



SOME OF THE LADIES PRESENT, — AT LEAST THIS IS MY IMPRESSION OF THEM.

THIS IS A FRIEND OF THE GENT ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE (HE TALKED A LOT, BUT I PUT THAT DOWN TO "DOPE"!



A FEW OF 'EM.

THE C.R.O. BALL.

A HUGE SUCCESS.—OVER FOUR HUNDRED PRESENT.

On Tuesday, 18th inst., at Cannon Street Hotel, our Fancy Dress Ball took place, and to say that it was a tremendous success is to put it mildly. The verdict is unanimous that no dance was ever conducted in better style or more thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present.

The brilliant success attained could not have been possible without a great deal of work being involved to assure it, and the bulk of this fell on the shoulders of Sgt. Jackson, the M.C., to whom the hearty thanks of all are due. Our thanks are also due to the Dance Committee, who put forward every effort possible to assure success, and the result achieved does them credit.

Tickets were sold out long before the dance commenced; in fact, all tickets which had gone to be sold outside had to be called in to meet the demands of the price, and even these proved insufficient. Over four hundred were present, and dancing commenced shortly after 7.30. The floor was in good shape, and the band were out for the occasion.

Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. Truesdale (of Canada), and a representative of a well-known "daily," acted as judges, and are to be commended on the way they handled their difficult task.

Our hearty thanks are also due to Mrs. Sinclair, who, in addition to acting as a

judge, also distributed the prizes; and Major Sinclair and Lieut. Candy both worked hard during the evening in the interests of the revellers. Lieut. Donaldson was the other officer there. We have only one complaint to make, and that is with the refreshment arrangements. The provision made to cope with three or four hundred people was not nearly sufficient, and, above all, the profiteering was scandalous. We know quite well that things are far from normal yet, but this does not warrant the high charges made for the poor refreshments provided.

We have another kick to make, but we are going to keep it to ourselves—for the present, at any rate.

At all events, these things were forgotten at the time by the enjoyment prevailing on the floor, and the general outcry since for another such dance or carnival is sufficient proof of the magnificent success attained.

PRIZES— LADIES.

- 1st, Mrs. B. McNeil, "Marie Antoinette," silver manicure set
- 2nd, Mrs. L. E. Candy, "British Navy," silver mounted umbrella.
- 3rd, Miss M. Wilson, "Powder Puff," gold brooch.
- 4th, Mrs. E. Hopkirk, "Toreador," silver pin box.

GENTS.

- 1st, S.-Sgt. F. Marshall, C.R.O., "Napoleon," silver cigarette case.
- 2nd, C. S. M. Johnson, Headquarters, "Rajah," ebony walking stick.
- 3rd, Pte. Brown, C.R.O., "Dilly," mounted malacca cane.

COMIC GENTS.

S.Q.M.S. Hewitt, C.R.O., as "The Parson," case of pipes.

EXTRA PRIZE (Ladies).

Mrs. H. Pyke, as "Hullo, America!" gold brooch.

BEST COUPLE (Lady and Gent).

Miss Yell and Pte. Studdard, C.R.O., as "The Hussars," value 30s.

BEST COUPLE (Gents).

S.Q.M.S. H. W. Sealy, C.R.O., and Mr. G. F. Low, C.R.O., as "The Opium Fiends," value £1.

MOST ORIGINAL.

Cpl. P. Bender, C.R.O., as "The C.R.O.," pair silver candlesticks.

MOST ORIGINAL LADIES'.

Mrs. G. F. Low, C.R.O., as "A Demobilisation Form," ladies' hand bag.

SECTION PRIZE.

Best four from Sections represented. R.2.A.2., including S.Q.M.S. Sealy and Mr. G. F. Low, "The Opium Fiends"; and Sgt. P. Wildman and Pte. W. C. Newcombe, "The Bing Boys," value £2.

CONSOLATION PRIZE.

Two wounded Tommies, Canadians, Pte. Parker and Pte. Robinson, value 5s.