

the Misses Price wore daintily white-gauged silk frocks with angel sleeves and lace on corsage; Miss Marsden, black velvet gown with cream fichu and chain of golden satin ribbon; the Misses Brington wore white tuckered silk costumes; Miss Florrie Seapen, the wee violiniste, wore a pretty white silk smocked with pale blue silk; Miss Towsey, white satin, the skirt made with a hip yoke formed with embroidered medallions, flou of chiffon on corsage and spray of pink roses; Mrs Barnicot wore a pale pink gown veiled with champagne net and medallions, pale blue opera coat of sun-ray-pleated crepe de chine, with champagne insertion; Miss Barnicot, white silk frock, with zouave of Oriental embroidery, blue and white striped silk sash, Brussels net sleeves banded with gauged chiffon; Miss P. Barnicot, white silk with turquoise blue silk sash and bow of same in coiffure; Mrs J. C. Greenwood, white silk blouse with pink floral pattern and lace, black silk skirt; Miss Tennant, black and white evening frock with berthe of lace; Mrs Patule Izett, white gauged silk blouse, black skirt; Miss McNeill wore a white silk with pale green chiffon fichu; Mrs Colin Campbell, black silk with overskirt of black net, corsage profusely trimmed with green sequins; Mrs Justin Aylmer (Wellington) wore a smart frock of pale pink silk with lace and chiffon trimmings; Miss Alexander, black silk costume, pale turquoise, blue silk gloves covered with black lace; Miss Moore, striped silk blouse of black and crimson, with champagne lace yoke, black silk skirt; Mrs Tennard wore a cream silk blouse with yoke and bands of champagne insertion, black satin skirt; Mrs Pilgrim, white silk with blue floral pattern, and bands of plain blue silk edging, collarette, white opera cloak with white fur and pale blue satin collar; Mrs A. E. Kitchen wore a smart blouse of gauged white silk with frill of fine cream lace, black crepe de chine skirt with black embroidery; Mrs Greig, black silk costume and beautiful collar of cream lace on corsage; Miss S. Greig, white gauged silk frock, yoke of white lace, and butterfly bow in coiffure; Miss J. Stewart, cream silk blouse with heliotrope floral pattern, black silk skirt; Mrs Sarjeant, old rose glaze silk blouse with Maltese lace yoke and on sleeves, banded with black velvet ribbon, black silk skirt with gauged frill; Mrs Newcombe wore a black silk with cream lace; Mrs Landius, coffee jacket of white with shaded chain, black voile skirt; Mrs Craig, pale pink silk blouse with insertion and lace, black satin skirt; Miss Brewer, white tuckered silk blouse with tucks and bands of insertion, black voile skirt; Mrs John Stevenson, white silk blouse gauged and made with deep pointed collar, black silk skirt; Miss Rawson, wore a becoming black sun-ray, pleated chiffon gown banded with champagne insertion; Mrs Blundell, pale pink silk blouse with tiny tucks and pink and blue Oriental embroidery, black silk skirt; Mrs Pilgrim, pink silk blouse with yoke and bands of Brussels lace, black voile skirt; Miss Brabant, pale blue silk blouse trimmed with fine insertion, black silk skirt; Mrs C. Millward, pale grey and blue spotted silk blouse with bands of lace, black satin skirt; Mrs F. Millward wore a turquoise blue flowered blouse, black skirt; Miss Javline, black and white evening gown, and a pale grey coat with bands of white cloth; Mrs Heywood, black silk costume with jet and flou of chiffon on corsage; Mrs Brookfield, pale grey tuckered gown, long grey cloth coat banded with heliotrope; Mrs Marsden wore a black velvet costume; Miss H. Burdell, white tuckered silk blouse with insertion, black skirt; Miss Ida Stevenson, pale blue silk blouse trimmed with lace, black voile skirt; Miss Gibbons wore a tuckered white silk blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Elsie Gibbons, a gauged white silk frock; Miss Willie (Auckland), pale pink evening gown. There were also present Mrs. Hatherley and Wall, Messrs. J. G. Woon, Cohen, Heywood, Sergeant, H. Stevenson, J. Stevenson, Dickoy (Auckland), Stewart, Andrews, Peck, C. Campbell, Pattle, Teztt, Money, Jones, McNeil, James Stevenson, Glue Martin, Smith, Rice.

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WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,  
 October 21.  
 An astonishing amount of gaiety has been crammed into the last week. Dances have been frequent, and, of

course, the Government House fete has monopolised three days and two nights. A hour of very little going on next week, and I am sure we shall need the rest, as such a gay period has not been known this session. The weather was not very good for the fete, but it improved for the races. Thursday.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE RACES.

was gloriously fine, but many people stayed away as the racecourse railway was destroyed in the gale. Buses and brakes were in readiness at the Hutt station to convey passengers to the course, but there was inevitably rather a scramble to get seats. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Plunket drove out. They were attended by the Hon. M. Bingham, and Captain Braithwaite and Mr Waterford were also present. Lady Plunket wore champagne cloth, with motifs and ruffles of tinted lace, white toque, furs and long brown coat; Miss Harcourt was in white voile, smartly made, and a floral hat; Mrs W. Johnston, black cloth elaborately inserted with white and bordered with fringe, black and white toque with pink roses; Mrs D. Nathan, pretty crepe de chine, much embroidered, military coat of red and blue, and large brown hat swathed with tulle; Mrs W. Moorhouse, black tailor-made, with white collar applied with black; Miss Dransfield, royal blue canvas and cornflower hat; Miss Grace, brown cloth with vest and ruffles of Alencon lace; Mrs. Michie, champagne, voile and black hat with plumes; Mrs Rawson, grey canvas, with jabot of lace, black and white hat; Miss Rawson, white cloth and red hat; Mrs Kember, reds canvas and floral hat; Mrs Pearce, white cloth and picture hat; Mrs Riddiford, mole cloth and toque with roses; Mrs Lindsay, smart voile with touches of blue and a hat of chiffon and lace; Mrs Turnbull, white canvas, and blue hat; Mrs Crawford, champagne voile and picture hat.

Mrs Riddiford, of the Hutt, gave

AN EXCEPTIONALLY SUCCESSFUL DANCE

on Monday evening. Mrs Riddiford wore a lovely dress of rich velvet with a berthe of handsome lace; Mrs Lindsay, in whose honour the dance was given, was wearing her exquisite bridal gown of ivory satin, draped with Lincoln lace. All her bridesmaids, Misses Wilford, Hewitt (Palmerston), Riddiford (3), were there in their dainty frocks of white and pale blue. The rooms were decorated with masses of rhododendrons and azaleas in varying shades of pink, the supper tables were done with pink flowers, and the electric lights were softly shaded with rose colour. The Hon. Kathleen Plunket wore black tulle, with a jetted berthe and deep draped belt; Miss Higginson, pale green crepe de chine; Miss Harcourt, pale blue satin; her sister was in cream brocade; Miss Brandon, black taffetas; Miss Fell, white satin; Mrs Pearce, amber satin; Miss Fitzgerald, ivory taffetas; Mrs Duncin, sea-green chiffon; Miss Williams, ivory crepe de chine; Miss Williams, palest blue satin; Miss Lee, white silk veiled in net; Miss Coleridge, black taffetas; Miss Fitzherbert, white and pale blue glaze; Miss Hector, white merveilleux.

On the same date Mrs Fulton gave one of those

ENJOYABLE LITTLE EVENINGS.

which begin with theatricals and end up with a dance. The play was the "Moosecap," and the leading parts were taken by Mr and Mrs Abraham Ross, aided by Misses Tuohurst, Edwin, Fulton, and Stafford. Mrs Ross was splendid as the heroine, and looked very well in a grey fustian, inserted with lace and piped with orange velvet; Miss Stafford looked well in ivory voile and lace, with a yellow sash and orange roses in her champagne hat; Miss Edwin had a pretty pale blue eoliane with a chine sash, and her big black velvet hat had long tulle strings; Miss Fulton was in a dainty pink French muslin and a large white picture hat with plumes. The audience was very appreciative, and applauded enthusiastically. All the performers were recalled, and Mrs Ross was presented with a bouquet. A short concert was also given, after which the room was cleared for dancing while the guests were at supper. Mrs. Fulton wore a beautiful dress of champagne chiffon and lace, embroidered in mauve and green; Miss Fulton was in white satin.

Later on in the week

A JOLLY LITTLE DANCE

was given by Mrs Brown for her guest, Miss Claudia Foote. Professor and Mrs Brown have recently moved into their new house in Aurora-terrace, which is most artistically designed and furnished. The dance was small, and there was a pleasant preponderance of men. Mrs Brown wore cream satin, embroidered with silver and crystal; Miss Foote was in white and pale blue. Among those present were Mrs Wright, Mrs Hunt, and Misses Harcourt, Coleridge, Fitzgerald, Higginson, Brandon, Fell, Hislop, Grace, Johnston, Fitzgerald.

FETE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

After a vexatious delay on account of the weather, the long-expected fete at Government House in aid of the Veterans' Home has successfully eventuated. The financial result was a little disappointing, but there have been many calls for charity lately, and this particular object is not one which appeals irresistibly to a Wellington public. The sum realised was £720, but out of that the expenses, which were unavoidably heavy, have to come. The Governor and Lady Plunket and their staff were indefatigable in their efforts, and they were ably backed up by many helpers. Never before has there been such a galaxy of talent known in viceregal circles in Wellington. Nothing seemed to come amiss, from hat trimming, sweet-making, and poster designing, to general organisation. The elaborate programme was one of the witty and smartest things ever written in Wellington, and there is much conjecture as to the clever author. The Government House grounds presented a very picturesque appearance. Everywhere there was amusement and enjoyment. Many people spent a shilling for an energetic five minutes with a wooden spade in the endeavour to find the treasure. Among those who discovered it were Mr Alger Williams, who dug up a £5 disc, and Miss R. Williams, who found two discs for £1 each. Other lucky people at the fete were Dr. Parry, who won a diamond and emerald nar-

quis ring in a raffie; Mr Louis Pharaaym (a gold granny chain), and Mr Gollan (solid silver tea service). Lady Plunket's arts and crafts stall contained a large selection of quaint and beautiful things, pottery, needlework, and metal-work, together with a goodly number of beautifully-bound books. Miss Coates was helping to sell. The Hon. Kathleen Plunket, Mrs Ross, Mrs A. Crawford were in charge of the hat stalls, and Mesdames Pearce, Tweed, and Wilford had a pretty tent of flowers and pot plants. Dr. Arnold Izard was indefatigable in running the living Aunt Sally, who grew blasé, and refused to duck unless a man was aiming. Retribution overtook him when a well-known society lady got in a shot which landed on one eyebrow, and speedily converted him into a very gory object, who had to be bandaged up and led away, a sadder and a wiser man. Once was more than enough for those who visited the Hon. A. Bingham's haunted chamber, and it was amusing to hear their endeavours to induce other people to venture. An overwhelming number of entries turned up for the baby show, and the judges Mrs J. C. Williams, Dr. Hislop, and Lady Plunket's head nurse, quailed at the idea of deciding on the best-behaved and the most suitably-dressed children. There was a most democratic assortment of infants, ranging from the Hon. Brinsley Plunket, who was marked "For exhibition only," downwards. An indescribable melee of parents and offspring was gradually sorted on the weight-for-age system, and the prize winners, three little boys, were presented with silver mugs in red satin bags. Two special prizes were awarded to two sets of twins. The much-talked-of hat-trimming competition for men only was won by Mr Guy Williams. It was wonderful what miracles of millinery were achieved by fingers more accustomed to grasping a golf club or a polo stick than an insignificant needle. The prize hat itself was run very close by several others. Mr Butler's and Mr Ritchie's both being very highly commended. Baudouin and head linings did not daunt the artists,

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