

blue; her little daughter looked very quaint in a blue satin child's dress worked all over in gay flowers; she wore real Chinese shoes; Mrs Ware, handsome Mandarin's dress of scarlet crepe cloth, having large dragon on back and front, sleeves and skirt covered with gilt thread embroidery. With all these were worn quaint Chinese necklaces, bangles and hair ornaments. Mrs Archie Clark, as a Japanese lady, looked very dainty in pale blue silk with silver and pink embroidery, handsome sash to match; Mrs G. R. Bloomfield and her sister, Miss Griffiths, very pretty pink and green embroidered dresses with pink sashes and kerchiefs; Miss Devereux, pale terra cotta crepe cloth with kerchief and sash of a deeper shade; Miss Wilkins, very becoming green with orange sash; Miss Ware, dove grey with pink crepe kerchief, and pink and black satin sash. All the Japanese ladies wore their hair in correct style bedecked with Japanese ornaments. The Chinese dresses have been in Mrs Russell's family for over fifty years, and are not in the least faded, showing the superiority of the old silks over the moderns.

Amongst the many visitors to the Easter Carnival I noticed, Mrs Devereux in black merveilleux bodice edged with floral brocade, large black hat with black plumes; Miss Wilkins, white pique, rose silk collar, also same colour on her black hat; Miss Scherff, black dress, tweed jacket with fur-edged storm collar, black hat, red hand; Miss Colley looked exceedingly well in white, the bodice veiled with tinsel lisse; Miss D. Scherff, musk-quash cape, dark dress, hat with green chiffon and plumes; Mrs Kilgour, shot gown, vest of amethyst silk, floral bonnet; Miss Kilgour, white spotted muslin; Miss Hughes, silver grey striped silk blouse, black skirt, black hat with cluster of white flowers; Miss — Hughes was dainty in cream, large white chip hat with white feathers; Mrs C. Taylor (Te Awamutu), white pique, gem hat; Miss Aubrey, brown boucle cloth, large brown velvet collar, brown hat; Mrs Furby, smart black jacket and skirt, light blouse, jet bonnet with shot ribbon bows; Miss Brigham, black; Mrs Littler, yellow silk, bonnet to match; Miss Kennedy, white pique, white hat; Miss Laishley looked pretty in white spotted muslin, white fichu; Miss Peacock, floral crepon, white hat with up-standing bows of cream ribbon; Miss M. Peacock, fawn coat and skirt, white pique blouse, black hat; Miss Kelsner, dark skirt, black and white striped blouse, white net fichu, becoming golden brown hat; Mrs Wrigley (Hawera), cream floral blouse, dark skirt, brown bear boa, brown felt bowd-street hat; Miss C. Campbell, black serge skirt and jacket, gold silk vest, straw hat; Miss F. George, mourning; Mrs Hudson Williamson, black; Mrs Wilson Smith, black; Miss Lena Owen, light blouse, dark skirt, Miss Burcher, stylish fawn costume, pink blouse; Mrs Douglas, black; Miss Dargaville, mourning; Miss Williams, blue silk bodice, dark skirt, etc., etc.

#### AFTERNOON TEA AT THE SOCIETY OF ARTS.

Some of the lady members of the Society of Arts gave a very enjoyable afternoon tea on Thursday. There was a large assemblage, notwithstanding so many other attractions on that day. The weather was so beautifully fine that all amusements were well supported. The Choral Hall, with its walls hung with an exceedingly interesting collection of paintings and studies, looked very bright, the tables being daintily with floral decorations of chrysanthemums and rich brown leaves of the Virginia creeper. Mrs Payton (wife of the President) and Mrs M. Clark presided, and were assisted by several young ladies. Mrs Payton wore a cream silk blouse, dark skirt, black hat with red roses; Miss Stuart, white lustre gown finished with black ribbon bows, black toque; Mrs Holland, black, lace fichu, black bonnet with posies of violets; Mrs M. Clark, black floral gown, gloire de dijon roses in her bonnet; Mrs Cheeseman, striped shot silk blouse, dark skirt, Panama hat; Mrs Alfred Nathan, stylish grey silk shot with orchid mauve, cream silk filled yoke and large bow at back of bodice, white chip hat with feathers and two shades of mauve chrysanthemums; Mrs Arthur Nathan, effective white serge double breasted coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs T. Morrin's grass lawn gown was much admired; it was over pink silk with stripes of insertion down the front gore, black hat caught up at back with dark red roses; Mrs T. W. Leys, pretty heliotrope and green stripe costume, bodice finished with a handsome shot bead passementerie ornament and chiffon, green straw hat with shot ribbon and sprays of sere-green leaves; Miss Winnie Leys was charming in green figured lustre shot with pink, pink silk fichu, black velvet hat; Mrs S. Morrin, smart fawn cloth tailor-made costume, cream serge vest with bright red tie, large black hat with black feathers; Mrs A. Clark, stylish black serge coat and skirt, light vest, black hat; Mrs Stevenson, grey gown flecked with black, black trimmings, small bonnet with pale green ribbon bows; Mrs (Dr.) Bayntun, handsome black seaweed crepon, heliotrope bonnet; Mrs E. Lewis, black; Mrs Ware wore a stylish grey lustre gown, handsome design of Honiton lace on the bodice and hem of skirt, new style jet bonnet with clusters of yellow roses; Mrs Duncan Clerk, white spotted muslin; Miss Vaite, grey, black hat; Miss Holland, pink cambric, white fichu; Mrs T. Baxter, shot lustre, black bonnet with cream bow; Miss Baxter, shot lustre trimmed with cream lustre, hat *en suite*; Mrs Seegner, black crepon, scarlet hat; Mrs Lusker, black; Mrs Mitchellson looked very stylish in an ivy green cloth tailor-made costume, dark red velvet vest, black jet bonnet with iris; Miss Mitchellson was pretty in white spotted muslin, white hat; Mrs E. Mahony, shot lustre gown, pleated yoke and revers of electric blue silk, hat *en suite*; Mrs Upton, navy blue brocade sleeves, bonnet trimmed with cream; Mrs Edmiston, black silk gown, black bonnet; Mrs Thompson, blue and cream stripe shot silk blouse, dark skirt, brown hat with autumn leaves; Miss Harlie, brown boucle cloth costume, brown felt Tyrolese hat; Miss Clayton wore a lovely tone of pink silk blouse with cream lace zouave, black skirt, black hat, befeater crown of chine velvet with clusters of velvet; Mrs Oxley, Gobelien blue, white pique vest, white hat; Mrs Hudson Williamson, shot green lustre, handsome black cape; Mrs Dignau, grass lawn, floral hat; Mrs Oberlin Brown, light blouse, dark skirt, black and white hat; etc.

#### THE GREENWOOD DRAMATIC AND COMEDY COMPANY.

have attracted capital audiences throughout their season here. The dresses worn by the Misses Greenwood on the stage were most beautiful and gorgeous. Especially handsome was the one worn by Miss Maribel during her 'Scenes from Lulline'—white satin embroidered all over with water lilies in silver thread. Miss Agatha, as Romeo, wore scarlet shoes and tights, white satin shirt heavily embroidered in jewels, rich jewelled girdle, white satin cloak lined with scarlet silk and scarlet cap with ostrich feathers. Miss Roberta, as Mercutio, pale blue tights and satin shoes, rich pale blue plush shirt embroidered in silver, pale blue plush cloak lined with blue silk, pale blue silk cap embroidered in silver and trimmed with ostrich feathers. Miss Nora, as Juliet, was dressed in white Indian muslin trimmed with white satin ribbon and white flowers—a truly graceful little dress. Amongst them I noticed Mrs Seager, in pink silk blouse, dark skirt, dainty scintillating theatre bonnet; Mrs Charles Taylor (Te Awamutu), white dress; Miss P. Dixon, tussore silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Lowry (*nee* Miss Watt, of Napier), black silk skirt, grey low evening blouse and ornaments; Miss Biss, dark skirt, blue blouse; Mrs Hooke, navy tailor-made gown, white vest; Mrs (Col.) Dawson, grey skirt, white blouse; Mrs Charles Baker, grey gown with fawn lace; Miss Fanny Johnstone, dark skirt, Gobelien blue blouse; Mrs Churton, black mourning costume; Mrs Rigby, black silk; Miss Dixon, white embroidery muslin; Miss White, black silk with lace; Miss Chambers-Taylor, navy tailor-made gown; her sister was similarly attired; Miss M. Chambers Taylor, grey tweed; Miss Ada Wood (North Shore), pale lilac costume; Mrs Maxwell, grey check; Mrs Pearce, very handsome black and white striped merveilleux; Mrs Rattray, white theatre blouse, dark skirt.

#### THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB

held their second day's meeting on Easter Tuesday, when the weather was as brilliant as on the prior day, and many of the ladies had donned lighter costumes, as it was still pleasantly warm. The trimming of the hats worn was grotesque in the extreme. One would really have imagined the ostrich feathers were planted, as there would often be seen half-a-dozen ostrich feathers standing perpendicularly round a high crowned hat, and the back turned up with flowers of every colour. Red hats were very prevalent, and of every size and shape possible. Amongst the most striking gowns I noticed the following: Mrs Thomas Morrin (President's wife), navy and white striped silk trimmed with silver passementerie, black velvet hat; Mrs Alfred Nathan, very stylish fawn corduroy velvet with brown braiding, black chip high-crowned hat with large green bows and purple violets; Mrs Willie Bloomfield was much admired in a spring green silk mousseline, lizard green high-crowned hat with green velvet bows and goose's quills; Mrs George Bloomfield, navy serge tailor-made gown, pink vest, black velvet hat with pink roses and black ostrich feathers; Mrs Harry Bloomfield (*nee* Miss Grierson, the bride from Dunedin) wore silver-grey lustre with bands of blue silk and fawn insertion, cream high-crowned hat with yellow flowers and black quills; Mrs Read Bloomfield brown flowered silk, brown bonnet with pink roses; Miss Keay, black merveilleux, autumn-coloured hat; Mrs Lowry (*nee* Miss Watt, from Napier), gardenia green cloth tailor-made gown, green-trimmed hat with cream befeater crown; Mrs (Colonel) Dawson, very stylish gaulois grey crepon with white silk trimmings; Miss Lizzie Corrie, periwinkle blue lustre with fawn trimmings, black hat with violets and goose's quills; Miss Sereta McLaughlin, navy serge tailor-made gown; Mrs Holgate, mushroom pink nun's veiling, red toque with black ostrich feathers; Mrs Elliot, black; Miss Winnie Cotter was much admired in a blue and white striped gown, hat trimmed *en suite*; Miss Mary Corrie, Gobelien blue lustre trimmed with black silk; Miss Clayton (Sydney), black silk with white silk let in the neck veiled in pink net and spangles, black velvet hat with pink flowers; Mrs Alfred White (*nee* Miss Lily Hamlin), pale lilac merino trimmed with cream and lilac of a darker hue, white hat with feathers; Mrs Hamlin, black silk; Miss Little, black; Miss Otway, navy serge; Miss Hay, dark skirt, purple blouse, hat with quills; Mrs Hay (Remuera), black silk with white vest veiled in black, black bonnet with white; Miss Kate Hay, navy tailor-made gown, black hat with red, vivid parasol; Mrs Herries, black merveilleux, red toque trimmed with black; Mrs Keesing, black silk; Miss Keesing, black silk, pink vest, black tulle toque with pink; Mrs Alfred Buckland, black silk with red bow at the neck, black hat with red bows; Miss Dunnett looked exceedingly well in a splendidly-fitting grey check relieved with white satin, white chip hat with feathers; Mrs Walker (Ellerslie), black silk; Mrs Forbes, grey lustre relieved with pale blue; Mrs Andrew Hanna, dark skirt, light blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Harry Tonks, electric blue and cream appliqué, black chip high-crowned hat; Mrs Greenway, navy tailor-made gown; Miss Eva Firth, beige tailor-made gown; Mrs Thompson, black silk, black bonnet with yellow; Miss Thompson, white embroidery gown, rush hat with red poppies; and her sister, dark costume; Miss Thomas, brown tailor-made gown; the Misses Davy (two), dark skirts, light blouses; one wore a white chip high-crowned hat, the younger a red; Mrs Davy, black; Miss Leighton, violet serge; Miss Yonge, navy serge, blue vest; Miss Tina Grey, dark skirt, check blouse; Mrs Windsor and her sister were similarly attired in dark skirts, spuce Oriental blouses; Mrs Ansenne (Takapuna), a combination of navy and white; Miss Ansenne, brown; Mrs Cottle, black silk; Miss Brodie, neat-fitting white lustre; Miss Esme Elliot, dark skirt, grey blouse; Mrs Andrews, green check; Mrs Beale, very pretty lilac zephyr; Miss Atkinson, pink; Mrs Griffiths (*nee* Miss McFarlane), a combination of fawn and blue; Miss McFarlane, dark skirt, pink silk blouse, hat with pink ribbons; Mrs Devore, navy; Mrs Nelson Gamble and sister; Mrs Bodle, purple tailor-made gown; Mrs Ranson, navy silk with silver sequins; Mrs (Colonel) Craigh, dark costume with white vest; Miss Craigh, dark grey; Mrs Tanner, grey lustre; and her daughter was similarly attired; Mrs Sam Morrin, beige tailor-made gown; Mrs Ware, very effective cos-

tume of mode grey with white appliqué, bonnet with ear flower trimming; Miss Ware, pretty black and white silk, Nil green hat; Miss Ida Thorne George, navy tailor-made gown; Miss Churton, brown gown; Mrs Tilly, dark grey satin, black tulle bonnet; Miss Tilly, autumn-coloured dress, brown hat with ribbons *en suite*; Mrs Hope Lewis, fawn tailor-made gown, red velvet toque; Mrs Robison, dark grey, black toque with pink roses; Miss Jackson, navy; Miss Claire Smith, navy; Mrs Mercer, fawn cloth costume relieved with blue; Mrs Percival, fawn striped canvas gown; Miss Wilkins, white gown with green bretelles; Miss Maud Wilkins, white silk mousseline; Mrs Isidor Alexander, black silk with violet trimmings, black toque relieved with violet; Miss Stella Alexander, beige tailor-made gown; Mrs Edward Lewis, black; Mrs Arthur Nathan, black skirt, Gahlia-coloured silk blouse, pink cone-shaped hat; Miss Nathan, black skirt, shot prune blouse, white felt hat with white bows and green and white coque feathers; Miss Dolly Davis, dark skirt, check blouse; Miss Thorpe, cream; Mrs W. H. Churton, grey lustre with old gold trimmings, toque *en suite*; Mrs Churton, black; Mrs B. Buchanan, grey; Mrs Devereux, navy blue; Miss — Devereux, beige tailor-made gown; Miss Moss-Davis, slate grey tailor-made gown; Mrs Lyons, black kyle cloth, black hat with touch of red; Miss Fanny Johnstone, dark skirt, Gobelien blue blouse, hat trimmed *en suite*; Miss Kirkwood, a combination of beige and pink; Miss Maggie McDonald, fawn; Mrs Kilgour, grey brocade; Miss Neakes, grey gown, black jacket; Miss Spiers, white pique, red straw hat; Mrs E. W. Burton, black lustre with mauve trimmings, floral bonnet of white and mauve flowers; Mrs Foster, fawn gown with pink trimmings; and many others. I am going to add a few gowns which I had not space for on the previous day.—Mrs Sheriff, black silk finished with vest and collar of pale heliotrope watered silk edged with passementerie, bonnet *en suite*; Mrs (P'f.) Seagar, black lustre skirt, pink and ecru striped p'ouse, bonnet of flowers *en suite*; Miss Hill, bright pink cambric; Miss Eva Rich, dark costume, Welsh hat with pink flowers; Miss Shuttleworth, navy serge, white vest, sailor hat; and her niece, Mrs Booth (Wanganui), looked very pretty in a white serge, white felt hat with red quills; Miss Gorrie, electric grey with ecru lace; Miss Mary Gorrie slate grey; Miss Griffiths, green (bronze moyen) melton cloth, green fancy straw hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs Thompson, black merveilleux, black bonnet; Mrs (Col.) Craigh, black costume with stylish white jacket; Mrs Craigh, slate grey tailor-made costume; Mrs A. P. Friend, black lustre, white vest, black toque with white flowers; and her little daughter wore navy, white muslin hat; Mrs Bodle, dark costume; Miss Wilkins, black lustre, bright pink bodice, fashionable hat; Miss May Chambers, grey gown with autumn-coloured vest, hat with chrysanthemums *en suite*; Mrs Mair, cinnamon velvet, small hat *en suite*; Mrs Donald, dark costume, red toque with black feathers; Miss Ring, yellow flowered French mousseline; Miss Cuff, brown tailor-made gown; Miss Flora Thorpe, white silk feather boa, black net hat with black ostrich feathers; Mrs Walker (Ellerslie), dark green check; Miss Maud Buckland, navy tailor-made costume; Mrs Seccombe, fawn tailor-made gown, brown felt hat; Mrs Blair, dark green tailor-made costume.

#### On Saturday the

#### THIRD MEETING

came off. The weather was as beautiful as on the previous days only much colder. The energetic secretary, Mr W. Percival, must be congratulated on the smooth manner in which all the arrangements were carried out during these race meetings—races punctual, etc. Now for the gowns. Vivid red parasols were *en evidence*. Mrs Thomas Morrin (the president's wife) wore a black lustre skirt, pale blue silk blouse, black velvet high-crowned hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs (Colonel) Dawson, dark skirt, pale pink taffeta silk blouse, edged with chiffon, parasol to match, sailor hat; Mrs (Major) Banks, black lustre, black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs Clifton, electric blue tailor-made gown, black velvet hat; Mrs George Bloomfield, white silk with narrow blue stripe, royal blue velvet trimmings, black velvet picture hat with pink roses; Mrs Willie Bloomfield, grey and white striped silk, lace epaulettes, green straw high-crowned hat with quills and ribbons *en suite*; Mrs Lowry, black fancy kyle cloth, cape *en suite*, the upper part being veiled in black lace figured in ecru, which gave the appearance of appliqué, black velvet toque with pink roses and black ostrich feathers, white parasol with plaid stripes; Mrs McLaughlin, black gown with mauve ribbon round neck, black bonnet with mauve flowers; Miss McLaughlin, navy serge tailor-made gown, cream vest; Miss Dunnett, navy tailor-made gown, red vest, navy boat-shaped felt hat; Mrs Mercer, violet tailor-made gown; Mrs Archie Clark, navy tailor-made gown; Miss Brodie, white serge; Mrs Goodhue, dark green; Mrs Tanner, navy serge with red tie, red sailor hat; Miss Hay (Grafton Road), dark skirt, petunia blouse; Mrs Tewsley, peacock blue veiled in black lace; Mrs MacDonald, black gown, violet velvet hat relieved with black; Mrs H. Corrie, black tailor made gown, very pretty moss green bonnet relieved with heliotrope flowers; Miss Laird, a combination of black and lilac; Miss Rose Laird, réséda blue cloth tailor-made gown; Mrs James Russell, slate grey, bonnet with red; Misses Russell (two), ardois grey fancy cloth trimmed with black astrachan fur, loose jackets to match, sailor hats; Miss Millie Cotter, Sultau red fancy cloth tailor made gown faced with a brighter hue, red hat; Miss Winnie Cotter, electric blue costume, hat with sky blue ribbons; Mrs Charles Brown, dark skirt, autumn-coloured brocade blouse; Mrs Harry Tonks, terre tailor-made gown, black high-crowned hat; Mrs Andrew Hanna, brown tweed costume, autumn-coloured toque; Mrs Mair, a combination of brown velvet and Nil green Liberty silk, fawn felt hat with ostrich feathers; Miss Eva Scherff, beige gown with flame-coloured collar and plastron, finished with bands of passementerie, black hat with roses *en suite*; Mrs Cheeseman, black and white striped silk; Mrs W. Rathbone, bronze moyen green tailor-made gown, black velvet hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs Lyons and Miss Aubrey both wore black costumes;