town at 3 a m. Among the guests were Mrs (Dr.) Guthrie, in black silk; Mrs House, pale blue covered with silk net; Mrs Galbraith, all black; Miss Galbraith, lemon-coloured silk trimmed with jet; Miss N. Angier, in black; Miss Macdonald (Waikuku), pink crepon trimmings with white aurah; Miss Gibson, black relieved with red roses; Miss Lucy Gibson, pale maize colour; Miss Hay (Pigeon Bay) a *debutante*, in white aurah with pearl trimmings; Miss Kinsey, pink crepon trimmings with pink satin; Miss Dora Hansen, white satin festooned with lace; Miss McElish, black satin; Miss Ru'herford (Timaru), pink crepon trimmings with apple-green moire; Miss Hardy-Johnston, black relieved with white moire; Miss Willis, pink net and white; Miss E. Hesketh, white; Mrs Gibbs, Captain and Mrs Willis, Messrs P. Wood, G. Way, Hodson (Wellington), J. Guthrie, C. Turrell, Kinsey, Atkinson, C. Wilson, F. Anderson, Orbell, etc., and a large number of the residents of Lyttelton.

On Thursday the Christchurch Liederkranzchen gave another of their very enjoyable

'AT HOMES'

at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, and was very largely attended as usual. Some delightful part music was given us. The vocal solos and a bolto solo by Miss Freda Maxwell (an 'Elegie' by St George) were all good. Miss Lorimer gave a reading from 'A Window in Thrana,' very quaintly indeed, making a pleasing item. The interval spent over the afternoon tea was, as usual, a merry time. Among those present were Mrs Broham, in a very becoming slate-grey cloth with cape to match; Mrs Mathias, dark dress, black velvet mantle, and bonnet of navy and pale blue velvet; Mrs Har-greaves, black silk and handsome mantle, with very pretty bonnet of white velvet trimmed with jet and black velvet bows; Mrs F. Graham, mourning costume; Mrs Hill Fisher, tweed gown, rich black velvet mantle, bonnet with Trilby bows; Mesdames Morton, Olivier, Aiken, McBeth, Preston, Croxton, Wood, D. Mason (in a tasteful costume of brown cloth with felt hat to match); Fairhurst, Laurie, Allen, Wallace, Godfrey, Barkas, Mallion, Trent, Hickle, Gordon, Misses Julius 2, Wood, D. Allen, Cuff, Alkman, Hicke, Fairhurst, Gardner, Grasson, Webb, Hewitt, Andrews, Van Aosh, Graham, etc.

In the evening, at the Temple of Truth, Mr Wells' Motett Society gave

'ISRAEL IN EGYPT'

to, I am sorry to say, only a moderate audience, for the excellence of the performance deserved larger support. Amongst those present were Mr Justice Dennistoun, Bishop Julius and his daughters, Mr and Mrs Minnie Hounnigan, Mr Lund, Mr and Miss Martin, and a good many other lovers of music. The soloists were in good voice—Miss Parsons, of Wellington (soprano), Mrs Jennings (alto), and Mr Puschell (tenor). The latter we have not heard for some time, and were glad to welcome back on the concert platform.

Mrs I. Gibbs, Morivala, gave a

SMALL LUNCHEON PARTY

last week. Among her guests were Mrs (Dr.) Jennings, Mrs and

Miss Meares, Miss Randall, Miss Davidson (Glentanell), and a few others. Miss Kinsey gave a

LABOR AFTERNOON TEA

in honour of Miss Phillips (Melbourne), who is her guest at present, on Wednesday, which was enjoyed by all, an unusual amount of musical talent being present. Flowers were everywhere, the lovely jouguit tribe being in perfection just now, while the cakes and confections, for which Miss Kinsey has special talent, filled the table with variety. Among those who sang were Mrs (Dr.) Jennings, Miss Nina Meares, Miss Rutherford, Miss N. Todhunter (two songs charmingly), Mrs H. Meares, Miss Kinsey, and the Misses Ethel Julius, Muriel Meares, Phillips, and others. Among the guests were Mrs (Dr.) Jennings, Miss Nina Meares, Miss Rutherford, Miss N. Todhunter (two songs charmingly), Mrs H. Meares, Miss Kinsey, and the Misses Ethel Julius, Muriel Meares, Phillips, and others. Mrs Breeds, Misses Julius, Randall, A. Way, M. Newton, Webb, Anderson, and Henderson.

DOLLY VALE.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE,

A reception was held at

SEPTEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

last Saturday night, chiefly, I believe, for the golfers. Nearly all the players, both visitors and local, were present, a few being 'knocked up' after the week's hard work. A stage was erected in the drawing-room, from which Miss Kinsey presented the various prizes gained. Miss L. Wilford, being the champion lady golfer of New Zealand, was presented with a gold medal and Lady Glasgow's silver cup. Mrs Wilder (Christchurch), the ladies' presenter with a handsome silver scent bottle. Other prizes were gained by Mrs Lees, Mrs Clinie, the Misses Bodinn, Wynn-Williams, Shand, etc., and Mr H. Fitzherbert and Mr A. Duncan (champion of Wellington). Lady Glasgow, on behalf of the members of the Golf Clubs Association, also presented silver-mounted brush and comb. A word of praise is certainly due to Miss Duncan for her excellent management in every way during the recent golf championship meeting. I am sure she will be greatly missed when she goes for her long visit to the Old Country, which will be quite soon now. Lady Glasgow was wearing a handsome white satin gown trimmed with black chiffon; Lady Helen Boyle, black satin, the bodice trimmed with lace; the Ladies Augusta and Alice Hoyle both wore white accordion chiffon over white satin, the front of the bodices slightly trimmed with ecru lace; Lady Dorothy Hoyle looked nice in white muslin and lace. Among those present I noticed Mr, Mrs, and Miss Zoe Johnston, Mr and Mrs Baldwin, Mr and Mrs Lees, Mrs and the Misses Wilford, the Misses Williams, Dr, Mrs, and Miss Grace, Dr, and Mrs Purdy, Mr and Mrs H. McKean, Mr and Mrs Todd, Mr and Mrs A. Duncan, Mr and Mrs Ian Duncan, Mrs Miss Adams, the Misses Izard, Rattray (Dunedin), Cowlishaw (Christchurch), Wobster (Dunedin), Shand, Greenwood (Christchurch), Palmer (Christchurch), St. Hill (Hawke's Bay), Menzies, Fitzherbert, Cooper, Johnson, Rose, Bunney, Nelson (Hawke's Bay), Leckie, and the Messrs Butler, Webster, Crawford, Watkins, Tripp, Wardrop, Gore, A. Duncan, W. Pearce, Hodgson, Fitzherbert, Wilford, Kirkby, Moorhouse, and many others.

ENJOYABLE DANCE

was given at Government House on Monday night. There were about fifty couples present. The ball-room mantelpiece looked very pretty, it was one mass of the bloom of a native shrub, while the drawing-room, with its arrangement of a number of hyacinths and primulas. Supper was laid out in the dining-room, and King supplied good music, as usual. Lady Glasgow wore a beautiful gown of pale grey brocade, the bodice trimmed with white lace, which was brought across the front, the long ends falling to the hem; she wore her diamond tiara, and grey feathers in her hair; Lady Helen Boyle wore handsome black satin and lace; Lady Augusta Hoyle looked well in pale pink satin veiled with white chiffon; Lady Alice wore a similar gown in pale blue and white. Among the guests I noticed Mrs Werry, who wore a black satin skirt and bodice of pink brocade very much trimmed with white lace; Mrs Warren, handsome gown of cream satin trimmed with rich lace and pearl embroidery; Mrs Arthur (Hodson) (Christchurch) wore a lovely gown of steel-grey satin, the bodice trimmed with cream lace and pink carnations; Mrs W. Moorhouse, black satin trimmed with white pleated chiffon; Mrs Collins, handsome white satin, the hem of the skirt embroidered with silver spangles and the bodice filled with chiffon; Mrs Ogil (Christchurch), pale pink watered silk, the bodice trimmed with mauve chiffon and flowers; Mrs W. Ferguson, black satin, with revers of white brocade edged with jet; Mrs T. C. Williams, brown brocade trimmed with handsome lace; Mrs C. Izard, pale green silk trimmed with violets; Mrs Travers, white brocade, with bodice of pale green brocade; Mrs K. McKean wore a handsome cream satin gown, the hem of the skirt embroidered with silver spangles and the bodice filled with chiffon; Mrs W. Jones, blue brocade trimmed with old-rose velvet; Mrs W. Jones, pink and green brocade, the front of the skirt covered with silver spangles; Mrs Baldwin, white corded silk, with bodice of chiffon trimmed with pearls; Mrs Heston, pale green brocade, with sleeves of rainbow chiffon caught with pink roses; Miss Douglas, pale blue silk with berthe of white lace; Miss Duncan, handsome pale green satin trimmed with fine lace; Miss Zoe Johnston, white silk veiled with white net and green tulle; Mrs W. Jones, very pretty pale yellow brocade slightly trimmed with white lace; Miss H. Williams, cream brocade with berthe of lace and broad belt of jewelled embroidery; Miss Effie Williams wore a pretty yellow and white brocade; Miss E. Hesketh (Hawke's Bay), cream satin with folded bodice of chiffon; Miss S. Johnston, pale yellow silk trimmed with pompadour ribbon; Miss Tabart (Christchurch) black netted silk gown, the skirt embroidered with silver spangles and the bodice of spotted chiffon; Miss Richardson, black silk with loose sleeves of chiffon; Miss Bowen (Christchurch), blue silk gown with spangled chiffon on the bodice; Miss Gore, pale blue silk with epaulettes of white lace; Miss A. Gore wore pale

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