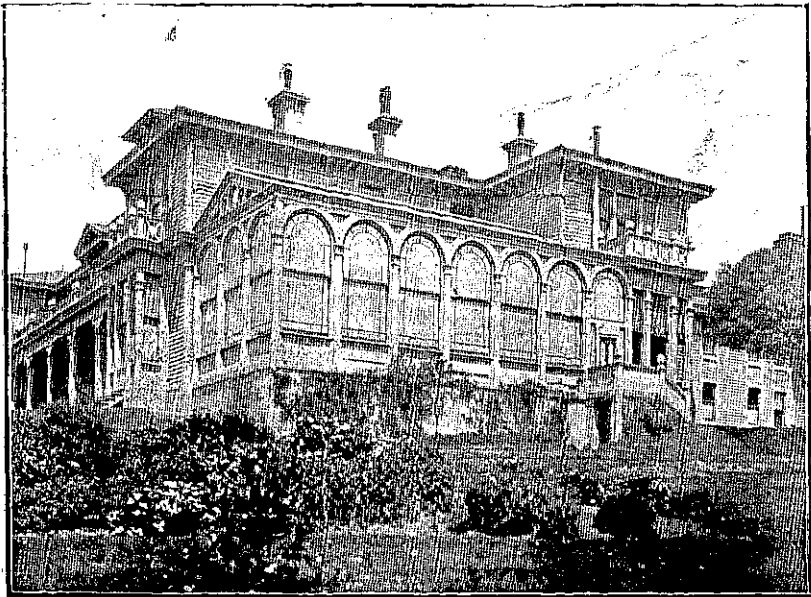


book as Tenniel's are of Lewis Carroll's immortal production. I can only invite my readers to ask for it through their booksellers. It is exquisitely printed and bound, contains 200 pages, and the published price is only one and sixpence.

The Premier of New Zealand, recognizing the good that may be done by the encouragement of literature in New Zealand, has offered a Special Prize of Three Guineas through the New Zealand Literary and Historical Association for the best original story. He has aptly chosen for the subject one which gives the author an admirable chance to display his descriptive abilities in dealing with adventurous pioneering days, viz., that of

goldmining from the time of the earliest discoveries in Otago, the West Coast and the Thames. The only other conditions of the competition are that the story shall not exceed 3000 words in length, and that it be forwarded to the Registrar of the Association, P.O., Box 540, Auckland, not later than June 1st. As is usual in such competitions, the story must be signed by a nom de plume, and the name of sender and his or her nom de plume enclosed in an envelope. Judges will be appointed by the Council of the Association. It is to be hoped that others will follow Mr Seddon's example of offering prizes, as the Association is well worthy of support in this direction. Full particulars can be obtained from the Registrar of the Association.



C. E. Caley, Another View of Government House, Wellington.

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