

Society Gossip.

Special to the "Graphic."

dove grey paillette, with cream net insertion, black and pink hat; Miss Shepherd, black and white velvet costume, black hat; Miss Owens, cream costume, cream and pink hat; Miss Graham, lovely grey silk trimmed with violet, and violet hat.

MORRIS-CHIVERS.

A wedding which attracted much interest at Island Bay on the 31st August, was that of Miss Edith Annie Chivers (niece of Mr. and Mrs. Keene) and Mr. Campbell Morris, son of the late Captain Morris, of Tauranga. The ceremony took place at St. Hilda's Church, the Rev. T. Fancourt being the officiating clergyman. The church was prettily decorated and the service was choral. The bride who was given away by her uncle wore a soft white lace gown over silk, with a tulle veil, and small wreath of orange blossom. The bridesmaids, Misses Morris (sister of the bridegroom), Cattell Lacey and Edie Reid, wore cream cloth gowns, large black velvet hats with plumes, and carried bouquets of rose-coloured camellias, tied with rose ribbon, their presents from the bridegroom were wish-bone brooches. Mr. J. A. Young, Mayor of Hamilton, was best man; Messrs. Robertson S. Chivers and Keene were groomsmen. The wedding reception was held at Mrs. Keene's picturesque house and garden standing on a hill. Inside was a perfect wealth of flowers, feathery mimosa in the hall, pink and rose camellias in the drawing-room; the dining room where tea was laid was mainly done with tree lucerne; the tables with white flowers and delicate foliage. Mrs. Keene wore a green silk gown with small lace yoke and a toque with pale pink roses; Mrs. Williams (Mrs. Keene's mother), black silk gown and a black felted bonnet with pink flowers; Mrs. Shearer, black brocade, heliotrope toque. Mrs. Masson, black crepe de chine, chiffon toque. The Hon. T. Hislop, and Dr. J. P. Luke, M.P., were also present.

CONDON—SEYMOUR.

A wedding in a country town always creates a general stir, but something near a record was established on Tuesday (says our Dargaville correspondent). The occasion was the marriage of Miss Cathie Seymour, youngest daughter of Captain Seymour, to Mr. James Condon. A great crowd assembled from all quarters, and before 1.30 p.m. the church was filled to overflowing. The bride was charmingly attired in white mervic silk, silk all-over lace, and silk-corded girdle. She also wore the orthodox veil of orange blossoms, and carried a large shower bouquet. Miss Condon, first bridesmaid, wore a pretty pale blue glace silk and nylon dress, silk all-over lace, and corded girdle, also a large cream lace hat, with forget-me-nots and red velvet trimmings. She carried a bouquet of white blossoms, with blue streamers. Miss Kitty Ashby, second bridesmaid, in a chic pale blue Japanese silk dress, with insertion trimmings and silk girdle, and a large clip straw hat with white roses, looked very pretty. She also carried a white bouquet, with streamers. Mr. J. Brown was best man, and Mr. T. Main, groomsmen. The bride was given away by her father. After the ceremony Captain Seymour entertained over 300 guests at a sumptuous wedding breakfast, beautifully arranged in a daffodil setting. A number of appropriate toasts were honoured. The bride's travelling dress was a becoming navy blue tailored costume, with a dark green velvet toque. Mr. and Mrs. Condon left for Auckland the same afternoon. After their honeymoon they will reside at Dargaville.

A million germs woke up one day
 Went on journeying ails away;
 Cough, cold, and fever, asthma, too,
 These germs were named by those who
 knew.
 And people grew so much alarmed
 They realised they might be harmed;
 And all at once the germs fell dead,
 They'd met Woods' Peppermint Cure 'tis
 said.

There is a monument in Hempstead, Long Island, erected to the members of a shipwrecked crew, who were drowned off Far Rockaway one stormy night. On three sides of the monument are ordinary inscriptions. On the fourth appears the best bit of humour ever found on a gravestone. It reads as follows: "This monument was erected by the humane people of Queens County to the memory of the shipwrecked crew—out of the money found on the bodies of the deceased."

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AUCKLAND.

Something New.

THE Protection of Women and Children, and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Society instead of having a bridge party or a dance, whereby to gain funds for these two very deserving causes, hit upon the happy idea of working "name quilts." Each helper was given a square of white linen divided into twenty-five squares, in each square the name or initial of someone was worked, and for this you paid one shilling, which also gave you a chance of winning the quilt when finished. Each of these squares was joined with an insertion of torchon, and the whole edged with a frill of the same lace. In the centre of one quilt was Lord Islington's signature and the other Lady Islington's. These quilts were surprisingly handsome, and gave the effect of all-over embroidery. On Monday afternoon the raffle took place. Mrs. McKail Geddes very kindly lent her ballroom for the afternoon. Everything was done in the most business-like manner. On a table were two barrels, in one the numbers of the names (some fifteen hundred, I believe) were placed, and in the other all blanks but two, tickets which were marked "prize." Mrs. Parkes drew the numbers, and the Mayoress (Mrs. C. J. Parr) drew the others, and not until what seemed hundreds of numbers had been called, was "prize" drawn. This number was found to belong to a syndicate of six men. These names were put together, and drawn, Mr. Whittaker being the lucky man. The second quilt was won by Miss Saunders, of Melbourne, who was the guest of Mrs. Benjamin for some time last winter. The lady had worked a square of names, and sent it over. Mrs. Benjamin, who has worked so hard organising this huge piece of work, read a statement of accounts. After all expenses had been paid, the societies will benefit to the extent of £68 odd. Mrs. Parkes called for a vote of thanks to Mrs. Benjamin, which was carried with enthusiasm. Among those present were: Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. John Reid, Mrs. Louis Myers, Mrs. Lawrence Nathan, Mrs. Devore, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. David Nathan, Mrs. Colgrove, Mrs. Reinstein, Mrs. Felix Kelly, Mrs. Allen.

At Home.

The Misses Bews, staff and pupils issued a very large number of invitations for Friday night to an "At Home" in St. Andrew's Hall, which was simply packed to the doors. Miss Bews received the guests at the entrance to the hall, and when everyone had found seats the programme started with a scene from early English history, "King Alfred and the Cakes." This was remarkably well done, and the lines were spoken clearly and well. Marjorie Moir as the Godmother's wife was a most charming little girl. Marjorie Regan was Alfred, King of England. Kathleen Ball was Earl Ethelred, and Olive Hutchison was a Minstrel—all very good. The second item was a country hornpipe, which was well danced by the following: Dorothea Wyatt, Betty Shorman, Marjorie Leary, Betty Fisher, Cecile Larnar, Kathleen Knight, Betty Gillian, Gwenilian Good, Marian Macfarlane, Bessie Walker, Nora Dargaville, Ruth Shepherd. Then came a scene from "Robin Hood." King Richard (Coeur de Lion), Rae Dunnett. Three nobles, attendants on the king, Cecile Larnar, Rose Thornton, Ema Colby; Robin Hood, Margaret Puget; Little John, Betty Shorman; Much, Gwen Lyons;

Allan-a-Dale, Doris Bayly; Friar Tuck, Kathleen Irving; Merry Men, Maribel Newland, Doris Hume, Kathleen Abbot, Doreen Simon, Jean Buckleton; Maid Marian, Marjorie Allen; Lady Christabel, Marjorie Billing. This was effectively staged, and the children seemed to enter into the spirit of the play with zest. Then came the most ambitious item on the programme—the operetta, "The Enchanted Palace," a new version of the well-loved "Sleeping Beauty." The King, Elsie Neill; Prince Emerald, Jessie Geddis; Chancellor, Aileen Lindsay; King's Wise Man, Priscilla Moore; King's Jester, Minna Kronfeld; King's Poet, Belle Wilson; Queen, Mary Stericker; Princess Crystal, Heather Bews; Chief Maiden, Dorothy Coldcut; Fairies—Beryl Knight, Edith Hall, Lydia Bayly. The staging of this operetta was very good. Some charmingly effects were made with the gaily-dressed children and the soft-coloured lights. The "hit" of the evening undoubtedly was the exceedingly funny trio given by the Chancellor, Aileen Lindsay, who has a pretty clear voice; the King's Wise Man, Priscilla Moore, who sang and acted well; and the Jester, Minnie Kronfeld, who was most fascinating and showed decided talent in both her acting and dancing, which was charming. Jessie Geddes as Rene Emerald was charming. Heather Bews as the Sleeping Beauty filled the part beautifully, and sang sweetly. Some charming dances were given during the operetta, which were most enjoyable. Mrs. Heaps, I understand, arranged these. Those who took part in them were: Leslie Sanderson, Rita Ashton, Nora Frater, Nita Annandale, Hilda Wiseman, Marjorie Buckleton, Minna Kronfeld, Belle Wilson. The girls were dressed in short dancing frocks of red tulle, and were much admired. The second troupe consisted of Gertrude McCutchan, May Newland, Bella Wiseman, Lorna Kenderline, Ora Paget, Marjorie Macfarlane, Moana Paget, Dorothy Kenderline. The evening was a great success, and most enjoyable.

Luncheon Party.

Among the parties given for Miss Grace Buller during the past week was a luncheon party given by the Misses Towie, Epsom, on Friday. Most of the guests going on to Mrs. Roberts party in the afternoon.

The Misses Kissing also gave a tea at which Miss Buller was the guest of honour.

Mrs. George Roberts, Lower Symonds street, gave a charming "Handkerchief and d'Oyley Tea" for Miss Grace Buller, who is to be married shortly. Tea was served in the diningroom, the table being daintily decorated with spring flowers in tall silver vases, and after we had enjoyed the dainties, we returned to the drawingroom and were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Parkes, Miss May Kissing, and Miss Branda Kenderline, who sang charmingly. Miss Ruby Coleman gave a most amusing recitation, and then came the most interesting part of the fun, when the bride eld opened the parcels, and such a lot of dainty things were displayed, mostly handkerchiefs, but some lovely d'oyles. Mrs. Roberts wore a black Marquessette over black silk, relieved with a yoke of white lace and net; Miss Buller, dark grey cloth tailored suit, dark grey hat with soft grey wings and sealskin necklet; Miss Mildred Buller, grey cloth coat and skirt, and a becoming red hat; Mrs. Parkes wore a lovely frock of palest grey crepe de chine, with lovely soft-toned embroideries and touches of white lace, black hat with white lamer plumes; Mrs. David Nathan, biscuit coloured shantung coat and skirt, and a smart black and white hat; Mrs. Howard Richmond, dark blue coat and skirt with black braidings, and a becoming hat; Mrs. Haywood wore pale brown crepe de chine with touches

of a deeper tone, and a toque to match; Miss Haywood, dark coat and skirt, green hat with grey wings; Miss Alice Walker, dark blue tailored suit with black braidings, a smart blue straw hat sharply turned from the face with dark

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