

In white; Miss Shean, in black lace; Mrs Arthur Russell in black and white silk; Miss Williams in a pretty pink gown and old gold cloak; Miss Grace in tawny silk; Miss A. Grace in figured gold...

Madame Bahnon is arranging for one grand concert during her stay in Wellington, and for that she has secured most of our best local talent.

ANNUAL SOCIAL

given by the Liberal Association was a great success at the Rink building, Mr J. P. Johnson delivering the inaugural address, the Hon. W. P. Reeves, the Hon. R. Seddon, Mr W. McLean, M.H.R., Mr C. F. Worth and others also speaking.

FLOWER SHOW

was largely attended, and was opened in the afternoon by His Excellency the Governor, who was received by Mr W. H. Levin, the President of the Society.

THE VICE REGAL MOVEMENTS.

The Governor and party drove out to Petone one day this week and took Lord and Lady Hopetoun to see the mills and the Gear Meat Company's works there, in which they were much interested.

MARCH 9.

You will like to hear of the

DRESS WORN BY MADAME BAHNON

at her concert. It was a lovely gown of pale green brocade, made with a very long train and short puffed sleeves; and Miss Fisher wore a plain white gown, in which they were much interested.

MARCH 9.

OPHELIA.

As the weather was very fine, some of the costumes worn were both handsome and recherche. I think all women in dress will whenever they go to the raccourse, certainly there is no such place anywhere else for showing off beautiful gowns.

BLENHEIM.

DEAR BEE,

AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

was held last Thursday in Ewart's Hall, but the entries fell far short of the usual average, but considering the violent gales and heavy rains which have so recently devastated gardens and fruit trees, the display was far better than might have been expected.

CHILDREN'S EXHIBITS

were very pretty, and indeed what with the painting and musical competitions, the children had the best of it. In the competition for pianoforte playing for girls under fifteen, Mr Lucas gave the first prize to Miss Millie Rogers, Miss E. Rogers, second, Miss Rogers, third, the young people who competed all played exceedingly well.

THE OIL PAINTING COMPETITION

under eighteen, Miss Nora Rogers took first prize for a very graceful and well painted picture of anemone flowers. Mrs Wood, the English comic, and with French poppies also, while Miss Sinclair's purple clematis was a good deal admired.

VISITORS AND DRESSES.

The attendance in the afternoon was very moderate, but I noticed Mrs J. H. Rodwood in a very well fitting, fawn tawny, straw reefer hat with black veil. Mrs Richard McCullum, in electric blue with vest, folded sash, collar and cuffs of corded silk, becoming cream sailor hat; Miss Mulgan, fawn gown with small brown embroidery, green, green hat; Miss Rogers, with small panels of purple and yellow iris, Miss Miller, Rogers, third, with a beautifully painted panel of arum lilies, which a good many people thought deserving of higher honours.

THE NIGHT WAS COLD

there were not as many summer frocks worn as usual. Miss M. Speed (Pictou) was stylish in a very well fitted, black coat and white velvet ribbons over turquoise blue blouse, white picture hat with lovely ostrich feathers; Miss Williams in blue, and Miss F. Williams in red, with white 'jam pot' hat and feathers; Miss

Worthington looked pretty in pink blouse and navy corselet skirt, plush coat and sailor hat; Miss C. Watts, navy blue coat and skirt over striped blouse, sailor hat; Mrs Conolly, cream dress, black coat and sailor hat; Miss Sinclair, gray frock with coffee purple epaulettes and shot ribbon; Miss Guling, old rose merveilleux blouse, brown skirt and sacque back coat, pretty cream hat with feathers; Mrs. Farr, blue, belted, crepe dress, blue toque; Mrs. Purser, purple lilies; Miss Leahy, stylish grey costume, sacque back coat, shot ribbons; Mrs Greenfield, well-cut fawn dress with brown vest, and small bonnet to match; Miss Clark, grey, flowered sacque back coat and gown; Miss Hooper (Nelson), Mrs W. Hooper, gown and bonnet; Miss Weber, tweed, with old rose Bengaline, cream and old rose hat; Mrs Cheek, red dress, pretty shabby chip hat with broadened ribbon and ostrich plume standing up at the back as before; Mrs. Sinclair, Mrs. Lucas, Check, G. Robinson, sharp, Curtis, Robinson, Howard, Lucas, Purser, Stratford, Scanlan, Powell, Gillespie, and Misses Gillespie (looking nice in pink), Martin, Brown, Pickering, A. Pasley, H. Horton, Mulgan, Coulson, Rogers (two), Sinclair (three), O'Callaghan, Lamont, Kobbell, Ball (four), Elbeck, Purser (two), Viva Robinson, Powell, Wrigley, Gentry, Muncie, Muir, Norgrove, Stratford, Millington (two), Healey, Furness, etc., etc., and Messrs Vavasour, C. Watts, O'Callaghan, Snodgrass, W. Sinclair, Lucas, Check, G. Robinson, Sharp, Lodgey, Greenfield, Furness, Rowe, Browning, Douslin, Stuart Allen, S. Hodson, G. Pasley, J. Murphy, E. Conolly, W. Baillie, P. Clark, etc., etc.

'HOME SWEET HOME'

on the violin, accompanied by Mr Cheek, which was much appreciated by the audience, who actually left off talking to listen. She afterwards played a solo on the piano, which was also much enjoyed.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE, A very enjoyable evening party was given by Mrs Rhodes of Elmwood, PROGRESSIVE EUCHE, MARCH 9.

as usual now-a-days, was the order of the evening. The prize was won by Mrs Alister Clarke. Among the guests were Mr and Mrs Lancelles, Mr and Mrs P. Campbell, Dr, and Mrs Louisa Smith, the Misses Hulton, Turnbull, Pickering, Wilson, Nedwill, Cowlishaw, and Mrs. E. E. E. G. Rhodes, navy blue dress and fawn hat; Mrs A. Scott, grey and black velvet; Mrs Boyle, Holland costume, with black over dark brown silk; Mrs Boyd, green and blue costume; Mrs Stevens, black and white silk and lace; Mrs Ogle, fawn and green; Mrs Stead, sealskin coat and black bonnet, with jet; Mrs Rhind, pale yellow costume, black hat with yellow roses.

DRESSES AT THE POLO SPORTS.

on Thursday, and all present a very pleasant afternoon, notwithstanding the coldness of the weather, which made standing about on the grass and under sharp trees rather a chilly occupation. Those who were sensible enough to come equipped for tennis certainly had the best of it. Mrs Clark received her guests on the terrace in front of the house, and wore a very handsome gown of violet silk, with black mantle and bonnet of black and violet; Mrs George Gould was wearing a striking costume of pale grey, with broad stripes of red and grey, shawl of maroon velvet; Mrs G. Lee, a black costume with potunia vest; Mrs A. Clark, cream costume with pink front; Mrs M. Murray, Aynsley, blue and white crepon, large picture hat; Miss Bullock, pale grey costume, with swathe belt of dark grey; Miss B. Loughnan, cream skirt, and tennis blouse; Miss Moorhouse, cream striped delaine, large hat trimmed with cream and pink ribbons; Mrs. Delamin, fawn and blue costume, velvet hat; Miss Gould, green and pink shaded velvet (a most lovely effect), belt of green velvet, and reached round the skirt of same.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lillie Young, of Christchurch, and Mr H. Sims, who, till lately, lived in Auckland. A marriage is shortly to take place between Mr Robert Dampier Atkinson, of Fairliegh, Otago, and Miss Catherine Cowe, daughter of the late Mr H. Cowe, of the same place. Both are very well known in North Canterbury, Mr Atkinson being a nephew of Mr Dampier-Crossley, of 'Brokenhurst,' Woodend.

DOLLY VALE.

HASTINGS.

DEAR BEE, At our RECENT CONCERT MARCH 11. Miss Lloyd looked very well gowned in pale pink satin; Miss Holroyd was charming in black; Miss St. Hill and Miss Green the latter lady in a stranger horn; sang a duet called 'The Angel,' their voices blending nicely; Miss St. Hill was gowned in white, with pale blue sash; she looked exceedingly well in green and Elsie Williams, who played a solo, which was much admired, looked very well in pale green Liberty silk; Mrs King, who is the possessor of good natural voice, sang 'Oh Fair! Oh Sweet! and Holy!' in her usual good style. I have heard this lady before, and hope we shall hear her again in Hastings, as Mr and Mrs King are going to reside at Tomona, which is only a short distance from here. Miss Lee played a duet so to in really excellent style, and of course was most enthusiastically recalled. This young lady looked very sweet gowned in pale blue. Of the gentlemen, I must say they all sang well, and were very happy in their choice of songs. Mr Tennyson Cole, the English artist, is the possessor of a very powerful voice which he knows how to use. Mr Loughnan's singing is always appreciated, as is also Mr Fraser's. The piano struck me as being one too low for the occasion, but I may have been mistaken. The 'Boose Bros., from Napier, were in great request, and loud were the cheers after each piece. Mr C. D. Kennedy has a very pleasant voice; his singing was charming, and he was especially appreciated in his part of the mandolin. Mr Kennedy played the banjo and Mr Von Huest the zither, and were rather disappointed at not hearing Mr George St. Hill discourse sweet strains on the banjo (this gentleman having gained a reputation for his playing of the instrument for some time). The dulcinated reedon Mr St. Hill was not forthcoming. Misses Hicknell, Lee, and Elsie Williams played all the accompaniments, and played them well. I noticed

AMONGST THE AUDIENCE Madames Russell, J. N. Williams, Tanner, Rainbow, J. H. Williams, Lady Whitmore, Mrs Fitzroy, Madames Braithwaite, Vickerman, Cross, H. Smith, Dixon, Donnelly, Nelson, F. Nelson, Galway, Tipping, and Misses N. J. N. Williams, J. H. Williams, Arnold Williams, Warren, Cooper, M. Penwick, Cottle, Cross, Loughnan, Robinson, G. P. Donnelly, Patterson, Vickerman, H. Smith, R. Braithwaite, H. Braithwaite, and numbers of others. Most of the ladies gowned in the black regulation evening gown, V-shape or square, and sleeves to the elbow. Madames H. Smith, Vickerman, Dixon, J. N. Williams, and the Misses Williams, Gertrude Williams, and Nelson, looked particularly well. I hope it will not be long before we have another concert of a like nature. I must not forget to tell you that I believe the proceeds will amount to something like £40. I believe the theatre was let free, and the lighting was not charged for, so that the expenses will not be heavy.

Lord and Lady Glasgow are expected immediately, and are going to be the guests of Captain and Mrs Russell at Pixerote. They will attend both days' races. I expect I shall have some smart gowns to tell you about, Bee, and only hope the weather will be fine, so that our lovely race course may be fully appreciated. Captain and Mrs Russell have returned from the Sounds, and are both looking extremely well. Miss Russell and Miss Cara Russell are expected shortly.

OPERA HOUSE.

Sub-Lessee and Manager..... Mr Tom Pollard. LAST NIGHTS OF THE OPERA SEASON. FAREWELL TO THE FAVORITES. POLLARD'S LILIPUTIAN OPERA COMPANY. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST WEEK. SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY, 18TH, 20TH, 21ST, Audran's World-famed Opera. LA MASCOFTE. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND, THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE. THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD, PATIENCE. FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH, Lotte's charming Opera THE LIFF DUKE. SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, H. M. S. PINAFORE.

Box Office at Wildman and Lyell's. Day Tickets at Partridge's (Tobacconist) and Williamson's (Tobacconist), Queen-street. Prices—4s, 2s, 6d, and 1s. FRED W. DUVAL, Business Manager.

LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE. Auckland, March 8, 1893. NOTICE is hereby given that the Lease for a term of fourteen (14) years of Lot 3, Section 15, Parish of Karori (portion of the Kaitiaki Pilot Reserve), containing 19 acres, will be offered for sale at this office on FRIDAY, the 14th April prox at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. The Rent payable half-yearly, in advance. No valuation for improvements will be paid during either the currency or at the termination of the lease; but the lessee will have the right to remove fences and buildings within one month from date of termination of lease. GERHAIRD MULLER, Commissioner Crown Lands.



AUCKLAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC & CYCLE CLUB.

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SUMMER MEETING. DOMAIN CRICKET GROUND ON SATURDAY NEXT, MARCH 18.

To be held on the DOMAIN CRICKET GROUND ON SATURDAY NEXT, MARCH 18. ADMISSION ONE SHILLING. JAMES HALYDAY, J.R.N., Hon. Secretary.

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