

AUCKLAND.

PROFESSOR and Mrs. Dettman entertained the University Council and members of the Professorial Board and friends at their home, Remuera, the other evening. Violets and trumpet daffodils decorated the drawing-room, and in the dining-room the supper table was dainty with bowls of primroses. Some delightful songs were given by Mrs. Cooke and Messrs. Churchhouse, Macfarlane and Eric Waters. Mrs. Dettman was wearing a pretty frock of dark blue charmeuse draped with georgette of the

same colour. Among the guests were Professor and Mrs. Wor-ley, Professor and Mrs. Algie, Professor and Mrs. Maxwell Walker, Professor and Mrs. Egerton, Professors Thomas, Anderson and Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Bowles, Mr. and Mrs. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. Mahan, Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Gregor, and Mr. Fotheringham.

THE South British Insurance Company's staff dance held recently in the Masonic Hall was very enjoyable. Brightlycoloured flags made the ballroom very gay, and the supper table was particularly attractive with its graceful decorations of daffodils and other spring flowers. Among the large number present, Mrs. Roberton wore a frock of black satin and lace; Mrs. C. W. Spooner, black satin relieved with Oriental embroidery; Mrs. Kingston, handsome gown of black georgette embroidered with gold, and touches of blue; Mrs. P. H. Upton, lovely green satin draped with black net embroid-ered in gold; Mrs. W. Bush, pink charmeuse with georgette drapings; Mrs. Wooller, jade green satin relieved with gold; Miss X. Carpenter, green georgette over charmeuse; Miss McArthur, white satin; Miss Katz, page pink charmeuse; Miss Gaudin, pale yellow silk; Miss Boucher. green charmeuse; Miss Wardell, pale pink charmeuse; Miss Bagnall, pale green char-meuse; Miss Elley, cream satin; Miss White, blue silk and lace; Miss Williams, pale pink charmeuse; Miss B. Evans, cream georgette over charmeuse; Miss Colebrook, deep yellow taffeta; Miss Lawrence, pale pink taffeta; Miss Morecombe, pale mauve satin.

UNUSUALLY beautiful decorations made the annual ball of the Officers' Club quite a notable affair. Scots Hall lends itself well to a good colour scheme, and when bunting draped across the ceiling in

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Mrs. Kinder, wife of Dr. Alexander Kinder, a member of the Victoria League, who took a keen interest in patriotic work during the war.

graceful festoons is added to long ropes of lycopodium the effect is remarkably good. Ranged on the walls of the ballroom were the names of the great battlefields of France and Palestine, each one surrounded with a wreath of laurel. A Lewis gun-grim reminder of recent years-stood near the main door, surrounded by palms and other pot plants, coloured lights blending the whole into a picture of much beauty.

Colonel Stevenson and Miss Joyce Stevenson received the guests at the entrance, the latter wearing a beautiful frock of ivory charmeuse with sleeves of gold lace.

Some lovely frocks were worn by the guests. Among them were Mrs. Napier. wearing grey charmeuse draped with silver embroidered tulle; Mrs. A. M. Stevenson, black satin with jet ornaments, and wrap

> of beaten silver tissue; Mrs. Mackesy, black charmense; Mrs. Ouartley, rose pink brocade; Mrs. Pembroke, black satin; Mrs. Goldsmith, black lace with jet fringe; Mrs. Wood, grey blue charmeuse, touches of gold lace; Mrs. Potter, silver tissue; Mrs. E. Davis, black net embroidered with jet over charmeuse; Mrs. Maguire, black satin, black and cream cloak; Mrs. Dettman, blue satin with touches of black velvet; Mrs. A. Wilkie, grey charmeuse, draped with georgette; Mrs. Hardie Neill, pale blue satin and lace; Mrs. Thomas, cut black jet and black lace; Mrs. Trevithick, black lace over taffeta; Mrs. Dignan, gold lace over satin; Mrs. Dewey, rose coloured velvet, silver lace: Mrs. Creighton, rose pink charmense: Miss Bagnall, pale green char-mense, touches of gold; Miss Magill, pale yellow taffeta; Miss E. Purchas, pale blue taffeta; Mrs. Fantham, black embroidered net over yellow satin; Miss Fantham, pale pink charmeuse; Miss Aubin, black lace, touches of gold; Miss Axford, blue brocade; Miss Sharland, pale blue net over taffeta; Miss M. Davis, rose pink charmeuse; Miss J. Russell, blue brocade; Miss Å. Lawrence (débutante), pretty white charmeuse belted with flowers; Miss Marriner, pale pink charmeuse; Miss Pembroke, black net over satin; Miss Maguire, green charmeuse; Miss M. McCormick, pale blue taffeta; Miss Lockhart, ivory charmeuse; Miss N. Bartley, black velvet; Miss Pyne, pale pink