and green muslin; Mrs Herd, dark green costume, trimmed with pale blue, hat en suite; Mrs Meek, black, with rose pink hat; Miss B. Webster, pale blue costume, sailor hat; Miss Standish, white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Holdsworth, pale pink blouse, trimmed with rose pink, dark skirt, hat to correspond; Miss G. Holdsworth, black, with fawn jacket, sailor hat; Miss O. Stanford, pale blue blouse, dark skirt; Miss Walker, white and pink blouse, green skirt, sailor hat; Mrs Courtney, black; Miss G. Shaw, white; Miss Kirkby, blue costume, white fichu; Mrs Penn, white and black blouse, dark skirt; Miss B. Kirkby, black, with fawn jacket; Miss G. Stanford, white and pink blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss Shuttleworth, black and white costume; Miss Forte, white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Kemp, green coat and skirt; Miss A. Kemp, blue costume, trimmed with white, hat trimmed with red; Mrs Home, blue and white costume, toque en suite; Miss E. Cornwall, cream blouse, dark skirt, sailor hat; Miss B. Tuke, fawn coat and skirt; Mrs McKellar, grey costume; Miss McKellar, white blouse, blue tie, dark skirt; Mrs W. Shaw, black and white figured costume, demi train, hat to match; Miss Berry, blue blouse, dark skirt; Miss E. Berry, dark blue costume, royal blue velvet toque, trimmed with white; Mrs Pope, black; Miss Thomson, pale mauve muslin, sailor hat; Mrs Paul, green costume; Miss Lawson, navy blue costume, relieved with white, hat to correspond; Miss B. Thomson, white blouse, dark skirt; Miss Smith, white muslin over pink; Miss — Smith, white blouse, green skirt; Mrs Greenaway, handsome black merveilleux, turquoise blue toque; Mrs Rollo, black velvet blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Allen, black, with pink hat; Miss Testa; Miss Stanford, green blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Newman, black and white costume; Mrs Honeyfield, mourning costume; Miss Hempton, black.

NANCY LEE.

NAPIER.

Dear Bee, April 26.

The second hunt of the season took place last Saturday, when the Hawke's Bay hounds met at "Gwavas." The weather was fine, indeed, all that could be wished for, and a splendid run was enjoyed. A great many people were present to see the hounds throw off, some of whom were riding and some driving. Amongst those who followed were Misses Jackson, Groome, Herrick, Rhodes, Mason, Mrs J. Rhodes, Messrs Groome, Carlyon, Rhodes, Humphrey, Jackson, Abbot, Nelson, Todd, Mason, Herrick, Pilcher, Ireland, Kinross White, Hassall, Vesty and Skerman. The luncheon was given by Mr and Mrs Carlyon.

There was a good attendance of spectators at the sports held this week at the Heretaunga School, Hastings, and the boys and their friends all showed keen interest in the various events. Mr J. A. Fraser, headmaster of the school, acted as starter, and Messrs Norris and Hunt made excellent judges. Afternoon tea was provided on both days by Mrs Frazer, and was much appreciated by those present.

MARJORIE.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee, April 25.

The Wellington Orchestral Society gave their second concert of this season in the Opera House on Monday last. The big work of the programme was Mr J. Maughan Barnett's Canterbury "Jubilee Ode," for baritone solo, chorus and orchestra, performed for the first time in Wellington. The chorus, which numbered between 200 and 300 voices, was raised up at the back of the stage, the female voices, all dressed in white, on either side, and the male voices in the centre. The orchestra had a strong band of performers, and with Mr John Prouse as soloist the performance of the ode was a most brilliant success, the second chorus being enthusiastically encored. Mr Barnett must feel flattered with the reception of his splendid work.

The concert opened with an overture for orchestra by Sir A. C. Mackenzie. The other orchestral pieces were a ballade by Coleridge-Taylor, which was splendidly played, and three charming valses by the same composer. The vocalists were Miss Janetta Frazier and Mr Prouse. Miss Frazier's contributions were Cowen's "The Promise of Life" and "The Enchantress," by Hatton, for which she was encored. Mr Prouse gave "The Last Man" (Callcott) in fine style, and being loudly encored sang a spirited little song, of which I did not know the name. The concert was repeated on Tuesday Night, when there was again a very large audience.

Some of those I noticed present on Monday were Sir Robert and Lady Stout, the latter wearing a rich black satin and jet gown; Lady Campbell (Hawke's Bay), in pink and black; Mr and Mrs Gill, the latter wearing black; Miss Gill, black gown with transparent lace yoke and sleeves; Mr and Mrs Embling, the latter in black satin with jet; Mrs Finlay, white silk and lace; the Misses Hislop, black gowns with white lace; Mrs Prouse, black; Miss Prouse, deep cream brocade trimmed with chiffon; Miss —— Prouse wore white; Mr and Miss Harcourt, the latter wearing a white gown; Miss G. Henry wore a long grey evening cloak; Miss Turton, black; also, Mr and Mrs Harrison, the Misses Cohen, Mrs and Miss Stafford, etc. In the orchestra I noticed Miss Henry, the Misses Kennedy, Miss Gore, Miss J. Ross, Miss Holt, Miss Barber, Miss Moran, and others, all wearing black gowns with white lace.

The annual Chrysanthemum Show of the Wellington Horticultural Society was opened to-day in the Skating Rink. There was a splendid display of cut blooms, some of them being exceptionally large and handsome. A collection sent by Mr Anderson, of Napier, obtained a first prize. They were really most beautiful and must have required a great deal of attention and skill in growing. There were two beautiful collections of pot plants, some in flower, the flowering begonias being particularly fine. The entries for the table decoration competition were not nearly so numerous as on previous occasions, and the tables were not so prettily arranged. The prize is to be decided by public vote. There were only two decorated bicycles, both done in white chrysanthemums. It is a great pity that more interest is not taken in these competitions, as it certainly adds very much to the appearance of the hall to have artistically arranged tables, etc, dotted about.

The show was opened by the Hon. Mr Seddon, who was accompanied by Miss M. Seddon. Among those present I saw Mrs O'Connor, who wore a black coat and skirt and black bonnet with jet and tips; Mr and Mrs Tolhurst, the latter in a rich black satin gown and velvet mantle, black velvet and jet bonnet; Mrs T. Young, a red gown and black and red toque; Mrs Hassell, black coat and skirt, black hat lined with pink and trimmed with black glace silk; Lady Campbell, a violet cloth gown and toque to match; Mrs Reid, black silk gown and black and cream toque; Mrs Higginson, black gown and cape, black bonnet; Mrs Chatfield, black coat and skirt, and a cream straw toque with black tips; Miss Chatfield, black suit and white straw hat trimmed with black and white tulle; Mrs Symonds, fawn jacket and skirt and fawn and white toque; Mrs Deans, dark grey costume, black toque with tips; Miss Deans, a crushed stawberry coloured gown and black hat with tips; Miss Seddon, a blue gown with cream lace collar, cream hat trimmed with black silk; Miss Moorehouse, a black coat and skirt and cream straw hat trimmed with palest pink shot silk; Miss Barron, dark blue coat and skirt and pale blue chiffon toque with wings; Miss Gore, black skirt and fawn coat, burnt straw hat with white glace ribbon; Miss McGregor, black coat and skirt and black hat with tips; Miss Brandon, black skirt and fawn coat, sailor hat; Miss Smith, fawn coat and skirt and a f toque with quills.

OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Bee, April 21.

The annual exhibition of the Society of Arts opened on Wednesday evening in the Art Gallery, the small room being used for the new works and the side room, while the large gallery is used for the permanent collection. There was a very fair attendance of members and friends, and considering the merit of the exhibition the public should find it an instructive and interesting resort. During the evening musical items were contributed by Mrs. W. Wilson, Misses Freda Marsden, Tribe and Black. Among the visitors were Dr. and Mrs. Dick Anderson, Mrs. Morton Anderson and Miss Peach (Mount Somers), Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wood, the latter looking very pretty in a white serge frock with caracul bolero, toque of violets with quills; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bowring, Mrs. and the Misses Cook, Misses Gardner (2), Mrs. Quane, wearing a handsome long red cloak; Hon. E. C. J. Stevens, Miss C. Lean, in a pretty pink silk; Mrs. and Miss Marsden, Mrs. and Miss Wilson, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Croxton, Mr. and Miss McIntyre (New Brighton), Mr. R. D. and Miss G. Thomas, Misses

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