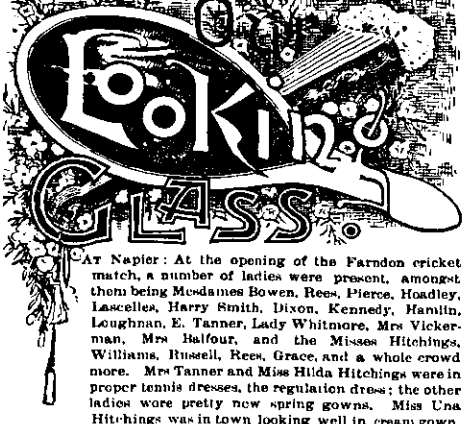
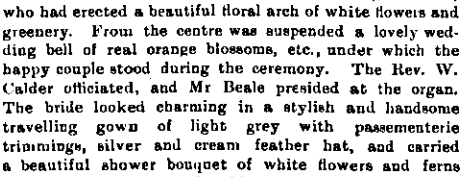


AT Napier: At the opening of the Farndon cricket match, a number of ladies were present, amongst them being Mesdames Bowen, Rees, Pierce, Hoadley, Lascelles, Harry Smith, Dixon, Kennedy, Hamilin, Loughnan, E. Tanner, Lady Whitmore, Mrs Vickerman, Mrs Balfour, and the Misses Hitchings, Williams, Russell, Rees, Grace, and a whole crowd more. Mrs Tanner and Miss Hilda Hitchings were in proper tennis dresses, the regulation dress; the other ladies wore pretty new spring gowns. Miss Una Hitchings was in town looking well in cream gown, large hat with white feathers. Miss Locke wears a neat navy gown with silk spotted blouse, white hat.—' '—In Hastings: Mrs Russell has gone on a visit to Wellington. The Misses Grace are staying at Flaxmere at present, also Miss Izard. Miss Grace is on a visit to Frimley. She is wearing a fawn costume, and brown hat with pink roses.—' '—In Dunedin: Miss Gaulter gave a very pleasant little afternoon tea on Thursday last, a farewell to some of her friends, as her wedding day is fixed for the 2nd of November. Mrs Eardley Reynolds played and also Miss Law. Miss McLean sang a song. Amongst the guests were Mesdames E. Reynolds and Russel, the Misses Morris, Law, Roberts, Dymock, Macassy, McLean, etc. Miss Maud Sise had an afternoon tea to which were invited a number of her young friends, for the purpose of saying 'good-bye' to Miss Bartleman, who leaves shortly for England. Among a number of well-known names were the Misses Bartleman, Stewart McLean, Reynolds, Morris, Dymock, Webster, and Ulrich.—'.'—

THE latest engagement is Miss Mary Newton, Papanui, and Mr Duncan Macfarlane, of Amuri. The wedding is to be at no distant date.

Miss Anderson, daughter of Captain Anderson, of Parnell, is engaged to Mr Robison, Bank of New South Wales, Auckland.



NOTWITHSTANDING the incessant downpour of rain on Wednesday afternoon All Saints' Church, Ponsonby, was well-filled with interested friends to witness the nuptials of Miss Masefield and Mr Walter Dufaur, two well-known and esteemed members of Ponsonby society. The wedding was a simple but exceedingly pretty one, the floral decorations being greatly admired. The latter were the work of some of the bride's girl friends, who had erected a beautiful floral arch of white flowers and greenery. From the centre was suspended a lovely wedding bell of real orange blossoms, etc., under which the happy couple stood during the ceremony. The Rev. W. Calder officiated, and Mr Beale presided at the organ. The bride looked charming in a stylish and handsome travelling gown of light grey with passementerie trimmings, silver and cream feather hat, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white flowers and ferns tied with streamers of white ribbon. Miss Devore was the only bridesmaid, attired in a stylish bluish-grey gown, and dainty cream and pale pink hat. She also carried a lovely shower bouquet fastened with streamers of pink ribbon. Mr Charles Chambers attended the bridegroom in the capacity of best man. Mr and Mrs Dufaur were the recipients of a very large number of handsome and valuable presents, and also the sincere congratulations and good wishes of numerous friends for a bright, happy, and prosperous future.

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FANCY DRESS BALLS IN AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND has been suffering from one of the severest epidemics of fancy dress balls within memory of the oldest dancing men.

MRS MANN'S FANCY DRESS BALL.

The Devonport Hall presented a gay aspect on the occasion of the final dance in connection with Mrs Mann's classes. The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting and evergreens, which, together with the bright colours of fancy costumes, green, and floral decorations, presented quite a striking appearance. I append a list of some of the most noticeable costumes: Mrs Mann, a very rich black satin, relieved with red poppies; Mrs J. Cook wore a white lama bridal costume, with train and orange blossoms; Mrs Dudder was dressed in black lace; Mrs J. Stoddart looked well in a cream costume mixed with pale blue; Miss Gould (Otahuhu), wore a very becoming dress of cream muslin; Miss Teresa Coffey looked very pretty in a costume stylishly made, of pale blue silk with train, and sprays of forget-me-nots; Miss Clapcott was attired in a very nice gown of black lace, which suited her admirably; Miss May Brown wore a nicely shaded dress of cardinal; Miss Kirkwood was dressed in lavender silk relieved with effective cream trimmings; Miss Maud Clayton (Remuera) wore a red costume; Miss G. Bell (Ponsonby) looked remarkably nice in a black evening dress with heliotrope ribbons; Miss Williams, pale blue and cream; Mrs Skardon, Cleopatra; Miss Brown, Night; Miss C. Lewis, Good Luck; Miss A. H. Naden, Good Luck; Miss N. Naden, La Mascotte; Miss Ballantyne, Grecian Girl; Miss Goldie, Powder and Patches; Miss M. Chapman, School Girl; Miss E. Chapman, Venetian; Miss I. Williams, French Peasant; Miss Milly Williams, Fairy; Miss Coffey, Hospital Nurse; Miss Lily Fenton, Marguerite Daisy; Miss May Fenton, Spanish Lady; Miss Palmer, Tambourine Girl; Miss Niccol, Fuchsia; Miss Townsend, Grandmamma; Miss Clark, Scrap Book; Miss I. Clarke, Advocate; Miss B. Bonne, Peasant; Miss Frazer, Gipsy; Miss Muir, Tambourine Girl; Miss F. Burgess, Lamplighter; Miss M. Burgess, Neapolitian Fishwife; Miss Harvey, Japanese Lady; Miss Hill, Fruit Girl; Miss Pitts, Good Luck; Mrs Swanson, Highland Lassie; Miss Grattan, Zouave; Miss Duar, Dorothy; Miss Elsmore, Cherry Ripe. Gentlemen: Mr O'Meagher, The Kinnegad Slasher; Mr J. Burgess, Neapolitan Fisherman; Mr S. Birmingham, Bunthorne; Mr Shaw, Bunthorne; Mr Boatman; Mr Emerson, Pirate; Mr Bowerman, Tennis; Mr Stoddart, Barrister; Mr A. Williams, Tennis; Mr H. Mann, Cavalry Officer; Mr A. Mann, Harlequin; Mr C. Brown, Sailor; Mr C. Waters, Bicyclist; Mr A. Bartley, Midshipman; Mr A. Grattan, Jockey; Mr T. Burrell, Court Gentleman; Mr Inglis, Capital and Labour; Mr Martin, Card Sharper; Mr Hoffman, Clown; Mr Anderson, Cow Boy; Mr Philcox, Tennis; Mr Christie, Base Ball; Mr Aykenore, Midshipman; Mr M. Cormick, Cricket; Mr Canlton, Romeo.

A good many ladies and gentlemen went in evening dress, but as this greatly spoils the appearance of a fancy dress ball, I shall not give their names, hoping they will take the trouble to costume themselves properly next time.

Mrs Revitt, of Parnell, who has been known for many years as a most successful teacher of dancing, brought her season to a close with a

PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS BALL

in St. Bonaventure's Hall, Parnell. The attendance was large, and many of the costumes were very handsome. Miss Robinson appeared as a Flower Girl; Miss Evitt, Cow Girl (one of the best carried out costumes); Miss Crocker, Shepherdess; Miss Wilson, Court Lady; Miss E. Wilson, Dame Durden; Miss Moore, Spanish Dancer; Miss Judd, Tambourine Girl; Miss Wheatley, pretty black evening dress; Miss Mimi Greenwood, Tambourine Girl; Miss Logan, black evening dress; Miss Ratinger, pink net evening dress; Miss Revitt, cream and gold evening dress; Miss Crocker, fawn and cardinal costume; Miss Waddell, pretty evening dress. Amongst the gentlemen in costume were Mr Brookes, Cow Boy; Mr Schmitt, Jockey; Mr Hutchison, Footballer; Mr Zachariah, Gentleman 17 Century; Mr Martin, Sailor; Mr Speight, Policeman; Mr Martin, Court Jester; Mr Onyon, Cricketer; Mr Winks, Yachtsman; Mr Jackson, Coachman; Mr Varney, Cricketer. Numerous other were present.

MISS SCOTT'S FANCY DRESS BALL.

Miss Scott held her children's ball in the Choral Hall, which was prettily decorated for the occasion. About 125 couples were dancing and the orchestra seats and gallery were crowded with spectators. The ball opened with a Grand March led by Misses Winnie Kent and Lena Kingston, tiny fairies of four, and Masters Claude Hensen and T. Leys, who led their followers through the various movements in faultless style. The Fairies' dance in which the children dressed as fairies took part, was indescribably pretty, and the two tiny queens, Misses Kent and Kingston, were the admiration and wonder of all present. In one portion of the dance all the fairies danced a minuet most beautifully, and in another part a tiny couple danced a fan gavotte with exquisite grace. The spectators were most enthusiastic in their appreciation and a portion of the dance was repeated. The minuet was also danced by sets of four, two grown-up sets of ladies only, and two of children. The dignified and beautiful dance was most perfectly gone through, not a single mistake being made. Indeed Miss Scott is deserving of all praise for not only was the graceful dancing of the children admired, but their deportment and general behaviour were the subjects of much comment. Those taking part in the minuet were attired in handsome Court costumes and were Misses A. Scott, Dickey, King (two), Kilgour (two), Walker (two), Cardno (two), Logan, and Cave, Masters Cardno (two), Bates, Anthony, and Richardson. Amongst those present were Misses C. Kingston, Yum-Yum; G. Beale, White Rose; Bond, Court Lady; M. Logan, Pompadour; J. Reid, Esmeralda of Paris; M. Law, evening dress; A. Lawson, Fairy; Symons, Housemaid; E. Crawford, Spanish Donna; A. Bates, Zouave; E. Sellgreve, Bo-peep; V. Sellgreve; K. Crawford, Fairy; R. Hemus, Fairy; M. Scott, Fairy; E. Sanford, Fairy; Goldie, Flora Macdonald; Halstead, Bohemian Girl; Carr, Spring; M. Holle, Jill; R. Kingston, Princess; E. Clarke, Advocate; E. Bonar, Neapolitan Fishgirl; E. Armstrong, Court Lady; M. Hudson, Fairy Star; Dickenson, Gleam of Sunshine; F. Hudson, Fairy; L. Haultain, Wild Flowers; W. Leys, Fairy; P. Hewsen, Fairy; Campbell, Court Lady; S. Campbell, Fairy; E. Kent, Fairy; Katie Hickson, Princess; Florrie Court, Fairy; Darby, Court Lady; A. Townsend, Fairy; Dickey, Fairy; N. M'Ewen, Court Lady; S. Dickey, Grandpapa's Darling; Herbert, Flowers; Herbert, Daisy; F. Clapcott, Court Lady; C. Dickey, Fairy; Shailer, Soubrette; M. Harding, Ace of Spades; M. Montgomery, Fairy Bride; A. Scott, evening dress; Z. Fraser, Amy Robsart; C. Bush, Fairy; Kirker, Fairy; Lovett (two), Fairies; L. Gwynne, Grandpa's Darling. Masters G. Kent, Page (James I.); F. Scott, Prince; C. Beale, Sailor; E. Kingston, Court Gentleman; Warnock, evening dress; A. Reid, Gondolier; S. Reid, Gentleman 17th Century; A. Bates, Footballer; R. Lawson, Fauntleroy; H. Bates, Prince; T. Leys, Little Lord Fauntleroy; A. Bates, Zouave; Sellgreve, evening dress; Sanford, Bunthorne; Sanford, Toreador; Bannermann, Cow Boy; Cooper, evening dress; J. Cardno, Prince; D. Richardson, Brigand; A. Monnie, evening dress; E. Dunningham and M. Short, Cricketers; Claudia Hensen, Jack Tar; H. Hensen, Garabaldi; E. Hensen, Fauntleroy; Darby, Prince; J. Dickey, Jockey; M. Foster, Courtier; M. Milton, Charles II.; M. Martin, Charles II.; W. Wilson, Bridegroom; J. Anthony, French Courtier; C. Montgomery, Boatman of Venice; M. Montgomery, Cards; C. F. Harding, Captain Corcoran; R. Motion, Hamlet; N. Walker, Romeo. Many other handsome costumes were worn, but the wearers omitted to give their names on the cards. Miss Scott was presented by one of the parents with a set of exquisitely hand-painted dinner mats as a token of regard. The recipient was both gratified and delighted with the gift.

There has been quite an epidemic of fancy dress balls lately. Very successful in every way was the one given on the terminal dance of the Mikado Social Club, in St. George's Hall. Lanterns, Japanese fans, etc., were used to decorate the walls. The music by Messrs Burke and Davis was excellent. A presentation to Mr H. G. Lumsden, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of a beautiful gold albert and pendant, suitably inscribed, was a feature of the evening.

DRESSES AT THE MIKADO SOCIAL CLUB.

Mrs Brown, handsome Court dress; Mrs C. G. Laurie, Cleopatra; Miss Mackie, Morning; Miss A. Mackie, Gleaner; Miss Kelly, Court Lady; Miss Quinn (Ponsonby), Marguerite; Miss O'Sullivan, Grecian Lady; Miss Greenbough, Kate Greenaway; Miss Onyon, Union Jack; Miss K. Richards, Tambourine Girl; Miss Derwin, Tambourine Girl; Miss Brophy, Water Lily; Miss C. Lorrigan, Court Lady; Miss Fitz, America; Miss Williamson, French Waiting Maid; Miss White, Fresco and Snow; Miss Nellie Naden, Good Luck; Miss L. Naden, Æsthetic Maiden; Miss A. H. Naden, La Mascotte; Miss Gascoyne, Oriental Costume; Miss Hawkins, Gipsy Queen; Miss A. Glover, Little Bo Peep; Miss J. Glover, Oriental Costume; Miss Condon, Court Lady; Miss Worthington, Dorothy; Miss Turk, Gipsy Queen; Miss Dickey, Court Lady; Miss S. Dickey, My Sweetheart; Miss Hewson, Royal Ballerina; Miss Warren, Parlour Maid; Miss Quinn, Yum-Yum; Miss Judd, Girofla; Miss Beedell, Japanese Girl; Miss Brown, Maritana; Mrs H. Canham, Highland Lassie; Miss Williams, Carmen; Miss Laud, Oriental Dancer; Miss Fortzer, Oriental costume; Miss Campbell, Court lady; Miss Kilgour, Fairy. Gentlemen: Mr Russell, Hamlet; Mr G. Read, Captain of Q Miss Jury; Mr Farrell, Court gentleman; Mr H. Cossar, Courtier; Mr Stempson, Cricketer; Mr Froude, Irishman; Mr Dempsey, Bunthorne; Mr D. Jack, Lawn Tennis; Mr L. Lewis, Just Out Through Cook's; Mr S. Howden, Page; Mr F. O'Dowd, Dick Whittington; Mr P. Hackett, Cavalier; Mr J. Quinn, Little Lord Fauntleroy; Mr M. J. Martin, Yachting; Mr Edgecombe, South Sea Trader; Mr B. Eaton, King Louis XIV.; Mr H. Goldwater, Bass Globe Trotter; Mr W. Skeen, Spoon; Mr W. Speight, Cricketer; Mr Biddle, Lawn Tennis; Mr Varney, Cricketer; Mr Jenkinson, Page; Mr Jenkins, Yachting; Mr J. Warren, Cricketer; Mr Lundon, Cricketer; Mr McLean, Court gentleman; Mr F. Worthington, Parnell Cricketer; Mr C. Elliot, Gordon Cricketer; Mr B. Goldwater, Tennis; Mr Lumsden, Charles II.

SOCIETY GOSSIP.

AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE, OCTOBER 25.

Who shall say Aucklanders are not loyal? How they welcomed the Governor you will see elsewhere, and such a pack of smart people you never saw as that which crowded itself into the Opera House on the occasion of

FOLI'S VICE-REGAL COMMAND CONCERT,

if I may coin a phrase. Everyone seemed to be there. The Vice-regal party were the centre of attraction for all eyes. Lady Glasgow wore a handsome trained gown of black silk, the corsage cut low and elbow sleeves, long light tan gloves and gold bangles. Diamond brooches sparkled on the bodice, and also fastened a pale yellow ribbon on her hair, and round her neck. Her ladyship wore on her arrival a handsome light cloak which enveloped her figure. The Ladies Boyle were dressed alike in dainty cream silk frocks, made high to the throat, and with full puffy sleeves; Miss Hallowes wore a beautiful white silk gown with elbow sleeves of chiffon; and Miss Halroyde, a pretty biscuit-coloured gown. The Vice-regal party took their departure after Signor Foli's last song, and a few minutes before the termination of the programme. Amongst those present were Mrs (Dr.) Haines, handsome black silk evening dress; Miss Moss-Davis, dainty salmon pink gown; Mrs Archie Clark, handsome greenish blue plush and silk gown; Miss Jessie Stevenson, pretty cream dress; Mrs S. Jackson, rich black silk gown, and pretty cap; Miss Jackson, pretty pink silk gown; Mrs A. Hanna, beautiful reseda green silk gown finished with pink roses; Miss — Firth, handsome black evening dress; Mrs Hope Lewis, dainty cream dress trimmed with gold passementerie; Mrs C. Buddle was, I think, in black evening dress; Mrs Bourne, beautiful black lace gown over crimson; Miss Batger looked nice in black velvet; Mrs King, cream gown, the bodice finished with crimson poppies; Miss Rees, pretty white silk dress finished with pale blue ribbon; Mrs Broham, handsome black silk and lace gown; Miss Russell (Remuera) dainty pale blue dress; her younger sisters both wore charming dresses alike of pale blue and pale pink cambric; Misses Blezzard, handsome evening dresses of black and cream silk, respectively; Mrs Sterliker, handsome black silk gown; Mrs Innes, grey silk veiled with black lace, the bodice finished with grey tips; Miss Lyell, handsome cream silk; Mrs Pearce, beautiful black silk evening dress; Miss Pearce, pretty cream dress; Mrs T. Cheeseman, pretty black evening dress; Miss Keesing, pretty cream silk trimmed with black ribbon velvet; Miss Reeve, cream satin; Miss Jo Reeve, pale pink; Mrs P. A. Edmiston, handsome black evening dress; Miss Freda Marsden, black velvet with frills of white chiffon; Mrs T. Ching, rich black silk gown; Miss Harding, cream silk trimmed with gold, her sister wore green finished with pale pink; Mrs (Dr.) Knight, black silk costume; Miss Snazelle wore a tasteful pale blue silk gown with frills of pale pink chiffon; Mrs Templar, pretty black silk gown. Many others were present but I cannot remember the names.

FROCKS AT THE RECEPTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Mrs Goring looked well in a grey merveilleux gown with cream brocaded silk vest and trimmings, grey bonnet with pale pink roses; Mrs Broham, beautiful ruby merveilleux gown and dainty little bonnet; Mrs Johanson, black merveilleux gown and pretty cream and pale yellow bonnet; Miss Brigham looked charming in light fawn costume and hat to correspond; Mrs W. J. Napier wore a stylish navy blue gown, small hat with ostrich tips, and handsome feather boa; Mrs Devore, rich black silk dress, handsome plush mantle and dainty little black bonnet relieved with gold; Mrs H. C. Tewsley looked stylish in grey tweed gown, small grey hat trimmed with grey and pale pink, handsome long plush jacket; Mrs Isidore Alexander, beautiful beaver coloured dress trimmed with beaver, hat to harmonise; Miss Mitchell (Wellington), stylish navy blue Cheviot serge gown and large navy blue and white hat; Mrs W. Berry, tweed gown, handsome plush mantle and becoming bonnet; Miss Berry, dark brown costume; Hon. Mrs Shrimskie, handsome brown plush paletot which covered her dress, brown bonnet relieved with biscuit colour; Mrs S. Hughes, pretty terra cotta gown and tasteful bonnet to match; Miss Hughes looked nice in navy blue; Miss Percival, brown costume; Miss Dunnett, dark brown tweed gown and hat to match; Mrs Denniston, stylish light grey tweed gown, grey bonnet finished with loops of pink chiffon; Mrs (Capt.) Daldy wore a black gown, silk mantle, black and gold bonnet; Mrs Whitelaw, black gown, handsome plush mantle, black bonnet; Mrs Whitelaw, junr., stylish brown figured silk dust cloak, and large brown hat with cream bow; Mrs A. Carrick, pretty navy costume.

There were a great many ladies looking on from various windows, but, owing to the threatening aspect of the weather, gay frocks were not very conspicuous. Mrs T. Hope Lewis looked very well in a tailor-made grey costume opening over a white blouse, neat blue figured tie, small black hat trimmed with blue to match; her little girl was prettily frocked in navy; Mrs J. K. Davis was in black, with a little gold in her bonnet; Miss Hall, dark costume with pretty coffee-coloured blouse under an open jacket.

MRS CLAPCOTT'S DANCE.

Mrs Clapcott gave a most enjoyable little dance on Thursday evening at her residence, 'Merivale,' Karangahape Road. The house was very prettily lighted with shaded lamps.

DRESSES WORN AT PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB RACES.

The beautiful weather and the presence of the Vice-regal party attracted a greater number of spectators than usual, the stand being well filled, and a large proportion being ladies. The Vice-regal party consisted of Lord and Lady Glasgow, Miss Hallowes, Col. Pat Boyle, Captain Hunter-Blair, and Mr E. Clayton. The Governor's box was visited during the afternoon by Signor Foli, Mrs Haines, Mrs Tom Morrin, Colonel and Mrs Lawson. Lady Glasgow was charmingly dressed in rose-coloured shot silk, with cream guipure draperies, and bonnet to match; Miss Hallowes wore a heliotrope gown made with a long bodice, trimmed with silk of the same shade, white felt hat trimmed with white ostrich feathers; Mrs Haines, grey silk, with black silk vest, and black lace hat; Mrs T. Morrin, black dress, white vest, black hat with pink tips; Mrs Colonel Lawson was a harmony in grey, and looked well; Mrs Dignan, fawn dress, dark brown hat; Mrs (Dr.) Lewis, grey cashmere and velvet, black lace hat; Mrs McLaughlin, black silk, black lace bonnet; Mrs C. Buddle, black brocade, red velvet bonnet; Mrs W. Bloomfield, grey dress, Eton jacket, white silk front, large black hat with grey ostrich feathers; Mrs A. Clark, bluish-grey dress, blue hat; Mrs Ware, handsome black