

Miss Gebbie, house secretary of the Palmerston North branch of the Y.W.C.A., has resigned her position owing to ill-health. The resignation was received at a meeting of the board of directors with expressions of regret, and as a mark of appreciation a presentation of a grey suede handbag was made to Miss Gebbie by the president (Mrs. L. A. Abraham) on behalf of the board. The position will be filled temporarily by Miss Beattie, of Christchurch.

According to the Australian correspondent of "The Post," the Prince of Wales had a very unpleasant experience at the Melbourne Town Hall. There was a Hospital Funds ball there, and all and sundry had been allowed to buy tickets. Too many people were present—many of them with no conception of good manners. The floor was so crowded with would-be dancers that practically no dancing could take place. Members of the committee tried to clear the floor a little. Then the Prince and a big official party arrived, and confusion became worse confounded. The dancers made a little space and the Prince led the Lady Mayoress out to dance. The people crowded around to that extent, staring and jostling, that the Prince and his partner were forced to stop. The crowd moved back somewhat, and again the Prince tried to dance. Again the unmannered men and women crushed forward, and the Prince, with every evidence of annoyance, led his partner from the floor. After a discussion, the official party moved towards the supper-room. Even then, they got through the jostling mass with the utmost difficulty. While they were at supper, the crowd was appealed to to make room, and the committee was anxious to rope off a space, but the Prince would not allow that. The people, he was sure, would make room. He re-entered the ballroom with a young lady, and tried to dance. Again the people pressed on to the floor, and he had to stop. Sir Lionel Halsey mounted a dais and asked the gentlemen present to clear the floor—the dancers to dance and the onlookers to get back to the sides of the room. An attempt was made to do this. But only a few measures were danced before the implacable pressure from behind forced those in front out on to the floor again, and the Prince found himself and his partner hemmed in by the crowd, and stared at as if he were a zoological specimen. The Prince and official party left the Town Hall almost immediately.

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