hostess and her daughters exerted themselves for the amusement of all. The prizes, which were a mother-of-pearl card case and inkstand, were won by Miss K. Preece and Mr Brodie, the Doubles by Mrs Reade and Mr Watkis. Our hostess, Mrs Atkinson, was richly gowned in black silk relieved with white; Miss Atkinson was well suited in a cream dress with chiffon trimmings; Miss M. Atkinson wore a charming pink; Mrs Mueller, black silk; Miss Mueller, pretty pink; Mrs Archer Burton, wine colour; Mrs Friend looked particularly nice in white silk relieved with blue; Mrs Smith, black; Mrs Thornton, black; Mrs J. Kenderdine, black with red trimmings; Miss Cuff, gold relieved with black; Miss Elliott, in yellow, and her sister was much admired in yellow profusely trimmed with white chiffon; Mrs Keogh, black; Misses Bush, in cream and lilac, and black and heliotrope; Miss Rich, white brocade; Miss Bollaire, white trimmed with red poppies; Mrs J. Beale, blue brocaded silk; Miss Lecce looked well in pink; Mrs Cresswell, pink; Miss Daly, white; Miss Harris, blue crepon; Miss Eva Davy, white; Miss Holmes, canary-coloured gown; Miss Donald, pink with white; Miss Von Sturmer, white; Miss C. Von Sturmer, pink; Miss Williams, white; Mrs Lyons, white and lavender; Miss Thomas looked well in white trimmed with yellow; Miss Laird, white with spangles; Miss Preece, cream; Miss E. Preece, crushed strawberry; Mrs Mahony, white silk with pink; Mrs Harris, striped silk; Miss H. Atkinson, blue crepon. Among the gentlemen were Messrs Lyons, Friend, Cuthwaite, Smith, Burton, Kenderdine, Watkis, Brodie, Thomas, Kissling, Beale, George, Jourdain, Andrews, Peacock, Hewitt, Williams, Cuff, Paterson, Bise (two), Baker, Mahony, Hay, Dawson (two), McCabe, Ferguson, Williamson, McHardy, Fox, Simpson, McNeill, Thornton, Gould, Bayley, etc.

A DELIGHTFUL DANCE.

The charming grounds of 'Afton,' Home Bay, Ponsonby, resounded to echoes of merry chatter and laughter on Wednesday evening last, when Mrs T. W. Leys gave a young people's dance. The paths of the garden to the house and cliffs were beautifully illuminated with Chinese lanterns suspended from the shrubs, native trees and tree ferns, which had a very lovely effect. The verandah was enclosed with canvas, bowers and secluded nooks being divided off with many hued flags, also lighted with the same bright lights, and affording many charming sitting-outs potain the intervals between the dances. The drawing and sitting-rooms were reserved for dancing, where one could waltz across the hall from room to room. The young people danced with great spirit, and appeared to enjoy themselves extremely. The music, provided by Mr Burke, was also of the best, excellent being played by Miss Winnie Leys and Mr Cecil Leys. The supper-table looked lovely with centre piece filled with China roses and other spring flowers and grasses, also specimen glasses with blooms which blended with the shaded pink fairy lights and the silk that was ruched round all the dainties—fruit, trifles, jellies, oysters, etc. Mr Cecil Leys made an excellent M.C. Mrs Leys wore a nut-brown bengaline silk gown *en traine*, sleeves and plastron of chiné silk with touches of heliotrope through it; Miss Oxley, blue figured Madras silk evening blouse finished at the neck with soft chiffon of the same colour, dark skirt; Miss Leys, pretty blue lustre trimmed with silver passementerie; Miss Winnie Leys, cream transparent canvas over gold, bodice finished with chiffon; Mrs Oxley, grey and white; Miss Nelson, cream lustre frock finished with cream lace, moiré sash; Miss Mueller, *chic* Nil green crepon with cream lace; Miss May Whitaker, cream and gold, with cream lace falling from low bodice; Miss Muriel George, pink veiling trimmed with lace; Miss Florrie Hart, yellow crepon with clusters of red poppies; Miss Syme, pretty forget-me-not blue crepon frock with butterfly sleeves; Miss Mabel Douglas, white lustre, white silk sleeves and sash; Miss M. Hudson, blue Liberty silk and white lace; Miss F. Hudson, pink Liberty silk; Miss M. Brigham, spotted chiffon over cream silk; Miss May Rees looked well in blue crepon, cream sleeves and full belt; Miss Auriol Gittos, white finished with satin bows; Miss Ivy Crawford, Nil-green crepon; Miss Rainey, crimson silk bodice, black Liberty silk skirt; Miss Western, pale green crepon, white silk sash; Miss Connolly, cream crepon, gold satin sleeves. Amongst the gentlemen were Messrs Ferguson, Brigham, Upton, H. Vaile, J. Whitelaw, Russell, Syme, Stevenson (2), Caldwell, W. Rees, Nelson, Rylance, Hould, Western, Connolly, Carrick, J. Peacock, H. Gittos, etc.

There was a sound of revelry in the Ponsonby Hall on Thursday evening, when Mrs Osmond gave her pupils their

FINAL DANCE

of the season. The hall presented quite a gay appearance with flags and quantities of palms and arum lilies arranged on the stage and window recesses, and Chinese lanterns from the gasaliers. On the first part of the programme every alternate dance was a fancy one by the pupils, and these were faultlessly gone through, and reflect great credit on the pupils and their teacher. The ball opened with the usual march, admirably led off by little Miss Nelson, as a Flower Girl, and when finished all formed gracefully into their places for the first set of Lancers. Then there were the cachuca, minuet, and gavotte. The Grecian dance, which is very graceful, was followed by the Highland schottische, danced with tartan ribbons, and was given with picturesque effect. It was indeed a pretty sight, the varied costumes of dainty little fairies in their ethereal frocks and the much bejewelled Maritanas, and spangled Gipsy Queen, not to speak of the Follys and the tinkle of their bells, all dancing with much spirit. Miss Odlum, Gipsy Queen; Miss L. Nelson, Flower Girl; Miss T. Ponsford, Tambourine Girl; Miss Connolly, Folly; Miss F. Hudson, Skirt Dancer; Misses S. Campbell and C. Bach, Twins; Miss J. Brown, Fairy; Miss V. Francis, Forget-me-not; Miss K. Stephenson, Milkmaid; Miss M. Stephenson, Grecian Girl; Miss J. Wilson, Jessamine; Miss B. Sande, Ivy Geranium; Miss D. Metcalfe, Fairy; Miss Mueller, Pink Queen; Miss Muriel Stuart, School Girl; Miss Merritt, Jenny Lind; Miss F. Buck, Norwegian Peasant; Misses L. Merritt and L. Carder, Flowers; Miss Nelson, Hospital Nurse; Miss L. Carlyon, Snow; Miss H. Snowdon, Fairy; Miss M. Hardy, Lily of the Valley; Miss Simpson, Marguerite; etc. Among the evening dresses were Misses C. Haven and E. Crawford, pretty pink dresses; D. Metcalfe, cream; Kirkwood, black; N. Woolams, blue; Gregory, white; Court, pink; R. Stitchbury, cream; M. Ponsford, cream; Ponsford, old gold and scarlet; Thompson, cream; G. Thompson, blue; Mrs Osmond, pale green evening blouse trimmed with black chiffon, black skirt; Miss Osmond, Grecian Lady; Mrs Douglas, black silk; Mrs Hudson, heliotrope silk with velvet of a darker shade; Mrs Stodard, black lace and cream silk; Mrs Crawford, shot silk gown; Mrs Campbell, black silk; Mrs Gaffney, black satin with jet ornaments; Mrs Rainey, grey satin; Mrs Bell, black silk; Mesdames Hardie, Gore, Ballantyne, Ralph, Burns, Reid, Wilson, Odlum, Carder, etc. Miss N. Douglas, Swiss Peasant; Miss A. Gillett, Dolly Varden; Miss B. Hazard, Fairy; Miss Brigham, picture after Sir J. Reynolds; Miss Hudson, Romp; Miss M. Hudson, Summer; Miss R. Gore, Flower Girl; Miss E. Ring, Kate Greenaway; Miss K. Rainey, Tambourine Girl; Miss L. Connolly, Spanish Dancer; Miss I. Crawford, Skirt dancer; Miss Ralph, Romp; Miss B. Bell, Girl Graduate; Miss I. Bowring, French Peasant; Miss G. Short, Ivy; Miss R. Reid, Flower Girl; Miss A. Reid, Japanese Lady; Miss Sands, Patience; Miss Buck, Imp; Miss K. Carder, Pompon; Misses L. Bell, Francis and Anderson, Little Sweethearts; Miss Bennett, Butterfly; Miss Stodart, Maritana; Miss M. Stodart, Spanish Dancer; Miss Eva Stodart, Red Riding-Hood; Miss A. Buck, French Dancer; Miss A. Gregory, Powder and Patches; Misses N. and T. Rainey, black velvet; Miss Smith, cream; Miss M. Dacre, blue silk; Miss M. Leighton, cream and pink velvet; Miss Hardy; Miss Merritt, cream; Miss Metcalf, cream; Miss Morton, pale blue, etc. Gentlemen: Messrs B. Hardy, Peace; F. Bach, Nancy Lee's Jack; G. Ralph, 'Lord Fauntleroy;' Hardie, Court Gentleman; B. Osmond, Figaro; T. Osmond, Cricketer; W. Macindoe Jockey; Ballance, Roman Courtier; A. Foster, Tennis; Carlyon, Court Page; — Carylon, Prince Charming; C. Connolly, Dutch Peasant; Sands, Sailor; Connolly, Bunthorne; Crawford, Cricketer. Evening dress: Messrs Foster, G. Owen, J. Caldwell, Stevenson (two), Wilson, Brigham, Nelson, Leighton, Sands, Short, Adams (two), Rylance, Mackenzie, Langsford, B. Gittos, H. Johnson, Miller, Woollams, P. Harris, Butters, Bach, Osmond, C. Owen, Ralph, Ballantyne, Ross, Upton, Masefield, etc., etc.

Gowns worn at the

OPENING OF THE AUCKLAND BOWLING GREEN.

Mrs Kingswell, navy serge tailor-made gown, bonnet relieved with yellow flower; Mrs Clifton, black silk, black lace hat with pink flowers; Miss Binney, black lustre; Miss Ettie Ireland, black crepon skirt, black silk blouse, fur boa, black hat with purple velvet trimmings; Mrs Ehrenfried, dark dress, black cape stamped out with white; Miss Thomson, black with lilac vest and collarette, black hat with lilac band; and her sister wore a petunia fancy cloth, black cape and hat to correspond; Mrs Munroe, black silk; Mrs Munroe (jun.), fawn tailor made gown; Mrs Holland, black gown, black silk cape with jet vandykes, bonnet with rosettes of sere green velvet; Mrs Beale, green striped blouse, green skirt, fur boa, floral bonnet of yellow roses; Mrs E. C. Beale, dark skirt, lilac blouse, toque with lilac flowers; Mrs A. Burton, very striking lilac flowered muslin, hat and parasol *ensuite*; Mrs E. W. Burton, dark dress, *chic* satin blouse striped with black; Miss Spiers, black gown with white pique blouse; Miss Paton, mode grey lustre; Miss Lewis, navy serge with lappelles of gold braid, large hat with pink flowers; Mrs Jones, black silk with cerise vandyked yoke, bonnet to correspond; Miss Bessie Jones, grey tailor-made gown; Miss Jessie Savage, navy serge, black hat with white ostrich feather; Miss Brodie, black gown, black hat with red bows; Mrs Coleman, blue broché, Parisian cape of shot fawn, toque to harmonise; Miss Myers, beige gown with vest of gold embroidery, black hat with flowers; and her sister, a brown velveteen with white point lace; Miss — Ireland, brown velvet, hat to match; Miss Anna Lewis, slate-grey; Miss — Lewis, black tailor-made gown; Mrs Thompson, black silk with broad trimming; Mrs Whitson, stylish brown gown, black lace cape, flower bonnet; Mrs Cheeseman, black; Miss Cheeseman, bronze-green cashmere; Mrs Oldham, navy tailor-made gown, black hat; Mrs Keasing, lizard-green tailor-made gown, black boa, black hat with magenta ribbons; Mrs James, grey lustre, black cape, bonnet with green; Miss Violet James, pretty white serge, white felt hat with ostrich feathers, brown boa; Miss Wilkie, *chic* black silk, bonnet with gilgour, black silk, bonnet with vivid magenta pompons; Miss Kilgour, slate-grey gown, white vest; Miss Hooper, black lustre, white vest and cuffs, white sailor hat with tulle veil; and her sister, a dark green; Miss Ledingham, black lustre; Miss M. Ledingham, black skirt, pink Liberty blouse; Mrs Bodle, black gown, toque pink and black; pink Miss Rita Tole, navy-blue skirt, cream blouse; Miss Taylor, mourning costume, Mrs Donald, peacock-blue fancy cloth; Mrs Devore, very handsome combination of black velvet, silk fancy creponette and lace; Miss Bertha Devore, new blue cloth with black fur, black picture hat; Miss Holland, black gown, oriental vest, stylish hat with chiné ribbon bows; Mrs Porter, stylish peacock blue speckled gown trimmed with velvet of the shade, brown velvet hat with shaded roses; Mrs Cooper, black, sleeves and V yoke of a vivid shade of cerise velvet, black toque; Mrs Crawshaw, black, black and white striped satin bodice, pretty green velvet bonnet; Miss Ada Owen looked dainty in fawn tweed, soft white full vest, white gem hat; Mrs Wingfield, brown silk repp gown shot with electric, a yoke of electric figured silk, bonnet *en suite*; Miss Peacock, pale pink and black stripe silk blouse finished with black chiffon, dark skirt; Miss M. Peacock, electric blue; Mrs K. T. Hart, French grey costume, cape trimmed with steel sequins, shaded straw hat and pink roses; Mrs Ross, green tweed, black velvet cape, black bonnet; Mrs Fairburn, black crepon, black bonnet with touches of yellow; Mrs Tibbs, grey tweed and black velvet, black and gold bonnet; Mrs Nelson, black serge; Mrs J. Reid, black silk crepon gown, black bonnet with pram guipure lace, floral hat; Miss Atkinson, green tweed, white hat; Mrs Atkinson, black silk, black cape; Mrs Mennie, black; Miss Mennie, fawn cloth; Mrs Macdonald, grey tweed; Miss Fraser, fawn cloth trimmed with peacock velvet; Mrs Steedman, blue boucle cloth; Mrs McCallum, electric blue costume; etc.

On Tuesday last the Mayoress, Mrs J. J. Holland, gave a

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at their residence, City Road. About forty ladies and gentlemen were present, and dancing was kept up till close on two o'clock. A covered way was erected between the house and the dancing room, a small hall in the grounds, and the verandah and some of the apartments were utilised as retiring and supper rooms. The arrangements were most perfectly carried out by Mrs Holland, the Misses Holland, Mrs Holland wore prune silk gown; Mrs Lusher, combination of black and white; Miss Holland, white satin profusely trimmed with net; Miss Essie Holland, pink crepon finished with white lace; Miss Donald, white satin; Miss Biss, white silk; Miss Vaile, soft cream crepon; Miss B. Vaile, white; Miss L. Pickmere, white; Miss J. Lusher, pink crepon; Miss A. Walker, white; Miss J. Cardno, white; Miss Hewin, black and white; Miss Jagger, pink; Miss Choyce, white trimmed with blue satin; Miss Goldie, pink, white fichu; Miss Bell, pink silk. Among the gentlemen were Messrs Vaile (two, Biss (two), Donald, Rennell, Ferguson, McPhail, Thomson, Earle, James, Walker, Cardno, Willis, etc.

PHYLLIS BROUNE.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, OCTOBER 9.

Much interest has been taken at Government House over the X rays, an exhibition of this marvellous discovery having been given there lately. Lady Glasgow and Lady Alice Boyle have had their hands photographed by this new process.

I told you in my last letter that Lady Augusta and Lady Alice Boyle, attended by Captain Campbell-Preston, were the guests of Captain Russell at 'Flaxmere,' Hastings, for the Hawke's Bay race meeting. Mrs Russell is away, but Mrs Fox is fully capable of acting the pleasant part of hostess. I understand that Mr A. Pearce and his wife are also guests at 'Flaxmere.'

Mr and Mrs J. N. Williams were to have the honour of entertaining His Excellency and the Countess of Glasgow at their pretty residence, 'Frimley,' but, unfortunately, Mrs Williams (senior) is very ill, which necessitated a change in the arrangements.

The Government's new steamer, the 'Tutanekai' (by the way, it is a good deal easier to write than to pronounce the name), took a cruise round the harbour on Saturday afternoon, having on board a large party of ladies and gentlemen, who expressed much pleasure and much appreciation of the various excellent qualities of the steamer. The party included the Hons Hall-Jones and Thompson, Messrs Guinness, Mills, Ward, Mrs and Miss Seddon, Mr and Mrs J. Gray, Mr, Mrs and Miss Logan, Misses Hutchison, Mrs and Miss Martin, Mrs Pirani, Miss Tuckey, Mrs Brown and Mrs Kelly. Afternoon tea was provided on board, and Captain Fairchild did all in his power as he always does, to make the afternoon a pleasant one for his guests.

MEYE.

DEAR BEE, OCTOBER 8.

A very

ENJOYABLE DANCE

was given at Miss Malcolm's residence last Thursday night by Mr James Coates. The fine large house was seen at its best as the decorations were so pretty. I must not forget to mention that this dance was given in honour of the giver's birthday, also as a farewell to Mr J. Hanna, who will be leaving New Zealand shortly. The decoration in the ballroom was very effective. From the glass chandeliers was looped pale green ribbon, while here and there were clusters of flowers. The mantelpiece was prettily arranged with pot plants. A splendid sit-down champagne supper was laid on many small tables, which were laden with every kind of dainty you could think of. Mr Coates made a splendid host, and enjoyed himself as much after well. Among the guests I noticed were Countess d'Abbans, who was wearing a handsome black satin gown trimmed with jet; Mrs Napier Bell (Dunedin), black satin gown very much trimmed with jet; Mrs Larnach, brown brocade prettily trimmed with rainbow chiffon; Mrs H. McKenzie, pale pink striped silk gown; Mrs Rhind, handsome red satin, the bodice trimmed with velvet to match and coffee lace; Mrs Abbot wore a rich gown of black satin brocaded with yellow and red flowers and green leaves, the front of the bodice was trimmed with fine lace and diamond clasps; Mrs Gee, black satin trimmed with black accordion chiffon edged with white lace; Mrs Litchfield, pale grey brocade trimmed with pink; Mrs A. Brandon, handsome cream brocade gown trimmed with rich lace; Mrs J. Ross, handsome black velvet gown trimmed effectively with old lace; Mrs W. Nathan, yellow silk trimmed with black lace; Mrs Buddle was wearing a handsome gown of white brocade; Mrs Collins, very pretty yellow and white brocade, the bodice draped with fine lace; she also wore her lovely diamond stars; Mrs Ewen, black silk, the bodice trimmed with chiffon and red roses; Mrs Hutchison, handsome pale green brocaded gown; Mrs Wardrop, pale pink chiné silk with large sleeves of shirred chiffon; Mrs Gordon (Hawke's Bay), white silk trimmed with sparkling beads; Mrs Tolhurst, handsome black silk and velvet gown trimmed with jet; Mrs Beddard, pale green brocade, the bodice trimmed with pink roses; Mrs W. Mantell, pale mauve silk gown trimmed with figured chiffon to match; Mrs Isa Dunedin, white satin with full sleeves of frilled net; Mrs Seddon, pale grey satin gown with panels and sleeves of grey and white striped satin; Lady Alice Boyle, pale blue satin veiled with white chiffon; the Misses Seddon wore pretty pale pink silk gowns; Miss Williams, pale pink and white brocade, the bodice slightly trimmed with white; Miss E. Williams wore a pretty white satin gown, the bodice veiled with spotted chiffon; Miss Bell, white brocade, the bodice trimmed with chiffon and pink roses; Mrs H. D. Bell, handsome pale grey and gold brocade trimmed with pale blue satin and white lace edged chiffon; Miss Butler, coral pink silk, the bodice being of green velvet trimmed with yellow lace; Miss Nathan, white silk prettily trimmed with lace and white flowers; Miss Hutchison, white satin with folded bodice, the fichu trimmed with pearls; Miss Larnach, black satin, with claret velvet bodice trimmed with spangled chiffon; Miss Rose, pink silk gown trimmed with chiffon to match; Miss Cooper, white chiné silk, with berthe of white lace; Miss Gore, pale blue satin with epaulettes of white lace; Miss Grace, pale green and white silk gown with full white chiffon fichu; Miss Fitzherbert, white chiné silk, daintily trimmed with chiffon frills; Miss Palmer (Christchurch), black satin gown with bodice of white silk trimmed with black and white insertion; Miss Buckley (Christchurch), handsome white satin gown effectively trimmed with silver spangles; Miss Edwards, white silk with pink flowers on the bodice; Miss Gibson (Dunedin), white satin prettily trimmed with turquoise blue velvet and white lace; Miss Zoe Johnston, black satin with Empire sash of yellow silk and yellow flowers on the corsage; Miss Rattray (Dunedin) wore a very pretty yellow satin gown trimmed with fine white lace; Miss Hislop, black silk gown trimmed with yellow roses; Miss Coleridge, white crepon with berthe of white lace; Miss Tolhurst, soft white silk gown trimmed with jewelled passementerie; Miss Fraser, yellow brocade; Miss Harcourt, white silk trimmed with white accordion chiffon; Miss J. Skerrett, yellow brocade; Miss Richardson, yellow velvet, with bébe bodice of chiffon edged with passementerie; Miss Rose, black silk with bodice of sky-blue silk; the Misses Fairchild wore black satin gowns trimmed with chiffon; Miss Harding, white figured silk gown; Miss H. Harding, white brocade prettily trimmed with lace; Miss Chaytor (Dunedin), pale grey silk gown; Miss Quick, black silk relieved with yellow silk and flowers. Among the gentlemen I noticed Mr J. Hanna, Captain Preston, Captain Feilden, Sir Walter Buller, Captain Russell, Mr H. McKenzie, Mr Larnach (M.H.R.), Mr Hutchison (M.H.R.), Colonel Fox, and Messrs Mill, Tripp, Tripe, Brookesmith, Gore, Williams, Cooper, Buckley, Wardrop, Mantell, Dyer, Higginson, Duncan, Pearce, Baldwin, Watkins, Crawford, Didsbury, Hume, and many others. The extras were played by Miss Gore and Miss Ross.

In spite of the cold wind that was blowing last Saturday afternoon, a number of people drove out to the

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at Miramar. A large tent was erected for the tea, and was so warm and cosy that we were loath to leave it. Mrs H. D. Crawford provided the tea, and was ably assisted in dispensing it by the Misses Cooper and Skerrett. Among those who were present I noticed Bishop and Mrs Wallis, the latter wearing a handsome black silk gown, sealskin jacket, pretty jetted bonnet trimmed with sweet pea; Mrs H. D. Crawford, brown cloth jacket and skirt, white blouse, becoming toque with pink flowers and lace wings; Mrs E. W. Mills, handsome black silk gown, and fur trimmed mantle, jet bonnet with black tips; Mrs MacPherson, black crepon gown, handsome sealskin jacket, small black hat with feathers; Mrs Duncan, black cloth costume, fur cape, black bonnet with tips; Mrs Rhind, black gown, sealskin jacket, red velvet toque trimmed with jet; Mrs Hutchison, green gown, fawn waistcoat, sealskin jacket, floral toque trimmed with lace; Miss Hutchison wore a blue cloth gown trimmed with coffee lace, large green straw hat trimmed with forget-me-nots and pale blue satin ribbon; Mrs H. McKenzie, black cloth gown and cape, black boat-shaped hat trimmed with tulle; Miss Gibson (Dunedin), fawn tweed jacket and skirt, cerise pink blouse, large black hat with feathers and pink roses; Mrs Rawson, blue jacket and skirt, check waistcoat, red and blue velvet toque; Mrs Beddard, dark green tailor-made costume, black sailor hat; Mrs Napier Bell, dark cloth costume, green straw bonnet trimmed with; Miss and Miss Bell, dark green tailor-made jacket and skirt, black hat with wings; Mrs Mantell, dark green gown, cape trimmed with black feather, black velvet hat with Tam-o'-Shanter crown of brocaded silk and trimmed with feathers; Miss Williams, black jacket and skirt, fawn straw hat with bows of cornflower-blue ribbon and white quills; Miss Ella Williams, slate-grey tailor-made costume, white sailor hat; Mrs Gee, gray cloth costume, black cape, black velvet hat with feathers and flowers; Miss Buckley (Christchurch), dark gown, grey cape trimmed with fur, white sailor hat; Mrs Brandon, fawn covert coating costume, felt hat to match trimmed with ribbon and quills; Miss Brandon, black skirt, yellow blouse, black sailor hat with yellow band; Miss A. Brandon, navy blue costume, black velvet hat trimmed with feathers and brocaded ribbon; Miss Menzies, dark green tailor-made costume, sailor hat with green quills; Miss W. Menzies, black jacket and skirt, white blouse, white sailor hat; Miss Medley, black costume, sailor hat; Miss Fraser, fawn jacket and skirt, brown felt hat with quills; Miss Skerrett, grey braided costume, large felt hat trimmed with feathers; Miss Webster (Dunedin), fawn gown, sealskin cape, black jetted toque trimmed with white flowers; Mrs Field, dark green gown, fawn cape braided with black, white velvet bonnet trimmed with jet and violets; Miss Harcourt, brown costume, felt hat to match; Miss Seddon, black jacket and skirt, large black hat trimmed with cornflowers; Miss L. Seddon, blue crepon gown trimmed with black satin, black hat with feathers; Miss M. Seddon, black serge costume, black sailor hat; Miss Burnett, blue serge costume, white sailor hat; Miss A. Gore, blue serge jacket and skirt, striped blouse, white sailor hat; Miss Tolhurst, brown crepon gown, grey cape with fur collar, brown toque trimmed with brocaded ribbon and flowers; Miss Grieson (Dunedin), black crepon skirt and cape, black felt hat with feathers; Miss Cooper, blue serge costume, white sailor hat; Miss Rattray (Dunedin), black jacket and skirt, black and white blouse, black sailor hat with white band; Miss Rose, black skirt, blue blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Waldegrave, neat fawn tailor-made costume, small black hat with tips; Mrs Fitzgerald, black gown, sealskin jacket, jetted bonnet; Miss Grace, black skirt, yellow blouse, white sailor hat; Miss Lingard, blue serge costume, black sailor hat; Miss Coleridge, black gown, grey cape trimmed with black fur, white sailor hat; Miss Chaytor, grey lustre costume, black hat with feathers; Miss Elliott, black jacket and skirt, white sailor hat; Mrs Samuell, fawn jacket and skirt, black hat with jetted wings; Miss Friend, blue costume, white sailor hat; Miss Hislop, black serge jacket and skirt, black straw hat with quills; Miss E Barron, fawn costume, small black hat with bows of brocaded ribbon; Miss Fairchild, fawn costume, black toque with pink flowers; her sister also wore a fawn jacket and skirt, brown straw hat with cornflowers; Mrs Acland, black gown, and mantle trimmed with fur, black bonnet with yellow flowers; Mrs Litchfield, grey tweed costume, red velvet bonnet trimmed with jet. Among the gentlemen playing were Messrs Tripp, Crawford, Cooper (two), Bucholz, Mills, Hanna, and Baldwin.

OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE, OCTOBER 8.

The residents of the inclement South must be little short of angels to bear with equanimity the sudden changes we are subject to. For a short spell—a very short spell, I may add—we were tempted into sundry little follies of a picnic to the seaside, or appearing in a blouse, but last week put all such nonsense out of our heads, and we had a taste of winter of the rudest kind. It was most provoking of it, too, just when a few enthusiastic athletes wanted to turn the whole community out of bed at 5 a.m., offices open at 7 a.m., and close at 3 p.m., so that they may play cricket, etc. There is no reason on earth to prevent them playing cricket at 5 o'clock in the morning if they wish, but why alter the time table like that is rather a mystery. At a meeting to consider the subject last night, I notice the attendance, *owing to the unfavourable weather*, was very small, so it is put off for another week.

On Friday evening Mrs Henry Wood, of Parkfield, gave a