

the tennis court, where delicious ices and refreshments were to be had. It was a glorious moonlight night, and seats placed about the pretty garden were thoroughly appreciated. The dining-room was used for dancing, and the billiard-room for supper, whilst the fine large sitting-room and library were turned into drawing-rooms. The supper-room looked very pretty with its many tables, decorated with sweet roses, and the numerous electric lights shaded with pink silk. The sitting-rooms were beautifully decorated with groups of pot plants and masses of lovely azaleas amongst the green. King's band was splendid, and its spirited music kept everyone dancing till the early hours of morning. An extra was played by Miss Gore. The programmes were neat and pretty, and had on them "Farewell Ball to Lady Ranfurly, and the Maori inscriptions, Naumai Haerere 1903." It was a most lovely ball in every way, and a fitting end to the dancing season. Dr. Collins (president) and Mrs. Collins received the guests at the top of the first staircase. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Ranfurly arrived in time for the first set of lancers; Her Ladyship danced with the president, and Lord Ranfurly with Mrs. Collins. The Countess wore black satin, with bands of jet embroidery on the skirt, and berthe of jet softened with a little white chiffon, black velvet bow in her hair. A lovely shower bouquet of cream roses and maidenhair was presented to her. Mrs. Collins wore lovely white point lace over chiffon, and soft chiffon ruffles at the foot and on the bodice, diamonds in the hair and on the corsage; Lady Constance Knox had white and pink striped floral brocade, with short bolero of tucked chiffon, and chiffon ruffles; Mrs. Duncan wore handsome grey satin, with deep white lace flounces and steel embroidery; Mrs. Wallis, in white satin, with berthe of white lace with blue flowers; Mrs. Tolhurst, in rich black silk, with jet; Mrs. Cooper, in black silk, with white lace, and a soft white cap; Mrs. Wilford had a beautiful gown of pale green silk, with much applique work upon it in different shades of green; Mrs. Crawford, in black satin, the bodice trimmed with ecru points and scarlet flowers; Mrs. Andrew, black satin and jet; Mrs. L. Pharaayn, lovely white satin, with jewelled passementerie and flowers on the corsage; Mrs. A. Duncan, in oyster and pink brocade, with guipure insertions and chiffon berthe; Mrs. Gee, in black, with white lace and turquoise chiffon berthe; Mrs. K. Duncan wore pale blue crepe de chine, with white lace insertion and chiffon to match; Mrs. W. R. Wright wore a pretty yellow chiffon gown, with jewelled passementerie; Mrs. Moss Davis (Auckland), handsome black brocaded satin, with white lace and diamonds; Mrs. C. Izard, yellow silk and chiffon; Mrs. Purdy, in black satin, with chiffon and jet; Mrs. Turnbull, grey crepe de chine, with steel passementerie; Mrs. Pollen, black satin, trimmed with ecru guipure and roses; Mrs. Perry (Napier), in white and pink brocaded chine, trimmed with white lace and red roses; Mrs. Kennedy, black satin and jet; Mrs. Walter Strang wore her lovely wedding gown of satin with lace and shirred chiffon; Mrs. Biss, white spotted chiffon gown with long ends of blue satin ribbon; Mrs. Alan Strang had an elegant

tucked white chiffon dress with much ecru lace trimming; Mrs. Marchbanks, in pale pink with chiffon; Mrs. Mantell, black satin with berthe of cream lace; Mrs. Tweed, in palest grey crepe de chine with lace; Mrs. Bucholz, cream and red; Mrs. Ross, blue brocade, trimmed with lace and roses; Mrs. (Dr.) Hislop, cream satin with lace berthe; Mrs. Gould, buttereux brocade with lace and passementerie; Mrs. C. Cooper, white satin, trimmed with lace; Mrs. Tripe, in white, trimmed with blue; Mrs. Riley, black satin and jet; Mrs. G. Pharaayn, white satin, founced with chiffon; Miss Johnston had a lovely black and white gown, black applique chiffon over white, with chiffon and diamonds; Miss Coates, black brocade with berthe of white lace; Miss Duncan, pale green satin with berthe of sequined lace; Miss Tolhurst, white satin with lace and chiffon; Miss Read (England), in pale pink, veiled with beautifully embroidered chiffon; Miss Coleman (Napier), cream satin, trimmed with jewelled passementerie; Miss Z. Johnston wore pale blue crepe de chine with chiffon flounce and white lace; Miss Brandon, in black; Miss Rawson, white crepe de chine; Miss E. Rawson, in pink silk with white lace; Miss O. Rawson, white silk and lace with red sash; Miss Stead (Christchurch), in white founced accordion chiffon; Miss Fell, pale blue silk and white tulle; Miss M. Fell, in white and blue; her sister, in green; Miss Russell, in cream satin and ecru lace; Miss McLean (Dunedin), pink brocade and chiffon gown; Miss K. McLean, pale blue tucked chiffon gown, trimmed with lace insertion; Miss Gore, in cream brocade and chiffon; Miss Ingles (Hawke's Bay) wore pale blue satin with white lace; Miss Fitzherbert, white silk and lace; Miss K. Fitzgerald, in black silk with white lace; Miss O. Fitzgerald, white satin with chiffon berthe; Miss Fell (Nelson) wore blue brocade with white lace; Miss Izard, white brocade with lace berthe; Miss Hacon, soft white gauze with lace, and a blue sash; Miss Reid, white silk muslin, trimmed with lace, and black motifs; Miss Williams (Napier), pink silk with lace and flowers; Miss Harcourt, in white satin with lace and chiffon; Miss G. Harcourt, pink silk; Miss G. Richmond, white and blue pompadour silk with lace berthe and blue sash; Miss M. Johnston (Hawke's Bay), white gauze; Miss Rees George, pink silk and chiffon gown; Miss Moss Davis, white tucked silk with chiffon fichu; Miss Atkinson, in white; Miss Miles, pale blue silk and lace; Miss Finch, yellow brocade with chiffon flounces and turquoise velvet; Miss Riley, in white silk; Miss Butt, cream satin with lace berthe; Miss McIntosh, yellow satin and lace; Miss — McIntosh, in pale blue; Miss McGregor, white satin with flowers and lace; Miss Rose, in white with chiffon and lace; the Misses Simpson, Seed, Ewen, and Stafford all wore pretty white gowns; also, Lord Northland, Major Alexander, Hons. Hill-Trevor and Butler, General Babinington, Captain Campbell, Sir James Prendergast, the Bishop of Wellington, Messrs H. W. Bell, J. Duncan, Tolhurst, Harcourt, Coates, Cooper, Crawford, Johnston, Wright, Pharaayn, Gee, Mantell, Kebbell (2), Turnbull (2), Fell, Williams, Higginson (2), Menzies, Gore, Perry, Hunt, Beetham, Tripe, Tripp,

C. Crawford, Duncan (2), Miah, Strang, Reid, Wilford, Denniston, McShane, Sloman, Rawson, Robinson, etc.

A number of Wellington people have gone down to Christchurch for the Carnival week there, among them being Mr and Mrs Johnston, Mr and Miss Harcourt, Miss Tolhurst, Miss Brandon, Miss Somerville, Mr and Mrs K. Duncan and Miss Rawson. Mrs Heaton Rhodes has also moved back to Christchurch after the session months. Miss Russell (Hawke's Bay), Miss Stead (Christchurch), Miss Beetham (Masterton), Mr and Mrs Perry and Miss Ingles (Hawke's Bay), who have all been visiting Wellington, have gone down also for the gaieties in the Southern city.

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CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee,— November 4.

An usual Christchurch stagnates this week preparatory to the giddy rout of carnival week, which commences on Saturday, the 7th. Visitors are beginning to arrive, and everyone is on the qui vive, as it were. There have been immense alterations at the Riccarton racecourse—new stands, new tea house, the description of which sounds very pretty, with its ornamental water, rustic bridge, etc. There will be one terrible drawback, however, this year, and that will be dust, for, owing to the long spell of dry weather, the grass has not come on well on the new ground, and I am afraid to think what the roads will be like out to the course. However, even that will be preferable to a downpour of rain, though the want of some refreshing showers is beginning to be felt. We can in a measure laugh at dust now if we are sensible and wear washable dresses, for a new industry started last week—"a steam laundry."

Mrs. G. Stead, "Strowan," has issued invitations to a garden party on Tuesday, 10th, when the pretty garden

and grounds should be looking their best, and a great number of the visitors of the week will surely be present.

The Musical Union gave another

ENJOYABLE CONCERT

on Tuesday evening at the Canterbury Hall, when every seat was occupied. A short first part followed, by "The Spectre's Bride," formed the programme, the soloists being Mrs. Burns, Mr. H. Weir (Sydney), and Mr. P. Hockley. It is eight or nine years since Mr. Weir left Christchurch, and we all enjoyed hearing him sing again, especially "My Queen" in the first part, and his encore song, "Come into the Garden, Maud." Mrs. Burns trilled "Il Bacio," and later took the soprano part in "The Spectre's Bride," the duets between Mrs. Burns and Mr. Weir being splendidly rendered. Mr. Hockley sang the bass solos excellently. The concert as a whole was a great success. Among the audience were Mrs. and Miss Julius, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kaye, Mr. F. M. Wallace, Professor and Miss Cook, Mrs. and Miss Izard, and the Misses Anderson, Mrs. J. Fairhurst, Misses Fairhurst, Hargreaves, Grant, Mr. and Mrs. N. Macbeth, Miss K. Wood, Mrs. McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Roper, Mr. and Miss Snow, Mr. and Miss Connan, Mr. John Tinline (Nelson), Mr. and Mrs. Prostick, Mr. and Mrs. Marriner, Mrs. and Miss Milson, Mrs. Guthrie Moore, Mrs. W. Lake, and Mr. A. Carrick.

Mrs. Burns' song recital, to take place on the 5th, promises to be something quite unique and very pretty. Mrs. Burns will be assisted by Mrs. Wilson, Miss Maud Graham, Messrs. H. M. Reeves, S. B. Collier, and Percy Denton.

Miss Murphy and Mr. Densem, both of Dunedin, are in Christchurch busy rehearsing, as they take part in "Trial by Jury," "Les Cloches de Corneville," and "The Sleeping Queen" at a great function got up by the Catholics in aid of their cathedral, and lasting through the carnival week.

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