

Dogs at Ten Pound an Ounce.

About 600 dogs, valued at £50,000, including a Pekingese which is declared to be worth more than £10 an ounce, were on view at the annual show of the Pet Dog Society at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, London.

The champion dog in the Pekingese class was Chu-Feh, owned by Mrs. Askton Cross, while among other successful prize-winners were Mrs. Herbert's Yen-Chu, a typical grey brindle; Miss Keith Wright's Palace Kwung, and Mrs. Brown's lovely little Brackley Kinchon.

Special attention was paid to this exquisite toy animal, for the cage was decorated with trailing ivy and white chrysanthemums, while its brilliant red lining made a striking contrast to the floral decoration.

Other priceless dogs, so tiny that they might be carried inside one of the modern muffs, were lapped in luxury, some of them being provided with quilted satin coverings and frilled lace pillows. Several cages were upholstered in gorgeous Chinese embroideries, and bore embroidered emblems inside the satin-lined walls.

The poodles were decidedly the most haughty denizens of the hall, for they sat stilly in their boxes with curled mou-tachios and be-ribboned top-knots.

Tiny guilfons, diminutive Yorkshire terriers, snub-nosed pugs, and fierce toy bulldogs all tried to outvie each other in this beauty show.

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Society Gossip.

CAMBRIDGE

Dear See,

February 13.

Things are still very quiet with us, as they usually are during the hot weather.

On Friday evening Mrs. E. E. Roberts gave a small but enjoyable Bridge evening. Mrs. Roberts was wearing a very pretty creme net blouse, threaded with a pale blue silk scarf and black silk skirt; Mrs. A. H. Nicoll looked sweet in a white chiffon taffeta gown with lovely Duchess point lace fichu; Miss Dunne, daintily black chiffon taffeta frock with square yoke back and front of white embroidered embon, and elbow sleeves of the same; Miss Wells, white silk blouse with transparent yoke of lace, and creme skirt; Miss Gwyneth, heliotrope chiffon taffeta blouse, tucked creme net vest, bretelles of silk finished with French knots, black silk skirt. Amongst the men were: Dr. Roberts, Dr. Bennett (Devonport), Messrs. Nicoll and Wells.

On Wednesday evening a number of Cambridge people went through by special train and brakes to Hamilton to Ada Crossley's concert. I am glad to say I was one of the party. It was a musical treat; I would not have missed it on any account. Next week we are to have the pleasure of hearing the Cherniavski Brothers in Cambridge. It is not often that we get a good company here, as our present hall is so small.

On Wednesday afternoon a large gathering took place at the Tennis Courts to witness the tennis matches between Te Awamutu and Cambridge. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent, and afternoon tea dispensed by the lady members of the club. The matches resulted in favour of Cambridge, being 9-7, or, counting by points, Cambridge 100, Te Awamutu 93. Before leaving, Dr. Henderson, on behalf of the Te Awamutu Club, thanked the Cambridge Club for the pleasant afternoon afforded them, to which Mr. Isherwood responded.

A cricket match between Hamilton and Cambridge was played on Victoria Square, Cambridge, on Wednesday afternoon, when the visitors were victorious, winning by three wickets.

On Wednesday afternoon three full rinks and one pair of bowlers from the Te Awamutu Club visited Cambridge to play an inter-club match, their No. 1 team having challenged the local holders to play for Hallenstein's Cup. The visitors made a good fight for it, the game being the closest yet played for the Cup. The local team won by 31 points on the aggregate, the scores being: Cambridge, 70; Te Awamutu, 48. Afternoon tea was

dispensed by the members of the local club, which was much appreciated.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts and Dr. Bennett, of Devonport, left by motor-car yesterday for Rotorua, en route for Wairakei and Taupo, for a month's holiday.

Dr. Campbell-Smith, lately out from Edinburgh, is acting as locum tenens during Dr. Roberts' absence.

Mrs. Smaanan is at present staying in Cambridge.

Archdeacon Willis and family have returned from St. Helier's, where they have been staying for the last six weeks.

Mrs. A. Gibbons has returned from her trip South, having visited at Wellington, Palmerston North, Wangamui, Eketahuna, New Plymouth, and went up Mount Egmont. She thoroughly enjoyed her holiday.

ELSIE.

GISBORNE.

Dear Bee,

February 12.

On Monday night the Garrison Hall presented quite a brilliant scene, the occasion being the opening performance of the military carnival arranged by Signor Borzoni, under the title of "The Birth of the Empire." The proceedings were formally opened with a speech by His Worship the Mayor, who congratulated the volunteers, and all those concerned, on being able to arrange such a high-class entertainment, the object of which, he explained, was to help to lessen the debt on the hall. The performance included tableaux of all descriptions, fancy dancing, character songs, marches, etc., over 200 adults and children taking part, whilst the City Band, under Conductor Lawrence, contributed largely to the success of the evening. Solos were also given by the members of the Rita Orchestra, and Mr. Harold Piper accompanied on the piano in his usual finished style. The audience were seated round the hall on tiers of seats arranged like a circus, with the performers in a ring in the centre, which gave everyone a fair chance of seeing all that was to be seen. During the interval on Tuesday evening

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