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tingered one ". Dressed as a Chinese, complete with pig tail, he gave an astounding performance of conjuring. Wrist watches, wallets and necklaces disappeared with amazing speed, card tricks, etc., were no less clever. I do not know whether he has ever been to China, hailing, as I was told, from somewhere north of the Gothard, but he certainly was successful in creating an atmosphere of this strange country.

Victor Barrett and Doreen Freeman gave a perfect performance of graceful ballroom dancing.

Then dancing continued and only ended at 11 p.m. It was a most entertaining and successful afternoon and evening, and our cari ticinesi are to be heartily congratulated on having enabled us to forget for a few fleeting moments our daily cares and worries. ST.

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