

Eagleton (skip) 24 v. Napier, Dacre, Phipps, Harrison (skip) 15.

No. 3 Rink: Phlox, Malcolm (skip) 24 v. Murchie, M. Niccol (skip), 14.

No. 4 Rink: Twentyman, C. Syma, Montgomerie (skip) 13 v. C. Dacre, Iryden, E. Dutton (skip), 12.

No. 5 Rink: Dutton, Miller (skip) 25. Glenister, Mitchell (skip), 18.

No. 6 Rink: Lerner, Harrison (skip) 21; v. Glenister, Mitchell (skip), 22. 21 v. Glenister, Mitchell (skip) 9.

No. 7 Rink: Lerner, Harrison (skip) 21 v. Glenister, Mitchell (skip) 9.

Singles: Malcolm (13) v. M. Niccol (21). E. R. Jones (19) v. G. W. Brookes (27). S. Vaile (6) v. R. Eagleton (32).

A. Kohn's Medal: M. McCallum (16) v. G. Glenister (21). J. W. Harrison (10) v. M. Niccol (22). F. S. Malcolm (31) v. G. Craigmile (18).

President's Trophy: W. H. Eyre (25) v. F. E. Phipps (14). Malcolm (12) v. R. Eagleton (27). J. W. Harrison (32) v. J. C. Webster (14).

Christchurch has been invaded by a large contingent of bowlers, who have made things merry on the greens almost from daylight till dark all the week. On Thursday afternoon was a 'ladies' day,' and very pretty the green looked with the brightness of the ladies' costumes, added to the moving picture of the players. The ever present photographer was busy, and got some good groups during the afternoon. At a social on Thursday evening, given in their honour, one of the players remarked: 'Though I am a Scotchman myself, I must say that English people are the very best to spend a holiday amongst.' That speaks for itself that they have enjoyed their visit. On Friday morning the Hon. J. T. Peacock had about thirty of the visiting bowlers at 'Hawkesbury,' by invitation, and after showing them round the grounds they were most hospitably entertained. The most of the Southern members left by the express on Saturday morning.

Another of the Pennant matches was played at Napier on Saturday afternoon between the Napier and the Bluff Hill Bowling Clubs, and the latter won by 18 points. Those who played in the match were:—Napier Club: Messrs. Miller, Yates, Bristy, Dinwiddie, Hodgson, Evans, Swan, Dean, Balfour, Gilbert, McVay, and Parsonson. Bluff Hill Club: Messrs. Crowley, R. B. Smith, Pierce, Laing, Irvine, Tabuteau, Hindmarsh, Bull, Duncan, Sweetapple, Laing, and Platford. Great interest is being taken in these matches, and at present the Bluff Hill is leading. The Hastings Club is also competing, as well as the Napier Club.



and Drama.

Mr Harry Rickards' Auckland season came to a close on Saturday last.

Pollard's Opera Company opened a second season in the Auckland Opera House on Monday last. The reception accorded the combination was so warm during their recent stay of a month that the management decided to take advantage of the Opera House being vacant for a week.

Rumour says that 'Pete' Hughes intends taking a run to the Old Country shortly.

It is probable that Mr Julius Knight intends returning to the Australian Colonies with a Company of his own.

'The Sign of the Cross' drew bumper houses at Christchurch during the recent stay of the Knight-Ferrar Company there.

Dante, the conjurer, who makes his second and farewell visit to Auckland next week, will, after the conclusion of his season, take a trip to the Northern and Southern lakes. Later he will visit Melbourne and show there.

Two excellent concerts were given by the members of Pollard's Opera Company at the Auckland Exhibition buildings on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Aprpos of the death of Professor Kennedy, the mesmerist, a correspondent writes to the 'Canterbury Times':

—During his visit to Christchurch with Professor Bristol's horse entertainment, in June last, Kennedy gave an oyster supper at the Occidental Hotel, and owing to some of the invited guests not turning up, thirteen sat down to the meal. Strange to say, the Professor is the only one who is not alive to-day.

The population of Italy is 8,000,000 less than the population of France, but Italy has more theatres than France and twice as many as England, though the population of the United Kingdom is fully 5,000,000 larger than that of Italy. These figures, recently compiled, re-enforce the claim long made by Italian managers that there are more theatres in proportion to its population in Italy than elsewhere in the world. There are approximately 1,000 places of amusement in the United States. In Italy there are 448, in France 437, in Germany 390, in Great Britain 352 and in Spain 210.

One explanation which has been offered for the very large number of theatres in Italy is that many of them are small affairs and unworthy of recognition as such. This view of the case, however, is inaccurate, as in respect to the seating capacity Italian theatres are rather larger than those of other countries. One explanation of the large number of theatres in Italy is to be found in the fact that the cultivation and appreciation of music are perhaps more general in Italy than in any other country, and many of the playhouses, therefore, are devoted not to the theatrical but to musical entertainments. What are called concert halls in England are theatres in Italy.

Already 'Cyrano De Bergerac,' now running at the Porte St. Martin, Paris, has drawn £80,000 to the coffers of the theatre—the largest sum ever taken in the Gay City for one play.

The new theatre which is being erected for Mr Charles Wyndham in Charing Cross Road from plans by Mr W. G. R. Sprague will be a notable addition to the playhouses of London constructed on the two-tier principle. The front will be in the Grecian style of architecture. A sinking stage on the American system will be a distinguishing feature of the new house. Consisting of three sections, the lower one will descend a depth of 40 feet below the pavement in St. Martin's Court, and while one scene is being played another can be set, so as to be in complete readiness. By this arrangement the wait between each act can be reduced to a few seconds. It is expected that the new house will be completed about midsummer next, the building works being in active progress at the present time.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Sir Joseph Abbott, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of N.S.W. and Chairman of the A.M.P. Society, arrived in Christchurch on Saturday evening, having travelled overland from the West Coast in company with Mr R. Teece general manager of the A.M.P. Society. Sir Joseph is the G.M. of New South Wales, and the Masonic Grand Lodge of New Zealand officially called on him whilst he was in Christchurch.

Mrs Greenwood, of Sydney, who has been spending the Christmas with her mother, Mrs Firth of 'Clifton,' Mt. Eden, Auckland, returned to Sydney last week by the Mokoia.

The Misses Smith left Christchurch for Wellington on Saturday.

The Bishop of Wellington (Bishop Wallis) left Wellington by the Te Anau on Monday last for Christchurch in order to officiate at the marriage of Bishop Wilson and Miss Julius, which took place last Wednesday.

Mr, Mrs, and Miss Wood, who have been staying in Wellington for a few weeks, have returned to Napier.

Mr and Mrs J. H. N. Burnes passed through Christchurch last week en route to Wellington, and lunched with Mr I. Gibbs, Merivale. Mrs (Dr.) Jennings and Mrs J. J. Kinsey were also guests.

Miss Tansley, of Danevirke, Hawke's Bay, who has left to join the Payne Family, was before her departure presented by Mr J. Walker, on behalf of the Danevirke townspeople, with a purse of sovereigns. Miss Tansley, who possesses a splendid voice, will first visit Australia, and thence go to Africa and England. She will be much missed in Hawke's Bay, where both she and her sister are very popular, and have been always most willing to assist at concerts.

Mrs Harcastle, Cashel-street W., Christchurch, gave a pleasant afternoon tea on Friday for her visitors, the Misses Smith (two), of Wellington. Mrs and Miss Greenwood, Miss Connal, and a few others were present.

Miss Allen, of Ormondville, has been staying in Napier, and thence went to Waipawa.

A new theatre hat has been invented and it is to be hoped will be generally worn. This is composed of black 'erin' with jet embroidered design, and is arranged in becoming draped fashion. A very handsome 'fantasie' is lightly, but securely, fixed on the left front in the most approved method. When the wearer reaches her seat in the theatre she has merely to raise her hand and remove the aigrette, which she can use as a fan during the performance, and at the close slip the feathers into the hat as before.

'The tricks and dodges resorted to by deadheads to theatres are as numerous as they are funny,' said the treasurer of a large theatre the other day. 'Last night a man appeared at the box office and claimed the courtesy of the house because he was a professional. He did not look like one. I looked him over carefully and asked him what his speciality was. "My sister makes piano covers," was the response.'

A great piece of news! Hans Richter is leaving the Opera of Vienna after having acquired all the rights of retirement. He will take in 1899 the direction of the Philharmonic concerts at Manchester, England, which were formerly directed by Sir Charles Halle, to whom succeeded Mr Frederic Cowen. Richter will receive for directing twelve concerts in the space of a few months £1,500.

In Switzerland a milkmaid or man gets better wages if gifted with a good voice, because it is said that a cow will yield one-fifth more milk when soothed by a pleasing melody during the process of milking.

The Bon Marche having bought two large Stocks of Assigned fresh clean up-to-date Drapery Goods at 7/6 in the £ on cost price, are now making a slaughtering Sale at their various branches to enable them to make room for large Autumn Shipments now on the way. All goods are marked down to cost and under, to make a speedy clearance, as everything must be absolutely sold within a short space of time.

OLD GENTLEMAN (to railway porter): 'Porter, the rain is dripping in from the lamphole all over my trousers.'

PORTER (re-assuringly): 'No, sir; it's quite watertight, I assure you. It's only the oil leaking a bit.'



District Land and Survey Office, Auckland, December 21, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the un-enclosed SUBURBAN AND RURAL LANDS will be submitted for Sale by public auction, at this Office, on FRIDAY, the 24th day of March, 1899, at 11 a.m.:

HOKIANGA COUNTY—Waipoua S.D., Block I., Section 21, 30 acres, total upset price £400; contains about 60,000 superficial feet of Kauri Timber, and comprises undulating pastoral land, well watered, one mile from Kawerau boat landing, south of Hokianga Heads.

HOBSON COUNTY—KAIHU S.D., Section 1, Block III., 813 acres, total upset price £357; contains 20 kauri trees, or about 83,641 superficial feet timber; three miles from Maropu Railway Station, good land covered with mixed forest. TUTAMOE S.D., Section 4, Block XIV., 582 acres, total upset price £376; contains 120 kauri trees, or about 493,712 superficial feet timber, and comprises good land, covered with mixed forest, 3 miles from Maropu Railway Station.

MANGONUI EAST PARISH, MANGONUI COUNTY—Section 46, 23 1/2 acres, total upset price £12; open land, on the Mangaroa Creek, opposite the township of Mangonui.

SUBURBS OF WEYMOUTH — Lot 11, 30 2r 3p, total upset price £7 18/9; Lots 31, 34, 15, 16, 17, together, 22r 2p, £43 7/6; Lot 33, 18r 3r 2p, £28; Lot 34, 21r 2p, £43 7/6; Lot 35, 16r 8p, £32 2/6.

TERMS OF SALE—One fifth cash on fall of the hammer, and the balance within 30 days.

GERHARD MUELLER, Commissioner Crown Lands.