

visit to Christchurch two years ago when Duke of Cornwall. A number of old colonists were present, and for whom seating accommodation was provided, a large volunteer force, headed by Colonel Porter, and some thousands of the general public. The Mayor (Mr. H. F. Wigram), accompanied by Mrs. Wigram, Mr. and Mrs. W. Reece, Mr. Justice Denniston, Colonel Porter, Sir Joseph Ward and the Town Clerk, ascended the raised mound which surrounds the statue, and after speeches by the Mayor, Mr. Reece and Sir Joseph Ward, at a given signal Mrs. Wigram pulled the cord which hoisted the flag (the Royal Standard) which enveloped the statue, the band playing the National Anthem, and hearty cheers were given. After this ceremony Colonel Porter presented some long-service medals to several volunteers, and the gathering dispersed.

A dance given in the Alexandra Hall (Canterbury Hall) in the evening, under the auspices of the United Cricket Club, was a decided success. The ladies took a great deal of trouble over the decorations, the club's colours (red and black) being conspicuous everywhere. Among the many present were: Mrs. Denniston, in a rich black satin gown, the bodice trimmed with lace; Mrs. Wilding, dark green velvet, trimmed with Oriental embroidery, and finished with lace; Mrs. R. D. Harman, black silk and lace; Mrs. H. Wood, black satin, trimmed with white lace; Mrs. Secretan, black silk; Mrs. E. P. Palmer, black satin, the bodice profusely trimmed with white lace, and finished with choux of turquoise blue velvet; Mrs. F. C. Raphael, very pretty turquoise accordion-plated chiffon over silk; Mrs. Stringer, handsome gown of black velvet, with Honiton lace trimming; Mrs. C. Dalgety, yellow brocade, trimmed with lace, pearls and diamond ornaments; Mrs. Beswick, black satin; Mrs. H. Quane, black net, embroidered with silver sequins over black silk; Miss Denniston, white lace gown over satin; Miss Stead, lovely gown of pale blue crepe de chine, trimmed with white lace, pearl necklace; Miss Meares, blue chiffon over green silk, and wreaths of violets; Miss Peache (Mount Somers), white silk; Miss — Peache, eau de nil satin; Miss Cholmondeley, poppy silk, with black lace; Miss L. Harper, white silk and chiffon, relieved with pale blue; Miss E. Harper, turquoise blue silk, trimmed with lace; Miss Symes, very pretty gown of pale green crepe de chine, with spray of crimson on the bodice; Miss Kettle, white silk, relieved with green; Miss E. Denham, pale lemon silk; Miss Bullock, black silk and lace; Miss Louison, cream crepe de chine, profusely tucked and trimmed with insertion; Miss Wilding, pale blue satin; Miss Way, white silk; Miss Sale (Dunedin), white crepe de chine, with handsome pink floral sash; Miss Anderson, pink silk, with ficelle insertions; Miss R. Anderson, white satin; Miss Gossett, pale pink silk; Miss Inman, yellow chiffon over satin; Miss Cook, black satin, finished with lace; Miss Harley, white satin; Miss Bassett, black sequin net over silk; Mr. Justice Denniston, Captain Colbeck (Morning), Messrs. Evans, England, Doorley (Morning), Messrs. A. Rhodes, Beswick, Wood, Frankish, Fisher, Williams, Louison, Stead, McKellar, B. V. Palmer, Jamieson, Harman, Weston, Kettle, Harper and many others.

Mrs V. Hargreaves, Merivale lane, gave a most enjoyable afternoon on Friday to some of her friends. There was a novelty about it, too. The guests each had to bring "the best value for threepence," the parcels all being opened and arranged on the verandah, and judged by vote. There were about thirty guests, so there were a good number and much variety, causing a good deal of fun. Mrs Walcott Wood gained the prize with five loaves and two fishes; but I say nothing of the size. A delicious afternoon tea was served with various sandwiches, fruit salad and all kinds of dainty cakes and sweets. The animal-guessing game followed, and was won by Miss Hargreaves (a lovely silver hairpin box), and Mrs Wood's prize was a handkerchief sachet and scent bags. A gramophone was interesting to listen to at intervals. Among those invited were Mrs W. H. Hargreaves, Misses Hargreaves (2), Mrs Ziele, Mrs J. P. Newman, Mrs K. Garrick, Mrs de Vries, Mrs T. Garrard, Mrs R. E. McDougall, Mrs Walcott Wood, Mrs Peter Wood, Mrs W. Wood, Mrs J. Fairhurst, Mrs and Miss Carter, Misses Way, Deamer, McClatchie, Fairhurst, Gossett (2), Babington, etc.

An afternoon tea, doing a double duty, was given at Riverslaw by the Misses Murray-Aynsley last week, namely, to welcome back Mrs A. C. Murray-Aynsley and say good-bye to Miss Ronalds prior to her marriage. Tea was served in the dining-room, the table being beautifully decorated with pink chrysanthemums and maidenhair. The Misses Murray-Aynsley wore very pretty blouses of cream silk and lace, and black skirts; Mrs A. C. Murray-Aynsley, a black and white tweed costume, trimmed with glade silk, red and black straw hat; Mrs Ronald Macdonald, red frieze gown, black and white hat; Mrs E. V. Palmer, navy blue costume with Oriental embroidery, fur toque; Mrs Ogle, dark green cloth Russian costume, the bodice trimmed with blue and white applique embroidery; Mrs and Miss Wyan-Williams, Mrs and Miss Reeves, Mrs and Miss Tabart, Mrs and Misses Denniston (2), Mrs and Miss Ronalds, Mrs and Miss Nancarrow, Mrs Westmacott, Mrs M. and Miss Campbell, Mrs Wigley, Mrs Beswick, Mrs Fox, Mrs J. Gould, Misses Hill (2), Rutherford, Wells, Sale (Dunedin), Thomson, Nedwill, Gerard, Harley, etc.

Mrs L. Harley "farewelled" Miss Ronalds at a luncheon party, the table being beautifully decorated with white flowers, and each guest provided with a but-ton-hole tied with white ribbon. Among those present were Miss Ronalds, Mrs and Miss Harley, Mrs J. Palmer, Mrs Randall, Mrs (Dr.) Fox, Misses Nedwill, Reeves, Murray-Aynsley, Helmore and a few others.

Mrs and Miss Foster, who are staying at Summer at present, gave a delightful evening party to some of their old friends in Drew's large room on Tuesday. Several pastimes were indulged in; one was, the guests were requested to take one of their earliest photographs; this meant, of course, a good deal of guessing, and a prize, which was won by Miss Daisy Preston, a framed picture of that pretty print, "Wedded." Another was book title guessing, with another prize, and several more, Mrs Stevens, Messrs C. and F. Preston being among the prize winners. A delicious supper finished up the evening.

Mrs Walter Stringer had a charming little luncheon party on Tuesday at her residence, Fendalton, when some of those present were Mrs Baume, Mrs (Dr.) Fox, Mrs W. Wood, Mrs I. Gibbs, Mrs Bourne, Mrs Croxton and Mrs Graham.

Mrs G. Rhodes is giving a large rinking party at the Colosseum on Saturday evening, and all those invited are looking forward to a most enjoyable time.

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Dear Bee,

June 4.

On Friday, May 29th, a large audience assembled in St. Paul's Hall to hear

SIR ROBERT STOUT'S LECTURE on "Ralph Waldo Emerson." The address was an intellectual treat. It was given in aid of the Astronomical Society. Mr James Watt, the secretary, introduced the lecturer, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Sir Robert Stout on the motion of Mr Louis Cohen, seconded by Mr T. Allison. Amongst the audience I noticed Lady Stout, Mr Kettle, Mr Eyre-Kenny, Mr and Mrs H. Sarjeant, Mr and Mrs James Watt, Mr and the Misses Stewart (2), Mrs Wickham, Misses Worgan (3), Mrs and Miss H. McDonnell, Mr Borlase, Dr. and Mrs Innes, Mr and Mrs Grieg, Dr. and Mrs Kennedy, Mrs A. Sheriff, Miss Page, Miss Aitken, Miss Farle, Miss Moore (Masterton), Mrs Fairburn, Mr and Mrs John Anderson, Miss W. Anderson, Miss Fraser, Mr and Mrs Wray, Miss Currie, Mrs and Miss Dymock, Mrs Fletcher Harrison, Messrs Atkins, Wood, James Garland Woon, H. Taylor, Blackmore, Dunn, and others.

On Friday evening Miss Morecroft held her

SECOND DANCE

in the Assembly Rooms. It was most successful, and greatly enjoyed by those present. Amongst those I noticed Mrs Barnicoat, in a cream brocade, richly embroidered with silver; Miss Barnicoat, eau de Nil silk, veiled with white lace; Miss McDonnell, black satin costume with berthe of white lace; Miss Cowper, black silk gown; Mrs Lennie-Jones, black costume, relieved with white; Mrs H. Nixon, Misses Morecroft (2), I. Campbell, Kipperberger (Christchurch), Dodgshun, Mrs Hughes-Johnston, Miss McNeill and others.

Wednesday being the Prince of Wales' Birthday, and a public holiday, the

LADIES' GOLF CLUB

held their monthly competition on Tuesday, the 2nd. The "Senior" Roney Match was won by Miss Barnicoat; and Miss Duncan and Miss Grosson tied for the "Junior." Afternoon tea was provided by Mrs H. F. Christie and Miss Christie. Amongst those present on the links were Mesdames Cleghorn, Heywood,



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