

Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, July 16.

The members of

THE PACIFIC CLUB

gave a delightful At Home in their spacious and beautiful rooms on Thursday evening. The dining-room, with its crimson walls and linoleum, was the centre of attraction, the very best music being heard within, interspersed with excellent Shakesperian readings from "As You Like It" and "Hamlet." The musical items were contributed by Miss Rosa Binsted, Miss Grace Lambourne, Miss Millie Peak, and Messrs Snowden and M. Orclard. The castes for the readings were:—Forest scene from "As You Like It"; Orlando, Mr R. McVeagh; Rosalind, Miss Bruce; Celia, Miss Grace Buller; Jacques, Mr A. S. C. Brown. The grave scene from "Hamlet"; Prince, Mr R. McVeagh; Horatio, Mr A. S. C. Brown; first gravedigger, Mr W. W. Bruce; second gravedigger, the Rev. W. Beatty. Every item was excellent, and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all the guests. Mr Speight, the president of the Club, was most assiduous in his attention to all present, and was assisted by his daughters, who were also responsible for the floral decorations. A recherche supper was served in the supper room, the tables being artistically arranged with fancy flower holders filled with yellow narcissi and ferns. About ten o'clock "God Save the King" was sung, which brought a most delightful evening to a close. Miss Bruce was charmingly gowned in cream net with scrolls of narrow ruched ribbon mounted on gale silk; Miss Grace Buller, lovely white Oriental satin evening frock with frilled lace short sleeves; Miss Grace Lambourne, pretty pale cream silk with white lace yoke; Miss Millie Peak, dainty black lace, with cream; frilled lace V. Miss Rosa Binsted, effective pale apricot silk; Miss Speight was becomingly frocked in a very pretty shell pink crepe de chine with cream lace motifs and satin ribbon; Miss V. Speight, dainty white silk evening blouse and crepe skirt; Mrs. (Dr.) Thomas, lovely white chiffon taffetas evening gown, with rose point lace berthe; Mrs. Beatty, black silk toilette; Mrs. Jobson, black evening gown, and pretty pale blue coat; Mrs. Ashton Bruce, grey silk evening gown; Mrs. Hudson, pretty white silk evening gown, and a smart azure blue Empire coat; Miss Blades, black silk and velvet gown, brightened with jet; Mrs. Alan Brown, white silk blouse inset with lace, and black skirt; Miss Lily Hudson (Sydney), dainty white silk frock; Miss Westwood, pretty rose pink silk blouse and black satin skirt; Mrs. Henry Wilson, black velvet evening gown with cream Maltese lace round decolletage; Mrs. Lyon, black silk with touches of cream lace and crimson ribbon; Miss Rees, dainty heliotrope-mousseline de soie blouse, and black skirt; Mrs. J. W. Stewart, black brocade evening gown and handsome pale green coat with white silk applique; Mrs. H. Monro, Wilson, stylish black evening gown, with iridescent sequined net bolero and sleeves; Mrs. Leyland, black chiffon lace gown, heliotrope scarf; Mrs. S. Leyland, pretty white silk evening gown trimmed with bronze ribbon velvet; Mrs. E. W. Burton, lovely white silk blouse with ribbon lattice on yoke, and black silk skirt; Miss Crezar, dainty white silk blouse, and grey skirt; Mrs. Louis, black satin; Miss Louis, white silk, with spray of scarlet geraniums; Mrs. G. Osmond, black and white floral eolienne; Mrs. Court, cream crepe with lace on corsage; Mrs. Mackie, black gown, with touches of cream lace; Mrs. Neaves, black evening gown, and ruby coat with cream lace capote; Mrs. W. E. Hutchison, pretty black chiffon with painted pink roses floral design mounted on silk; Mrs. Sanderson, brown toilette with cream lace yoke; Mrs. Dawson, black silk; Misses Dawson were charmingly frocked in pale blue silks; Mrs. G. Calder, black brocade silk, and white lace chemise with tiny pink and blue rosettes; Mrs. Percy Taylor, heliotrope silk blouse with chiffon frills and ivory

tinted lace, and black skirt; Mrs. Oxley, black gown; Mrs. Arey, black chiffon taffetas gown with blonde lace and velvet ribbon on corsage; Mrs. J. McLachlan, becoming black crepe de chine inset with cream lace.

AT HOME.

The annual At Home given by the Auckland Hockey Association, eventuated at the Royal Albert Hall last Friday evening, and was a most unqualified success. The hall, a very difficult one to beautify, looked charming, and gave evidence of decided artistic taste and a great amount of hard work on the part of the committee. Bamboo tree ferns and flags met the eye everywhere, and the required dash of colour was given by the judicious use of the colours of the various hockey teams. "A. H. A.," in large letters in the representative colours, and "Welcome," together with a pretty arrangement of shields and hockey sticks, added to the general effectiveness of the decorations. In the supper room, where a most recherche supper was served, the floral decorations, great clusters of violets, brightened with the addition of some yellow narcissi, intermingled with trails of smilax, called forth universal admiration. Burke's band supplied the music, and the floor was absolutely perfect, so there was nothing to mar the pleasure of the evening. The Otago representative team was present at the At Home, and they were formally welcomed by Mr. Arthur Myers, Mayor of Auckland, who extended a special welcome to Mr. J. A. Park, president of the O. H. A., and an ex-mayor of Dunedin. Some very pretty toilettes were worn, among them I noticed the following:—Mrs. Rees George, who was attired in rich black silk, with cream lace on bodice; Mrs. Napier looked charming in shell pink crepe de chine, softened with lace; Mrs. Eliot Davis, pretty flounced gown of Limerick lace over satin, chine ribbon ceinture and bretelles; Mrs. Sinclair was strikingly gowned in a silver applique net over black lace; Mrs. Gavey, dainty toilette of black beribboned net with cluster of roses on corsage; Mrs. Somers, pretty coil blue satin, the bodice draped with lace; Mrs. Mackay, rich black satin toilette, with lace tucker and green chou on corsage; Miss Davy wore a dainty gown of shrimp pink taffetas; Miss Marjorie MacCormick was pretty in her charming debutante gown of ivory satin and lace, pale blue in her hair; Mrs. Foster, black silk toilette with handsome red opera coat; Mrs. Wall, was becomingly gowned in ivory white satin softened with lovely creme lace; Mrs. Griffiths, dainty black gown; the Misses Garrett looked dainty in pretty white gowns; Miss Ruby Hanna's toilet was of pale green glacé silk; Miss M. Steele wore white with crimson roses; Miss Kathleen Hill, wore a picture gown of ivory satin Duchesse, with V-shaped lace vest, caught with clusters of Carlyle roses; Miss Cooke was effectively gowned in flame-coloured silk, with ribbon of same shade threaded through her hair; Miss Metcalfe's gown of white satin veiled in Limerick lace, was worn with an autumn-tinted ceinture and spray of velvet leaves on corsage; Miss Dollie Metcalfe was picturesque in brown chiffon taffetas, the decolletage cutlined with cream silk applique; Miss Phyllis Metcalfe, dainty pale blue silk; Miss Queenie Butler was wearing a pretty white mousseline over white silk, softened with blonde lace caught with a pink rose; Miss Williamson was noticeably gowned in black with shaded yellow roses on corsage, yellow ribbons threaded through her hair; Miss Violet Williamson, canopied pink silk toned with velvet a shade darker, and pretty lace on bodice; Miss Price was daintily frocked in white Oriental satin with cream lace berthe; Miss — Price was charmingly gowned in white chiffon taffetas, with lovely Maltese lace berthe; Miss R. Hellaby was becomingly gowned in heliotrope chiffon taffetas and lace; Miss L. Hellaby wore a dainty toilette of sea blue silk toned with lace, and clusters of tiny chiffon roses; Miss Caradus wore a black gown softened with lace; Miss Elliott, soft white silk and lace, with sprays of forget-me-nots on corsage and in her hair; her sister was dainty in white, brightened with clusters of red roses; Miss Whitson, pretty pale pink nimon with lace berthe; Miss — Whitson, effective sea-green mousseline over silk; Miss de Montalk, white silk, the bodice arranged with white lace; Miss Kenny, pretty ivory radium silk, toned, with lace and insertion; Miss Gwen Hill's ple-

ture frock of cream satin was finished with a guimpe of blond lace caught with clusters of Deaucaire roses; Miss Lusk was wearing black crepe de chine with cluster of violets on corsage and black bird in hair; Miss Olive Lusk wore pale pink nimon de soie, with a Reynolds scarf of old lace; Miss Hilda Steele, pretty pale green Marquissette, the bodice softened with lace; Miss Vera Lewis wore white silk and lace, with sprays of crimson roses; Miss Phyllis Lewis, soft pink mousseline, with pale blue ribbon in her hair; Miss Sinclair, white crepe de chine, with lillies of the valley in her hair; Miss Dolly Goodwin looked pretty in pale pink nimon de soie, with kimono, bretelles of chine ribbon; Miss Crawford was strikingly gowned in daffodil yellow satin softened with lace, white ospreys in her hair; Miss Culpin, pink crepe de chine and white lace; Miss Connolly, dainty white mousseline with green ceinture, spray of green leaves on corsage; Miss Holland wore a very pretty pale blue silk inserted with Valenciennes lace, sprays of pink roses on corsage; Miss Slatore looked charming in a dainty floral chiffon with bands of pale blue silk; Miss Graham wore a very pretty floral net over pale pink toilette; Miss Thornes, dainty white silk toilette; Miss Gossett was strikingly gowned in pink marquisette-toned with lace and clusters of black velvet poppies; Miss Wyatt, pretty black silk dress; Miss N. McIndoe, remarkably pretty Ciel blue crepe de chine; Miss J. McIndoe, dainty pale heliotrope nimon de soie; Miss E. Cunningham, black chiffon voile brightened with clusters of pink roses; Miss Rogan looked charming in white chiffon taffetas; Miss Dawson, black silk artistically arranged with cream insertion; Miss Gaudie, graceful white muslin frock; Miss Sweet looked pretty in shell pink crepe de chine; Miss Hardwicke was gowned in an Empire dress of turquoise velvet; Miss M. Garrett, dainty cream gown; Miss C. Clark, very pretty pale green silk; Miss B. Clark, white crepe de chine; Miss E. Robinson, very pale heliotrope chiffon taffetas; Miss Brennan, white mousseline with crimson ribbons; Miss Hemus, pink silk; Miss George was daintily attired in shrimp pink silk; Miss Cussen wore maize-coloured satin with overdress of pretty cream lace; Miss McKenzie, pale blue silk; Misses Norden were becoming frock of white silk; Miss M. Casey, prettily embroidered white muslin; Miss Mathias was charmingly gowned in white brightened with clusters of red roses; Miss K. Mathias, dainty white mousseline frock with yellow roses and pretty floral sash; Miss Browne, handsome white satin; Miss L. Lewis, pink silk with pink roses; Miss L. Russell, pretty white crepe de chine; Miss H. Clapcott was strikingly gowned in red Shan-tung silk and lace; Miss H. Jordan, black silk; Miss Ayling, pale pink silk; Miss Henriksen, soft white silk and

lace; Miss Queenie Buchanan looked sweet in white chiffon taffetas and pretty floral ribbons; Miss Una Farquhar, cream gown relieved with touches of pale blue; Miss S. Clarke was strikingly gowned in white-trellised with black bebe ribbon, V-shaped guimpe of narrow black Valenciennes lace, outlined with touches of Langerine velvet; Miss A. Cooke wore white silk with pink belt; Miss Elsa Wilson, tasteful gown of white silk, combined with Paris-tinted net; Miss Taylor, pink silk veiled in cream lace, pink in coiffure; Miss E. Mainland, becoming pale blue silk; Miss B. Woodlams, dainty cream eolienne; Miss Ada Macklow wore a beautiful white chiffon taffetas and lace toilette; Miss M. Maxfield, cream chiffon taffetas; Miss Noakes was daintily attired in white with touchesblack; Miss Connolly, pretty gown of hyacinth blue silk; Miss J. Thorne wore white silk, with pale blue wash and blue chou in her hair; Miss M. Walker, cream silk, and her sister wore a pretty pale blue silk.

WELCOME TO MISS JESSIE MAC-LACHLAN.

A most enthusiastic welcome was tendered to Miss Jessie MacLachlan, the celebrated Scotch ballad singer, at the Star hotel on Monday afternoon by the members of the St. Andrew's Society. A very representative gathering was present, which would have been very much larger had there been more time to make arrangements. Mr. Murdoch McLean, President of the Society, formally welcomed Miss MacLachlan, and later, Mr. McKail Geddes (ex-President), also spoke. Miss MacLachlan, in a few well-chosen words, thanked all present for their hearty welcome, and then a delicious afternoon tea was served. Amongst others present were:—Mr. and Mrs. Murdoch, McLean and Miss McLean, Mr. and Mrs. McKail Geddes and Miss Geddes, Mr. J. and Miss Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, Miss Wingfield, Mrs. and Miss MacKay, Messrs. W. F. Stewart, Mennie, Jas. Reid, J. Arnell, Robertson, J. F. Connolly, Thorne, Cameron, Littlejohn, Currie, Forsyth, and others.

The members of

THE AUCKLAND LIDERTAFEL

must be gratified by the success which attends their concerts every season. The Choral Hall, as usual, was crowded on Friday evening with an appreciative audience, when the second concert of the present season, was given. Dr. W. E. Thomas conducted, and he had his voices under complete control. The concert throughout was of such merit that it is not easy to single out one item from another as deserving special mention. Miss Aileen Lanigan, Miss Marie Evans, and Mr. M. Orchard contributed songs, and Mr. Edward S. Cranston presided at the organ. Miss Lanigan was in chiffon taffetas; Miss

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