

Society Gossip.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Ben, October 12.

Entertainments of all sorts, and dances in particular for young people are quite the order of the day, and the fancy dress ball is the most popular, and the prettiest form in vogue. Miss Morrow's breaking-up dance was of this description, and was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday last. The hall was charmingly decorated with flags and tree ferns by the pupils, and I have never seen it look so pretty. The stage was tastefully arranged as a drawing-room for the non-dancers, and the floor was in perfect condition. A delightful supper was provided, and the tables were prettily garnished with yellow ribbons and shaded yellow flowers. The music was praiseworthy and great credit on Miss Morrow. Among those present I noticed Mrs. Morrow in a handsome black gown relieved with lace; Miss Morrow made a most fascinating nurse; Mrs. Hitchcock was becomingly gowned in black satin softened with net, with touches of Patrick green; Mrs. Hernald, pretty gown of pale heliotrope taffeta with tucker of white lace; Miss Pitt, black satin with berthe of real lace; Miss Alon, looked charming in a black figured net over white lace, with bands of black velvet ribbon on bodice; Miss Laird was gracefully gowned in a white satin Empire frock; Miss Borlase, becoming gown of black crepe de chine with tucker of white Valenciennes lace; Miss Keogh, dainty white tucked and inserted muslin; Mrs. Munroe, black satin and lace; Mrs. Speight, navy velvet; Mrs. Westbury, cream; Mrs. Cardno, pale blue; Mrs. J. King, black silk; Mrs. A. Wright, black; Mrs. Rowe, cream silk; Mrs. P. Longdill; Miss Longdill; Mrs. Sheath, black satin; Miss Smith, cream evening dress; Mrs. K. Woodhouse, white muslin; Miss E. Hawke, Grecian girl; Miss Munro, Japanese lady; Miss Cora Munro, Spanish dancer; Miss Mundy, a Nauch girl; Miss Ivy Mundy, Maritana; Miss R. Mundy, white evening dress; Miss Westbury, Folly (green and white); Mr. E. Westbury, Old English; Mr. G. Westbury, a cricketer; Mr. A. Pyatt, a cricketer; Miss V. Mitchell, Red Cross Nurse; Mr. N. Mitchell, Mercutio; Miss Mitchell, cream evening dress; Miss Speight, Folly (pink and white); Miss E. Sheath, Folly; Mr. W. Sheath, Admiral Sperry; Miss Sheath, evening dress; Miss Marjorie Wright, a letter-box; Misses Pycroft, white silk; Miss Alice Pycroft, Stars and Stripes; Mr. H. Laird, King of Spain; Mr. E. Laird, a fisher boy; Miss Eileen Clayton, pink silk; Miss O'Halloran, cream evening dress; Miss A. O'Halloran, a milkmaid; Mr. A. O'Halloran, a cricketer; Miss Youngman, a rainbow; Miss Youngman, Pierrette; Miss Wilcocks, Pierrette; Miss Wilcocks, A French maid; Miss Woodruffe, Folly (pink and white); Miss W. Beale, Folly (black and white); Miss Hillary Vail, a sailor girl; Miss Kathleen Edwards, cream silk evening dress; Miss Grey, a Turkish girl; Miss Newman, evening dress, cream; Miss Fleming, an undergraduate; Miss Raymond, a shepherdess; Miss Fox, a flower girl; Miss P. Fox, a fairy; Miss Blumenthal, pink silk; Miss Palmers, white silk; Miss W. Longdill, Lady Macbeth; Miss S. Longdill, a rose; Mr. Hancock, a Highlander; Miss Enwright, Scotch lassie; Miss E. Wacht, white muslin; Miss G. Foster, Spanish girl; Miss Carter, A Dutch girl; Mr. Frank Morrow, a clown; Miss Jaesman, a skirt dancer; Miss Lund, white silk; Miss Hazel Alderton, white muslin; Miss Tomlinson, evening dress; Miss Massey, Veronique; Mr. H. Reece, a cricketer; Mr. Bach, a yachtsman; Mr. P. Dargaville, a yachtsman; Mr. B. Alexander, a cricketer; Messrs. Gossett, McBain, Laird, Warren and others.

Another large fancy dress ball was given by Mr and Mrs Bassett last week, and was a great success. The floor and the music was excellent, and the supper

delightful. All those little accessories which add so greatly to the comfort of the guests had been attended to, and altogether the evening was a great success. Among those present I noticed: Mrs. F. C. Bassett, navy blue voile, bordered with silver; Mrs. S. Holdsworth, pretty green muslin; Mrs. J. Thompson, black silk; Mrs. Gibby, black silk, relieved with white; Mrs. McCarthey, white, with spangled net; Mrs. Coleman, black silk; Mrs. Love, black silk; Mrs. Towsey, black silk, relieved with white; Mrs. Harris, black silk; Mrs. Webber, pretty green silk; Mrs. W. Ogilvie, black, relieved with cream; Miss R. Hicks, pretty chiffon taffeta; Miss Hooker, pretty blue silk; Miss Clark, lovely blue silk; Miss Montgomery, lovely cream silk; Miss Harris, yellow satin, overskirt of cream net; Miss V. Slaney, dainty cream frock; Miss McGeethigan, white silk; Miss Ekman, white silk; Miss L. Boyd, pale blue silk; Miss J. Boyd, pale blue silk; Miss Barlow, pale blue lustre; Miss Hyde, pretty pale blue frock; Miss McCarthey, white silk, with red ribbon; Miss Costley, heliotrope silk; Miss Bassett, white silk lace; Miss Dethmere, pale blue silk; Miss Broadwood, cream frock; Miss E. Henery, pretty white silk; Miss E. Aspden, white silk; Miss Harding, white silk; Miss O'Brien, white silk; Miss Ross, white silk; Miss O'Jackson, pale yellow silk, gold tassels; Miss L. Jackson, pale pink silk; Miss M. Jackson, pale blue silk; Miss R. Leppine, white silk; Miss M. Rowe, blue silk frock; Miss B. Rowe, pink silk frock; Miss M. Patterson, pink silk; Misses Walker, white silk; Miss Rotherham, white silk; Miss Grieve, Summer; Miss L. Penholz, N.Z. Observer; Miss N. Breeley, Spanish Maiden; Miss A. Edwards, Schoolgirl; Miss M. Hauser, Lilac; Miss P. Coates, Spanish Dancer; Miss I. Ellis, Mabel; Miss O. Hamilton, Post Cards; Miss R. Fox, Roses; Miss Lennox, Violets; Miss Eustace, Swiss Peasant; Miss H. Lennox, Cherry Ripe; Miss Culpin, Rainbow; Miss K. Jansen, Baby; Miss A. Rutherford, Shepherdess; Miss E. Kelly, Columbia; Miss F. Bassett, Zealandia; Miss A. Culpin, Forget-me-not; Miss F. M. Edwards, Folly; Miss Cottrel, Indian Princess; Miss Polson, Forget-me-not; Miss K. Rees Harvest; Miss E. Brown, Japanese Lady; Miss P. Penholz, Starlight; Miss J. McDonald, Gipsy; Miss Brown, Gipsy Queen; Miss McGuerny, Indian Princess; Miss M. Aspden, Grace Darling; Miss Cottrel, Butterfly; Miss Turner, cream silk; Miss Thomas, cream silk; Miss R. Harris, green silk; Mr. F. Williams, S. African police; Mr. B. Deebie, Gordon Highlander; Mr. H. Finlay, Highlander; Mr. E. G. Hanson, Footballer (All Black); Mr. B. Culpin, Claw; Mr. A. Hartley, Jockey; Mr. A. Cox, Cricketer; Mr. A. Nelson, South Islander; Mr. P. Dawes, John Bull; Mr. J. Lees, Jockey (purple and gold); Mr. O. Jones, Cowboy; Mr. T. Gillespie, Cricketer; Mr. V. Lemphire, Samba; Mr. T. Brown, Frenchman; Mr. A. Laird, L'Aiglon; Mr. T. Bond, Colonel of Marines; Mr. C. O. Bonham, Durbar Hoop Polbah; Mr. E. Marett, Waitemata Rowing Club.

On Thursday last the Garrison Officers gave

A DELIGHTFUL DANCE IN THE MILITARY HALL.

The Gunroom was beautifully decorated with nikans and tree-fern, while the flags and different regimental colours gave the required touch of colour. The floor had received special attention, and was really remarkably good, while the music, provided by the Garrison Band, was all one could wish. Another great attraction was the large cool and tastefully arranged hall for sitting-out purposes, the guns and garrison trophies admirably placed to show to the best advantage, and with palms, flowers, small tables, and comfortable chairs, the whole effect was that of a charming winter garden. The supper-room looked a perfect picture, those ever-effective colours, red, white and blue, being used for the tables. The Club President (Lieut.-Col. Wolfe) and Mrs. Wolfe received the guests. Mrs. Wolfe was wearing a becoming gown of black taffeta, relieved with white lace; Mrs. Arthur Myers, in a striking toilette of white and gold, handsomely embroidered with guile. Mrs. Helgate was daintily

gowned in white chiffon taffeta with touches of black and silver; Mrs. J. Rankin Reed, pretty mauve taffeta, softened with lace; Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield looked charming in a white and blue chine silk with front panel of spangled lace; Mrs. Abbott wore a tasteful gown of black and white; Mrs. Major was becomingly frocked in a white embroidered chiffon with berthe and bolero effect of real lace; Hon. Kathleen Plunket, handsome gown of black jetted lace; Mrs. Ferguson, lovely pale blue chiffon velours with white lace and touches of silver; Mrs. T. Southey Baker, black taffeta with black jetted lace; Mrs. J. Hall, pretty Empire gown of white Oriental satin; Mrs. Pilkington, dainty gown of white mousseline de soie, inset with lace, and golden wheat-ears on corsage and in coiffure; Mrs. Noyes was prettily frocked in a pale blue and white striped ninon de soie with bands of pale blue taffeta; Mrs. Louis Myers, handsome black silk with berthe of Bohemian lace; Mrs. A. C. Purchas was gowned in a pale pink hand-painted oidor with floral design; Mrs. A. Gordon, black velvet with real lace; Mrs. E. Anderson wore an effective black taffeta Princess gown with white lace bands; Mrs. Hardy Neil, black taffeta, softened with lace and relieved with blue; Mrs. Sinclair wore a striking gown of black and white striped silk with white lace on corsage; Mrs. E. Moss, in black chiffon over white taffeta with black Chantilly lace; Mrs. Sweet was becomingly attired in white satin, softened with lace; Mrs. Goertz was gowned in a picture frock of white satin Duchesse with osprey in coiffure; Mrs. Collins looked charming in a cream and gold toilette with gold embroidery scarf; Miss Biddle wore a becoming gown of Tuscan lace, relieved with vivid green velvet; Miss G. Biddle, a dainty white mousseline with bands and ceinture of white taffeta; Miss Williams was gowned in a lovely rose pink chiffon velours with cream lace on corsage; Miss Browning was daintily frocked in a white Empire mousseline de soie, inset with lace; Miss Pearl Gorrie, white Oriental satin with lace and touches of pale blue; Miss Cooper, effective gown of pale pink chiffon over silver, and silver embroidery outlining bodice; Miss Cooke was wearing white ninon with pink roses on corsage; Miss Dawson, white tulle, veiled in lace; Miss —, Dawson, pretty frock of pale pink chiffon, tucked and inserted with cream lace; Miss A. Sinclair, ciel blue chiffon taffeta with tucker of white lace; Miss Myra Reid, becoming gown of white taffeta with gold embroidery; Miss R. Gorrie, dainty white mousseline, inset with Valenciennes; Miss Ida Thompson looked charming in a becoming pale blue taffeta with sleeves and tucker of point d'esprit, braided with silver; Miss Northcroft, white Oriental satin, softened with chiffon; her sister was also gowned in white; Miss Steele, pale blue chiffon taffeta with tucker of white lace; Miss —, Steele, becoming white taffeta, softened with chiffon and lace; Miss White was daintily gowned in white crepe de chine with touches of pink; Miss Isaacs wore a becoming toilette of black point d'esprit over satin,

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