

and chairs and lounges of all sizes and shapes were placed in two's here and there, while brightly-coloured flags were draped over head, and pot-plants filled up the corners and crevices, adding greatly to the tout ensemble.

In the reception-room I noticed some handsome pots of flowering azaleas, also other beautiful and delicate hot-house plants. The conservatory was a charming sight, and was very much in demand. Supper was kept going from half-past ten o'clock, and this time it was most temptingly laid on many small tables to accommodate four persons. The same plan of only a certain number of people being in at a time was adopted; and I still think it a very unsatisfactory one, though, of course, it is very enjoyable for the lucky ones who gain their entrance, but I know that on this occasion, as well as on the previous one, many did not even get in the supper-room. I suppose they really could have if they had preferred waiting at the door, which was carefully guarded by the butler, instead of dancing. Naturally, those who are fond of dancing, would rather go hungry instead of missing even one dance. The floor was not very satisfactory, but at the end began to improve, while the music, which was supplied by Minifie's String Band of four performers, was excellent. There were twenty dances on the programme, the Washington Post being one of the number. The latter is a very pretty and graceful dance when performed well; but, like all other dances, wants practice.

Shortly after ten o'clock, when all the guests had assembled, Lord and Lady Ranfurly, accompanied by Captain Alexander and Lady Constance Knox, entered the hall to the strains of the National Anthem. The first dance then started. His Excellency dancing with Lady Douglas, and Lady Ranfurly with Sir Arthur Douglas.

Her Ladyship was beautifully attired in a rich black satin gown, with short sleeves, caught with black velvet bands. There was very little trimming on the bodice, but I noticed some magnificent diamond and emerald ornaments on the corsage, glistening among some fine black lace, and on her head she wore a beautiful diamond tiara; Lady Constance Knox looked very nice in a lettuce green liberty silk frock, flounced at the hem and on the bodice with white lace, and tied at the waist with a sash of the same shade of green. There were a greater number of guests present on this occasion than on the last. Among them I noticed Mrs Seddon, wearing a handsome black satin gown, frosted with jet sequins, the bodice being softened with white chiffon; the Misses Seddon were both wearing pretty white silk dresses, the bodies made in pouch fashion and daintily tucked and run with bebe ribbon; Lady Douglas, handsome black velvet gown, with broad hanging revers of white satin; Miss Douglas looked nice in a white silk dress, veiled with net, with a deep flounce round the hem, through which was run many rows of narrow satin ribbon; the bodice was prettily trimmed with white flowers and finished at the waist with a sash of white satin; Lady Buckley was wearing a rich jetted gown of black satin, finished with chiffon; Mrs Barron, black velvet, with old lace on the bodice; Miss Barron, sky blue silk, with fichu of chiffon to match, caught with a bunch of scarlet roses; Miss E. Barron, cream silk, with berthe of cream lace; Mrs Biss, pretty gown of mauve figured silk, with fine coffee lace and mauve poppies on the bodice; Mrs Barclay, handsome black velvet-trimmed gown, with fichu of white lace; Miss Barclay, white silk, with mauve ribbon sash; Miss Coleridge, lemon figured silk gown; Miss L. Coleridge, white brocade, with ruches of chiffon on the bodice; Miss Bell (Nelson), black silk, with epaulettes of deep pink velvet; Miss Davy, soft white silk and lace; Miss Elliott, white silk, the bodice very much trimmed with white chiffon; Miss W. Elliott, also wore white silk and chiffon; Mrs Fancourt, handsome black silk gown, with fichu of lace; Miss Fancourt, black satin; Mrs Fitzherbert, black, silk, the bodice trimmed with jet passementerie and white chiffon; Miss Fitzherbert, white corded silk, with chiffon sleeves; Mrs Goring, cream satin, with pink roses and lace on the bodice; Mrs Gore, handsome black brocade trimmed gown, finished with jet and chiffon; Miss Gore, white Ottoman silk, with full sleeves of white chiffon; Mrs

Harding, a handsome gown of black and white brocade; the Misses Harding, in white silk dresses, with pretty soft lace on the bodices; Mrs (Dr.) Henry, cream satin, trimmed with pearl passementerie and pretty lace; Miss Henry was looking nice in a pale pink silk gown, with epaulettes of lace; Mrs Hislop, black velvet, with white lace fichu; Miss Hislop, blue silk, the bodice prettily trimmed with embroidered chiffon; Mrs Izard, handsome black silk, with old lace on the bodice; Miss Izard's dress was, I think, one of the prettiest in the room, being of white spotted chine silk, the bodice composed of beautiful white accordion chiffon, caught at the waist with an Empire belt of satin ribbon; Mrs Longdon, in a cream satin gown, with chiffon and scarlet roses on the bodice; Miss McKenzie, pink satin, trimmed with chiffon to match; Mrs Maxwell, handsome black velvet gown, trimmed with beaver and old lace; Mrs Menteth, white satin, the bodice trimmed with lilies of the valley and eoru lace; Mrs Purdy, handsome black moire, with black sequined chiffon on the bodice; Mrs Pynsent, handsome mauve satin gown, the bodice trimmed with a darker shade of velvet and delicate lace; Mrs Quick, claret satin gown; Miss Quick, black satin, relieved with yellow; Miss D. Quick, cream satin and chiffon; Mrs Captain Rose was wearing a handsome black velvet gown, with sleeves and panels of grey brocade, and the bodice was trimmed with lovely lace; Miss Rose, pale yellow silk, trimmed with embroidered chiffon to match; Miss A. Rose, green figured silk, with panels of white satin, under jetted lace; Miss Richardson, stone grey velvet, with bands of beaver over the shoulder, and epaulettes of deep white lace; Mrs Rhodes, black satin, handsomely embroidered with jet, and she wore scarlet flowers on the bodice; Mrs Riddiford was wearing a very pretty and uncommon pale green brocade gown, with a little lace on the bodice; Miss Richmond, a very stylish salmon pink mervelleux, with epaulettes of violet velvet and bunches of violets on the bodice and in the hair; Mrs Rawson, heliotrope silk, trimmed with a figured chiffon and passementerie; Mrs Malcolm Ross, grey satin gown, with sleeves of pink roses; Mrs Reynolds, handsome black silk gown; Mrs Reynolds, white silk, with frilled sleeves of the same, and lace on the bodice; Miss Reid, white silk, with Zouave of blue silk, embroidered with pearls; Miss Medley, pale pink brocade, trimmed with white lace; Miss Graham (Dunedin), pink figured silk; Miss Heywood, pale pink surah silk, with fine white lace on the bodice; Miss Fairchild, black silk, relieved with yellow silk; Miss N. Fairchild, a pompadour silk gown, prettily trimmed with green chiffon; Miss Rose, white silk, with revers of the same, embroidered with silver, and bunches of lilies of the valley on the shoulder; Miss Ross, a pretty white satin gown, with deep lace on the bodice; Mrs Simpson, black silk, trimmed with black and white embroidered chiffon; Miss Simpson, soft white silk and chiffon; Miss K. Skerrett, green figured silk, prettily trimmed with lace and passementerie to match; Miss J. Skerrett, a pretty white and yellow brocade, the bodice trimmed with pearl embroidery; Mrs Seed, handsome black silk gown; the Misses Seed, cream silk, trimmed with chiffon to match; Mrs Stowe, green figured silk, trimmed with chiffon; Miss Stowe, pale pink satin; Mrs Stafford was wearing a handsome moonlight blue satin gown; Miss Stafford, white satin with sleeves of spotted net; Mrs Samuelli, sage green brocade, trimmed with passementerie to match; Mrs A. Smith, black satin, the bodice trimmed with scarlet velvet; Mrs Young, black silk, with old lace on the bodice; Miss Young, a pretty gown of sky blue silk, trimmed with chiffon to match; Mrs Tolhurst, handsome black velvet and silk gown, trimmed with lace and jet; the Misses Tolhurst were wearing dainty dresses of white satin, trimmed with chiffon and delicate white flowers; Miss Tripe, pretty and becoming black satin dress, the bodice finished with satin and trimmed with pink roses; Miss Willis, pink silk, with rucked sleeves of chiffon to match; her sister looked nice in a soft white silk gown, trimmed with lace and satin ribbon; Mrs (Judge) Williams, (Dunedin), a stylish black satin gown with bodice of white chiffon, trimmed

with jet; Miss Williams, white brocade, trimmed with pearl embroidery and chiffon; Mrs T. Wilford looked well in a black satin gown, with long rucked sleeves of black chiffon; Miss K. Wilford, white brocade, prettily finished with frills of chiffon; Mrs Watson (Canterbury), a handsome cream satin gown, the bodice trimmed with pearls and handsome lace; Miss M. Burnett, pale blue silk with berthe of white lace; Mrs Herries (Tauranga), a beautiful white brocade-trimmed gown trimmed with handsome passementerie and lace; Mrs H. B. Williams, red satin, with coffee lace on the bodice; Miss Watkins, a pretty white satin dress effectively trimmed with chiffon frills; Miss Blakeney was wearing an exceedingly pretty gown of sea green satin, with sleeves of accordion chiffon to match, and a little delicate lace was draped across the front of the bodice; Miss Buchanan (Akaroa), white silk and lace; Miss Fitzroy (Hawke's Bay), a pretty and simple dress of white satin, the bodice trimmed, silver spangled lace; Mrs MacIntyre, mauve brocade trimmed with light coffee lace and passementerie; Mrs MacGregor, a handsome black silk gown; Miss MacGregor, black satin trimmed with jet and chiffon; Miss S. MacGregor, white satin with full-frilled sleeves of chiffon; Mrs Macpherson, a very pretty cream satin gown, with a panel on the skirts of fine chiffon flounces, white pearls and chiffon framed, the trimming on the bodice; Miss Hamilton, black silk, with fichu of white lace; Miss Kingwood, white satin with pink flowers on the bodice; Mrs Mostayer, black silk; Miss Mostayer, cream silk with berthe of white lace; Mrs Haselden, a handsome gown of white brocade trimmed with bead fringe and lace; Miss Partrick, black silk trimmed with yellow; Miss Mackellar, a pretty pale blue silk gown trimmed with chiffon to match.

Among the gentlemen I noticed Sir Robert Stout, Sir Arthur Douglas, Mr Watson, M.H.R.; Mr Montgomery, M.H.R.; Captain Russell, M.H.R.; Major Madocks, and the Messrs Macpherson, MacGregor, Samuelli, Costes, Riddiford, Quick, Maxwell, Walter, Longdon, Barclay, Izard, Simpson, Rawson, Gore, Pearce, Harcourt, Cooper, Malcolm Ross, Dunstan, Fitzherbert, Seed, Reid, Watkins, Rolleston, Anson, Robison, Huller, Jackson, Branfill, Tolhurst, Richardson, Richmond, Tripe, Herris, Luckie, Burnes, Young, Johnston, Higginson, Goring, Skerrett, Dr. Purdy, Dr. Henry, Dr. Martin, Dr. Fyfe, and many others. I must now tell you about the delightful

AT-HOME

given on Thursday afternoon by Mrs Wallace MacKenzie at her beautiful new house in Upper Willis-street. The whole house was thrown open, so that the guests could wander about and see all the pretty rooms. During the afternoon King's string band of four performers played musical selections upstairs. A delicious tea was laid in the dining-room, and also in a room upstairs. The table in the dining-room was very prettily decorated with yellow silk and numbers of glass vases of tulips, while the table was laden with all kinds of tempting cakes, sandwiches, sweets, etc. The table in the other tea-room was artistically decorated with lilac. A few ladies were helping Mrs MacKenzie to entertain her many guests, namely, Mrs (Dr.) Ewart, Mrs Hutchinsson (Taranaki), and the Misses Tuckey, MacGregor, and Rawson. The drawing-room was a mass of most beautiful flowers; in fact, every room was adorned with flowers. There were about 200 guests present. Mrs MacKenzie received in a handsome black silk gown, the bodice being of white silk veiled with black chiffon and trimmed with jet; Mr (Dr.) Ewart, pretty black silk gown trimmed with jet; Mrs Hutchinsson was also wearing black silk and lace; Lady Stout, neat brown tailor-made costume, and felt hat with wings to match; Mrs Adams, green costume and floral toque; Mrs Butts was wear-

ing a black and white costume; Mrs Ashcroft, black silk gown and mantle, and black bonnet with yellow roses; Miss Ashcroft, light brown dress, and straw hat to match trimmed with wings; Mrs Barron, black silk trimmed with white satin under jet, and pretty jewelled bonnet; Mrs Ian Duncan, handsome green glaze silk dress, with lace collar, and pretty hat to match, with chiffon and two shades of green velvet roses; Mrs Grace, handsome dark green costume; Mrs Bothamely, very handsome black silk gown trimmed with beautiful jet embroidery and black bonnet with pink flowers; Mrs Barclay, black and white costume; Mrs Fulton, dark brown cloth costume and pretty yellow floral bonnet; Lady Hector, grey gown trimmed with brocaded silk to match, and black and red bonnet; Mrs G. Hutchinsson, black jacket and skirt, and white straw hat with wings; Mrs Knight, fawn tailor-made costume, and black hat with blue ribbon and cornflowers; Mrs Haselden, black costume, black hat with tips and pink flowers; Mrs Leckie, black silk gown and cape and black bonnet with white flowers and ospreys; Mrs Miles, a handsome green canvas gown trimmed with passementerie and bonnet with green and pink flowers; Mrs Rose, black crepon trimmed with jet and very pretty green bonnet with lilies of the valley and lace; Mrs Rhodes, handsome black silk gown and cape frilled with pleated chiffon and black and violet bonnet; Mrs Reynolds (Dunedin), black gown and cape trimmed with jet and bonnet trimmed with mauve poppies; Miss Reynolds, grey jacket and skirt and white hat with ribbon bows; Mrs Rawson, neat blue tailor-made costume and becoming black and red toque; Mrs Malcolm Ross, blue serge Eton costume and boat-shaped hat with ribbon and quills; Mrs Rhind, black jacket and skirt and violet bonnet; Mrs Simpson, green jacket and skirt and pretty mauve bonnet; Mrs Stafford, green canvas dress trimmed with passementerie, and pink and black bonnet; Miss Stafford, fawn dress and pretty white hat with bright blue ribbon bows; Mrs Samuel, violet costume trimmed with velvet and sparkling passementerie, and pretty bonnet to match; Mrs Tuckey, black costume; Miss Tuckey, green lustre, with a vest of cream chiffon; Mrs Travers, neat black tailor-made costume and vest of pink silk, becoming pink and black hat; Miss Bell, black dress, green velvet cape, black hat with feathers; Mrs Tripe, black satin gown and cape, and pretty black bonnet with white tips; Miss Tripe, a neat grey costume; Mrs Milward, blue braided costume, black hat with white tips; Miss Dransfield, black jacket and skirt, and black hat with pink ribbon and roses; Mrs Denniston, black costume; Miss Harcourt, blue serge, white sailor hat; Miss Gore, navy blue tailor-made suit, and bright pink hat; Miss Cox (Christchurch), grey jacket and skirt and white sailor hat; the Misses Harding wore black costumes and white sailor hats; Miss MacGregor, grey costume, and straw hat to match trimmed with striped ribbon, etc., etc.

It turned out a fine day for the opening of the

THORNDON BOWLING GREEN

last Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance of both ladies and gentlemen. Delicious afternoon tea and cakes were provided by Mrs Grace (wife of the president of the club), who was assisted by her daughter and other ladies. The tea table was prettily decorated with Arum lilies. A few who were present were Mrs Grace, who was wearing a stylish green costume; Miss Grace, in blue serge and a burnt straw hat trimmed with black chiffon and lilies of the valley; Mrs Knight, fawn tailor made costume and burnt straw hat, with black tips; Mrs Marchbanks, neat green costume and straw hat to match, trimmed with pink and green roses; Mrs A. Smith, blue tailor made suit, black hat with yellow flowers and lace; Mrs Waldergrave, fawn costume, and very pretty green

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