

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee, October 13.

We had such a musical treat here on Monday and Tuesday nights, when Mr Watkin Mills and his Concert Company gave two concerts. Amongst the audience I noticed were Mrs Brausen, black satin; Mrs Maun, white merveilleux silk, pink roses; Mrs A. F. Kennedy, black satin, blue cloak; Mrs Williamson, in black satin; Mrs W. Barker, black accordion-pleated crepe de chine; Mrs H. Kenway, pale green silk and chiffon; Mrs A. Seymour, soft white satin, slate grey opera cloak; Mrs Winter, black velvet; Mrs E. A. Pavitt, black satin; Mrs Synes, black silk; Mrs Tuckeridge, turquoise-blue velvet blouse, black skirt; Mrs Nolan, black crepe de chine; Mrs Agnew-Browne, heliotrope lace blouse, black skirt; Mrs Des Barres, white satin, cream cloak; Mrs Barton, black silk; Mrs W. D. Lysnar, black satin; Mrs J. Williams, cream brocaded satin; Mrs Schumacher, black net, blue flowers; Miss E. Williamson, yellow crepe de chine; Miss M. Williamson, black chiffon crepe de chine, white lace; Miss Nolan, pale pink silk, cream lace and insertion; Miss E. Barker, pale pink glaze silk dress, red flowers; Miss — Barker, white silk; Miss V. Williamson, black satin, deep lace berthe; Miss Hayes (Auckland), white silk, turquoise-blue straps; Miss E. Agnew-Browne, cream silk; Miss H. Agnew-Browne, soft white shirred silk; Miss C. Boylan, black, pale pink roses; Miss F. Scott, white silk; Miss A. Corder, white silk, pale blue cloak; Mrs Tucker, white silk; Miss Hoskins, black spangled net over satin; Miss L. Coleman, white silk.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, October 12.

On Tuesday night the Theatre Royal was well filled, when the Napier Dramatic Students staged for the first time in New Zealand Mr Henry Edmond's charming little play entitled "ONE SUMMER'S DAY."

Mrs Edgar took the principal part, and acted up to her former reputation. In the first two acts she wore a dainty white embroidered linen and a pretty white picture hat with pale blue chiffon strings, whilst in the last act she wore a lovely white crepe de chine and lace frock. Mrs Lindo Leven made her debut, and created a very good impression by her natural acting. She looked very charming in a cream serge dress strapped with blue, and a pretty white muslin hat with pale blue ribbons. In the third act she wore a striking apricot silk evening dress. Miss King undoubtedly scored the success of the evening in the picturesque role of a gypsy. Miss Hutchinson and Miss Windsor also filled their parts well. Mr Macassey, as usual, acted well, and Mr Hoadley scored a great success. Other smaller parts were filled by Mr Collins (as the schoolboy), Mr A. Cornford (who made a capital urchin), Mr Renoun, Mr Levin, and Mr Smith. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs Coleman, wearing a handsome dress trimmed with cream lace berthe; Mrs Cecil Cornford, pretty white silk dress trimmed with pale blue, white cloth opera coat; Mrs Henley, handsome black silk, bodice trimmed with white lace; Miss Hewling, black satin skirt, cream lace blouse trimmed with touches of blue; Mrs McFarlane, black satin dress, bodice trimmed with pale blue chiffon; Mrs Nantes, handsome black satin and white lace; Mrs Kettle, pretty black lace dress; Mrs Stead, black satin, handsome black opera coat; Miss Hoadley, white silk dress strapped with black velvet, bodice trimmed with crimson roses; Miss Stead, pretty pink satin dress, pink opera coat; Mrs Horace Baker, lovely pink brocade dress, red velvet opera coat; Miss Kennedy, dainty white silk and blue; Miss Kathleen Hoadley, pretty white silk dress, bodice trimmed with pink roses; Miss Connor, black silk dress trimmed with pale blue; Mrs Morris, pretty black dress and long white coat; Mrs Bowen, pale blue blouse, black satin skirt; Miss Seed, pretty black lace dress with violets in bodice; Miss McDonald, pretty pale blue blouse, black satin skirt; Miss McLernon, pretty black silk dress, bodice trimmed with white lace berthe; Miss A. Kennedy, white silk blouse with black satin skirt; Mrs Kennedy, pretty green silk blouse, black satin skirt; Miss Simcox, pretty white silk dress trimmed with pale pink; Mrs McHardy, handsome black satin dress, bodice trimmed with white chiffon and lace; Miss McKay, dainty white dress trimmed with pale blue, pretty white opera coat; Miss Hitchings, dainty white muslin and lace dress; Mrs H. Fanning, black satin dress, bodice trimmed with forget-me-nots; Mrs Brabant, handsome black satin dress trimmed with cream lace; Miss Williams, dainty white voile, bodice trimmed with black chiffon; Mrs Mackay, white silk dress with blue opera coat; Mrs Von Dadlezon, handsome black satin dress; Miss Bremner, white silk dress trimmed with lace;

Just by way of a change the weather was beautiful for the

NAPIER PARK RACES.

and, therefore, all turned out in their new spring frocks. I noticed: Mrs. Stradman, looking well in a black voile, trimmed with cream lace, white stole, white chiffon hat with feathers; Mrs. Lewis (Wanganui), navy blue tailor-made costume, long white stole, large black picture hat; Mrs. Riddell, pretty black voile, string coloured lace yoke, pretty black hat trimmed with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Phuzayn, slate-coloured taffeta, black ostrich bon, black and white bonnet; Mrs. Charles Cato, very effective black and white check muslin, white satin trimmings, black and white chiffon hat; Mrs. Guy Russell, pale green crepe de chine frock, pretty black picture hat; Mrs. Henley, black voile dress, bodice trimmed with cream insertion, smart green floral toque; Mrs. Ballharry, neat navy blue tailor-made costume, green toque; Miss Williams, sweet navy blue silk voile frock, navy

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee, October 14.

After much preparation and great expectations, the

OLD ENGLISH BAZAAR AND FANCY FAIR

was opened in the Drill Hall last Tuesday evening, its chief object being to lessen the debt on the vicarage. Although the weather was very stormy, the hall was crowded with people. After a procession of the stall-holders in costumes of the period (about a century ago), the bazaar was formally opened by the Mayor, Mrs. B. Cook. The whole scene represented a street. The shops of various sizes stood all round the hall, with the quaint and amusing sign posts, while a number of flags were strewn across the ceiling, and in relieving bare corners added to the effect. On the left hand side of the street were five shops. The first, "De Paradise," in charge of Mrs. H. F. Russell, Misses Baker and Evans, was stocked with an assortment of dolls, which almost bewildered the little ones when taken to choose one. "Ye Old Chelsea Bun House" was where the Misses Curtis and Fleetwood offered for purchase tempting cakes of every variety. Mrs. Courtney and Misses Govett (3) presided over the fancy goods stall, while Misses Skinner (2) and Miss Mathew managed a daintily arranged picture stall. At the end of the street was a florist shop, where presided Misses Devenish George, E. Fookes, Messenger, and E. Beale. The largest shop was that of the plain and fancy work, and the attendants were Mesdames Dockrill, Evans, O'Loughlin, Misses McKellar, Wilson, and Farp. Close beside it was the pottery stall, in charge of Mrs. Paton and Miss Smith. The "White Hart" was in the next street, presided over by Mrs. O'Driscoll and Miss Hopkinson. Here refreshing beverages were dispensed. "Ye Ladies' Delight" (sweet stall) was managed by Mesdames H. Gray and Heard, and Miss Gray. "Ye Golden Key" was an emblem over the produce stall, attended by Mesdames R. Cook, Pascoe, E. B. Kyngdon, Fleetwood,

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