

and lace berthe; Mrs Allison, black silk gown with jet trimmings. There were also present Messrs Silk, Alridge, Anderson (2), Gordon, Allison, Blackacre, and others.

The Misses Morecroft held their third dance in the Assembly Room on Friday, 26th June. It was a brilliant success. About one hundred were present. Amongst those I noticed were the Misses Morecroft (2), Mrs D'Arcy, Miss Nolan (Gisborne), Miss Gillfillan (Auckland), Miss Barnicoat, Miss Barnicoat, Miss Dodgshun, Mrs H. Nixon, Miss B. Duncan, Miss McDonnell, Miss F. Borlace, Miss Cowper, Miss Campbell, Messrs C. Wilson (Manganahu), L. Peake, Wood (2), Blackmore, Mountford, Saunders, Dodgshun, Mackay, Blair, McNeill and others.

On Tuesday and Wednesday last Mark Hambourg and his talented concert company appeared at the Opera House. His playing was a revelation to even accomplished musicians, and brought down a storm of applause such as has rarely been heard in our Opera House. Amongst the audience were Mrs and Miss Moore, Mrs and Miss Barnicoat, Mrs Hughes-Johnston, Mr and Mrs Greenwood, Mr and Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Kissling, Miss Richmond (Nelson), Mrs Moss, Mr and Mrs Dyer, Miss Brabant, Mrs Kitcher, Miss Willis, Mr Cohen, Mr J. G. Woon, and others. HUTA.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, July 2.

There was a large gathering of people at

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT on Tuesday. The weather was beautifully fine and bright for the occasion, and the many brilliant uniforms showed up gaily in the sunshine. Lady Ranfurly, accompanied by Lady Constance Knox and the Hon. H. Butler, arrived some little time before His Excellency, and looked very nice in a handsome black costume with rich sable furs and

a becoming black chiffon jetted hat with plumes; Lady Constance wore a blue coat and skirt and a large tinted felt hat with lovely shaded feather wings. Others present were Mrs Seddon, wearing a black cloth costume with ecru lace applique and a black and cream toque; Miss Seddon wore a royal blue voile gown with strappings of white spotted satin and a blue and green hat; Lady Ward wore a black gown with handsome furs and a black and white toque; Mrs C. H. Mills, a black silk and lace gown, black velvet hat with plumes; Miss Mills wore a dark coat and skirt and black hat; her sister wore a brown gown and hat to match; Mrs Babington had a neat black zibeline gown and pretty cream and black toque; Mrs Duncan, black costume and black bonnet with blue rosette and ospreys; also; Mrs Firth, Mrs Focke, Mrs Izard, Mrs Rhind, Mrs Hunt, Miss Fraser (Dunedin), Mrs Johnston, and others.

A MOST SUCCESSFUL MASK AND DOMINO BALL

was held in the Sydney-street Hall on Wednesday evening. It was given by twelve energetic spinsters, who were warmly congratulated and thanked for their kind hospitality. The hostesses were the Misses Finch (2), McIntosh (2), Miles, McGregor, Tollhurst, Rawson (2), Nelson, Reid and Simpson. It was a most spirited movement on the part of these young ladies, and the result of their labours was a very enjoyable dance. The guests looked most queer and quite unrecognisable in their masks and long cloaks, and there was much fun before the time came for unmasking, which was at about 10.30. Then many pretty gowns were revealed, and the powder and patches worn by nearly all the ladies was extremely becoming. A great amount of trouble was taken over the decorations, and the effect was charming. The ballroom was draped with pale yellow muslin, and had greenery, etc., here and there round the walls. The side rooms and stage were comfortably furnished and decorated, and in the gymnasium hall a very delicious supper was laid on several small tables. Each table was decorated with flowers and

tall grasses, and looked very pretty indeed. The bare ceiling was hung with most gorgeous flags, and the lights were softly shaded. Minefe's band supplied the music. Among those present were Mrs Tollhurst, in a rich black gown with lace sleeves and berthe; Mrs Nelson wore black satin with white chiffon and lace on the bodice; Mrs Finch, in heliotrope silk, trimmed with chiffon to match; Mrs McIntosh, black satin and lace gown; Mrs H. Rawson, black satin, the bodice softened with cream tucked spotted net and lace; Miss Coates, in a black gown and blue cape; Mrs T. Young wore white satin, trimmed with chiffon and pearls; Mrs Sandford Cox, in yellow satin, trimmed with deep white lace; Miss Finch, a striking gown of pale blue crepe de chine, much tucked and with bands of crimson embroidery, crimson flowers; Miss M. Finch wore a pink tucked silk gown with trails of red chrysanthemums; Miss Tollhurst, pretty crepe de chine gown, trimmed with Paris lace insertion, and chiffon yoke; Miss Simpson, a becoming pink silk gown, trimmed with cream lace, and pink flowers in the hair; Miss Miles wore a blue crepe de chine gown with white lace berthe; Miss McIntosh, yellow silk, veiled with white lace; her sister wore yellow satin, trimmed with cream lace; Miss McGregor, a yellow silk gown, softened with white lace; Miss Rawson, pink satin, trimmed with chiffon frills to match; Miss E. Rawson, a pretty pale blue silk gown, veiled with white lace, wreath of pink roses in hair; Miss Nelson, a soft pink tucked silk gown with white lace berthe; Miss Reid, handsome white silk and lace gown; Miss Skerrett wore white silk, trimmed with lace and flowers; Miss Nelson (Auckland), a soft pink gown; the Misses Fitzherbert, in white silk and chiffon; Miss Howard (Auckland), a black satin gown with sequined berthe; Miss O. Gore, a blue brocade gown, trimmed with white lace, and blue flowers in the hair; Miss O. Rawson wore a scarlet domino over her white gown; Miss Fitzgerald, in pink and white domino; Miss M. Fell had a long white domino with black spotted collar, black bow in her hair; Miss Hislop, in a white gown with lace; Miss Chatfield, white silk, trimmed with chiffon; Miss

Denniston (Christchurch), white satin and chiffon gown; the Misses Seed wore black gowns with white lace berthes; Miss Julius (Christchurch), had a soft white and blue gown; Miss M. Seddon, in cream satin, trimmed with Paris lace and blue velvet; Miss Marchant wore pink silk; Miss Otterson, in green with berthe of white lace; Miss Mills wore a white domino over her pale pink silk gown; Miss Butt wore white; Miss Ewen, a blue crepe de chine gown; Miss Elliott, white silk with lace; Miss Edwin wore pink, trimmed with white lace; her sister was in white and blue; Miss H. Harding, pale yellow, veiled with white lace; Miss McIlwain wore white and a blue domino; Miss Stafford, in white silk and lace; Miss Stuart, pale blue brocade with white lace; Miss Joseph, in white, trimmed with chiffon; Miss Nathan, in white silk and lace; Miss Ward, pale blue silk with lace; Miss Riley, a soft white gown; also, Messrs Rawson, N. Reid, Tollhurst, Simpson, Cooper, Finch, Cox, Young, Harcourt, Seddon, Hodson, Fell, Higginson, Gore, Latham, Robison, Sloman, Handyside,

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