

There was great excitement over the orchestral concerts, and the furor of applause at the end of the season will long be remembered. Mr. Alfred Hill received quite an ovation, and in his acknowledgment he made the orchestra share of the triumph apparent. Mr. Hill's excellence as a conductor is well known to Wellington of old, but the difference in his manner is noticeable. He has adopted a distinctive bow, with no accompaniment.

The audience on different nights included Mrs. Embling, wearing black crepe de chine, with a lace vest; Mrs. Miles black taffetas; Miss Miles, white silk and long white coat; Miss B. Miles, white taffetas and chine ribbons; Mrs. Jones, black taffetas, black and silver scarf; Miss Jones, white muslin and pale blue belt; Miss Medley, black voile de soie, with lace yoke; Miss Brandon, white taffetas and red coat; Miss Barron, black crepe de chine; Mrs. Butt, black silk voile and lace yoke; Mrs. Finch, black taffetas and ruffles of lace; Mrs. Macdonald, black crepe de chine; Miss Macdonald, white taffetas; Mrs. Kember, black silk voile and lace; Miss Kember, white muslin and pale pink coat; Mrs. Leckie, black crepe de chine; Mrs. F. Leckie, pale pink taffetas and lace; Miss Quick, white crepe de chine; Miss D. Quick, floral muslin, with lace yoke; Miss Gill, pale blue voile; Miss E. Gill, white voile; Mrs. Hislop, black crepe de chine; Miss Richardson, pale pink voile; Mrs. Shand, white voile de soie; Mrs. McKwan, pink voile and Valenciennes lace; Miss Simpson, white muslin and lace; Mrs. Watkins, floral muslin; Mrs. Cachemaille, white eolienne; Mrs. Fell, black taffetas; Miss Fell, white muslin; Mrs. Hursthouse, black eolienne; Mrs. Macarthur, black taffetas and long mauve coat; Mrs. Mills, black glaze; Miss Mills, black crepe de chine; Miss O. Mills, white muslin and lace; Mrs. Young, black eolienne, with lace yoke; Miss Kennedy, white crepe de chine; Miss Joluston, black taffetas; Mrs. Blundell, black glaze and lace; Miss O'Connor, white crepe de chine; Mrs. Webb, black silk voile; Mrs. Brown, black peau de soie; Mrs. Atkinson, black eolienne, with lace ruffles; Miss Richmond, black crepe de soie; Miss Harding, white eolienne and lace; Miss Stuart, white muslin; Mrs. Hurry, black crepe de chine; Miss Young, pale pink voile; Miss Morrah, white embroidered muslin.

The Parliamentary Buildings presented a gay scene on Thursday night, the occasion being a farewell gathering in honour of Sir Joseph and Lady Ward. About four thousand people were present, and all the arrangements made were excellent. Lady Ward wore a beautiful dress of taffetas, lace, and chiffon in delicate colouring, and she carried an artistic bouquet of flowers, tied with long streamers. Miss Ward was much admired in pink mouseline de soie, with wide insertions of handsome lace; Mrs. Hall-Jones, black crepe de chine, with fichu of lovely lace; Mrs. Hislop, black velvet and bertha of lace; Mrs. Macdonald, Chantilly lace over glaze; Miss Macdonald, palest blue taffetas; Mrs. Mills, black brocade; Miss Mills, white mouseline de soie; Mrs. Anderson, black crepe de chine; Mrs. Allen, black taffetas; Mrs. Bannister, black satin, veiled in handsome lace; Miss Bannister, ivory crystalline, frilled with lace; Mrs. Blundell, black taffetas and jet; Miss Blundell, white mouseline de soie; Miss Brandon, white taffetas; Mrs. Barber, black brocade; Mrs. Collins, black crepe de chine, with lace and sequins; Mrs. Campbell, black taffetas and net; Mrs. Donne, ivory chiffon taffetas and lace; Miss Fitzgerald, white crepe de chine; Mrs. Gray, black brocade; Mrs. Hales, black lace and net over ivory glaze; Mrs. Hume, cream crepe de chine; Mrs. Hill, black taffetas; Mrs. Cecil Jones, black chiffon glaze; Miss Jones, palest blue crystalline; Mrs. Kennedy, black crepe de chine; Miss Kennedy, flowered chiffon; Mrs. Luke, black brocade; Mrs. Loughnan, black taffetas, ivory lace and jet; Mrs. Martin, ivory satin and lace; Mrs. Macarthur, black brocade, white chiffon, and sequins; Miss Prouse, flowered silk, frilled with lace; Mrs. Pearce, black chiffon satin; Mrs. Richardson, black satin, flounced with lace; Miss Richardson, white and pink mouseline de soie; Miss Skerrett, moire chiffon, with bouffes edged with lace; Mrs. Wilson, black crepe de chine; Mrs. Quick, black brocade and handsome lace; Miss Quick, ivory crepe de chine.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS.

A good deal of interest has been taken in the new members of the Upper House,

whose identity has just been announced. Dr. Collins' appointment is a popular one. He has been a warm supporter of the Government for the past few years. Mr. Gilmer is considered one of the wealthiest men in the city, and holds a great deal of property. He takes no active part in public affairs, but his interest in the Government dates back to the days of the West Coast, and he was an intimate friend of the late Premier.

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CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, January 30.

A small dance was given on Friday evening by Mrs. John Anderson at her residence in Armagh street. About thirty young people were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. Anderson was wearing a pretty dress of black-spangled chiffon over white glaze; Miss Dorothy Anderson a dainty frock of white chiffon; Miss Phyllis Anderson, soft white muslin; the Misses Burns, pink silk and lace; Miss Hazel Elmslie a pretty dress of white taffetas; Miss Kitson, white muslin and lace; Miss Janet Ogle wore white silk; Miss Humphries, pale pink taffetas; Miss Christie, white silk and lace; Miss G. Merton, pink silk; Miss Wilding, white muslin; Miss Denniston, mauve taffetas and lace; Miss Monteith (Wellington), white silk; Miss C. Kettle, blue and pink floral silk; Miss Hislop (Wellington) white taffetas.

A TENNIS AFTERNOON

was given by Mrs. Boyle at Riccarton, on Monday, when there was some capital play. Those playing were Mrs. J. D. Ormond (Hawke's Bay), Mrs. Wigram, Mrs. and Miss Wilder (Fernside), Mrs. Pyne, the Misses Dangar (Sydney), Mr. and Mrs. Beswick, Miss Symes, Miss Wilding, Mr. A. Wilding, Miss Sinclair-Thomson (Dunedin), Miss Pitman, Mrs. C. Pitman and Miss Lee.

AT A GARDEN PARTY

at "Fawnhope," Opawa, given by Mrs. Wilding, on Tuesday, a large number of guests were present, and a good deal of tennis was played. Mrs. Wilding received her guests on the lawn. She was wearing black taffetas, relieved with Paris lace, large black hat with white ostrich feathers. Miss Wilding had on a pretty costume of white embroidered linen, white hat to match; Mrs. Denniston a gown of navy blue silk, blue hat; Miss Denniston, pink and white floral muslin, white hat; Lady Stout (Wellington) a pretty and becoming gown of soft grey muslin, white hat; Mrs. Napier Bell (Adelaide) black eolienne costume, black hat; Mrs. George Harper, a black and white toilette; Mrs. George Gould, white linen trimmed with broderie Anglaise, white hat; Miss Tripp, brown and white check voile, brown hat; Mrs. Wigram, coat and skirt of pale blue linen, toque of two shades of blue; Mrs. Walter Olivier, pale grey cloth costume, grey hat to match; Mrs. John Deans, gown of black chiffon taffetas, black and white tulle bonnet; Miss Deans, white embroidered muslin, Leghorn hat with wreath of pink roses; Mrs. Loughnan, pale grey crepe de chine, hat to match; Miss Wilson, white linen, white hat with pink roses. Others present were Misses Boyle, Symes, Reeves, Humphreys, Pitman, Molineaux, Kitson, Anderson, Finch, Nelwill, Williams, Turnbull Elmslie, and Murray-Aynsley; Messrs. Anderson, Gould, Bevan-Brown, Pitman, Humphreys, Harman, Wigram and Dr. Finch.

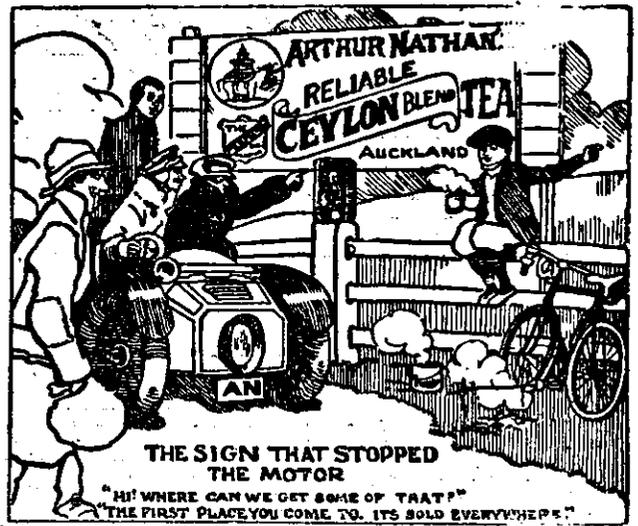
Mrs. George Gould gave

A SMALL TENNIS PARTY

on Thursday at "Avonbank," Fendleton. The guests were Mrs. and Miss Boyle, Mrs. and Miss Reeves, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Wilding, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhodes, Captain Bingham, Mrs. J. D. Ormond, Mr. and Mrs. Elworthy, Mrs. A. Roberts, Miss Murray-Aynsley, Mr. Harper, Mrs. and the Misses Dangar.

Other hostesses of the week were Mrs. Pyne, who gave a tennis afternoon; and Mrs. C. C. Bowen, who gave a large garden party at "Riddleton" in honour of the members of the University Senate, who are visiting Christchurch.

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