

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee,— November 8.
Another very successful little bazaar to raise funds for the Maori Girls' College, was organised by the pupils of the Girls' High School and held at the schoolhouse last Saturday afternoon. There were various kinds of stalls, fancy work, carved work, sweets, and a beautifully-arranged flower stall. Delicious afternoon tea was to be had, and was daintily laid out on little tables, each decorated with flowers. The cakes were most tempting, also the cake stall, which consisted chiefly of competition cakes, which were speedily disposed of. The pupils deserve great praise for their excellent work, and the satisfactory result of their labours is an encouragement for them to again come forward to help some such worthy object. Some of those I noticed at the sale on Saturday were—Miss McLean (head mistress), Miss Fraser, Mrs. and the Misses Wilson, the Misses Morrish, Mrs. Jellicoe, Mrs. and Miss Ratham, Mrs. and Miss Fitzgerald, Mrs. Brandon, Lady Stout, Miss Richmond, Mrs. Meedley, Miss Babor, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. and Miss Powles, Miss Marchant, Miss Brandon, Miss Drausfeld, Miss Harding, and others.

The Musgrove Comic Opera Company is concluding its season to-night with a final production of "The Thirty Thieves." The mounting of this piece is extremely gorgeous, quite outshining "The Chinese Honey-moon" in this respect; in fact, it is a more attractive opera in every way, the music and dancing being very pretty. The dresses worn by Miss Stanton and Miss May Beatty are very pretty. The former first appears in a soft heliotrope and cream frock and floral hat to match; later on she looks very nice in a white satin dress striped with silver, and a deep fluffy chiffon flounce finishing the skirt, also glistening with silver; another made in the same princess style, reaching to the ankles, was of massive silver mail, finished with a thick accordion flounce of black chiffon—a most effective dress. Miss Beatty also wore Princess-shaped dresses, beautifully fitting, one of lovely green satin with the flounce of white lace, and with it a becoming pink chiffon hat, and another, a dainty white, with a wealth of pink roses on her head, was a most successful costume. The most elaborate and gorgeous dressing, however, is seen in the final scene of the last act, when the porcelain procession appears, and groups itself on the stage. The beautifully-blended colouring of the various old chinias, which were represented by each group of girls, was carried out most completely.

We are looking forward to "The Runaway Girl," and "San Toy," which are to be produced by Mr. J. C. Williamson's Company next week. Let us hope rumour has not raised our hopes too high.

The Thornbury Lawn Tennis Club and the Bowling Club opened their

seasons in beautiful weather last Saturday. At both openings delicious tea was provided by the ladies, and there were a large number of visitors and members.

OPHELIA.

CHRISTCHURCH

Dear Bee, November 5.

The youths of our town apparently have a great respect for this 5th November anniversary. The old song is being trolled out in many directions, and the number of "Guys" wishing to be remembered gets wearisome before the day is very old. But we are all ready to take our different ways of amusement, and the Carnival week that we are all expecting so much from is close here, with a full programme, beginning with a large ball to be given by Mr and Mrs G. G. Stead at "Strowan" the night before the Cup (7th), for the coming out of Miss Noeline Stead, their only daughter. Mrs. John Williams' postponed dance is to take place on 11th, in the Art Gallery, in honour of her son, Lieutenant Williams, of H.M.s. Ringarooma; and the Jockey Club Ball is fixed for 13th. The theatre will be occupied with the Majeroni's, and Wirth's Circus is with us, so with four race days, trotting, and Show, could we possibly get any more in. That is the future, but the past includes some interesting functions, the most so being the presentation to Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes at the Alexandra Hall from the citizens of Christchurch. Mr A. E. G. Rhodes, as Mayor during the record year of the Royal visit, acquitted himself so ably, and with so much approval of the citizens they wished to give him some memento of his term of office, and it took the form of a large oil painting of himself by Mr J. L. Balfour. Mrs Rhodes, too, made many friends, and worked very hard, being her husband's right-hand in every way, quite deserving the handsome tiara presented to her. The hall was nicely arranged with numbers of small tables, the picture being on an easel at the top of the room, near which were seated Mr John Anderson, who made the presentation, Mr and Mrs Rhodes, Mr and Mrs W. Reece, Bishop Grimes, and Mr J. J. Kinsey. Miss Sevener's band played during afternoon tea, and then the ceremony took place, finishing with three cheers for Mr and Mrs Rhodes and Master Tahu Rhodes (the future Mayor of Christchurch).

Among those present were the Mayor and Mrs Wigram, the latter in navy blue costume with lace vest, feather toque of pigeon blue; Mrs Rhodes wore a handsome mourning costume, the skirt appliqued with silk; Mrs Reece, mourning costume; Mrs C. Clark, black gown, lace and silk mantle with white under frill, black and white bonnet; Mrs W. Stringer, handsome grey costume finished with lace, becoming hat; Mrs Appleby; Mrs G. Merton, red cloth Eton gown, white felt hat with red velvet; Miss Merton, black skirt, pretty blue muslin blouse; Mrs A. Anderson, black skirt, heliotrope frizze jacket, tuscany hat, and black velvet bows; Miss Anderson, navy blue Russian costume strapped and tabbed with white, tuscany hat; Misses G.

and M. Anderson; Mr and Mrs Ferguson, the latter in grey, with pale blue chiffon vest and lace revers, hat trimmed to match with violets under the brim; Mrs J. J. Kinsey, all black, with very handsome jacket and golden barley in bonnet; Professor and Mrs Cook, the latter in slate grey coat and skirt, tuscany hat with silk trimming; Mr W. D. and Miss N. Menres, the latter in dark grey frizze Russian costume, black hat; Mr and Mrs Struthers, the latter in black, white sequin net vest, lace revers, black and white hat; Mrs H. Quane, Mrs Norton, Mr and Mrs Beswick, Mr and Mrs W. Wood; Mrs T. Garrard, navy and white foulard, chiffon vest strapped with black velvet, black velvet hat and feathers, white chiffon bows; Miss Garrard (Nelson), black canvas skirt and silk blouse, with lace insertion over blue, large black picture hat; Miss Pieshering (Auckland), Mr and Mrs G. E. Martin, Mrs and Miss Graham, Mrs Reeves; Mrs R. D. Thomas, mourning costume; Miss Thomas, Mr and Mrs B. M. Litchfield, Messrs J. G. Moore, R. Macdonald, H. H. Secretan, G. Gould, Staveley, Wilson, and many others.

The Musical Union gave another very enjoyable Orchestral Concert last week in the Canterbury Hall, the chorus contributing three very pretty glees, two having orchestral accompaniment. Miss Katie Young, the Society's pianiste, played a concerto with the orchestra, which, out of a very pleasing programme, was the most enjoyable item. A very large audience, as usual, was present, amongst whom were Professor and Mrs. Cook, the Misses Julius, Mr W. Drenish Mearns and the Misses Mearns (2), Mrs Boehfort and Miss Snow, Mrs and the Misses Bigg-Wither, Mr and Mrs Bellhouse, Mrs and Miss Ross, Mr and Mrs W. Wood, Mr and Mrs H. D. Carter,

Mr and Mrs E. Barber, Mr and Mrs Marriener, Mrs W. Lake, Mrs C. D. Morris, Misses Kiver, Allan, Williams, Dr. and Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs and Mrs Wilding, Miss Fairhurst, and many more.

The Misses Freeman and Fodor were "At Home" on Friday evening to celebrate the opening of the new Girlton College, Latimer Square, when a large number of the parents and friends availed themselves of their kind invitation to see the building. Miss Freeman recited most beautifully herself; Miss Fodor also recited and sang, some of the pupils gave a French dialogue, and others did some lightning arithmetic. Miss Helen Denniston and Miss Stead gave a short scene from "The Merchant of Venice" admirably, the whole making a very pleasant evening, when light refreshments were handed round. Among the guests were Mrs G. G. Stead, Mrs H. Rose, Miss Isabel Martin, Dr. and Mrs Chilton, the latter looked well in black square-cut evening gown; Mrs (Dr.) Mickle, in a beautiful peach silk; Mrs R. Snow, black silk and pale blue chiffon chon in her hair; Mrs C. Cook, Miss Fairhurst, Miss Grant, Miss C. Hargreaves, etc.

With two men-o'-war in port, little parties often go off to them, and vice versa, the officers and men are always welcome on shore. A cricket match was got up last week between an eleven from H.M.s. Ringarooma and H.M.s. Torch, and eleven from our home teams. Mrs Woodhouse provided afternoon tea, with a host of willing helpers amongst her girl friends.

The greatest sympathy is felt for Mr A. F. N. Blakiston by his numerous friends in Christchurch on the death of his wife, which so recently took place in Auckland.

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