

enjoyed themselves. It was a capital night for dancing, and there has been rather a lull in entertainments lately, so everyone was fresh and keenly energetic. Arums, rhododendrons, and guelder roses were the flowers used in the summer-room, strands of red ribbon also doing excellent service. Outside, the verandah and the garden provided picturesque sitting-out places, the darkness made visible by fairy lanterns. Mrs Bristow wore white taffetas, with an overdress of black lace, hemmed with velvet; Miss Bristow, white nimon de soie, with an Empire belt of taffetas; Mrs Milward (Wanganui), black chiffon taffetas and lace; Mrs Moss, azure blue silk, lace berthe, belt of gold tissue; Mrs T. Milward, heliotrope radium silk, with bands of velvet and draperies of lace; Mrs Grey, black chiffon with a floral design over opal iridescent taffetas; Mrs Ballance, black crepe de chine, with jet embroideries and knots of velvet; Miss Appleton (Melbourne), white marquise-ette, with silver and blue embroideries; Miss Wilson, ivory chiffon taffetas and lace; Miss McKerran (Dunedin), black crepe de chine, and lace sleeves and vest and pale blue belt; Miss Nathan, white mousseline de soie and lace; Miss Jones, pastel chiffon taffetas and lace; Miss Grey, white mousseline de soie; Miss Miles, opal chiffon taffetas.

**DANCE AT SAYES COURT.**

Sayes Court was the scene of a delightful dance on Friday last, when Mrs H. D. Bell was the hostess. It is a capital house for entertaining, and the two big rooms connected by folding doors gave splendid space for dancing. Lilies of the valley made a fairy-like decoration for the supper tables, and roses and sweet peas in profusion were clear proof that summer is on us. In the ball-room were tall jars of arum lilies and fragrant branches of lilac, while masses of Japanese plum appeared in the sitting-out rooms. Mrs Bell wore a handsome brocade in faint hydrangea colouring; Miss Bell, white nimon de soie, with a silver belt; Miss V. Bell, primrose charmeuse, with draperies of lace; Mrs. H. Johnston, pastel chiffon taffetas, and lace berthe; Mrs. H. Rolleston, black and white radium silk, with vest and sleeves of lace; Mrs. V. Riddiford, petal pink charmeuse, with lace sleeves

and an Empire belt; Mrs. A. Duncan, amber taffetas, with a note of blue on the delicate embroideries; Mrs. Dalziel, ivory satin and Brussels lace; Mrs. Walter Johnston, a lovely Empire dress of ivory lace over chiffon; Mrs. Von Zedlitz, sky blue messaline, with lace sleeves; Mrs. Colbeck (Auckland), floral chiffon, with delicate lace; Mrs. C. Phazayya (Featherston), ivory satin with pale blue belt and lace scarf; Miss D. Johnston, pink and white chine silk; Miss Duncan, ivory charmeuse, softly draped with lace; Miss Hishop, white mousseline de soie, with silver belt.

**PERSONAL ITEMS.**

Mrs. Alley, who has been here for some weeks negotiating with the Government about a mail subsidy for the Alley Line, running between Canada and New Zealand, is returning to Canada, and was a passenger by the last steamer for Sydney.

Mr. and Miss Skerrett, who have been some time in Australia for a holiday jaunt, are at present in Melbourne, where they will stay to see the Cup run.

Miss Q. Nelson (Auckland) is here for a visit to her aunt, Miss Coates.

Miss Elsie Watson has returned from a four months' stay in Sydney.

Miss Horton (Auckland) is the guest of Miss Tolhurst, Grant-road.

Mrs. and Miss Beere are leaving next month for a trip to England.

**OPHELIA.**

**CHRISTCHURCH.**

Dear Bee, October 30.

**A SMALL DANCE**

was given by Mrs. Walter J. Moore at her residence, Brown's-road, St. Alban's, on Friday evening, in honour of the officers of the two warships now in Lyttelton. The rooms were artistically decorated with flowers. Dancing took place in the large dining-room. The decorations there were crimson and white. Mrs. Moore wore a handsome gown of black embroidered point d'esprit net over

white satin with bands of black velvet, and corsage bouquet of pale pink roses; Miss Moore, white satin with pearl embroidery; Miss D. Moore, pale pink nimon, strapped with taffeta of the same shade and cream lace; Miss Gwen Moore, pretty frock of white muslin and lace; Mrs. Gower Burns wore a gown of black sequined chiffon with crimson roses; Miss N. Burns, pale blue spotted mousseline de soie; Miss Symes, black crepe de chine, relieved with cream lace; Miss Wilding, white mousseline de soie with touches of mauve ribbon; Miss C. Kettle, white crepe de chine over yellow silk, trimmed with gold tissue; Miss Humphreys, frock of white chiffon with silver fringe and touches of pale blue velvet; Miss Deniston, white satin and lace; Miss R. Anderson, yellow silk, veiled with white chiffon and touches of gold tissue; Miss Merton, blue muslin and lace; Miss Mathias, white and pale blue floral muslin with insertions of lace; Messrs. Moore, Anderson (2), Malet, Wright, Nancarrow, Leiske, Vernon-Dinwiddie, Cochrane, and officers of H.M.S. Pioneer and Encounter.

**A DANCE**

was given the following evening at "Merchiston," Opawa, by Mrs. Andrew Anderson. The wide verandahs were closed in and used for dancing. Mrs. Anderson was handsomely gowned in dark green velvet with cream lace fichu and sleeves; Miss Ruth Anderson, semi-Empire frock of pale blue satin with girdle of pale blue and silver, a deep embroidered tucker of white tulle; Miss Muriel Anderson, pink and white pompadour silk with cream lace; Miss N. Burns, white chiffon over pale pink, trimmed with bands of pink lace insertion; Miss Gorrie (Auckland), pink and white floral chiffon; Miss G. Gorrie, black crepe de chine and white chiffon; Miss Kitson, cream satin, trimmed with gold; Miss Loughnan (Palmerston North), blue floral taffeta and cream lace; Miss Merton, pale blue spotted muslin and lace; Miss G. Merton, pink and white net; Miss Symes, black crepe de chine, relieved with cream and gold; Miss Lucy Cook, cream lace over white taffeta, corsage bouquet of crimson roses; Miss B. Wood, frock of white chiffon taffeta; Miss Mathias, cream lace robe, worn over satin, with touches of pale

blue velvet; Miss Nicholls, vieux rose crepe de chine with rose embroidery; Miss A. Humphreys, pale pink nimon, banded with pink taffetas; Miss M. Molineaux, cream lace with belt of pale blue satin.

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.**

The Misses Torrie (Auckland) are in Christchurch, staying with friends. Miss Loughnan (Palmerston North) is the guest of Mrs. W. Wood.

Mrs. C. Dalgety, Mrs. Hall and Miss Campbell have returned from Dunedin. Captain and Mrs. Fyler, of H.M.A. Encounter, are staying at the United Service Hotel in Christchurch.

Visitors to Christchurch include; Mrs. and Miss Barker (Geraldine), Mr. and Mrs. W. Rutherford (Montrose), Mrs. Percy Johnstone (Mt. Torlesse), and Mr. and Mrs. H. Acton Adams.

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