SOCIETY GOSSIP.

AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE, JULY 19.

The weather on Saturday was simply delightful and in consequence the attendance of ladies

AT POTTER'S PADDOCK

to witness the practice football match was unusually large. Mrs T. Cotter wore a stylish dark grey costume, and hat to correspond; Mrs McArthur was in a black gown and bonnet, and seal plush mantle; Miss Wylde-Brown looked pretty in black; Miss Puckey, navy blue dress and hat, grey cloth jacket; Miss McCormick, stylish navy blue costume; Miss Buddle, pretty grey costume; Miss Williamson, stylish navy blue gown, and hat en suite; Misses Hay, Remuera, were in crimson and light fawn, respectively; Miss Dufrore looked very stylish in a becoming grey dress, cape and hat, all to match; her sister wore navy blue, the jacket showing a crimson blouse; Miss Mackay, stylish myrtle green velveteen costume; Miss Jessie Mackay, becoming seal brown velveteen dress, brown felt hat; Miss Bakewell, black skirt, light blouse, plush jacket, and large felt hat; Miss Lewis, stylish navy blue costume; Miss Wilkins looked stylish in black, trimmed with astrachan; Miss — Wilkins also wore a stylish costume of navy serge; Miss Brophy, pretty blue dress and hat to correspond; Mrs A. L. Edwards wore dark fawn and brown tweed, brown hat and stylish plush jacket; Miss Johnston looked well in dark green and black feather boa; Miss — Macindoe, pretty grey costume; Misses Lewis (Parnell), both looked well in dark gowns, one sister wearing a large grey hat; Miss Upton wore a stylish navy blue dress and hat; Miss Claudia Hardy also looked well in navy blue; the younger Misses Hesketh wore pretty dark costumes.

The attendance at

MADAME GOLDENSTEDT'S FAREWELL CONCERT

was not nearly so large as might have been expected. Those present, however, were most enthusiastic, encores being frequently insisted upon, and in all cases most graciously complied with. Madame Goldenstedt sang beautifully, and looked well in a pretty gown of very pale pink veiling trimmed with black ribbon velvet. The other ladies who assisted on the programme were Miss Staunton, in cream satin prettily trimmed with cream and gold tinsel gauze; Miss Cowern, in a slightly trained black velvet gown; and Miss Adams, who wore a pretty black evening dress with pale yellow ribbons. Amongst the audience were Miss Shirley-Baker, in a pretty brown costume; Mrs Towsey, in fawn; Mrs Hyams, in white and pretty crimson cloak; Mrs W. J. Ralph looked nice in black silk and plush opera mantle; Misses Darby, in pretty light silk evening dresses; Miss J. Mackay looked pretty in white and stylish cardinal cloak; Miss Burchill wore a becoming cloak, which hid her dress; Mrs and Miss Macindoe were in dark costumes; Miss Wilkinson was in pale pink and red cloak. In dark costumes were Mrs Farquhar, Mrs and Miss Johnston, Mrs A. L. Edwards, Misses Wilkins, Misses Lewis, Miss Parsons. Mrs J. M. Butt wore all black, also Mrs J. Murray, who accompanied her, Miss — Murray was, I think, in brown.

Evening dress was not worn at the

ALL SAINTS SOCIAL,

although many appeared in pretty light dresses; Mrs Calder wore black silk, and pretty point lace collar and cuffs; Miss Kelly looked nice in a black net skirt and cardinal silk blouse; Miss Blamford, pretty pale blue nun's veiling trimmed with cream lace; Miss Wright wore black silk relieved with cardinal flowers; Miss Woodyear, black skirt and blue silk blouse; Miss Bell, becoming pink costume; Miss B. Devore was charming in black; Miss F. Langsford, pretty sea green dress; Miss Henderson, dark heliotrope gown; Miss A. Short looked exceedingly pretty in biscuit colour; Miss E. Warnock, becoming pale blue dress; Miss Jolly was charming in apricot nun's veiling; Miss Howard, pretty pale blue dress; Misses Lusher, both looked well in white; Miss Merritt, stylish black costume; Miss Kate Merrit looked very pretty in fawn.

GOWNS WORN AT MRS L. D. NATHAN'S KETTLEDRUM.

Mrs L. D. Nathan wore an exceedingly chic dress of black silk, softly relieved with pink chiffon; Miss Nathan, navy, trimmed with velvet; her sister a pretty red and white striped frock; Miss Rita Tole was garbed in navy and white; Miss O'Brien, red dress and hat; Mrs Dignan, navy; Mrs Butt, black; Mrs C. H. Haines, handsome black trained and beaded velvet gown; Mrs Hope-Lewis, pretty brown plaid; Mrs Moss-Davis, navy with yellow front; Mrs Dargaville looked extremely well in black silk, bonnet with maize-coloured ribbons, and a bunch of marigolds in her dress; Mrs G. Lewis, black silk and her daughter trained fawn gown trimmed with astrachan; Mrs Isaacs in black; Mrs S. Morrin, black; Mrs Cruickshank, navy; Miss Neil (Dunedin), an extremely stylish red Irish poplin trimmed with black braid; Mrs A. Nathan, navy dress, sealskin jacket; Mrs Browning, black; Mrs Pritt, a tasteful black gown and bonnet en suite; Mrs Carr, stylish gown of grey; Miss Rooks, handsome gown of brown and black camels' hair; Miss Kerr-Taylor, red cashmere; Mrs Nashelski, handsome black velvet dress, jacket en suite; and her daughter looked well in a trained fawn gown with becoming white silk, large hat; Mrs Honeyman, nearly fitting black gown edged with gold, black velvet toque and yellow feathers; Miss Bull, navy; Miss Palk, brown; Misses Isaacs, becoming black dresses.

BALL AT ARATAPU.

One of the most stylish balls of the season was the one held in Aratapu, Northern Wairoa, on the 15th inst. The ball was under the auspices of the Orangemen there, and reflects great credit on their Order. The Public Hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens and mottoes of the Order. At seven o'clock the meeting opened with the farce 'Poetic Proposal,' followed by another, 'Borrowed Plumes,' both of which received the laudations of the audience. The parties in the farces were Messrs Hammond, Marcroft, Bassett, Jones, Rhodes, and Mrs Marcroft, Mrs Hammond and Miss C. Niddrie. This being over, Mr W. A. Spiers, the Highland dancing champion of New Zealand, made his appearance on the stage in Highland costume decorated profusely with silver medals. He opened the proceedings with the Highland fling, and was encored when he gave the 'Shan Trousche.' Mr McMullen, violinist, and Mr T. Wells, pianist, provided the music. Mr Bassett and Mr Stephens acted as M.C.'s. Following, is a list of the

DRESSES WORN AT THE BALL.

Miss Niddrie, white Indian muslin; Mrs Cappie, slate satin; Miss Scott, green cashmere relieved with cardinal; Miss M. Bassett, salmon pink nun's veiling and black velvet; Miss Harrison, pink silk veiled with white lace, cardinal flowers; Mrs Paterson, blue, trimmed with white lace; Mrs Ford, oau de nil cashmere, white lace and pink feathers; Mrs McLaren, cream lustre, pink flowers; Mrs Marcroft, mauve silk, white lace; Mrs Tattersall, blue silk, Honiton lace, bouquet of violets; Miss Stillworthy, white Indian muslin, garland of natural flowers; Mrs Hammond, blue lace, aigrette in the hair; the Misses McDowell (two), black cashmere, satin bodices; Miss Vincent, black lace, pink flowers; Miss Wells white Indian muslin; Mrs Houlihan, pink; Mrs A. Niddrie, black grenadine and lace; Mrs J. Bassett, white nun's veiling; Miss Cook, white satin bodice, net skirt, Miss Christian, white muslin and pink ribbons; Mrs McLeod, black velvet and jet trimmings; Mrs Black, black satin and lace; Miss Given, mauve costume, cardinal trimmings; Mrs Kidd, black canvas; Mrs Masefield, black; Miss Masefield, blue net; Mrs Brown, cream Indian silk, blue satin bodice; Miss Bradley, salmon pink nun's veiling, satin bodice; Misses Jackson (2), black cashmere and blue ribbons; Miss Dickson, white Indian lace, pink ribbons; Mrs Harding, fawn silk. Several other ladies whose names I could not obtain, were elegantly dressed. The gentlemen, too, presented an appearance not excelled in any of our large centres. On the whole it was the principal ball of the season, and speaks well for the Orangemen of the Wairoa. Mrs Corkhill of Aratapu, provided the refreshments which pleased everyone present. Dargaville and Te Kopura, and other stations along the river were well represented.

MURIEL.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, JULY 15.

We are very gay indeed here just now. I have elsewhere given particulars, and have now only to describe the

DRESSES AT THE THORNDON LAWN TENNIS CLUB BALL.

Amongst the guests were Mr and Mrs Parhit; Mr and Mrs Gibson; Miss Gibson, in bright blue; Mrs Barron, in black velvet; Miss Barron, in pink and her sister in crimson trimmed with white chiffon; Mrs D. Nathan wore cream silk; Miss Nathan, white, and her sister, yellow silk; Mr and Mrs Travers, the latter in pale blue gauze trimmed with feathers; Miss Barclay, in cream net, and her sister in a pretty blue gown; Mrs Loughnan wore black with red flowers; Miss B. Loughnan (Christchurch), white, with large Watteau bow; Miss Harding, black and gold Swiss belt, and her sister cream; Mrs J. Rhodes (Napier) yellow silk; Miss Rhodes (Napier), pale blue; Miss Kennedy, black, trimmed with red, and her sister, cream; Mrs Ogle, a very pretty black gown, trimmed with scarlet, Swiss belt of red beads; Mrs Wardrop, black with large white moire sash; Mrs Smithson (Timaru), cream; Mrs Harding, black; Mrs McClean (Hutt), a pretty white gown trimmed with ruching of the same; Miss Burnett, pink; Miss E. Burnett, cream; and her sister, black and gold; Miss Dransfield, black embroidered with gold; Miss M. Quick, black; Miss Nevill (Dunedin), pale blue; Miss Pynsent, white Liberty silk; Miss Tucker, yellow gauze trimmed with red chiffon; Miss Cooper, black lace and pink feathers; and her sister, white silk trimmed with yellow; Miss Izard, white, with mauve ribbons; Miss A. St. Hill (Hastings), blue striped gauze; Miss M. Gore, cream, prettily trimmed with crimson velvet; Miss Grace, white net with front of pink flowers; and her sister white satin; Miss H. Mozley, white; Miss Grierson (Dunedin), pale blue silk; Miss Trimnell, a peculiar colour, bluish-mauve silk, and the hem cut in vandykes; Miss Fairchild, pink, with green silk frills; Miss N. Fairchild, yellow trimmed with black velvet ribbon; Mrs Hickson, black; Mrs Burnett, black; Mrs Samuels, blue; Mrs Lyons, pink gauze; Mrs C. Izard, white silk trimmed with green ribbons; Miss Cheffereul, pale green silk; Miss Beardon, maize net; the Misses Hart, black net; Miss Collins (Kaikoura), a pretty bluish grey gown with Watteau bow; Miss Duncan, red and black; Miss Pickering, white embroidered gown with mauve velvet ribbons; Miss Allan, white prettily trimmed with ruching; Miss Willis, a white gown; Mrs Hudson, Mrs Wardrop, Miss Curr, Miss Lingard, and Miss Messenger, Dr. Adams, and Messrs Kebbell, Birnbaume, Turnbull, Still, Watson, Kennedy, Barron, Vogel, Todd, Leckie, Lyon, Webb, Hickson, O'Rorke, Studholme, Butterworth, C. Cooper, Pearson, and Luckie, etc.

GOWNS WORN AT MRS T. C. WILLIAMS' AFTERNOON.

A few of the many guests were Lady Campbell, the Hon. R. and Mrs Oliver, Mrs Newman, the Hon. C. and Mrs Johnston, the latter in a beautiful black velvet trained gown and tiny pink and jet bonnet; Mrs Rolleston, in handsome terra-cotta brocade; Mrs Fraser, in a pretty brown costume; Mrs Towsey, in fawn corduroy trained gown with front of Gobelin silk and white lace, small bonnet to match; Mr and Mrs Baker, Mrs A. Rhodes, Mrs and Miss Pynsent, Mrs and the Misses Grace, Miss M. Grace wearing a pretty terra-cotta silk gown, trained, black sash and black feather hat; Mrs Adams, Mrs Ferguson, the Misses Moorhouse, Miss Hallowes, in turquoise blue trimmed with black velvet aves, jet; Mrs Pratt, the Misses Cooper, Miss Holmes, in grey satin; Miss Izard, Miss St. Hill, Mrs Parfitt, Mrs and Misses Gore, Mr and Mrs Ed. Brown, Messrs Gillington, Beetham, Govett, Studholme, Hadfield, Tripp, etc.

RUBY.

THE HUTT.

DEAR BEE, JULY 14.

I think you will like some descriptions of the

FROCKS WORN AT THE HUTT BALL.

Lady Hector wore a rich old rose silk striped with satin with long train; Lady Buckley, a beautiful black dress trimmed with silver; Mrs Fitzherbert, a combination of dark green and yellow; Mrs Whitehead, a pretty pink silk gown; Mrs Purdy, a very pretty white gauze covered silk with front of brocade, the bodice prettily trimmed with tiny grey tips and grey chiffon; Mrs T. M. Wilford, a handsome bright red gown veiled with black lace; Mrs Heaton, black; Mrs Climy, yellow silk; Miss Kate Wilford, the only debutante, wore a sweetly pretty white silk gown trimmed with white velvet ribbon, and carried a lovely bouquet of white violets and snowdrops; Miss Jackson, a pretty pale pink gown; Miss Johnston, black; and her sister, cream; Miss Wilford, white trimmed with green; Miss Mowbray, cream and gold; Miss Hector, cream lace and moire ribbons; Miss M. Gore, black trimmed with old rose ribbons; Miss McLean (Dunedin), black trimmed with bright green ribbons; Miss Duthie, cream with green silk sash; Miss Allan, black; and her sister, white; Miss Fairchild, green and pink; and her sister, pale blue; Miss Manning, blue; Miss Fancourt, also pale blue; Miss Sutcliffe, red trimmed with black; Miss Loughnan (Christchurch), a pretty black gown; Miss Griffiths, in a white net gown; Miss Burnett, pink; and her sister, white. A few of the gentlemen were Dr. Whitehead, Dr. Purdy, and Messrs Fitzherbert, Cooper, Knight, Todd, Anson, Ward, Scales, Mowbray, Gardiner, Goldtrey, Gore, Baldwin, and Hector. I regret to say that the ladies suffered at times from a lack of partners, there being more ladies than gentlemen, owing, I believe, to the bad weather keeping several intending guests from town away. I hear rumours of the next subscription ball being a fancy dress affair. We ladies will like this, but I am afraid the sterner sex will not take to it kindly; they never do.

The next day was wretchedly cold and miserable for the Hutt Park Races. It rained in the morning but cleared up about noon, but by that time the ground was thoroughly soaked and this made things very unpleasant. The band tried hard to be cheerful, but their music even seemed to me to be doleful, probably influenced by the dismal surroundings. His Excellency and Lady Glasgow, Miss Hallowes, Capt. Hunter-Blair, Mr Gillington, Capt. Clayton, and Col. Boyle drove out from town, and the Misses Grace, Williams, Cooper, Moorhouse, McLean, and Messrs Duthie, Studholme, Ormond, Walker, Fraser, McLean, Stead, Bidwill, etc., were there, everybody being well wrapped up in coats and furs. We are hoping for better weather next week for the Hunt Club's Meeting.

I will not finish without referring to the sad death of the Rev. Mr Hope in our midst. We are all dreadfully grieved for the poor young widow and her child. Mr Hope had barely been married two years, and died of consumption. He was much beloved by his parishioners at the Hutt.

GONERIL.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE, JULY 13.

At the last 'At Home' of the

CHRISTCHURCH LIEDER CHRANZCHEN

I noticed Mrs (Dr.) Townend looking amiable and sweet as she always does, and with her Miss Violet Wood in an extremely pretty and becoming dress of smoke blue with silver and blue passementerie trimming, hat to match; Mrs C. Cook, dark tweed, black fur boa, black velvet bonnet with orange wing; Mrs R. Snow, dark brown tweed, black velvet and jet bonnet; Mrs G. Roberts, grey diagonal serge with handsome brocade front bordered with lovely brown fur, black velvet jet trimmed mantle, jet bonnet; Mrs Appleby, navy serge, lemon silk vest braided with blue, hat to correspond; Miss Hewitt, pretty grey dress with pink on the neck, hat with feathers; Mr and Mrs Gibbs, Mrs W. D. Meares, Mrs Beamont, Mrs Cowman, Mrs M. Campbell, Mrs Matson, Mrs C. Matson, the Misses Wilson, Mrs Elmslie, Mrs Milliton, Mr F. Anderson, Mrs Godfrey, Mr Hodgson, Mrs Enabling, Mrs Ewen, Mrs Aiken, Mrs A. Cuff, the Misses Cuff and Cullen, Mrs F. Graham, Mrs McHaun, Miss Wright, Miss Marchant, the Misses Heywood, Mrs Hargreaves, Mr and Mrs Barkas, Mr R. Snow, Mrs and Miss Kinsey, Miss Povey, Miss Townsend, Miss Doyley, Mrs Rhind, Miss Tabart, and a good many others.

THE MUSIN CO.

have, as you are doubtless aware, scored a great success in Christchurch. As a whole they are a great treat. Their our struggling, but deserving Musical Society is to share in the profits. Among the number who thronged the Theatre were, Judge and Mrs Bennisten and party, Mrs Julius and two daughters, Mrs Embling, Mr and Mrs Bickerton Fisher, Mr and Mrs Beaumont, Mr and Mrs W. D. Meares, Mr and Mrs Common, Mrs H. Meares, Miss Garrick, Mr and Mrs F. Graham, Miss Graham, Mr Acton-Adams Mr and Mrs G. Roberts, Mrs C. Price, Mr and Miss Newman, Mr and Mrs H. D. Carter, Mr and Mrs Pascoe, Mrs C. C. Bowen and party, Mr and Miss Connal, Mrs M. Campbell, Miss Q. Campbell, Mrs Mathias, Mrs and Miss Worthy, Mrs (Dr.) Hawn, Miss Partridge, Mr and Mrs Appleby, Mrs C. Cook, Mrs (Dr.) Townend, Mr and Mrs F. M. Wallace, Mr and Mrs Wilding, Miss Tabart, Mrs Rhind, Mr C. Turner and the Misses Turner, Miss M. Bell and a great many more. The two boxes were taken, Mrs W. Wilson, Miss Fairhurst, Miss F. Hale, and Messrs V. Hargreaves, Hodgson and Webb occupying one, Mr and Mrs L. Gibbs and Mr, Mrs and Miss Kinsey the other. The night was a most miserable one, the rain came pattering down all the time and the ladies were obliged, almost without exception, to keep on their opera mantles the whole evening.

DOLLY VALE.

TIMARU.

DEAR BEE, JULY 15.

It is a very long time since you have had any news from Timaru. For one thing there has not been much news to send, and, although I have not been quite in the fashion and had 'La Grippe,' still I have not been well, and have been disinclined to join in the few gaieties we have had. One or two pleasant little afternoon teas and one or two small 'musicales' seemed to me to be all there has been to chronicle up to this week.

MRS RAYMOND'S JUVENILE PARTY.

Mrs Raymond, of Rattrasma, gave a very pleasant party to young people. There were a good many older friends present who have not ceased to the amusement of the children till 11 o'clock and then had their own innings, and both children and grown ups seem to have had a very good time indeed.

On the same evening the Timaru gentlemen gave a dinner to Mr Archer, who is removing to Christchurch, with his family. They are very old residents here, and will be greatly missed. Mr Archer's successor, Mr Macbeth, is already in Timaru, but so far, unaccompanied by his family, which I hear is large and includes several grown up sons and daughters, so that I imagine they will be an acquisition when they do come.

ESTELLE.

DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEE, JULY 12.

At the University ball the following were some of the pretty gowns I noticed: Mrs Johnstone looked charming in steel grey silk, with steel trimmings; Mrs Sale, a combination of pale green and pink; Mrs Davidson, grey silk; Mrs Shand, a handsome black silk gown; Mrs Williams looked very well in grey and pink; Miss Mary Williams wore black, relieved with pale green; Miss Nixon, very pretty gown of pale yellow, finished with yellow ribbons; Miss Landels, pale blue silk; Miss L. Mackerras, white merveilleux; Miss B. Scott, white surah with gold trimmings; Miss Ingl s, pale blue trimmed with white swansdown; Mrs Fitchett, scarlet tulle; Mrs Jeffreat, pale yellow with heliotrope ribbons; the Misses Shand wore white; Miss Webster, pale pink silk; Miss Smith, white silk trimmed with chiffon; Miss Ulrich, white; Miss E. Roberts, white silk trimmed with yellow chiffon; Miss R. Reynolds, pale blue and white; Miss Dymock, brown tulle and yellow roses; Miss F. Sise, pale grey and silver; Miss J. Gilkison, black and yellow; Miss A. Dymock, white with handsome silver trimmings; Miss Ziele, very pretty white silk trimmed with chiffon; Miss Fincher, heliotrope lepon; Mrs (Dr.) Roberts, black velvet; Miss L. Salmond, black velveteen; Mrs Ogston, white silk; Mrs Cutten, pale blue.

Among those present

AT THE KAHANGA CLUB

were Mrs H. McKenzie, black silk; Mrs Watson, red silk blouse and black skirt; Mrs Davies, delaine with lace trimmings; Miss Fulton, pale blue cashmere; Miss Roberts, rose coloured silk; Mrs Rose, dark blue with astrachan trimmings; Miss Gaulter, pretty dress of bright red with chiffon; Mrs Meiklond, old rose silk with white yoke and sleeves. Also present were Mesdames Pim, McLaren, Turton, Michie, Gaulter, Hosking, McKenzie, H. McNeil, Misses Webster, Cargills, Reynolds, Roberts, Butterworth, Maitland, Fulton, Gilkison, Rattray, Sise, Neill, etc.

Mrs W. G. Neill gave

AN AFTERNOON TEA FOR GIRLS,

among whom were the Misses Reynolds, Stephenson, Spence, Dymock, Gilkison, Driver, Mills, Roberts, Martin, Butterworth, and many more.

MRS BOYD'S KETTLEDRUM.

Mrs Boyd gave another very large afternoon tea. There were quite sixty present. Mrs Ross and Miss Marshall sang 'O Wert Thou in the Cold Blast;' Mrs Mills contributed 'Home, Dearie, Home;' Miss McLaren and Miss Gaulter entertained the guests with a clever dialogue, Miss Gaulter taking the part of an old Scotch Woman, Miss McLaren being an English Lady. Amongst those present were Mesdames Mills, McKenzie, Rattray, Morris, Hidings, Garrett, Ashcroft, Sise, and the Misses Reynolds, Garrett, Gaulter, Rattray, Gilkison, Butterworth, Williams, and many others.

CITY HALL CONCERT.

A very good concert was given in the City Hall in connection with St. John's, Roslyn. Among the lady vocalists was Mrs H. Rose, who wore black merveilleux with a deep flounce of black lace, the corsage cut low. Miss Rose Blaney looked pretty in a cream pongee silk flowered with pale blue; Miss Murphy, who made her first appearance since her return from Sydney, looked very nice in brown velvet with bead trimmings; Mrs Rennie looked charming in a demi trained black velvet gown, the low cut bodice being trimmed with white chiffon; Miss West, who presided at the piano during the evening, wore a robe of green velvet.

MAUDE.

NELSON.

DEAR BEE, JULY 11.

I have given you a description in 'Topics' of the jolly evening we spent at Cable Bay. Among some of those present were, Mr and Mrs Percy Adams, Mr and Mrs Browning, Mr and Mrs Wood, Mrs Leggatt, Mr and Mrs J. Wood, Mrs J. Sharp, Mrs Mackay, Misses Oldham, Pitt, Jones, Mackay, Broad, Wood, Heaps, Watson, Airy, and Messrs Harden, Wither, Fox, Pearnie, Broad, Atkinson, James, Moore, Leggatt, Pitt, Heaps, Allen and Green.

Last Wednesday we spent a pleasant time at Mrs Mackay's, when she gave a small dance. I noticed there Mesdames Percy Adams, J. Sharp, Bunny, Misses Huddlestone, Jones, Scaly, Preshaw, McDonald, Godfrey, Edwards, and Messrs Harden, Fox, Garrett, Duncan, Graves, Bake, Wither, Macdonald, and Marshall. There were no new dresses worn, so I will not describe the different gowns present.

Mrs Ledger is giving a children's fancy dress ball next Friday, so there is immense excitement among the small fry at present. I hope I shall be able to get a glimpse of some of the little costumes, as I hear rumours of several pretty ones which are to grace the occasion.

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