

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, July 15. On Friday last the Port Nicholson Yacht Club's annual ball took place in the Sydney-street Hall. The room was just comfortably full, so that there was plenty of room for dancing, and altogether the ball was a great success, and went off with more than usual spirit. All the elaborate decorations, which were arranged for the Garrison Ball a few nights before were left up for Friday, and were again the admiration of all. The stage was made luxurious with chairs, sofas, etc., while the side-rooms were also used for sitting-out. The tempting sit down supper was laid out in the large gymnasium, the table being decorated with pot plants. Minnie supplied the music.

Among those present were:-Messrs Symonds, wearing a handsome black satin gown with lace and white lace cap; Mrs H. Rawson wore a gown of rich heliotrope brocade, the skirt trained and the bodice softened with chiffon folds to match; her daughter, who made her debut on the occasion, was dressed in white silk with chiffon and silver passementerie on the bodice; another debutante was Miss Violet Rawson, a cousin, who wore white satin, the bodice veiled with embroidered chiffon; Mrs Rawson's gown was of beautiful pink satin merveilleux with chiffon to match on the bodice; Mrs J. C. Martin, black gown with chiffon round the corsage; Miss Martin, black silk gown tied at the waist with a striped sash; Mrs Tweed handsome white brocade, the skirt frilled with lace, and having bands of crimson velvet, and the bodice veiled with pearl and bead embroidery and lace; Mrs Howarth in black satin with pink chiffon; Mrs Owen, striped pink glace silk gown, the bodice trimmed with chiffon and roses to match; Mrs Mantell, black brocade with berthe of white lace; Mrs Biss, soft blue embroidered crepe gown with white chiffon softening the bodice; Mrs W. Turnbull, an elegant gown of trailing black gauze beautifully jewelled all over, and a little blue velvet on the bodice; Mrs Bucholz in yellow satin with jet bands; Mrs Tringham, rich white brocade and chiffon gown; Mrs Symonds, yellow brocade trimmed with white lace; Miss Pharaayn, black satin, the bodice draped with palest coffee lace; Miss Johnston, white satin, the skirt edged with a chiffon flounce; Miss A. Johnston, a black and white striped satin gown, the bodice softened with white chiffon and a pink rosette at one side; Miss Henry, white brocade, prettily befrilled with lace; Miss G. Henry in pale green with white lace; Miss U. Williams, black satin, the bodice trimmed with tinted lace and green velvet bands; Miss Stowe, a white gown veiled with lace and run with black bebe ribbon; Miss O. Gore, black merveilleux, the bodice trimmed with white lace and pink roses; Miss Lloyd (Palmerston N.), black brocade with white lace round the bodice; Miss Edwin, black silk, the bodice trimmed with pearls; Miss A. Edwin, pale blue striped gauze gown; Miss Harper (Christchurch), black gown trimmed with lace and pale blue ribbon; Miss Reid, a pretty cream brocade gown trimmed with pink rosebuds and silver sequins; Miss Macintosh, black; Miss M. McGregor, a pink gown, the bodice of a deeper pink satin trimmed with passementerie and lace; Miss Harcourt, black satin with passementerie bands; Miss Handyside, pretty white silk and lace gown; Miss Smith, a pale blue and white striped gown with corsage and underskirt of white lace fillis; Miss Simpson, black brocade with pale blue chiffon on the bodice; Miss H. Simpson, pale blue silk prettily trimmed with open white lace, run with black bebe ribbon; Miss Marchant, in dark maroon satin; her sister wore pale yellow silk with white lace; Miss Fancourt in cream. There were also present:- Captain Dicken, Colonel Paterson, and several officers from H.M.S. Royal Arthur, Colonel Denton, Captain Owen, Messrs Rawson, Harcourt, Mantell, Turnbull (3), Symonds, Biss, Bucholz, Stowe, Williams, Gore, Johnston, Handyside, Pharaayn, Dr. Lawson, etc., etc.

abruptly for South Africa. Dainty tea was laid in the dining-room, the table being decorated with daisies. Mrs Marchbanks wore a blue and white foulard skirt and pretty white silk blouse trimmed with tucks and lace. She was assisted in the tea-room by her sister, Miss Olive Gore and Mrs H. Gore. Mrs Gore was wearing a black skirt and salmon pink silk blouse trimmed with lace; Miss Gore wore a pretty soft grey gown with vest of white silk. During the afternoon songs were charmingly sung by the Misses Gore, St. Hill, and Duncan. Among those present were Miss Hutchison, wearing a dark green gown with embroidered cream revers and a crimson velvet toque trimmed with fur and tips; Miss St. Hill wore a brown coat and skirt and sailor hat; Miss Pharaayn, grey jacket and skirt and large hat trimmed with pale blue rosette and feathers; Miss Johnston, blue coat and skirt and a black and green toque with fur; Miss A. Johnston, blue coat and skirt and red straw toque with white wings; Miss Duncan, fawn jacket and skirt and a brown hat trimmed with shaded tips and blue silk; Miss A. Brandon, a slate grey gown with yoke of pink under lace and a black hat trimmed with pink ribbon loops; Miss Harcourt, black coat and skirt and black and white hat with green ribbon; Miss Stowe, brown tailor suit and cream and black toque with pink roses; Miss M. Stowe, dark violet coat and skirt and cream straw hat trimmed with black wings and pink flowers; Miss Higginson, black tailor suit and black straw and chiffon hat; Miss F. Brandon wore black and white; Miss Bell, dark tailor suit and brown hat trimmed with pink; Miss U. Williams, blue coat and skirt, black hat with blue ribbon; the Misses Barron in fawn coats and skirts and black and red toques; Miss Fitzherbert, fawn jacket and skirt and black hat trimmed with pale blue silk and tips; her sister wore a blue coat and skirt and a red velvet hat with black wings; Miss Riddiford, a black coat and skirt with cream-figured revers, cream hat trimmed with black tips and flowers; Miss Sprott in black and a red jacket; Miss Friend, blue coat and skirt and cream hat with red loops.

The Countess of Ranfurly gave another of her charming "at homes" on Monday afternoon. All the rooms looked cosy and warm, as usual, and the decorations consisted chiefly of handsome pot plants. Merry music was provided by the band from H.M.S. Royal Arthur, and added greatly to the very enjoyable afternoon. His Excellency the Governor was present, also Captain Alexander, Hon. Hill-Trevor, the Ladies Constance and Eileen Knox, and Hon. Mr. Butler, acting A.D.C. Among the guests were the chief justice and Lady Stout, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Seddon, Miss Seddon, and her sister, Mrs. Morice, Sir Arthur and Lady Douglas, the Misses Douglas, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Millar, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Ward, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Miss Walker, Captain Russell, Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Heaton-Rhodes, Captain and Mrs. Owen, Dr. and Mrs. Grace, Mrs. Clark (Christchurch), Mrs. Richmond, the Misses Richmond, Mrs. and Miss Pharaayn, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, Miss Duneson, Mrs. and Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Abbott (Wanganui), Mrs. and Miss Barron, Dr. and Mrs. Collins, Captain and Miss Barclay, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Fifth, Mr. and Mrs. D. Nathan, Mrs. and Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. White (England), Mr. and Mrs. Embling, Mrs. and Miss Edwin, Miss Webb-Bowen, Mrs. and Miss Hall-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnston, the Misses Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Johnston, Mr. and Miss Harcourt, Mr. and Mrs. Knight, Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Rhind, Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Mrs. and Miss McGregor, Mrs. and the Misses Williams, Mrs. Turnbull, Miss Rolleston, Mrs. and Miss Treagar, Mrs. Waldegrave, Mrs. and Miss Simpson, Colonel Denton, Captain Dicken, R.N., and officers of H.M.S. Royal Arthur, etc., etc.

His Excellency the Governor held a dinner party at Government House on Saturday, at which there were present the Hon. J. G. Ward, W. Hall-Jones, B. Harris, J. Jenkinson, W. T. Jennings, C. J. Johnston, G. Jones, J. Kelly, W. Kelly, J. Kerr, G. McLean, W. Montgomery, G. C. Walker, M.L.C., and Messrs. W. Gilfedder, J. Graham, A. B. Guinness, C. Hall, J. A. Hanson, C. A. Hardy, Miss Eke, W. E. Harrier, A. W. Hogg, B. T. Hornsby, R. M. Houston, G. Hutchison, G. Hut-

chison, M.A.H.R., the Mayor (Mr. J. G. Aitken), Sir James Prendergast, Commander Bernard Currie, R.N., Commander Lacy, R.N., and Rev. Somerset Fitzroy, H.M.S. Royal Arthur. On Tuesday Lord and Lady Ranfurly invited a number of guests to a dinner party to meet Rear-Admiral Pearson. The dinner table looked particularly pretty, with lovely silver bowls full of greenery and flowers. Among those present were: Bishop and Mrs. Wallis, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and Miss Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Heaton-Rhodes, Mrs. and the Misses Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reid, Mrs. Rhodes, Dr. and Mrs. Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pearce, Hon. C. C. Bowen, Hon. L. Cadogan, Rev. J. Campbell, Lieutenant V. Bernard, R.N., and Hon. A. C. Bost, hon. A.D.C.

On Tuesday last a pleasant afternoon "at home" was given by Mrs. Ewen. The tea table looked very pretty, being arranged with vases of exquisite cream winter roses—a great luxury just now, when we are suffering so severely from the want of flowers. Mrs. Ewen received her guests in a black silk skirt and a blouse of red silk under jetted tulle. Some of those I noticed were: Mrs. Fitchett, Mrs. and Miss Butts, Mrs. Butt, Mrs. Rawson, Mrs. McCathy, Mrs. Treagar, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Murison, Mrs. D. Nathan, Mrs. C. Izard, Mrs. Tripe, Mrs. N. Reid, Mrs. Embling, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Field, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Bristow, Mrs. Burnes, Mrs. Milward, Mrs. Waldegrave, Mrs. Symonds, Miss Greenwood and others.

The weather was wretched yesterday for the first day of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting. In the early morning it looked fairly promising, but at about 11 o'clock it came on to rain, and continued to pour, without ceasing for the rest of the day. A few keen ladies and gentlemen braved the elements, however, among them being His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Hon. Hill-Tre-

vor and Hon. H. C. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnston, the Misses Johnston, Mr. and Miss Duncan, Mrs. and Miss Bell, Mr. and Miss Harcourt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Crawford, Mr. and the Misses Simpson, Mrs. and Miss Riddiford, the Misses Fitzherbert, Mr. and Mrs. Clark (Christchurch), Mrs. and Miss Hutchison, Miss Williams and others.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE YORKSHIRE SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

The Yorkshire Society of New Zealand added fresh lustre to their record of successful social functions in the shape of their fifth annual dinner, which took place at the Trocadero, Wellington, on Wednesday last, and was attended by between eighty and ninety gentlemen representative of every portion of this broad aced shire. The appointments of the dinner, in the provision of which Host Pincock excelled his previous efforts; the decorations, with which the room was made bright by means of flags, mottoes, and characteristic toasts, the deciphering of which afforded great amusement to the guests whenever an opportunity presented itself; the delightful music during dinner, provided by Fischer's band; the rattling after-dinner speeches with which the various loyal and patriotic toasts were proposed and responded to by the best of the Empire City's speakers; the vocal items by such well-known singers as the Hon. H. Feldwick, Messrs E. J. Hill, R. Boot, J. Crabtree, and others, almost all of whom were honoured with undeniable encores; and a really fine rendering of Tennyson's dialect poem, "The Northern Farmer," by the capable hon. secretary, Mr E. Bold, made up a delightful "tout ensemble" of which the Society may be justly proud. The Rev. J. C. Andrew made an ideal chairman, and the distinguished guests included His Excellency

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