

prize-winners came from Clairville Secondary School, Wairarapa. The prize offered by Mr. C. V. Fell for a picture illustrating some virtues on the sand piper was won by "Sonia." Miss D. K. Richmond, of Wellington, was the judge.

Rose Show.

The annual Rose Show held by the Nelson Horticultural Society was this year a superb success. The champion rose, "Le Progrès," was exhibited by Mr. F. W. Hamilton. Mr. Bert Tasker won the silver rose bowl, and Mr. F. W. Hamilton the trophy for the best white roses. The prize for the best decorated table fell to Mrs. H. Wright, Mrs. T. Scott 2. Basket of roses, Mrs. Levy; bowl of roses, Mrs. G. Kerr. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Lyell, amethyst linen coat and skirt, hat en suite; Mrs. Richmond; Mrs. Schlender, pale grey voile, black hat, with wreath of pink roses; Mrs. D. Edwards, white embroidered muslin, mauve hat; Mrs. Frank Hamilton, vieux rose voile, large picture hat; Miss Gibbs, green cloth coat and skirt, floral hat; Mrs. C. Kerr, black costume, hat with roses; Mrs. G. Hoby, mauve linen, black hat; Mrs. C. Green, white muslin, hat wreathed with mauve roses; Miss Bunny, purple cloth, wide straw hat, with black roses; Mrs. and Miss Maginnity, Miss Bell, Mrs and Miss Blackett, Mrs. C. King, Mrs. Fell, Mrs. E. Jackson, Miss Gascoigne, Mrs. and Miss Tomlinson were also present.

Croquet Party.

A delightful croquet party was the one given at the "Cliffs" by Mrs. Franct, Richmond. Some of the guests were: Miss F. Richmond, Miss Richmond, Miss Mules, Mrs. J. Sharp, Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Ben Lewis, Miss Huddleston, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Robinson. The prize was won by Mrs. Allen.

Musical.

An enjoyable musical party was given by Miss Lucy Hunter-Brown at her residence, "Long Look-out." Some of those present were: Mrs. Robinson, Miss Sylvia Fell, Miss Gibbs, Misses Maginnity, Misses Blackett, Miss Tomlinson, and Miss Atkinson.

Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Macquarie entertained a number of their friends at bridge at the "Haeremat." The first prize was won by Mrs. C. H. Cooto and the second by Mrs. J. Sharp. Some of the guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burnes, Mr. and Mrs. Cooto, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Booth, Mr and Mrs Adam Burnes (Oamaru), Mrs. Harris, and Dr. and Mrs. S. Gibbs.

Personal.

Colonel A. Robin has been making a short stay here. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Burnes (Oamaru) are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burnes. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Price have returned from their visit to Wellington. DOLA'E.

PICTON.

November 17.

Horticultural Show.

A fair number of people interested in flowers and flower lore went to Blenheim on Thursday to see the Spring Show, and some of them carried off a few of the honours. Mrs. Riddell won many prizes for her roses, and Miss Harwood won Mrs. Duncan's trophy and the prize for the champion bloom. The show was the best Blenheim has had for several years. Some of the Picton people present were: Mrs. T. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Riddell, Mrs. and Miss Allen, Mrs. Macalister, Dr. and Mrs. Redman, Mrs. Tarrant, and Misses Harwood and Dart.

Picnic.

The Ladies' Reading Society held their annual picnic on Friday, leaving Picton at 5 p.m. in a launch for one of the pretty bays up Long Beach way, and returning about 10 p.m. A most delightful time was spent. The surroundings were most beautiful. It was an Adamless Eden, and no one had time to miss him, anyhow. The hostesses were Dr. Paterson, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. C. Philpotts, Misses Kenny, Millington, Chaytor, and Philpotts, and the guests were Mesdames Allen, Seymour, Tripe, Hislop (2), Wellington, Healey, Halsett, Riddell, and Misses Seymour, Allen, Western, Scott, Greenhill, and Dawkins. No mere man marred the occasion.

Spring Show.

The Picton Spring Show was held yesterday, and was the best show the society has held for several years. The rage for rose-growing has made a great improvement, and many people are now interesting themselves in floriculture for the love of the roses. Mrs. Riddell was the chief prizetaker, having over thirty to her credit. Misses Dart came next. There was a good deal of healthy competition from Blenheim, the principal exhibitors from there being Mr and Mrs J. Conolly, Mr. and Mrs. F. Redwood, Mr. and Mrs. Aberhart, Mr. and Mrs. Holdaway, Misses Fryer (2), Reid, Mr. P. Cooke, etc. The prizes for decorated tables were awarded to Miss Fryer first, and Miss Chaytor second. The roses were very beautiful, and much interest was taken in them, and also in the children's exhibits and domestic produce, which, as usual, was first class. Vegetables also were pleasant to look at at this season of the year, and the fruit—cherries and strawberries—were exquisite.

Personal.

Archdeacon Ensor (Christchurch) and his son are visiting friends in the district. Mrs. Middleton (Wellington) and Miss Grace (Blenheim) spent a few days at Mrs. Cawte's (Mahakipawa) this week. Mr. Dive, an erstwhile resident of Marlborough, is visiting friends in this district. Mr. Couch is spending a week here enjoying trips about the Sound. Mrs. T. Grace (Blenheim) is staying at Miss Blizzard's Sanatorium, near Long Beach, Queen Charlotte Sound. Miss Scott, matron of the Picton Hospital, who left here on holiday leave, was taken ill, and unable to proceed further than Wellington.

November 10.

The Ladies' Golf Championship was played off on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for Mrs. Riddell. A party of ladies made a picnic of the occasion, going out to the links in the morning, and returning by train in the evening, and enjoying their lunch and afternoon tea in the golfhouse. Those present were Mesdames Vickers, Madsen, Riddell and Lucena, Misses Cragg, Seymour, Harwood, and Storey (2).

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Personal.

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BLENHEIM.

November 17.

Horticultural Society.

The Spring Show held by the Marlborough Horticultural Society, in the Town Hall on Thursday last, was a great success. One noticeable feature was the variety of exquisite roses exhibited, which were much admired by fanciers. There was rather a shortage of pot plants, and the floral designs were perhaps not so numerous as at previous shows, but those entered were very creditable to the exhibitors. There was a very fine display of lemons shown by Mr. Fred Redwood. The domestic products were more select than numerous, while the children's exhibits were deserving of all praise. Quite a number of Picton people attended the show during the afternoon. Guessing competitions and a nail driving competition caused considerable interest during the evening. A few of those I noticed present were: Mrs. Riddell (Picton), Mrs. Macalister (Picton), Mrs. Redman (Picton), Mrs. Clouston (2), Mrs. Orr, Mrs. Bell (2), Mrs. Neville, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Broughton, Mrs. Conolly, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Innis, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Chaytor, Mrs. Leslie (Gisborne), Mrs. Redwood, Mrs. Allan (Picton), Misses Allen, Ball, Chapman, Ewart, B. Griffiths, Clouston (3), Neville (2), Bull, Smith, Messrs. J. Conolly, Broughton, Smale, Anderson, R. Bell, H. Hodson, W. Clunghward, A. Davey, R. Bird, Macey, Small, Hart, etc.

A Dance.

On Tuesday evening Miss Doris and Mr. G. Fisher entertained a number of friends at a dance which they held in the Grosvenor Hall. The floor was in splendid order, and excellent music was supplied by Mr. Cheers, and a lovely supper was most artistically arranged on long

tables at one end of the hall. Mrs. Fisher received the guests in a mauve ecru lace gown relieved with ermine; Miss Doris Fisher looked pretty in a white silk frock. Others present were: Mrs. Elson (Wellington), black taffeta; Mrs. Florence, pale green taffeta; Mrs. E. Wiffen, ermine (Neta) robe; Mrs. W. Wiffen, ermine silk; Misses Florence, pale blue crepe de chene; O. Marsh, white net; C. Clouston, ermine taffeta; Elson (Wellington), pale pink silk; Z. Clouston, black velvet; Neville, pale blue taffeta frock; Amuri Neville white silk; Easther, black taffeta; Gunn (Seddon), white book muslin frock; Nosworthy (2), ermine dresses; McNab, white embroidered frock; Ewart (2), white muslin; Messrs. Fisher (2), R. Bird, Sanson, W. Clunghward, Barnett, Wilson, O'Mera, P. Hill, Willis (Wellington), Perrett, etc.

Personal.

Mrs. B. Coleman, "Vernon," has returned from visiting Christchurch. Mrs. Webster (New Plymouth) is visiting Mrs. Bennet in Maxwell-road. Miss Connie Clouston is away on a short visit to Wellington. Mrs. Leslie (Gisborne) is visiting the Misses Ball, Grove-road. Mr. and Mrs. P. Stewart (Spring Creek) have returned from a short visit to the North Island. JEAN.

CHRISTCHURCH.

November 18.

Altogether Delightful.

A "Bal Poudre" was given last week in the Art Gallery by Mrs. A. Boyle (Riccarton) and Mrs. J. Studholme (Bealey-avenue). It was an altogether delightful dance, and the coup d'oeil of the artistically decorated room filled with the charmingly gowned and powdered dancers, was simply perfect. Garlands of pink roses were festooned from the ceiling, caught here and there with hanging baskets of lycopodium. The hand-painted programmes were wreathed with roses, and the tables in the supper-room were decorated with pink roses and pink sweet peas. The hostesses received their guests in the ballroom. Mrs. Boyle was handsomely gowned in a black satin robe, embroidered with jet and relieved with white chiffon, under a network of crystals; Mrs. Studholme also wore a black satin gown draped with beautiful Honiton lace, she carried a lovely bouquet of crimson roses; Mrs. Algar Williams (Wellington), a frock of rich ivory satin, made with panniers, and trimmed with lace; Miss Boyle, frock of white ninon, draped with garlands of sweet pink rosebuds; Mrs. J. D. Hall, pastel blue ninon over sunset pink satin, with pink embroideries; Mrs. E. Studholme, cream satin with silver sequined embroidery; Mrs. Banton (Wairarapa), gown of ivory satin and guipure lace; Mrs. Henry Aeland, amethyst crepe de chine embroidered with jewels; Miss Watson (Sydney), old rose pink crepe de soie, interwined with cream lace; Mrs. Norton Francis, white crepe de chine, with touches of silver; Miss Wood, frock of ivory net, threaded with pale blue satin; Miss Grigg (Longbeach), pale blue satin; Miss Hope (Tamaru), black satin relieved with white chiffon; Mrs. Melville Jameson (Tamaru), pale green brocaded silk, relieved with black; the Misses Anderson, white ninon tunics over frocks of apricot silk; Miss Wilding, rose pink satin; Miss Humphreys, pale pink ninon, trimmed with cream lace and touches of pale blue; Miss Agnes Humphreys, black ninon and cream lace; Miss Marshall (Wangamui), rose pink satin and lace; Mrs. Burton, white satin dress; Miss Burton, frock of white brocade with silver and pearl embroideries; Miss H. Burton (debutante), frock of white satin, veiled with white chiffon; Mrs. George Gould, lemon yellow satin gown with sheath tunic of silver and pearl embroidered net; Mrs. A. Roberts (Westerfield), Princess gown of white satin, veiled with a tunic of black Spanish lace, the front panels being embroidered in pearls; Miss Thomas, frock of white embroidered net with pink roses; Miss Symes, black satin with net tunic, embroidered with jet; Miss Bowden, frock of white satin with ninon overskirt; Miss Barker (Geraldine), a frock of pink and white pompadour silk; Miss Rhodes (Tamaru), pale pink satin and lace; Miss N. Reeves, gown of silver grey satin and ninon; Mrs. Arthur Elworthy (Tamaru), silver grey ninon and pink roses; Mrs. Guyon Macdonald (Orari), blue satin and

cream lace; Mrs. Elgar (Wellington), mauve satin, embroidered in silver; Miss Elgar, pale blue ninon with aquinet net; Miss Anson, Princess frock of pale green satin, embroidered with Parma violets; Miss Hammer, maize-coloured satin, trimmed with gold; Miss M. Hammer, white satin and chiffon; Miss Seddon (Wellington), black satin with sequins; Miss Strachey, pale green crepe de chine; Miss Murray-Aynsley, white satin and lace; Miss Hope (Tamaru), black satin, relieved with white chiffon; the Misses Burns, frock of pale pink satin striped chiffon, hemmed with pink satin; Miss Williams, black crepe de chine; Miss Harcourt (Wellington), white satin and lace; Mrs. Savill (Waddington), apricot satin, veiled with lace; Mrs. P. Elworthy (Tamaru), frock of pale pink satin, with tunic of silver spangled tulle;

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