

on Wednesday by Mrs. Tringham. Shaded red anemones made a delightful decoration, the scheme being further carried out by a trellis of ribbon. Some exciting futures were foretold by a palmist, and several of the guests sang very pleasantly. Mrs. Tringham wore pale blue colienne trimmed with delicate lace embroidery; Mrs. Costello was in black chiffon taffetas, the lace vest being outlined by folds of pale green velvet; Mrs. Tringham (Wairarapa) wore bronze peau de soie relieved with eau de nil, bronze hat with shaded feather, and roses under the brim; Mrs. D. Smith, white embroidered voile, floral hat wreathed with tulle; Mrs. Macarthy, pastel blue cloth, blue hat with cherries; Mrs. Richardson, natter blue-face cloth, with lace and net sleeves, rose-trimmed hat; Mrs. Duthie, pale blue voile with sleeves and yoke of lace frills, pale blue hat with feathers; Mrs. Knox Gilmer, grey tweed tailor-made, white furs, and smart black and white hat; Mrs. Robertson, heliotrope check voile and violet hat Mrs. McLean, dark blue chiffon taffetas with bands of embroidery, hat of shaded roses; Mrs. Blundell, black chiffon glare, ceru lace yoke; black toque; Mrs. Kember, black tailor-made, and black and white hat; Miss Stuart, dark blue coat and skirt, blue hat with flowers; Miss Haybittle, grey blue Etou costume and white hat; Miss Young, tabac brown canvas, lace yoke and sleeves, brown hat with large bows; Miss Jones, navy tailor-made, and white felt hat.

A CHARMING LITTLE DANCE.

was given by Lord and Lady Plunket at Government House last Tuesday. The state rooms were seen to the best advantage, as nearly every one danced, and the ball-room was never overcrowded. Bamboos and large palms were effectively placed amongst banks of narcissi and flowering azaleas, while a profusion of freesias was much admired. On the mantle-piece, in the first drawing-room, the flowers were moatly rose and white camellias and anemones, the white walls and handsome rich curtains making an admirable background for the whole. In the supper-room the tables were artistically done with grape hyacinths, foliage and ferns. Lady Plunket wore a graceful Empire gown of white silk colienne, the bodice having bands of silver and crystal embroideries, and white chiffon sleeves; the Hon. Kathleen Plunket's gown was shiel pink colienne, made in Empire fashion; Miss Chalozers (Fiji) wore a simple frock of white chiffon over glace, white satin waistband; Lady Ward was in rich cream satin and pearl embroidery; Miss Ward, floral chiffon over satin; Mrs. Riddiford, peach-coloured chiffon and velvet gown, finished off with fine lace; Mrs. Findlay, silver and white sequin frock with touches of scarlet velvet; Mrs. Bell, chene chiffon over cream satin, ruffles of beautiful lace; Mrs. A. Young, rose-coloured chiffon taffeta; Mrs. C. Crawford, pretty pink satin with embroideries of pink and silver; Mrs. Brandon, black glace, white lace berthe; Mrs. Kdwia, black satin, with embroidered panel of yellow roses; Mrs. Horries, oyster white brocade; Lady Steward, black satin, white lace scarf; Mrs. Waterfield, pale pink silk, lace scarf; Miss Higginson, pink glace; Miss Brindley, lilac satin, with lace frills; Miss Bell, cream satin with bretelles of lace and chene ribbon; Miss Skerret, blue chiffon taffetas with panels of Paris lace; Miss Burnett, yellow silk with garniture of brown leaves; Miss Somerville, white satin; Miss Harcourt, cream satin and lace; Miss G. Harcourt, blue chiffon taffeta; Miss Edwin, black glace, finished off with white chiffon and jet; Miss McKellar, blue glace; Miss E. McKellar, white frock with chene sash; Miss Tweed, white silk frock; Miss Pearce, simple frock of white silk colienne, with wide tucks at hem, frilled lace sleeves, white satin sash; Miss Cooper, moonlight blue satin with touches of faint green; Mrs. Abbott, pale blue chiffon taffetas; Miss Coleridge, white silk and violets; Miss Brantford, pale pink satin; Miss Moore, lemon-coloured silk; Mrs. Tweed, black lace and velvet frock over white glace; Miss Laing Meason, white ring spot net over green; Mrs. Knox Gilmer, white satin and lace; Miss Rubi Seddon, white glace and chiffon, lace sleeves; Miss Fell, black chiffon; Miss McKensie, pale blue union de soie; Mrs. Pearce, cream brocade with touches of black velvet; Mrs. Shand, white satin and chiffon; Mrs. Arkle, black lace dress; Miss Stafford, rose pink silk; Mrs. K. Duncan, shell pink chiffon taffetas; Miss Gore, pale yellow glace; Miss Mills, black taffeta and roses, **OPHELIA**.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, September 18.

A very pleasant and successful

DANCE

was given at the Art Gallery on Wednesday evening by the Old Boys of the Christchurch High School. The chaperones were: Mrs. Bevan-Brown, Mrs. B. K. S. Lawrence, Mrs. Arthur Appley, Mrs. Gordon Holmes (Rakaia), and Mrs. Staveley. They wore black, relieved with white lace. Mrs. Kohn wore black net, over white glace; Mrs. J. Fairhurst, bright blue silk, with bands of black velvet; Mrs. J. Miles (Marton), pretty toilette of pale pink taffeta, with cream lace and chiffon; Miss Staveley, white silk and chiffon; Miss D. Holmes, pale blue taffeta, with berthe of pale pink roses; Miss Kohn, a pretty frock of white chiffon taffeta; Miss Bruce, white silk, with front panel of Valenciennes insertion; Miss G. Kohn, pink and white floral muslin, with white lace berthe; Miss Ferguson, pale mauve Louise silk, and white lace; Miss Murray, pale blue chiffon taffeta, with berthe of beautiful Honiton lace; Miss Hunt, white muslin, with bands of heliotrope velvet ribbon; Miss Peck, black silk and net; Miss Bain, pink and white frock, trimmed with bands of pink velvet; Miss Duncan, pretty frock of eau de nil silk muslin, with ribbon velvet trimming of a deeper shade; Miss Wey, white crepe de chine, with white lace berthe, and cream roses; Miss C. Trent, soft white silk; Miss Croxton, white satin, with pale pink rosebuds on the bodice; Miss E. Croxton, pale pink Louise silk, with cream lace; Miss Hobday, blue silk, with insertions and berthe of lace; Miss Laurence, white silk, the bodice draped with chiffon; Miss Hishop, white mousseline de soie; Miss Chapman, pretty frock of pink and green floral chiffon, worn over white glace; Miss Jones (Rangiora), white lace over white satin, red flowers; Miss Guthrie, white Limerick lace over silk, with corsage bouquet of pink roses; Miss Thornton, white silk and net; Miss Marks, pretty frock of flame-coloured silk, the bodice trimmed with chiffon of the same shade; Miss Harris, pale pink crepe de chine, and cream lace; Miss Mobbs, white silk.

AN AT HOME.

was given on Thursday by Mrs. J. A. Holmes, at "Huntley," Riccarton, in honour of her niece, Miss Loughrey, of Melbourne, who is staying with her. The principal amusement was a guessing competition, which caused much excitement and merriment. The first prize, a travelling clock, was won by Mrs. E. G. Rawnsley, and the second, a silver vase, by Miss Irene Staveley. Other guests present were: Mrs. Holmes (Christchurch), Mrs. Gordon Holmes (Rakaia) and Misses Holmes (2), Misses Garforth, Edwards, Loughrey, Ferguson (2), Proctor, Holmes (Halswell), Shand, Morris, Joseph (London), and Hoskyns, Mrs. Claude Sawtell, and Mrs. Blunden. Dainty afternoon tea was served in the dining-room, which was beautifully decorated with quantities of spring flowers.

THE GRAND OPERA.

The Musgrove Opera Company's season opened at His Majesty's Theatre last week, and a great treat has been afforded to music-lovers, but, unfortunately, these are not sufficiently numerous to fill so large a hall, consequently some of the operas have been sung to half-empty seats; which must be terribly trying to the performers. Amongst the audiences I have noticed: Mrs. and Miss Elworthy, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. O. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wood, Miss Wood, Mrs. and the Misses Kettle, Dr. and Mrs. Thacker, Mrs. H. H. Loughman, Miss Cocks, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Macdonald, Miss Macdonald, Miss N. Reeves, Miss Cowlishaw, Mr. and Miss Devenish-Moares, Mrs. and the Misses Anderson, Professor and Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. and Miss Boyle, Mrs. Symes, Mrs. and Miss Ogle, Mrs. Palmer, Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Pitman, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Beswick, Mrs. Hugh Reeves, Dr. and Mrs. Crooke, the Misses Cook, Dr. Alice Moorhouse, and Mrs. Lance.

GOLF.

The last of the eclectic matches was played at Shirley on Tuesday, for the prizes presented by Mrs. George Gould in the second grade. Miss D. Anderson came first, and her sister second.

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