

Christine wore a white silk blouse, black silk skirt. Miss Stanford, crimson silk blouse with champagne lace collar, black skirt; Miss O. Stanford, navy blue silk blouse with yoke of champagne lace. There were also present: Misses Newcombe, Howick (Dunedin), Mr. and Mrs. Biss, Mr. T. Allison, Mrs. H. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gately, Mrs. H. Taylor, Misses Baker, Bismarck, Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. Kipudle, Mr. and Miss Carson, Mr. Bridge and many others.

On Monday, 18th inst., the prize-giving in connection with

MISS ASHCROFT'S SCHOOL

was held in the Christ Church school-room. During the evening a musical programme was rendered, and a scene from "Borwick Papers" and a play entitled "Dowdrom and Jack Frost" were most creditably performed by the pupils. The prizes were presented by the Rev. T. B. McLean. Amongst the audience were: Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Humphreys, Mrs. W. Humphreys (Kawhia), Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, Rev. T. B. and Mrs. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. A. Nixon, Mrs. John Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fairburn, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. O. Jones, Mrs. Treadwell, Misses Anderson, Cleghorn, Dodgshun, Mrs. Biss, Mrs. Blundell, Mrs. Dodgshun, Mrs. Dalgarno, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Hawke, Rev. and Mrs. Resburn, Miss Richmond, Mrs. P. Avey, Miss P. Jones, Mrs. Cotfield, Messrs. Anderson, Dodgshun, Ashcroft, Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood and others.

HUNIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Rec, December 20.

The great event of the week was the laying of the foundation stone of THE EXHIBITION BUILDING.

No better day could have been chosen. The weather was perfect, and being our Anniversary Day, and a general holiday, a very great crowd gathered in Hagley Park to witness the ceremony. An archway built for the guests of honour to pass under, blazed with patriotic colour, red, white, and blue. The dais was also garlanded with flags and gay streamers. Everyone and everything seemed to be in holiday attire. Among the ladies present were Mrs. Seddon, Miss Ruby Seddon, Lady Ward, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. and Miss Bowen, Mrs. B. J. Scott, Mrs. W. Reece, Mrs. C. M. Gray, Mrs. and Miss Maddison, Mrs. Robert Allan, Miss Allan, Mrs. P. Laurie, Mrs. and Miss Denniston, Mrs. Wigram, Mrs. A. Kaye, Mrs. De Vries, Mrs. and Miss Waymouth, Miss Humphreys, Mrs. and Miss Anderson, Mrs. and Miss Kettle, Mrs. and Mrs. Sead, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Bewick, Mrs. and Miss Boyle, Mrs. Rhodes, Miss Reeves, and many others.

On Wednesday afternoon

THE ROSE SHOW.

held in the Art Gallery, attracted a large number of people. Mrs Murray-Aynsley took several prizes for her lovely blooms, which formed quite a feature of the show. Mr H. E. Wood was also a very successful amateur. Mr Clarkson and Mr Harry Townsend took the premier prizes. Mr Heaton Rhodes had a magnificent collection of flowers for exhibition only, as also had Mr Hepworth. Altogether the amateur exhibits quite outshone those of the nurserymen. Mrs Heaton Rhodes wore a charming toilette of pale pink muslin, with cream lace insertions, and straw hat wreathed with roses; Mrs George G. Stead, dark blue skirt, and blouse of white silk and lace; Miss Stead, a white embroidered dress, and hat of white, with large bow of pale blue silk; Mrs W. Reece, dark blue de-laine, trimmed with lace, large black hat; Mrs Chas. Clark, black brocade, with lace mantle, bonnet with black tips and osprey; Mrs Appleby, dark blue tulle gown, black and cream toque; Mrs H. Wood, tulle-silk, with heliostropes veil, hat trimmed with large pan-ales; Mrs Coblean, grey silk, with cream lace, deep green belt, hat trimmed with green; Mrs Clifton, pale blue and white muslin, hat to match; Mrs Kinsey wore black; Mrs J. H. Hall (Motoneau), grey chiffon taffetas over pink silk, dark blue hat with crimson roses; Mrs Leonard Clark, a costume of lawn cloth edged with blue, black hat with feathers; Mrs G. Hamner, white dress and hat, belt of pale blue; Miss Mur-

ray-Aynsley, blue linen costume. Black hat; Mrs John Williams, a handsome gown of black voile, trimmed with narrow bands of black velvet and deep collar of cream lace; Mrs Arnold Wall, costume of flame-coloured voile, trimmed with black velvet, cherry toque; Mrs Waymouth, grey and black voile, mauve toque; Miss Waymouth, grey taffetas, with touches of pink, toque to match; Mrs Crooke, grey and black spotted voile, black picture hat; Mrs Lee (Sydney), dark black and white voile, pretty black and white toque; Miss Way, grey cloth costume, pretty white tulle hat; Mrs Coverdale, grey crepe de chine, and grey hat; Miss Neave, rose-coloured linen, cream hat; Mrs A. R. Johnston, black voile gown, feather stole, pretty black and cream toque; Miss Rutherford, green voile, with white hat; Miss M. Cotterill, striped blue and white flannel costume, black and white toque; Miss Cox, pink floral muslin, black hat.

On the same evening the Misses Mears gave

A DANCE

at their residence, "Tootowas." The garden was illuminated with Chinese lanterns, and dancing on the green indulged in, as well as in the drawing-room, which made a perfect ballroom. A dainty supper was served in the dining-room, and the whole house was beautifully decorated with pot palms and roses. Miss Mears wore black silk, trimmed with lace and jet; Miss Muriel Mears, white silk with pink bebe ribbon; Miss Daisy Mears, pale blue taffetas with gold belt; Miss Doris Mears, white silk, trimmed with ruchings of Valenciennes lace; Miss Denniston wore a lovely gown of white crepe de chine; Miss M. Anderson, black silk with white lace; Miss R. Anderson, black sun-ray-pleated chiffon with heliostropes covers; Miss Dolcie Bourne (debutante), soft white silk and lace; Miss Humphreys, black taffetas with red poppies; Miss Abraham, black silk with herbe of white lace; Miss Campbell, soft white silk and pale blue belt; Miss Nancarrow, apricot-coloured satin; Miss Merton, dress of white taffetas; Miss Williams wore white, relieved with turquoise blue; Miss Stead, blue silk with white lace; Miss Thomas, pretty white satin; Miss Meredith-Kaye, pink silk and white lace; Miss Gladys Anderson, pale yellow with net overskirt; Miss Bulow, cream satin and lace; Miss Tabart, soft white silk, trimmed with sequins; Miss Ensor, a handsome cream brocade; Miss Moore, soft white silk, relieved with blue; Mrs Kirk wore white floral silk; Miss Preston, white silk and chiffon; Miss Martin, white tulle chiffon; Miss Kirby, a pretty gown of white brocade with violets; Messrs Moore, Jameson, Loughnan, Harper, Anderson, Denniston, Litchfield, Williams and Denham were present.

Miss Gerard gave a large

GARDEN PARTY

at Fendalton last Tuesday. It is an

ideal place for such a gathering. The garden is an old-fashioned one, abounding in well-grown trees and sweet scented flowers. Several games of croquet were played, and delicious tea and refreshments were served out in the garden. Miss Gerard wore pale grey crepe de chine, trimmed with grey applique silk and lace, hat to match; Miss H. Gerard, lawn faille frock, touches of cream lace, heliostropes hat with velvet strings; Mrs Murray-Aynsley, pretty costume of black and white spotted silk with black and white hat; Mrs Boyle, pale cream-coloured voile with deep lace berthe; Mrs Rutherford, dark brown voile, straw hat with dark brown feathers; Miss Nancarrow, black frock with black and white hat; Mrs Bond, French grey voile and lace, cream toque; Mrs J. D. Hall, pink muslin dress, cream and black hat; Mrs Neave, black brocade, bonnet relieved with pink; Mrs Roswick, blue floral voile, pretty black picture hat; Mrs Deans, black silk, and black bonnet; Miss Lard, pretty white silk, and white hat; Miss Denniston, floral muslin of white and pale heliostropes, white hat with green flowers; Miss N. Reeves, white dress and hat; Dr. Alice Moorhouse, toilette of green with medallions of cream lace, green hat; Miss Moreland, black and white floral muslin, black hat, trimmed with white; Miss Reeves, black silk with cream lace, red rose-trimmed hat; Mrs Haslam, a bright heliostropes dress with satin panel, heliostropes hat; Mrs Kirkpatrick, black satin with long scarf of white lace; Mrs Todhunter, black silk, trimmed with black lace over white; Mrs H. Mears, a beautiful cloth costume, deep cream lace vest and hat; Mrs Kirby (Ceylon), sky blue canvas, relieved with cream and pink, paillettes, cream coat with lace; Miss Gresson, a soft silk with bodice of Irish lace, silk and lace scarf, white lace hat; Mrs and the Misses Bowen, Mrs Boys, Mrs and Miss Prins, Mrs Percy Cox, Dr. and Mrs Palmer, Mrs and Miss Hannah, and the Rev. Hamilton.

During the week there have been several small

TENNIS AND CROQUET PARTIES.

On Monday Mrs Geo. G. Stead, "Bryndwer," was "At Home" to a few friends.

On Tuesday Mrs Wigram had tennis. Amongst the guests were Mrs Blunt, Mrs R. J. Scott, Mrs Henry Cotterill, Mrs Fox and Miss Symes.

On Wednesday Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes and Mrs Eswick both had small gatherings.

Mrs Boyle (Riccarton) gave a croquet and tennis party on Thursday.

The Misses Moore and Hill were also among the hostesses.

On Friday Mrs Leonard Clark entertained.

MISS COX

held the breaking-up of all her dancing classes for the season in her ballroom.

"To Where," last Saturday night. Miss Cox was wearing a becoming dress of black silk and white lace; Mrs Cox looked very handsome in black velvet and lace, and a lovely emerald necklace; Mrs Vernon, black satin and lace; Mrs John Anderson, black silk; Mrs Rosalind Macdonald, a becoming red dress; Miss Mathias wore black silk; Mrs Kettle, grey satin and chiffon; Miss Kettle, black satin and cream lace; Miss Mears, pretty white silk; Mrs George Gould wore grey taffetas and cream lace; Mrs Henry Cotterill, black silk with touches of red; Mrs Ogle had a stylish cream frock with touches of green taffetas and cream lace; Mrs Henry Cotterill, black silk with touches of green velvet; Mrs Colquhoun (Dunedin) wore black; Mrs Bickerton-Fisher, a rich black satin; Miss Fisher wore cream silk; and Miss Gladys Merton, bright blue. DOLLY VALERIE.

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