

In the News In New Zealand

CODFORD CAMP CONCERT

To-night the Codford Camp Concert takes place under the patronage of Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Liverpool. The total receipts are to be cabled to Miss Clara Rogers, of the Volunteer Nursing Sisterhood, in order to give the New Zealand boys at Codford Convalescent Camp a Christmas akin to that which they would receive at their homes in New Zealand. The programme for the concert is an excellent one. The vocal solos are :- "The Enchantress," Madam Anderson; "Cam' ye by Atholl," Madam Kennedy; "The Two Grenadiers," Mr Len Barnes; selected solo, Corporal S. L. Exton. The elocution items include: "The Red Thread of Honour," Rev. A. E. Hunt; "The Coward," Miss Ethel Churchill; "The J.P.," Corpl. Shakes; selected item, Mr L. W. Hanlon. Violin solos will be given by Miss M. M'Laughlin and Corporal Rinesmith. Miss Saunders' dancing pupils will contribute items and there will be bayonet fighting under Lieut. Rankin. The orchestra will be conducted by Mr Szenes.

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On Saturday night in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall, a concert to raise funds to provide a Christmas dinner for the New Zealanders at Codford Camp, was held. Their Excellencies the Earl and Countess of Liverpool extended their patronage to the function, which was successful from every point of view. Madam Anderson, who sang "The Enchantress" and "Coming Home," also an encore number, was excellent. Corporal S. L. Exton, Corporal A. M. Rhinesmith, Corporal Shakes, and Corporal R. Simpson, contributed several items, and were recalled again and again; musical monologues, given by Miss Ethel Churchill and Mr L. W. Hanlon, were encored. Miss Saunders's dancing pupils – Miss E. Liardet, and Miss N. and Master Jack Morris – were very graceful in their movements. Mr Szene's student orchestra opened the second part of the programme in pleasing style. Miss M. M'Laughlin played "Air Variet" (Beriot) on the violin with much expression. The Rev. A. E. Hunt recited the "red Thread of Honour" with dramatic effect, and was recalled. Bayonet fighting and rifle exercise were given by a team under Lieut. Renkin. Corporal Helleway was the accompanist during the evening.

The treasurer, Mr E. J. Smith, announced the result of the Flower Day, last Friday. The total takings were £39 3s. He added that the secretary (Miss A. McGill) had that day received a cheque of £100 from the Wairarapa Patriotic Society. Ices, confectionary, and flowers were on sale during the evening. Mrs Rowntree was in charge of the ices, Miss Black the confectionary and Miss Hanna the flowers. The thanks of the committee are due to Messrs. Scoullar and Co. (for the laon of stage furnishings), Miss Poole (Pot plants), the Bristol Piano Co., and Beggs

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