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AUCKLAND.

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Handkerchief Tea.

MISS THELMA BLOOMFIELD, who is to be one of Miss Betty Grierson's bridesmaids, gave a charming handkerchief tea to the bride-elect on Wednesday of last week. Of course, there was rivalry as to who would bring the daintiest handkerchief, and the result was a collection that would please any girl. The tea table decorations were charmingly bridal—silver bowls and vases of snowdrops with trails of white tulle between the vases. The effect was very dainty. Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield and Miss Thelma received the guests in the hall. The whole home was charmingly decorated with flowers. Mrs. Bloomfield wore a lovely pale grey crepe de chine frock, with beautiful silk embroidery trimmings; Miss Thelma Bloomfield looked charming in electric-blue charmeuse veiled with ninon; Miss Una Saunders wore a most becoming blue velvet frock. The guest of honour, Miss Betty Grierson, wore a smart navy blue coat and skirt and a black hat with large bows of red and black ribbon, which suited the pretty wearer; Miss Ethel Grierson wore a pretty frock of rose-colour, with a hat in the same tone; Mrs. Sydney George wore a smart grey coat and skirt and a black musquash hat; Miss Gillies wore electric-blue cloth coat and skirt and a hat to match; Miss Linda Bloomfield wore a smart blue cloth coat and skirt with one-sided rever of emerald green, black hat lined with white and large green wings on it; Miss Jessie Reid wore a smart blue cloth tailored suit, with touch of cerise and a smart white and blue hat; Miss Una Buddle, pale grey cloth coat and skirt, smart grey hat with palest pink drooping wings; Miss A. Carr, blue tailored coat and skirt, and a pretty brown hat; Miss Nesta Thomas wore a smart grey cloth frock, trimmed with fur to match, black satin hat; Miss Tom Thomas, dark blue coat and skirt and a pretty blue hat; Miss Muriel Dargaville wore a smart cream cloth coat and skirt, large black hat with black and white plumes, and lovely white fox furs; Miss Vera Duthie, navy serge frock and a smart black hat; Miss M. Cooper wore grey cloth and a natter blue hat; Miss Mavis Reed in an elegant navy blue and a natter blue hat and ermine furs; Miss Edith Reed, a charming navy blue coat and skirt, black velvet hat with blue wing and ermine furs; Miss Fybil Payton, green cloth coat and skirt and a hat to match; Miss Ruby Coleman looked smart in pale grey and lovely seal furs; Miss Milly Earl, Miss E. Cole, Misses C. and M. Tole, the Misses M. and L. Towle.

A Dance.

"Birtley," the residence of the late Mrs. Street, which, since her death, has been the residence of Mrs. Gillies and her daughter, was the scene of a very enjoyable party on Thursday night. Miss Gillies gave a dance for Miss Betty Grierson, who is to be married on July 4th. Unfortunately, the night, though moonlight, was wet, and so the beautiful grounds which surround the house could not be used, but there were lots of cosy corners, and delightful nooks for "sitters out." The large dining-room was used for dancing, and the guests were received by Mrs. Gillies and her daughter in the drawing-room. The supper table was effectively decorated with holly, on which there were plenty of red berries, and which came all the way from Dunedin, red-shaded candles, and the light in the centre, with a shade composed of red poppies

with black centres, completed a pretty colour scheme. Mrs. Gillies wore a black toilette; Miss Gillies wore a pretty frock of pale blue ninon over charmeuse; Miss Mavis Williamson, in a smart frock of pale blue ninon, veiled with pink; Mrs. Grierson wore black; Mrs. Harry Bloomfield wore a pretty frock of white charmeuse, with an overdress of emerald green, with a border of embroidery; Miss Betty Grierson wore a lovely frock of pale pink charmeuse, with a double tunic of pale blue ninon, with scalloped edges, finished with narrow gold fringe. Across the front of the lower tunic was a wreath of lovely hand-made pink roses; Miss Ethel Grierson wore a becoming frock of white charmeuse, veiled with cerise ninon; Miss Muriel Dargaville, a smart frock of reseda green lace, with touches of pink; Miss Jessie Reid wore a lovely white charmeuse frock, with pointed tunic of white ninon, finished with embroidery in white beads, and a becoming touch of flame pink at the waist; Miss Linda Bloomfield wore a pretty frock of blue charmeuse, veiled with blue dowdrop ninon and violets in her hair and on the décolletage; Miss Thelma Bloomfield wore her dainty "coming out" frock of white charmeuse and ninon, with veiled touches of pale blue; Miss Una Saunders, in a dainty gown of palest blue and pink; Miss Neville George, in a lovely frock of white charmeuse, with overdress of lace, veiled with white ninon, and touches of a soft crushed strawberry shade; Miss Una Buddle wore a pretty maize coloured charmeuse frock, veiled with palest pink; Miss M. Cooper wore a frock in a lovely shade of blue, trimmed with brown fur; Miss Rene Jamieson (Wellington), in an elegant white chine silk frock, patterned with pale pink flowers; Miss Jn. Draper, a pretty white charmeuse frock; Miss Stevenson wore pale blue; Miss Jean Robertson wore a pretty pink frock; Miss A. Carr, a dainty white satin frock, the bodice covered with lovely pearl embroidery; Miss Jean Richmond wore white; Miss Nora Gorrie wore a pretty white frock; Miss Lorna Towle wore white charmeuse, with short tunic of white ninon embroidered with green; Misses Cole, one in pale blue, and the other in white ninon over charmeuse.

A Tea Party.

Miss May Ridings gave a charming tea party, at which Miss Betty Grierson was the guest of honour. Each guest was asked to bring a receipt, which was written in a book, to be presented to the bride-elect, and will be a charming memento of her girlhood's friends and probably prove very useful.

Mrs. Buddle's Dance.

Mrs. C. Buddle added one more to a long list of charming parties with the dance that she gave on Saturday night for Miss Betty Grierson. Mrs. Buddle wore a toilette of white, and Miss Una Buddle, who is to be one of the bridesmaids, looked dainty in white silk with palest pink net, with touches of blue; Miss Betty Grierson wore a charming blue charmeuse frock, veiled with blue ninon; Miss Alex. Ferguson wore black; Miss Grierson, black with a cluster of red roses on the bodice; Mrs. Harry Bloomfield, a very smart pale blue and emerald green charmeuse frock, with touches of black; Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield, a lovely frock of pink charmeuse, with overdress of apricot ninon bordered with gold embroidery; Mrs. Savage, blue; Mrs. Howard Richmond, pale pink charmeuse veiled with ninon; Mrs. Sydney George, a dainty pale blue, with lovely lace overdress; Miss Jamieson (Wellington), pale yellow; Miss Thelma Bloomfield, coming-out frock; Miss Una Saunders, a pretty frock of white lace, with dainty pink rose-buds; Miss Ethel Grierson, a smart frock of cerise charmeuse, with tunic of white ninon, edged with cherries; Miss

Neville George, a pretty blue frock; Miss Marjory Towle, pretty natter blue frock; Miss Mavis, pale blue over pink; Miss M. Tole, yellow; Miss Vera Duthie, palest pink; Miss Pearl Gorrie, pale mauve; Miss Milly Cotter, pink charmeuse frock with tunic of lace, and pale blue bows; Miss Rena Bell, a smart black; Miss Ruth Spencer, pretty white frock, with panels of pink floral silk; Miss Rachel Gorrie, cream charmeuse and lace; Miss M. Cooper, pale blue charmeuse, the tunic edged with brown fur; Miss Dorothy Nathan, a sweet little frock of white lace over palest blue.

A Dance.

The "coming out" of her eldest daughter was the occasion for a most enjoyable dance given by Mrs. Austin in the Wapiti Hall last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Austin received her guests in an elegant gown of heliotrope satin veiled with ninon; Miss Austin (debutante), white satin, lace overdress, silver bead trimmings; Miss Dossie Austin, champagne silk, ninon overdress; Mrs. Murray, dainty white silk, silver trimmings; Madame Markstedt, ivory silk, gold trimmings; Miss Macklow, stylish blue satin veiled with rose ninon; Miss Sellars, handsome shot silk and crepe de chine; Miss Kingswell, chic pink satin veiled with grey ninon; Miss V. Burton (debutante), dainty white satin, ninon overdress relieved by silver fringe; Miss Hungerford, white satin, tangerine hairband; Miss Ribi Clark, pale green silk relieved with silver; Miss Isenonger (debutante), graceful white satin, silver fringe; Miss Rachel Suggate, dainty white satin; Miss Esme Smith (debutante), dainty pink ninon, gold Juliet cap; Miss Mabel Clark, stylish white crepe de chine bordered with red, Greek pattern; Miss Montague, dainty white satin; Miss Moore, charming yellow silk; Miss K. Barstow, lovely pale pink ninon over satin; Misses Mildred and Madge Hay in attractive natter blue velvet frocks; Mrs. Wingfield, stylish rose-coloured gown; Miss Shenfield (debutante), white ninon over satin; Mrs. Sellars, handsome black satin; Mrs. E. W. Burton, stylish black silk relieved by blue scarf; Miss Zoe Kelly, white satin trimmed with pink; Miss Syd. Kelly (debutante), white satin; Miss Maxfield, pale blue crepe de chine, black trimmings; Miss Edwards, chic yellow silk with black velvet panel; Miss Gill, white silk lace; Miss Cooper, smart white frock relieved with red flower; Miss Rose, pale blue gauze overdress, with gold trimmings; Mrs. Chenery Suggate, emerald green satin, ninon overdress trimmed with tangerine velvet; Mrs. Rose, black satin. Among the gentlemen present were the following: Messrs Austin, Bach, Burton, Duncan, Mowbray, Clay, Hartland, Mathers, Bell, Jeffreys, Ardern, Adams, Barry, Baker, Hines, Balfe, Archer (2). Alexander, Boscawen, Rawlings, Wingfield, Westbury, Clark, Macfarlane, Jacobi, Clarke, Trevithick, De Renzy, Isenonger, Murray, Kennedy, Hare, Gordon, Binney, Hungertort, MacDonald (2). The hall was most artistically decorated with bunting and evergreens and Chinese lanterns, while numerous "cosy corners" added to the enjoyment of the guests. Miss Austin made a charming young hostess. A feature of the gentlemen's dress was the number of soft silk tuckered shirts worn. The supper room was a veritable fairyland of violets, snowdrops, wistaria and bunting, whilst the tables were loaded with every delicacy of the season.

A Farewell.
A most enjoyable dance was given by Mrs. F. H. Houghton, of "Moetangi," Stanley Bay, on Friday, as a farewell to her daughter, Dolly, who is leaving for a six months' visit to her sister in Queensland. The supper table was beautifully decorated with violets and asparagus fern. Mrs. Houghton received her guests in a handsome black silk voile beautifully trimmed with silk insertion and fringe; Miss Houghton wore a dainty frock of lace over silk; Mrs. R. P. Dane, champagne silk voile; Miss McIlashon, dainty pink voile; Miss Hanson, dainty frock of pink ninon over satin; Miss Flaw, cream silk, prettily trimmed with silk insertion; Miss Rogerson, smart frock of apricot satin; Miss Semadeni, maize-coloured satin, prettily trimmed with head fringe; Miss B. Browne (Levee-Don), blue ninon over satin; Miss Ross, cream satin; Miss M. Ross, cream crepe de chine; Miss Macfarlane, pale pink shantung; Miss M. Evans, pale blue ninon over satin; Miss Chapman, pink-shaded net over pink satin; Miss E. Chapman, lace over emerald green satin; Miss Peet, pretty shade of natter blue silk; Miss E. Bailey, blue net over satin.

A Talk on India.

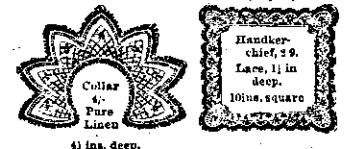
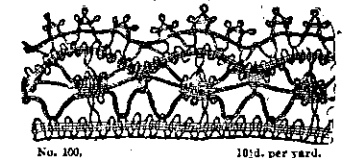
Mr and Mrs Arthur Purchas arranged a most interesting gathering at their house, and invited a number of their friends on Tuesday night to listen to a talk about India and the Persian Medical Mission. A large number responded to the invitation. After being greeted by the host and hostess, the guests filled in the time, till all had arrived, chatting to friends in the various cosy rooms, and then all went into the large dining room, which had been arranged with rows of chairs. Canon MacMurray introduced the speaker, Mrs. Walters and the Rev. Kimberly. The former, in a bright, conversational manner, told of her own personal observations, whilst travelling through various parts of India and the very real need that existed for help for the women and children. Mrs. Walters concluded her remarks with a telling little story. An English officer, passing along the banks of one of the sacred rivers, saw a woman with two children, one a fine healthy little boy, and the other a puny looking little girl. The woman seemed in great distress, the officer spoke to her, and asked what was the matter. She said: "See this sick child; the gods are angry with me." "But," said the officer, "look at your other child, how beautiful he is," and he passed on. Later when he returned he saw the woman sitting there, but there was only one child, and that the sick, puny girl. The mother had thrown the boy as an offering into the river. She said, in reply to the officer: "I must give of my best." The Rev. Mr. Kimberly recited interesting facts about life in Persia, his object being to enlist the help of New Zealand to start another wing of the hospital at a cost of £250 a year. Tea and coffee was handed round. Among the guests were: Rev. Mr. Gillam and Mrs. Gillam, the Rev. Mr. McFarland and Mrs. McFarland, the Rev. Percy Williams, Dr. and Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Buckleton, Mrs. and Miss Macfarlane, Dr. and Mrs. Stride, Dr. and Mrs. Kinder, Dr. Harke, Mr. and Mrs. Southey Baker, Mr. and Miss White, Miss Butler, Miss Myrtle Pickering (Waikato), Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Miss Robertson, Miss Dudley, Misses Marjorie and Dorothy Towle, Mrs. Purchase, Mrs. and Miss Dews, Mrs. and the Misses Cooke, Mrs. and Miss Snell, Mrs. and the Misses Colegrove, Mr. and Mrs. Marriner, Miss Mab Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Miss Scott.

Delightful Dance.

A pleasant little dance was given by Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Corry, at the residence of Mrs. O'Neil, Lake Takapuna, on Friday evening. The night was cold, and

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