THE bride was simply attired in cream figured lustre with full silk sleeves, the bodice trimmed with lace. Full tulle veil and wreath completed this tasteful costume, and an exquisite shower bouquet.

THE bridesmaids were sisters of the bride—the Misses E., Mildred, Crissy, and Emily Ellis. They wore most becoming frocks of brown serge, two trimmed with old gold velvet and beaver fur, brown velvet hats with feathers to match; the other two pink silk bodices veiled with black net, brown straw hats trimmed with brown and pink. They carried lovely shower bouquets, and wore gold brooches, the bridegroom's gift. Two sweet little flower girls were in attendance—Misses Kathleen and Mary Gould—in Kate Greenaway costumes of cream colour with silk hats to match, tan shoes, stockings, and mittens.

MR ARTHUR ELLIS (cousin of the bride) acted as best man.

MRS ELLIS wore a handsome blue and black crêpon, black fur-trimmed mantle, the bonnet brightened with pink.

THE bride's travelling dress was brown and fawn, with hat to match. The honeymoon is to be spent touring the West Coast.

AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE, MAY 25.

There is so much going on just now I seem to live in a whirl. Last Monday the Vice-regal party paid a long-intended visit to the Waitomo caves. They left Auckland by special train at 8.30 to Hangatiki, reaching the place at noon. Here they proceeded on horse and in carriages to the caves. Major Elliot joined the pary at Rangiriri. They returned to Hamilton for the night and came back to Auckland in the forenoon of Wednesday ready for the reception in the evening. Mr Mueller (Crown Lands Commissioner) kindly lent the apparatus for using the magnesium light, so that the interior of the caves—the stalactites and the stalagmites—were seen to the best advantage.

The Grammar School Old Boy's Association celebrated their 27th anniversary by a very pleasant and successful social. It was held in the Grammar School buildings, and was attended by about 120 old boys. The present and popular headmaster, Mr J. W. Tibbs, Mr Holland (Mayor), Canon Nelson, etc., were present. The committee—Dr. Roberton, Messrs A. G. Cooke, P. F. Battley, and W. K. Bruce—must be congratulated together with the secretary, N. L. Holm Bias, on the excellent result of their labours. The musical items are given elsewhere.

A fashionable

RECEPTION

was given by the Countess of Glasgow at Government House last Wednesday evening from nine o'clock until half-past eleven. His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Glasgow received the guests, who numbered about 140. Among them were His Excellency the Admiral and staff and other officers of the fleet. The drawing-room and corridors were tastefully decorated with large pots of ginger plant, fern palms, and bamboos, and were brilliantly lighted up with incandescent gas lamps, an installation of which has been put in throughout Government House. The gowns worn were new and handsome, and the brilliant light showed them off to advantage, though I heard rumours of the light being rather trying to some of the complexions. Light refreshments were dispensed during the evening in the intervals of pleasant conversation, and Impey's band performed a series of soft choice musical selections. Lady Glasgow wore oyster grey brocade finished with twine, coloured lace, diamond necklet and ornaments, aigrette in hair *en suite*; Lady Augusta Boyle looked very pretty in such a charming white silk veiled in pleated chiffon; Lady Helen Boyle, black silk with panels of white lace, natural violets on corsage, white feather aigrette in hair; Colonel and Mrs Goring, the lady looking stately as ever in a navy flowered silk finished with panels of buttercup silk; the Primate and Mrs Cowie, the latter looking extremely well in a black velvet with bead trimming, white muslin chemisette; Miss Cowie looked sweet in a white Liberty silk; Archdeacon Dudley, Mrs Dudley, black silk relieved with white lace; Miss Winnie Dudley, ciel blue satin with fichu of white muslin; Dr. and Mrs Purchas, the lady wearing a black silk; Miss Mildred Purchas, maize-coloured silk; Miss Shepherd, handsome black silk with rose-coloured balloon sleeves; Mrs Thomas Morrin, buttercup brocade with roses *en suite*; Hon. Mr Devereux, Mrs Devereux, black satin; Miss Devereux, white chiné silk flowered with pink rosebuds; Mrs Ware, blue silk front to skirt, the back and bodice of pale pink striped moiré, rose pink bébé sleeves; Miss Ware, rich maize brocade; Miss Griffiths stylish cream brocade; Mrs (Col.) Dawson, blue mirror silk *en traine*, the bodice of pale blue flowered in pink; Mrs Dignan was looking very beautiful in a dome blue silk relieved with white lace; Professor and Mrs Egerton, the lady wearing a white Liberty silk finished with chiffon; Mrs Hope Lewis, buttercup brocade, black lace epaulettes; Mr Holland (the Mayor), Mrs Holland, black silk with lace; Miss Essie Holland, pink creponette; Misses Kerr-Taylor, pale pink silks; Mrs Haines, striking combination of brown and pink finished with gold passementerie and pink flowers; Mrs Isaacs, black velvet *en traine*; Miss Kate Isaacs, Mexique blue silk with black jet beads; Miss Isaacs (Sydney), handsome white satin with sprays of lily of the valley, butterfly sleeves; Miss Beatrice Bull, white silk with wreath of lily of the valley; Mr and Mrs J. M. Shera, the lady wearing white china silk flowered with red and trimmed with red silk, *en traine*; Mr and Mrs Willie Bloomfield, the latter in a dome blue brocade; Mr and Mrs Lucas Bloomfield, the lady wearing orange brocade with artificial violets on shoulder; Mr and Mrs Greenway, the lady gowned in black silk with artificial violets; Miss Firth, azure nil blue; Miss Chambers, handsome black satin with pink flowers; Mrs Dargaville, black silk with gold passementerie; Miss Dargaville, white silk; Mrs Moss-Davis, black silk, with silver passementerie *en traine*; Miss Sybel Moss-Davis, white silk with ropes of pearls; Mr and Mrs Lyons, the lady in white silk skirt veiled in white muslin with peacock coloured sequins, the bodice of blue silk veiled in the same muslin; Miss Mowbray, white silk with canary trimmings; Mrs McLaughlin looked *distinguée* in black silk with old rose trimmings, pink aigrette in hair; Miss McLaughlin was simply gowned in white silk; Miss O. Wilkins, white silk skirt with pale blue check blouse veiled in net with sequins; Mrs Thompson, black silk with absinthe green sleeves veiled in black net; Miss Thompson, black silk skirt, blue blouse; Mr and Mrs Alfred Nathan, black velvet relieved with white lace, diamond necklet and ornaments; Miss Murray, spruce silk; Mrs Hammer, black costume relieved with white; Herr Carl Schmitt, Madame Schmitt, handsome black silk relieved with red; and many others whose names I cannot recall at this present moment. Messrs Harry and Ernest Bloomfield, Percival, Gordon, Fenwick, Cowie, Fitzgerald, Isaacs, Ridings, etc.

Mrs Cheeseman gave a

LARGE MUSICAL EVENING

last Tuesday at her pretty residence, 'Marunui,' Orakei Road, Remuera. The night was very cold, so that dances were interspersed with the musical items. Both reception and dancing-room were tastefully trimmed with chrysanthemums and branches of rimu. The supper-table was decorated with two shades of yellow silk and finished with chrysanthemums and fruit of the tomato tree, which added greatly to the effect with its rich colouring. Mrs Cheeseman wore a handsome black silk *en traine*, finished with white lace; Mrs Keesing (Symonds-street), black velvet with white point lace; Miss Keesing, pale blue silk with green velvet sleeves and finishings, and her sister, cream brocaded silk veiled in pale heliotrope chiffon and finished with velvet bows of a darker hue; Mrs Thomas Morrin, black silk skirt, pink silk blouse veiled in net with balloon sleeves; Mrs McMillan, pink shot with petunia brocaded silk trimmed with velvet of a darker hue, diamond ornaments; Miss McMillan, pretty ciel blue silk; Mrs Scio, black satin with black bead passementerie; Mrs (Major) Banks, handsome black silk; Mr and Mrs Tewsley, the lady looking exceedingly well in black velvet and bead trimmings; Mrs Seegner, bright coquelicot red silk; Mr and Mrs Matthew Clark, the lady wearing autumn brown velvet with full cream vest; Mrs Payton, black silk with cerise bands; Mrs Tilly, handsome black satin with white bebé sleeves veiled in black lace; Misses Kerr-Taylor, white; Miss Keesing, grey silk with white; Miss Dargaville, cream striped creponette finished with canary tulle; Miss Edith Dargaville, nil green silk; Mr and Mrs Lyons, the lady wearing a handsome trained gown with geranium pink satin; Miss Aubrey, a combination of black and pink; Miss Thorpe, white shower muslin; Miss Keesing, brick red silk; Mrs Hay, black silk; Mrs Foster, black velvet with rose pink sleeves; Miss Mabel Hay, black silk with pink flowers on shoulder; Miss Mason (Sydney), white silk; Miss Herrold, black relieved with pink; and her sister wore a canary-coloured gown; Mrs Scheriff, stylish black silk; Miss Eva Scheriff, black velvet with white finishings; Miss Dolly Scheriff looked well in a smart white silk with bead trimmings; Mrs Gamble (jun.), stylish combination of dome blue and black silk; Mrs Edward Morton, black; Misses Cheeseman were similarly attired in dark gowns; Mrs A. P. Wilson looked very well in black silk; Mr and Mrs Whitney, the lady wearing a black silk with blue finishings; Mrs Hague Smith, a combination of black and pink; her daughter was wearing a sea blue silk with rose pink velvet rosettes; Mrs Lucky, red shot and shaded silk; Mrs Kilgour, gold and black striped skirt, with gold satin panels; Miss Nicholson, white Liberty silk; Miss Kilgour, white silk with emerald green velvet trimmings; Mrs Gudson (Hawera), pink silk, *en traine*, with white muslin trimmings; Mr and Mrs Harry Keesing, the lady wearing a handsome black silk; Mrs R. Keesing, grey brocaded silk; etc., etc. Messrs Dargaville, Keesing, Wansborough, Herrold, Seegner, Mr. Kellar, and many others whose names I did not hear were amongst the men present.

THE GLENSIDE CLUB,

through the kindness and assistance of Mrs Young, entertained a good number of friends at her residence, Symonds-street, on Friday evening. Dancing was kept up until twelve. I noticed there Miss J. Reeve, who looked well in black velvet; Miss E. Brett, white; Miss A. Stevenson, white with yellow sash; Miss Dickey Stevenson, crushed strawberry net; Miss Whyte, heliotrope silk; Miss Sellers, yellow and black; Miss M. Sellers, vieux rose; Mrs Young, black; Mrs Hay, black with jet and white; Mrs Connell, dark dress; Miss J. Pierce looked nice in white; Miss K. Pierce, black velvet skirt, pink silk bodice; Miss MacCormick, white with pearl trimmings; Miss Grace Hesketh, white; Miss Millie Hesketh, maize-coloured silk; Miss Goodwin, pink; Miss M. Williamson, white; Miss Von der Hyde looked very well in white; Miss Ethel Dixon, white and yellow sash; and a few others. Amongst the gentlemen were Messrs Battley, Dixon Gordon, Churton, Burton, Whitson, Hay, Williamson, etc.

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