

very pretty pink dress. Amongst the men were Messrs Saunders, P. S. McLean, Duff, Wood, Dinwiddie, G. Williams, Howell, Riddell, Dr. Wilson.

On Tuesday evening Mrs Goldsmith, of Lincoln road, entertained about fifty guests at

A FLOWER COMPETITION.

The prize for the best design was won by Miss M. Locking, and that for the largest number of guesses by Miss Madge Hindmarsh. Mrs Goldsmith wore black silk and jet; Miss Goldsmith, white silk and chiffon; Mrs Westall was in black lace over silk, long transparent sleeves; Miss Westall also wore black, with a handsome white lace berthe on the bodice; Mrs T. Moore, soft cream silk, the bodice much tucked and gathered; Mrs Bull looked well in a very handsome costume of black sequin net over satin; Mrs Howell, a black costume with red poppies on the bodice, which suited her admirably; Miss Howell, white muslin and insertion, with a large bow of buttrecup satin on the bodice; Miss Madge Hindmarsh also wore white muslin; Miss M. Locking, pink and white flowered glace silk, white chiffon sash; Miss Batham (Wellington) wore black; Miss Neville, pale blue dress, with white lace yoke; Miss Wood looked well in white, with a deep pink sash; Miss Violet Twigg was in white satin, the bodice trimmed with pale blue; Miss Mary McLean, pretty dress of white muslin and insertion; Miss Sheehan, blue and white muslin; Miss Iolanthe Margoliouth, pale green silk trimmed with velvet of a darker shade; Miss Humphries wore white muslin; Miss E. Humphries, pink; Miss Martin wore a black gown trimmed with handsome white lace; Miss N. Heath, white and pink; Miss Dalzell had a pretty dress of pale blue crepe de chine; Miss Fannin wore black; Miss Simpson, white silk. Amongst the men were Messrs Brabant, Broad (2), Sheath, Margoliouth, Gregson, Brandon, Hindmarsh, Kensington (Auckland), Howell, Levein, Bell, Tomlinson, Bull.

THE LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

took place this week, and this may be said to be the first time the event has taken place in Napier, though, ten years ago, it was held on the courts at Farn-don. The entries for the all-comers' events were not so large as had been expected, several of the well-known names being absent from the list for the singles, though the Napier entry was a very good one. Amongst the on-lookers were: Mrs. FitzRoy, in a smart gown of bluish grey voile, and a cream toque trimmed with pink roses; Miss FitzRoy wore cream net and lace over pale green, hat to match; Miss Louie FitzRoy wore a white drill costume; Miss Russell was also in white; Miss Quartley, pale blue spotted muslin, picture hat; Mrs. Phara-zyn, grey costume, black bonnet, relieved with heliotrope; Mrs. Steadman was in white, and she wore a becoming hat, with a long white feather; Mrs. Kettle wore pale grey, grey toque, with cream flowers beneath the brim; Miss Kettle, plum coloured cloth, white fur boa, and large hat, with white chiffon strings; Mrs. Howell wore a pale green coat and skirt, trimmed with guipure lace, and a toque trimmed with helio-trope; Miss Howell was much admired

in pale grey voile, floral hat; Miss Twigg had a pink linen dress and a becoming hat of burnt straw; Miss Violet Twigg, pale blue voile, large Empire hat, lined with pale blue silk; Mrs. Coleman, blue and white spotted silk, trimmed with white lace, bonnet covered with pink roses; Miss Coleman had a pink costume, with transparent yoke of string coloured lace, white feather boa, and hat trimmed with black velvet and forget-me-nots; Mrs. T. H. Lowry, white drill gown, hat to match; Miss Hoadley, black canvas dress, trimmed with white lace; Miss Kathleen Hoadley, dark blue voile, much gathered, and trimmed with silk of the same colour; Miss Rawson, white muslin, pretty sash of flowered silk, and Empire hat; Miss Locking, red dress, with string coloured lace on the bodice; Miss M. Locking, sky blue linen, trimmed with spotted silk, hat to match; Miss Dulcie Kennedy, white muslin, with pale blue silk sash; Mrs. Goldsmith wore black and white; Miss Goldsmith looked well in cream voile, with transparent lace yoke of the same colour, and hat to match; Miss Seale was in cream; Miss Rita Seale, pretty pale pink dress, large white straw hat; Mrs. Ronald looked well in Tussock silk, trimmed with silk embroidery; Mrs. Margoliouth, black and heliotrope figured muslin; Miss Iolanthe Margoliouth, pale green muslin dress, deep cream river hat; Mrs. Bradley had a dainty white dress; Mrs. Logan, blue linen, piped with white, hat, trimmed with dark blue ribbon; Mrs. T. Moore, black and white figured muslin, hat, trimmed with pink flowers; Miss Suttin, grass lawn costume, floral hat; Mrs. Edgar, green linen coat and skirt, much trimmed with cream lace; Miss Connor wore grey; Miss Wellwood, white Liberty silk; Mrs. Tylee, white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Chapman had a blue dress; Miss Cotterill wore black; Miss Davis, blue and white figured muslin; Miss E. Davis was in white; Miss Macfarlane had a pale blue dress and a black hat; Mrs. Dalzell wore a black coat and skirt; Miss Dalzell, white muslin, relieved with red, black and white spotted muslin hat; Mrs. Bowen had a white dress and a white clip toque, trimmed with pink; Miss Seed (Wellington) also wore white; Miss Mary McLean, blue linen coat and skirt, piped with white, hat trimmed with forget-me-nots; Miss N. Heath, white blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. Hector Smith, grass green voile, the skirt much tucked, green hat, covered with corn; Mrs. Donnelly, coat and skirt of French grey cloth, hat to match; Mrs. E. Perry also wore grey; Miss Bower was in black; Mrs. Tuke, grey costume, becoming toque of the same colour; Miss Page, pink dress, hat trimmed with blue ribbon; the Misses Hunter were in black; Mrs. P. S. McLean, black and white costume, hat trimmed with red; Mrs. Dixon, white blouse, with long cape of white lace, black skirt and black hat; Mrs. Von Dadelzen was in black; Miss Von Dadelzen looked well in pale green.

AI GARDEN FETE,

given in the grounds belonging to Dr. Caro, Tennyson street, was attended by most of those who had been at the tennis matches on the previous days, and a pleasant evening was spent. The

ground was lit up with Chinese lanterns, and the strains of an excellent band enlivened the proceedings. Soon after nine o'clock the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mrs. Logan, the wife of the president. Mr. Leo. Buckeridge gave

A CONCERT.

at the Athenaeum Hall on the 28th inst. To those who appreciate good music a treat was afforded. Among the artists were Mr. Phillips, who delighted the audience with his superb violin playing; Miss Maud Smith, a clever young performer, who gave two dramatic recitals; Mr. W. Vickers, who sang exquisitely; Miss Hilda Flynn, who pleased all by her vocal items, "Sunshine and Rain" and "Doreen." The names of Miss Lorraine Tansley and Mr. Buck-eridge speak for themselves.

MARJORIE.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, December 30.

At this great Yule-tide season most of the gatherings are, of course, of a family nature, and with all our love of social gossip we do not enter, even with the old-time formula "hope I don't intrude," but let sisters, cousins and aunts meet in peaceful seclusion. To many of us there are sad gaps to gloss over as best we may, and so putting all things behind us we buckle on to another year. A great deal of sympathy was felt for the friends of the victims of the tram accident in Auckland on Christmas Eve, bringing sorrow into so many households at such a season.

Of all the breaking-up parties in connection with the school the demonstra-tion by the pupils of

THE DOMESTIC SCHOOL OF IN-STRUCTION,

though material and only tending to our creature comfort, was the most interesting. A feature was a luncheon table with the most appetising dishes such as mayonnaise of trout, galantine of veal, boned chicken, sweets, savouries, etc. Another feature was a competition between the town and country schoolgirls (very few of them having reached their "teens") in making scones, sponge and plum cakes, and afterwards all these good things could be bought, and brisk sales were effected. Afternoon tea was served to the visitors, and Mrs Bowen presented the prizes. Among those present were Mrs Heaton Rhodes, Mrs Denniston, Mrs R. D. Thomas, Mrs O. B. Hoare, Mrs Julius, Mrs Hannah, Miss Colborne-Veil, the Misses Gardner, Gibson, Thomas, Julius, Fairhurst.

THE ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

between Christ's College and Dunedin High School, played on the College ground on Monday, was won by the former. A dance was given in the evening for the visitors, which was greatly enjoyed by all. At the breaking up of the college a presentation was made to Mr and Mrs Bourne from the boys, of a silver soup tureen. Mr L. Stringer, as senior boy, made the presentation, and Mr Bourne feelingly replied, and bade farewell to the boys.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent ON THE POLO GROUND

at Hagley Park on Saturday. Mrs Johnstone provided afternoon tea. Among those present were Mr and Mrs Heaton Rhodes, Mr and Mrs J. D. Hall, Mr and Mrs Woodruffe, Mr and Mrs P. Cowlishaw, Mrs J. Palmer, Mr and Mrs F. Lance, Mr and Mrs J. H. Bewick, Mr and Mrs G. Gould and Miss Cleveland and others.

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