

"at Bell's Ringing," both of which few well merited encores. Mr. T. Parker gave some humorous recitations. Miss Campbell, a lady who promises to be a clever pianist, played two solos, and received well-deserved applause for her performance. Miss Hilda Douglas delighted the audience with her song "Gates of the West." Miss and Mr. A. Fall added greatly to the pleasure of the evening, as did Mr. Cook, Mr. Baker, Mr. R. Smith, and Mr. McPhee, and the concert closed with a fascinating clog dance and sailor's hornpipe by Mr. J. Brandon. The dance which followed was kept up until an early hour on the following morning.

The Hunt Club had a fast run with the Hawke's Bay Harriers on Saturday. The meet and breakfast had been at the house of Mr. Rhodes, Springhill, and a large company were present. Among them:—Mrs. Rhodes, Miss Rhodes, Miss Abbott, Miss Herick, Mr. Kinnross White, Mr. Cartwright Brown, Mr. H. H. Bridge, Dr. Robinson, Mr. A. T. Russell, Mr. Herbert Galsford, Mr. E. Froome, Mr. Orr, and many more. The run was round the hills, through some of the home paddocks, over the road, and through the boundary fence on to Mr. Harding's station, where the hare was killed.

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WELLINGTON.

Dear Rec, June 18.

On Friday last a very enjoyable dance was given by Mr and Miss Harcourt at their residence, Hawkestone Crescent. The fine large house, so suitably adapted for entertaining, was charmingly decorated for the occasion. The verandah was canvassed in and dimly lit with coloured Chinese lanterns, and made a nice cool resting place for the dancers; the hall-room looked very pretty, being hung all round the walls with lycopodium, and the gas chandeliers were also covered with it, in fact all over the house, this pretty greenery formed the chief decoration. A most sumptuous sit-down supper was laid out in the dining-room, the table being prettily arranged with yellow chrysanthemums and maiden-hair fern, and the menu included every dainty delicacy of the season. Mr and Miss Harcourt received their guests in the drawing-room, which was softly lit with pink shaded lights. Miss Harcourt wore a simple white silk gown veiled with spotted chiffon. Among those present were Mrs Collins, who wore a dark red velvet gown the corsage edged with white lace and ornamented with diamonds; Mrs Professor Brown, a pretty white brocade gown, the bodice softened with embroidered chiffon; Mrs C. Izard, black silk, the bodice veiled with chiffon; Mrs Duthie, white figured silk gown trimmed with chiffon; Miss Cocks (Christchurch), a white brocade gown, the bodice trimmed with erise silk and white lace; Miss Fraser, white satin, the bodice softened with chiffon folds; Miss Pharazyu, black satin, the bodice draped with fine white lace; Miss A. Brandon, black silk trimmed with lace; Miss Rolleston, pale pink silk, with frills of white lace; Miss Ashcroft, black satin, with white lace on the bodice; Miss Bell, soft white muslin gown trimmed with lace and insertion; Miss Henry, white brocade prettily trimmed with lace and chiffon; Miss G. Henry, in a black gown trimmed with chiffon; Miss E. Williams, blue striped silk gown trimmed with chiffon and pink flowers; Miss U. Williams, black satin, the bodice trimmed with cream lace and finished with a waistband of peacock blue velvet; Miss Fitzherbert, white, trimmed with frills of chiffon and pearls; Miss I. Fitzherbert, also wore a soft white gown with chiffon; Miss Stowe, cream brocade gown trimmed with lace; Miss A. Johnston, a white and pink lake silk gown with chiffon; Miss Simpson, black satin, the bodice trimmed with blue velvet and pink flowers; Miss M. Simpson, pretty pale blue silk gown with chiffon to match, and white lace on the bodice; Miss Friend, black gown, the bodice veiled with jewelled net; Miss O. Gore, white satin gown, with chiffon on the bodice; Miss Coleridge, black satin with white chiffon round the corsage; Miss I. Coleridge, white figured gown with pale blue velvet; Miss Sprott, pink silk trimmed with deeper pink; Miss Hutchinson, black satin, the bodice trimmed with white lace and green satin ribbon; Miss Rose, white satin, with long sleeves and corsage of jewelled net; Miss Edwin, in white; Miss A. Edwin, soft pale blue striped silk gown with e; Miss Quick, black silk, with

cream lace berthe; Miss M. Quick, black gown with white chiffon on the bodice; Miss M. Douglas, yellow silk veiled with brown chiffon, arranged with frills and tuels; Miss G. Morrah, blue silk, trimmed with green ribbon and flowers; Miss Atkinson, a black gown with white lace round the corsage; Miss Butts, also in black, the bodice trimmed with turquoise blue velvet. Also Professors Brown and MacLaurin, Dr. Cahill, Sir Kenneth Douglas, Mr J. Mills (Dunedin), Mr Fraser, Messrs Harcourt, Richmond, Williams, Johnston, Duncan (2), Gore, McClaverly, Fitzherbert, Cox, Cooper, Turrell, Coleridge, Baldwin, Atkinson, and others. Minefe's music was excellent, and extras were played by Mrs Brown and Miss Henry.

The Rev. Mr and Mrs Sprott entertained a very large number of guests at an afternoon "At Home" on Saturday, in the Sydney-street Hall. The room was made nice and cosy with big fires, and the stage arranged with comfortable arm-chairs and sofas. In the side room the ever welcome and refreshing cup of tea, or coffee, with dainty sandwiches, cakes and sweets, was to be had, and proved more than usually acceptable after coming in from the wet and cold outside. Mrs Sprott was wearing a black gown and velvet cape, with large revers of green silk and a toque of maroon velvet with black tips. Miss Sprott was dressed in white silk and a small red hat trimmed with black.

Some of those I noticed present were. Mrs. Wallis, wearing a grey jacket and skirt, and grey straw hat with red velvet and wings; Mrs. Pharazyu, black gown and handsome velvet cape with jet and fur, bonnet trimmed with pink roses and lace wings; Miss Pharazyu, grey coat and skirt, with white revers, and a black and white toque; Mrs Lynsout, black gown and cape, small black bonnet relieved with hellebore flowers; Mrs. Fancourt, black costume and bonnet trimmed with pink flowers; Miss Fancourt, dark blue coat and skirt, and felt hat to match, with quills; Mrs. Rose, brown coat and skirt, and a cream and brown velvet bonnet, with pink roses; Miss Rose, dark gown and fawn jacket, blue straw hat, trimmed with white chiffon and black tips; Mrs. W. Reid, brown gown, trimmed with open cream lace and velvet, bonnet to match, with tips; Mrs. Gore, a black silk gown with lace, black and white bonnet, trimmed with white aigrettes; Miss O. Gore, brown tailor-made suit and cream straw toque, trimmed with violets and tips; Mrs. (Professor) Brown, dark grey coat and skirt, white straw hat trimmed with black tips and flowers; Mrs. Gee, black tailor-made coat and skirt, and grey velvet toque, with steel and wings; Mrs. Butts, black grenadine gown, trimmed with white under black lace, black and white bonnet; Miss Butts, fawn jacket and skirt, and felt hat; Mrs. Firth, a dark tailor-made costume, trimmed with fur, and a velvet toque to match, bound with fur; Mrs. Barclay, black gown and cape and black bonnet, trimmed with pink roses and tips; Mrs. Harold Johnston, brown tailor-made suit, trimmed with fur, and a fur toque trimmed with white tulle and red flowers; Mrs. Ritchie, violet cloth coat and skirt, and a violet velvet toque with white wings; Mrs. Aulton, dark blue coat and skirt, and a black hat with tips; Mrs. Mantell, black jacket and skirt, and a red and black toque, with black tips; Mrs. (Professor) McKenzie, black costume; Mrs. Henry, black velvet gown with grey fur and a black bonnet, with tips and pink roses; Mrs. Ewen, black tailor suit and black toque, trimmed with red; Mrs. Dr. Young, a blue gown and black hat, with tips; Mrs. Hislop, black tailor-made costume and black and white bonnet; Mrs. Tweed, black gown and handsome sealskin coat, black hat, trimmed with black and pale blue tips; Mrs. Butt, black coat and skirt and black toque with flowers; Miss Butt, red gown with white revers, and a black straw hat, trimmed with red and white ribbon; Mrs. His, dark blue tailor suit, with white moire revers and vest, mauve velvet toque, with black tips; Mrs. M. Rose, black gown and red jacket, black toque, trimmed with red; Mrs. McTavish, grey coat and skirt, and a black toque trimmed with tips and mauve flowers; Miss Contes, black gown and fawn jacket, a black and orange velvet toque, with black tips; Miss Richmond, black jacket and skirt, and a black hat trimmed with scarlet ribbon; Miss A. Brandon, black coat and skirt and a black hat, trimmed with pink ribbon loops; Miss Harcourt, grey tailor suit and white felt hat, trimmed with black and green

ribbon; Miss Cocks (Christchurch), dark coat and skirt and a pale blue straw hat, trimmed with black; Miss Ashcroft, black coat and skirt, and small fawn felt hat; Miss Quick, brown striped gown, trimmed with pink silk and a black velvet hat, with tips; Miss M. Douglas, brown gown, the bodice trimmed with pink silk and velvet, brown straw hat, trimmed with pink flowers and fawn feathers; Miss Friend, blue coat and skirt and a straw hat, trimmed with red ribbon; Miss Rolleston, black jacket and skirt, and a black velvet hat, with tips; Miss Morrah, black coat and skirt and fur toque, trimmed with red; Miss G. Morrah, black skirt and red velvet blouse, with white lace, red velvet toque, trimmed with fur; Miss Medley, blue tailor-made suit and blue velvet toque, bound with fur; Miss Barron, fawn jacket and skirt, and toque with flowers; Miss Smart, dark gown and seal-skin jacket, black hat, with black and white tips; Miss Edwin, grey tweed coat and skirt, burnt straw hat, trimmed with pink silk; Miss Babor, blue coat and skirt, and a black and orange velvet toque, with black tips; Miss Campbell, black gown and hat, red jacket; also Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, the Misses Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Mason and Miss Mason, Mrs. and Miss McIntosh, Mrs. and Miss Blackett, Mrs. Hacon, the Misses Lingard, Mr. and Mrs. Powles and Miss Powles, the Misses Birmingham, Mrs. de Kenzi, Mr. and Mrs. Prouse, Mrs. and Miss Babor, Miss Smith, Rev. Mr. Bartlett, Rev. Mr. Davis, Professors Brown and Easterfield, Mr. Hutt, Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Pyeant, Dr. Young, Messrs. Mantell, Ritchie, Joynt, Ewen, Barclay, Ashcroft, Atkinson, Kemp and many more.

June 21.

An interesting ceremony took place on Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being the opening of the new wing at

the Ohio Home by His Excellency the Governor. The weather was beautifully fine, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present by invitation to witness the proceedings. Lord Ranfurly, who was accompanied by the Hon C. Hill-Trevor, was met at the entrance of the building by the Benevolent Trustees and their chairman, Rev. J. K. Elliott, and was then escorted to the main hall, where he was introduced to the master and matron of the home, Mr and Mrs Purvis. The fine new additions were then inspected by the visitors, after which the formal opening ceremony took place in one of the large rooms. Hearty cheers were given for the Governor. Delicious tea and cakes were supplied later on, and Jupp's Band dispersed sweet music during the afternoon. Among those present were His Lordship the Bishop of Wellington and Mrs Wallis, the Mayor and Mrs Aitken, Rev. Father Devoy, Hon. W. C. Walker and others.

A large and very pleasant afternoon tea was given to-day by Mrs George Hutchison to give her many friends an opportunity of wishing her and her family good-bye before leaving for South Africa, which they intend doing in about two months' time. Very tempting tea, coffee, and cakes and sweets were to be had in the dining-room, the table being nicely arranged with vases of flowers and green. Mrs Hutchison received in the drawing-room, and wore a blue and white foulard silk gown with yoke and top sleeves of white tucked silk; Miss Hutchison wore a pretty grey gown, the bodice tucked and having a yoke of white satin. She was assisted in the tea-room by Miss Hutchison (Dunedin) and Miss Rose, the former wearing a black skirt and checked silk blouse, and the latter in

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