

Auckland Chrysanthemum Show.

It is the fashion to grow chrysanthemums—or dahlias. There was a time, not many years ago (so the florists tell us), when the chrysanthemum was submerged in all its undeveloped simplicity. Then some man took it in hand, and, seized with the prevalent craze for producing new and unnatural things from that which nature gave, fixed and perpetuated and exaggerated by breeding and persistent selection those little wanderings from type to which all the subjects of the vegetable kingdom are prone.

The show of last week presented to the flower lover a mass of interesting points. The season has been a trying one. The "muggy" weather, with frequent alternations of showers and warm sunshine, produced the much-dreaded "damping" of the petals to a disastrous extent. Indeed, one large exhibitor declared that he had thrown away more than 400 blooms all finer than the ones he had staged, but which were spoiled by damping.

There was, however, one exhibit which, regardless of newspaper space, must be mentioned in detail. This is the special group of maidenhair ferns by Mr. Andrew Niccol, another of Auckland's nurserymen. It was a group worth £100, and contained many rarities, and it has been asserted by visitors from the South Island to be the finest collection of maidenhair ferns in the colony.

- CUT FLOWERS.
12 Vars. amateur.—H. A. Marriner 1, Mrs W. C. Alphan 2.
12 Zinnias, open.—H. C. Tewsey 1.
Shower Bouquet.—Miss B. M. Tylden 1, Miss A. Jacka 2.
Hand Bouquet.—Miss G. Tylden 1, Miss A. Jacka 2.
Hand Basket.—Mrs E. J. Harvey 1, Miss M. Ancton 2.
Three Buff-lobes.—Miss K. Hickson 1, Miss E. M. Tylden 2.
Three Sprays.—Miss G. Tylden 1, Miss Edith Smith 2.
Dinner Tables.—Mrs McFarland 1, Miss G. Hickson 2.
Dinner Tables, Junior.—Miss M. Oliphant 1, Miss M. Ancton 2.
Hand Bouquet.—One exhibit, No award.
Flower Design.—Miss M. Oliphant 1.
Heraldic Suite.—Miss H. Craig 1.
NATIVE FLOWERS.
Bouquet, 15 and under.—Maoy Cadwalader 1, Ethel Wilde 2.
Bouquet, 20 and under.—Roy Gibson, age 9, 1; Edou Porter, age 8, 2.
Seven kinds Vegetables.—Urban, Home, Farnell, 1.

MISCELLANEOUS

- One Epergne, ladies.—Mrs E. J. Harvey 1.
Four Hanging Baskets.—A. J. Le Roy 1, Bennett and Green 2.
Thirty square feet Pot Plants.—D. Hay and Son 1, Bennett and Green 2.
One Chintana (maidenhair), open.—W. Rosser 1, Mrs W. Rosser 2.
One Adiantum (amateur).—A. E. Le Roy 1, W. Rosser 2, Miss L. Rosser h.c.
Three Cotyled.—W. Timewell 1, A. J. Le Roy 2.
Three Begonias.—Andrew Niccol 2 (no first award).
Three Plants (Junior).—Miss L. Rosser 1.
Special awards were granted A. Niccol for a group of maidenhair and a group of foliage begonias.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS

- Twenty-four Japs (open).—W. F. Buckland 1, H. C. Tewsey 2.
Twelve Japs (open).—W. F. Buckland 1, H. C. Tewsey 2.
Twelve Japs (amateur).—T. S. Jacka 1, Miss Ewen (Cambridge) 2.
Six Japs (open).—W. F. Buckland 1 and 2.
Six Japs (amateur).—E. J. Harvey 1, T. S. Jacka 2.
Three Japs (open).—W. F. Buckland 1, H. C. Tewsey 2.
Three Japs (amateur).—T. S. Jacka 1, E. J. Harvey 2.
Twelve incurved (open).—W. F. Buckland 1.
Six incurved (open).—W. F. Buckland 1, H. C. Tewsey 2.
Six incurved (amateur).—Miss Ewen (Cambridge) 1, E. J. Harvey 2.
Three incurved (open).—W. F. Buckland 1, H. C. Tewsey 2.
Three incurved (amateur).—E. J. Harvey 1.
Six Japs (open).—W. F. Buckland 1 and 2.
Six Japs (novice).—E. C. Brakeberg 1.
Six Japs (Junior).—E. C. Brakeberg 1.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship for chrysanthemums in the open classes was won by Mr W. F. Buckland with a bloom known as Agnes Mary Henderson, exhibited in connection with the three Japanese open class. The amateur championship was won by Mr T. S. Jacka with a Lord Hopetoun bloom, a new variety raised last year by Bruunings, of Melbourne, exhibited in the class for six Japanese varieties. The National Chrysanthemum Society's open certificate for the best two blooms, one Japanese and one incurved, went to Mr W. F. Buckland. No award of the N.C.S. certificate for amateurs was made.

DAHLIAS

- 12 Double, open.—Bennett and Green 1, D. Hay and Son 2.
Six Double, open.—D. Hay and Son 1, Bennett and Green 2.
Six Double, amateur.—H. A. Marriner 1, Miss M. Hedley 2.
Six Cactus, amateur.—H. A. Marriner 1 and 3, G. D. Mulgan 2.
Twelve Pompon, 3 of each, open.—D. Hay and Son 1.
Six Pompon, 3 of each, open.—D. Hay and Son 1, Bennett and Green 2.
36 Cactus, open.—Bennett and Green 1, D. Hay and Son 2, Mrs Campbell 3.
Nine Cactus, 3 of each, open.—D. Hay and Son 1, Mrs Campbell 2.
Six Cactus, 3 of each, open.—D. Hay and Son 1, W. Marriner 2, Mrs Campbell 3.
Nine Cactus, 3 of each, amateur.—G. D. Mulgan 1, H. A. Marriner 2, W. Timewell 3.
Six Pompon, 3 of each, amateur.—E. J. Harvey 1, H. A. Marriner 2.
Six Single, 6 of each, open.—D. Hay and Son 1.

CERTIFICATE CLASSES

The society's certificates awarded to the exhibitor in each class gaining the highest number of points were awarded as follows:
Open Classes.—W. F. Buckland 35, H. C. Tewsey 30.
Amateur Classes.—T. S. Jacka 9, E. J. Harvey 8, Miss Ewen 6.

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"The Cry of the Children."

HOW A CHILD IN THE COUNTRY SPENDS HER DAY.

A PATHETIC COMPOSITION.

Last week the Auckland Education Board received some pathetic evidence of the hardships which many country children undergo. Mr E. K. Mulgan, inspector of schools, forwarded to the chairman of the board a composition exercise, as showing the difficulties which beset the path of education in many of the country districts. The exercise, said Mr Mulgan, was written by a fifteen-year-old Standard III. pupil on the subject of "What I do in a day," and it was, he believed, a fairly accurate account of a day's work, and represented without exaggeration the life led by many children in the back blocks.

The composition was as follows: "I rise at half-past four. Before breakfast I light the fire, go and get wood and a bucket of water, put on the kettle, set the table. Then go and help in with the cows, and start to milk. What I do before noon, I come in from milking I wash up the dishes. Then I go for the potatoes peel them then I go and make the beds and sweep out the house. I put on the potatoes at eleven o'clock and have dinner at twelve. Afternoon I help to wash up the dishes. Then I go and help my mother through her work. In the evening I feed the calves I go and milk. After I have done milking I come in and get the tea ready. Give S—, W—, and R— their tea, hear S— his lessons. Then put them to bed. After tea I wash up. Learn my lessons and go to bed at nine o'clock."

The communication, which was handed round to members of the board, was given to the press for publication. Mr Luke said it disclosed a terrible state of affairs.

OFF IN A FAINT.

A TIMARU GIRL IN A DECLINE.

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young woman in New Zealand as they did for Miss Stella Robloff, who lives now in Le Creu's Terrace, Timaru, but who is also well-known in Greymouth, Nelson, and Christchurch.

"When I was 16," said Miss Robloff, "my health broke down. I suppose my blood was over-taxed just then, for I grew pale and weak. My lips and gums had an unhealthy bluish colour, and my blood seemed turned to water. I lost all appetite and all interest in life. My eyes were dull and my head was always aching. The least exertion set my heart beating like mad and left me breathless. Even the lightest housework tired me right out. Often by face was suddenly flushed, and my head swam with a sick dizzy feeling. As I grew weaker these flushes often carried me off into dead faints. Sometimes I fainted three times a week. When I came to, I used to be all of a shake. I had no strength in my muscles, and my nerves were jumpy and irritable. There was always a dull ache in my back, and I wanted to lie down all day. The doctor said these fainting fits came from sheer weakness, and that my bad blood was to blame. Everyone thought I was going into a decline.

"I began to give up hopes of ever getting strong again." Miss Robloff went on to say, "when my father got some Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. They didn't seem to do me any good at first, but my father said they weren't the kind of pills that claimed to cure a person in a day, and that I must give them a fair trial—six or eight boxes at least. Soon I began to feel brighter, and my appetite picked up. In a month I was in good health, and have kept on gaining in strength and weight ever since. To-day I feel just splendid, and I weigh 11st 4lb—thanks to a six months' course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

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