

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The third concert of the season of the Auckland Orchestral Society, whose entertainments are justly popular, drew a large and highly enthusiastic assemblage in the Choral Hall on Thursday evening last, on which occasion they were favoured with the valued assistance of Miss Edith White-law, L.R.A.M., who, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. McAndrew, gave a highly finished and artistic rendering of a violin solo, to which an encore was demanded. An agreeable variety was also given to the concert by the vocal solos contributed by Miss Madeline Knight (violin obligato by Mr. H. Bloy) and Mr. C. Macfowan. Miss Edith White-law looked exceedingly well in cream cologne, trimmed with rows of cream satin ribbon; Mrs. McAndrew was in a rich ivory Ottoman silk; Miss Madeline Knight wore a becoming cream crepe, with corsage composed of accordion-pleated chiffon frills. Among the audience were:—Madaue Welaert, who was gracefully attired in white silk, inset with lace, and clusters of white roses; Mrs. Herbert Cox, pretty white silk blouse, black skirt, and grey cape; Mrs. Egerton, black satin, and rich cream lace fichu; Mrs. Pierce, black silk toilette; Miss Pierce, dainty Nil green silk blouse and lace, and black skirt; Mrs. B. White-law, pretty, pale pink silk; Mrs. Duncan Clark, Wedgwood crepe de chine blouse with handsome cream Muller lace square yoke, and black trimmed skirt; Mrs. Virtue, black gown, with cream lace encrustations; Miss Virtue, dainty white silk; Miss Eileen Lewis, pretty cream and pink floral silk voile; Mrs. R. Walker, black silk gown; Miss Florence Walker, white silk, and emerald green coat; Mrs. Asbley Hunter, black with touches of white; Mrs. Eager, black, with white silk yoke, brightened with jet; Miss Langford, lovely pale pink silk blouse, and black satin skirt; Mrs. Chapman, white silk; Miss Keating, white, silk, veiled in black Chantilly lace; Miss Sloan, black velvet, with cream lace collar; Miss Howin, cream silk; Mrs. Friend, black and pale blue striped silk voile; Mrs. Arthur Boull, cream lace blouse, and black trained skirt; Mrs. Duerre, black gown; Miss Duerre, pretty can de Nil silk, with white lace yoke; Mrs. Hooper, black silk gown; Mrs. G. Lewis, black silk, with cream lace entoreous; Miss Lewis, dainty white meryvellous, and crimson rose in coiffure; Mrs. W. Speight, black toilette; Mrs. Blaazard-Brown, black silk, with touches of white lace; Miss Brown, rich white silk; Miss Rice, heliotrope silk blouse and black skirt; her sister wore a dainty white silk; Mrs. Kent, black satin, with cream Irish lace chemiselette; Miss Kent, pretty white meryvellous, with lovely lace collar, and white sun-ray-pleated cape; Mrs. Querec, pink silk blouse, embellished with white lace and black skirt; Mrs. Tibbs, black satin, over Bruges lace collar; Mrs. S. Hanna, black silk; Miss P. Hanna, pretty white silk; Mrs. Graves Aikin, black silk toilette; Miss Millie Aikin, effective white silk, inset with lace; Mrs. Osley, pale blue silk; Mrs. Prime, white lace over pink silk; Miss A. Murry, white silk blouse, and black velvet skirt.

have secured the exclusive entire to the rink on that evening, the doors being closed to the public. The subscription is moderate, and the affair is catching on well amongst society people. It certainly should do so, for no pains have been spared to make the bi-weekly reunions a success. The floor is now in admirable order, the arrangements are excellent—could not be bettered, indeed—and the band provides spirited and suitable music. The management of the rink have, too, entered well into the spirit of the thing, and seem to know exactly what is required, and the refreshments procurable are excellent in quality and daintily served. Binking, a most healthful, besides a most fascinating recreation, is therefore indulged in under ideal circumstances, for the floor is not overcrowded, and one meets a charming circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. R. Whitson and others who have been instrumental in bringing about a "consummation so devoutly to be wished," certainly deserve our thanks, and have, indeed, received many congratulations on their success already.

PHYLLIS BROUN.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, October 6. The Gisborne Harmonic Society gave their first concert of the season on Wednesday, when they produced

"THE ANCIENT MARINER."

It was in every way a great success, and Mr. Foster, the conductor, should feel pleased with the result. Some amongst the audience I noticed were Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Agnew-Browne, Mrs. Davitt, Mrs. A. Seymour, Miss Schumacher, Mrs. Dodd, Miss Chrystall, Miss Booth, Miss Agnew-Browne, Miss Bright, Miss Nolan, Miss Corlner, Mrs. Winter.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Eva Clark gave

A KITCHEN AFTERNOON

for Miss Theta Evans, who is shortly to be married. Such a number of useful presents were brought, almost every imaginable kitchen utensil was represented. Later on in the afternoon we had cards given us with the names of books on them, and we had to supply the authors' names. Miss Campbell-Thompson won the first prize and Miss Tallock the second. Delicious afternoon tea was served in the dining-room. Mrs. Clark wore a pale green voile skirt and green accordion-pleated blouse, trimmed with cream lace; Miss Clark, cream cloth skirt and cream crepe de chine blouse; Mrs. C. White, fawn costume, black hat; Miss Tucker, grey costume, grey hat; Miss L. Tucker, grey dress, hat to match; Miss M. Woodline-Johnston, cream costume, cream and gold hat; Miss H. Woodline-Johnston, navy coat and skirt, faced with pale blue, brown and blue hat; Miss Hawkins (Palmerston), brown costume, brown hat, trimmed with blue satin ribbon and flowers; Miss Monckton, blue dress, burnt straw hat; Miss Meares (Christchurch), fawn cloth coat and skirt, fawn and white hat; Miss E. Williamson, grey dress, white and pale blue hat; Miss M. Williamson, black voile costume, cream transparent yoke, black hat; Miss Nolan, navy Russian coat and skirt, crimson hat; Miss Agnew-Browne, navy skirt, grey voile blouse, black and white hat; Miss E. Scott, blue coat and skirt, white hat; Miss E. Bright, cream serge costume, blue chiffon hat; Miss G. Wall, pale pink blouse, black voile skirt, pink hat; Mrs. V. Rutledge, navy costume, brown hat; Miss A. Rutledge, red dress, black hat; Miss A. Agnew-Browne, blue cloth costume, cream hat; Miss H. Agnew-Browne, pale green dress, white felt hat with bird; Miss V. Williamson, navy cloth coat and skirt, white felt hat, trimmed with chiffon and bunches of violets; Miss Hayes, brown dress, burnt straw hat, trimmed with yellow roses; Miss C. Boylan, navy Eton coat and skirt, black hat; Miss —, Tallock, striped linen coat and skirt, red hat; Miss —, Tallock, linen costume, cream and red hat; Miss Hair, pale blue linen, cream straw hat, trimmed with blue; Miss S. Evans, black Eton costume, black hat.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Anderson gave a

CURIO AFTERNOON.

Each guest had to bring a curio, and

some weird things were amongst the collection. Mrs. Anderson received her guests in a purple cloth costume, with cross-over bodice and yoke of cream lace. Mrs. Clark wore dark green cloth, green hat; Mrs. Wallis, black dress, white and black hat; Miss Clark, cream cloth costume, pale green hat relieved with darker green velvet and green bird; Miss Nolan, pale blue silk blouse, navy skirt, cream hat; Miss Wachsman, green costume, cream and green hat; Miss L. Coleman, cream voile frock trimmed with cream lace and insertion, pale blue chiffon hat with large pale pink rose; Miss B. Murray, cream serge, green felt hat; Miss Townley, pale blue dechaine dress, blue chiffon hat; Miss E. Oakley, navy costume, burnt straw hat, navy tubing; Miss Bradley, blue serge Russian costume, cream hat; Miss C. Boylan, navy costume, black chiffon hat; Miss Fleming, blue linen, hat trimmed with violets.

The same day, Mrs. Common gave a

AFTERNOON FOR MISS MEARES, who is staying with her. Those present were Miss E. Bradley, Miss M. Bradley, Miss E. Williamson, Miss M. Williamson, Miss N. Tucker, Miss L. Tucker, Miss T. Evans, Miss E. Agnew-Browne, Miss M. Agnew-Browne, Miss H. Black, Miss —, Black. During the afternoon Miss M. Agnew-Browne played a violin solo and the Misses Black gave a piano duet.

Mrs. W. Grey held her usual yearly

JUVENILE FANCY DRESS BALL on Friday night in the Theatre Royal. Quite fifty or sixty children were present, and they really made a pretty sight. During the evening some of the more advanced pupils danced a gavotte. Two little girls danced the Irish jig, and six of the children—four girls and two boys—danced a very pretty Chinese dance. At ten o'clock the little ones had supper, and then retired, after which the older ones danced till midnight.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, The Hastings Jockey Club were very lucky indeed this year in having beautiful weather for their races, and consequently a great many people were present. Not many town people, however, attended, the country round Hawke's Bay being best represented. There were many pretty dresses, and a few I noticed were Mrs. Elkington, wearing a pretty brown costume with long loose brown coat, brown hat, trimmed with flowers; Mrs. C. Bennett, neat dark red costume with floral hat; Mrs. Kross White, very pretty pale blue muslin, trimmed with insertion, white hat; Mrs. Naites, most stylish check costume, long tight-fitting jacket, small floral toque; Mrs. Perry, black and white check costume, lavender coloured hat; Mrs. J. C. McVay, stylish black coat and skirt; Mrs. Kettle, neat grey costume, black hat; Mrs. Coleman, handsome black voile dress, trimmed with cream lace; Miss McVay, dainty white serge dress, cross-over bodice, trimmed with pale blue silk, pretty floral hat; Miss Galsford, navy blue voile dress, large black hat; Miss C. McLernon, stylish brown costume and pretty pink hat; Miss Hewlings, smart cream frock with white glace silk trimmings, pretty burnt straw hat, trimmed with flowers; Mrs. Johnston, stylish black dress and black toque; Mrs. A. Kennedy, neat navy blue tailor-made costume, blue toque; Miss Naish, blue voile dress, bodice trimmed with cream lace, white floral hat; Mrs. Reid, black coat and skirt, black toque; Miss Kennedy, neat grey costume, pretty pink hat, trimmed with roses; Miss Hoadley, cream voile costume, pretty hat, trimmed with flowers; Mrs. Baxter, smart blue serge costume and large black hat; Miss Pettit, pretty, pale blue voile dress, black picture hat; Miss B. Pettit, pretty white cloth costume with black hat.

THE VERY SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR in aid of the Technical School came to a close on Saturday night, when the attendance was even larger than the first night. At 9.30 the unsold articles were put up for sale by auction by Mr. A. E. Renouf, whose witty remarks were responsible for the majority of people staying on till a late hour. However, he got rid of all the things at a satisfactory price, and the amount of profit after

paying expenses amounts to over £400. The committee is to be congratulated upon the successful way in which everything was carried out.

The golf season is now drawing to a close, as the grass is beginning to get too long for playing. Several trophies, however, have still to be played for. Last Saturday the finals for the medal match were played off, and resulted in Mrs. Jardine winning the "A" medal and Miss D. Kennedy the "B" medal. Mrs. Trench's trophy was also played for, and was won by Miss E. Davis.

MARJORIE.

HAWERA.

Dear Bee, October 5.

THE OLYMPIA RINK

was opened last Friday night for a season of three months. There was a very large number present (by invitation), and at eight o'clock the Mayor made an opening speech, in which he spoke of the merits of rinking, and also congratulated the management on the amount of work and trouble it had gone to to get the building in order. One would not know the Drill Hall, it has been so improved, and the management must have gone to an endless amount of trouble and expense to give it the appearance it has. Seating accommodation has been erected all round the hall for those who will not venture on skates, and cloakrooms, skate-rooms, ticket-offices, etc., have not been forgotten. Binking has caught on tremendously, especially amongst the ladies, who are all most eager to learn. It is really most amusing to watch the beginners, the fascination they seem to have for embracing all the posts, and also the floor. Amongst some of those present last Friday night I noticed—Miss Major, Mr. and Mrs. Webster, Misses Caplen (2), Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan, Miss Bingle, Miss Okey (New Plymouth), Misses Baird (2), Miss Singleton, Miss Dunsford, Mrs. and Miss Brett, Mr. Aitken, Miss Lempert, Mr. L. and Miss Whittaker, Mr. Chettle, Miss Day, Mr. Nalder, Mr. R. Cowern, Miss Nolan, Miss Harley, Miss Carey, Mr. Bignau, Mr. L. Parrington, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Trevithick, Misses Conits (2), Miss Jackson (Normanby), Miss Stringer, Mr. Conroy, Mr. R. Smith.

THE SOCIAL

organised by the ladies of St. Joseph's Church, took place in the Opera House

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Thanks to the enterprise of the organizers of the recently formed

OLYMPIA RINK CLUB.

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