

pretty fawn costume, bonnet to match; Mrs J. C. Webster, cream crepon, white gem; Mrs R. Mitchell, black costume, white vest (net); Miss Smith, pretty walking costume; Mrs A. Grattan, stylish black costume; Miss M. Hurvey, dark navy blue skirt and white blouse.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, April 19.
Winter is coming upon us swiftly now, and a great many ladies are to be seen busy shopping, and very tempting indeed are the winter goods that are exhibited in the windows of the drapers' shops just at present. There does not seem to be anything particularly new in shape of this season's hats, and one can safely wear the shape that becomes them best, which is a great blessing. I noticed some very stylish hats at Te Aro House the other day, and if you can spare me a little space I will describe a few of them to you. The fashion of turning the hat up in front, which was so popular last summer, seems to be still among the leading shapes, but I always think that one requires a pretty face and fluffy hair for it to look at its best. One of the prettiest hats I noticed was a bright violet velvet, and was trimmed with curling quills to match, and large rosettes of the velvet and violets. I thought that this hat would have suited a tall, dark girl. Another striking one was of bronze velvet, trimmed in front with a large rosette of old rose silk and high brown shaded quills. A black velvet hat, with scarlet ribbon bows and black wings, was also very pretty. Toques are still popular, one of jet trimmed with cerise velvet and flowers looked very stylish, and a bonnet of magenta velvet, and flowers to match, took my fancy. The silk blouses of every shade that were on view in the show-room were very pretty indeed, faintly trimmed with many tiny tucks and lace insertions in pale green, salmon, yellow, pale blue, pink, scarlet, and many other shades. The window was full of beautiful lace table-centres, cushion-covers, afternoon tea cloths, doilies, and tray cloths, many of them being laid over delicate colours, so as to show off the patterns. I think a great many ladies have found their way to Te Aro House to avail themselves of this opportunity of selecting some of this lace-work before it is too late.

A DANCE.

There is still a lack of gaiety in Wellington. Miss Borlase broke the monotony by giving the first dance of her series of twelve last Friday night, in the Sydney-street school-room, which was prettily decorated for the purpose. The music was played by some of the girls present. These dances are given for girls who have not yet made their debut, as well as for older girls. There were not quite enough people present to fill the room comfortably full, but it is expected that the next and following dances will be more successful. Among the girls present I noticed the Misses Rawson (2), Hislop (3), Haselden, Marchant (2), Hickson, Elliott, A. Rawson, Broad, and the Messrs. Cooper, Greer, Barclay (2), Harcourt, Broad, Haselden, Rawson, and others.

THE COMING SHOW.

The chrysanthemum show is to take place next week. I have heard that most of the exhibitors are disappointed with their blooms this year, so that the show may not be so good as the last. There are to be several special prizes—best decorated bicycle, hoop, table-decoration, hand bouquet. It is hoped that there will be more competition this year, as it makes it far more interesting.

HOCKEY.

Hockey has again started in Wellington, and the players are as keen as ever over the game. A number of the members of the Kiwi team drive out to their grounds at Miramar one day every week to practise. Miss Zoe Johnston proves to be an excellent captain, and Miss Bell acts as Secretary. I noticed a drag full of girls starting for the ground last Wednesday. Among them there were the Misses Bell (2), Johnston (2), Williams (2), Gore, Penton, Brandon, Higginson, Harcourt, Hutchinson, Spratt, Rawson (2), and Hislop. Later on in the season a team is to be chosen to visit Christchurch.

CLARISSE—OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, April 19.

Mrs Charles Cook gave a DELIGHTFUL EVENING at her residence on Monday evening, to say farewell to Mr Morton Anderson, who is off to England by the Kaikoura. Songs and music were the chief amusement. Misses Graham, C. Hargreaves, Louksou, Alder, McClatchie, and Messrs Winter, Meares, Louksou, H. Henderson and Meares were among some of the guests.

On Friday evening Mr and Mrs Reece gave an At Home as a sort of wind up to the 'Dorothy' season. It was most successful, everybody enjoying themselves immensely. It was held in the Association's Room, which made an excellent drawing-room and was beautifully decorated with palms. The first part of the programme consisted of music, and in the latter part dancing was indulged in to the small hours of the morning. Mrs Reece received in a handsome black satin with steel passementerie, and her little daughter in cream silk with green velvet trimmings, looked very sweet indeed. The guests numbered about one hundred and fifty.

THE ART SOCIETY

opened their nineteenth annual exhibition on Tuesday evening. The president (the Hon. E. C. J. Stevens) in a few well chosen words declared the exhibition open, and also remarked that nearly eighty new members had been added in a week, and he hoped that everybody would help to make the society a success, as it should be. Miss Jenny West, assisted by the Misses Graham and Bonington, and Messrs Howling and Bonington, gave musical selections during the evening. I noticed Mr and Mrs R. D. Thomas, Dr. and Mrs Jennings, Mr and Mrs Hurst-Seagar, Mr and Mrs Bowkly, Mrs and Miss Dixon, Mrs Wanklyn, Mrs and the Misses Maling, Mrs and Miss Williams, Mrs Owen Cox, Miss Hardy Johnstone.

Mrs Henry Cotterill gave a delightful At Home on Thursday last. Miss Mansel, who plays the guitar very nicely, was ably accompanied by Miss Mills, who also gave some beautiful music. Mrs George Gould, Mrs Archer, Misses Tabart, Hill, Reeves, Wynn-Williams, etc.

THE FAREWELL CONCERT

to Mrs Westmacott was a great success, given in the Choral Hall on Thursday evening; seldom has the hall looked so bright and pretty, with every seat occupied, the ladies' bright coloured dresses and opera cloaks giving a charming effect. Mrs Westmacott, who was greeted with long applause, was gowned in a becoming black satin trimmed with chiffon, and wore a beautiful necklace. Her first song was Mozart's beautiful setting of 'Voi che Sanete,' with an orchestral accompaniment, and a great treat it was; Mrs Westmacott was presented with a lovely shower bouquet tied with long streamers. 'Beauty's Eyes' was her next song, and for an encore she gave 'What is Love,' which was much appreciated. Mesdames Howie and Burns also sang very sweetly, and the trio 'Ti Prego,' by Mesdames Howie, Burns and Westmacott was given with great success. Mr Mellitus made his debut before a Christchurch audience as a violinist, and made a very good impression, his playing being clear and sympathetic. Mrs Howie wore a lovely pink satin, trimmed with passementerie and chiffon; Mrs Burns a white satin; Judge and Miss Denniston, the latter in white; Mrs Julius in black; the Misses Julius in white and pretty opera cloaks; Mrs R. Macdonald, a bright crimson silk, the bodice tucked; Mrs J. Studholme, handsome black brocade; Miss Studholme, white silk with pearl trimmings; Mrs Kettle, a black silk with chiffon sleeves; Miss Graham, long blue opera cloak; Miss Palmer, grey silk cloak; Miss Cowlishaw, a white dress; Mrs Enabling, black; Mrs A. Rhodes, black lace dress and diamond ornaments; Mr and Mrs H. Overton, the latter in black; Miss Lenn, pale blue silk blouse with chiffon; Miss C. Lenn, black with heliotrope velvet trimmings; Miss Meares, pale green; Professor and Mrs Cook, the latter in black; Mrs Grey also wore black.

The Autumn Meeting of the Canterbury Amateur Athletic Club, took place at Lamerton Park on Saturday afternoon, but owing to a bitterly cold wind blowing, very few ladies attended. The races were got off without delay, and some very good results

were the results. The Garrison Band contributed music during the afternoon, and afternoon tea was dispensed by Mr Huggay.

DOLLY VALE.

NELSON.

Dear Bee, April 17.
The tennis finals in connection with the GIRLS' COLLEGE TOURNAMENT were played on Tuesday afternoon, when there were a large number of visitors present. A very keen interest was taken in the play, and when the final match was won by Miss Joy Ledger there was much applause. Miss Olive Martin won the second prize, which was presented by Col. Pitt. The Champion medal was presented by Mr Littlejohn, the headmaster of the Boys' College, who, after the match, pinned it on the happy winner amidst more applause. During the afternoon tea was dispensed by the elder pupils. Miss Gibson wore a becoming gown of cream muslin over yellow, large hat to match; Miss Gribben looked well in a black and yellow check costume, black picture hat with yellow roses; Miss Pearce, white pique, green hat trimmed with violets and blue ribbons; Miss Graham, blue grey cambric; Miss Gelately, pink and white print, white hat with pink flowers; Mrs Bain, black, stylish hat; amongst the visitors were:—Mrs Sealy, black; Mrs Smith (Melbourne), navy coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs Robinson, black finished with yellow; Mrs Perrin, black; Mrs Childs (Motueka Valley) was much admired in a becoming costume of grey and white striped silk, hat en suite; Mrs Buchanan (Dunedin), black canvas cloth over green, smart bonnet to match; Mrs Percy Adams, grey costume; Mrs Sweet, light flowered muslin; Mrs A. Glasgow, light blouse, black skirt, large sailor hat; Miss Elsie Hall, navy coat and skirt, white muslin blouse and red tie, red straw sailor hat, and red parasol; Miss Ledger, who was on horseback, looked very well in a brown tailor made habit and felt hat; Miss Leggett, white pique; Miss Day also wore white; Miss Blacketa, grass lawn, hat to match, with yellow flowers; Miss Tomlinson, pink cambric, sailor hat; Miss Mabel Harris, white and blue; Miss Trolove, white pique; the Misses Mules (2); Miss Dorothy Bell, white blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; and many others.

During the week Miss Elsie Hall has given two more PIANOFORTE RECITALS, one on Wednesday evening in the Harmonic Hall, when in spite of very bad weather there was a large audience; and the last one on Friday in the Theatre, which attracted a very large number of people, who showed their appreciation of this very clever artist's exquisite playing by vociferous applause, to which Miss Hall, with charming good nature, responded, and played again, much to the delight of all present. At the latter concert songs were sung by Miss Pratt and Mr H. Kidson, and a violin solo was played by Herr Handke, accompanied by Miss Hall; Miss Melhuish accompanied the songs. Miss Hall wore a handsome white silk gown made in the empire style; Miss Pratt, pink velvelling with silk finishings; Miss Melhuish, forget-me-not blue silk evening dress. Amongst the audience on the different evenings were noticed:—Mrs Mules, black, white lace cap; Miss Mules, blue muslin; Miss Edith Mules, white silk; Mrs Chatterton, black evening dress; Mrs Sweet, pink silk with revers of ruby velvet; Mrs A. Atkinson, black; Mrs W. Atkinson also wore black; Miss Trix Atkinson, red silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Pitt, heliotrope silk; Miss Jo Pitt, pink silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs De Castro, black silk with yoke of red under jet; Mrs H. Dodson, black with trimmings of cream lace; Miss Maden, handsome black silk; Miss M. Cook, primrose silk, trimmed with rows of narrow black ribbon velvet; Miss Duff, black silk; Miss Sealy, black; Miss F. Sealy, pink silk and chiffon blouse, black skirt; Miss M. Glasgow, stylish blouse of petunium silk, dark skirt; Mrs Vining, brown tweed; Miss Poole, black; Miss Gibson, pink; Miss Lucy Gibbs also wore pink; Miss Nellie Gibbs, white; Miss Molly Blackett, green blouse with jet trimmings; Miss N. Moore, pink velvelling; Miss Crump, black velvet; Miss

L. Ledger, grey and black striped silk; Miss Joy Ledger, white; Mrs Fell, black canvas cloth over green; Miss Phyllis Fell, bright red; Miss Talbot, rose pink; Miss Cathbertson, coral pink; Miss Burnett, cream; Miss Tennent (Dunedin) looked well in white; Miss Pearce, cream; Miss E. Sealy, cream with heliotrope sash; Miss V. Leggett, light blue; Miss Stephens, black; Mesdames Richmond, Booth, A. Glasgow, Bain, Kissling, Filleul, J. Sharp, Lightfoot, Smith (Melbourne), Gibbs, the Misses Richmond, Levien, Webb-Bowen, Duff, Trolove, Preshaw, etc., etc.

On Thursday Miss Gibbs gave a small afternoon tea for Miss Elsie Hall. Amongst those present were:—Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall, Gibbs (3), Atkinson, Hayter, Mrs Cook, and others.

PHYLIS.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, April 21.
THE CHRYSANTHEMUM AND FRUIT SHOW,

which took place at the Garrison Hall, on the 19th and 20th inst., in aid of the funds of the Horticultural Society, was a great success. So many pretty designs were exhibited that it was a matter of considerable difficulty to award the prizes. Mesdames C. A. Fitzroy, Lowry and Tosswell judged the ladies' special prizes, Mrs J. F. Jardine the Society's floral decorations, and Mr W. Jones, of Christchurch, the chrysanthemums. Mrs J. P. Thomson gained the first prize for a floral design—a number of prettily dressed dolls dancing round a maypole covered with flowers. Miss M. Newman gained second prize. In the competition for the best decorated parasol the first prize fell to Mrs Dixon; her sunshade was covered with a pretty green creeper and yellow and white chrysanthemums; Miss Newman's, with bronze and white chrysanthemums, came second. Other prize-winners were Miss Eva Matthews, her bicycle decorated with white chrysanthemums, with the letters V.R. and a crown over the handle-bar; Miss M. Locking, a gentleman's bicycle, with bronze and crimson flowers; and Miss Vera Margoliouth and Mastef Setou Wenley, whose wheelbarrows were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums. The prize for the best trimmed hat was won by Miss A. Hall; Miss Carr was successful for the best table-decoration, in yellow and white chrysanthemums; and Mrs Yates for the best shower bouquet. The prizes were presented on Thursday evening by Mr R. D. D. McLean, M.H.R. Tea was given on Wednesday by Mrs Coleman, Mrs Carr, and on Thursday by Mrs G. N. Pierce and Mrs F. Bull. The hall was crowded on both days, and

SOME VERY PRETTY DRESSES

were worn. Lady Whitmore wore a becoming dress of dark blue and white and a deep cream bonnet, with pale blue feathers; Mrs Fenwick wore a white chiffon gown, the frills on the bodice edged with pale green satin ribbon, her black hat being trimmed with black ribbon and a large white feather; Mrs Coleman wore black silk and a bonnet to match; Mrs Ronald, in a black dress, made with a Russian blouse, and a black hat; Mrs R. H. Smith, a dark green tailor-made coat and skirt, and a large black hat; Mrs Thomson, a black silk blouse, and black lace hat; Miss Hoadley wore white pique, and a sailor hat; Miss Louie Fitzroy looked well in pink, and had a white felt hat, with white feathers; Mrs Hubert Morton, a prune cloth costume, braided with black, and a prune velvet toque; Mrs Tanner was wearing a black lace mantle over black silk, and a bonnet with orange ribbon; Mrs Lines, in brown, with a vest of rose pink silk; Mrs Russell Duncan was in a pretty dress of biscuit-colour and pale blue; Miss Bessie Morecroft was in a navy blue coat and skirt, and a black hat, with black feathers; Miss Balfour was also wearing navy blue, and a black hat, with orange ribbon; Mrs Davidson, black cloth, and a black bonnet; Miss Hall had a pale blue dress and a most becoming Leghorn hat; Mrs Close was in black; Mrs Jarvis, in goblin blue, with steel trimming; Mrs Locking, black silk; Mrs Laurence was also in black, with a black lace cape; Mrs Lusk, brown coat and skirt, and black hat; Mrs Fielder