

Alan Scott, black skirt, green silk blouse, worn below the waist, black hat; Mrs G. Rhodes, pale blue, fawn and white check silk, trimmed with chiffon, pale blue sash, hat to match; Mrs Boyle, black skirt, bolero of black, jet trimmed, green silk cape sleeves, covered with chiffon frills; Mrs Sted, black and white striped silk, the stripe going round the skirt, pale blue silk blouse, bonnet to match with white osprey; Mrs P. Campbell, black canvas over white satin, toque of black and white; Mrs W. D. Meares, black satin, white satin square collar, jet trimmed, jet bonnet, with black and white feathers; Miss Meares, white muslin lace, trimmed over yellow, the lace threaded with black ribbon; Miss N. Meares, black and white striped silk, the frills and rucked sleeves trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss M. Meares, white spotted muslin over green; Mrs B. H. Burns, pale fawn, pretty liase bonnet, with pink roses and foliage; Mrs Randal Macdonald, grey, with green stripe, deep pink vest, large hat, with feathers and pink chiffon; Mrs Elworthy, brocade silk, trimmed with petunia velvet, black lace mantle over coloured lining, black and petunia bonnet; Mrs E. C. J. Stevens, black, the bodice relieved with white, black and red bonnet; Mrs Moore, grass lawn, striped with white, finished with white satin, pretty bonnet; Mrs J. T. Peacock, black silk, the vest of pale blue, pretty toque, with lace wings, pink roses and foliage; Mrs R. D. Thomas, green cloth, white cloth collar and cuffs, finished with braid, white pleated chiffon vest, black toque, with lace wings and pink roses; Miss Thomas, grey costume, pink silk vest, pink chiffon ruffe, hat with pink roses; Mrs Jennings, grey cloth coat and skirt, white silk revers, white chiffon pleated vest, black toredor hat, black plumes and cerise chiffon trimming; Mrs J. H. Burns, grey canvas, orange shot silk belt and neck trimming, black fancy straw hat and yellow roses; Mrs I. Gibbs, dark blue cloth coat and skirt, gold and silver embroidered collar and cuffs, shaded fancy straw bonnet, trimmed with purple and blue flowers and bow; Mrs C. Cook, brown lustre coat and skirt, slightly trimmed with yellow, white boat-shaped hat; Mrs W. P. Townend, rich purple bengaline, yoke of fine ecru lace, bonnet of pale green and pink, white chiffon parasol; Mrs C. Wood, pale blue fancy costume, trimmed with chiffon, floral toque to match; Mrs G. Rennet, pale grey satin, trimmed with rows of white satin ribbon, the bodice and epaulets of white chiffon, and yoke of steel embroidery, Leghorn hat, with crumpled brim and pink flowers; Mrs F. Thompson, pale grey, trimmed with white satin and steel passementerie, black hat, feathers and pink flowers, deep pleated chiffon collar-ette; Miss Graham, white silk, trimmed with lace, black hat, with large pink bow; the Misses Cowlishaw, pale green figured glaze silk, white sashes and hats; Mrs W. Stringer, black canvas over pink, small frills on the skirt edged with pink, the shoulder frills the same, large black hat; Mrs H. Quane, fawn canvas over silk, terra cotta silk frills on the bodice, toque, with black chiffon and flowers; Miss Fraser-Tyler, white satin and silk muslin, richly embroidered panel, white hat with foliage; Mrs Ogle, bright blue glaze silk, with white stripe and floral design, toque of forget-me-nots; Miss Palmer, white muslin and lace costume, white hat, and lilies of the valley; Mrs Wardrop, green and white striped costume, trimmed with lace, white hat, with violets; Mrs Pyne, twine canvas over crimson, black hat and feathers; Mrs J. S. Guthrie, black silk grenadine over lilac silk, black hat; Miss Guthrie, cream spotted muslin, trimmed with insertion and lace, cream hat; Mrs McDougall, fine embroidered grass lawn over vieux rose silk, floral hat; Mrs J. Matson, old China blue silk, with white design, black toque; Miss N. Matson, dark blue coat and skirt, with velvet collar, cream hat and tips, and pale pink and blue chiffon; Miss Garrick, grass lawn skirt, the bodice of lawn embroidery over vieux rose silk, epaulets of the silk, large hat, with flowers and foliage; Miss E. Tabart, pale pink costume; Mrs C. R. Shanks, fancy green costume, black bolero edged with white and jet, bonnet to match; Miss Wilder, white silk, white hat, with scarlet geraniums; Mrs Cathcart Wason, blue covert-coating coat and skirt trimmed with white,

pink silk vest, floral toque; Mrs H. Meares, dark blue skirt, shot silk bodice trimmed with jewel trimming, ahaded floral hat; Mrs Cameron, brown crepon and pink silk, cream lace epaulets, pretty bonnet; Mrs Harley, black brocade, black bonnet with violets; Miss Harley, grass lawn trimmed with pink, hat to match; Mrs S. Gordon, black silk, white vest, and small bonnet; Mrs B. Fisher, black grenadine over silk, the bodice trimmed with crimson, large hat; Mrs F. Waymouth, tweed coat and skirt fancy vest, floral hat; Mrs de Vries, pale green chine blouse, pretty light skirt, large white hat; Mrs A. Tyree, very pretty fancy silk blouse, plain skirt, floral toque; Mrs W. H. Derry, pale green, lined and finished off with pink, becoming toque; Mrs W. Studholme, cornflower blue, the trimming of white satin, white hat; Mrs C. W. Hill, black grenadine, black hat with yellow roses; Mrs Parsons, black grenadine, shoulder frills of deep yellow lace, toque to match; Mrs H. Nelson, slate blue cloth coat and skirt velvet collar, sailor hat; Miss E. Ross, white spotted muslin, white satin sash, white hat and feathers; Mrs G. Merton, black, with pale blue chiffon, hat with pale blue bows and violets; Mrs Westmacott, plain skirt, dark red silk blouse, bolero hat; Mrs Bland Holt, pretty grey with buttercup silk trimming, toque of brown and yellow; Miss Ovenden, cream, with heliotrope satin belt and ribbons, hat to match; Miss E. Davie, brown skirt, heliotrope silk muslin blouse, hat of the two colours; Mrs Pitman, black and white striped silk, bright blue and green toque; Miss Tolhurst (Wellington), white silk, white hat trimmed with heliotrope; Mrs Davidson, blue and green shot costume, hat trimmed to match; Mrs J. Mills (Dunedin), black and white costume. There were numerous other costumes quite as dainty for muslins and frills, with plenty of lace (and there must have been miles of lace worn that day) means daintiness and prettiness.

His Excellency and Lady Ranfurly had a very busy day following the races. They visited the Rhodes Convalescent Home at noon, and were received by Mr. A. E. G. Rhodes, as representing the family of the late Mr Robert Hatton Rhodes, the members of committee, the matron, and the hon. sec. They went all over the building and expressed themselves as very pleased with it, also with the view of Christchurch from the Home. At 3 p.m. the ceremony of opening the Hyam Marks ward at the Hospital was performed by Lord Ranfurly, who was accompanied by Lady Ranfurly, Captain Alexander, and the Hon. Hill Trevor. They were met at the entrance by the Chairman of the Board, Mr R. D. Thomas, Mr Miller (secretary), Mrs. Fox and Gain, Miss Johnstone (matron), and Mr Strouts (architect). The ward was conducted to a platform in the lower ward where a number of ladies and gentlemen had assembled, including the two trustees of the Hyam Marks estate, Messrs C. Louisson and A. Ferguson. The ward was beautifully decorated with bright flowering pot plants, and an exquisite bouquet was presented to Lady Ranfurly by Miss Thomas, from Nairn and Sons. After the ceremony afternoon tea was partaken of and walk round the grounds, when the Vice-Regal party left. His Excellency then visited the Boys' High School, the cadets, numbering between 60 and 70 saluting the Governor on arrival. Mr H. R. Webb welcomed Lord Ranfurly on behalf of the Canterbury College Board of Governors, and there were also present Mr C. E. Bevan-Brown (the Principal), Colonel Polk, Penton, Colonel Gordon, Major Richards, several members of the Board, other masters of the school, and a number of ladies and gentlemen. Upon reaching the schoolroom the boys gave His Excellency three ringing cheers, and they in their turn of course got the usual grant—a holiday. A tour of inspection over the buildings, afternoon tea, and a short visit to Canterbury College, and the party drove off to Elmwood. Their Excellencies attended the C.J.C. ball in the evening.

DOLLY VALE.

The railway companies have consented to grant a reduction of 25 per cent. for music hall artistes travelling in parties of five, including assistants.

HASTINGS.

Dear Bee, November 11.

A FLORAL FETE

for which, during the past month or two, great preparations have been going on, was held here last Tuesday on the Hastings racecourse. It was a great success in every way, and there must have been nearly 3,000 people present. The fete opened appropriately with the procession of florally-decorated vehicles, and in it were included a number of prettily-adorned carriages, bicycles, ponies, go-carts, wheelbarrows, a calf, and a pet lamb. The carriages, some of which were almost entirely covered with flowers, were very much admired. A special prize was given for Miss Luckie's exhibit, a carriage on which yellow daisies and greenery were effectively arranged, and which was occupied by two ladies dressed in yellow and green. A small boy rode on the horse, and little girls holding bells and ropes of flowers walked along by the side. The whole thing was tastefully carried out in yellow and green. Amongst the other exhibits which gained prizes were a wheelbarrow decorated with red geraniums and drawn by two children wearing red gowns and trenchers; a bicycle prettily adorned with a mass of yellow flowers; a carriage the decorations of which were nothing but greenery, and therefore kept fresher than the flowers; a pet lamb, two go-carts, etc. One of the ponies had its harness completely covered with beautiful pansies, and a go-cart exhibited by Miss Florence Carr which was covered with yellow daisies, but came too late for the judging, was very much admired. The stall-holders seemed to be very busy all day, for there were plenty of buyers, especially at the refreshment and sweetmeat stalls. The prizes for the best sweetmeats were awarded to Miss Eva Williams. Miss Freda Waterhouse, Miss Estelle Dogshun, and several others. Prizes were also given for the best florally decorated hat, bridal bouquet, gentleman's buttonhole, vase of flowers, etc., etc.

One of the features of the afternoon was a musical bicycle ride performed by sixteen ladies and gentlemen from Napier. Those taking part in it were:—Miss Hamlin and Dr. Thomson, Mrs Donnelly and Mr Glendinning, Mrs Lusk and Mr Von Dadelzen, Miss Muriel Locking and Mr Cornford, Miss Nairn and Mr D. Wood, Miss M. Balfour and Mr D. Hughes, Miss Ivy Howell and Mr A. Balfour, Miss Polce Kennedy and Mr Hughes. The ladies all wore white, and their partners were in cricketering costume, and the bicycles were decorated with ribbons of different colours.

There were some pretty dresses worn at the fete, though, had the day seemed more suitable for them, there would have been more dainty summer frocks to be seen. Mrs Fenwick wore a charming gown of white and a white hat trimmed with cream daisies; Mrs Troutbeck looked well in green silk veiled with black net; Miss Hulings was in petunia-coloured silk with long ribbons of a deeper shade, and she wore a large cream hat; Mrs Turnbull was in black; Mrs Howell in grey; Miss Page in grey relieved with blue, and a bonnet in which were some bunches of cornflowers; Mrs Gordon wore white muslin and a white sailor hat; Miss St. Hill was also in white; Miss Twigg's dress was green muslin with pink ribbons; Miss Donnelly was in white with a rush hat trimmed with pink flowers; Mrs Lang wore black and white check; Miss Hodge, white; Miss Locking, gray and white; Miss Cornford, fawn; Miss Heath, pink and black; and Miss G. Nelson, white; Miss N. Cotterill looked well in a green flowered muslin dress with green ribbons, and a crown hat with white feathers; Mrs Hamlin wore a black and white dress and a muvve toque; Mrs Russell was in black, and wore a becoming moire silk mantle and a black bonnet; Mrs Nairn was also in black; Mrs Dewar wore a

pretty blue muslin dress; Miss Drummond was in white; and Mrs Elliott wore a becoming dress of fawn cloth. DOROTHY.

PAEROA.

Dear Bee, November 12th.

The opening day of the

TENNIS AND CROQUET CLUB

last Saturday passed off very successfully. Mrs Forbes and Mrs Clare gave the afternoon tea. It was also made the occasion of a farewell to Mr Fletcher, who was the club's secretary, and who has now gone to Auckland, having severed his connection with the Bank of New Zealand here. There were a number of ladies and gentlemen present, and some quite exciting games took place. The croquet lawn was used for the first time; it ought to prove a great source of pleasure to many who don't care for tennis. Nearly all the ladies present wore light blouses and dark skirts and sailor hats, which seem more worn than ever this season.

The Kinematograph exhibition, which had a season of two nights here last week, was really very good; the pictures seemed quite living. The theatre was packed each evening. On Sunday night the same company gave a most enjoyable sacred concert, Mr Cadzow delighting the audience by his rendering of the ever-popular 'Holy City.' Madame Cadzow presided at the organ in St. Paul's during the evening service previous to the concert. Mr Cadzow also sang 'In Native Worth' while the collection was being taken up.

THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

for which the ladies of St. Paul's Guild have been working so long, took place last Tuesday and Wednesday, and was financially a success, about £60 being taken. I don't think that the exhibits, however, were as good as on previous occasions; but in a small town like this there is, of course, very little really worth exhibiting. There were two fancy stalls presided over by Mrs Bueby, Mrs Hastings, Mrs Cook, Mrs Mackay, Mrs Hubbard, and Mrs Forster; refreshment stall—Mrs Phillips and Mrs Silcock; Miss Mary Wight and Miss A. Gibbons had the coffee stall, at which they seemed to do a good business; Mrs Hay-Chapman and Miss Gibbons were in charge of the fish-pond, at which the children never seemed to be tired of fishing; Miss Jeanie Forster also seemed to do well with her bran tub. A promenade concert was given on both evenings, the Garland Family of Cambridge, kindly contributing several concerted vocal items. Miss Garland also sang two solos. There were several lovely tableaux the first evening, got up by Miss Ansley; the first was 'Miss Muffitt,' which was followed by 'Two's Company,' in which Miss Dulcie Nicks and Miss Flora Wick took part, and it was hard to tell which looked the prettiest of the two girls. It was a pity lime-light had not been got, for down at the end of the hall it was almost impossible to tell who was who in the tableaux.

There were some pretty dresses worn by those taking part in the exhibition. Mrs Hay-Chapman was wearing a pretty white crepon, with heliotrope silk collar and Empire belt; Miss Gibbons, becoming light grass cloth, trimmed with lace; Miss Mary Wight, white pique; Miss Allie Gibbons, white Indian lawn; Mrs Silcock, black; Mrs Phillips, black cashmere; Mrs Cook, black silk; Mrs Mackay, black silk lustre; Mrs Forster, black crepon; Mrs Hubbard, black Surrah silk; Mrs Burgess, blue silk, veiled with black lace; Miss Ansley, white crepon; trimmed with wide white lace; Mrs Moresby, rose pink Surrah silk blouse, trimmed with black jet, black skirt; Mrs Stevenson, buttercup silk bodice, bolero of black lace, lace skirt; Mrs Syme, pink and black; Mrs Pruit,

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