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FETE AND SALE OF GIFTS.

The Parish Hall, Claremont, presented an attractive appearance last night, the occasion being the opening of a grand fete and sale of gifts held for the purpose of augmenting the building fund of the proposed new Claremont Presbyterian Church. The various stalls were laden with a profusion of useful and ornamental articles (the former predominating), and were set out in the manner which reflected credit on those responsible. In contradistinction to the usual practice the goods for disposal were marked with their selling price in plain figures. In addition to the stalls there were in evidence guessing, hat trimming, and other competitions for ladies and gentlemen, and a conjuring and mystical display. The opening ceremony, which was largely attended, was performed by the Mayoress (Mrs. E. H. Mofflin) at 8 p.m. The proceedings were commenced by the singing of the Psalm 100, after which prayer was offered by the Rev. F. E. Ozer, M.A., B.D., minister of the Church, who presided. Mrs. Mofflin then, in response to a request from Mr. Ozer, declared the fete open, and at the same time expressed the hope that it would result in a great success. Throughout the evening those in charge of the stalls and other attractions were kept busy attending to the requirements of patrons. The stallholders were:—Work stall, Mrs. Conochie, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. A. C. Munro (president Ladies' Guild), Mrs. McIntyre; produce stall, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Morison, Mrs. Thompson; cake stall, Mrs. Keast, Mrs. McNeil, Mrs. Syme, Mrs. Turner; flower stall, Mrs. Grieve, Mrs. Hetherington, the Misses Clarke; refreshment stall, Miss McLean and the Girls' Guild; book and men's stall, Messrs. W. Dick, M.A., H. Campbell, W. Galt, F. H. Moyle, and A. Watt; shooting gallery, Messrs. Wackett and McBean; fishpond, Misses Jessie Conochie and Doris Turner; bran pie, Mesdames J. J. Munro and Jas. Irvine; hat trimming competition, Miss Young and Miss Munro; nail driving competition, Mr. Jack Shepherd; guessing competition, Mrs. Richards and Mr. Harvey Rae; cloakroom, Messrs. Eric and Alic Munro. The fete will be continued this afternoon and evening. In the afternoon it will be opened at 3 o'clock by Mrs. D. G. Gawler, and Mr. F. A. Moseley will perform a similar ceremony in the evening at 8 o'clock.