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Society Gossip

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee, August 26. **PING-PONG.**

On Saturday evening last the Auckland Ping-Pong Club met the Metropolitan Club at the Choral Hall to play their inter-club match, the result being a draw. There were some most animated and interesting games played, keen contests taking place. There was a very large number present, among whom I noticed:—Mrs (Dr.) Moir, in a navy silk gown, with trimmings of Maltese lace and passementerie; Miss Moir wore a dainty Nil green silk blouse, with white lace yoke and collar, and cluster of violets on corsage, black skirt; Miss Belle Moir looked winsome in a navy tuckered silk blouse, white point lace collar, fastened with a bunch of violets, black skirt; Miss L. Butters was in a becoming pink silk evening blouse, with Maltese lace yoke and collar, brightened with crimson roses, black trained skirt; Mrs (Dr.) Purchas wore a Royal blue lace silk blouse, with rich white lace collar, black silk skirt; Miss Haven, red velvet blouse, with white point lace collar, black skirt; Mrs C. M. Nelson, black voile gown, ornamented with braid and jet; Miss Nelson wore all black, with white lace sailor collar; Miss K. Nelson, black evening dress, with cream lace vest and collar; Mrs (Dr.) Humphrey Haines, dainty orchid mauve tuckered silk blouse, relieved with white applique, and black satin skirt; Miss E. Isaacs, seafoam brocaded silk blouse, softened with white lace, black silk skirt; Miss Isaacs, geranium pink silk blouse with a bolero of red velvet, black skirt; Miss J. Tye, white and blue floral blouse and black skirt; Miss Snell, black evening gown; Mrs (Dr.) Rob-

erton was in black silk with touches of white; Mrs Sharland, black cloth costume; Miss Sharland, white silk blouse and dark skirt; Miss Hemus, pale blue tuckered silk blouse, with white lace collar and rose pink chou, black skirt; Miss Nesta Cook, navy and white spotted silk blouse, with white lace sailor collar, black skirt; Miss Dawson wore a pale blue and white blouse, softened with white lace, crimson corsage bouquet, and black skirt; Miss Gorrie, azure blue silk blouse, and black trained skirt; Miss Pearl Gorrie, Coronation red silk blouse, with elbow, sleeves and black skirt; Miss Steele, cameo pink silk evening blouse, softened with white lace, black trained skirt; Miss Scherff, white silk evening bodice, with touches of black velvet, black trained skirt; Miss Dolly Scherff, graceful blue mousseline-de-soie, with long tuckered sleeves and white lace collar; Miss Harrison, blue velvet blouse, and lace collar, black skirt; Mrs Pislethorpe (nee Miss Jowett) autumn brown satin blouse, prettily tuckered, skirt to match; Miss Denniston, charming white silk blouse, with rose pink belt and chou, black skirt; Miss Brabant, pale yellow silk blouse, softened with lace, black trained skirt; Miss Hunt, blue and pink striped silk blouse and black skirt; Miss Myers wore a white silk blouse, with a pale blue silk belt, and a black skirt; Miss Etty Myers, ruby velvet blouse, and pink belt, black skirt; Miss Langridge, black with cream lace; Miss Jessie Reil, bellotrope and white; Mrs Stewart, graceful black evening gown; Miss Graves Aickin, crimson silk blouse, and black skirt; Miss Kennedy, pink blouse, black skirt; Millie, Couche, Nil green silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Alice Harrison, blue blouse with pink chon, black skirt; Miss Caro, azure blue silk blouse and black skirt; Miss Sloman, blue and white blouse, black skirt; Miss May Sloman, Car blue silk blouse and white lace collar, black skirt; Miss Wyld-Browne, rose pink silk blouse, with pink chon on corsage, black skirt; Miss Williamson wore white net over cream satin, and a pretty blue blouse inserted with white lace; Miss Conle Sloman, crimson frock with cream lace bolero; Miss K. Hunt, green silk blouse and black skirt; Miss Ida Thompson looked pretty in white; Miss Bessie Jones, red and white brocaded blouse, with red velvet sailor collar, and cream silk skirt; Miss N. Metcalf, black and white check silk blouse, with blue silk chon on corsage, black skirt; Miss Dolly Metcalf, rose pink silk blouse, and black skirt; Miss U. Culpan, black cloth costume; Mrs Kronfeld, moss green velvet blouse, trimmed with white lace, black skirt; Miss Kronfeld, rose pink silk blouse and black skirt; Miss Holland, white silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Essie Holland, white tuckered silk blouse, with bright pink silk chon and belt, black skirt; Miss Goodall, azure blue silk blouse, and black skirt; Miss Savage, pale blue silk blouse and black trained skirt; Miss Hill, white silk; Miss Torrance, black and white brocaded bodice, with jet berthe caught with pink flowers, black skirt; Miss Moore, bellotrope skirt and white tuckered silk blouse, relieved with black velvet.

A DANCE.

Another very enjoyable dance, held on Thursday (last week), in St. Barnabas' Hall, Mt. Eden, reflects great credit on the committee of ladies and gentlemen who have worked hard to make these social evenings a success. Among those present were: Mrs Udy, wearing black silk, Maltese lace collar; Mrs Trevithick, black silk, relieved with old point lace; Mrs F. Oldham, pretty blue silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs Price, becoming cream silk; Mrs Kenneth Lowe, white silk; Miss Gillilan, white silk; Mrs W. Trevithick, lavender silk, relieved with white; Miss E. Udy, white silk; Miss D. Udy, pretty sea-green silk; Miss Holland, black; Miss Gladys Boscawen, white silk, relieved with bellotrope flowers; Miss Linda Bagnall, pretty blue silk, with white lace frills; Miss Price looked well in black; Miss M. Price, pretty yellow silk gown; Miss Dora Hautain, green silk; Miss N. Walker, white; Miss Pickmere, black velvet and coffee

lace; Miss S. Metcalf looked dainty in pretty white silk; her sister wore a pink frock, the skirt much frilled; Miss N. Trevithick looked nice in white silk; Miss Morrow, white silk; Miss Garrett, red silk; Miss B. Oxley, pale pink, and crimson roses; Miss Clare Haven, pretty white silk, tuckered; Miss Kate Stephenson, pretty black velvet frock; Miss Crowther, white muslin, inserted with lace; Miss G. Hill, black skirt, slate silk blouse; Miss A. Culpan, black; her sister wore white silk; Miss F. Ryan, bellotrope and cream lace; Miss Winnie Cave, white silk, and bellotrope flowers; Miss Wilson, black velvet; Miss P. Hanna, white silk, relieved with blue; Miss J. Newall, white silk; Miss St. Paul, white silk. Among the gentlemen present were: Messrs Udy, Stuart, Wright, James, Hill (2) Metcalf, Trevithick, Hemus, Broadfoot, Nicholson, Bedford, Reid, St. Paul, Hanna, Murray, Lowe, Howard, Alexander, S. Walker.

HOSPITAL DANCE.

The matron and nurses of the Auckland Hospital gave a most successful dance in Soverby's Hall on Monday last week. The ballroom was artistically decorated, and the nurses' uniforms added to the picturesqueness of the scene. Much credit is due to the committee for the arrangements made.

Amongst those in evening gowns I noticed Mrs (Dr.) Scott, in black mervelleux, with touches of cream; Mrs (Dr.) Parkes, black brocade, trimmed with pink and pink roses; Miss Utting, cream and black; Miss Binney, black gown; Miss Lena Butters looked charming in black brocade, with crimson roses; Mrs (Dr.) Bedford, black trained skirt, white silk blouse with lace zouave; Miss Rice, white silk, prettily trimmed with white chiffon; Miss Meta Aickin wore a pretty pale blue silk; Mrs (Dr.) Grant, black and crimson; Miss Woods, black velvet; Miss J. Smart, black and pink silk. Amongst the gentlemen were Mrs. Parkes, Goldie, Grant, Horsefall, Inglis, Teague, Messrs Winks, Frost, Bedford, Sims, Murphy, Waddy, Gilmer, Burke, Burgess, Crawford, Foster, Donald, Richworth.

AFTERNOON TEA.

A number of ladies gave a very enjoyable farewell tea in the Strand Cafe to Mrs and Miss Kronfeld prior to their departure for Sava on a three months' visit. Some 40 guests assembled in the Strand private room, which has a ping-pong table, and had been especially prepared for the occasion. Ping-pong and chat made the hours pass by pleasantly.

A very large and

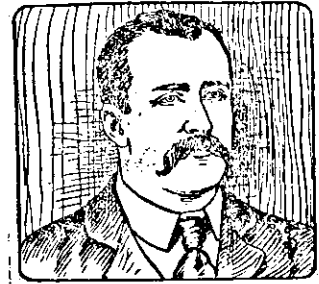
MOST ENJOYABLE CHILDREN'S PARTY AND DANCE

was given in the Mount Albert Parish Hall on Friday evening last. The getting up of this dance was mainly due to the energetic secretary, Mrs. May, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Newell and family, who really all worked like Trojans to make the dance the success it was. The result was a brilliant assemblage of happy children, whose faces just beamed with enjoyment. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and greenery; the stage was arranged with furniture and screens as a reception room, where cards were played by the older people, who did not dance. The floor is not a good one by any means for dancing (as it was not built for that purpose), but evidently much time had been spent on getting it ready, as it was better than usual. First there was a little shyness on the part of the wee ones, but by degrees, under the influence of the music and the persuasion of the grown-up people, of whom there was a fair sprinkling, and the desire to make the most of so rare an opportunity, shyness yielded, and the numbers of wee footers on the floor gradually increased, and when the dance was in its zenith the tableau vivant was a charming one, as children's enjoyment is so real. The "grand march," as the opening dance, under the guidance of Miss Morrow, was very much admired, and the young ludy deserves great credit for the manner in which she managed

such a large assemblage of children. The supper was a sumptuous one, and it might be said the tables literally groaned beneath the weight of the many dishes. The tables were prettily decorated with grass-green silk drapery, relieved with vases of narcissi, surrounded with trifles, jellies, cakes and sweets of every description. Mrs. May looked very well in a black skirt, coquillet silk blouse, finished with white lace; and her two little daughters looked very dainty and sweet in white muslin Empire frocks, with pink sashes; Mrs. Newell, handsome black silk, with white lace; Miss Newell was much admired in white nun's veiling evening gown, the skirt was one mass of small frills at the hem; Miss Ruby Newell, becoming white muslin frock; Miss Henle, white muslin with blue ribbons; Mrs. A. R. Wright, black skirt, handsome dome blue lustre blouse, with tuckings; Miss Jessie Wright, pretty frock of coral pink nun's veiling very much betucked; Mrs. A. W. Page, black skirt, pale ciel blue blouse with white lace; and her three daughters wore white frocks, with small bouffes at hems of skirt; Mrs. McLenn, grey skirt, azure blue silk blouse; Miss McLenn, white muslin; Mrs. Drower, dark skirt, blue silk blouse; Miss Birdie Drower, dark skirt, pink blouse; Mrs. Batkin, black silk, with white silk vest, veiled in ceru lace; Miss Batkin, plain skirt, white blouse, with blue chon on corsage; and her sister wore white; Mrs. Hannah, black silk, with white lace; and her one daughter wore white, and another dark skirt, buis-coloured blouse; Miss Morrow, white muslin, with blue sash; Mrs. Jamieson, black; Mrs. Barker, black lustre; Miss Maud Barker, blue Empire frock; Mrs. Garrett, black; Miss Garrett, brown skirt, white blouse; Miss M. Garrett, dark skirt, red blouse; and two young sisters wore white; Mrs. Hawken-Wilson, very striking coquillet red satin evening gown, white opera cape; and her little daughter wore a blue frock; Mrs. W. H. Wilson, black silk, with red silk facings; Mrs. King, black skirt, pink blouse; Mrs. Finlayson, black; Mrs. Daisley, black; Mrs. Jones Parry, black silk, with red tulle at neck; Miss Jones Parry, dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss G. Parry, white; Miss

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