

shaded belt; Miss D. Wiggins (Wellington) was much admired in soft white net over white satin; Miss Milne wore a rich black satin; Miss K. Miles, pretty, pink silk blouse, white silk skirt; the Misses Thorne (2) wore white silks over pale green and pale blue respectively; Miss Macklow looked winsome in cream empire gown trimmed with cream lace; Misses Atkinson (2) wore white and black satin respectively; Miss Maxwell, shell pink crepe de chine; Miss Moore, becoming white muslin frock with touches of pale blue; Miss Hay, pretty white silk; Miss Dermer, white accordion-pleated chiffon over lace; Miss M. McMaster, white silk; Miss Alexander, pale blue crepe de chine frock.

The inaugural meeting this season of the

PONSONBY SHAKESPEARE AND RHETORIC CLUB

was held in the Leys Institute on Monday evening before a large and enthusiastic audience. The play selected for this reading was the brilliant comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." One and all of the performers read excellently, and maintained their respective parts of this lyrical comedy with something more than ordinary credit. This play belongs to the second of the three periods of Shakespeare's dramatic career. "To this stage," says Mr. Swinburne, "belongs the special faculty of faultless, joyous, facile command upon each faculty required of the presiding genius for service or for sport. It is in the middle period of his work that the language of Shakespeare is most limpid in its fulness, the style most pure, the thought most transparent through the close and luminous raiment of perfect expression."

The cast was as follows:—Thesens (Duke of Athens), Mr. T. U. Wells; Egeus (Father to Hermia), and Philostrate (Master of the Revels to Thesens), Mr. W. H. Graham; Lysander and Demetrius (in love with Hermia), Mr. Maxwell Walker and Mr. E. T. Hart; Quince (a carpenter), Mr. G. Neville; Sanguine (a joiner), Mr. Maxwell Walker; Bottom (a weaver), Mr. H. Hemus; Plute (a bellows-blower), Mr. G. E. Adams; Snout (a tinker), Mr. E. F. Brady; Hippolyta (Queen of the Amazons, betrothed to Thesens), Miss A. Rhodes; Hermia (daughter to Egeus, in love with Lysander), Miss Esther Lewis; Helena (in love with Demetrius), Miss Mary M. Sloane; Oberon (king of the fairies), Mr. A. S. C. Brown; Titania (queen of the fairies), Miss Campbell; Puck (or Robin Goodfellow), Miss Winifred Scott. Scene: Athens and a wood near it.

Incidental music: Overture, "Bottom's March," "Nocturno," "Wedding March," Mendelssohn; vocal duet, "I Know a Bank," Hora, Mrs. and Miss Bartlett. Pianiste: Mrs. Alfred Coutts.

Miss Campbell wore a white silk with Nil green silk, and rosette in coiffure; Miss Esther Lewis wore an effective frock of crimson silk softened with chiffon of the same shade; Miss Mary Sloane was in a dainty white chiffon voile frock with white lace yoke; Miss Winifred Scott, white silk and lace blouse, with silver corselet belt, and black skirt; Miss A. Rhodes, white muslin gown with Nil green silk ceinture, and corsage bouquet of cosmos; Mrs. Bartlett, sapphire silk blouse and white lace, and black skirt; Miss Bartlett, white mousseline frock with touches of blue; Mrs. Coutts, reseda green gown with cream lace yoke and lace motifs. Among those present were: Mesdames Adams, Cooke, Colson, Gallagher, Maxwell Walker, Morton, Misses Graham, Sloane, Orley, Leys, Jacobson, Butters, Arey, Hoaking, Field, Johnston, Robinson, Court, Brigham, Hemus, Kennedy, Gittos, MacKay, Gregory, Lumadon, Wright.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY

Dear Bee, April 21.

held their fifteenth annual show on Friday. The day was fine, but the attendance was not so large as usual. The number of exhibits was not so great as last year, though the blooms shown were very fine. Mr. Wells carried off the prize for the champion bloom. The display of cactus dahlias was much admired. Mr. Buckland's collection of flowering begonias were lovely and were quite a feature of the show. In the table decorations the first prize was awarded to the Misses Wells, and the second prize to the Misses Willis. There was only one afternoon tea table, arranged by Mrs. McCullagh, for which she won a prize. The display of real "holchi" china on this table was lovely. The afternoon tea was presided over by Mesdames Stone, McCullagh, and C. Hunter, and Miss Ruby Skeet and Miss Cave. During the afternoon the Cambridge Orchestral Society, under their able conductor, Mr. J. H. Edwards, played several selections. Amongst those present I noticed: Mrs. F. W. Buckland, wearing a black brocaded silk trimmed with cream lace, black toque with white osprey; Mrs. Cowper, grey tweed tailor-made coat and skirt, and becoming hat of pale blue felt trimmed with pale blue silk and wings; Mrs. Richardson, smart navy blue coat and skirt, and navy blue felt hat trimmed with pale blue silk and navy blue wings; Mrs. Martyn, cream and red blouse, grey skirt, gem hat with red band; Mrs. John Hally, black gown trimmed with silk and black gimp trimming, black bonnet; Mrs. G. Runciman, black canvas voile, trimmed with tucks and gathered satin ribbon, black toque; Mrs. A. Souter, black voile, much tucked, and vest of black and white lace, black picture hat; Mrs. Jefferson, brown cloth coat and skirt, and black hat; Mrs. Hair, green coat and skirt, and russet hat trimmed with reseda; Mrs. Price, pink and white muslin blouse, black cloth skirt, black toque trimmed with black wings and cowslips; Mrs. McCullagh, white silk blouse, black skirt, white hat trimmed with pale blue and green; Mrs. Willis, black silk and pink and grey bonnet; Mrs. R. J. Roberts, black voile, with vest of white accordion-pleated chiffon, black picture hat; Mrs. C. Hunter, white silk blouse, black skirt, black hat; Mrs. W. Hunter, black silk gown, black fur toque; Mrs. A. Stone, white linen frock, white hat trimmed with pink and green; Miss R. Skeet, white muslin frock, black hat trimmed with berries; Miss E. Willis, grey coat and skirt, cream vest, white hat trimmed with mauve ribbon and flowers; Miss Gwynneth, black silk gown, reseda felt hat trimmed with ribbon and velvet to match and quills; Miss C. Willis, white delaine blouse with pale blue spot, black skirt, red felt hat trimmed with silk and berries; Miss Wells, cream serge, trimmed with pale blue and white buttons, cream silk vest, cream felt toque trimmed with blue silk and quills; Miss N. Young, white silk blouse, black skirt, grey coat, black picture hat with cream roses; Miss H. Wells, white silk blouse, cream cloth skirt, white fox fur, pale blue hat with pink roses; Mrs. Norman Banks, white muslin frock, navy blue and white hat; Miss Maude Buckland, navy blue coat and skirt, Tuscan straw toque trimmed with navy blue; Mrs. Banks, black silk, black bonnet relieved with white; Mrs. Ward, black gown with black and white vest, and bonnet of black and white; Mrs. G. Clark, black gown and handsome mantle, black and white bonnet; Mrs. H. Clark, black frock with cream lace yoke, and black picture hat; Miss Clark, white muslin frock, white felt hat trimmed with chiffon.

ELSIE.

GISBORNE.

THE POVERTY BAY HUNT CLUB

held their opening meet last Saturday at Rangairu. Quite a number of people went out from town, and there were about 50 followers. In the evening Mrs. Max Jackson gave a small dance, chiefly those attending the hunt being present. Mrs. Max Jackson received her guests in a pretty black accordion-pleated chiffon dress. Others

present were Mr. and Mrs. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. De Bruno-Auston, Mr. and Mrs. E. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Des-Barres, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Scott, Miss E. Williamson, Miss M. Agnew-Brown, Miss Schumacher (2), Miss Evans, Miss H. Woodbine-Johnston, Misses Monckton (2), Messrs. Max Jackson, Scott, Monckton (2), Sherratt (2), Dr. Schumacher.

GOLF ENTHUSIASTS

Quite a number of were on the links last Saturday, but owing to the many other attractions elsewhere the official opening was postponed till the following Saturday, when mixed foursomes will be played. Some I noticed playing were: Mrs. King, Miss Adams, Miss Sweet, Miss Beech, Miss Boylan, Messrs. Buckridge, Butler, Wallis, Barker, Coleman, Anderson, Murray, etc. Mrs. King provided afternoon tea.

LAWN TENNIS

is about over for the season. Last Saturday at both clubs, Kaiti and Whataupoko, some very interesting finals were played off. At the Kaiti courts Miss Winnie Adair won the ladies' handicap singles.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, April 19.

I am glad to say that Napier is once more brightening up and, in fact, has been quite gay in its own quiet way during Easter. A very successful

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

was held up at the Seaside Courts, and as the weather was beautiful there were quite a number of onlookers. I noticed Mrs. Gore wearing navy blue cloth coat and skirt, faced with pale blue, lace vest, smart navy blue toque; Miss Burke, pretty pale blue flowered muslin dress, blue muslin hat; Mrs. Bowen, lavender check muslin dress, lavender and white toque; Mrs. Duncan, white and blue spotted muslin dress, crossover blouse trimmed with lace, violet floral hat; Mrs. Stopford, brown voile dress trimmed with lace, blue and brown toque; Mrs. Pavit, black satin blouse with lace yoke, black voile skirt, black picture hat; Mrs. Broad, pretty white lace blouse, navy blue skirt, smart red hat; Miss Kennedy, neat cream Eton coat and skirt, white hat; Mrs. Steadman, fawn voile dress over silk trimmed with cream lace, white chiffon toque; Mrs. Westall, white embroidered linen dress, white cloth coat; Mrs. Pharozen, handsome grey silk dress, grey and white bonnet; Miss Margoliouth, navy blue embroidered muslin dress, burnt straw hat trimmed with autumn leaves; Miss Guy, cream silk blouse, navy blue skirt, college straw; Mrs. W. Cato, pretty grey check pleated skirt, white muslin blouse, pale blue belt, sailor hat; Miss Brandon, grey cloth skirt, embroidered muslin blouse, pretty red hat; Miss Hunter, pretty violet silk dress, crossover blouse, violet floral hat; Miss Dewes, grey coat and skirt, red floral hat; Miss Todd, white cloth skirt, white blouse, white toque; Mrs. Bradley, pale blue linen coat and skirt, black picture hat; Mrs. Edgar, grey skirt, pretty white and blue blouse, white lace hat; Mrs. Dean, black and white flowered muslin, black chiffon toque; Mrs. R. Riddell, pale grey dress trimmed with pink, grey stole, grey and pink toque; Miss Riddell, red muslin dress trimmed with lace, red hat; Miss McLean, white muslin dress, long grey coat, pretty pink and blue floral hat; Miss Goldsmith, blue voile dress trimmed with lace, small white toque; Miss Hetley, grey skirt, white silk blouse, pretty white hat trimmed with forget-me-nots; Mrs. McLernon, black voile dress relieved with pale blue and lace, blue and violet toque; Miss McLernon, grey and blue coat and skirt, blue belt, green and blue muslin hat; Miss McVay, pretty brown cloth costume, small black toque to match; Miss Hindmarsh, grey coat and skirt, pale blue blouse, white and blue muslin hat; Mrs. W. Riddell, cream cloth coat and skirt, black and white lace hat; Miss Dalziel, white embroidered costume, white and red picture hat; Miss Sutton, black cloth coat and skirt, black toque; Miss Rutherford, white and blue coat and skirt, pretty pink floral hat; Miss Rutherford, navy blue muslin dress, white hat.

A VERY ENJOYABLE LITTLE DANCE

was given by Mrs. Diawiddie on Wednesday night on the occasion of her daughter's marriage. Mrs. Diawiddie received her guests in black voile relieved with white. Miss Diawiddie wore a pretty white muslin dress trimmed with lace and chiffon; Miss S. Diawiddie, pale blue accordion-pleated muslin frock; Miss Dean, pale blue silk dress, bodice relieved with flowers; Miss Todd, dainty white silk dress, bodice trimmed with lace; Miss Goldsmith, pale green chiffon dress relieved with cream lace; Miss McLean, dainty white muslin, and lace over silk; Miss Kennedy, black silk dress, bodice relieved with white lace; Miss Pasely, white silk dress trimmed with blue; Miss Hill, pretty tucked silk dress relieved with red; Miss Brewer, cream muslin and lace dress; Miss Simpson, pale pink silk costume, bodice trimmed with lace; Miss Davis, white silk dress. Amongst the men present I noticed, Messrs. Lysnar, Gregory, Diawiddie, Raymond, Brabant, Hill.

MARJORIE.

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee, April 30.

The weather was perfect on Easter Monday for the

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL SPORTS,

and there was a very large attendance of parents and friends of the boys. The old boys assembled in great force. His Lordship the Bishop of Wellington was amongst those present. The City Band enlivened the proceedings by playing a number of selections during the afternoon. Delicious tea, which was much appreciated, was given by Mrs. Empson. Amongst those I noticed were: Mrs. E. Riddiford (Hutt), in an exquisite pale grey radium silk gown, with tiny pink flowers on it, the trained skirt banded with black silk insertion and lace, white chiffon vest, and full sleeves of the silk with black insertion, blue black Leghorn straw hat with wreath of pale pink roses in the crown, the same flowers at the back, with rosettes of pale blue satin ribbon; Mrs. F. Riddiford (Palmerston North), black and white striped flannel coat and skirt, smart felt hat with quills; Mrs. Dunny (Masterton), stylish tweed coat and skirt, with cloth revers and collar, white fur toque with wings and chiffon; Mrs. Lane (Marton), navy blue serge costume, the coat was faced with crimson cloth, blouse of navy blue crepe-de-chine, with Oriental embroidery, toque of folded

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