

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, September 16.

We have been treated to quite spring weather during the week, enabling us to hump up last season's costumes, and also thoroughly enjoy feeling warm again. A visit to shops in search of something new to wear has also been a joy and a grief in one, for every season our fripperies increase in beauty and in price, while fashion is cruelly unkind and changes as quickly as the weather. The dress linens are in all shades this season and most tempting to slender punes, for with pipings and other trimmings they can be so prettily made as to look very dainty, with the advantage of being ever new after a visit to the laundry. Hats are the stumbling block, one needs such an array, it is no longer one for everyday and one for Sunday, and the much-loved sailor is seldom seen now. There is just this hope that we shall go back to the quite plain style after so much "frill." Though spring is supposed to be here the severe winter has made the flowers and foliage very late, and the bulb show fixed for the 22nd and 23rd will, I am afraid, be a small one.

On Monday evening Miss Constance Lingard, assisted by Mrs Burns, Mrs Pidgeon, Miss Lucy Cook and Mrs W. A. Dowling, gave a

VERY ENJOYABLE CONCERT

in the Choral Hall. It was Miss Lingard's first appearance since her return from Germany, and many of her old friends were delighted to hear her again. Some were, of course, disappointed, while others thought she had gained much in style and technique. Miss Constance Lingard wore a simply made white silk with chiffon frills on bodice and sleeves; Mrs Burns, all black with spray of crimson poppies on the bodice; Mrs Pidgeon, a pretty white brocade; Miss Lucy Cook, grey satin trimmed with black lace; and Miss Lingard, who was at the piano with her sister, black silk with elbow sleeves of sequin net. Among the audience were Mrs Julius, in black silk, grey opera cloak and dainty lace cap with black velvet bow; Miss Julius, black satin and white opera cloak; Miss A. Julius; Mrs Elworthy, all black; Miss Elworthy, black satin and chiffon frills, white chiffon and lace opera mantle; Mrs Mathias; Mrs Morton Anderson, black silk skirt and pale blue silk evening blouse; Misses Gardner; Mrs R. D. Thomas; Miss G. Thomas; Mrs I. Gibbs, pale pink crepe de chine trimmed with Maltese lace, black silk opera coat with lovely Honiton lace collar and revers; Miss Bigg-Wither; Mrs J. Fairhurst; Mrs N. Macbeth; Mrs Russell Webb and Miss Webb, Mrs T. Garrard, Mr C. and Misses Preston, Mrs A. Kave, Miss Purdie, Mr Carrick and Miss I. Martin, Mrs G. Martin, Misses Heywood, Mrs Sanderson (Hastings), Mr and Mrs H. Aitken, Miss Aitken, Mr and Miss Hargreaves, Mr and Mrs Barkas, etc.

Miss Cox's final assembly dance took place on Tuesday at the Art Gallery. It

was well attended and much enjoyed, all taking a kind of regretful farewell of the place for the season.

A very successful social was held at the Canterbury Hall on Tuesday as a welcome home to Bishop Grimes on his return from a trip to the West Coast. These outlying districts of the dioceses of both Bishop Julius and Bishop Grimes necessitate much hard travelling and roughing it, but their Lordships always return looking better for the trip.

The ladies' Christchurch hockey team went South last week, chaperoned by Mrs. G. G. Stead, and won all matches in Dunedin. Miss Stead is captain of the team. All the girls stayed with friends, and were entertained most liberally. Mrs. and Miss Stead were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts, of "Littlebourne."

Mr. and Mrs. William Wood are now settled in their new home, Springfield road, which looks like a bit of "Ye Olde England" suddenly planted in this far-off land. The house is most picturesque and beautifully comfortable inside, and only wants a few old trees about it now.

I regret to say Mrs. F. Wilson, of Cashmere, who went to England for a trip recently, is seriously ill, and much anxiety is felt by her many friends in Christchurch.

The arrival of Miss Ada Crossley with the 'Frisco mail at your port caused a little thrill of excitement amongst us, for we are greatly looking forward to her promised visit and concert.

DOLLY VALE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, September 18.

The members of the post and telegraph offices gave their

ANNUAL SOCIAL

in the Freemasons' Hall last Friday evening, and it was a great success. The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion, while cosy corners were greatly in evidence. The supper table was daintily arranged with daffodils and jonquils by Miss E. Fookes. Among those present were: Mrs McDiarmid, black silk; Miss MacDiarmid, white silk relieved with pale blue; Mrs Fookes; Miss E. Fookes, blue banded with black, white net sleeves; Miss Paul, white silk with sequin trimming; Miss Humphries; Miss H. Humphries looked well in black silk, with transparent sleeves, finished with red roses on corsage; Misses Webster (2), white frilled muslins; Miss Whitcombe, white muslin with pale blue belt; Miss Campbell, pink silk with cream lace bolero; Miss Mackay, white muslin; Mrs Penn, white satin with scarlet roses; Miss Kirkby, cream and green; Mrs H. Fookes, black, with white chiffon fichu; Miss Evans, yellow flowered muslin; Miss B. Evans, cream and green; Mrs W. Skinner; Miss Skinner, white net and satin ribbon; Miss L. Skinner, pale blue; Miss Gallagher, pale yellow relieved with black velvet; Mrs Oswin, white net with green bands; Miss Roy, white silk; Miss Wilson (Nacoby), blue Oriental satin with black velvet bands; Mrs Palmer, cream with satin trimmings; Miss Free, pale blue, with pas-

WELLINGTON.

September 17.

The Hon. C. H. and Mrs Mills were at Home to a number of their friends, chiefly members of Parliament and their wives on Saturday afternoon. It was a lovely spring day, so that the guests could go outside and sit in the chairs which were placed about the lawn and hear the excellent music provided by a band there. There was also some very enjoyable music to be heard indoors. Some of the performers were Miss Mills, Mrs Baillie, Mrs Wilson, Sir Joseph Ward and Mr R. Robertson, and Mrs Ross recited. The rooms were charmingly decorated with jonquils and other sweet spring flowers. The dining-room looked very pretty, the table being arranged artistically with flowers and laden with a wonderful assortment of dainties. Mr and Mrs Mills received in the drawing-room. The latter was



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THE STAR FOOTBALL CLUB HELD THEIR ANNUAL SOCIAL,

which was thoroughly enjoyed. During the evening, after Mr Dockrill (president) had made a short speech, Mrs Dockrill presented the senior cup to Mr L. Allen (captain of the seniors), while Mrs D. O'Brien presented the O'Brien and Carbine challenge shields to Messrs. L. Allen and V. George respectively, on behalf of the senior and junior teams. Hearty cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Dockrill and Mr and Mrs D. O'Brien. Mrs Dockrill on behalf of the junior team, presented a handsomely framed and enlarged photograph of the players to Mrs O'Brien. Mr Dockrill replied on her behalf. The following ladies were on the committee: Mesdames Dockrill, E. M. Smith, Capel, W. Bennett, F. Richards, R. Cook, S. Hill, R. Jury, Ryan, J. O'Driscoll, F. Clarke, F. Bacon, and Misses H. Humphries, S. Capel, Hopkinson, A. Nichols. Those ladies who decorated the supper table so prettily were Miss Lawson and M. Capel, the prevailing colours (club's) being yellow and black. Excellent music was as usual rendered by Mr Rountree's orchestra. Messrs. E. and A. Humphries, F. T. Bellinger, and V. George acted as M.C.'s.

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