

NAPIER.

The much postponed

FANCY DRESS AND POSTER BALL

In aid of the Veterans' Home was held last week in the Drill Hall, Hastings. The building was hung with flags and floral decorations, and the floor was in splendid condition. The fancy costumes lent a brilliant aspect to the scene. The result of the sets competition was decided by ballot, the Empire being 1st, Oriental 2nd, Blackbirds 3rd. Amongst those present in fancy dress I noticed: Mrs. Roach, who looked very well as Lady Surrey; Mrs. Braithwaite, Queen of Hearts; Mrs. R. Rathbone, Pierette; Mrs. Lewis, 18th Century; Mrs. Barcroft, Powder and Patches; Mrs. E. Clarkson, Marie Antoinette; Mrs. Newbigen, Miss Ivory, from Quality-street; Mrs. Hankins, French Dancer; Mrs. Bennett, Starlight; Mrs. C. L. Mackersey, Autumn; Mrs. S. H. Williams, Powder and Patches; Mrs. J. Brandon, Gainsborough Lady; Mrs. E. Basil Jones, Duchess of Devonshire; Mrs. A. Reid, Lady Ursula; Mrs. A. L. D. Fraser, was splendid as a Maori woman; Mrs. W. F. Stratton, Duchess of Devonshire; Mrs. Halse, Old English Waiting Maid; Mrs. Rotchford, English Dancer; Mrs. Castlewood, Night; Mrs. J. D. A'Deane, Mary Queen of Scots; Mrs. J. Pattison, French Fishwife; Mrs. L. H. McHardy was much admired in Court costume; Mrs. J. J. Faulkner, Gainsborough Lady; Mrs. Gilbertson, Powder and Patches; Mrs. Mackie, Night; Miss Danvers, Maid of Athens; Miss Fitzroy, A Copy of Blair Leighton's Picture; Miss Barcroft, Turkish Lady; Miss Rutherford, Juliet; Miss Clarkson, Queen of Hearts; Miss Murdoch, Puritan Maiden; Miss Hobbs, Hospital Nurse; Miss O'Neil, Mary, Quite Contrary; Miss Ebbett, Spanish Dancer; Miss Pardoe, Japanese; Miss Margoliouth, Spanish Maid; Miss Couper, My Great Grandmother; Miss Douglas, Maggie; Miss Smale, Folly; Miss Dorothy Rainbow, Turkish Lady; Miss Beatson, Forget-me-not; Miss Ramsden, Military Nurse; Miss Peebles, Maid of the Mill; Miss Johnstone, Lilac Sun Bonnet; Miss Freeman, Carnival; Miss Maude Williams, Dresden Shepherdess; Miss Nation, Egyptian; Miss MacLean, Japanese; Miss Toswill, Kate Greenaway; Miss Mabel Miller, Poppy; Miss Newall (Wellington) looked charming as Dolly Varden; Miss Drummond, Powder and Patches; Miss Dorothy Waterhouse, The Lady of Shallott; Miss Corrose, Normandy Peasant; Miss Hodgskin, New York Herald; Evelyn Gilbertson, Japanese; Miss Colman, Oranges and Lemons; Miss Russell looked well as Lady, What Ho; Miss Smith, Flower Girl; Miss Gilbertson, Sea Maiden; Miss Leary, Hospital Nurse; Sir William Russell, Veteran Uniform, 1856; Mr. Fitzroy, Moorish Dress; Mr. Couper, Windsor Dress; Mr. Deacon, Windsor Dress; Dr. Barcroft, Greek; Mr. Edwards, Indian Gentleman; Mr. Clarkson, Windsor Uniform; Mr. D. Hill, Court Dress; Mr. Henderson, Second N.Z. Contingent; Mr. E. T. Wilder, Earl of Leicester; Mr. Maddison, Naval Captain; Mr. Mackie, Yachtsman; Mr. O'Neil, Fireman; Mr. Bennett, Admiral Corverus; Mr. Hooper, Hunt Evening Dress; Mr. S. H. Johnstone, Dick Deadeye; Mr. M. Johnstone, Uncle Sam; Mr. Rainbow, Knight of the Bath; Mr. Basil Jones, Military Mess Dress; Major Gascoyne, Soldier of the Maori War; Mr. Aigy Rainbow, Hindu; Mr. A. Turner, Clown; Mr. Rotchford, Chinese Priest; Captain A. H. Russell, Military Uniform; Mr. H. Pearson, Wizard; Mr. T. McKenzie, Huntsman; Mr. W. C. McLean, Sir Francis Drake; Mr. Frank Ormond, Little Boy Blue; Mr. F. Donnelly, Court, Dress; Mr. D. Shield, Sultan; Mr. B. Holdsworth, Arab; Mr. G. Williams, Knave of Hearts; Mr. P. Hay, Cricketer; Mr. T. Todd, Jockey.

POSTERS.

Mrs Arthur Hyde, Old Judge Cigarettes; Miss Doherty, Honnor and Jae.

ger (tailors); Miss Lindsay, Rlythe and Co.; Miss M. Laurie, Aulsebrook and Co.; Miss Vickers, Brown and Ross (photographers); Miss Peebles, S. H. Knight's boot warehouse; Miss Nina Dunn, Elite Band; Mrs Shields, Nelson Bros.' Tomatoes; Mr S. M. Hobbs, Bank of New South Wales. Those who took part in the sets are: Empire—Mesdames F. H. Lowry, Carlyon, F. Nelson; Misses N. Wilson, Gaisford, Marjorie Russell, Foot and Wilder; Messrs Lowry, Carlyon, Logan, Birch, Nelson, Wilson, Russell, Gaisford, Oriental—Misses Barcroft, Rainbow, Nation, Gilbertson, Braithwaite, McLean, Dalziel, Hoady, Messrs Circuit, Dalziel, Holdsworth, Edwards, D. Shields, Fitzroy, Drs. A. E. and P. T. Barcroft, Blackbirds—Mesdames Toswill, Smith, Elkington, Mackenzie, Campbell, Alec Williams; Misses Simecox and Campbell; Messrs Smith, Pattison, Ludbrook, Tanner, Mackenzie, Campbell, Polson, Dr. Toswill, Red Heart—Mrs Gordon, Misses Smith, Macfarlane, Lily Macfarlane, Williams, Holdsworth, Chambers, R. Chambers, Messrs. Williams, Gordon, Williams, Douglas, Cook, Fitzroy, Macfarlane, Giblin, Jamieson, Geranium—Misses E. Smith, Burgess, Hay and Pratt; Messrs Wellwood, Maddison, Smith, Hartshorn, French Maid—Misses Elsie Smith, Wellwood, Eva Wellwood, Ruby Wellwood; Messrs Huntley, Miller, Symes, Raymond, The Ladies' Poster—Hyde and Co., by Mrs Hyde, 1st prize, Mrs Lindsay, 2nd; Miss Peebles, 3rd; Miss Vickers, 4th. The Lady's Fancy Dress won by Miss Nation got the 1st prize; Mrs Fraser, 2nd; Miss Russell, 3rd. Gentleman's Poster—Mr Hobbs, Bank of New South Wales, 1st; Mr Wilson, 2nd. Gentleman's Fancy Dress—Dr. H. Barcroft, Rajah, 1st prize; Mr Rotchford, Chinese Priest, 2nd; Dr P. Barcroft, Greek, 3rd.

MARJORIE.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee,

THE THIRD OF THE WINTER ASSEMBLIES

was held last Friday, and, as usual, was simply delightful. The bad weather kept very few away, and with the exception of a few country people who could not cross the rivers, the attendance was as large as usual. I noticed Mrs Willcock wearing a handsome purple velvet gown with touches of violet and cream lace; Mrs Jex-Blake, ivory satin, trimmed with cream chiffon and forget me nots; Mrs Kennedy, cream brocaded satin dress, pink roses; Mrs Symes, pale pink crepe de chine, trimmed with tiny white daisies; Mrs Tombleson, crimson satin dress; Mrs W. D. Lysnar, black sequined net over red satin; Mrs Mann, cream crepe de chine over pink silk, bodice trimmed with wide silk lace; Mrs J. Williams, white chiffon taffetas, cream lace; Mrs Fraser, black merveilleux silk; Mrs Morgan, black crepe de chine, and white lace; Mrs G. Sherriff, heliotrope brocaded satin; Mrs C. Thomas, palest pink merveilleux silk, dark red roses; Mrs J. Clark, black merveilleux silk, touches of cream chiffon; Mrs H. Maude, heliotrope silk, trimmed with cream silk lace; Mrs Pyke, black satin; Mrs Cussen, black satin; Mrs Grey, black merveilleux, silk, cream lace; Mrs Collins, white chiffon dress, over white silk, corsage outlined with black velvet; Mrs Stephenson Smith, black satin; Mrs Hine, black net over satin; Mrs Hingston, black silk; Mrs A. Seymour, pale blue silk muslin; Mrs Kemp, white corded silk; Miss Tucker, crimson silk, touches of cream; Miss Nolan, pink silk; Miss Wallis, pale blue silk, cream lace and black velvet; Miss Clark, pale blue chiffon taffetas; Miss R. Reynolds, pale blue brocaded satin; Miss G. Monckton, white net over satin, panel on skirt of gold embroidered net, gold flowers; Miss Monckton, black muslin over pale blue glace; Miss Bright, pink satin, boucles of cream accordion-pleated chiffon; Miss D. Bright, soft white silk; Miss Murray, white chiffon taffetas; Miss Williamson, soft white silk, frills of lace, wide pink ceinture; Miss Davies, white chiffon taffetas; Miss M. Agnew-Browne, white satin pink roses; Miss E. Agnew-Browne, soft white silk gauged and bucked; Miss Bushy, pale green satin; Miss Willis, black silk; Miss H. Sherratt, pale green chiffon taffetas, trimmed with dark green velvet bows and lace; Miss A.

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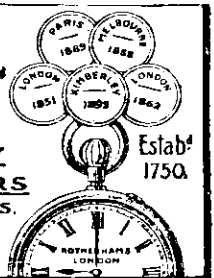
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