

Captain Cornwall. The proceedings were opened by a spirited song, rendered by the pupils, and after the prizes were given out, and appropriate speeches made by the rector (Mr Pridham), the Mayor, Mr MacDiarmid, and Captain Cornwall, the guests adjourned to the playground to witness a capital exhibition of gymnastics, given by the boys and girls. Tea was then served by Mrs Pridham, the elder pupils acting as waitresses, which was much appreciated by those present. Among those present I noticed Mrs Pridham, very pretty dove-coloured costume, with blue silk yoke, cream lace hat, trimmed with black velvet; Miss Pridham, white with primrose coloured hat; Miss R. Ambury, white; Mrs Penn, white, and heliotrope blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Goldwater, heliotrope and black costume, bonnet of heliotrope; Miss G. Goldwater, white, with cream Tuscan hat, trimmed with satin ribbons; Miss R. Hart (Auckland), blue and white flowered silk blouse, dark skirt, with empire belt of cornflower blue satin and black picture hat trimmed with the same; Mrs Allen, fawn and pink; her friend wore black and pink; Mrs Mullens looked extremely well in a dove-coloured costume trimmed with slate grey brocade satin, hat en suite; Mrs Turton, black; Mrs W. Shaw, fawn; Miss Berry, holland costume; Miss T. Berry, heliotrope blouse, white skirt; Mrs Hursthouse, blue coat and skirt; Miss Hursthouse, cream and blue, hat to match; Miss E. Hursthouse, white, hat trimmed with yellow; Miss Drake, pink blouse, dark skirt, pretty cream picture hat; Mrs Kyngdon, black and white; Miss C. Jacob, white; Miss E. Bayley, bluey-grey costume, cream silk front; Miss G. Avery, pink and cream blouse, cream lustre skirt, demi train, hat en suite; Mrs Brewster, white and heliotrope; Miss Bedford, white; Mrs Home, white and heliotrope costume, trimmed with black velvet; Misses McKellar (2), white costumes; Mrs Freeth, black lustre, silk and chiffon cape, bonnet trimmed with heliotrope; Miss Freeth, cream silk, hat with cherries; Miss Brown (Masterton), green coat and skirt; Miss Lewis, biscuit-coloured costume braided with white; Miss E. Hamerton, white and blue; Misses Baker (2), white pique costumes; Mrs Kerr looked well in a black merveilleux costume, hat trimmed with pale blue; Misses Barnett (2), blue and green costumes respectively, brown hats trimmed with yellow; Mrs Paul, violet and white blouse with darker shade skirt, toque to correspond; Miss Paul, white, with terracotta satin waistband; Mrs Robinson, black; Miss Robinson, white; Miss Lawson, grey with cream picture hat; Miss B. Thomson looked pretty in white with blue, hat en suite; Miss Stanford, blue and white striped costume; Miss O. Stanford, pale blue; Miss B. Webster, holland costume; Miss L. Bis, black and white with blue satin empire belt; Mrs A. Fookes, white; Mrs Dempsey, black; Miss Dempsey, white; Miss Fookes, biscuit-coloured costume, hat to match; Mrs N. King, pretty costume of dove grey with scarlet silk yoke, veiled in cream lace; Mrs Horrocks; Misses Fookes (2) were studies in white, trimmed with blue and red respectively; Miss Mathews, white, with lettuce green, silk waist band; Mrs Percy Smith; Mrs Douglas; Miss Grant, white and rose pink blouse, black lustre skirt, cream hat; Mrs Hawley, blue costume, with cornflower blue front, and hat en suite; Miss C. Douglass, white, with pink hat; Mrs J. Wilson, fawn costume; Mrs Cornwall, black; Misses Drew (2), black and white costumes; Mrs Dockrill, mourning costume; Mrs MacDiarmid, green; Miss MacDiarmid, white and blue; Miss Smith, grey costume; Miss — Smith, white and green; Misses Sadler, white and blue; Miss M. Sadler, violet and white costume; Mrs H. Gray, green and white muslin; Miss E. O'Brien, cream silk; Mrs Chong, grey; Mrs Woodhouse, black; Mrs Courtney, grey costume, hat to correspond; Mrs Fraser, black, figured with pink roses, bonnet to match; Miss J. Fraser, heliotrope blouse, with white muslin fichu, black lustre skirt; Mrs Roy, chocolate coloured costume, trimmed with pink; Miss Roy, white and pink; Miss R. Kirkby, green blouse, dark skirt, etc.

The breaking up of the CHETWODE SCHOOL

took place last Wednesday afternoon in the large class rooms of the school, and there was a large attendance of parents and friends. The opening began by the reading of the year's report by the Lady Principal (Miss Stanford), after which the prizes were given away by the Ven. Archdeacon Govett.

The Philharmonic Society held a CONCERT

In the Theatre Royal last Thursday evening, and was a great success. So good were the various items that encores were the rule, especially the song "The Promise of Life," rendered by Miss G. Holdsworth, which was worthy of a first rate artist, and for an encore she sang with excellent taste "My Soul to Heaven, My Heart to Thee." Among the others who sang were Mrs Ambury, Misses B. Bayly, N. Skeet, Nixon and Messrs F. Webster, Miller, W. Black, White. Mr A. L. Cooke, whose skill as a violinist is well known, played a solo "Maur," and for an imperative encore rendered an exquisite piece. The Society admirably interpreted the cantata "May Day," and "The Miller's Wooing." The orchestra under Mr Haigh played some very pleasing items, and Mr Fletcher, the conductor of the Society, is to be congratulated on the success attained under his tuition, and Messdames J. Hempton and Pope are to be highly praised.

Mrs W. D. Webster, with the assistance of her daughter, Mrs Robert Lusk, gave a very pleasant

"AT HOME"

at her pretty residence in Fulford-st., before the latter's return to Auckland. It turned out a beautiful day, and the many guests either strolled about the garden or sat on the verandah, and listened to the music. During the afternoon tea was handed round, followed by trifles, jellies, sweets, etc.

Christmas passed off very pleasantly here. On Christmas Eve there was a great crowd of people in the town, and the two bands, Town and City, gave some lively music. Services were held in several of the churches on Christmas Day, St. Mary's being very prettily decorated, and in the evening at the latter selections from "The Messiah" were sung by united choirs, in a manner that afforded a rich musical treat to those present. Mr Fletcher (organist of St. Mary's) took the conductorship, and Mr White (organist of Whiteley Memorial Church) presided at the organ.

On Boxing Day the Taranaki Jockey Club held their

FIRST DAY'S RACING,

and were favoured with capital weather, although there was not much sunshine, the atmosphere was cool and balmy, there being no dust, as rain had fallen heavily the night previously.

Among those on the course and green I noticed: Miss Lloyd, handsome dress of biscuit coloured silk, with pretty rainbow hat to match; Mrs F. Russell, peacock blue costume, trimmed with white; Miss Stanford, dove coloured costume, with cream silk trimmings, hat en suite; Miss O. Stanford, blue silk, trimmed with black velvet ribbon, white hat; Mrs Walter Bayly, blue coat and skirt; Misses Cotter (2), green flecked tweed costumes, white silk fronts; Miss G. Morey, white, hat en suite; Misses Avery (2), violet and white costumes, white hats; Mrs Paul, light green costume, figured with white on skirt and trimmed with olive green velvet, toque to correspond; Miss Paul, pretty green and pink flowered muslin, with lettuce green silk waist band, hat to match; Mrs F. Thomson, brown flowered muslin; Miss R. Thomson, new blue silk blouse, white skirt, hat en suite; Miss Bedford, pale green silk, with olive green satin zouave; Mrs J. Cartlidge, pretty pale biscuit-coloured costume, trimmed with pale blue; Miss E. Cartlidge, green and white costume, with yoke of violet; Mrs S. Teed, pale green tweed costume, with olive green velvet trimmings; Mrs Holmes, heliotrope and white silk blouse, black silk skirt; Mrs H. Goldwater, biscuit-coloured satin blouse, trimmed with cream lace, black silk skirt; Miss J. Lawson, grey and white; Mrs Penn, heliotrope muslin, cream hat; Miss Maule, yellow, veiled in white muslin; Miss Ramson, blue silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Douglas, fawn coat and skirt, hat trimmed with rose pink; Miss B. Rennell, navy blue and cream silk trimmings; Miss E. Rennell, new blue cos-

tume, hat en suite; Mrs Wright, holland costume, with scarlet hat; Miss Walker, fawn coat and skirt; Miss Cameron, white and yellow; Miss Dalziel, fawn; Miss N. Skeet, grey and white costume, black picture hat; Miss D. Glynnes, pink and black blouse, dark skirt; Miss Cornwall, white hat, trimmed with pink; Miss E. Cornwall, white muslin over yellow; Miss Hursthouse, cream hat, trimmed with blue; Miss Tuke, cream and heliotrope, hats to match; Mrs Nathan, black and yellow; Mrs Ab. Goldwater, black silk; Miss I. Goldwater, white; Miss C. Jacob, light green flecked tweed costume; Miss E. Hursthouse, white; Mrs Longford (Auckland), pink silk and cream, lace blouse, black silk skirt, picture hat; Mrs Ellis, black, and white costume; Miss Ellis, pretty blue silk and black velvet blouse, dark skirt, hat en suite; Miss E. Ellis, pink silk blouse trimmed with black velvet ribbon, dark skirt, hat trimmed with pink; Miss Cunningham, silver grey costume trimmed with white; Miss Biggs, white and blue, pretty blue hat; Mrs McIntosh, black coat and skirt, pink silk front veiled in white chiffon; Miss Stewart (Wellington), heliotrope flowered muslin; Mrs Peek, pink; Miss McKellar, green blouse, white skirt; Miss J. McKellar, white; Mrs Percy Webster was much admired in a slate grey costume trimmed with white silk and fichu of same edged with fringe, hat of grey fancy straw trimmed with feathers and pink chiffon, pink parasol; Mrs Hall, light green costume trimmed with white, toque to match; Mrs A. D. Gray, navy blue with white silk front, toque en suite; Mrs Hood, pink and white silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs J. C. George, green tweed coat and skirt; Mrs Wrigley (Hawera), pink with cream lace trimmings; Miss McAlpine, white and blue; Misses O'Brien (2), cream silk; Mrs Stanford; Miss Standish, dove grey, and white chiffon fichu, white silk and black velvet; Mrs H. Leatham, fawn coat and skirt, pink hat; Mrs Watson, black satin; Miss Teed, yellow and white blouse, white skirt, hat with yellow; Mrs Brewer; Miss D. Brewer and Miss L. Brewer wore pretty white insertion muslins over blue and yellow respectively; Miss Kirkby, white, hat trimmed with blue; Miss B. Kirkby, green blouse, dark skirt, etc., etc.

The morning of the

SECOND DAY'S RACING

broke very showery, and continued so until late in the afternoon, so I was unable to see many of the dresses, as the ladies were either closely sheltered with an umbrella or enveloped in a mackintosh, but those I did notice were:—Miss Douglas, wearing a pretty magenta silk and cream lace blouse, dark skirt, toque en suite; Miss B. Kirkby, white; Miss I. Kirkby, green coat and skirt; Mrs Penn, pink and green blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Watson, black satin and white; Miss Teed, grey coat and skirt, hat with pink; Miss Cornwall; Miss E. Cornwall, white blouse, dark skirt, black and white hat; Miss Bedford, white muslin, heliotrope hat; Mrs Percy Webster, cornflower blue costume trimmed with cream satin, hat en suite; Mrs J. C. George, cream and green; Miss George, navy blue costume; Mrs H. Goldwater, black, with magenta trimmings, hat to match; Mrs A. D. Gray, grey costume; Miss Holdsworth, white blouse, dark skirt; Miss B. Bayly, green coat and skirt; Mrs Standish, black; Miss Standish, bluey-grey costume; Miss O. Stanford, green blouse, dark skirt; Miss C. Stanford, red and white silk blouse, dark skirt, hat to correspond; Mrs Hall, grey; Mrs Paul, blue and white silk blouse, black silk skirt; Miss Paul, flowered silk, blouse, navy blue skirt, rose pink in hat; Miss McAlpine, navy blue costume, with rose pink neckband; Mrs C. Wright, green and blue costume, hat with scarlet; Miss Walker, grey, and cream front; Mrs C. Rennell, black satin, grey feather bog; Mrs Nathan, black; Mrs Ab. Goldwater, violet and white costume, bo'net en suite; Miss I. Goldwater, white; Miss K. Hart (Auckland), pale pink silk, trimmed with cream lace, pretty cream hat; Mrs Ellis, Miss Ellis, navy blue and scarlet; Miss I. Ellis, blue and pink flowered muslin blouse, dark skirt; Mrs

Walter Bayly, pink and white silk blouse, white lace fichu, dark skirt; Miss Cameron, black and yellow costume; Mrs Barford; Miss Biggs, pink grass lawn over rose pink, hat en suite; Miss Fleetwood, cream; pink blouse, dark skirt, hat en suite; Miss Lawson, grey; Miss D. Glynnes, pink and black; Miss L. Webster, white; Miss Maule, black and white silk blouse, dark skirt; Misses Tuke (2); Mrs Hursthouse; Miss C. Jacob; Miss E. Bayley; Miss Fookes, pale fawn; Miss E. Fookes, white and pale blue; Mrs Holmes, gold silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss E. Rennell; Miss B. Rennell, white blouse, dark skirt; Miss V. Rennell, blue; etc.

A FAREWELL SOCIAL

was held in St. Mary's Hall last Thursday evening, when the congregation farewelled Mr and Mrs G. F. Robinson, who are leaving shortly for Wellington. During the evening songs were sung by Miss M. Fookes and Mr Black, after which Mr W. Skinner took the opportunity to present Mr Robinson with a handsome silver cake tray from the Sunday school teachers and others, as the latter took such an interest in St. Mary's parish. Mr Clement Govett, on behalf of his father, the Venerable Archdeacon Govett, made some suitable remarks. Misses G. Holdsworth and D. Taylor also sweetly rendered songs. After refreshments were handed round the National Anthem was sung, and three hearty cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Robinson. This brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Last Friday afternoon Mr and Mrs Henry Gray gave a

GARDEN PARTY

at their pretty residence, Caterham Lodge, which was most enjoyable. Tea was served in the drawing-room and on verandah, followed by ices, which were very refreshing, as, although the day was showery, the atmosphere was very warm. During the afternoon games of croquet were played by some, while others sat chatting on seats under the trees surrounding the lawn. Mrs Gray received her guests in a black and white muslin gown, black lace fichu; Misses Gray (3) were studies in white; Mrs Turton, pale yellow costume; Mrs Home, white and mauve; Mrs Bedford; Miss Bedford, pale green, rose pink parasol; Miss Testa, biscuit-coloured costume; Mrs Fookes, black lace mantle; Miss Fookes, pale fawn and blue; Mrs Marshall, black, pink in bonnet; Miss Marshall, blue; Mrs Copelan, black;

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