

# The Christchurch Times

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## BAZAAR AT THE REDHOUSE.

The Red House—the new name given to the range of buildings opposite the vicarage formerly known as the old workhouse, and which have lately become the property of the Rev. T. H. Bush, who has effected considerable alterations and improvements in them — was the scene on Wednesday and Thursday of a grand fancy fair and bazaar, which was held for the purpose of liquidating the debt on the National schools, which we hear, amounted to upwards of £300. The bazaar, which was under the patronage of the Marchioness of Waterford, the Countess of Malmesbury, the Hon. Mrs. Douglas, Lady Meyrick, Lady Shelley, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Ricardo, Mrs. Thursby, Mrs. Maberly, Mrs. Sloman, Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Holloway, was very numerously attended on both days, some idea of the number attending being gathered from the fact that the receipts at the door amounted to within a few pence of £24. Three rooms on the ground floor were nicely arranged for the purpose of the bazaar, the stall-holders being: Mrs. Bush, who was assisted by Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Benison, Mrs. McGlynn, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Hartford, Mrs. Mead and Miss Wing; Mrs. A. G. Payne, who was assisted by Mrs. Kemp-Welch, Mrs. Fynes Clinton, the Misses Morant and Miss Knight; Mrs. Maberly, who was assisted by the Hon. Mrs. Ward, Miss Maberly and the Misses Ward; and the Misses Ricardo assisted by Miss Ward. The articles on sale at the bazaar were for the most part of ornamental character, but many useful things were to be obtained as well. There were several interesting pieces of work upon each stall; but particularly were some charming things to be observed at Mrs. Payne's stall, where among the great variety of Indian work which was to be seen was a very costly worked table cloth (valued at fifty guineas), and some silk work upon a deerskin. In another room, much attention was directed to a capital set of pony harness given by Mr. Lane, and a well-fashioned doll's house presented by Mr. Davis. A flower stall was in the charge of Miss Knowles; and a weighing machine was under the care of Mr. Arthur G. Payne. The refreshment stall was superintended by Mrs. Watmough with whom were Mrs. Vipian and Mrs. Robert Druitt; while an "old curiosity shop" was in charge of Messrs. Wilkes and Howe. In the grounds Sergt. Kelly had charge of a shooting range, which proved an attraction to many; whilst a photographic studio in the conservatory was in the care of Mr. George M. Smooker. Three other rooms were set apart for the exhibition of pictures and engravings, a collection numbering about 150 being hung in an attractive manner by Mr. Goddard, Mr. E. Hart and Mr. Jenkins, and were in charge of Mr. Robert Druitt and Mr. Harbidge. The pictures, some of which were of a rare character, and others of particularly local interest, were kindly lent by the Marchioness of Waterford, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Lowe, the Misses Goddard, Gen. the Hon. B. M. Ward, Capt Lamb, Gen. Maberly, the Rev. Canon Ballard, Dr. Hartford, Alderman Holloway, Councillors Davis, Newlyn and Tucker, Messrs. Argyle, Budden, Druitt, Ferrey, Fynes Clinton, Galton, Goddard, Hart, Howe, Jeans, J. B. Jenkins, Pain, Payn, Preston, F. Reeks, W. Reeks, Severne, Stokes, Trevis, Tucker, Watmough, J.W. White, &c. At intervals on Wednesday, vocal and instrumental concerts were given in the large room upstairs, the programme being sustained by Miss Davis, Messrs Hone, Wilkes, Davis, Druitt, Clinton, Payn, and Stevens. The chief attraction on Wednesday was an exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's waxworks, which was superintended in a satisfactory manner by Mrs. Jesson. So great was the attraction that although three performances were given on Wednesday, a special performance was given on the second day. The impersonations were: "Mrs. Jarley," Mrs. Jesson; "Gog and Magog" (attendants), the Rev. M. Elrington Bisset and Mr. F. C. Stevens; "Joan of Arc," Miss Sybil Morant; "Cleopatra," Mrs. Fynes-Clinton; "Jubilee doll," Miss M. E. Gill; "Sleeping Beauty and the Prince," Miss Hay Morant and Lieut. Hickie; "Nero" Mr. Fynes-Clinton; "Mrs. Winslow," Mr. G. E. Gill; "Pears soap," Mr. W. H. Trail and Mr. C.G. Jackson. On Thursday the entertainment in the large room upstairs was changed to "Cinderella," which was played by about twenty of the schoolchildren, whose pleasing performances were much admired. The number of persons anxious to patronise the performance was so great that no less than

four representations had to be rendered, each of a considerable length. The children were trained in the musical portions of the performance by Miss. M. Druitt and Mr. Hone; while Mrs. Jesson and Mrs. McGlynn directed the other details in the play. The proceedings on each evening were enlivened with music by the Christchurch Town band, which was stationed on the lawn. In addition to those named many others did their best to make the bazaar a success, and from all appearances, their efforts were rewarded. The net proceeds are estimated to exceed £200, which with the addition of some promised subscriptions will result in the total extinction of the debt.