

skirt, dark blue blouse; Mrs Oldham, white pique; Mrs McDonald, black; Miss Maggie McDonald, fawn and black combination; Mrs H. Nolan, stylish combination of fawn and pink; Miss O'way, blue cambric, black velvet hat; Miss Little, pink muslin, black velvet hat; Miss Mitchell, dark skirt, green shot alpaca bodice, white hat, with mauve trimming; Miss Percival, blue silk, veiled in white, white hat, turned up at one side, with pink roses; Miss Edith Percival, grey lustre, with ecru lace and green silk; Miss Ethel Percival, green plaid French muslin and sash, cream hat, with white flowers; Miss Peacocke, white shower mullin; Miss Sage, white hailstone spotted muslin; Miss Stevenson (Glenholm), pink muslin; her sister, blue; Misses Kerr-Taylor, white grenadine; Mrs Thorpe, black; her three daughters were suitably attired in white; Mrs Thornton, French blue silk, black picture hat; Mrs Worsp, pale green silk, bonnet to correspond; Miss Daisy Worsp looked sweet in white muslin, with lace insertion, white hat to correspond; Miss Worsp, pink and white striped cambric

To my list of those who kindly contributed money to the Costley Home tea I omitted Mrs Scannell's name.

Mrs Conolly's reception the other day was not given as a farewell to her daughter, who is merely visiting her brother for a week or two, but was just an ordinary friendly gathering.

EXHIBITION

is quite the correct place for a promenade. Amongst those whom I have happened to notice there were Miss Kent, wearing a Nil green gown; Miss Towsey, white pique; Mrs Thornton looked stylish in a floral muslin, white silk sash, large Leghorn hat with plumes and turned up at the back; Mrs L. D. Nathan, brown and white foulard, gold and black toque with bright red roses; Mrs James Macfarlane, gold striped glace blouse, dark skirt, floral toque; Miss Ferguson, grey gown, toque with green; Mrs W. Bloomfield, white Swiss muslin gown, black chip Gainsborough hat with black plumes; Miss Crowther, white silk evening gown, net long sleeves; Miss Sybil Lewis, black evening dress; Miss Wyman, cream; Mrs Murchie, black silk, short puff sleeves of orange silk; Miss Howard; Mrs Ormiston, blue silk bodice trimmed with black velvet, black skirt, black hat with full white silk crown; Mrs Markham looked stylish in a black coat and skirt, heliotrope shirtette, white sailor hat; Mrs Fairburn, black, black bonnet with violets; Miss Graham, white muslin, red belt; Miss Bessie Graham, white; Miss M. Graham, biscuit muslin; Mrs (Dr.) Bedford wore an effective lemon cambric, black hat; Miss Aubin, pink cambric; Miss A. Aubin, grey and white flecked French muslin; Mrs Sydney Nathan, white blouse with touches of yellow, dark skirt, white hat trimmed with black ribbon, white wings and yellow flowers; Miss E. Whitelaw, light blouse, dark skirt; Miss Whitelaw (Scotland); Mrs Wilson Smith, green and white striped blouse, white pique skirt, green straw hat turned up at side; Mrs Hart, fawn check, electric

blue plastron, blue hat; Miss Mueller, grey and black gown; Miss Milly Mueller, white and black cambric.

We have laughed a good deal over 'THE GAY PARISIENNE,' now being performed at the Opera House, at least those of us who appreciate that sort of humour; and that it is appreciated is shown by the large crowds who have listened night after night to the bubbling over nonsense of this amusing piece. The stage dresses are very pretty. Miss Campion's first gown was a Parisian creation of cream merveilleux and yellow. The side panels were frilled to the waist with fascinating little frills of lace, one side being dotted with loops of black bebe velvet ribbon and jet, and the other side with little looped bows of yellow ribbon. The front square apron was of cream silk and had a handsome design of chrysanthemums in exquisite tones of yellow and gold, black velvet and silver corselet held, yellow silk hat with black plumes. Her second gown was cream silk patterned with pink flowers, cerise silk pouched bodice, plumed hat, parasol of cream and cerise silk. Another lovely gown was of rose pink with green cleverly combined and ecru lace on bodice. Miss Maude Beatty, as Mrs Honeycomb, wore a cream and magenta foulard with zoupe on one side of bodice of emerald green velvet encrusted with pale blue and caught with black ribbon bands to the other side of bodice, green bonnet with white Paradise plumes. Miss Marian Mitchell's first gown was pale blue with innumerable tiny frills at bottom of skirt and finished with black bebe velvet, white hat with cornflowers and white wings. In the last act she wore a shepherd's plaid, white satin folded belt, black hat with touches of white. Among the audience I noted Mrs Thorne George, who wore a black satin gown trimmed with lace and jet nassemments; Mrs Colbeck, white chiffon evening bodice over white silk, black satin skirt; Miss Ida George, black satin gown, Victorian bodice of black pleated chiffon, satin ceinture, long white silk sleeves under chiffon; Mrs Blair, black moire evening gown, white silk bodice veiled with black lace, jet garniture from low corsage. Her friend looked pretty in heliotrope silk evening gown trimmed with ecru lace; Miss Churton, black satin, long lace, transparent sleeves; Mrs Alfred Nathan, grey silk, corsage trimmed profusely with white lace; Miss Dolly Davis, pink silk and white chiffon; Miss Kennedy, pink silk, white lace fichu; Mrs Robison, white satin evening bodice trimmed across with black lace frills, white chiffon long sleeves, black satin skirt; Mrs Andrew Hanna, white accordion pleated frilled evening bodice, black satin skirt; Mrs Black, black gown; Mrs Geddis, blue silk bodice, dark skirt; Miss Merritt, cream and yellow gown; Miss O'way, white evening gown softened with chiffon; Miss Percival, grey; Miss Percival, pink; Miss Ethel Percival, pink blouse, dark skirt; Mrs Maszeff, terra cotta satin, white mousseline de soie fichu; Mrs Dufour, shell pink satin evening gown softened with chiffon; Mrs Townsend, fawn and white check gown; Mrs

Hardy, white silk evening dress; Miss May Henderson, dark silk evening dress, scarlet opera cape; Mrs Ashton Bruce, pale pink; Mrs Myers, rich black satin; Mrs Douglas, black silk. 'Waitaramoa' was the scene of a very smart gathering on Saturday afternoon, when the Hon. E. and Mrs Mitchellson gave

A LARGE GARDEN PARTY.

The lovely grounds looked their best, decked in gorgeous shewn of summer flowers. Everything that could conduce to the comfort of the very numerous guests was done, and the result was a most successful and enjoyable afternoon. Three large marquees were erected in the gardens, one for Impye's Band, the music of which was greatly appreciated, one for general refreshments, and one to specially slake the thirst of the sterner visitors. Champagne flowed freely and the afternoon tea, ices, fruit, and more solid viands were all that could be desired on a hot afternoon. A large number of those invited were unable to be present, but the colony, as a whole, was well represented. The following guests accepted invitations:

Mr and Mrs Allison, Miss Stella Alexander, Mr and Mrs Armitage, Mr and Mrs Graves Aickin, Captain and Mrs Anderson, Miss Aubrey.
Mrs Burton, Colonel Burton, Miss Burcher, Mrs Browning, Mr and Mrs Harry Brett, Mr and Mrs Blair, Misses Brigham (2), Mr and Mrs H. Brett, Mr and Mrs John Bollard, Rev. W. and Mrs Beatty, Mr H. W. and Mrs Brabant, Mr and Mrs J. Black, Mr and Mrs John Burns.
Miss Conolly, Mr and Mrs Caselberg, Mrs Crystie, Mr and Mrs Carrick, Mr and Mrs R. C. Carr and Miss Carr, Mr and Mrs T. Cotter, Misses Cotter (2), Mr Cotter, jun., Hon. A. J. Cadman, Mr Cook, Mr and Mrs Theobald, Mr and Mrs W. McCullough, Mr and Mrs Archie Clark, Mr and Mrs Matthew Clark, Mr Crombie, Mr and Mrs W. Coleman, Mr Carthew.
Misses A. and J. Davis, Miss Dawson, Mr Dennan, Colonel and Mrs Dawson, Mr Dawson, Mr and Mrs Duthie, Judge Denniston (Dunedin), Mrs Dowling, Mr and Mrs Moss Davis, Misses Davis (3), Mr A. Davis, Mrs G. N. Dargaville, Mrs R. Dargaville and Misses Dargaville (3), Mr and Mrs Devore and Miss Devore, Mr and Mrs A. B. Donald, Miss Donald, and Mr J. Donald, Mr and Miss Davey, Mr R. Duder.
Mr and Mrs Evett, Mr and Mrs Ewen, Dr. and Mrs Erson.
Rev. L. Fitzgerald, Mr and Mrs Finlayson, Mr D. Finlayson, Mr and Mrs Fallon, Mr W. Fallon, and Miss Fallon.
Mr Gardner, Mr and Mrs H. Gorrie, Mr, Mrs and Miss Gordon, Mrs Goodhue, Mr and Mrs Thorne George and Miss George, Mr Thorne George, jun., Mr and Mrs W. Gorrie, Mr B. Gordon, Mr D. Gordon, Rev. Canon Gould, Mrs Rees George, Mr and Mrs David Goldie.
Mr J. Henderson, Mr and Mrs Hoigate, Mr C. Heskeoth, Mr and Mrs Heather, Mr Herrold, Mr and Mrs Hume, Mrs and Miss Hull, Mrs Dr. Hanes, Mr John Henderson, Miss Henderson, Mr and Mrs A. Hanna, Mr and Miss Harcourt, Mr and Mrs T. Hutchison, Mr and Mrs J. Hardie and Miss Hardie, Mr and Mrs Henton and Misses Hen-

ton (2), Mr and Mrs J. J. Holland and Misses Holland (2), Mrs Hordern, Misses Hordern (2), Mr and Mrs Harding.
Mrs Isaacs, Misses Isaacs (3).
Mrs H. Jackson, Mr and Mrs H. Johnston, Mrs and Miss Jones.
Mr and Miss Kirkwood, Mr Kane, Mr Kensington, Mr and Mrs Kent, Mrs Kenrick and Misses Kenrick (2), Mr and Mrs Kissing, Misses Kissing (2), Mrs Kempthorne and Misses Kempthorne (2), Mr Kennedy, Mr Newton King (New Plymouth), Miss Kissing, Mrs Dr. King.
Mr and Mrs Lewis, Misses Lennox (2), and Mrs Luckie, Mr T. H. Lowry, Mrs Laurie, Mrs Dr. Laishley, Dr and Mrs Lewis, Mr D. McLeod.
Mr and Mrs Mueller, Mrs Maszeff, Mrs S. Morrin, Mr William Morrin, Mrs Moss and Misses Moss (3), Mr and Mrs L. Murriner, Mrs Main and Miss Main, Mrs and Miss McDonald, Mr and Mrs J. Mitchellson, Mr and Mrs Montague, Mr, Mrs and Miss Laughlin, Mr and Mrs T. Morrin and Miss Morrin, Rev. Father Walter McDonald, Dr. Mackellar, Rev. G. and Mrs MacMurray, Mr C. Major.
Mr H. B. Norton, Mr A. Norton, Mrs A. Nathan, Canon and Mrs Nelson, Mr Malcolm Nicol, Mr and Mrs R. O. Nolan, Mr J. Nolan.
Sir Maurice and Lady O'Rorke.
Mr and Mrs T. Peacock and Miss Peacock, Mr W. Percival and Misses Percival (3), Mr and Mrs W. Phileox, Miss Phileox, Mr and Mrs T. Phileox, Miss Power, Mr L. D. Pelicet, Mr and Mrs Alfred Porter, Colonel Pole-Penton.
Mr and Mrs James Russell and Misses Russell (2), Mrs and Miss Richmond, Mr and Mrs Rothschild, Mr and Mrs Rainger, Mrs Robison, officers of H.M.S. Royalist, Mr and Mrs C. Ranson, Mr and Mrs A. Ranson, Mr and Mrs John Reid, Mr and Mrs K. Rose, Miss Reynolds.
Mr G. G. Stead, Mr W. Stead, Mr and Mrs J. M. Shera, Miss Shippard, Mr and Mrs Spence, Miss Sheppard, Mr F. Sloman, Mr R. J. Scott, Miss See, Mrs Stevens, Mr and Mrs Sanson, Misses Stevenson (3).
Mr and Mrs H. Thompson, Miss Thompson, Mr and Mrs George Thompson, Mr and Mrs Tewesley, Captain and Mrs Tilley, Miss Tilley, Miss Olive Tilley, Mr C. Tilley, Mrs Thorpe, Misses Thorpe (2), Mr Thorpe, Hon. J. A. and Mrs Tole, Captain Torlesse (H.M.S. Royalist), Mrs Kerr-Taylor, Misses Kerr-Taylor (2).
Miss Upton.
Mr James Westwood, Misses W. and A. Westwood, Mr and Mrs W. C. Wilson, Captain and Mrs Worsp, Mrs Worsp, Mr and Mrs Wigmore, Mrs J. Walker, Mrs J. B. White, Mr and Mrs J. L. Wilson, Mr, Mrs and Miss Walker (Elderslie), Mr and Mrs A. P. Wilson, Mr and Mrs W. S. Wilson, Mr White, Mr H. Walker, Mr and Mrs C. Whitney, Mr E. Waymouth, Mr G. Waymouth, Mr and Mrs Wakeote Wood.
Amongst the very pretty summer costumes worn I noticed the following:—Mrs Mitchellson, handsome golden brown and blue silk bengaline, trimmed with rows of brown satin ribbon on skirt and bodice, bright blue silk full vest, veiled with brown net and edged with cream lace, black sequin bonnet, with pottle crown, apricot and pink plumes, white osprey; Miss Mitchellson looked pretty in vieux rose

The Oldest Inhabitants say so, therefore it must be correct.

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