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Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, July 5.
In Paris some of the shops have numbers of ready-made paper hats, and very pretty they are for carnivals, collations and parties. Some of the smart milliners who usually conjure only with fashions less perishable do not scorn the use of paper in their ateliers, and it is indeed said that so great is the demand for many hats and toques in these days of extravagance that paper will become a serious millinery asset. Some of the Southern cities are rather ahead of Auckland in the matter of these dainty paper confections, but we hear that at one of the smart weddings to take place in this city shortly paper hats are to be worn by the bridesmaids.

WAPITI HOCKEY DANCE.

A most enjoyable dance was given in the Federal Hall on Wednesday last by the members of the Wapiti Hockey Club. The dance was a great success, and deservedly so, as the committee had worked very hard to make it so. The floor (as is usual at the Federal Hall) was in perfect order, and Hardy's Band supplied exceptionally good music. The ante-rooms, comfortably arranged as sitting-rooms, were decorated with numberless flags and palms. The supper was served downstairs, and the tables were very prettily decorated with the club colours, and literally groaned under the weight of good things provided for our consumption. The only drawback of the evening was that the floor was a wee bit too crowded for dancing. So many pretty frocks were worn that it would be impossible to describe them all, but I will tell you a few that I particularly noticed: Mrs. Nelson, who wore a very handsome black silk gown with dark terra-cotta brocade and silk opera coat; Mrs. White, black crepe de chine, finished with lace; Mrs. Mackay, rich black satin with transparent lace yoke and elbow sleeves, corsage spray of pale green and bouquet of ivy leaves in corsage; Mrs. (Dr.) Dawson, very handsome silver spangled black net robe over black glace silk; Mrs. Ernest Beale, beautiful pale pink crepe de chine frock, richly trimmed with black waist insertion and black lace; Mrs. Honore Walker, black sequined net gown over black silk, with handsome black lace berthe; Mrs. Neil, pretty black satin and net frock with berthe of Paris-tinted lace, large spray of flowers on corsage; Mrs. Harry Hume, black satin, the bodice draped with white lace, pale blue corsage and pale blue chon on bodice; Miss Stewart, the energetic secretary of the club, wore a dainty white silk frock, prettily inserted with bands of Paris lace, Paris lace berthe, and she wore a small badge of the club colours; Miss Stewart was prettily gowned in a soft white gown, trimmed with bands of eru insertion, transparent lace yoke, and bow of crimson velvet in corsage; Miss Cecil Hull, very pretty white Liberty silk frock, elaborately trimmed with lace and chiffon, cluster of autumn-tinted leaves on bodice, and chon of white chiffon in corsage; Miss Ruby Porch was in pale pink silk, with bands of green velvet outlining corsage; Miss Kathleen Shea, soft white gauged chiffon over a white glace silk foundation, the bodice was prettily trimmed with lace; Miss May Sloman, white tuckered silk, profusely inserted with white Valenciennes insertion, white lace berthe and satin corsage; Miss Clara Sloman wore a pretty white cashmere frock, with yellow sash and large yellow chon on corsage; Miss Cissie Phillips wore a smart black crepe de chine gown, the decolletage outlined with rouleau of crimson velvet; Miss Nora Walker looked very pretty in a white gauged book muslin, with V shaped tuckered berthe over pale green lace silk, chine silk sash, and white chiffon chon in her hair; Miss St.

Paul, pretty white frilled liberty silk gown, with chiffon hanging sleeves, pale blue chon in corsage and on bodice; Miss Winnie St. Paul was also in white silk, the bodice artistically arranged with white lace, white pompon in hair; Miss Trevorhick, white muslin, inserted with white lace over white glace silk; Miss Mahon, pale pink silk; Miss Florence Walker, pretty white silk frock, the decolletage finished with lace and insertion; Miss Tina Walker was also in a pretty white silk frock; Miss Morrison, dainty white silk frock, prettily trimmed with lace; Miss Dacre, very pretty pale blue silk; Miss Sellars, black Duchesse satin gown, the bodice draped with Paris lace, caught at one side with cluster of flowers; Miss Price, pretty white frock, with white accordion-pleated flounce, beaded with trails of embroidered roses and leaves; Miss Rudlock, white liberty silk, with lace berthe, the bodice relieved with touches of black velvet ribbon; Miss Ross, beautiful pink Oriental satin gown, elaborately shirred wide berthe of Irish point lace; Miss Young, pretty white silk frock, tucked and frilled, the bodice finished with lace; Miss Kent, white crepe gown, with wide satin Empire belt, beautiful cream lace berthe; Miss Whitaker, white net over pale yellow silk, the bodice deftly arranged with full of lace; Miss Nancy Whitaker, white lace robe over pale pink; Miss Alice Goodwin looked exceedingly nice in pale pink silk, with black velvet ribbon sash and black chon on bodice; Miss Nesta Kinder wore a very smart gown of poppy red crepe de chine; Miss Vera Bell, black crepe de chine, with wide accordion-pleated chiffon flounce, black satin berthe, embroidered with trails of pink roses and green leaves; Miss Connie Butler, very pretty pale pink chiffon gown, with pink corsage, clusters of Parma violet on bodice; Miss Atkinson, white silk, prettily inserted with lace, threaded with pale yellow bebe ribbon; Miss Minnitt, soft white Indian silk frock, prettily trimmed with chiffon and white chenille tracer; Miss Pearl Gorrie, dainty white tuckered silk frock with flounced skirt, the bodice arranged with chiffon and lace; Miss Little, azure blue crepe frock with satin corsage and white lace berthe; Miss Muriel Hesketh, dainty white silk frock, trimmed with lace and chiffon; Miss Stephenson, pretty daffodil yellow shirred Liberty silk frock with hanging sleeves; Miss Madeline Watkins, black crepe de chine gown with jetted lace shoulder straps, pink sash and spray of pink roses on shoulder; Miss Kinder, rich yellow figured silk gown with ruffled bands on skirt, chiffon berthe, and cluster of flowers on bodice; Miss Dolly Metcalfe, pretty white accordion-pleated crepe gown with gold galloon trimming; Miss Izo White, black Brussels net over black satin, cluster of shaded flowers on corsage; Miss Tye, white silk frock, relieved with touches of heliotrope on bodice; Miss Douglas, soft white silk with cream lace berthe and cream lace metalions; Miss Peacocke, pretty white and blue frock with ribbon corsage; Miss Torrance, very handsome peach blossom brocade, richly trimmed with beautiful lace; Miss Williamson, soft white silk with geranium pink silk corsage, cluster of geraniums on bodice; Miss Kathleen McCormick, pretty black net gown with Victorian bodice, black net hanging sleeves; Miss Peake, white silk with wreath of white roses in corsage, and sprays of white roses on bodice; Miss Borlace wore a very smart frock of black sprigged Brussels net over black silk; Miss Metcalfe, striking gown of Paris-tinted net, showered with black velvet discs, over white silk, black corsage; Miss Millicent Aicken, ornate mauve shirred crepe de chine frock over glace silk with ruffled chiffon on bouces; Miss Maud Philson, pretty soft white silk frock, finished with lace, pale blue satin corsage; Miss Daubury (debutante) was prettily gowned in a dainty white Liberty silk frock, finished with white chiffon, sprays of lilies of the valley on bodice and in corsage; Miss Willoughby, striking gown of cou de Nil Liberty silk with white lace berthe, cluster of crimson roses on bodice; Miss Nellie Upton was prettily gowned in pale blue silk with wide berthe of white lace; Miss Nelson, striking gown of buttercup Liberty silk, prettily tucked and gauged, silk corsage, pretty spray of flowers on corsage; Miss Katie Nelson, pretty shade of blue figured silk, cascades of lace daintily arranged on bodice; Miss Alex Davy, black figured net over black satin with satin corsage, large crimson chon on bodice; Miss Olive Aicken, very handsome dress of white Liberty silk, elaborately trimmed with wide bands of

black Chantilly lace, black velvet corsage; Miss Walker, striking gown of black crepe de chine with wide accordion-pleated frill on skirt, cluster of yellow shaded roses on bodice and wreath of same in her hair; Miss Hilda Symes, pretty white silk frock with deep berthe of Maltese lace, chiffon flowing sleeves, and spray of flowers on corsage; Miss Nora Brown, Paris-tinted sprigged net over olive green silk, tucked berthe of net, lined with green ribbon; Miss Renard-Brown, pale blue figured silk frock with white lace berthe; Miss Brassay, very pretty pink liberty silk frock, with trails of autumn tinted leaves on bodice, wreath of same in corsage; Miss Mabel Thorne, wore a lovely frock of pale pink glace silk, with overdress of white crepe de chine, sprays of pink roses on corsage and on corsage; Miss Dawson, black satin frock, prettily trimmed with white lace, crimson spray of flowers on corsage; Miss Dawson, very pretty pale shirred pink crepe de chine gown, trimmed with fringe of white lace; Miss Frater (Takapuna) wore a ciel blue corded silk gown, with faggotted seams and pretty cream lace berthe; Miss Dagmar Gillman looked exceedingly well in a white sprigged net robe over white silk, the bodice relieved with narrow bands of black velvet ribbon, spray of flowers on corsage; Miss Esther Beale, pretty white tuckered silk frock, inserted with lace over pale pink, pink sash and chon; Miss Violet Lindsay, pale blue silk muslin frock, with white lace berthe and hanging sleeves; Miss Ethel Hux, striking costume of white and silver spangled net over glace silk, corsage spray of natural roses and maidenhair fern; Miss Helen Hay, dainty white frock, with chiffon and lace adornments; Miss Pearl Hay, black crepe de chine frock, with wide Paris lace berthe, spray of flowers on corsage; Miss Mab, Bice, pretty pale blue silk frock, with lace berthe, and satin corsage; Miss Jenny Frater, soft white liberty silk, elaborately tucked and frilled, and finished with Paris lace insertions. Amongst the gentlemen present were: The officers of the German warship Condor, Captain Shorpe (of the Isis), and Messrs. Watt, Reed, Klette, Upton, Sloman, Sinclair (Dunedin), Dawson, Gorrie, Nicholson, Walker, Churton, Brodie, Drummond, Pierce, Morrison, Watkins (2), Buddle, Kenny, Rudlock, Tutton, Lindsay, Hay, and many others.

AFTERNOON TEA AT "SANS SOUCI."

On Monday afternoon Mrs Hanna, of Remuera, gave a most enjoyable afternoon tea at the "Sans Souci" Tea Rooms for Miss Alice Morrin, who is to be married on Friday, 8th inst. Mrs Hanna received her numerous guests in a very charming manner, assisted by her little daughter, Nancy. During the afternoon the Hungarian Band gave selections from "Country Girl," "Fortune Teller," etc., and songs were rendered by the following guests: Miss Cissy Jackson, in her sweet contralto voice, rendered "Purple Pansies" and "Where'er You Go" admirably; Miss Daisy Morrin sang prettily and sadly "My Flat-footed Jean"; Miss Kathleen Thompson sang "Dreams," as if she dreamt it. Tea, coffee and cakes, etc., were daintily served. Altogether it was one of the most delightful afternoons of the season, and went off with great éclat. All Miss Alice Morrin's friends are delighted to know that she will remain in Auckland. The following is a list of the guests present: Mrs Hanna looked very well in oyster grey coat and skirt, pretty cream vest with silk lace insertions, becoming black hat with sequin trimmings, Canadian belt buckle; her little daughter looked sweet in red skirt, white blouse; Mrs Jackson, black crepe de chine frock and pretty floral bonnet; Miss Alice Morrin looked very charming in blue frieze coat and skirt, white felt hat with flutings of white silk and roses of white satin ribbon; Miss Jackson, grey coat and skirt; Miss Ciss Jackson, in dark blue tailor-made, chic hat of grey felt and white pompons; Mrs Blair, sage green robe and very pretty picture hat; Mrs Morrin, beautiful navy

Sydney costume, elaborately trimmed with green silk metalion trimmings, blue straw hat, green ruchings and bird perched on it; Mrs McCosh Clark, in black coat and skirt, Oriental trimmings and beautiful racoon fur, black straw toque with yellow cowslips; Mrs Cotter looked cosy in a sea-clipper coat, black voile skirt; Mrs Black, black outer and skirt, satin and lace front, three little pompons on either side; Mrs Payton wore dark blue costume, hat swathed in lace; Mrs Johnnie Jackson looked sweet in dark bird coat and skirt, pale blue blouse; Miss Fannie Macfarlane wore a grey costume, effectively trimmed with a darker shade of grey; Miss Eileen Macfarlane also looked smart in grey, becoming grey fox fur and muff; Miss Daisy Morrin looked particularly charming in green tuckered costume, pretty white felt hat with grey bird on brim; Miss Kitty Lennox, grey coat and skirt, Alpine hat, swathed in chiffon, greenstone lapin; Mrs Foster, navy costume with white fox fur, green hat with bird of Paradise; Miss Pearl Clark, navy blue costume, white felt hat, suiting the wearer to perfection; Miss Buckland looked smart in black and white; Mrs Touls looked exceedingly well in black; Miss Stevenson, green coat and skirt; Miss Daisy Stevenson looked fresh and rosy in a green costume; Miss Jean Richmond, dark coat and skirt, felt hat; Miss Madge Richmond, Newmarket coat, black skirt, smart grey hat; Miss Nora Gorrie, navy blue coat and skirt, blue-haired felt hat with blue pompons prettily arranged; Miss Kathleen Thompson, blue cloth costume, grey duck hat with red branches; Miss Winnifred Cotter, dark blue coat and skirt, trimmed Oriental, pretty little duffy front, red belt, white and blue felt hat; Miss Mildred Cotter, navy blue coat and skirt, apple green belt, white blouse and piece of dupone, black felt battered hat; Miss Ruth Buckland, black coat and skirt, black straw hat, ribbon coming from the back prettily; Miss Browning, dark grey hair coil with sweet little beaver hat and white feather; Miss Lulu Browning, blue costume, trimmed with Oriental braid, pretty fox for setting off her piquante face admirably; Miss Ida Gorge, blue coat and skirt, smart blue admiral's hat, elaborately trimmed with violets and lace; Miss Kitty Clark, green coat and skirt, pretty little blue felt hat, grey bird; Miss Geraldine Cling, dark blue coat and skirt, a la militaire, white rim-pot hat, shied leather trimmings.

YE OLDE ENGLISH CONCERT

was repeated on Monday evening last by the members of St. Thomas' Church, and proved most enjoyable. The attendance was numerous, and a good programme was carried out in a highly successful manner. In the audience I noticed Miss Doris Bondt, Mesdames Devore, Calder, Morrin, Irving, Hodgson, Little, Walker, Shyre George, and the Misses Pickmore, Devore, Harrison, Carter, Edwards, Garvie, Morrin, Raynes, etc.

MR KENNETT WATKINS' ART AFTERNOON RECEPTION.

On Thursday and Friday last Mr Kennett Watkins gave an Art Home at his studio, Palmerston Buildings, to allow us to see, and, needless to say, to admire his beautiful collection of water-colour landscapes and seascapes. The pictures were really lovely, and we greatly enjoyed looking at them. Mr Kennett Watkins received his guests with his customary courtesy, and was kindness itself in explaining the localities of the many beautiful creek scenes and views on the ranges which we secured. I was so taken up with look-

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