

There is some talk of the Navy League giving an entertainment during the visit of the squadron, but nothing is yet definitely known. Apparently the ships will only be here about a week, and no doubt many of the officers will be away during that time fishing or deer-stalking, etc.

Wednesday was a horrible day.

FOR THE RACES.

but they were held all the same. We have had such wonderfully fine weather for months it seems hard it should break just now. The countryside, however, seems grateful for the rain, and it had its effect in making everything look delightfully green and fresh. Of course the train journey makes one regardless of the rain to a certain extent, and the grandstand is well sheltered, so things might have been worse. Sealskin coats were much in favour on Wednesday, also the new tailor-mades, and some very smart hats appeared. Most women were shrouded in motor veils, so it was difficult to distinguish them, but here and there a gay toque displayed itself jauntily. A very pleasant lunch was given by the President of the Club, Mr. J. B. Harcourt.

MISS HARCOURT'S DANCE

On Friday came as a pleasant break in the monotony. It was given as a farewell to Miss Doris Johnston, who with her parents has just gone for a trip to England. There were quite a number of visitors who had come to town for the Johnston-Fell wedding, but the majority of guests were young people. It was an ideal night for dancing. The decorations which were extremely effective, were mainly of chrysanthemums and cactus dahlias in tones of red and yellow, together with frills of autumn foliage. Miss Harcourt wore a handsome dress of Orient satin, having delicate touches of lace and a smart belt; Miss G. Harcourt was in ivory satin with an effective touch of red; Miss D. Johnston wore pink and white mouse-line de soie with narrow frills of lace; Mrs. Levin, ivory satin and Irish lace; Miss Brandon, white taffetas with bouches of green; Mrs. Waterfield, chiffon taffetas with lace and embroideries; Miss Johnston, ivory Orient satin, and lace berthe; Miss Nancarrow, paste chiffon taffetas with draperies of lace; Mrs. Duncan, white satin with suggestions of pale blue; Miss Tweed, ivory lace; Miss Fell, white glaze, and chine belt; Mrs. Brown, black satin and jet; Miss Simpson, white glaze and lace; Miss Miles, ivory crepe de chine; Miss Nathan, pink and white chine silk; Miss Z. Nathan, white taffetas.

A VERY JOLLY LITTLE DANCE

was that given a few nights ago by the junior members of the Kiwi Hockey Club. St. Peter's schoolroom was gaily decorated for the occasion, a prominent feature being a trophy of hockey sticks surrounded by ferns and palms. Crossed sticks and the club colours also adorned the walls. Dancing was kept up with the greatest spirit long after the formal end had arrived, and the guests seemed most reluctant to leave. Among those present were Miss Glasgow, wearing white mousseline de soie; Miss Fulton, white crepe de chine; Miss Jones, white crepe de chine; Miss Jamieson, white satin and lace; Miss Crawford, a pretty dress of white mousseline de soie; Miss Wilson, pale blue and white glaze; Miss Hannah, white crepe de chine and lace. OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH:

Dear Bee, April 12.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

was declared closed on Monday night by His Excellency the Governor. The closing ceremony, which should have been an imposing and brilliant function, was to some extent marred by the admittance of the general public to all parts of the Exhibition except the main corridor, which was set apart for the invited guests, and consequently the noise of thousands of people walking about the building and sounds of riotous mirth and merriment, were at times simply deafening, and must have been very trying to the speakers. The reserved corridor presented a brilliant spectacle when the

official procession proceeded to the dais. The centre avenue and the sides of the corridor were lined with military men and sailors in their uniforms, and most of the ladies and gentlemen present wore evening dress, thus adding to the colouring and brilliancy of the scene. The dais was covered with red cloth, and, as seen from the front, presented a mass of lovely palms and flowering shrubs. A notable feature of the ceremony was the Maori greeting, which was given to a white-haired chieftain and a number of Maori girls. Then came the "Tannhauser" overture, played by the Exhibition orchestra under Mr Alfred Hill's conductorship. Later on they played the "Lohengrin" prelude magnificently. The Governor presented the gold medals and awards to the representatives of the different countries and colonies, and after these proceedings the Exhibition was declared closed. Meanwhile, in the western avenue the fun was fast and furious. A regular carnival scene was being enacted. Confetti battles were waged by young men and boys, who had adorned themselves with masks. False moustaches and tiny red skiddo hats perched on the side. They were irresistible, and not in the least over-awed by the stalwart policemen, who tried to repress their boisterous mirth. Our great play ground will be missed for some time by all classes of the community. On all sides regrets were expressed that the Exhibition was over, and with it too the delightful orchestral concerts, which have been one of its prominent features.

A BRIDGE PARTY

was given on Saturday evening by Mrs Pitman in honour of her sister Mrs Davidson (England), among the guests being Mrs George Gould, Mrs Wigram, Miss Reeves, Mrs and Miss Boyle, Mrs Beswick, Mrs and Miss Kettle, Mrs T. Cowlshaw, Miss Murray-Aynsley, and Mrs Gordon (Napier).

AT A EUCHRE PARTY

given on Wednesday evening by Mrs Wardrop at the National Bank, Hereford-street, Christchurch, some of those present were Dr. Alice Moorhouse; Mrs T. Cowlshaw, Miss M. Williams, Miss Rita Wilson, Mrs and Miss Thomas, Miss Humphries, Miss Anderson, Miss Louis-son, Miss Boyle, Miss Macdonald, Miss Meares, Miss Symes, Miss C. Kettle, the Misses Burns, Wilkin, and Messrs Alister-Clark, Hesse, Olivier, Aitken, Wardrop, Humphries, and Harper. Progressive euchre was played and a very merry evening was spent. The first prize (a liberty necklet and pendant) was won by Miss Muriel Anderson, Mr T. Cowlshaw won the men's prize. The "booby" prizes fell to Miss Gladys Merton, and Mr Alister Clark. The hostess wore a becoming dress of pale heliotrope satin and lace.

Dr Alice Moorhouse entertained a number of her friends at a

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE PARTY,

which was given in honour of her guest, Miss Howell, of Timaru. Dr Alice Moorhouse wore a gown of white satin, veiled with black sequined chiffon; Miss Howell wore dainty chiffon and lace; Miss Symes pale pink satin; Miss Wilding, white muslin and lace; Miss Macdonald, pink net and pink roses; Miss Burns, black crepe de chine and pink flowers; Miss Todhunter, pale blue silk; Miss Maling, white silk; Miss Nancarrow, white crepe de chine; Miss Williams, black taffetas, with corsage bouquet of pink roses; Miss Pitman, white net; Miss N. Burns, blue gauze and pink roses; Miss Imman, white silk and lace; Miss Cook, pale eau de nil silk; Miss Lucy Cook, white silk; Miss Deans, pale green taffetas.

GOLF.

The second match in connection with Miss Cowlshaw's prize took place on the Shirley links on Friday afternoon, when Mrs Wilder was the winner.

A SKATING PARTY

was given on Saturday in the Colosseum Skating Rink, the hostess being Miss Dorothy Steele and Miss Trent. A brass band was in attendance, and tea was served during the afternoon. Amongst others present were Mrs Steele, Mrs Barker, the Misses Clifford, Barker, Thompson (2); Louisson; Merton; Guthrie (2), Marks, Trent, Rogers (13), Preston, Reece, Sandall, Sims, Middleton, Wilson. DOLLY VALE.

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