



When the past week cannot be regarded as particularly busy one from a school point of view, nevertheless the people who kept the program early morning until late in the afternoon and one little thing that was done to the comfort of our boys in far off Africa. Among the members of the smart set an unusual amount of zeal was displayed and willing hands worked tirelessly for the comfort of the boys. The ladies who assembled at Caverhill Hall, the home of Mrs. Keltie Jones, on Monday evening were engaged in the very practical work of manufacturing linen bags for carrying an outfit of needles, thread, scissors and buttons, and long before the evening was ended their deft fingers had accomplished an immense amount of work, which will doubtless be highly appreciated by those for whom it was intended. Then there were several little farewell dinners to the officers and numerous other duties to perform, so that before one had time to realize the flight of time Wednesday the day of departure had arrived and everybody was plunged into the wild excitement and enthusiasm. The "Soldiers of the Queen" were given a right royal send off and long before five o'clock the route along which they marched to the depot was one densely packed throng of cheering and wildly excited humanity. An hour or two later a d city had resumed its normal condition—that is, at least outwardly. Then the event of a later hour was the annual ball of the Neptune Rowing club given at the Mechanics Institute, and for which about twelve hundred invitations had been issued. There were some who regretted that it should have occurred on that evening but it was impossible to change the arrangements at the moment, and then again perhaps there were those who were anxious to drown the "sweet sorrow" of parting in this way. However this may be the club's latest ball was an unqualified success. As the years go by this annual event seems to become more and more brilliant, and each ball eclipses its predecessor in what goes to make up a truly memorable function. On Wednesday evening the Institute was filled with the city's youth and beauty, who enjoyed every moment to the utmost. The decorations were on a more than usual elaborate scale and were such as would naturally be expected from those who had charge. The reception room was a dream of comfort and beauty with its numerous stately shaded lights, sofas filled with cushions, the most comfortable of easy chairs, its lace draped windows and jars of blooming plants. The club colors, red and white were much in evidence and gave touches of lovely glowing color. The draperies were tied back with broad red bows, the pillars were twisted with greens while around the pillars were displayed many flags and pennants. Chrysanthemums and ferns banked the windows and were disposed around the room adding greatly to the beauty of the scene. A glass like floor, pool music, pretty and artistic decorations of flags, pictures, a canoe suspended from the ceiling and good lighting made the ball room an ideal spot and the devotees of Terpsichorean art found it most attractive, it exercised so great a fascination indeed that the prettily arranged sitting out nooks were not so well patronized as usual.

The supper room was decorated in the prevailing red and white, the centerpiece being composed of tall chrysanthemums banked round with ferns, there were also tall glasses of the graceful flower; at either end of the table as well as numerous red candles in silver candlesticks. A pretty feature of the table decoration was the artistic use of broad scarlet ribbon arranged in the shape of a triangle and finished with broad bows. The corridors were decorated in cedar. The music supplied by Harrison's orchestra for the following order of dances was excellent and greatly enjoyed.

March, "Soldiers of the Queen"; 1 Valse, Glory; 2 Lancers, Neptune; 3, Valse, Sweet Repose; 4 Folks, Among the dancers, Sounds from St. John; 5 Deux Temps, Comrade in Chief, Hannab's Promenade; 6 Militarie, Riolito, Sailing on the Sound; 7 Valse, Rendezvous; 8 Deux Temps, For Love of War; 9, Lancers, Paul Jones; 10 Valse, In Society; 11, Galop, Jingle Bells; 12 Valse El Capitan; supper, 1 Polka, 2 Valse, 3 Deux; 13 Valse, Lord and Lady Algy; 14, Militarie, African Zephyr; 15 Deux Temps, Daisy, At Coor-town's Picnic; 16 Valse, Songs of Scotland.

The ladies upon whom devolved the duties of chaperoning the function left nothing undone that would add to the pleasure of the guests and were most thoughtful in their efforts to secure partners for those under their charge. There were plenty of dancing men, which of course goes a long way towards making a successful ball and they did not spare themselves in the least. The chaperones were Mrs. W. E. Vroom, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Keltie Jones and Mrs. James Jack, and the gentlemen's committee was composed of Messrs J. I. Robinson, H. Vroom, R. Frith, J. F. Driscoll, A. C. Smalley, F. A. Kinneer, E. S. Geow and D. Sutherland.

I cannot recall a dance at which so many lovely gowns were worn, the greater number of them being new and fresh. There was quite a crush in the dressing room in the early part of the evening but by half past nine o'clock that apartment was deserted and the strains of music proceeding from the ball room proclaimed that the dance was in full swing. Among the gowns the following were

noticed

Mrs. Syre was beautifully gowned in yellow silk with yellow and white brocade bodice, trimmed with yellow chiffon and purple chrysanthemums.

Mrs. J. R. S. was in steel brocade heavily trimmed with cut steel and crimson velvet.

Mrs. George McAvity looked exceedingly pretty and graceful in black lace over black silk.

In whatever color she wears Mrs. Charles Harrison always looks lovely, and her black satin gown trimmed with satin frills, and lace was especially becoming.

Mrs. Vroom, black silk heavily trimmed with white lace.

Mrs. R. B. Macaulay had on a very handsome gown of turquoise and copper brocade with applied pearl trimmings. She was chaperoning Mrs. Keltie Jones to a party at Harry Fair and party in pale blue satin trimmed with insertion of white lace.

Mrs. C. Jones wore a white silk with tulle overdress, the back of the bodice being covered with white lace in a gay and pretty pattern.

Mrs. W. Jones wore a white satin, crimson corsage boupee.

Mrs. Alfred Turner, black satin with white bodice trimmed with narrow black chiffon ruffles.

Mrs. Patterson, white dotted muslin over purple tulle, bouquet of crimson roses.

Mrs. R. A. Payne, black satin trimmed with white lace.

Mrs. Grant, black satin, white trimmings and corsage boupee of sweet peas.

Mrs. Littler had on a handsome pink satin, the front having a long overskirt effect of white chiffon with the very finest tucks.

Mrs. Titus, yellow silk and black lace.

Mrs. Harrison, black satin and jet with elbow sleeves of tulle in a flower design.

Mrs. MacNutt, Nile silk with yoke of white chiffon and cerise velvet.

Mrs. J. R. Miller, cerise silk draped with white trimmed with narrow chiffon ruffles and red roses.

Miss Stead, pale green satin with white net overdress, white and pink carnations.

Miss Neales, Woodstock, pink silk and cashmere white chry-santhemums and ferns.

Miss A. C. Harding, white organdie over pink silk.

Miss Tapley blue and black striped silk, the bodice of which was trimmed with black lace, chiffon and pearls.

Miss Pauline Tapley, flowered muslin over pink silk, trimmed with pink ribbon.

Miss Ouiton pink silk draped with white organdie and artistic touches of black velvet.

Miss Fowler wore black silk the skirt from the foot up being done in Greek design of pink gathered baby ribbon, cuffs in sleeves and passementerie.

Miss Oaa Barber was strikingly graceful and pretty in white silk and chiffon, white roses and smilax.

Miss Gladys McLaughlin's gown of pale blue satin trimmed with silver sequins, blue chiffon and pearls, was extremely pretty and becoming.

Miss Armstrong, white mouselline de soie over white silk, lace, chiffon and corsage decoration of white carnations.

Miss McAvity, pink silk and chiffon, natural flowers.

Miss Len McAvity, flowered organdie over pink silk.

Miss Johnston, black velvet with white lace trimmings.

Miss Clara Schfield, black satin artistically combined with crimson velvet.

Miss Ella Payne, dainty gown of white organdie over white silk, the bodice of which was trimmed with insertion and ruffles edged with lace, white roses and smilax.

Miss Louise Hegan, white silk trimmed with silver sequins and lace.

Miss Pullen, white muslin over white silk and rows of black ribbon velvet, corsage bouquet of red roses.

A pretty white satin gown trimmed with chiffon and pearls was worn by Miss McMillian and was one of the prettiest noticed at the ball.

Miss Jarvis, flowered organdie, trimmed with pink and white ribbons.

Miss Daisy Fairweather, white muslin with silver and lace trimmings.

Miss Skinner wore a beautiful pink silk trimmed with chiffon and roses.

Miss Vail looked stately and charming in pale green silk, chiffon and pearls.

Miss Elsie Robinson, white muslin, and pink ribbons ornamenting the bodice.

Miss Hall, white organdie trimmed with pale blue chiffon.

Miss Helen Hamilton, blue silk, white chiffon and red roses.

Miss M. Robinson, garnet satin and white lace.

Miss Gladys Campbell, buttercup silk elaborately trimmed with white chiffon and purple violets.

Miss Mollie Smith, white dotted muslin trimmed with lace and insertion, bouquet of crimson roses.

Miss Emma Robertson, black satin combined with pink flowers.

Miss McKean, pink silk, garnet velvet and white lace trimmings.

Miss Thornton, white silk with overdress of silk organdie, lace and chiffon trimmings.

Miss Markham, white chiffon over white satin, pink carnations and smilax.

Miss Secord, New York, a lovely white tulle, flowered with red and purple, white satin yoke covered with tacked chiffon and ribbon, white carnations.

Miss Fajoy, white muslin trimmed with ruffles of valencennes, the bodice tacked and trimmed with lace and insertion.

Miss Corrie Fairweather, black satin, chiffon and pearls.

Miss Little looked charming in a white satin, pearl and emerald ornaments and white chrysanthemums.

Miss Titus, white muslin trimmed with tucks and lace.

Miss Turk, a striped silk gown with white silk trimmings.

Miss Dever's stately loveliness was enhanced by a rich black net gown, the bodice arranged with pale blue chiffon, cream lace and violets.

Miss Toller, of Ottawa was one of the most admired guests at the ball and was gowned in yellow bengaline trimmed with chiffon. She wore a magnificent diamond ornament fastened towards the right of her corsage.

Miss Mah. I Thomson who possesses the happy distinction of looking bright and pretty at all times, wore a flowered organdie with just the faintest suggestion of yellow in the ground, trimmed with rows of narrow yellow ribbon and a folded belt of yellow satin.

Miss E. Sidney Smith wore pale blue with gauze overdress, black ribbon velvet and lace.

Miss C. Sydney-Smith blue silk, velvet and lace trimmings and violets.

Miss Mary Robertson, silk gauze over cream silk, the bodice elaborately arranged with a pretty oriental passementerie.

Miss Westworth white mouselline de soie over pink silk, crimson carnations.

Following is the list of invited guests.

Harris Allan, Miss Adams, Mrs. Allan, Miss Allison, D. S. Alward, Lt. Col. Armstrong, Miss Armstrong, L. J. Almon, R. H. Arnold, Mrs. W. Allan, Miss Allan, Mrs. Allison, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Miss L. Adams, Misses Armstrong, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Allison, R. H. Arnold, W. H. Athoe, R. Allen, W. M. Atken, Miss Akery, Mrs. Allan, Mr. J. C. Allen, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Burpee, H. F. Gordon, Mrs. Blair, Misses Brock, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Belyea, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Barnhill, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. Binning, Mrs. Barnaby, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Isaac Burpee, Mrs. J. Burpee, Miss Burpee, T. B. Blair, Misses Baird, Miss Betts, Mrs. Blizard, Mrs. Blizard, E. H. Bowman, Mrs. Beatley, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Berton, Miss Clara Brennan, Miss Baird, A. B. Burns, H. A. Brennan, A. H. Baillie, J. O. Branscombe, Mrs. Bustin, Mrs. Bartch, Mrs. Branscombe, Arthur Boyd, F. B. Bligh, Miss Barber, Mrs. Barber, K. M. Bostwick, Capt. Barker, Mrs. Elair, Miss Bailly, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Gilach, Mrs. Coster, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Carritte, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Curvey, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Chipman, J. A. Clark, W. W. Clark, Dr. Christie, Misses Cole, Miss Cruikshank, Misses C. Inch, Peter Clinch, Lance Campbell, Miss Christie, Ripch Clark, R. P. Cowan, Mrs. Carritte, F. C. Craibe, F. C. Chalmers, A. A. Chaisson, A. H. Campbell, R. C. Cruikshank, Fred Coombs, J. S. Campbell, Miss L. Chesley, Mrs. Cowie, Wm. Campbell, Count DeBury, Miss DeBury, Mrs. DeForest, Mrs. Dever, S. S. DeForest, Miss DeForest, Mrs. Dicker, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Domville, H. A. Drury, M. B. Dixon, H. A. Doherty, H. S. Daley, Thomas Dunning, Lucien DeBury, Miss Du Vernet, Misses Driscoll, Miss Dodge, Arthur Dick, J. F. Driscoll, Mrs. Dowling, Misses Dele, J. H. Driscoll,

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