

Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, September 10.

The Auckland Horticultural Society held their

SPRING SHOW

last Thursday and Friday in the Thorl Hall, and despite the wretched weather we have been having there was a splendid collection of blooms on show. The Mayor of Auckland (Mr Arthur Myers), who was introduced by Mr W. Handley, the chairman of committee, opened the show, and congratulated the society on the success of their efforts. During the afternoon a delicious afternoon tea was served in the annex, and the Bavarian band, which was in attendance, gave some capital selections. Though the weather was anything but pleasant, some very pretty gowns were worn. Amongst those I particularly noticed were:—Mrs Arthur Myers, who was attired in a smart green plaid skirt and plain green cloth tailor-made jacket, and small green toque en suite; Mrs Tole was wearing a most becoming shade of mulberry chiffon taffeta, a handsome fur cape, and a very pretty mulberry toque of gathered silk, with some shaded roses under the brim; Mrs Hudson, grey tweed tailor-made costume, with strapped seams, pretty black hat wreathed with violets; Mrs Owen, beautifully fitting navy cloth coat and skirt, dainty little toque composed of shaded roses and leaves; Mrs Grant was charmingly gowned in "égir" brown cloth, with dainty net and lace vest, pretty pastel blue hat with touches of brown; Miss Connolly, smart brown cloth Eton coat and skirt, with small brown hat to correspond; Mrs Lawrence Nathan was wearing black, with lovely black coat, and black toque; Mrs Sydney Nathan's natter blue cloth, tailor-made, was worn with a smart little toque to match; Mrs Dudley, cream coat and skirt, with small Tuscan hat swathed with a smart little embroidered scarf; Mrs Brett, black costume, with handsome black velvet jacket, black bonnet enwreathed with violets; Mrs Rainger, bronze-green cloth tailor-made costume, blue hat with shaded roses under the brim; Mrs Wood (Christchurch) was charmingly gowned in a navy cloth tailor-made, pretty blue hat, wreathed with violets and sprays of pink stock; Miss Benjamin wore white, with long grey coat, black hat; Mrs Pierce, black gown, black mantle, small black bonnet brightened with pink roses; Miss Richmond, leather mixture tweed tailor-made and small brown hat; Mrs Horspool, Bordeaux cloth gown, with cream vest, small hat en suite; Mrs Roach, pale grey tailor-made, with small brown hat, finished with sprays of wheat, ermine stole; Mrs Tewsley was wearing a becoming green corduroy velvet gown with cream lace vest, lightened with touches of pale blue, handsome fur cape, black and white plumed hat; Mrs Hay, black costume, cream vest, black hat to correspond; Miss J. Richmond was wearing navy blue, with hat to match; Mrs Raymond Biss, navy blue cloth long coat and skirt, with pretty blue hat; Miss Browne, pale grey tweed and small white hat; Mrs Ethel Hay, navy blue cloth, with buff coloured trimmings, small hat with bows of plaid ribbon on one side; Mrs Lindsay wore green, with dainty green hat; Mrs Huxtable, dark tailor-made costume, with dark blue hat; Miss Gillies, navy blue and skirt, with hat to match; Mrs Nelson, Pierre was wearing a smart dark blue coat and skirt, with small blue hat; Mrs Upton, black costume, with pretty bonnet wreathed with violets; Miss Upton, dark tailor-made, with smart motor cap; Mrs Harvey, brown, with small brown hat to match; Mrs Chapman was wearing a dark gown, with a long fawn cloth Chesterfield coat, and small fur toque; Miss Keating, smart plaid coat

and skirt, and small navy toque; Miss Plo. Smith, dark green plaid coat and skirt, pretty green hat wreathed with berries; Miss Willis (Cambridge), violet velvet gown, with cream lace yoke, small hat to match; Mrs Attwood, pale grey, with pretty green hat; Mrs Leslie Mair, dark reversible plaid coat and skirt, with dainty green hat; Mrs McDonald, black costume, with black coat, black bonnet, brightened with pink roses; Mrs Hart (Pukekohe) was wearing a dark blue costume, small hat to suit; Mrs Thomas, black, with cream lace, black hat; Mrs Friend, brown costume, brown hat; Mrs Roberts was wearing a smart brown cloth tailor-made gown and brown hat; Miss Roberts was charmingly gowned in black, with black picture hat; Mrs Frater, dark tailor-made coat and skirt, and small black toque; Miss Frater, pretty navy costume, with pretty hat en suite.

The much talked of

SPRING FAIR,

which has been organised as a diocesan movement rather than a parochial one, to raise funds for a new organ for the St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Parnell, was opened last Monday in the Royal Albert Hall, Mrs. Neligan, introduced by Canon MacMurray, performing the opening ceremony. The hall looks charming, with its well furnished stalls, all artistically decorated with beautifully made artificial spring flowers, with masses of lycopodium, tree ferns, and nikau palms as a background. The gallery has been arranged as a smart, up-to-date tearoom, where one can see everything and at the same time partake of a delicious cup of tea, with the usual accompaniments of cakes, bread and butter, fruit salads, etc., and in the gallery also the band is stationed, which plays both in the afternoons and evenings. The decorations in the tea-rooms are very pretty, large branches, almost trees, in fact, of cherry blossoms being used. Downstairs all the stalls are arranged round the hall. The men's stall, which has the pride of position, just opposite the main entrance, is exquisitely festooned with trails of very natural-looking wisteria. On one side is the Remuera Produce Stall, which is arranged with masses of lilies, and the Linen Stall next to it is "a study in green." The Liberty Stall in the corner is one of the prettiest in the hall, its white trellis work front, being almost hidden with beautiful English clematis flower in two shades of heliotrope and purple. Close to this last stall is a dear little Swiss chalet of green trelis, wherein is displayed a most tempting array of sweets, the whole watched over by a wise and benignant-looking white owl, which is perched on the top. The Doll Stall comes next, and is, of course, the centre of attraction for the children, though when the hidden treasure bill rings there is always a wild stampede for that more exciting place. The North Shore Cap and Apron Stall is decorated with masses of pink and red roses, and looks charming. On one side of the entrance is the St. Sepulchre's Sweet Stall, which is strikingly decorated with yellow roses and ribbons, presided over by a bevy of white robed maidens with sashes and bretelles of yellow ribbons, and large yellow butterflies perched on their heads. On the other side of the entrance is the Children's Clothes Stall, effectively decorated with peach blossom. At the end of the hall are the Flower Stall, which needs no decoration, the Jubilee Stall, and St. Mary's Guild Stall, the latter decorated with clusters of gaudy roses in pale yellow. Of course there are the usual attractions, shooting gallery, hidden treasure, three penny dips, etc., and at night there are entertainments for each evening. The bazaar, which is to be open until the end of the week, gives promise of being a huge success, and certainly it ought to be, for committee and stall holders have worked tremendously hard to make it so. Mrs. Neligan, who was received by the Committee on the opening day, was presented with an exquisite bouquet of spring flowers tied with violet ribbons; little Miss Freda Rathbone making the presentation. With such a crowd present as there was at the opening ceremony of course it was next to impossible to see frocks, but I did particularly notice Mrs. Neligan's, it was a very pretty shade of mist grey crepe de chine with net and lace V-shaped vest, dainty little black bonnet, gowned with black and white feathers; Mrs Duthie looked charming in pale blue mousseline and Valenciennes

lace, with black plumed picture hat; Miss Anstey, brown corduroy velvet frock with brown and tan felt hat; Mrs Seymour Thorne-George, black ninon over black glaze, black and white toque with white ospreys; Mrs Colbeck, grey tweed tailor-made, with black and white hat; Mrs Brett, handsome black toilette, with black and violet bonnet; Mrs Wai-cot Wood (Christchurch) was wearing a smart blue tailor-made, with becoming blue hat wreathed with Parma violets and pink stocks; Mrs. Rainger, autumn green cloth, navy hat swathed with chine ribbon; Mrs Gillies, black silk, black plumed hat with cluster of pink roses under the brim.

A MOST ENJOYABLE DANCE

was given by the ladies of Miss Ruby Mattock's Physical Culture Class in the Oddfellows' Hall, Parnell, on Tuesday, 3rd September. The hall was nicely decorated with bunting, Chinese lanterns, and the club's apparatus. The supper-room was similarly decorated, the table reflecting the greatest credit on the Misses Bacon and Rainger. The ladies of the committee wore powder and patches. Amongst the many pretty dresses I noticed were: Mrs. Bagnall, who wore cream net over pale green glaze; Mrs. Mattocks, handsome black silk with Maltese lace; Mrs. Bacon, black silk relieved with cream; Mrs. Wilson, black merveilleux; Miss Ruby Mattocks looked sweet in pale blue chiffon over glaze; Miss J. Mattocks, dainty heliotrope muslin; Miss Rainger, pale pink and pink roses in hair; Miss J. Rainger, white muslin; Miss — Bacon, white silk brightened with clusters of cherries; Miss Wilson looked sweet in pale blue crepe de chine; Miss E. Wilson, pink glaze; Miss Maudie Anderson, pretty azure blue chiffon taffetas; Miss Angove, cream net dress; Miss Fills, pink silk; Miss M. Kalman, lovely heliotrope gown with cluster of violets on corsage; Miss — Kalman looked pretty in white silk; Miss Morris wore white crepe de chine; Miss Eva Cogan, white louisienne silk with pink geraniums; Miss M. Mundy, blue silk evening toilette; Miss Ruby Tomlinson, cream silk voile evening dress; Miss Fraser, pink glaze; Miss B. Lazarus looked charming in cream satin with pink roses; Miss Alice Rainger, pale blue with pretty lace berthe; Miss Mary Watkins, beautiful shell pink glaze with overskirt of pink chiffon relieved with point lace; Miss Ruby Warren, pale green Oriental satin with cream cloak; Miss Alma Warren, dainty lavender chiffon. Amongst the gentlemen present were Messrs. Winks, Somerfield, Mattocks, Slater, Bagnall, Warner, Cook, Churton, Benjamin, Roskrugs, Lysaght, Patterson, etc.

A MOST ENJOYABLE GATHERING

took place recently at the Royal Albert Hall, Auckland, the occasion being the 21st birthday of Miss Vivian May Bennett, only daughter of Mr M. J. Bennett, of Karangahape road. Some 250 invitations were sent out, and, despite the inclemency of the weather, 200 attended. The hall was decorated in a most artistic manner, under the supervision of Messrs Jonas and Bodely. The floor was in perfect condition, and a well-arranged programme was danced with great zest till 2 a.m. to the delightful music provided by Mr Meredith's band of instruments. The table decorations and the supper provided by Mr Griffiths were very tasteful. At supper, Mr J. J. Holland, in a neat speech, proposed the health of Miss Bennett, which was enthusiastically honoured. Mr Bennett responded on behalf of his daughter. The onerous duties of M.C.'s were undertaken by Messrs Jonas, Mens, and H. Bennett, and much of the evening's success was due to their untiring efforts. Extra dances were played by Mrs W. L. Moylan and Miss Hart. Miss Bennett received many handsome and most useful presents. Mrs. M. J. Bennett wore a beautiful heliotrope silk with cream lace trimmings; Miss Bennett looked pretty in a cream crepe de chine trimmed with white satin bands; Mrs. J. C. Dunn, beautiful black glaze silk with overskirt of spangled net; Mrs. W. L. Moylan, pretty pink silk voile with silk lace trimmings; Miss Jenkinson, very pretty grey silk voile; Mrs. Geo. Reel, pale blue silk louse and black silk skirt; Mrs. D. Flynn, very pretty coral, delaine; Miss

Hart, pretty pale pink silk; Miss I. Hart, dainty white glaze silk; Mrs. Geo. Pease, black silk, cream lace trimmings; Miss Saunders, pretty heliotrope chiffon taffeta; Mrs. Alex. Williamson, black silk with lace and net trimmings; Miss Baron, pale blue crepe de chine blouse and black skirt; Miss D. Walters, a dainty white silk; Miss Bickerton, pale pink with gold strappings; Mrs. Chas. Bartley, black silk, cream trimmings; Mrs. Harrison, black silk and silk cloak; Mrs. Williams, pretty wine-coloured silk, velvet trimmings; Mrs. Schiedeman, beautiful black silk with black net trimmings; Miss Wilson, handsome grey silk with pink silk yoke; Miss Gowan, white glaze silk with net overskirt; Miss D. Tapper, white net over pink silk; Miss Harrison, cream cashmere with cardinal trimmings; Miss McCarthy, dainty white muslin; Miss Edmonds, pale pink silk with cream trimmings; Miss Gentles, pretty white silk; Miss Kirkby, pretty sea green costume with cream trimmings; Miss Tapper, dainty white silk with silver trimmings; Miss I. Gentles, dainty cream silk; Miss Bartley, pretty heliotrope silk with sequin trimmings; Miss D. Bartley, very nice pale pink silk; Miss Barber, handsome white emerald-oid silk; Miss Whitley, dainty white muslin; Miss Quinn, beautiful black velvet with spangled trimmings; Mrs. W. H. Davis, pretty cashmere blouse, lace trimmings and black skirt; Mrs. Hayhow, pale grey voile skirt and white silk blouse; Mrs. L. Dodds, white silk; Mrs. Ware, sea green crepe de chine; Mrs. R. Hill, deep cream cashmere with brown velvet strapping; Mrs. A. Armiger, pale pink and black trimmings; Mrs. R. Armiger, pretty pale blue blouse, black skirt; Miss Watson wore a pretty sea green nun's veiling; Miss Gibson, white silk; Mrs. Mason, pretty floral muslin, with cream sash; Miss Ryan, pretty pale pink silk; Mrs. Halstead, pretty cream silk, with cardinal trimmings; Miss Davidson, pretty white silk; Mrs. Davis, pretty pink blouse, cream trimming, black skirt; Miss Partridge, dainty white silk, pale blue sash; Mrs. D. Bodley, sea green, cream trimming; Mrs. T. England, all black silk, cream trimming; Mrs. E. Willson, cream silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Hill, dainty pink silk; Mrs. Hart (Waipu), all black silk; Miss Harkins, dainty black silk; Mrs. F. Ellison, dainty floral dress; Miss Norden and Miss B. Norden wore dainty cream frocks.

THE FOURTH MUSICAL EVENING

by pupils of Mr Walter Impett took place at the Lecture Hall, Y.M.C.A., last week. Notwithstanding the extremely unpropitious state of the weather the attendance of those invited was gratifying, and the programme was listened to with evident interest. Among those taking part were several new faces, and throughout, the work presented bore evidence of Mr Impett's thorough methods, as well as enthusiasm on the part of the students. Appended is the programme gone through:—Pianoforte duet, "Boloro" (Moskowski), Miss Ruby McMaster and Mr Walter Impett; piano solo, "Bulanecelle" (Wachs), Miss Tudor Hughes-Jones; song, "Leaving, yet Loving" (Mayzials), Mr Frank Hicks; song, "Roses" (Adams), Miss A. Purry; Piano soli, (a) "La Cloches des Matines" (Burgmuller), (b) "Polka Briante" (Schuloff), Miss Ivy Crisp; song, "Listening" (Packer), Miss Madga Stubbs; Piano Soli, (a) "Study in D" (Cramer), (b) "Rondo from Sonata in C min." Op. 13 (Beethoven), Miss Ruby McMaster; song, "The Golden Gift" (Willby), Miss Agnes Monro; Piano Solo, "Valse Arabesque" (Lack), Master W. Green; song, "A Bunch of Violets" (Guy D'Hardelet), Mr A. Gow; piano solo, "Marche des Muradins" (Wachs), Miss Katie Campbell; piano solo, "Impromptu Mazurk" (Lack), Miss Flora Himpstedt; song, "I hid My Love" (Guy D'Hardelet), (b) "A May Morning" (Denza), Miss J. McDonald; piano solo, "Sixth Valse" (Durand), Miss Nellie Crawford; piano soli, (a) "Le Cygne" (Sabot-Saens), (b) "Deuxieme Mazurk" (Godard), Miss Mona Mackay; Aria, "Oh, had I Juba's Lyre," from "Joshua" (Handel), Miss A. Parry; piano solo, "Air de Ballet" (Durand), Master W. Green; vocal juet, "Earth's Lullaby" (Nimmo Christie), Misses A. Monro and M. Stubbs.

TEA PARTY.

Another very pleasant function was given at the Tillin Tea Rooms last Saturday afternoon, in the form of a tea party, in honour of Mrs. Pollock and Miss Madge Pollock of Sydney. The tea tables, which accommodated about twenty