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HORTICULTURAL SHOW.

Seldom if ever has the Choral Hall been so crowded with people as it was on Friday afternoon, the first day of the Horticultural Show, which quite eclipsed all shows of previous years. The hall, which presented a very gay appearance, with all the beautiful blooms exhibited, had additional decorations of different coloured paper roses, intermingled with Lycopodium hung in festoons round the upper walls. A marque was erected outside for the afternoon tea, which was highly appreciated, and excellently managed by the following Ladies' Honorary Committee:—Mrs A. Duvall, Mrs (Dr.) Lindsay, Mrs O. Nicholson, Miss Nellie Baker, Mrs E. J. Harvey, Mrs E. Mitchelson, Mrs A. B. Reynolds, Miss Amy Craig, Mrs J. M. Lennox, Mrs (Dr.) Moir, Mrs C. B. Stone, Miss Jane Mowbray. During the afternoon some very sweet music was played by Marriage's Orchestra.

Among those present I noticed: Mrs W. J. Napier, who wore a stylish black trained voile skirt, holland sac jacket, and Tuscan hat, draped with brown and blue figured silk; Miss Westwood, green gown and green velvet toque; Mrs Sidney Nathan looked remarkably well in a white tucked silk blouse, grass lawn skirt, and fawn straw hat, trimmed with pink roses; Mrs (Dr.) Parkes, black and white muslin gown, white square collar, ruffled with cream lace, white chiffon toque, with touches of black; Miss Savage, dove grey gown, black and white toque, with plumes; Mrs (Prof.) Egerton, green cloth Eton jacket and skirt, with green velvet revers, cream silk vest and black toque; Miss Somerville, electric blue voile, white and black hat; Mrs Goldie, black voile gown, with touches of white, black and white toque, grey ostrich boa; Mrs Hayr, black gown, black toque, trimmed with cream roses; Mrs Baume, black gown and jet bonnet; Mrs Rainger, black figured grenadine, with blue bead incrustations, black and blue toque; Mrs (Dr.) Lindsay was charming in a white embroidered muslin gown, pale blue tie, and black hat; Mrs Lennox, black brocade, black bonnet, embroidered with jet and trimmed with violet flowers; Miss K. Lennox wore a dainty green gown and white hat, brightened with pale blue silk and pink roses; Miss Craig, white muslin; Mrs John Kenderdine, royal blue skirt, white muslin blouse and black and white toque; Miss Mowbray, white silk blouse, inserted with lace, black hat and skirt; Mrs (Dr.) King, black brocaded satin gown, smart short cape, with Medici collar, black velvet toque with plumes; Miss Cooper, blue and white striped silk blouse, black and white check skirt, white hat with plumes; Mrs Shakespear, black and white spotted gown, black bonnet, with pink flowers; Miss Pierce, white drill jacket and skirt, and sailor hat; Mrs C. J. Parr, fawn shot costume, black and white toque; Miss Wilkie, blue and white coat and skirt, white toque with feathers; Mrs A. B. Reynolds looked exceedingly well in a pink French muslin blouse and black trained voile skirt, black crinoline hat, with black and white plumes; Mrs C. B. Stone wore an effective blue figured gown, with square collar, black and white toque; Mrs (Dr.) Moir, black silk gown, with decorations of turquoise blue satin, blue and black bonnet; Miss Dolly Moir, heliotrope silk blouse, black skirt and sailor hat; Miss Belle Moir, white muslin blouse, inserted with lace, dark skirt and sailor hat; Mrs Harvey, stylish lawn costume, brown hat, trimmed with forgetmenots; Mrs (Dr.) Knight, rich black corded silk, bright red toque, with black plumes, grey ostrich boa; Mrs Kent, black silk gown, with touches of blue chiffon, black and blue bonnet; Mrs Edmund Mahony looked pretty in a white tucked silk, with transparent yoke and dainty white toque; Mrs. Arthur Nathan, royal blue brocaded voile, square collar of rich cream lace, and black hat; Mrs. H. Ashton, navy and white spotted foulard gown, with large cream lace collar, black chip hat brightened with poppies; Mrs. W. S. Douglas, striped silk blouse, black trained skirt, and black hat with cream and pink roses; Mrs. (Dr.) Scott, navy cloth gown, with light silk vest, black hat with touches of pink; Mrs. Porter, black brocaded silk skirt, fawn jacket, and black hat with pink roses; Miss Porter, black tucked silk Eton jacket and brocaded skirt, black hat, softened with pink chiffon; Mrs. J. Buchanan, black brocaded gown, trimmed with purple, black and purple toque; Miss K. Nelson, blue and white floral blouse, with white silk collar inserted with lace, black skirt and white hat trimmed with black velvet and yellow roses; Mrs. Cheeseman, black cloth Eton coat and skirt, white toque, trimmed with black velvet and plumes; Miss Milne, stylish black silk lace cloth jacket, black skirt, and bonnet brightened with violet; Miss Meta Aitken looked pretty in white, with large black hat trimmed with violets; Mrs. Benjamin, black and white costume; Mrs. Armitage, smart fawn costume, brown straw hat with folds of cerise silk; Miss Sinclair, black gown and black toque with feathers, ostrich feather boa; Mrs. Haven, black silk gown, floral bonnet; Miss Haven, white blouse, black skirt, white hat with large bright pink bow; Mrs. Rees, fawn cloth gown, cream and black bonnet; Miss Rees, pretty pink muslin blouse, dark skirt, white toque; Mrs. Self, navy costume, with white vest, black toque; Mrs. Manning (Hamilton) looked dainty in a white hailstone muslin and large white hat with plumes; Mrs. J. J. Craig wore a grey voile skirt, white silk tucked blouse and black toque; Mrs. Laurie, fawn costume, pink toque; Mrs. Oldham, black silk gown and cloak, black bonnet with violet; Miss Oldham, black skirt and tucked blouse, black hat, brightened with crimson; Mrs. Phillips, rose pink silk tucked blouse, black skirt and toque with pink roses; Miss Binney, navy tucked lustre and black toque; Miss Graham, grey and white striped gown, Tuscan hat, trimmed with black chiffon and violets; Miss Doughty, blue and white spotted foulard, white hat; Miss Davey, pale pink gingham dress, sailor hat; Mrs. Ernest Beale, black voile, black chip hat trimmed with various coloured roses; Miss Cousins, black skirt and blue blouse, black hat; Mrs. Nelson, black and white figured dress, black toque, with torquoise blue rosette under brim; Miss L. Butters, black skirt, white silk blouse, black picture hat; Miss Towsey, black skirt, blue blouse, black hat; Miss F. Hart, black skirt, white tucked muslin blouse, sailor hat; Miss Posseneskie, white silk dress; Miss Nelson, black skirt, navy silk blouse, sailor hat; Mrs. I. Alexander, handsome black silk, the bodice inserted with white tucked silk, blue toque, with autumn leaves; Miss Tring, grey dress, black toque; Mrs. D. Tole, black skirt, white silk blouse, with black bebe ribbon, black and white hat; Mrs. Tibbs, grey dress, bonnet to match; Mrs. Metcalfe, black dress and toque; Miss Wylde Brown, black satin skirt, pretty floral silk blouse, and Clara Butt hat with blue bow; Mrs. Montague, black dress and hat; Mrs. Cousins, black and white; Mrs. Tewsley, grey skirt and jacket, black picture hat; Miss Rees George, black skirt, floral silk blouse, white sailor hat.

Mrs Street gave a large afternoon tea in her pretty garden at "Birtley," Parnell, last Friday. It was the first outdoor function of this season, and fortunately the weather was simply perfect, the sun shining out, as if approving fully of the festivity, and if his unshorn beams should be too hot for the pleasure-seekers, a gentle breeze rolled across the lawn. Mrs Street, ably assisted by her niece, Miss Rooke, received her many guests on the croquet lawn. A marquee was erected, where afternoon tea, accompanied by tasty cakes, was dispensed. Croquet was indulged in by the devotees of that game. Mrs Broham, who is on a visit to Auckland for a month, is a guest of our hostess for that time. Amongst those present:—

Mrs Street, rich black silk, cape, black bonnet; Miss Rooke, violet foulard, white silk vest, with lace revers and trimming, cream hat with blue silk; Mrs Gillies, very handsome black silk, with bouton d'or let in the neck, and Garribaldi sleeves, black bonnet with bouton d'or roses; Miss Gillies, very stylish white silk, with embroidery let in at hem of skirt and on bodice, pink hat swathed with pink tulle, pink at neck; Mrs Broham, striking black mirror silk, with black lace and passementerie finishings, black bonnet; Mrs Goodhue, [illegible], white vest, black bonnet; Mrs Foster, mauve silk bolero and skirt, white vest, black hat; Miss Horton, mauve silk, black toque swathed with tulle; Mrs Moss, black; Miss Moss, black grenadine; Mrs Reade, grey voile trimmed with narrow beads of brown velvet, black hat; Mrs Williams, black skirt, white silk blouse, black toque; Mrs Louis Myers, very handsome trained black silk, magenta pink velvet bonnet; Mrs Hutchison, black gown, hat with roses; Mrs Arnold, grey gown, black hat; Mrs W. P. Colbeck, very pretty china blue flowered muslin, lace bolero, black hat; Mrs Thorne George, black; Miss Thorne George, blue muslin, black hat swathed with tulle; Mrs S. Kissling, black silk, black bonnet with sea-green ribbons; Miss Kissling, dark skirt, blue blouse, black hat; Mrs H. Kissling, black costume, white vest, hat with roses; Miss Conolly, grey costume, black hat; Miss Stevenson, grey costume, sailor hat; Mrs E. Payton, black costume; Mrs Shepherd, black silk, black toque; Mrs R. A. Carr, flowered muslin skirt, black tucked silk bolero, black hat; Miss Russell, cherry foulard, black toque; Miss Alexander, black, white hat with pink roses; Mrs Chambers, black; and her friend wore a purple foulard, white hat; Mrs Ware, navy gown with white embroidered pattern, black toque with white lace and pink roses; Miss Ware, white silk, black hat; Mrs Buller, black silk, black bonnet; Miss Buller, white silk, black and white toque; Mrs R. Dargaville, black relieved with white; Miss Dargaville, white gown, black hat; Miss Towle, white shower muslin, black hat; Miss Hargreaves, navy coat and skirt, black hat with flowers; Mrs Theo. Kissling, black costume trimmed with jet ornaments; Miss Kissling, black skirt, white blouse; Mrs Kerr Taylor, violet skirt, fawn jacket, violet toque with blue forget-me-nots; Miss Reade, white silk skirt, blue flowered blouse, white hat; Miss Colbeck, black and white figured foulard, black hat; Miss Horne, blue coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Upfil, white flounced pique skirt, white blouse, black hat; Mrs W. R. Holmes, black gown, white hat swathed with pink silk; Mrs Nelson George, black silk, black bonnet; Miss Sutton, pale green silk, grey hat; and her sister wore fawn tussore silk, black hat; Miss Outhwaite, grey poplin, black hat; Mrs Ashley Hunter, black; Mrs Hunt, black; Mrs Rathbone, black silk with pink at neck, black toque; Mrs Aldrich, brown and white striped silk, black bonnet; Mrs Dignan, grey and pink figured foulard, black hat with flowers; Mrs Cheeseman, black; Miss Cheeseman, dark skirt, grey blouse; Misses Kerr Taylor, fawn gowns, toques en suite; Mrs McCullagh, white tucked muslin, black hat with white ostrich feather; Mrs McDonald, black costume, black bonnet with red flowers; Mrs Wilkins, black gown, black bonnet with yellow; Miss Wilkins, white muslin, black hat; and her sister wore brown coat and skirt, white hat trimmed with black; Miss Hull, blue, trimmed with black; and her sister wore grey; Mrs Segar, black gown, black toque; Mrs H. Campbell, violet foulard, black hat; Mrs Duthie, grey silk, trimmed with black and white striped silk ribbons, black hat; Miss McCrae,

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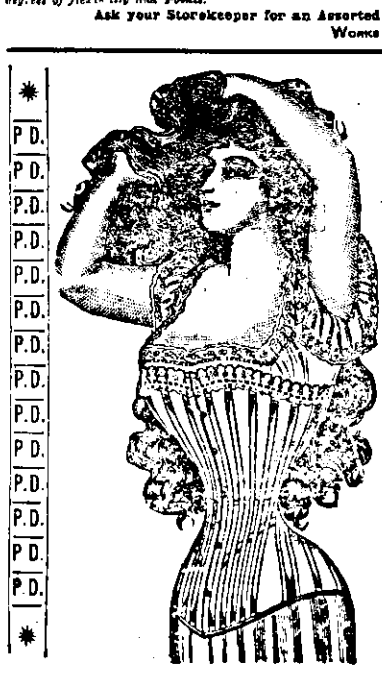

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