

In white; Miss Shaen, 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 tomato silk; Miss A. Grace its figured décolleté; Mrs Levin wore a lovely gown of old rose silk shot with gold; and Miss Holmes had a golden gown of old rose silk with gold. Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Parham, Mrs. Parker, and the Misses Allan, Misses Elliott, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Milward, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Castledine, Misses Hale, etc.

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

The

ANNUAL SOCIAL

given by the Liberal Association was a great success at the Rink building on Feb. 1. P. J. Johnson delivered the inaugural address, the Hon. W. P. Keates, the Hon. R. Seddon, Mr. W. McLean, M. H. R., Mr. C. F. Worth and others also speaking. Dances, songs, and other amusements kept the large number of people entertained, and light refreshments were served during the evening. The hall was prettily decorated with hanging greenery, etc., and portraits of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone and the Hon. Mr. Milner occupied prominent positions, while during the evening Winter's orchestra played selections.

The

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. The Governor was accompanied by Lady Glasgow, the Duchess of Buckingham, Miss Wolfe-Murray, and the ladies Boyle (two), Miss Hallows, Miss Waugh, and the Hon. J. Brown, with his daughter, Miss Levin, presented Lady Glasgow with an exquisite bouquet of flowers and was prettily dressed in white with a pink flower hat. Mrs. Levin was handsomely dressed in grey trimmed with brocade and gold passementerie; Miss Hallows wore a pretty pink gown, and hat to match; and Miss Waugh was in light blue cloth and black hat.

THE VICE REGAL MOVEMENTS.

The Governor and party drove out to Petone one day this week and call on Lord and Lady Horotau to see the mills and the Gear Mart Company's works there, in which they were much interested. Two nights of this week have been devoted to dancing at Government House after dinner for the young people staying in the house. Several guests were invited on both occasions and enjoyed themselves very much.

Sir W. and Miss Buller left for England yesterday, also Mrs. Cameron and Miss George.

MARCH 9.

You will like to hear of the

DRESS WORN BY MADAME BAHNSON

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 plainly made white gown with a silver girl's lace edging train; Miss Dugdale, a white dress; and Miss Williams, a blue velvet, trained, with broad white lace falling from the low corsage over the short puffed sleeves. In the audience I saw Mrs. and the Misses Grace, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnston, the Misses Johnston, Mrs. Russell, the Misses Williams, Dr. and the Misses Henry, Miss Graham, etc.

The Loan Art Exhibition is still open, and has attracted numbers of visitors. Music is always provided, for instance, Mr. Parker undertook to provide one evening's entertainment, Mr. H. Parker singing, Miss Dugdale playing, and Master Widdop singing several songs. Another night the Messrs Kennedy, Mr. Spackman, and Miss Hammerton provided some excellent instrumental music, Mrs. Stuart and Mr. Young singing. Another evening Captain Barclay gave a programme when the Misses Johnston, Mrs. Hammerton, and Misses Johnston and the Messrs Cohen assisted. Last night the Misses Johnson sang, and Miss Venell and Miss Hammerton played. Mr. McDuff Boyd has also assisted. This evening the Messrs Cohen are arranging the programme.

OPHELIA.

BLENHEIM.

MARCH 7.

DEAR BEE,

Our

AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

was held last Thursday in Ewart's Hall, but the entries fell far short of those of previous years, notwithstanding the violent gales and heavy rain which had so recently delayed all gardens and fruit trees, the display was far better than might have been expected. Fruit and vegetables were very good, and some of the pot plants I much admired, especially some beautiful ferns shown by Chin and Daines, Mrs. Snodgrass, Miss Craig and Mrs. Mence; also some very fine begonias. Mrs. McIntosh taking the prize for best plant in the red with a wonderful well-grown specimen of the well-known sink variety, while Mrs. Adams took first prize with a fine plant with very large scarlet flowers, and Mrs. Sanderson was second with a handsome pink one with beautiful glossy foliage. Some of the foliage begonias were very fine, and so were the geraniums, while Mrs. McIntosh took first prize for three fine plants not grown under glass. Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Mence, Mrs. Clark took first prizes for their bunches peaches, while the grapes shown by Mr. Stratford and Mrs. Stratford, Jun., were very fine. Cut flowers were poor, but the bouquets and floral devices were much admired, particularly the first prize, bridal bouquet by Mrs. Mence, which was composed entirely of white agapanthus and adiantum, and a posy by Miss Laura Clark of white anemone japonica. The 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 Alice Rogers, Mrs. Bullock, second; for girls over fifteen, Miss Edith Ball, first; Miss Draper, second; Miss Nora Rogers, third. The young people who competed all played exceedingly well. In

THE OIL PAINTING COMPETITION

under eighteen, Miss Nora Rogers took first prize for a very graceful and well painted panel of anemone japonica. Miss O'Callaghan coming second with French poppies on opal, while Miss Sinclair's purple clematis were a good deal admired. Under fourteen Miss Muriel Sinclair took first prize with a nice little painting of barges on the Thames. Mrs. Kate Sinclair, second, with small panels of purple and crimson flowers; Mrs. Bell, third, with a beautifully painted panel of arum lilies, which so many people thought deserving of higher honours. These musical and painting competitions appeared to be considerable attractions, and will probably be continued at future shows. A the hop pole in one corner exhibited by Messrs. Doison and Co. was much admired.

VISITORS AND DRESSES.

The attendance in the afternoon was very moderate, but I noticed Mrs. J. H. Redwood, in a very well fitting fawn tweed, dark red coat, with a wide belt; Mrs. M. L. Lee, in a blue and white striped silk, becoming cream sailor hat; Miss Mulgan, fawn gown with small brown embroidered sprig, graceful Empire sash of brown silk, white sailor hat prettily trimmed with white silk; Miss Card, pretty grey costume, with long Italian blouse and upstanding frills of short silk, grey hat with tips to match; Mrs. Bell, soft grey gown trimmings of white silk; Mrs. Bell, in a black suit with a lace collar; Mrs. Hogan, full-cut black gown with jet. I also noticed Mrs. Allen (Picton) in black, with most becoming bonnet; Madam Snodgrass, McIntosh, Griffith, Earp, Mence, Hubbard, Ormiston (Westport), Litchfield (Invercargill), A. B. Litchfield, W. Sinclair, etc., and Misses Seymour (two, Picton), Snodgrass, Sinclair (three), Rogers (two), Coulson, Suisted (two).

In the evening the hall was crowded, but as

THE NIGHT WAS COLD

there were not as many summer frocks worn as usual. Miss M. Speed (Picton) was stylish in brown saucy back coat and skirt, with velvet trimmings; Mrs. Bell, in a blue and white picture, 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 corslet skirt, plush coat and sailor hat; Miss C. Watts, navy blue coat and skirt over striped blouse, sailor hat; Mrs. Conolly, cream dress with a lace collar to match; Miss Sinclair, cream from the coffee pulpit, with a tattered and dirty ribbon; Miss Gilling, old rose mervinelle blouse, brown skirt and macque back coat, pretty cream hat with touques of white and purple lilacs; Miss Leahy, stylish grey costume, saucou back coat, shot ribbons; Mrs. Greenfield, well-cut fawn dress with a broad velvet collar and bonnet to match; Miss H. Williams, grey gown and bonnet; Miss Weber, tweed, with old rose Bengaline, cream and old rose hat; Mrs. Cheek, red dress, pretty shady chip hat with brocaded ribbon and ostrich tips standing up at the back, as now is the fashion; Madames H. Sinclair, Rogers, Curtis, Robinson, Howard, Lucas, Purser, Stratford, Seaman, Martin, Oldfield, Misses H. Sinclair, Rogers, Curtis, Robinson, Purser (two), Viva Robinson, Powell, Wrigley, Gentry, Mence, Muir, Norgrave, Stratford, Millington (two), Healey, Furness, etc., etc., and Misses Vavasour, C. Watts, O'Callaghan, Snodgrass, W. Sinclair, Lucas, Check, G. Robinson, Sharp, Ladley, G. and S. Turnbull, Browne, Doulton, Stuart Allan, S. Gilliland, G. Pasley, J. Murphy, E. Conolly, W. Baillie, P. Clark, etc., etc.

Miss Lamont Kebbell most kindly played

'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.

Mrs. W. Longshore Potts lectured yesterday afternoon to a large number of ladies, but you shall hear about it next week.

SINCERITY.

CHRISTCHURCH.

DEAR BEE,

MARCH 9.

A very enjoyable evening party was given by Mrs. Rhodes of Elmwood.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE.

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. Lascells, Mr. and Mrs. P. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. Lomax-South, the Misses Hulton, Turnball, Pickering, Wilson, Nedwill, Cowlishaw, and the Messrs Fenwick, Rolleston, Clarke, Perry, Gilliland, Turner, and Dawson, etc.

Several small items of news have taken place during the week—Mrs. Rhodes on Tuesday, and also at Mrs. Loughshan's, 'Tifford.' I regret to say Mrs. Loughshan and her daughter leave for England very soon on a lengthy visit.

A great many people attended.

MRS. CHARLES CLARK'S 'AT HOME.'

on Thursday, and all present spent a very pleasant afternoon, notwithstanding the coldness of the weather, which made standing about on the grass and under shady trees rather a chilly occupation. Those who were sensible enough to come equipped for tennis, or for the best, were at work receiving the trophy on the terrace in front of the house, and a very handsome gown of violet silk, with black mantilla and bonnet of black and violet; Mrs. Gould was wearing a striking costume of pale grey, with broad stripes of red and grey, sach of maroon velvet; Mrs. G. Lee, a black costume with petticoat vest; Mrs. A. Clark, creamy tennis costume with pink silk front; Miss Murray-Aynsley, in a white and cream striped dress; Mrs. Lomax-South, pale grey costume, with the belt divided; Mrs. Lomax-South, cream striped costume, and tennis blouse; Miss Moorhouse, cream striped décolleté, large hat trimmed with cream and pink roses; Mrs. Maciel, brown cloth, with velvet sleeves and collar; Miss Delamain, fawn and blue costume, velvet hat; Miss Gould, green and pink shaded velvet (a most lovely effect), belt of green velvet, and ruche round the skirt of same.

DRESSES AT THE POLO SPORTS.

As the weather was very fine, some of the costumes worn were both handsome and recherche. I think all women dress well whenever they are at the races, and certainly there is no such place as anywhere else for showing off beautiful gowns. Mrs. Birmingham was wearing pale terra-cotta silk and long train; the Misses Cunningham were dressed alike in green décolleté with green and gold passementerie; Mrs. Elworthy, handsome black silk and black velvet; Mrs. Boyle, Holland costume, with over the shoulder black and white; Mrs. Bullen, fawn costume; Mrs. Stevens, black and white silk and lace; Mrs. Bullen, fawn and green; Mrs. Stead, saffron cost and black bonnet, with yellow roses.

CONCERT BY THE MOTETTE SOCIETY.

A very successful concert was given in St. Michael's schoolroom by Mr. Wells' Motette Society. A cantata by Antoni Dvorak, 'The Spectre's Bride,' was the *intermezzo* of the evening. Considering the interest in the music, the Society are to be congratulated on their performance. To Mr. B. Cunningham was allotted the soprano part, and that young lady, though hardly possessing a strong enough voice for the part, acquitted herself fairly creditably. The bass and tenor solos were well given by Messrs. Maitland Gardiner and Puschell, respectively. Among the large audience I saw Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Embling, Mr. and Miss Meeson, Mrs. and Miss Robison, Miss Von Haast, Misses Gardher, and others.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lillie Young, of Christchurch, to Mr. W. H. Cowe, who is to be in New Zealand. The marriage is shortly to take place between Mr. Robert Dampier Atkinson, of Fairleigh, Gt. and Miss Catherine Cowe, daughter of the late Mr. H. Cowe, of Midlothian, Scotland. Both are very well known in North Canterbury. Mr. Atkinson being a nephew of Mr. Dampier-Crossley, of 'Brockenhurst,' Woodend, Misses Gardher, and others.

DOLLY VALE.

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MISS LILLIE YOUNG, of Christchurch, New Zealand, has engaged to sing at the Royal Albert Hall, on Saturday, March 18, 1893.

She will be accompanied by Mr. Robert Dampier Atkinson, of Fairleigh, Gt. and Miss Catherine Cowe, daughter of the late Mr. H. Cowe, of Midlothian, Scotland. Both are very well known in North Canterbury. Mr. Atkinson being a nephew of Mr. Dampier-Crossley, of 'Brockenhurst,' Woodend.

DOLLY VALE.

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HASTINGS.

DEAR BEE,

MARCH 11.

At our

RECENT CONCERT

Miss Large looked very well gowned in pale pink satin; Miss Lee, a boyish chameleon in black; Miss Gilling (the latter having a straw hat) and a daint oyster shell; Miss Green with pale blue dress; she looked exceedingly well. Miss Green wore black, with natural white marguerites on the bodice; Miss 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 a good contralto, was also very well; we have heard this lady before, and hope we shall hear her again in Hastings, as Mr. and Mrs. King are going to reside at Tonawanda, which is only a short distance from here. Miss Lee played a violin solo in really excellent style, and of course was most enthusiastically received. Miss Lee sang very well indeed, and was a credit to the school.

AMONGST THE AUDIENCE

Madames Russell, J. N. Williams, Tanner, Rainbow, J. H. Williams, Lady Whitmore, Mrs. Fitzroy, Madames Brathwaite, Vickerman, Crowe, H. Smith, Dixon, Donnelly, Nelson, F. Nelson, Tipping, and Misses Nelson, Williams, West, McHarg, Bell, Farnham, Shaw, Taylor, Morrison, McWayne, Bicknell, and ever so many more. Of the gentlemen I noticed Captain Russell, Messrs. J. N. Williams, J. H. Williams, Arnold Williams, Warren, Cooper, M. Fenwick, Cottle, Crowe, Loughnan, Robinson, G. P. Donnelly, Patterson, Vickerman, H. Smith, R. Brathwaite, H. Brathwaite, and numerous others. Most of the ladies were gowned in the latest fashions, everyone looking well and becoming to the above. 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 £30. I believe the theatre was let for £100, and the lighting was not charged for, so that the expenses will not be heavy.

We are all very much excited at the prospect of seeing so much

VICE-ROYALTY IN HASTINGS.

Lord and Lady Glasgow are expected immediately, and are going to be the guests of Captain and Mrs. Russell at Maxmere. They will attend both day's 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.

DOLLY.

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Sub-Lessee and Manager Mr Tom Pollard.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST WEEK.

SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY, 18TH, 20TH, 21ST, Audran's World-famed Opera.

L A M A S C O T T E .

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND, THE PIRATES OF PENDZANCE.

T H U R S D A Y , M A R C H 23RD, PATIENCE.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH, THE LITTLE DUKE.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH, H. M. S. PINAFOR E.

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FRED W. DUVAL,

Business Manager.



Lands and Survey Office,

Auckland, March 8, 1893.

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