

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

Coming at an unusual time for

**A DANCE,**

that given by Mrs. W. H. Levin (a well-known hostess of former days) was particularly enjoyable. The Sydney-street Hall was effectively decorated, the music was excellent, and there was a most tempting supper. Among the guests were many naval officers. Mrs. Levin wore black sequined lace over white satin; Miss Levin, pretty frock of shell-pink chiffon; Miss R. Levin, pale blue chiffon taffetas, with frills of fine lace; Mrs. W. Levin, white satin, trimmed with pink, overdress of white and silver sequined net, with touches of pink on the bodice; Mrs. A. Duncan, white brocade; Mrs. Fitzgerald, black lace, over white glaze; Mrs. C. Crawford, handsome gown of pink faille, with raised embroideries, in faint colours; Miss Harcourt, floral chiffon; Miss G. Harcourt, blue chiffon taffetas; Mrs. H. Johnston, maize chiffon taffetas, bretelles and sash ends of black velvet; Miss Cooper, pale green silk; Mrs. Houston, white silk and lace; Miss Brandon, white glaze; pink roses; Miss M. Brandon, white silk colienne; Mrs. Pearce, black brocade, white lace berthe; Miss M. Pearce, founoed chiffon; Miss Duncan, pale green crepe de chine; Miss Izard, white satin and lace; Miss Rubi Seddon, white chiffon taffetas, with touches of pale blue velvet; Miss Fitzgerald, pink satin; Mrs. Duncan, black embroidered chiffon; Mrs. Cooper, black brocade and Honiton lace; Mrs. Larnach, opal-tinted brocade; Miss Higginson, pale pink silk; Miss G. Reid, emerald green silk colienne, hemmed with velvet.

Lady Ward, president of the Ladies' Branch of the

**VICTORIA LEAGUE,**

kindly placed the grounds of Awarua House at the disposal of the League when the members decided to give a garden party in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Kennerley Rumford. In spite of the drought, the garden was bright with flowers, and the scene on the lawn was charming, the big trees making a delightful background to the many pretty dresses. Music was supplied by a string band. Lady Ward was in white chiffon, with a hand-painted design of pink and pastel blue, the colours being repeated in her hat; Mrs. Kennerley Rumford wore a picturesque dress of vieux-rose crepe-line, with a long trained skirt, the bodice having a vest and revers of handsome Irish guipure, hat of vieux-rose taffetas, with a sweeping ostrich feather of the same shade; Mrs. Grace, black chiffon taffetas, with ruffles of ivory lace, black and white toque; Mrs. Larnach, sage-green voile, with vest of lace; hat with shaded flowers; Mrs. Luke, grey glaze with touches of black velvet, black and white toque; Mrs. Corrigan, grey taffetas with lace vest and sleeves; Mrs. Grady, black taffetas and black and white toque; Mrs. Hislop, black taffetas, black and mauve hat; Mrs. Harris, pompadour chiffon, with pale green bretelles, hat with black tips; Lady Stout, black and white striped silk, with bretelles, and a vest of Irish guipure, black and mauve hat; Mrs. O'Connor, black chiffon taffetas; Mrs. Fulton, dull green silk, and black toque; Mrs. Fitchett, black and white striped radium silk, hat with roses; Mrs. Laing-Meason, black chiffon taffetas, with revers of handsome embroidery, black toque; Miss Laing-Meason, white broderie Anglaise, hat with roses; Mrs. Harcourt, mauve crystalline, and hat with tips; Miss Harcourt, white crystalline, black and white hat; Mrs. Prouse, brown poplin and shaded brown hat; Mrs. Fisher, vieux-rose colienne, hat wreathed with roses; Miss Scully, black and white striped muslin, black hat; Mrs. Gilmer, black lace over ivory glaze; Mrs. Herbert, cream colienne and green hat; Mrs. McEwan, chine silk, with pale green revers, picture hat; Mrs. Stafford, black and white lace dress; Mrs. Ewen, grey and white crystalline and black toque; Mrs. Seaton, blue chiffon taffetas; Mrs. Ward, dull purple taffetas, and black hat; Mrs. Watson, olive-green voile, with a satin stripe, green hat; Mrs. Tole (Auckland), black chiffon glaze; Miss Joseph, tussock-coloured Marquiette, with horizontal bands of Oriental embroidery, with touches of gold, brown hat with roses; Mrs. Burnett, olive-green colienne, with ecru lace yoke, black toque; Mrs. Izard, grey checked tweed and rose-trimmed hat; Miss Prouse, brown taffetas changeant, white hat with shaded feathers; Miss R. Seddon, white embroidered muslin and lilac hat.

OPHELIA.

Dear Bee, January 31.

**A SMALL TENNIS PARTY**

was given on Tuesday by Mrs. J. C. Palmer, of Gloucester-street. The players were Mrs. Beale, Miss Symes, the Misses Moore (2), Mrs. Palmer, Miss Deane, Miss Harley, Miss Merton, and Miss Janet Ogle.

**AT AN AFTERNOON TEA**

given last Friday by Mrs. F. Waymouth, Fendalton, amongst others present were Mrs. J. J. Kinsey, Mrs. de Vries, Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. Coleridge Farr, the Misses Wilson, Miss Berkeley, Mrs. Chilton, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Price, and Mrs. Harvey. Afternoon tea was served on the verandah, and a very pleasant time was spent, without having to rack one's brain with puzzles or competitions of any sort—quite a novel experience now-a-days.

**A DANCE**

was given on the same evening by Mrs. G. G. Holmes, "Knocklynn," Halwell. The Christchurch guests, who were driven out in drags and motors, included: Mr. and Mrs. Heaton Rhodes, Dr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Dr. Cook, the Misses Cook (2), Misses Mather (2), Miss Duncan, Miss Jameson, the Misses Loughrey (2), the Misses Ferguson (2), Miss D. Holmes (Rakaia), the Misses Latter (2), Misses Wilson (2), Miss Murray, Messrs. Williams (2), Murray, Holmes (Rakaia), Guthrie, Jameson, Bloxam and Down, Mrs. Holmes was handsomely gowned in black crepe de chine, relieved with lace. Dancing took place in a large marquee, which was gaily decorated with flags and evergreens, and the floor was an excellent one for dancing.

Mrs. H. H. Loughnan

**HAD A CHARMING TENNIS PARTY**

at Avonside last Saturday, when some excellent sets were played. The guests were: Mrs. Michael Campbell, the Misses Campbell (2), Miss Symes, Miss Cracroft Wilson, Miss Poulton, Miss Butterworth, Miss Cuthbert, Miss Thomas, and Miss Cook, Messrs. Thomas, Day, Brittain, Lawrence, Cook, Nancarrow, Murray and Trolove.

**AN AFTERNOON TEA**

in honour of Mrs. D. E. O'Rourke was given on Wednesday by Mrs. Wardrop, Hereford-street. Some of those present were: Mesdames Rhodes, Kettle, Denniston, Abraham, Wigram, and Gould.

**MADAME ALIDA LOMAN**

gave her final concert on Friday evening at the Choral Hall, when there was a very large attendance, a few of those present being: Mesdames Pyne, Harper, Loughnan, Harley, Nancarrow, Beale, Cooper, Stringer, Clark, Bealey, Fox, Rose, H. Reeves, Cox, Deans, Rhodes, Stead, Kettle, Symes, Wilson and Denniston.

**MADAME CLARA BUTT'S FIRST CONCERT,**

which took place in His Majesty's Theatre on Wednesday evening was a brilliant success. The theatre was filled to excess and several people were even seated on the stage. Amongst the audience were: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. G. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Heaton Rhodes, Mrs. Moorhouse, Dr. Alice Moorhouse, the Bishop and Mrs. Julius, Judge and Mrs. Denniston, Mrs. Abraham, Mrs. John Deane, Miss Deane, Miss Somerville, Mrs. Symes, Mr. Beauchamp Lane, Mr. Buckley, Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. and Miss Greenstreet, Mr. and Mrs. Pyne, Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Stead, Mrs. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Loughnan, Mrs. Randal, Mrs. Malet, Mrs. and Miss Wilding, Mrs. J. B. Way, the Misses Way, Miss Cook, Dr. and Mrs. Crooke, Mrs. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Wood.

**AT MRS. WILSON'S "AT HOME,"**

given this week at Bealey Avenue, as a farewell to Miss B. Wilson, who is leaving Christchurch for a trip to England by the "Athletic" to-day, amongst the guests were: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Chilton, Mrs. Carey-Hill, Mrs. Waymouth, Mrs. Quane, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. and Miss Williams, Miss Jameson, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. and Miss Reece.

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