

quite miss our games, but the season is really rather late for croquet. Mr and Mrs S. Gordon met Mr and Mrs H. Sarjeant on Mrs Stevenson's lawn. The latter proved victorious, and were presented with a beautiful embossed silver rose bowl and a Malacca walking-stick. Amongst the interested onlookers were Mrs and Miss Liffiton, Mrs and the Misses Stanford, Mrs Pharezyn, Mrs A. Lewis, Mrs Fairburn, Mrs Breffarth, Mrs Dodgshun, Mrs Blundell, and others. The final on Mrs Sarjeant's lawn was played on Friday afternoon, when Miss Stanford and Mr Sarjeant met Mrs Blundell and Mr L. Stevenson, the former winning. Amongst those present were Mrs G. Marahall, Miss Barnicoat, Mrs and Miss Stevenson, Miss Brewer, Mrs Dodgshun, Miss Moore, Mrs Harvey, Mrs E. Liffiton, Miss McNeill, Mr and Mrs Goodwin, Mr and Mrs Lomax, Mrs Pharezyn, Mrs A. Lewis, Mrs and Miss O. Stanford, Mrs Colin Campbell, and others.

H.C.A.

cream silk blouse, navy hat with flowers; Miss O'Brien, blue coat and skirt, white silk scarf, burnt straw hat with green chiffon drape; Mrs. Millar, in black silk with long grey coat, scarlet hat with scarlet geraniums; Mrs. D. O' Shutz, long navy blue coat braided in black, stone marten furs, navy and green straw hat with navy wings; Mrs. W. Keeling, in cream serge, cream hat; Mrs. Aicken, navy blue Eton costume, coat strapped with cream cloth, navy felt hat with blue wings; Mrs. Scott, in blue made with long coat, black hat; Mrs. Vernon, in brown tweed coat and skirt, cream hat with plaid ribbon; Mrs. Greig, navy blue, sealskin coat; Mrs. Monro dark grey coat and skirt navy hat with navy glaze and wings; Mrs. Mellsap, fawn embroidered crash, green hat with green quills; Mrs. Beck, black toilette, black hat with white tips; Miss Fraser, in black with long grey coat, black toque.

VIOLET.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, May 3.

It cleared up so nicely for the CLUB BALL

and the evening was just keen enough to make dancing even more delightful than usual. In fact the building there has been quite a transformation. A new wing has been added, and all the rooms have lately been done up in such artistic colours. Many of the heavy, old-fashioned things have been done away with and their place has been taken by modern furniture in fumed oak and quaint liberty designs. On Thursday night palms, ferns, and flowering shrubs bordered the stairs and were grouped about the corridors with picturesque effect. The walls of the ball-room were gorgeous with the flags of all nations, the red and white rayed banner of Japan being in friendly proximity to the Union Jack, which was also flanked by the Stars and Stripes. The specially designed programmes were artistically done, and there was appropriate music for the occasion. Scarlet cactus dahlias, golden coreopsis and many coloured chrysanthemums comprised the floral decorations, each supper-table being done with a different design. The supper itself was a triumph. Lady Fawkes wore a beautiful dress of black glaze completely veiled in chiffon and handsome lace, diamond ornaments and shower bouquet; Mrs. Bell, who with Mr. Bell, helped to receive the guests, was wearing a very handsome dress of opal mesaline, richly embroidered and flounced with lace; Miss Johnston, ivory chiffon, embroidered in jet and sequins; Mrs. C. Pharezyn, ivory crepe de chine, made in the Empire style, the full skirt being appliqued with ribbon knots and Empire wreaths; beautiful lace delicately embroidered in silver appeared on the corsage; Mrs. Walter Nathan, white glaze silk with handsome design of mauve lilac relieved with lace; Miss Nathan pink and white flowered chine; Miss Nathan, ivory taffetas and lace; Miss Johnston, ivory chiffon glaze with berthe and leaves of handsome lace; Mrs. Hislop, black chiffon velvet with wide collar of handsome Malines lace; Mrs. Brandon, black crepe de chine and sequins; Mrs. O'Pearce very handsome dress of white chiffon, much trimmed with black lace and jet; Mrs. Wallis, pastel chiffon taffetas and lace; Mrs. Lavanch, a handsome dress of ivory peau de soie, with a floral design, finished with lace and chiffon; Miss Harcourt, ivory satin and lace; Mrs. Menzies, ivory radium silk, the skirt having tiny frills, epaulettes of wide lace, and berthe of the same, with touches of silver; Mrs. Duncan, ivory moire with flounces of lace; Miss Dymock, rose and white floral chine, rose pink belt; Mrs. Laing-Meason, black chiffon and jet; Miss Stafford, shell pink mousseline de soie, the full-skirt having narrow ruchings of the material, and the corsage finished with a deep belt of pink taffetas; Miss Brandon, ivory radium silk with appliqued motifs of lily green, bolero of lace and pale green belt; Miss L. Brandon, white taffetas with smart belt and narrow frills of lace; Miss Wilson, white glaze with berthe of lace; Miss M. Wilson white chiffon taffetas, finished with chiffon; Miss Rawson, turquoise blue-Louisine, softened with lace and tulle; Miss Watson petal-pink glaze with plisse frills; Miss Ewen, white taffetas with lace ber-

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PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dear Bee, May 3rd. THE ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW AND SALE OF WORK

in connection with All Saints' Ladies' Guild, held in the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, was most unfortunate in the weather. It poured in torrents all day and all night, and so materially affected the attendance. The workers spared no effort to make beautiful effects with flowers, ferns, pot-plants, etc., and the various stalls were most attractive, particularly the sweet stall, which was perfectly lovely. It represented a rose-covered cottage. The attendants, the Misses Abraham (2), Russell (2), Hewitt and Snow wore frocks of pale pink crinkled paper, and pink roses in their hair. Other stalls were: All Saints' work stall, presided over by Mesdames Hewitt, Barnicoat, F. Cooper, Walters, and Harper; St. Peter's work-stall; Mesdames Fairbrother, Hunter-Brown, Bennett and Kingender. Tea stall; Mesdames Bagnall, and Gibbons, assisted by the Misses Robinson, Park (2), Bell, Gemmel Fitzberbert and others. There were the usual competitions for fable decorations and decorated mantel-pieces, Mrs. Harold Cooper winning the prize for the former and Miss Akers for the latter. Among those present I noticed Mrs. Lloyd wearing a black toilette, sealskin coat, black bonnet with cream tip; Miss Kelly in black, with black silk sequined cape, black and white bonnet with black tip and touch of tangerine velvet; Mrs. F. Jackson, grey, Norfolk coat and skirt, brown hat with yellow flowers; Mrs. Harold Cooper in navy blue made with long coat, white crepe de chine scarf; navy hat with pale blue silk, crimson roses; Mrs. J. Pascell, in dark green coat, with deep basque, green hat with quills; Miss Pascell, black skirt, grey and white striped blouse, cream hat with two shades of green silk; Mrs. C. Hayden, in black with grey Inverness coat, white toque with white wing; Mrs. McKnight, cornflower blue coat and skirt, sable fur, blue felt hat with peacock feathers; Mrs. J. M. Johnston, grey coat and skirt, navy hat with blue and white check ribbon; Mrs. E. Cooke, navy blue Eton costume, cream hat with pale mauve feathers; Mrs. Holmes, brown corduroy coat made with basque, cream hat with brown and green chiton drape; Mr. Palmer, deep violet Eton coat and skirt, black toque; Mrs. Goodwin, in black with long black silk coat, black and white bonnet; Mrs. Porritt, in grey made with short-basque, and having green velvet collar and cuffs, green hat with pale blue floral silk trimming; Mrs. Tripe, in grey with long coat, black hat with black tips; Mrs. Dempsey, in black with fawn coat, black hat with grey ribbon and white bird; Mrs. Randolph, navy blue coat and skirt, braided with black, black toque with tips; Miss Randolph, black coat and skirt, navy blue hat with navy and pale blue wings; Miss McLennan, grey Eton costume with white cloth facings, black hat with grey plaid ribbon; Miss Elsie McLennan, navy blue Eton coat and skirt, pink hat; Mrs. Thompson, grey coat and skirt, scarlet hat with scarlet bird; Miss Wilson, navy blue Eton costume with white facings, cream hat with blue glaze bows; Miss Barrand, fawn coat and skirt, white hat with pale blue glaze bows; Miss Handy-side, navy blue skirt,

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