

Mrs Larnack, black crepe de chine and lace; Mrs Warren, dull red cloth and black toque; Mrs Marchbanks, pale blue cloth and blue hat; Mrs Fitchett, dull purple cloth and hat with violets; Mrs Palmer Campbell, dark red cloth, with white vest, red hat with tips; Mrs Hadfield, white cloth and black toque; Mrs Abbot, black crepe de chine, with insertions of black Chantilly lace; Mrs P. Hunter (Porangahau), dark brown taffetas and black hat; Miss Skerrett, tussore silk embroidered in dark brown, brown lace frills and ruffles; Miss N. Skerrett, blue cloth dress and pale blue hat; Miss Harding, brown cloth, with white revers embroidered with red; Mrs Barton, black crepe de chine; Miss U. Williams, brown voile and hat wreathed with shaded red roses.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BALL

was that given by the Wellington College Old Boys' Association, which was held in the Sydney-street Schoolroom. The golden yellow of daffodils and gorse was predominant everywhere, judiciously intermixed with a soupcon of black in order to carry out the College colours. The arrangements were excellent, and the committee has to be congratulated on the result. Mrs Mee wore black crepe de chine, with Schu of Brussels lace; Mrs Wills, jetted satin and lace; Miss Richardson, ivory satin, veiled in Mauresque lace; Miss Young, sky blue taffetas and lace; Miss Solomon, white satin and chiffon; Miss Mee, ivory lace over satin of the same shade.

OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee,

July 25.

We have had a week of rain, truly depressing weather, with very little going on socially to enliven matters. Even golf came to a standstill, and Christchurch lacks any rendezvous or place of amusement for wet weather, where one could meet their friends.

On Friday Mrs. George Gould gave

A MUSICAL AFTERNOON

at her residence, "Avonbank," Fendalton, in honour of her guest, Mrs. Duncan, Cameron, of Methven. Mrs. Gould was beautifully gowned in white silk canvas and lace, richly trimmed with lace, she also wore a white catrich feather stole; Mrs. Duncan Cameron, a dress of soft, pale pink cloth, with cream lace yoke and trimming. During the afternoon some most enjoyable music was given. Several songs were sung by Mrs. Gower-Burns and Miss Kettle. Mrs. Beswick and Miss Tweedie gave pianoforte selections, and Miss Lucy Cook played the violin. Mrs. Gower-Burns wore a green cloth costume, brown hat, and sable furs; Mrs. Kettle, a green coat and skirt, smart green toque with shaded red berries; Mrs. Beswick, a becoming gown of navy blue cloth, faced with Oriental embroidery, hat of dark blue straw with white wings; Miss Lucy Cook, costume of navy blue cloth, white fox furs; Mrs. Julius, dark brown cloth coat and skirt, bannet of sable fur; Lady Clifford, dark grey costume, fur toque; Mrs. Reeves, black silk costume, black bannet; Miss Reeves, navy blue serge dress, red hat; Miss Nellie Reeves, turquoise blue frieze costume, white hat with wings; Mrs. Boyle wore navy blue cloth, braided with black, toque of navy blue tulle; Miss Boyle, frock of violet cloth, with cream lace vest, heliotrope straw toque; Mrs. Geo. G. Stead, a smart costume of navy blue cloth, faced with white satin, dark blue straw toque, with pale blue tulle strings; Miss Stead, navy blue coat and skirt, sable toque; Mrs. Henry Cotterill, white cloth costume, toque of Neapolitan violets; Miss Moreland, costume of dark green cloth, green and white hat; Mrs. Nancarrow, dark blue costume, grebe feather toque; the Misses Burns, white serge frocks, with toques and stoles of white fur; Mrs. Wardrop, green cloth coat and skirt, hat to match, and squirrel furs, Mrs. Ogle, costume of heliotrope frieze, Tuscan straw hat with touches of

Mrs F. Robinson, black coat and skirt, black and white toque; Mrs P. Campbell, black tailor-made costume, violet toque; Mrs Denniston, blue cloth gown, sable toque; Miss Denniston, red frieze costume; hat of tuscan straw; Miss Rathgate (Dunedin), dark green cloth faced with white, green and white hat; Mrs George Harper, black gown, black and white toque; Mrs A. Murray-Aynsley, dark heliotrope gown, floral toque of shaded pansies, white furs; Mrs Pittman, gown of violet cloth, toque of the same shade trimmed with pale pink roses; Miss Pittman, heliotrope frieze costume, heliotrope and white hat; Mrs M. Campbell, coat and skirt of grey tweed, black hat with violets; Miss Campbell, grey tweed costume and pretty grey hat; Mrs A. Roberts, black cloth gown with velvet motifs, smart hat of tuscan straw and pink silk; Mrs E. Palmer, tailor-made costume of dark green cloth faced with velvet, green hat; Mrs Moore, blue cloth skirt, blue velvet coat, blue and white hat; Miss Hill, grey coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs John Deans, black cloth costume, black toque, and handsome furs; Miss Deans, grey tweed coat and skirt, tricorne hat of white felt; Mrs J. D. Hall, brown costume and purple hat; Mrs Beals, coat and skirt of black cloth, black and white toque; Mrs G. Harris, navy blue costume, hat to match; Mrs Symes, grey coat and skirt, blue toque; Miss Symes, brown costume and brown hat; Mrs C. Dalgety, costume of red cloth, toque to match, and sable furs; Mrs Arthur Reeves, white cloth costume and hat; Miss Congreve, costume of brown tweed, white felt hat; Mrs H. Knight, black and white check costume, black hat; Mrs L. Lane, black cloth costume, black toque, white feather stole; Mrs Vernon, black and white coat and skirt, black toque. Others present were Mrs and Miss Maling, Mrs and Miss Gossett, Mrs and Miss Maling, Mrs and Miss Prins, Mrs F. Cowlishaw, Mrs R. J. Scott, Mrs Gee, Mrs and Miss Inman, Mrs and Miss Cox, Mrs G. Hammer, Mrs Corey Thomas, and Miss Turnbull. Mrs Gould's rooms, which have been renovated and enlarged, were greatly admired, especially the drawing-room, with its white walls and deep frieze of roses and large recessed mantel-piece, on each shelf of which were

placed magnificent pot plants, ferns, and palms, the whole effect being extremely artistic. Delicious tea and dainties were served in the dining-room, where the table was decorated with large chrysanthemums of the same tone as the wall.

A SMALL BRIDGE PARTY

was given on Tuesday by Miss Muriel Anderson, Armagh-street, the players being Dr. and Mrs Goulburn Gibson, Miss Denniston, Mr Harper, Miss Devenish Meers, Mr Monteith, Miss Campbell, Dr. J. Guthrie, Miss Cook and Mr Nancarrow.

GOLF.

To-day a team of golfers left for Timaru, six ladies and six men, to compete for the Orbell Cup. The return match between the ladies' clubs will also be played. The Christchurch team consists of Mrs Pyne (ladies' captain), Mrs Michael Campbell, Miss Nora Campbell, Miss Stead, Miss Symes, Miss Wilson, Messrs W. Harman (men's captain), J. Wood, A. M. Borthwick, K. Oliver, L. Bonnington, and R. Rutherford.

COMING EVENTS.

The annual regimental ball of the Canterbury Mounted Brigade will be held in Christchurch during Grand National week.

The College Rifles will hold their annual dance in the Art Gallery early next month.

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The shepherd roaming o'er the plains,
The stockman on his lonely run,
The teamster with his bullock wain,
The sportsman out with rod or gun,
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