

baudeau in her hair; Miss Kathleen Holmes, a becoming pale blue frock; Miss Mavis Reed, pale mauve ninon over charmeuse, violets on the bodice; Miss Muir Douglas, a lovely frock of palest pink; Miss Muriel Dargaville, white charmeuse and gold tissue; Miss de Mon-Jak, a striking white frock; Miss Futhill (South), a pretty white frock; Miss Hickson, white embroidered ninon over pale pink; Miss Jessie Frater, pink floral chiffon; Miss Norah Moore, a smart debutante's frock; Miss Hanna, pink ninon over pale blue charmeuse; Miss Berry, white chiffon over charmeuse, with a touch of pale pink; Miss G. Cole, white ninon over palest pink; Miss Una Buddle, pale pink, with touches of blue; Mrs. Jim Carpenter, a handsome white and gold frock; Miss Sylvia Thorpe; Miss M. Cooper, pale blue charmeuse; Miss Corrie, a black and white frock; Miss Pearl Gorrie, amethyst, ninon; Misses Nora and Rachel Gorrie; Miss Winnie Alexander, in a lovely grey and pink frock; Misses Dawson looked well in white frocks; Miss Edwards, a dainty white frock.

A Dance.

Mrs. Henry Horton gave a most enjoyable dance in her house, on Remuera Road, on Friday last. The drawing-room and hall were used for dancing, and the whole house was charmingly decorated with masses of shaded pink camellias. The verandahs were closed in, and made cosy for sitting out. Supper was served in the dining room, and the table was daintily arranged with snowdrops. Mrs. Horton was assisted with her duties as hostess by her guest, Miss Jamison (Wellington), who some time in the near future will take up her residence in Auckland. Mrs. Horton wore a beautiful frock of blue charmeuse with a tunic effect of corded silk in a fawn tone, and finished with lovely embroidery; Miss Jamison in a smart chamois silk, and a deep pink rose in her hair; Mrs. E. Horton wore a pretty blue frock with tunic of silver tissue; Mrs. Harry Gillies (Hamilton) wore a smart toilette of emerald green; Miss Gillies, palest pink charmeuse with three flat frills of white ninon edged with tiny flowers; Miss Maud Brownlow wore a lovely wattle blue charmeuse with fine gold embroideries; Mrs. Sydney George

wore pale blue; Mrs. W. Colbeck wore a pretty grey charmeuse frock; Mrs. Douglas Hay wore white charmeuse veiled with gold and white ninon; Miss Cora Munro in a becoming white frock, and a pink rose in her hair; Miss Milly Cotter wore cerise charmeuse with silver beaded embroidery; Miss M. Cooper, cerise charmeuse, one-half of the bodice draped with fine white lace fish, the other with purple ninon, carried round the waist and both long ends at the back; Miss Hilda Bloomfield, a dainty frock of white charmeuse, with grey beaded tunic; Miss Sybil Payton wore a pretty frock of pale yellow, with a pink waistband; Miss Pearl Gorrie wore white; Miss Gwen Gorrie wore a pretty white frock with beautiful lace on it; Miss Dorothy Nolan wore a pretty white charmeuse frock with dainty frills of lovely lace; Miss Nora Gorrie wore yellow charmeuse with black lace tunic; Miss T. Hanna, pale blue charmeuse with tunic of pale mauve; Miss Vera Duthie, pale yellow with touches of pink; Miss A. Carr wore a dainty pale blue frock; Miss Mavis Reed, a dainty frock of white, with pink roses; Miss Faid Reed wore a handsome frock of palest pink and white; Miss Una Buddle wore pale pink with touches of deep blue; Miss Stevenson, pale blue ninon; Mrs. Herbert Kissling, Mrs. Howard Richmond, Misses Draper, and several others.

Young People's Party.

Mrs. Alfred Bayley, 'Makuriri' Ladies' Mile, Remuera, gave a charming party for young folk in honour of her daughter, Doris, who celebrated the thirteenth birthday. There were about forty children present, all of whom, judging by their happy faces, seemed to have no end of a good time.

Personal.

Mrs. Herbert Kissling is at present entertaining her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Futhill, who have come up from the South to visit her. During the coming week Mrs. Leo Myers, who is on the eve of departure to the Old Country, is being "farewelled." Mrs. Hono Lewis, the wife of the president of the Victoria League, has a tea on Tuesday. Mrs. Myers has from its inception been a keen worker in the Victoria League interests, and has done especially valuable work as

the president of the Literary and Education Committee, work for which she was eminently fitted. Mrs. Louis Myers has a "tea" on Thursday, 19th. Mrs. W. J. Ralph and her daughter, Miss Alda Ralph, left on Monday by the Maheno for an extended trip to Europe. They join the P. and O. steamer Maloja at Sydney. Miss Alda is to continue her musical studies for some years.

WELLINGTON.

July 13.

At Government House.

The ball at Government House on July 25 is for children who are to appear in fancy dress, so it will be quite an event for the small people invited. As a rule vice-regal entertainments do not vary very much and are rather of a stereotyped official character. But society people can recall the really brilliant fancy dress ball given by Lady Ranfurly somewhere about ten years ago. Representative people from all over the colony were invited. There was a friendly rivalry between the contingents from various big towns as to which should distinguish themselves most. Since then there seems to have been nothing of note, but a good deal further back there was a similar affair given by Lady Glasgow to celebrate the debut of her eldest daughter, Lady Augusta Boyle, who went as a Rosebud. In Lady Plunket's time there was nothing of so frivolous a character at Government House, but a fancy ball under vice-regal auspices was held in the Town Hall in aid of the Veterans' Home, which was founded by Lord Ranfurly prior to his leaving New Zealand. Lady Plunket's set—people were invited to formal sets of sixteen all dressed in a similar period—was in the pompadour style, and there were others representing Quakers, Pierrettes, and so on, a particularly well got-up party coming from

Hawke's Bay. So far as children are concerned they have been much better off, and most little boys and girls nowadays have fancy dresses in their wardrobes all ready to wear.

Children's Party.

Mrs. Johnston's children's party was followed by another a fortnight later given at the Hutt by Mrs. Biddison, in honour of her grandchildren. It was a most festive affair and thoroughly enjoyed by all the little guests, who looked very charming in their quaint and pretty costumes. Some quite tiny ones went out from town by train with the attendant relations, and very tired they must have been before they got safely home again.

On August 24th there will be a fancy dress ball—again for children—in aid of the Richmond free kindergarten. Her Excellency, Lady Islington, is taking a special interest in the idea, and is getting up a set in which her little girl, the Hon. Joan Dickson-Poynder, is to take part.

Musical Evening.

For so long there has been a dearth of musical parties in Wellington, that invitations to one came as quite a novelty, a most pleasant change after the monotony of bridge. The programme was excellently arranged, and of exceptional merit, some of the performers being amateurs of the highest rank. Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald's piano solo was brilliantly played, and a violin solo by Mrs. Arthur Myers gave a great deal of pleasure. A tenor song appeals to many people otherwise unaffected by music, and Mr. Stephens' beautifully trained voice enchanted his hearers. The very latest London comic songs were capitally rendered in Mr. Wilford's fine baritone (he is just back from England), and his hearers couldn't have enough. Mrs. Elgar wore cameo pink ninon draped to disclose a delectable of satin and embroideries. Her daughter, Mrs. Hamilton, was in black velours with chiffon sleeves; Mrs. Myers, a subtly shaded gown of ninon satin and lace; Mrs. Fitzgerald had delicate lace on her high-waisted gown of charmeuse, Rhododendrons and japonicas were massed effectively while wonderful violets from the Wairarapa filled the rooms



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