



By "WAG."

### Masquerade Dance.

On the 18th of last month "C" Company 1st C.E.R.B. held a very successful fancy dress ball in No. 2 Canteen. The floor was in perfect condition, and the decorations of the hall and "conservatory" spoke volumes for the energy and foresight of the Committee. Lieut.-Col. A. G. Lawson, M.C., 1st C.E.R.B., Major Stroud, C.S.S., and Capt. H. T. May, M.C., of "C" Company, were present, and stayed till the close.

The ladies made a wonderful show of fancy dresses, and a great deal of ingenuity was shown by many of them in the conception and design of unusual costumes. Graceful courtiers of the Georgian period rubbed shoulders with pretty little tea girls from Japan, while Cow Girls, Red Riding Hoods, Romney Shepherdesses, Flames, Cigar Boxes, Greek Slaves, and every other kind of girl, mixed up to make a whirling chiroscura of changing colours that reminded one of the palmy days of Covent Garden.

The mere male element did not come out so strong on fancy costume as the ladies, but still a fair showing was made by the boys.

The costumes were judged by Col. Lawson and Major Stroud, whose award was as follows:—

Ladies.—1st, Miss Galloway, Seaford, as a Mexican Girl; 2nd, Miss Hill, N.A.C.B., as "Hell"; 3rd, Miss Teakley, N.A.C.B., as a Lady of the Court of George III.

Gentlemen.—1st, Sergt. Burgess, C.S.M.E., Georgian Beau; 2nd, Pte Stanley, C.A.S.C., as a Gondolier; 3rd, Sapper Beveridge, as a Flower Girl.

### C.E.T.C. Pierrot Troupe.

"Cheero, the Pierrot Parade." That's the opening chorus—call the roll. The rest of the programme is, as the "Imps" at Newhaven said after the show there, top hole.

Since we last went on record, the Troupe has been as busy as the proverbial cat, but with far more success. Every concert went off with a bang. Probably the most successful effort was the show at the Kitchener Hospital in Brighton on October 5th. The hall was crowded, and the popular opinion was that it was the best show they had seen for a long time. The ragtime instrumental number is good, with Mayo promenading the keyboard, Pillington and Have strumming banjos, and Halden sawing on the Stradivarius.

As far as is known the Hawaiian instrumental number is the only one of its kind appearing in concert work in England. With Smythe and Atkinson playing guitars a la Hawaii, this is a very pleasing number.

Lieut. Grant's songs are going over the plate with speed, and the audience calls "strike" every time. His latest, "Just keep marching along," is an absolutely new song, and is a great success.

Doneau and Bently have returned from their course, and are once more in line. Denny secured a couple of good songs while up in the "smoke," which he

is putting over in old time style. Bently's rich baritone is still heard in well selected songs.

Smythe is a baritone of considerable feeling, and his songs, "At midnight in Japan," and "Di-Dang" are well rendered numbers.

Sergt. Smale has a good number entitled, "I want to go to bye-bye," which is well sung, and carries a nice chorus.

John Halden is still singing the "Wild, wild women," and they are pretty wild when he finishes with them.

Sergt. Doncaster's new song is "I'm Norman the Mormon," and he is better than usual in his new monologue, "A man of superior parts."

That is everyone but Wilson. He is a man of mystery. Watch your currency while his act is in progress. He's a great spoofer.

Shows were given during the month at the Officers' Club, North Camp, where Lieuts. Stenhouse and Ferguson assisted the Troupe with vocal numbers; at the Sunbeam Hut, Newhaven, Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, and the Y.M.C.A. in the 11th Reserve Lines, South Camp.

We understand the Troupe is booked up till the end of the year.

### New Y.M.C.A. Cadets' Club. Seaford.

Another new move in a good direction has been made by the Y.M.C.A. authorities at Seaford, in the formation and opening of a Cadets' Club in the grounds of the Seaside "Y" at Telsemaure House.

The idea originated, we believe, with Major Collins, of the C.S.M.E., and was taken up and brought to fruition by the "Y."

A very elegantly furnished and decorated room has been provided, and a small canteen to cater for the wants of the inner man is run by the voluntary help of the ladies of the district.

The opening ceremony was held on the 2nd of this month, when it was arranged that the G.O.C. of the area was to declare the club open. In the unavoidable absence, however, of this officer, that pleasing duty fell to Col. T. V. Anderson, D.S.O.

In the course of a short and well chosen speech, Col. Anderson said:—"It is a great pleasure to me to be here to-day, as I have myself often thought that something of this kind would be a very acceptable improvement in the life of a Cadet. He is usually left out of everything, he is betwixt and between; he very often has no mess or canteen of his own, and cannot use the men's clubs.

"The Y.M. have, as usual, stepped into this breach, and have provided the necessary accommodation.

"Cadets are an innovation in this area, and we have not at present the facilities at our disposal for their comfort that obtain in older centres. For the benefit of my own Engineer Cadets I may say that I think—mind, I don't promise—but I think they are shortly to have a mess of their own (cheers).