

Mrs. Good, green cloth coat and skirt, cream beaver hat with tulle and helle-trope shaded grapes; Miss Alexander, black cloth skirt, sealakin coat and Tuss, can straw hat swathed in apricot silk; Mrs. Mason, pale grey tweed coat and skirt with black velvet collar, black and white hat; Mrs. Christie, petunia shaded cloth costume with velvet a darker shade, stylish hat to match; Mrs. Ashcroft, tailor-made tweed coat and skirt, becoming hat with shaded ribbons; Miss Blundell, grey tweed coat and skirt, crimson straw hat with quill; Miss Stevenson, Norfolk tweed coat and skirt, hat swathed in floral ribbon; Miss Brewer, brown tweed coat and skirt with collar of brown velvet, hat to match; Mrs. Humphreys, brown tweed coat and skirt, wine-coloured straw toque with quilla; Mrs. Reaney, pale grey tweed coat and skirt, straw hat with ribbons; Mrs. Allison, tailor-made coat and skirt, fancy straw hat with tulle and pink shaded flowers and foliage; Miss O. Stanford, pale grey Norfolk tweed coat and skirt, pretty hat with green and brown ribbons and quill; Miss G. Stanford, pale grey tweed coat and skirt, cream straw hat with tiny crimson roses and foliage.

HUIA.

PALMERSTON - NORTH.

Dear Bee, Sept. 20.

The amateur spring

FLOWER SHOW.

under the auspices of All Saints' Ladies' Guild, held in the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday afternoon and evening, was very unfortunate in the weather. A steady downpour set in at midday, and continued all the afternoon and till late in the evening, which must have materially affected the attendance. Still a great many people ignored the rain and went, and were amply rewarded when reaching the show. Everything inside was bright and gay. Flowers of the choicest were seen everywhere, and all arranged to the best advantage. The decorated tables and mantelpieces created the usual comment and interest, and when the result of the voting was made known it was found that Miss Edith Wilson had won the first and second prizes for best decorated mantelpieces, and Miss Hewitt and Miss McLennan were first and second for the decorated tables. The tearoom and sweet stall did a thriving trade. Mrs Harper and Mrs Palmer were in charge of the former, assisted by the Misses Abraham, O'Brien, F. Park, Barber (2). The Misses Robinson, Macintyre, Lyons, and Barnicoat were in charge of the sweet stall. The judges of the flowers, vegetables, children's exhibits, etc., were Dr Perry (Petone), and Mesdames C. Fitzherbert and Corterill (Feilding). Mrs Mellsoop, as usual, made an efficient secretary. Quite

A FEATURE OF THE SHOW

was the dancing of a bevy of little girls specially trained by Miss Beere, of Wellington. The wonderful dancing of a little visitor, Doris Greville, of Wellington, attracted particular attention. Among the ladies present were Mrs Berry (Petone), wearing an effective black toilette with V-shaped vest of cream lace, lovely pale mauve hat, with plumes of the same shade. Mrs Walter Strang, violet Eton costume, small violet velvet hat, with violet plume; Mrs R. S. Abraham, long navy blue coat, sable fur, black hat, with black and grey feathers; Miss Ethel Abraham, brown coat and skirt, brown hat, with pale blue velvet and brown plume; Miss Marjory Abraham, dark green coat and skirt, rose-coloured velvet toque; Miss Russell, red skirt, cream silk blouse, grey hat, with pale violets; Miss Trixie Russell, bottle green coat and skirt, fur toque; Mrs Tolhurst, dark skirt, sable coat, brown hat; Mrs Harold Cooper, navy blue coat and skirt, cornflower blue hat, with cornflower blue and pink flowers; Mrs Harold Abraham, light grey striped Eton costume, hat of different shades of pink; Mrs Greig, grey frock, navy hat, with red velvet and cherries; Mrs McKnight, blue lustré coat and skirt, the coat besided in black, white silk scarf, green hat, with petunia-coloured roses; Mrs C. E. Waldegrave in black, with long coat, black hat, with black feathers; Miss Dorothy Waldegrave, red scarlet coat, sailor hat; Mrs Barraud, black toilette, black plumed hat; Miss Barraud, fawn coat and skirt, cream hat, with pale

blue glace bows, pale blue scarf; Miss McLennan, in black, with white pippings, black toque, with white aigrette; Miss Elsie McLennan, dark green coat and skirt, rose pink hat, with flowers of same shade; Mrs J. Pascal, wine-coloured coat and skirt, white hat with wine-coloured velvet and wings; Mrs Lionel Abraham, light grey coat and skirt, cream and black beaver hat, with white wings; Mrs Miller, green coat and skirt, green velvet hat, with petunia-coloured flowers; Mrs Park, black coat and skirt, green hat, with pale shade of green silk trimming; Miss Park, navy blue coat and skirt, cream hat, with green wings; Mrs Gardiner, black skirt, grey moleskin coat, black bonnet with white flowers; Mrs Thompson in grey, cream hat, with pink flowers; Miss Wilson, grey blue costume, made with short basque, blue hat, with green trimming; Mrs Colbeck, long grey check coat, navy blue hat, with green velvet, and navy wings; Miss Hayward, navy blue Eton costume, green hat, with pink roses; Miss Hewitt, black skirt, navy blue glace silk blouse, black hat, with black plume and pink roses; Mrs Bagnall, navy blue coat and skirt, strawberry hat; Mrs D. O. Shute, long navy blue coat, braided in black, black glace hat, with black tips; Mrs Watson, black and white check coat, brown hat, with brown tip; Miss Akers, navy blue Eton costume, cream hat, with pink roses; Mrs Macintyre, navy blue coat and skirt, blue and green plaid straw toque; Mrs Robinson, black coat and skirt, black hat with bright pink roses; Miss Sherrett, grey coat and skirt, grey hat with white wings; Mrs Hunter Brown, black skirt, long black and white check coat, navy hat with navy and green silk trimming; Miss Drew, light grey costume, burnt straw hat with pink roses; Mrs Preece, black skirt, long grey coat, black hat with black tip; Miss Preece, brown costume made with long coat, green hat with pale shade of ribbon and fawn wings; Miss Sheila Preece, navy blue Eton coat and skirt, white cloth collar, navy and green plaid straw hat; Mrs Bendall, grey coat and skirt, cream hat with fawn tip; Mrs Daniels, black coat and skirt, scarlet hat; Mrs McHardy, navy blue coat and skirt, navy hat with grapes and pink flowers; Mrs Pratt, black coat and skirt, navy hat with pink lilac and black cowslips; Mrs Mellsoop, fawn coat and skirt, navy blue hat; Mrs Luxford, dark green coat and skirt, brown hat; Mrs. and Miss Slack; Mr. and Mrs. Barnicoat; the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Harper; Mrs. Hewitt; the Misses Randolph; Mrs. Bruce Beale, Mrs. Yeeth; Mrs. Mouro; Mrs. O'Brien, Miss Beere, etc., etc.

On Friday evening last Mrs. Lionel Abraham, Park Road, gave

A SMALL DANCE

for her daughter, Sybil. There was only a sprinkling of grown-up people present, the majority being young people in their early teens. The guests included Miss Abraham, Miss Marjory Abraham, Miss Sylvia Abraham, Miss Hewitt, Olga Levett (Bulls), Nancy Hartgill (Dannevirke), Lena Cobb (Taihape), Winnie Watson, Marjory and Alison Barnicoat, Trixie Waldegrave, Mona O'Brien, Linda and Mary Munro, Kathleen Frøst, Mesdames Hewitt (3), Pratt (2), Riddiford, Hartgill, Moore, L. Cohen, Briacore, J. O'Brien, E. Waldegrave and a few others.

Madame Albani and her talented company gave a delightful concert at the Opera House on last Tuesday. Every item was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience present, the company being most generous with their encores. Madame Albani wore a beautiful toilette of emerald green chiffon velvet with some beautiful lace on bodice, and diamond ornaments; Miss Jones, a becoming frock of pale mauve crepe de chine, wide band of darker shade of velvet at front of skirt, velvet trimming bodice; Miss Myrtle Moggy, cream silk and lace. The audience included Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Watson, the Misses McLennan, Mrs. and the Misses Park; Mr. and Mrs. Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Cohen; Mrs. Bendall, Mrs. Renell; Miss Bell, etc.

GOLF.

The Palmerston golfers who went to Napier to take part in the New Zealand Golf Club's championship meeting have returned. The only local player to distinguish himself in any way was L. O. Seifert, who won the amateur medal handicap, 18 holes, with a net score of 80. A team goes to Wellington to-day to play a Wellington team at Trentham.

VIOLET.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, September 26.

LADY WARD'S RECEPTION.

One of the very biggest receptions ever held in Wellington was that given by Lady Ward on Monday, as you can imagine when I tell you there were no less than thirteen hundred invitations out. The whole ground floor of "Awarua House" was thrown open to the guests, and, as the rooms are spacious, the corridors wide, and the doorways many, there was ample room to move about without crushing.

The flowers were a dream of loveliness in the conservatory, where the vice-regal party had tea, the tables were done with mauve anemones and delicate sulphur yellow daffodils. The billiard-room was a gorgeous blaze of crimson anemones and bronze foliage. In the dining-room there was a wreath of daffodils and freesias. Palms and ferns lined the corridors, and were massed at the foot of the stairs, and groups of rhododendrons were effective. Especially good was the musical programme, but, owing to the crowd, it was difficult to get near, and I could only hear strains faintly over the babel of voices. Miss Eileen Ward sang "Three Fishers," and songs were also given by Mrs Fisher and Miss Parsons, while, a male alto, Mr Moore, proved rather a sensation. The Governor and Lady Plunket, Miss Chalmers, and Captain the Hon. Nigel Gathorne Hardy were present.

Lady Ward wore a graceful dress of lichen green chiffon velvet, the folded bodice having a dainty V-shaped vest of ficelle lace, which also formed ruffles to the short sleeves. Her daughter was in palest pink taffetas with a white line, the pinfold bodice showing full puff sleeves of esprit net. An Empire sash of black satin ribbon made an effective contrast. Lady Plunket wore heliotrope chiffon cloth, the skirt strapped with the material. The little bolero was similarly treated, and fastened at one side with a big button over a dainty blouse of lace and chiffon. Miss Chalmers was in sapphire voile with revers of lace, and smart blue hat; Lady Stout wore grey taffetas with lace blouse and bretelles of ribbon and velvet; black hat with flowers; Lady Steward, black crepe de chine, lace ruffles and scarf; Miss Asberoff, grey tailor-made, lace blouse, and black picture hat; Miss Arthur, geranium red silk with bands of guipure lace, black chiffon hat; Mrs Anderson, green tailor-made, and green hat with foliage; Mrs Beere, black tailor-made and small black toque; Miss Beere, myrtle green cloth and hat with violets; Miss Brindley, sapphire blue granadine and blue hat; Mrs Barraud, black voile and black glace coat; Miss Barnett, green cloth dress and long velvet coat, green hat with flowers; Mrs W. Blundell, black tailor-made and green hat; Mrs Beauchamp, black taffetas and lace, toque with flowers; Miss Beauchamp, reseda crepe de chine; Miss Beauchamp, blue cloth, lace vest, and floral hat; Mrs Burnett, cinnamon-brown cloth, with velvet facings, brown and ecru hat; Miss E. Burnett, sapphire blue voile and blue hat with peacock's feathers; Miss Butts, laurel green taffetas, with lace yoke, and black hat; Miss Barron, grey tweed, and hat with flowers; Mrs Barron, black tailor-made, and black and white toque; Mrs Bendall, black cloth, with white facings, and smart toque; Mrs Brown, grey tailor-made, and rustic hat with flowers; Miss Brandon, navy serge and black hat; Miss Bristowe, grey tweed and black hat; Mrs Campbell, vieux rose colienne, with ecru guipure applique, rose-coloured hat; Miss M. Cooper, biscuit Sicilienne Eton costume, white hat with flowers; Mrs Chatfield, violet cloth dress, and black picture hat; Mrs Corrigan, mauve soufflé cloth, and black picture hat; Mrs Cohen, black taffetas, and picture hat; Mrs Crosby, pale blue cloth, with vest of embroidered net, black picture hat; Mrs de Castro, violet cloth dress, and mauve hat; Mrs Donne, pale blue cloth, elaborately strapped and appliqued with lace, yoke of lace and net, white picture hat, with roses and ostrich tips; Mrs Dean, black tailor-made, with white revers, and black hat; Miss Dean, nut-brown voile, with vest of ecru net, net sleeves, with epaulettes of brown, bordered with velvet, mauve hat with flowers; Mrs Ewen, olive-green Sicilienne, the coat having chine facings, black crinoline toque; Miss Ewan, blue tailor-made and dark blue hat; Miss G. Ewen, violet cloth, and hat with flowers; Mrs. Eichbaum, black taffetas and ecru lace; Miss England, green tweed, and vest of Irish lace;

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