

after my seven weeks on the boat as to be totally unfit for any kind of racing. I did my best under the circumstances, but could not get well. Even now I am only just striking form. I am engaged here with the Exposition races from the 24th till 10th of this month, then I leave for New Zealand to fulfil my engagements there in December. I sail from London in the P. and O. Co.'s Britannia on September 20. I like Europe and the racing boys, and have had a good time since I have been here."

Mr Hugo Gorlitz and his beautiful wife, Madame Amy Sherwin, are quitting their beautiful house at West Hampstead for a perfectly fitted residence at Shortlands, Kent, which they have named "Honnville," after Madame Sherwin's Tasmanian home. The house is to be lighted throughout by electric light and fitted with a patent heating apparatus, while the furnishing will be of a most artistic order. Madame Sherwin and her little girl have recently been recruiting in North Wales. Their only son, Mr Louis Gorlitz, who is intended for the Diplomatic Service, is an accomplished linguist, and has made great headway with the initial part of the training. I quite agree with Miss Murphy, of the "British Australasian," who, of course, accomplished this paragraph that a well lighted household is perhaps the greatest of all household luxuries.

The Princess Louise has always had an intense dislike for publicity, and no doubt this feeling somewhat influenced the Duke of Argyll's refusal of the Governor Generalship of Australia. His wife said she "could never make a friend there. It would be worse than in Canada." At Rideau Hall she might be able to preserve a provisional incognito. The good people near there were much flustered at the idea of serving a Princess, and said they did not know how to address her or behave in her presence. The result was that Her Royal Highness had the pleasure of viewing the nervous retreat of all shop assistants as she approached, and of waiting till the master of the establishment was brought to attend to her wants. To prevent this she got into the way of shopping as a private lady, and on one occasion went into Ottawa to buy a new clock for her boudoir. The salesman, ignorant of the identity of his customer, waxed eloquent over the merits of the article. According to him it was perfect, and there was nothing that it would not do. The Princess, highly amused, listened attentively, till a spirit of mischief made her ask:

"Is there anything else this clock will do?"
"Yes," said the man turning sulky, "wind it up, and it will go."
"That is well," was the answer. "Send it to Rideau Hall."

The consternation with which the salesman heard its destination may be better imagined than described.

Though Freddy Lane, who gained such a sensational victory over the apparently invincible J. A. Jarvis in the Quarter Mile Salt Water Championship, decided at Blackpool last year, was not able to defend his title, owing to illness, Australia had a couple of representatives in the field of five which turned out for the race at Skegness last Saturday. They were Jack Hellings and Victor Lindberg, against whom England opposed Jarvis and Tom Willgoose, and Ireland, McCabe, of Dublin. Hellings and Lindberg are both sprinters, but given kindly conditions the first-named can warm up the best of 'em at 500 yards. On Saturday the conditions were dead against him, and all in favour of big men, the sea being rough and the tide running strongly. The course was 110 yards long, and in the up stretch the men had the greatest difficulty in getting going. From the plunge Hellings led, but ere fifty yards had been traversed, Lindberg showed in front, the rest remaining in a cluster at his heels. Lindberg had enough of it before a length had been traversed, and retired, and Jarvis turned ten yards ahead of Willgoose, Hellings then being third close up. The champion went further and further away, the others keeping their places until the end of the third stretch, when Hellings cried a go. Ultimately Jarvis won by nearly 70 yards from Willgoose, McCabe being nearly 100 yards behind the latter. The times of the three were 12min 55 sec., 14min 20sec., and 16min 25sec. In order that you may realise the state of the sea and tide, it is only necessary to remark that when Lane beat Jarvis last year the winner only occupied 6min 30 to 6sec.

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Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, October 16.
THE ANNUAL CONVEGSAZIONE

held in connection with the Synod of the Church of England took place at the Choral Hall on Monday evening last, and proved one of the most successful of these gatherings. The Most Rev. the Primate (Bishop Cowie) presided. During the evening, papers were read by Canon Haselden, and Dr. W. E. Thomas, and musical items were rendered at intervals. The musical programme included the following items: Mr Towsey, organ solo, "Zadoc the Priest"; Mr Cooper (All Saints), "Thy Sentinel Am I"; Madame Wigmore (St. Mark's), organ "Offertoire"; Miss C. Morrin (St. Matthew's), "Love's Pilgrim"; Mr Phillipot, organ solo, "Offertoire in G"; Miss Laing (St. Paul's), "Out on the Rocks"; Mr Malcolm Fleming (St. Mary's), "Eternal Rest"; Mr R. Leslie Hunt, organ solo, "Offertoire"; Dr. Thomas, organ solo, "Largo and Andante," Wely. The platform was beautifully draped with our patriotic tricolours. During the evening light refreshments of tea and coffee and cake were handed round with charming liberality by members of various churches; the tables, which were prettily decorated in the ante room, were also draped with the tricolours. Miss Nelson, dark skirt, grey silk blouse; Miss Nelson, dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss Rice, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs Marriner, dark skirt, light blouse; Mrs Pierce, black pale green blouse; Mrs Miss Pierce, silk, relieved with white; Miss Stride, black skirt, black and white striped blouse; Miss Batger, dark skirt, white blouse; Miss Haultain, tucked silk blouse; Mrs Haultain, black; Miss Philson, black skirt, white pique jacket; Miss Ring, black tucked skirt, coquettic red blouse; Miss Heywood, dark skirt, spring green and white striped satin blouse; Miss Kissling, dark skirt, dome blue blouse, small hat trimmed en suite; Miss Panchas, navy; Miss Mildred Panchas, violet costume; Miss Corbett, black; Mrs Goodall, grey; Miss Shepherd, black, relieved with white, purple velvet toque; Mrs McDonald, dark skirt, white blouse; Mrs Cochrane, black relieved with cardinal, bonnet en suite; Miss Cochrane, grey check, pink yoke; Miss Dudley, dark skirt, green check blouse; Mrs Heather, black; Miss Garland, dark skirt, white blouse; Mrs Gus Contos, royal blue costume; Miss Hazelden, brown; Miss Townshend, black relieved with white; Miss Snelling, navy; Mrs Brookfield, black silk; Mrs McDonald (Ponsonby), black silk; Miss Flora McDonald, pink crepon; Mrs Cuff, navy trimmed with white; Misses Coles, black; Miss Aiken, dark skirt, white blouse; Miss Cook, dark skirt, light blouse; Miss Kames, black; Miss Laing, black skirt, heliotrope blouse; Miss Morrin, black skirt, blue blouse; Miss Harper, dark skirt, white blouse; Mrs Huy, black; Madame Wigmore, black costume, white yoke braided in black; Misses Kerr Taylor, cardinal gown; Misses

Haber, mourning costume; Mrs (Dr.) King, black silk with white tucked chemisette, black bonnet relieved with dome blue; Mrs Gillilan, black silk with lead passementerie, black toque; Miss Gillilan, dark skirt, pink blouse; Mrs John Hazelden, dark skirt, green plaid blouse; Mrs J. R. Davis, dark green costume, velvet bonnet en suite; Mrs Upton, mourning costume; Mrs Tibbs, brown costume; Miss Cooper, dark skirt, fawn jacket, hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs Donald, black relieved with blue; Mrs J. M. Dargaville, rich black moire, black toque; Mrs John Cowie, black silk, white yoke braided in black; Mrs A. V. McDonald, dark skirt, heliotrope check blouse; Mrs McLean, black; Miss Andrews, dark skirt, grey French muslin blouse; Mrs Oldham, dark skirt, bonton d'or satin blouse; Miss Rich, dark skirt, heliotrope silk blouse; Mrs Tunks, looked well in a black silk; Mrs W. H. Charlton, dark skirt, lemon coloured silk blouse; Mrs Hudson, slate grey costume; Miss Blades, dark skirt, pink striped blouse; Miss Picken, dark slate grey; Miss Reeves, check costume with plaid yoke; Mrs Bainger, black costume with plaid yoke; Mrs Kainger, black costume, with pink pin spots, black hat with pink ostrich feathers; Mrs Duncan Clerk, black silk, white yoke veiled black lace; Misses Tisdale (2), mourning costumes; Mrs Nelson, brown gown finished with white lace; Mrs Goodall, black lustre; Messrs Charters, Kensington, Tibbs, Eppill, Hudson, Marriner, Rice, Batger, Gillilan, Charlton, Warren Blyth, MacDonald, Epton, Dargaville (2), Cochrane, O'Halloran, Archdeacon Dudley, Canon Hazelden, Canon Nelson, the Rev. Beck, Budd, E. M. Cowie, J. P. Cowie, Devenish, Evershed, Gillam, Hapiimana, Major, Captain Clayton, etc.

FASHIONABLE SPRING ATTIRE AT McCULLUGH AND GOWER'S.

On Tuesday last after inspecting the Strand Cafe, partaking of tea, and listening to the band, I strolled over to view McCullugh and Gower's promenade carnival, where I saw a charming and tasty display of spring fashions. On first entering their establishment was to be seen a table of muslins, effective designs and pretty colourings, marked in moderate prices. Next I noticed three arches decorated with hosiery and gloves, veilings and trimmings and laces respectively. Three tables—down the centre displaying many novelties in ladies' neckwear, parasols, etc., enhanced the beauty of the show. On the right side the Manchester department was tastefully decorated with curtains, fancy naperies, etc., and evergreens in profusion. Coming into the dress-room my eye was at once attracted by the gorgeous display of dress goods, comprising prints, drills, muslins, mercerised lawns, and satens—a noticeable feature being the low prices at which these were marked. Dress materials in voiles, taffeteen, including some very pretty spot pastel shades, French twills, black dress fabrics, etc., and silks pretty for blouses too numerous to particularise. Passing upstairs to the ladies' department the show was even finer than that of down stairs. At the entrance of the mantle department was an archway of corsets decidedly novel. I noticed that the new underclothing department was fully stocked with all requisites for ladies' underwear. The children's hats and pelisses were exceptionally pretty, simple in style, but in very good taste. Among the other attractions was a realistic display, over the wall, of flowers and birds. Several tables of fashionable millinery in most becoming modes, an excellent range of American shirts from 2/1, exclusive and smart designs in silk skirts and blouses, mantles, etc., the whole formed one of the prettiest and most charming displays it has been my privilege to view, and I congratulate the new firm of McCullugh and Gower on the great success of their first spring show. As a great favour I was allowed a peep at very pretty costumes and dresses in course of construction for several of our leading society ladies, designed by Miss Tuffnell, some of which were in preparation for the races and weddings which are to take place; also some very pretty plain dresses. During my promenade I overheard a lady saying "It is the prettiest show of the season."

PHYLLIS BROWN.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, October 14.
A very enjoyable MASK AND DOMINO EVENING PARTY

was given on Monday last by Mrs Fulton, "The Terrace." A prize was given to the best disguised lady and gentleman, and the lucky winners proved, by a large majority of votes, to be Mrs Pearson and Mr Biss. The costumes of some of the guests were really splendid, and caused much amusement, and the unmasking ceremony, which took place at supper, revealed many a surprise. Mrs Fulton wore a handsome black satin gown trimmed with lace, her domino and mask were all black also. Among those present were: Mrs Pearson, Mrs Pell, Dr. and Mrs. Fitchett, the Misses Barron, Mr and Mrs Young, Mr and Mrs Biss, Mr and Mrs Ewen, Mr and Mrs Field, Mr and Mrs Marshallbanks, the Misses Rawson, Mr and Mrs Campbell, the Misses Stafford, Mrs H. Gore, Miss Gore, the Misses Henry, the Misses Simpson, Mrs and Miss Kane, and Messrs Fulton, Cooper, Gore, Tallhurst, Young, Broad, Stoman, etc., etc.

The weather was very considerate and accommodating yesterday for the holiday (Labour Day), and all the various amusements, excursions, etc., were splendidly patronised and went off merrily. Thousands of people assembled on Lambton Quay to see the procession form itself and start off for the Basin Reserve, where sports were held during the day. The procession was an exceptionally long and elaborate one, and it was very evident that a great deal of time and labour had been spent in decorating and designing the numerous conveyances. The Premier arrived at the Basin Reserve in the afternoon at about 2 o'clock, and was received by the President and officials of the Eight Hours' Union. In reply to a short address, Mr Seddon made a speech of some duration, but of great interest. After the various speeches cheers were heartily given for Mr and Mrs Seddon and Miss Seddon.

The Foresters' Hall was the scene of A VERY SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION.

On Wednesday last, when the Liberal and Labour Federation of New Zealand held its first annual social, over a hundred couples were present, and dancing was kept up till the early hours of the morning with great spirit. Among those present were the Premier, Mrs Seddon, Miss Seddon, and Hon. J. G. Ward. Those who took part in the official set were Mrs Seddon and Mr Stratford, Miss Seddon and Mr Edwards, Mrs McLean and Hon. Mr Ward, and Mrs Corliss and Mr O'Loughlin. A short speech was made by Mr Seddon, who was received with much cheering.

A nice little entertainment took place on Tuesday last in the Sydney-street Schoolroom, in aid of the building fund of St. Paul's Gymnasium. The first part of the programme was devoted to musical items by Mrs Hevel, Miss Kennedy, and the Misses Parker and Sprout, and two very clever and amusing recitations and musical sketches by Mr Clifford Walker. The programme concluded with a very funny little farce called "Whos Who," which was acted with much spirit by Mr G. Kennedy, Mr Kirkby, Mr McDonald and Miss Kennedy and Miss Barron. There was a fairly good audience, and it is to be hoped the building fund will be substantially added to.

The favourite Polharr Opera Company are again drawing large audiences to the Opera House every night. Last night the house was crowded with a most enthusiastic audience to witness "The Gay Parisienne," a most fitting piece to end up a day's holiday with.

There is every sign that the end of the session is quite near now. Several of the seasonal visitors have returned to their various homes, among them being Mr and Mrs Henton Blades (Christchurch), Mrs and Miss Allen (Dunedin), and Mrs Herries (Tauranga).

O'HEILA.
Read the new serial commenced in this issue—"A Daughter of Midian."