chivalry. They have been made unhappy and have made the men unhappy. For years now, gentle ladies, you have stood on your podestia, and found them only breeding spots for discon-tent. We foolish mes put you there, but we cannot take you down. So why not eave the situation yourelves ? Why not come down, trip down gracefully, smilingly, of your own accord? Is would be better for you, better for you, better for the nation. Take a few lessons from good old Europe and everything will be lovely ? What have put down here is said in carnettees and with conviction, though portions may sound strangely to whose who have not given the subject careful thought-which anggests the remark that it might be well for this country if more people in it did serious thinking now and then !

CLEVELAND MOFFETT.

A CHINESE LEGEND ABOUT MUSIC.

HOW THE DIVINE ART WAS REDUCED TO A SYSTEM.

"THE legend tells us that Lyng-Lun wandered, deep in thought, to the land of Lijoimig, where the bamboos grow. He took one, cut a piece of it between two of the knots, and having puebed out the pith, blew into the hollow, whereby he produced a beautiful tone, like the sound of his own voice. At this moment, the river Hoang-ho, which ran boiling along a few paces off, roared with its waves, and the noise it made was also in unison with the sound of Lyng-Lun's beautiful voice, and the sound of the bamboo.

Lun's beautiful voice, and the sound of the bamboo. ""Behold them," orded Lyng Lun, "the fundamental sound of nature !" And as he was musing on this wonder-ful coincidence, the magic bird Foung-hoang and his mate came flying along. They perched on a tree, and began to sing. Imagine the delight of our musician when he found that their song was also in unison with the sounds of the river, the bamboo and his own voice. Then all the winds were hushed, and all the birds of the air wereailent, as they listened to the song of the nuagic bird and his mate.

listence to the song of the magic bird and his make. 'As they sang, Lyng, Lun, who had found his opportunity and, like a wise man, meant to use it, kept enting bamboos, and tuning them to the notes of the birds, six to the notes of the male and six to the notes of the firstle. When they had finished singing, Lyng-lun had twelve bamboos cut and thued, which he bound together and took to the king, and they gave forth the twelve notes of our modern chromatic scale. ecale

ecale. 'The odd notes, F, G, A, B, C sharp, D sharp were the nate notes, and the even notes F sharp, G sharp, A sharp, C, D, E, were the female, and with that partiality for the masculine sex which is not peculiar to the Chinese, they pronounced the six odd or male notes perfect, and called them "Yang," and the six even or female notes they pro- nonneed imperfect, and called them "Yau"? The min able has made an entrie are noted in a which is

The writer thicks that, with an origin so postic, we might certainly have expected music to develop into something which would justify its being called in China, as with us, "the Divine Art, but, according to her account, a Chinese orchestra is the most strocions, ear-splitting performance one could possibly listen to. Still, as abs remarks, there are two sides to every question, and the Chin-se and Japanere trained musicians listen to the efforts of W. and the chi-or ching, is said by the writer to be the most pleasing of Chinese instruments, and she tells us, apparently with-out the sliphtest attempt at humour, that 'it seems to be something akin to the Scotch bagpipes.' Another instru-ment, the ou, is a very poetic conception. It is described on its back, like the teeth of a saw, and is played by scraping these with a stick.

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AUCKLAND.

TENNIS.

DEAR BEE.

FEBRUARY 18. There seemed nothing much doing last week except

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AFTERNOON TEA AT 'BLOCKLY.'

ATTERNOON TEA AT 'BLOCKL',' the residence of Mr C. James, Avondale, The westher we threatening, and there were not many ladies present. The tea-booled grapes from the hostses' spiendid vineries. Mrs C. James received her visitors in an elegant tea gown of flowered like with even lose; her sisters, the Missee Maxwell, who took much of the trouble of handing cake, etc. off Mrs James host with even lose; her sisters, the Missee Maxwell, who took much of the trouble of handing cake, etc. off Mrs James host with even lose with a touch of black vertex: the other is cream delains flowered with helictrops, cream slik set beads and exquins, small jet bonnet with coloured passement of while lace insertion: Mrs Seccomba, black trimmed with jet beads and exquins, small jet bonnet, with coloured passement of while lace insertion: Mrs Seccomba, black colume with ex-tract of while lace the sate like grey blouss with bands of while lace insertion: Mrs Seccomba, black colume with even of the log porces and read; Mrs Misses Taylor, white vote the ide with upstanding bows; the Misses Taylor, white buck to the elder wore a while toque with could to receive, the poly while lade to the act. There was another young lady in black whose mane I did not eacth. The actimptotate vent of the season as far as tennis players in the Attor HOR THE CHANTION CUP.

FINAL MATCH FOR THE CHAMPION CUP.

FINAL MATCH FOR THE CHAPTON CUP, which came off last Saturday afternoon on the Parnell lawn, There was not half the attendance of speciators as at the ladies finitern Wedneslay. Amongst the ladies I noticed Mrs Rucz, services in labeled will black: Also address, favor transat striking draw on the lawn was worn by Mrs Tewalsy - grey check tweed finished will borders of pink, crease bonnet with pink; the Misses Iroland (two) were similarly gowned in white; Mrs (Colone) Dawson, white gows: Miss Elliot, pink; Mrs Robison, heliotrope; Mrs G. Bloomfield, white skirt, pink



blouse. large fawn hat; Miss Nicholson (Sydney), white drill; Miss Ray, grey obeck; Mrs Blair white; Mrs Walkon, navy drill; Miss Kempthorne, brown holland; Miss G. Kunnchlawy drill; Miss Kempthorne, brown holland; Miss G. Kunnchlawy drill; Miss Kempthorne, brown holland; Miss G. Kunnchlawy Misse Aubrey, were similarly attired in white with black ribbons; Misse Aubrey, were similarly attired in white with black ribbons; Misse Aubrey, Ward, navy skirk, white blouse; Miss Ella Hall, black rkirk, white blouse; Mrs Holmes, very striking and strjish Holme, dik holiotropa, hat with estich lists to correspond; Miss white: Mrs Thorne-George, Mrs Holmey, brown; Miss Laishley, white spotted basits grown; Mrs Pollen, Charmhorne, George rey with canary-coloured bands; Mrs Rahbnon, dark green white spotted basits for also wore white and buy expectively; white spotted basits, her also wore white and buy expectively; white smills May berging and and a string and bring and with bodies veiled in Italie coloured lace, white holmed, pink cam-ret with canary-coloured bands; Miss Clobbrook, cream with gradinal bands; her also wore white and buy expectively; white smills M. Heywood, navy berge; Miss Kilgour looked chic in white; Miss Wowd, navy berge; Miss Kilgour looked chic in white; Miss W. Heywood, navy that: and buy respectively; white insels. Mey wood, navy that: and strike gring white feation. fawn tassore silk and her aister, Hias; Miss Goria, white blouse; Miss F. Johnstone, strjish fawn gown with green silk blouwe; Miss Kienenson, strjish fawn gown with green silk blouwe; Miss Beversu, jok you once dealanc; Miss Goodhue, black delaine; Miss Kienenson, strjish fawn gown, with black delaine; Miss Kie

POLO.

FOLO, Mrs Greenaway gave the alignmon toa last Saturday at polo, which was held in Potters Paddock. The attendance was not very large, owing no doubt to the manay character stractions. Many finished their afternoon there after these stractions Amongst those present were Mrs Oforke. Mrs Budlah, Mrs Greenaway, Miss Shepherd, the Missos Wilkins (two), Mrs A. E. Gilmore, Mrs (Colonel) Dawson, Mrs Mahner, Miss Minitt, Miss Ellitot, Mrs (Late, Mrs Rachen, Miss Strich, Mrs Worp, Miss Ellitot, Mrs Late, Mrs Machen, Miss Carry, Miss Otway, Miss Bull, Misses Shirley Baker (two), Mrs Thomas Morrin and nicces. A pleasant

SOCIAL GATHERING

SOCIAL GATHERING to wolcome back the vices (the Rev. F. Larkins) and his daughter after their visit to England was held on Thursday symings Mount Albert. Some very good music, vical and instrumental, was rendered and appleaded. The tableaux, under the able management of Mrs Wilks and Miss Larkins, were much ap-preciated, as were also the liberal refreshments. The audience was a very large one, the hall being quite full. Amongst the per-Missee Hill, Picture Miss Linkon, the Missee Wilks, the Missee Hill, Picture Miss Linkon, the Missee Wilks, the Missee Hill, Picture Motion, Such Moto, and Messer Wilks, Barnes, etc. A quartetie from Kingsland contributed Fait-ter. Speeches were made by the Rev. F. Larkins and Mr Kat-tray (Treasurer and Church Warden).

tray (Treasurer and Church Warden). It is that any show in the two scenes years to be at a discount just now throughout the whole colony. Were it not that the comparison sounds discrespectful more especially a tiot that the poor newspape sugter with so many 'pars' for this family in the poor newspape sugter with so many 'pars' to this family in the poor newspape angler with so many 'pars' to the family intermediate the poor newspape and the source 'newson' in the source' intermediate the source's the source

Saturday being a

"BACHELORS' DAY ' AT THE WEST END

Tennis Lawn-that is, afternoon tes was provided and prepared solely by the bachelors of the Club-a larger number of lady visitors were present than is usual on ordinary Saturday after noons. At the

BOWLING GREEN

BOWLING GREEN also there was a good attendance of the fair sex to witness the match between the Acckiand and West End Bowling Clubs, and as most of the laides divided their time between the two lawns. I will stre some of the pretidest coefficients of the state of the version of the state of the state of the state of the triming, small and form of helicitrops with deeper shaded silk triming, small and form of helicitrops with deeper shaded silk triming, small and form of helicitrops with deeper shaded silk triming, small and form of helicitrops with deeper shaded silk triming, small and form of helicitrops with deeper shaded silk triming, small and form of helicitrops with deeper shaded silk triming, small and form of helicitrops with deeper shaded silk triming, small and form in the stressed back is the shaden the stress of the stress of the stress of the stress black hat : Miss Mascindos, heliotrops and black; Miss Co Drass wore is ben mealth blows, navy skitt ; Miss et blows with black serge skitt and sash of black motors shitts shaden the stress stress shitts and shaden the shaden with black sellor hat; Misse Edenborough, pale pink flowered delaine, white hat, sullar hat; Misse Edenborough, pale pink flowered delaine, white hat, misses Edwards looked well in white blows skitt and doat ke shot hat and white spotted blows with a black skitt and black sellor hit, Miss Ethel Andrews, pretty white muslie blows trimmed white sailer hat; and many others whose dresses I cannot re-member.

Member. A picnic on a large scale was to have taken place on Salarday to Northcota, initiated by Miss Knight, Mra Bloom-field, Miss Leighton, and other Ponsonby people. It did take place, but as the rain also took place, our large-scale picnic ended, as large ideas have a babtic of doing, in something picnic ended, as large ideas have a babtic of doing, in something the young indice present one has enjoyable though. Some they young indice present one kas enjoyable though. Some they young indice present one kas enjoyable though. Some they young indice present one kas and the set of the set. and Mossre Owen, Peacock, Bloomfield, Geo. Leighton etc. stc.

PHYLLIS BROUNE.

WELLINGTON.

DEAR BEE, PEDRUGAL CONTROL OF A few tennie parties there is nothing going on. Of course I must not forget the

ANTAL UUNIC OPERA COMPANY, who opened their season here on Monday night to a crowded house. They played 'M Mie Rocetta'. Mies Nelid Sizewart is a charming actreast, and her dresses are lovely. She has also a sweetly graphtheito volce. There is no need to say that she is already a great favourize with the audiences. Mr J. Tapley has a very fine volce, and has froquently to repeat his songs. 'Paul Jonse's the next piece to be staged. I hear it is very good. All the