

Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, November 26.

THE AUCKLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SUMMER SHOW

which took place in the Choral Hall on Friday and Saturday of last week, attracted a large attendance of the fair sex, most of whom wore dainty summer frocks, which harmonised well with the beautiful show of flowers. Mr. Arthur Myers, the Mayor, opened the exhibition, and Mrs. Myers presented the prizes on Saturday to the small school children, who took the keenest interest in the show. At the opening ceremony the Mayoress was wearing a green linen coat and skirt, white hat with roses and green leaves. On Saturday she looked exceedingly well in a cream Sicilian costume with an Irish lace blouse, and a large royal navy cloche hat with numerous plumes drooping from the crown; Mrs. Louis Myers wore a black silk striped eolienne, yoke of white lace, black and white bonnet; Mrs. Coleman, dark blue linen costume, hat to match; Mrs. Major, dainty white costume, white hat swathed with white tulle; Mrs. Lindsay, white embroidered linen with white and blue hat; Mrs. Schwartz Kissling, black and white with cream lace yoke and a black bonnet with lilac; Mrs. Jolly, grey striped silk with touches of heliotrope, black and heliotrope bonnet; Mrs. Fraser, white serge tailor-made, white hat with shaded ribbons; Mrs. Grant, black skirt, pretty white inserted muslin blouse, white hat with roses; Mrs. F. Gordon, pale grey, costume with becoming hat to match; Mrs. Munro Clarke, grey and white striped silk with smart grey toque; Mrs. C. Colson, dainty white muslin, white and blue hat; Miss Hague Smith (Waihi), blue and white striped flannel skirt, white silk blouse and blue and white hat; Miss Mitchell, cream costume, hat to match; Mrs. Mackay, white Sicilian coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs. Aubin, black over white glaze, black and white hat; Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, white embroidered muslin, and white hat with blue ribbons; Mrs. Basley, black, with black and heliotrope bonnet; Miss Basley, white inserted muslin, with chine ribbons, white hat with chine ribbons to match; Miss Moir, dainty white gown with black ribbons and a black and white hat.

SKETCH AND ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION.

The members of the Auckland Society of Arts are to be congratulated on the Sketch and Arts and Crafts Exhibition, opened to the public on Monday evening, and which you can visit up till December 7. There is a magnificent collection of sketches by local and Southern artists. Amongst the exhibitors is Mr. Kenneth Watkins, who has not been represented at the Society's exhibitions for quite a number of years. I think everyone was glad to see something from his brush again, and though these are only sketches they are remarkably fine, and excellent types of Mr. Watkins' art. Mr. Payton, Mr. Fristrom, and the Bros. Wright are to the fore with some lovely sketch work, which at once set me breaking the tenth commandment. There are some ideal Christmas presents amongst the collection, not only amongst the paintings, but the photographs. Mr. Leedham, Mr. Walrond, Mr. Winklemann, and Mr. Frith, and others have some lovely studies, showing the high artistic pitch to which photography has been brought. The President (Mr. E. Earle Vaile) opened the exhibition with a neat speech. There were a good many present, but as the function was not an evening dress affair there is nothing I need tell you in the matter of frocks. I strongly advise you to go. Thursday would be a good day, as on that afternoon there is to be a band and afternoon tea, and a number of one's friends are bound to be there to gossip to in the intervals of "doing the pictures."

A very delightful afternoon was spent

AT KING'S COLLEGE

last Monday, when the pupils gave an excellent display of gymnastics in the grounds. Seats were placed in the garden for the guests, and Mrs. Major received us on the verandah. The tea tables were tastefully decorated with red and white, the school colours. Mrs. Major was gracefully gowned in white and pink floral mousseline, with white hat with pink roses; Miss Forbes, white embroidered linen, with a Tuscan and black hat; Lady Lockhart wore a white embroidered muslin, with white hat wreathed with roses; Mrs. Nelson, violet cloth costume, with black toque relieved with violet; Miss Nelson was daintily gowned in pale grey, white hat; Mrs. H. B. Morton, grey summer tweed, faced with green, black hat; Mrs. Edward Morton, pretty heliotrope and white striped silk, becoming hat to match; Mrs. Langguth, brown cloth, with pretty cream vest, and brown hat; Mrs. Derry, white cloth tailor-made, faced with blue and gold, pretty blue hat; Mrs. Pollen, black taffeta, with cream lace yoke and medals; Mrs. Cheeseman, black brocade, cream vest, and black plumed hat; Mrs. R. Neil was gowned in grey, with a becoming white hat; Mrs. Carpenter, grey tailor-made, with a brown hat; Mrs. J. Grey, white coat and skirt, black hat; Amongst others present I noticed: Mesdames Wallace, Lawson, Bewes, Walker, Ching, and the Misses Beale, Ruddock, Towle (2), Buckland, Gorrie (2), Dunnet, Paton, Clarke, and Jameson.

A large and most enthusiastic audience attended

THE CHORAL CONCERT

on Tuesday last to hear the "Nativity" composed expressly for the society by Dr. Thomas, and the words by Thomas Scott. I think everyone enjoyed and appreciated the performance thoroughly, and I heard it praised on all sides. It is always rather difficult to see who is there, and what it worn in the Choral Hall, but I noticed Mrs. Thomas in a becoming gown of white chiffon taffeta; Miss Thomas in a dainty white mousseline; Mrs. Leese, handsome black silk, black coat; Mrs. Harry Wilson, cinnamon-brown taffeta, relieved with cream; Miss Devore, black silk, with berthe of white lace; Miss Devore, becoming white evening gown; Mrs. Erson, all black; Mrs. Goldie, black skirt, white blouse trimmed with black Valenciennes, grey theatre coat; Mrs. D. Towle, handsome black silk, softened with lace; Mrs. Sutherland, black sequined net over glaze; Madame Chambers was gowned in yellow satin with panels of lovely Indian embroidery and touches of brown velvet; Mrs. Jones, black brocade with touches of white; Miss Jones, becoming black silk; Mrs. Egerton, black skirt, pretty white blouse; Mrs. Bob Walker, black taffeta softened with chiffon; Miss Armstrong wore a dainty white gown with pale blue; Mrs. Uphl was gowned in pink, with cream lace and insertion; Mrs. Hunt, black; Miss Birch, white skirt, pretty floral blouse; Miss N. Birch was prettily frocked in paleblue.

AFTERNOON TEA.

Quite one of the nicest afternoon teas I have been to for a long time was given by Miss Percival as a farewell to her sister, who is to be married soon. The garden was looking so lovely that most of the guests spent most of the time out of doors. A delicious tea was served in the dining-room, the table being decorated with roses.

Miss Percival wore a black skirt and a pretty pink and white blouse; Miss Alice Percival, black skirt, white spotted blouse with lace; Miss Eva Percival, white cloth skirt with white inserted silk blouse; Miss Ida Percival, dainty white muslin with Valenciennes lace and insertion; Mrs. Lawrence, white linen skirt and white embroidered blouse; Mrs. Lyons was tastefully gowned in a cream stamped chiffon over glaze, with touches of black, becoming black and white hat; Mrs. Rich, white cloth tailor-made with feather boa, white and green hat; Miss Rich, cream voile costume, long cream coat, cream and black hat; Miss Rich, dainty white inserted muslin with touches of blue, white hat with blue; Mrs. Devore, grey eolienne strapped with silk, pretty black bonnet; Miss Devore

was wearing a pretty pale pink muslin with lace yoke and a white hat; Mrs. R. B. Lusk, pale grey with white vest and a becoming white hat; Miss Lusk, pink muslin with pink and cream hat; Mrs. Hartland wore black relieved with cream, black and cream toque; Miss Hartland, white serge coat and skirt, green hat with green and red Liberty ribbon; Mrs. Gorrie was gowned in black taffeta with cream lace and net yoke and a black and cream toque; Miss Gorrie, blue linen pinafore frock with white embroidered blouse, Tuscan hat with black; Mrs. Munroe in a graceful white inserted muslin with a becoming black hat; Mrs. Young wore heliotrope and white with white hat; Mrs. J. Gray, black chiffon taffeta with cream lace and a black toque with white tips; Mrs. Andrews, cream voile costume with a heliotrope hat; Miss Elsie Walker, pink and white floral muslin, pretty hat to match; Mrs. Mackay, white embroidered muslin with white and blue hat; Mrs. Andrea was in a cream cloth skirt, white silk blouse with white and green hat; and her sister wore white and Tuscan hat with pink roses and green leaves; Miss Dunnett was gowned in grey silk with a grey hat to match; Miss Hesketh, pink linen with a long cream aken and a pink hat to match; Miss Aicken, pretty pale pink muslin with Valenciennes lace and insertion, black picture hat.

THE AUCKLAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

gave a most enjoyable euchre party and dance in the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday evening in honour of the presentation of the challenge shield given by the New Zealand Association to the club having the best record throughout the Dominion for the season 1907. Mr. W. Coleman, vice-president of the New Zealand Association and president of the Auckland Association, made the presentation, and also handed to United the banner and the Moss Davis Cup. Mr. Rees George acknowledged the presentations. There were about 150 players present, and after some very interesting and close play the ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Rees George. Supper was followed by a short programme of dances. Mrs. Coleman was becomingly gowned in pale blue, with cream lace and velvet; Mrs. Eliot Davis wore black sequined net over glaze, with touches of blue; Mrs. Rees George was in a handsome black brocade, with real lace scarf.

The young people who have worked so hard right through the past winter in order to make the

GARDEN FETE AT MRS. R. A. CARR'S

a notable success, must have felt amply rewarded on Wednesday last when the function, so long and busily prepared for, came off, for the result, both socially and financially, must have been beyond the most sanguine expectations. The day was an ideal one, and the lovely grounds at Mrs. Carr's residence looked their very best in the gorgeous summer sunlight, the gay frocks and bright faces combining to form quite a fascinating picture. Very brisk business was done, between £70 and £80 being realised during the day. The work stall, sweet stall, afternoon tea tent, and various games, such as break and progressive croquet, Aunt Sally, etc., etc., were well contrived, and the hunt for Hidden Treasure was vigorously prosecuted. The young people, amongst whom were Misses Towle (2), Irene Carr, Vera Duthie, Ruby Coleman, Isabel Clark, and Miss Payton, were chiefly responsible for the success of the afternoon, but Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Carr, and Mrs. Bloomfield were indefatigable both in preparation and in the day. The Ayr-street Home and the Children's Creche owe all concerned much thanks, for both will benefit very materially. Of course, in such a crowd it was quite impossible to see many of the dresses, but those I noticed were: Mrs. R. A. Carr, in a dainty white floral mousseline, with white lace, threaded with heliotrope ribbon, white and heliotrope hat; Mrs. Neligan wore black with long white coat and a pretty black bonnet; Mrs. Arthur Myers, white embroidered muslin over pale green, white and green hat; Mrs. Coleman, Tuscan coloured silk with cream lace and hat to match; Mrs. Louis Myers was wearing a pretty black and white costume, with black and white bonnet; Mrs. W. Bloomfield, pale green haircord, with white and green hat; Mrs. Payton, navy blue linen with white embroidery Tuscan and black hat; Mrs. Holmes, white serge coat and skirt, a burnt straw hat with blue ribbon; Mrs. Greig wore a brown and white grenadine

with white lace, and a white and brown hat to match; Mrs. Thomas, white embroidered muslin with a white hat with black ribbon; Mrs. Russell, pale heliotrope sprigged cambric with a black hat; Mrs. Holgate, black and white striped muslin, black and white hat to match; Mrs. Taylor, dainty white inserted gown with a black hat; Mrs. Savage looked charming in pale grey, with white lace yoke, and a black picture hat; Mrs. Benjamin wore a pale grey summer tweed with a black and white toque; Mrs. Duthie, white linen skirt, white silk blouse, and a white and blue hat; Mrs. A. Ferguson, white linen costume, Tuscan and blue hat; Mrs. George Morris, cornflower blue linen with white embroidery and a black hat; Mrs. Lyons, cream embroidered chiffon over taffeta, and a pretty black and white hat; Mrs. MacGregor, pretty pale grey costume with black hat; Mrs. Colbeck, brown linen coat and skirt, smart brown and green hat; Mrs. Rathbone, black eolienne with band of black silk, white lace yoke, and black plumed hat; Mrs. Ware, black gown with grey coat and a black toque; Mrs. Mills was gowned in black taffeta relieved with white and a black and white toque; Miss Mills, dainty white muslin with becoming green hat; Miss Roie Nathan, in a becoming gown of black with a black picture hat; Miss Benjamin, pretty pink and white floral muslin with white and pink hat; Mrs. W. E. Thomas, dainty white inserted muslin, white hat; Mrs. A. Southey, Baker, Mrs. J. Rankin Reed, Mrs. R. Burns, Mrs. and Miss Pierce, Mrs. and Miss Upton, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. and Miss Clapcott, Mrs. Otway, Mrs. Ilume, Mrs. Waller, Miss Horton, Mrs. Egerton, Mrs. H. Kissling, Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, Mrs. and Miss Henderson, Mrs. Munroe, Mrs. and Miss Butler, Mrs. and Miss Dewes, Mrs. and Misses Goldie, Mrs. Ching, Mrs. Martelli, Mrs. Marsack, Mrs. Gamble, Mrs. Ranson, Mrs. R. Dargaville, Mrs. Oldham, Mrs. Johnstone, Mrs. Blizard Brown, Mrs. Allen Browne, Mrs. Bamford, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. W. Bruce, Mrs. Duncan Clarke, Mrs. and Miss Keating, and the Misses Greig (3), Toke (3), Hesketh (2), Thompson, Scuthey Baker (2), Roberts, Beale, Gill, Stevenson, Payton, Duthie, Clarke, and Ansley.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Bee, November 23.

THE CAMBRIDGE CROQUET LAWNS

were opened on Wednesday afternoon. The weather being perfect, there was a great display of pretty frocks. Mrs. C. Hunter (president) hit off the first ball and declared the lawns open. Amongst those I noticed were Mrs. C. Hunter, in white embroidered coat and skirt and white hat; Mrs. Earl, blue voile with cream trimmings, black hat; Mrs. McCullagh, white blouse, black skirt, black hat; Mrs. McDermott, grey muslin, hat to match; Mrs. Bell, white silk blouse, blue skirt, white hat; Mrs. Bunyard, white dress, white picture hat; Mrs. Cheyne, green voile, white hat; Mrs. Young, black costume, black bonnet; Mrs. Wallace, grey costume, white hat; Mrs. Little, black costume, hat to match; Mrs. L. Peak, grey costume, cream dust coat, white hat; Mrs. C. Peake, white dress, burnt straw hat trimmed with blue; Mrs. Hayward, black dress trimmed with heliotrope, black bonnet to match; Mrs. Garton, grey coat and skirt, burnt straw hat, trimmed with pink roses and black velvet; Mrs. C. Roberts, grey blouse, black skirt, hat to match; Mrs. B. Ferguson, white silk dress, white hat with navy trimmings; Mrs. R. J. Roberts, grey dress with black hat; Mrs. E. J. Wilkinson, white blouse, black skirt, white hat; Mrs. Aspinall, black silk, bonnet to match; Mrs. A. J. Edmunds, pink and white dress, hat to match; Mrs. A. F. Stone, grey dress, hat to match; Miss Skeet, white dress and white hat; Miss Clark, pink dress, white hat; Miss Linzey, blue dress, hat to match; Miss D. Roberts, white dress and white hat with red trimmings; Miss K. L. Chalmers, pink voile dress, black velvet trimmings, white hat with pink roses; Miss P. Ferguson, white dress and white hat; Miss Jeffries, cream costume, hat to match; Miss Dickenson, white dress, pink hat; Miss E. Dickenson, white dress and white hat; Miss Ivy Nixon, white dress and white hat; Miss Irene Cox, pale blue voile dress cream trimmings, white hat with yellow roses; Miss Macky, pale blue dress, white hat; Miss Brigham, cream silk blouse, grey skirt, red hat; Miss Milne, cream silk dress, hat to match;