

SMALL JUVENILE DANCE.

Amongst those who thoroughly enjoyed their kind hostess' hospitality were Misses Margaret Bullcock, Meares, Habbington, Stead, Russell, etc., the Messrs Denniston, Meares, Habbington, Wood, etc.

THE AMATEUR SPORTS

In connection with Mrs Bowen's private school were held in the grounds of the Hon. C. Bowen, Riccarton. The girls were favoured with a tennis party for their tea, and seemed to enjoy the events as much as any of their brothers would have done under the circumstances.

THE COLLEGE SPORTS

are to be held to-day, and Warwick House to-morrow, and with all these things on hand it seems like approaching the end of term time, and summer in the near future.

DOLLY VALL

NELSON.

DEAR BEK, Another very successful meeting of the LADIES' SAVAGE CLUB

was held on Monday evening at Mrs Roger Kingdon's residence, The Wood. A large number of members were present, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

LECTURES

in the Theatre Royal during the last week. The audiences were not so large as they might have been, but those who were present were greatly in favour of this gifted speaker.

DUNEDIN.

DEAR BEK, I forgot to mention in my last letter that Mrs Lindo Ferguson had a CHILDREN'S OPERA

in St. Matthew's School last Friday evening. There were between forty and fifty children in the opera, which passed off in a most successful manner.

SMALL AFTERNOON TEA.

Very few were present, namely, Mrs James, Mrs Thomas MacLean, Misses Shand, Neill, MacKerras, MacLean, Kempthorne, Ulrich, E. Neill, G. Webster, L. Shand, etc.

SMALL LUNCH

for Mrs James Mills, who has just lately returned from England. The table was prettily arranged with spruce flowers.

GIRL'S AFTERNOON TEA.

Amongst the guests were Miss Mackerras in black cloth jacket and skirt, white collar, white gloves, blue serge costume, stylish black hat with green velvet trimmings.

A FANCY DRESS BALL

was given in St. John's Schoolroom, Rolyn, on Friday, October 9th, as a wind-up to Miss Reynolds' dancing class.

trimmed with red; Miss A. Sinclair, Fairy; Misses K. Trovador, Fletcher, J. Barron, and M. Teravay, evening dresses, etc.

NAPIER.

DEAR BEK, Jupiter Pluvius was very unkind to those who had looked forward to dozing their new spring gowns at the HAWKES BAY RACE MEETING.

A severe hailstorm came on suddenly just about the time the public was thinking of going, so it did not enhance the attendance of the fair sex.

THE SECOND DAY

brought out a number of pretty spring dresses. I admired Mrs Arthur Gore in fawn canvas dolly veiled in muslin; Miss Gore (Wellington), black crepon skirt, shot pink and penne silk blouse with green bows, pink suede gloves.

'SOLANTER'

was produced on a very creditable manner by the clever Hastings amateurs and directed far better patronage than was afforded. The grouping and marching were perfect.

GISBORNE.

DEAR BEK, Our little city is very dull just at present, resting. I've no doubt, before the dislocations of show and race time, when the town will be overflowing with visitors from all the surrounding districts.

A COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT

was given for Mr Speckmann. Mrs Horie was handsomely gifted with a will to make everything go like clock work.

in black velvet and yellow satin, with diamonds in her hair and on corsage. Miss Bata looked very girlish in a dark dress and Mr Williams showed to advantage in pale blue.

ATELERS.

We have had the most extraordinary weather. For, can you imagine a climate as magnificent as ours which one week gives us a taste of mid-summer and the next one to (don prints and muslins, and pian sundry summer sports, then with a bound jumps back into mid-winter, and freezes all our tender projects for warm days and nights!

AN AFTERNOON TEA

was given by Mrs F. T. Morgan, for her sister, Miss Gould, who is on a short visit from Auckland. Tea was laid in the hall, and a table holding sweets of all descriptions stood in a corner of the drawing-room.

RUTH.

HAMILTON.

DEAR BEK, The long looked for HOSPITAL BALL

came off on Thursday evening, 8th inst., and was a brilliant success. The time and labour bestowed on the decorations and arrangements by Dr. and Mrs Kenny and the working committee must have been amply compensated by the very successful issue.

ZILLAH.

PICTON.

DEAR BEK, THE READING SOCIETY

met in the institute on Friday evening and finished 'The Merchant of Venice'. As these readings seem to be more popular than when just one or two read, it is proposed to continue them, and 'Hamlet' is to be commenced next week.

A SURPRISE SEWING BEE.

with their upper and thimbles, went to the Vicarage on Monday evening to sew tents for the coming season of camping out.

JEAN.

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