

pink roses on corsage; Mrs A. N. Gibbons, cream brocade and lace; Mrs. H. Cooper, white lace over white silk, cross-over bodice of white lace, wide pink silk belt, pink roses on corsage; Mrs V. Keeling, deep cream embroidered net over green silk, green silk belt, large cluster of pink roses; Mrs Slute, a dainty frock of cream silk, with deeper shade of cream lace insertion, touches of blue on bodice; Mrs Moeller, tucked cream silk voile, white accordion-pleated chiffon puffed sleeves, frills of same chiffon on bodice, cluster of pale blue flowers; Mrs F. Cooke, black silk and chiffon; Mrs Paisley, cream with cream lace trimming bodice; Mrs Barnicoat, black silk, cream lace and pink flowers trimming bodice; Mrs Millton, in black with net frills, pink roses on bodice and in hair; Mrs C. Harden, cream voile, deep gauged founce on skirt, white accordion-pleated chiffon on bodice, pink flowers; Mrs Burr, white embroidered muslin, scarlet geraniums on corsage and in hair; Mrs Eliot, grey crepe de chine, bodice veiled in cream lace, touches of grey velvet; Miss Simcox (Otaki), white silk with white lace insertion, cluster of small pink rosebuds; her sister, pale blue silk with white insertion, white chiffon frills edged with pale blue, spray of violet flowers; Miss Warburton, white silk and chiffon, pink flowers; Miss Margaret Waldegrave, cream silk, wide green silk belt; Miss Powell (Wellington), white silk and lace, white flowers in hair; Miss Akers, white silk, large pink rose on corsage; Miss Keeling, black satin, black and silver spangled berthe, black chiffon sleeves; Miss Bell, pale blue satin skirt and bodice, trimmed with ruchings of satin, white lace finishing bodice, forget-me-nots in hair; Miss Gwen Bell, white silk and lace; Miss Dolly Wilson, white satin and chiffon, white and pink floral silk sash, cluster of violets on bodice; Miss Randolph, blue crepe de chine, cream lace insertion and blue accordion-pleated chiffon trimming bodice, pale pink roses; Miss F. Waldegrave, pale blue accordion-pleated silk, Maltese lace berthe; Miss Harden, black silk, black spotted net frills on bodice and sleeves, yellow flowers; Miss Gibbons, black satin, with touches of white on corsage; Miss Alice Reed, white frilled muslin, pale blue silk belt, pale pink and pale blue flowers on corsage and in hair; Miss Armstrong, black satin, with frills of black accordion-pleated chiffon on bodice; Miss Gardner, white spotted net over silk, scarlet silk sash and flowers; Miss Fitzherbert, white muslin and lace; Miss Porter, white muslin, with ruchings of white silk; Miss Lord, white flowered silk, panel of lace on skirt, lace threaded with red velvet ribbon on bodice, red rose in hair; Miss Phyllis Keeling, cream silk and chiffon, cream chiffon rosette in hair; Miss Collins, pale blue silk, cream lace berthe, same lace on sleeves, cluster of forget-me-nots on corsage and in hair; Miss Ethel Collins, cream silk and chiffon lily of the valley on bodice and in hair; Miss Power, black silk and chiffon, pale pink flowers. The men present included: Messrs. Robinson, Gibbons (2), Harden (2), Collins (2), Waldegrave (3), Watson (2), Keeling (2), Fitzherbert, Vaughan, Smith, Bell, McLean, Spencer, Fulton, Reed, Harman, Paisley, Eliot, Beguall, Warburton, Cooke, Hankins, Cooper, Gardner, Simcox, Burr, Wilson, Barraud, Millton, Drs. Putnam and Macintyre, Messrs. Barnicoat, Richter, Hogg.

VIOLET.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, May 25.

That Wellington is an excellent place for raising money is shown by

THE SPLENDID CONTRIBUTIONS

that are being made to the Y.M.C.A. Building Fund. Prominent on the list is the name of Mrs S. A. Rhodes, who is always to the fore when the object is a charitable one. Mrs Rhodes is particularly interested in the St. John Ambulance movement, and the establishment of two district nurses under the auspices of that body is very largely due to her initiative. She spares no time or pains in helping on the scheme, and has contributed very generously to the funds. A vast amount of pain and suffering is relieved by the districts nurses, and I cannot resist putting in a special plea for their work now winter is upon us. Any contributions in money or otherwise would be gratefully acknow-

ledged by the secretary of St. John's Ambulance Nursing Guild.

Now to turn to more frivolous matters, I must tell you of Mrs Montagu Laing's

JOLLY LITTLE DANCE.

The Thorndon Hall is a capital place for a small dance, the floor being specially good. For some years it was the ball-room attached to the residence of the Hon. W. Johnston, and was the scene of many gay parties. On Thursday it was very charmingly decorated with palms and lycopodium, while the supper table was done with chrysanthemums. Mrs Laing wore a smart dress of black chiffon velvet, embroidered with paillettes; Miss Laing was in white cry-stalline and lace, and her younger sister had a black velvet frock and a wide red sash; Mrs Pratt (Manawatu) wore black satin and lace; Miss Fitzgerald, shell pink crepe de chine; Miss Elliott, white taffetas; Miss Wheeler, black taffetas and tucker of ivory chiffon; Miss M. Wheeler, pale green crystalline; Miss Nathan, pale rose mousseline de soie, with narrow volants of white Valenciennes; Miss S. Nathan, white chiffon glaze trimmed with many tiny quillings; Miss Humphrey, white crepe de chine; Miss Marchant, white glaze and pale blue belt; Miss Seddon, black taffetas and lace; Miss Webb, white crepe de chine; Miss Didsbury, white glaze.

Mrs W. Lawson was lucky in having a lovely day for her

AFTERNOON TEA.

Kelburne was at its best, and the view was generally admired. The young hostess received many congratulations on the subject of her husband's new book, which is dedicated to her. Mrs Lawson wore a charming dress of Broderie Anglaise having a three-tier skirt and puffed elbow sleeves; Mrs Ross (Auckland), who is staying with her, had on a smart gown of cream cloth with narrow quillings of glaze; Mrs Willis wore black voile, and a black tulle toque with flowers; Mrs Webb, brown cloth tailor-made; Miss Elliott, red canvas and brown beaver hat; Mrs G. Campbell, amberine cloth and smart toque; Mrs Macarthur, black voile and long fur coat; Miss Seed, blue tailor-made and small floral toque; Mrs Hacon, black canvas with esprit lace vest; Miss MacKellar, black tailor-made with white revers; Mrs J. Lawson, dark green cloth and black hat; Mrs Beere, white voile and floral toque.

ANOTHER TEA AT KELBURNE

was less fortunate in the weather, but the house was so warm and cheerful that the contrast was pleasant. Mrs Hislop made a splendid hostess, and her daughter's musical skill was displayed to advantage in the competition which was keenly contested. It was odd to note the mistakes made by people in naming the most familiar tunes, but two of the guests, Misses Arthur and Henderson, were very successful, and both carried off prizes, one being a silver bonbon dish and the other a dainty gold pin. Mrs Hislop wore black glaze with panels of lace; Miss Hislop's dress was of white voile, and her sister was in white muslin.

CHILDREN

are having a gay time at present, and quite a number of parties are being given for them. Mrs Stott entertained a number of little girls last week, and now Mrs T. Young is giving a party for her small boys.

MUSICAL PEOPLE

have been well catered for lately, and at present they are reveling in the joy of hearing organ recitals by Mr Lomate. The fine organ is displayed to great advantage, and it is wonderful what it can do when called upon. Long as the recitals are, they are all too short for the audiences which fill every part of the big hall. I have noticed among the people present Mr and Mrs Parker, Mr and Mrs Furling, Mr and Mrs Cochemaille, Mr. Mrs and Miss Dean, Mrs and the Misses Quick, Captain and Mrs Rose, Mr Kennedy, and the Misses Kennedy, Mr and Mrs Spott, Mrs Coleridge, Mrs and Miss Tolhurst, Mr and Mrs Young, Mr Hislop, and Miss Hislop, Mr and Mrs Macdonald, Mrs and Misses Nathan, Mr and Miss Fraser, Mr Barnett, and Mr and Mrs Loughnan.

OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, May 23.  
The Canterbury Rowing Club's

ANNUAL BALL.

took place in the Art Gallery on Wednesday night. The decorations were exceedingly artistic and appropriate. The chaperons were Mrs. Frank Cowlishaw and Mrs. Norman McBeth. Mrs. Cowlishaw wore a charming gown of pale pink crepe de chine, trimmed with dainty cream lace; Mrs. McBeth, black point d'esprit net over black satin, bertha of Limerick lace. Others present were: Mrs. Steele, in white silk and chiffon; Mrs. Symes, pale grey satin, covered with white lace flounces, and beaver fur; Miss Symes, bright pink satin and chiffon, dark red roses; Mrs. Guy Ronalds, heliotrope crepe de chine, with panel of lace frills, the corsage trimmed with tiny red roses; Miss Chapman, pale blue silk, with touches of darker blue and pale pink velver; Miss Steele, cream lace over pale blue silk, wreath of pale blue flowers; Miss Young (debutante) wore a pretty frock of white net and lace; Miss E. Croxton, pale green silk, trimmed with velvet of a darker shade; Dr. Edith Brown, black crepe de chine and sequins; Miss Way, white crepe de chine and lace; Miss Bloxam, white silk, with insertions of lace, red flowers; Miss May Townsend, black tulle silk, relieved with white lace; Miss Hadfield, cream chiffon over silk; Miss Garrick wore black silk and chiffon; Miss Myra Bruce, white spotted net over pink silk; Mrs. Gorton, black silk and white lace; Miss Middleton, black crepe de chine and lace, red flowers; Miss Francis, yellow Japanese silk and lace; Miss Croxton, white lace dress, with motifs of heliotrope; Miss Collins, blue mousseline de soie and Valenciennes lace; Miss Synthe, white silk with touches of pale blue; Miss N. Guthrie, pale blue crepe de chine, with insertions of cream lace, sash of pale pink floral silk; Miss Harris, dress of white taffetas and chiffon; Miss A. Cholmondeley, pale blue silk, made with many little frills edged with narrow black lace; Miss Allan, black satin, relieved with white lace; Miss Thorpe (Lytelton), white lace over satin; Miss Jones (Rangiora), white silk; Miss McBeth, soft cream silk and chiffon; Miss Martin, white satin; Miss E. Martin, cream satin and chiffon; Miss Devenish Mears, white Mull muslin, trimmed with lace and insertions; Mrs. R. Lake, white crepe de chine, with bertha of white lace; Miss Kettle, white chiffon taffetas, with touches of pale green; Miss G. Merton, pink floral silk, trimmed with pink of a deeper shade; Miss Louison, frock of pink taffetas and cream lace; the Misses Barnett (2) wore white muslin and lace; Miss Bain, white crepe de chine; Miss Partridge, pale blue crepe de chine. Amongst the men were: Messrs. Cowlishaw, McBeth, Morrison, Hawkins, Brown, Bloxam, Martin, Kitson, Guthrie, Styche, Little, Comertford, Townsend, Hobbs, Griffen, and Ensor.

A GIRLS' AFTERNOON TEA

was given on Tuesday by the Misses Denniston (Armagh-street) in honour of Miss Woodhouse, of Dunedin, who is staying with them. Mrs. Denniston wore a pretty dress of black and white check taffetas, with vest of cream lace. Miss Denniston wore a figured muslin of mauve and white; Miss Helen Denniston, pale pink and white muslin; Miss Woodhouse wore a costume of brown cloth, faced with brown velvet; Miss Stead, navy blue cloth, and sabbie toque; Miss Thomas, grey coat and skirt, mauve hat; Miss B. Julius wore navy blue cloth and violet toque; the Misses Burns, cream cloth gowns with dark hats; Miss Wilson, navy blue serge and cream hat with touches of brown; Miss Merton, sage green cloth and black hat; Miss G. Merton, pale blue frock, whittors; Miss Symes, brown costume and squirrel furs; Miss Bullock, smart blue gown with tartan facings, royal blue hat; Miss Bowen wore blue, with hat to match; Miss Murray-Aynsley wore brown; Miss Bridges, dark blue costume, black hat with touches of pale blue; Miss Medley (Wellington) wore dark blue; Miss Secretan, brown tweed costume, with fawn and red hat; Miss N. Reeves, dark blue costume, red hat; Miss Muriel Anderson, grey coat and skirt, grey hat with feathers; Miss D. Steele, red cloth, velvet toque to match; Mrs. Russell (England), smart cream cloth coat and skirt, brown toque. Others present were: The Misses Price, Meredith-Kaye, Louison, Neave, Bennett, Cook, Newton, Maling, Orbell,

Mears, Moore (2), Harley, Poulton, Macdonald, Bonnie, Izard, Edhunter, Henderson, Elmley, and Mendelsohn (Timaru).

BRIDGE PARTIES.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Wardrop (Herford-street) gave a bridge party in honour of Miss Lindo Ferguson (Dunedin). The players were: Mrs Wigram, Mrs Wilder, Mrs Boyle, Mrs and Miss Kettle, the Misses H. Denniston, Woodhouse (Dunedin), Symes, Reeves, and Murray-Aynsley.

Mrs. Stephenson gave a bridge party at her house in Webb street (Merivale) on the same evening. Her guests were: Mrs Henry Wood, Mrs H. Loughnan, Mrs Irving, Mrs Maude, Miss Nedwill and Miss Denniston.

Dr. Alice Moorhouse (Worcester-street) gave a bridge party on Thursday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Loughnan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Day, Miss Howell, Miss Peter, Miss Nedwill, Messrs. Moorhouse and Tollunter, Drs. B. Moorhouse and Bell.

Mrs. Wigram, whose party was given in honour of her guest, Mrs Lindo Ferguson, entertained Mrs. G. Gould, Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Beswick, Mrs. Kettle, the Misses Murray-Aynsley, Denniston, Woodhouse, Symes, Kettle, and Reeves.

Mrs. H. H. Loughnan (Avon-side) held an afternoon bridge party on Wednesday, the guests being: Mrs Glover Burns, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs. and Miss Jessie Wilkin, Mrs and Miss Campbell, Mrs Kirkpatrick, Mrs Irving, Miss Poulton, Mrs Namarrow, Mrs Leonard Clark, Miss Helmore, Mrs Richardson, Miss Tabart, Mrs Henry Wood, Mrs Day.

GOLF.

On Friday the ladies' medal match was played at Shirley Links. There were a large number of competitors. Mrs Pyne and Miss Rita Wilson came equal in the first grade, and Miss Freda Moore in the second.

Mixed foursomes against Borey were played on the Shirley Links on Saturday, the winners being Miss R. Anderson and Mr. Borthwick.

It has been decided that the New Zealand Ladies' Golf Tournament shall be played on the Shirley Links during the week following the Grand National races. The men's championship will be played a fortnight later.

DOLLY VALE.

The "Lancet" has something to say of the injurious effects of inhaling tobacco smoke in a railway carriage which is inadequately ventilated:—"The poisonous effects of tobacco smoking are most marked when the smoke is inhaled or when it is brought into intimate contact with the lung cells and conveyed directly into the blood. The cigarette-smoker who 'swallows the smoke,' as it is often said, deliberately exposes himself to the risk of unmistakably poisonous symptoms, as are manifested in palpitation of the heart, dyspeptic disturbances, impairment of vision, headache, breathlessness, malaise, and so on, and precisely the same risk is run by those who remain long in a carriage which is practically always full of smoke for the want of efficient means of ventilation." Indeed, the "Lancet" asserts, the risk in the latter case is greater, "because not only is the smoke drawn from the tobacco inhaled, but that escaping from the bowl of the pipe or from the lighted end of the cigarette or cigar is inhaled also."

It is well known, the journal goes on to say, that the smoke of smouldering tobacco has very powerful physiological effects:—"Amongst the highly toxic products occurring freely in the tobacco-smoke is carbon monoxide, which has disastrous effects upon the oxygen-carrying power of the blood. Smokers in the railway carriage should guard themselves against the evils of inhaled smoke by agreeing to give the smoke an outlet by opening or partly opening the window—that is to say, if the ventilating arrangements provided prove to be useless, as is nearly always the case. The smoker, who is jealous of his health, enjoys smoking without having recourse to inhaling the smoke, and he should see that his care to avoid the dangerous process of directly inhaling tobacco smoke is not defeated by smoking in a smoke-contaminated atmosphere which is practically never changed." For the same reason, it is pointed out, the smoking-concert is an institution not free from danger, and is a very frequent source of disturbance to health.