

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

Dear Dee, August 2.  
Last Tuesday evening Mrs Denniston and her daughters gave a

**BRIDGE PARTY**

at their residence in Durham-street, the prize, a pretty china bowl, being won by Miss Dorothy Moore. Mrs Denniston wore a handsome black dress. Miss Denniston was unfortunately unable to be present, owing to a slight attack of pleurisy. Miss Helen Denniston wore a becoming toilette of white and pale green ribbons. Among the guests, who numbered about thirty, were Mrs George Gould, Mrs J. D. Hall, Mrs Henry Wood, Mrs J. C. Palmer, Mrs Wardrop, Mrs T. Cowlishaw, Mrs Sealey, Mrs Cooper, the Misses Cook, Reeves, Wilson, Campbell, Murray-Aynsley, Williams, Denniston (Dunedin), Symes, Ensor, Russell, Stead, Moore, IBI, Cocks, Joachim (Dunedin), Humphreys, Mears, Peache, Wilkin, and Hocken (Dunedin). Play was extremely animated and interesting. A daintily served supper brought the evening to a close. Mrs Cooper was the winner of the second prize.

On the following evening Mrs Gower Burns and her daughters gave

**A MUSICAL AT HOME**

in honour of Miss Constance Peache, who is staying with them. Mrs Burns and Miss Fox sang, and the Misses Cook played a piano and violin duet. Then came a delightful game called "Musical Consequences." A story was sketched by means of well-known melodies and tunes, and a prize was given to whoever first correctly guessed the story and gave the names of the hero and heroine. The prize, a pretty vase, was won by Miss Noel Stead. The evening wound up with a dance in the hall. The supper-table was beautifully decorated with bowls of Christmas roses, small pot palms, and deep crimson candle shades. Mrs Burns wore a black sequined toilette; Miss Burns, looked well in pale blue crepe de chine with forget-me-nots; Miss Nellie Burns wore a dainty white muslin with touches of pale pink; Miss Peache, a lovely gown of pale blue crepe de chine with cream lace and pink roses. Amongst those present were Mrs J. C. Palmer, Misses Molineaux, Deans, Humphreys, Stead, Gosset, Moore, Cook, Merton, M. Fox, Y. Campbell, H. Macdonald, M. Anderson, Boyle, Wilkin, Joachim (Dunedin), and Julius; Messrs. Stead (2), Cook (2), Lichfield, Deans, Hazeldean, Vernon, Goukl, Templer, Walter Moore, Lance Moore, Fox, Nancarrow, Loughnan (2), Jameson, Potts, Anderson, F. Wilding, E. Moorhouse, Henniker, Aitken, and Starkey.

The same evening Mrs Michael Campbell (Aynsley), entertained a number of her friends at an enjoyable

**BRIDGE PARTY.**

Among the guests were Mr and Mrs Wood, Mr and Mrs H. Loughnan, Mrs Westmacott, Miss Denniston, Miss Nancarrow, Mr and Mrs Poulton, Mr Ollivier, and Mr Nancarrow.

Miss Wilkin (Fendalton) gave  
**A SMALL DINNER PARTY**

last week. The guests were Miss Humphreys, Miss Burns, Miss Deans, Miss Campbell, Messrs. Harper, Deans, Neave, and Nancarrow.

**THE CHRISTCHURCH HUNT CLUB**

held their annual point-to-point steeplechase at Templeton. The day, unfortunately, proved showery. However, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. The race was started from Mr Witty's and finished at Lawford, where Mr and Miss Smith hospitably entertained the visitors at afternoon tea. A very handsome cup, given by Mr C. Palaret, was presented to Mr R. Acton-Adams, the owner of the winning horse, Wild Bill. Great sympathy was felt for Mr J. C. N. Grigg, whose beautiful horse, Gillie, dropped dead at the finish of the race. Among those riding I noticed Misses Gerard and Rutherford, Messrs. P. Acton-Adams, D. Murchison, Westerra, H. Lance, A. E. G. Rhodes; and driving were Mr and Mrs J. D. Hall, Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Mrs George Rhodes, Mr Fraser-Tyler, Mr and Mrs J. H. Bond, Messrs. R. Neave, Acton-Adams, Symonds, Starkey, J. C. Wilson, and J. C. N. Grigg.

**THE CHRISTCHURCH HOUNDS**

met at Dromore, and enjoyed a capital day's hunting, though the dampness of the ground rather spoilt the scent. The visitors included Miss Gerard, Miss Rutherford, Messrs. Neave (2), Montgomery, and Gerard. Others out were Mrs Branigan, Miss P. Buchanan, Messrs. Roberts, Bonifant, Bruce, McLeod, and Williamson. Driving were Mrs Nairn, Mrs Williamson, Messrs. Upton, Grigg, and Standish.

**THE CHRIST'S COLLEGE RIFLES' BALL**

took place on Friday night at the Art Gallery, and proved most enjoyable and successful. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Snow, handsomely gowned in black, relieved with white lace; Miss L. Wilson, pretty white silk and pink flowers; Miss E. Wilson white net over pink silk, yellow flowers; Miss Way, black lace and pink roses; Mrs. C. Cooper, black satin, relieved with pale blue; Mrs. Appleby, pink satin gown, Honiton lace berthe; Miss Merton, blue silk and white lace; Miss Myra Bruce, white silk and violets; Mrs. Staveley, black satin; Miss Burns, white lace over silk; Miss Croxton, pink, trimmed with pink roses; Miss Barker, blue silk, and red poppies; Miss Inglis (Dunedin), embroidered chiffon; Miss McOwen, white lace; Miss J. McOwen, blue silk and chiffon; Miss Guthrie, cream lace over silk, pale pink flowers; Miss Graham, white satin; Miss Garrick, cream silk, pink and blue trimming; Miss Freda Brett, pale green voile; Miss Snow, white silk; Miss Arrowsmith (debutante), white silk and chiffon; Miss Williams, black satin and red roses; Miss Holmes, a lovely gown of pale green crepe de chine, pale holo-trope belt and flowers; Miss Meredith-Kaye, pale blue voile and lace; Miss Middleton, black crepe de chine, red sash and poppies; Miss MacBeth, white silk and pink roses; Miss Snythe, white silk and chiffon; Miss Collins, black voile trimmed with black and white embroidered chiffon; Miss Pender, white silk; Miss

Morris, cream satin and roses; Miss Garrick (Fiji), white voile; Miss Staveley, pale blue silk and violets; Major Snow, Colonel Day, Captain Richardson, Lieutenant Snythe, Dr. Anderson, Messrs. Stead, Moore, Potts, Guthrie, Appleby, Polhill, Beadle, Acton-Adams, Fox, Fuller, Howar, Tribe, Van Asch, White, Ollivier and Wheeler.

**THE CANTERBURY ROWING CLUB'S ENTERTAINMENT**

on Wednesday night was a most successful affair. It opened with a musical medley, "Around the Camp Fire." The dialogue was written by L. Comerford and Percy Budd, and songs and choruses were arranged by R. Hobbs. The scene, a camp with soldiers lounging about. Mr. Sackling sang "The Deathless Army," Mr. C. Hobbs "Soldier Jim," Mrs. E. Comerford "Maudslay," Mr. Morrison gave a recitation, "Mrs. Brown on the Army," Mr. Hobbs "O' Pickett's Nell," Mr. Harper "The Sleeping Camp." This was followed by "Meadowweet," a comedy in one act, which was very cleverly performed by Mr. Percy Budd, Mr. C. Hobbs, Mr. G. N. Watson, Mr. L. Comerford, Miss Francis and Miss Marriot-Watson. These two ladies were the only outsiders assisting. Otherwise all the performers were club members. Next came "Hugger Muggor," a most amusing farce in one act. A delicious supper was served in the large boathouse, while the billiard-room was being arranged for the dance. I forgot to mention that the captain of the club, Mr. Frank Cowlishaw, made a very happy little opening speech, welcoming the guests, among whom were: Mrs. F. Cowlishaw, in white voile and lace; Mrs. H. C. M. Watson, black, relieved with white; Mrs. Fairhurst, black satin and scarlet flowers; Mrs. MacBeth, cream voile, elaborately trimmed with deep lace and insertions; Miss Snythe, pink silk; Miss Frankish, pale blue; Miss E. Wilson, black voile; Miss MacBeth, white silk; Miss Olive Fisher, red and black; Miss Duncan, white silk and lace; Miss Guthrie, pink floral muslin and cream lace; Miss Daisy Wright, white silk, pink roses; Miss Francis, white crepe de chine; Mrs. Marriot-Watson, pale blue and white chiffon; Miss Milson, white silk and net.

The officers and members of the Scottish Rifle Corps gave

**A SOCIAL**

on Tuesday evening to the ladies who had assisted at the military bazaar here a short time ago. It took place in the Scottish Society's new rooms, and began with progressive euchre, and finished up with a very pleasant dance. The guests were received by Captain and Mrs. Stewart,

and among the many persons present were: Lieutenant and Mrs. Stevenson, Lieutenant Burns, Mrs. Gower-Burns, the Misses Burns, Miss Peache, Major and Mrs. Snow, Colonel and Mrs. Smith, Captain Meddlings, Dr. J. Thomas, the Misses Thomas. The trophies won for shooting were presented to the fortunate winners, and a very nice supper was handed round.

At Shirley the first round of the ladies' gulf championship was played on Wednesday, and the second on Thursday. There were very few entries for the first grade. Miss Wilson, last year's champion, who was expected from the excellence of her play to be well up in the finals, suffered defeat in the first round by Miss Campbell after a hard fight. Only two players are now left in Miss Noel Stead and Miss Nora Campbell, who play off the final entry in the week. An exciting game is anticipated. In the second grade there are still three more rounds to be played, the players left in being Mrs. Henry Wood, Miss Helen Denniston, Mrs. Kettle, Miss Heather Campbell, and Miss Kettle. At Jagley links the finals for the handicap tournament for Mrs Murray-Aynsley's prize were played this week the last game being a very close one. Miss Wilson beat Mrs. Boyle by a single stroke on the last green.

**COMING EVENTS.**

The ball in aid of Nurse Maud's consumptive home will be held on August 17. It is being got up by 24 ladies—12 married and 12 single—and will undoubtedly be a brilliant affair. I hear that Lord and Lady Plunket have promised to attend.

They have also accepted the invitation of the management of the military circus to witness their opening performance on August 14. The interest in this military circus is very great. There is no doubt that the circus will be a great success, and one of the most popular entertainments during Grand National week.

The Musical Union's orchestral concert will be given in Canterbury Hall to-morrow evening. Dr. Bradshaw has sufficiently recovered to be able to resume his duties as conductor.

**THE SHAKESPEARE CLUB**

met at the residence of Mrs. Ross, the vice-president, on Monday afternoon, when "The Tempest" was finished. Mrs. Gower Burns charmed the members of the club by singing Ariel's dainty song, "Where the Bee Sucks."

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