Mrs Thomas Morrin, pale oyster grey voile, with bias tucked skirt, sky blue tulle toque, with gold straw crown, swathed with blue feathers, black lace ruffles around neck; Misses Morrin, navy serge boleros and skirts, gold belts, white vests, white fur boas—one wore a violet velvet toque, with blue goose quill; her sister wore sailor hat; Miss Fenton, grey gown, finished with black, small flat black hat, with ostrich plumes; Mrs O'Hallaron, electrique blue coat and skirt, fur boa, black and white hat; Mrs H. Biss, grey check tailor-made gown, black straw hat, with bunches of violets; Mrs Macindoe, navy gown, black hat, with ribbons; Miss Heather, black skirt, brown jacket, sailor hat; Miss Ware, green skirt, white blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Walker, black silk, white dolman, black bonnet, relieved with white; Mrs Hipkins, navy gown, black bonnet; Mrs Egerton, black costume, white vest, black toque; Miss Rice, violet costume, sailor hat; Miss Bouillion, navy; Mrs Carpenter, brown gown, white vest, black hat; Miss Kitty Lennox, black skirt, fawn jacket, black toque; Mrs Theo Kissling, black fancy material costume, black boa, black bonnet, with feathers, tulle and velvet; Miss Zoe Thorne George, royal blue bolero and skirt, white vest, white satin beefeater crowned hat, with two brims, one of royal blue straw and the other white, the tout en semble was relieved with white quills; Mrs Chatfield, grey gown, black boa, black velvet hat, outlined with strings of silver beads; Mrs Colegrove, pretty violet serge, trimmed with velvet of a darker hue, violet hat; Mrs (Dr.) Lewis, navy coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs E. Morton, black, relieved with white; Mrs Goldie, black bolero and skirt, black toque, with touch of green; Miss Jessie Cooke, dark skirt, coquelicot red blouse, black hat, with plumes; Miss Coates, navy serge, black hat, with plumes; her sister wore a navy natte serge, sailor hat; Miss Oberlin Brown, navy serge, black hat; Mrs Oberlin Brown, black costume, black bonnet; Mrs (Dr.) Coates, grey flecked gown, black velvet bonnet, with white aigrettes; Miss (Theo.) Kissling, black skirt, black and white striped silk blouse, large black picture hat, with rosettes of tulle and black ostrich plumes; Miss Buddle, dark skirt, fawn jacket, black hat;

PHYLLIS BROUN.

## WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, August 22.

The Wellington Garrison officers held their annual ball last Tuesday evening in the Sydney-street Hall. It was a most brilliant success, and went off with such spirit; the committee are to be heartily congratulated upon the result of their hard work. The dancing room was very handsomely decorated with festoons of greenery, and the walls were draped with bright flags, star-shaped designs of glistening bayonets and ramrods, held in place with the colours, were arranged at intervals round the room, while on the cosily furnished stage was a gun and numerous firearms, captured from the Boers by one of our Contingents. These implements of the war proved of great interest to many of the guests. A sit down supper was laid out in the large room at the back, the tables being brilliantly lighted with electric globes, and decorated with pot plants. Tea and coffee was served in one of the small rooms off the ball-room, while the others were used as resting-places for the dancers. The floor was, as usual, in splendid order, and Minifie's band supplied the music; an extra was excellently played by Lieutenant Moore. Those who danced in the official set of lancers were Colonel Pole Penton and Mrs Seddon, Lieutenant-Colonel Collins and Mrs Duncan, Lieutenant-Commander Duncan and Lady Douglas, Major Brandon and Mrs Collins, Major Owen and Miss Brandon, Captain Dutbie and Mrs Owen, Captain Polson and Mrs Butts, Captain Lomax and Miss Seddon.

Mrs Seddon was wearing a rich black satin trained gown, embroidered with jet; Miss Seddon wore lovely white satin with chiffon sleeves and berthe; Lady Douglas wore black velvet with scarlet flowers on the bodice; Mrs Duncan, black satin gown, the bodice veiled with richly sequined chiffon; Mrs Collins wore black silk trimmed with lace; Mrs Butts, black gown, the bodice much trimmed with white chiffon; Mrs Owen, pretty soft white gauze gown, the bodice trimmed with flowers; Mrs Biss wore black satin with jetted corsage; Mrs Bell, beautiful grey brocade gown, the skirt having a front panel of white satin, veiled with cream lace applique, and the bodice also trimmed with lace and chiffon; Mrs Barron, a handsome black gown; Mrs Tuckey, black silk trimmed with white lace; Mrs Butt, black satin and lace gown; Mrs Handyside, pale mauve brocade gown with fine white lace on the bodice; Mrs Napier (Auckland), black satin with jet on the bodice; Mrs Ritchie, black satin and chiffon gown; Mrs Nelson, black brocade with lace and jet on the bodice; Mrs Fitchett, palest pink silk gown, the over-skirt edged with fringe fell over numerous little frills; Mrs Buchanan, pretty black jetted chiffon gown; Mrs Brown, white brocade, the bodice softened with chiffon and lace; Mrs Rawson, black satin; Mrs Henry wore a pale pink gown; Miss Duncan, a black satin gown veiled with jetted chiffon; Miss Brandon, in black with white lace and pink roses on the bodice; Miss F. Brandon wore maize-coloured satin trimmed with chiffon to match; Miss Butts, white satin with bands of black velvet; her sister was also in white; Miss Butt, a white merveilleux gown with chiffon on the bodice; the Misses Williams (Dunedin) wore pretty black satin gowns trimmed with accordian chiffon; Miss Pharazyn, soft embroidered gauze over silk; Miss Higginson, black satin gown, the bodice trimmed with jetted chiffon and flowers; Miss Gore, soft pale blue gown with berthe of deep white lace; Miss Bell, black satin trimmed with cream lace; Miss Johnston, white satin gown with berthe of deep lace; Miss Nelson, a white glace silk gown tucked and softened with chiffon; Miss Handyside, pale green silk, trimmed with chiffon to match; Miss Hislop, pale blue figured silk gown, with ruches of black chiffon; Miss B. Hislop, in black satin trimmed with cream lace; Miss Haseldene, soft black gauze gown; Miss Harcourt, white rosebud silk, with lace on the bodice; Miss Reid, pretty black satin, the bodice trimmed with jewelled chiffon; Miss G. Reid, a white satin gown prettily trimmed with chiffon and lace; Miss M. Douglas, in cream silk veiled with brown gauze; the Misses Simpson wore pretty white gowns with chiffon on the bodices; Miss Rawson, black satin, with bodice of soft gauze; Miss M. McGregor, white merveilleux trimmed with fringe and chiffon; Miss Harding wore a yellow silk gown; Miss E. Harding, white satin veiled with jewelled gauze; Miss Foster, yellow silk, the bodice trimmed with white lace; Miss U. Fitzgerald, soft white gauze gown; Miss K. Fitzgerald, pink satin trimmed with frills of chiffon to match; Miss Lee, white silk gown tucked and trimmed with chiffon; Miss Barron wore black and green; Miss E. Barron, a yellow gown trimmed with heliotrope flowers; Miss Booth (Masterton), in black; Miss Chatfield, black satin, with white chiffon on the bodice; Miss E. Chatfield, in white; Miss G. Henry, black gown trimmed with chiffon; Dr. Platts, black satin, with lace and flowers on the bodice; Miss Miles, white merveilleux, trimmed with chiffon; the Misses Seed wore black gowns trimmed with jet. There were also present the Messrs Beetham, Harcourt, Duncan, Napier, Brandon, Biss, Buchanan, Brown, Higginson, Dalziel, Cox, Cooper, and others.

Musgrove's Opera Company still continue to draw large audiences, and will, I suppose, continue to do so up to the end of their season, for it is not often we have the pleasure of hearing such good artists as Mr Musgrove has brought with him this time. Some of those I have seen at the theatre during this week are Mrs and Miss Seddon, Sir Arthur and Lady Douglas, the Misses Douglas, Mr and Mrs Biss, Mr and Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Pynsent, Mrs and Miss Sprott, Mrs and Miss Higginson, Mrs and Miss Medley, Mrs and the Misses Brandon, the Misses Skerrett, Mrs and Miss Beetham, Mrs Tweed, Mr and Mrs Nathan, Mr and Mrs Duncan and Miss Duncan, Mrs and Miss Gore, Mr and Mrs Reid and the Misses Reid, Dr. and Mrs Fell, Mrs and the Misses Richmond, Mrs W. Bidwill, Mr and Mrs Elgar, Mrs and Miss Bell, Mr and Mrs Johnston, Miss A. Johnston, Mr and Mrs Quick, the Misses Quick, Mr and Mrs Nelson, Miss Nelson, Mr and Miss Harcourt, Mr and Mrs Turrell, Dr. and Mrs Henry, the Misses Henry, Mr and Mrs H. Gore, Mr and Mrs Fitzherbert, the Misses Fitzherbert, Mrs and the Misses McGregor, Dr. and Mrs Rawson, Miss Rawson, Mr and Mrs Browne, Dr. and Mrs Purdy, Mr and Mrs Pearson, and others.

OPHELIA.

## CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, August 21.

So much has been crammed into one week, and the town has been so full of visitors, that one feels a little dazed after it all; but it has been a delightfully giddy time; it is astonishing how much dissipation one can stand.

After the football match the Christ's College Old Boys' gave a dance in the Canterbury Hall, at which the visitors were present, and a most enjoyable time was spent, Messrs W. A. Day, C. M. Ollivier, M. Denniston, and G. Pascoe working hard for the success of it. The chaperons were Mesdames Denniston, J. Anderson and Denham, Mrs Harris being prevented through sickness in the family. Mrs Denniston wore black silk and sequin trimming, relieved with white lace; Mrs Anderson, black evening gown; Mrs Denham, black satin; Miss Helen Denniston (debutante), lovely gown of white silk and chiffon, and carried a lovely bouquet; Miss Fay Mathias (debutante), pretty white silk and pearl passementerie; Miss M. Bullock, pale green silk and lace bolero; Miss M. Anderson, black chiffon and silver sequins; Miss Gladys Anderson looked sweet in white silk and lace; Miss Wilding wore white; Miss Denham, white muslin and lace, relieved with pale blue; Miss E. Denham, white, finished with cerise; Miss M. Barker, black, with pearl trimming; Miss Prins, rose silk, finished with chiffon; Miss Bullock, a lovely frock of pink and white brocade; Miss Mabel Allan was charming in white silk and chiffon; Miss Harman, black and pink flowers; Miss Merton, white satin and lovely Maltese lace; Misses Charlewood, Greenfield (Wellington), Hargreaves, E. Hill, Inman (2), Kitson, Dobson, Cook, Campbell (2), Messrs Bourne, Aitken, Harman, Martin, Williams, Flower, Collins, Blunden, Barker, Gibson, Fryer, Denham, Dr. R. Anderson, Judge Denniston, were only some of those present.

On Wednesday a perfect ball was given by the Hunt Club in the Canterbury Hall. The dancing hall was used for dancing, another small hall as a drawingroom, and the supper upstairs. The decorations were beautiful; the corridors and stairs were made most attractive. The drapings were of green and red, with quantities of palms, and the trailing lycopodium. The committee deserve the greatest credit for the excellence of the whole arrangements. Those responsible were Mesdames J. D. Hall, G. G. Stead, Hawkes, Gould, O'Rorke, and Woodroffe, Messrs J. D. Hall, Hawkes, Turrell, Allan, W. Stead, Mathias, O'Rorke, T. L. Cowlishaw, and W. H. P. Woodroffe. Miss Scrivenor's music was delightful to dance to, and to add to the brilliance of the gathering some of the officers of the H.M.s. Archer were present. Some lovely gowns were noticeable, amongst them being Mrs T. L. Cowlishaw in her bridal gown of white satin and mousseline de soie; Mrs Frank Courage looked very sweet in her bridal gown of white satin and chiffon; Mrs Duncan Cameron (Methven) very handsome pale green brocade; Mrs Arthur Elworthy (Pareora), lovely gown of cream satin, veiled in lace; Mrs Jameson (Timaru), beautiful yellow satin gown; Mrs Woodroffe, cream lace over satin, pearl necklace, and a rosette with long ends of crimson chiffon (the distinguishing badge of the lady members of the club); Mrs C. Dalgety, white brocade, with heliotrope velvet and violets, and beautiful diamond ornaments; Mrs Hawkes, handsome white satin and silver costume; Mrs Pyne, pink brocade and chiffon; Mrs G. A. M. Buckley, pale grey brocade; Mrs G. Gould, white mousseline de soie, with gold embroideries; Miss A. Rolleston, black net over satin; Miss Rolleston, white silk, finished with chiffon; Miss Earle, white silk and turquoise blue velvet; Miss Julius, pink satin and net; Mrs Riddiford (Wellington), white satin; Mrs E. Turrell, black brocade, relieved with white; Mrs Henry, heliotrope silk, finished with white; Mrs Pat Campbell, handsome black satin, trimmed with white; Mrs Lewis (H.M.s. Archer), lovely white lace gown; Mrs Lewin, black satin and lace; Mrs J. Grigg, white, with touches of black; Miss Grigg, white chiffon gown, with black frills; Misses Courage (2), white silk, relieved with blue; Miss H. Denniston, white satin; Misses M. Anderson, Jameson, Burnett, Lean, Gossett, Hill, Bullock, Wilson, Inman, Campbell, Mathias, Newton, Harper, Murray, Murchison, Mesdames Murchison, Gibson (Ashburton), McRae (North Canterbury), Knight, W. Buckley, Heslop (Geraldine), and H. Wood, were only some of the many present.

On Wednesday evening a welcome home had been organised for Bishop Grimes, who had been absent from his diocese for about three months, and a most enjoyable time was anticipated; but, alas! (owing to adverse weather in the country) everyone was present at the Art Gallery except the guest of the evening, who arrived in Christchurch somewhere

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