

poppies; Miss Sereta McLaughlin looked pretty in dark green, the skirt being cloth and the bodice velvet with bands of *écru* lace, green straw hat with green feathers; Mrs Craig, fawn check skirt, black velvet cape; Miss Craigh, dark grey coat and skirt; Mrs Elliot, black creponette, black bonnet with purple; Miss Elliot, green melton cloth; Miss Emae Elliot dark skirt, sky blue silk blouse, black high-crowned hat with ostrich tips and pink flowers; Mrs Martin; Miss Martin, black silk, with *écru* lace billowed about the shoulders; Mrs Worsp, mixed green creponette, black velvet cape, black hat with ostrich tips and red flowers; Miss Worsp, navy serge, red cravat, fashionable sailor hat; Miss D. Worsp, fawn tailor-made gown, white felt hat; Mrs Thomson (Parnell), black striped moiré, very becoming bonnet relieved with purple; Miss Thomson, grey tweed; and her sister wore black; Mrs Anacne, fawn gown, toque with pink; Miss Nichol, mourning costume, hat with violets; Mrs Nolan, dark green costume; Mrs Tilley, handsome slate grey satin; Miss Tilley, fawn tailor-made gown, long box; Miss Stella Rice, navy serge with orange vest; Mrs Heather, dark green costume, black bonnet; Miss Carter, stylish navy flecked fancy tweed trimmed with velvet, navy felt hat with navy bows; Mrs H. B. Morton, navy; Miss Hickson, navy serge, toque with pink flowers; Miss Cawkwell, dark skirt, fawn blouse spotted with green; Mrs Cawkwell, black; Miss Ware, fawn tailor-made gown, sailor hat with Polo colours; Mrs Beatty, check tweed; Mrs Robert Rose, Sultan red; Mrs Archie Clark, pretty costume; etc., etc.

#### THE GREENWOOD COMPANY

again produced 'Romeo and Juliet up to Date' at the City Hall on Tuesday evening, with various other good musical items. Miss Maribel Greenwood sang charmingly, and was very well received. She wore a dress which had an appearance of being shot, red and blue, the blue standing out. The effect was almost purple, and suited her immensely. It was trimmed with cream lace and had a train. The trio was a great success, the voices blending well together, and the trill's being especially well executed by Miss Maribel. She wore the same dress; Miss Agatha wore a bright green satin dress covered nearly to the hem by a long white muslin overskirt; Miss Roberta was dressed most becomingly in deep yellow. Miss Maribel's recitation was truly excellent, and the duet very pretty. Romeo appeared in bright red hose, slashed sleeves, a white doublet, and white satin cloak lined with red. He made a very pretty little figure, and so active was he, so *à la mode* and charming, that one forgave him being so small. His little girl was far too big for him; she was dressed in white after the style of Tribby. He was recalled for the serenade. Mercutio, dressed all in pale blue, makes a very good contrast to Romeo, and also acts well; Paris was dressed in blue and pink; Tybalt, in black and yellow; Apothecary, a very slight man, in dark coat and knickers, the coat a sort of Eton edged with white braid, a white turn-down collar and white stock (very comical, especially in the dance with the Nurse, who is very fat with a peculiar nose; she wears a sprig cotton gown and white apron.); Lady Capulet, in black velvet, looks most imposing and stately. The solos by Miss Agatha are worth hearing.

#### THE SECOND REMUERA SOCIAL UNION

took place on Wednesday evening last, and was very successful, but the hall was a little crowded for perfect comfort in dancing. The night was especially brilliant, and the moon was determined this time to show us her brightest side—a welcome change, for on prior evenings we have been hastened on our journey to Remuera by a hailstorm or some other equally unpleasant freak of the elements. The ladies were a little in the majority, but the energetic secretary, assisted by his sister, did all possible to remedy this by introducing the visitors to one another, and finding partners if possible. To say Burke's Band supplied the music is sufficient to know what delightful strains and well-known airs were played. The supper-table was decorated with orange silk drapery, and a high centre-piece of red camellias, while small specimen glasses of pink and red camellias finished the table, surrounded by dishes of oysters, tongues, trifles, jellies, etc. The stage was decorated with large pots of arm lilies and their foliage, and draped in red flags, while red cotis were placed on the floor round the pots. The hall was adorned with tall branches of bamboo, and the gas chandelier was shaded with a large red Japanese umbrella. Flags were hung from corner to corner in triangular, which had the effect of darkening the hall, and though pleasant, no doubt, for dancers, it was rather inconvenient for those who wished to see the gowns. The committee were Mesdames Jackson, Rose, Cotter, Bamford, Misses McFarlane, Stevenson, Whewell, Lennox, Jackson, Hay (two), Messrs Rose, Cotter, Marshall, Lennox, and the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. R. Whewell. Amongst the pretty dresses I saw Mrs Robert Rose, in pink shimmering silk; Miss McFarlane, black costume with red poppies on shoulder and in hair; Miss Stevenson, Tuscan silk; Miss D. Stevenson looked sweet in a maize silk; Miss Whewell, black lace costume with white chiffon, red flower in her hair; Miss Lennox, canary silk with red roses; Miss Jackson, bouton d'or silk; Misses Hay (two) were much admired in ivory satin with red flowers; Mrs McFarlane, black silk brocaded in blue; Miss Meta Aickin, dainty white silk with chiffon; Miss Brodie, white silk with red geraniums; Miss Davy, bright pink silk; and her sister, a pale Tuscan silk finished with ruchings; Mrs Cheeseman, black lace over silk, and stashed with claret ribbons; Mrs Finlayson, dark bottle green brocade; Mrs Thorne George, black silk finished with white; Miss Ida Thorne George, black gown finished with lace; Mrs Barsett, black silk; Miss Mason, pale blue silk with silver, old gold opera cape; Mrs Henderson, black lace, and her sister wore white gown with pale pink brocaded sleeves and finished with green ribbons; Mrs Coates, black; Miss Coates, white; and her only friend a spuce pink silk; Mrs Goodwin, black gown with grey let in, and finished with black and white chiffon; Mrs Robert Browning, black skirt, grey silk blouse; Miss Goodwin, bright pink silk; Miss Winnie Goodwin, canary silk with red

flowers; Miss Dowell, black gown with blue spotted chiffon finishing the neck and sleeves; and her sister looked sweet in a white gown; Miss — Noakes, white *débutante* silk with lilies of the valley; Miss Bush looked very well in white silk with red flowers; and her sister was much admired in a dark skirt with azure blue silk blouse; Miss M. Buckland, very striking white silk; Miss Cotter, bright pink silk; Mrs Griffiths, handsome white silk with yellow corselet bodice; Mrs Griffiths looked *distingué* in black skirt, dome blue blouse veiled in grey chiffon and profusely trimmed with red roses; Miss Ryan, dark skirt, buttercup blouse; and her friend, a dark skirt, pink blouse; Miss Proud was simply gowned in white; Miss Jagger, white *débutante* frock; Miss McFarland looked very pretty in white; Miss Lizzie Gorrie, dome blue silk; Miss Little looked *chic* in white silk with wreaths of flowers; Miss Otway was a study in azure blue; Miss Beatrice Bull, white silk with red flowers; Mrs Winstone, stylish combination of black and white; Miss (Frank) Buckland, dark green velvet handsomely trimmed with silver passementerie; Miss Hardie, orange silk; and many other ladies whose names I did not hear. Messrs Otway, Griffiths (two), Rose, Winstone, Lecky, Lennox, Brodie, Bloomfield, Pindleyson, Gould, Wynyard, Hume (two), Buckland, Bailey, Anbel, Wilson, Herrold, O'Halloran, Lawford, Simpson, Tilly, Robertson, Whitson, Douglas, Reynolds, Anderson, Lecky, Daveney, Philips, Goldsbro, Airey (two), Webb, Cotter, Major, Whewell, etc., were among the gentlemen. We missed Mrs Cotter, who is quite a moving spirit in these dances. She intends to return from Sydney by the 'Moana,' and it is rumoured that the Misses McMillan will also return by that boat.

#### Mrs Cromwell Tewsley gave a most enjoyable

#### MUSICAL 'AT HOME'

last Thursday afternoon at her beautiful residence, 'Sheen House,' Parnell. The glimpse of the harbour from the verandah is just perfection. Many of the guests lingered here before entering to gaze upon this beautiful scene. This function was given in honour of our hostess's sister, Miss Kempthorne (Dunedin), who is staying in Auckland with her. Mrs Tewsley was quite one's ideal of a hostess, making every one of her guests feel at home directly they entered the large reception room by her natural and charming manner, as she greeted her guests and introduced them to her sister. Mrs Holmes also assisted her to receive. 'Sheen House' is admirably adapted for entertaining, Mr Tewsley having had the house lately remodelled on the latest English style. There is a large roomy entrance hall with tiled fire-place, and from here we wandered *ad lib* to the large reception room through a curtained archway, and then on through another to a smaller room. The large grand piano was placed near the window of the reception room, so that the music given in the afternoon was heard to much advantage, as the musicians were forced to face the audience, and their voices thrown into the room. Amongst those who contributed were:—Pianoforte solo, Miss Millie Heywood; song by Miss Kempthorne, whose rich contralto voice was much appreciated that she was requested to sing two or three times; Mrs Kilgour kindly sang; her singing, you know, is quite a treat to listen to, she having such a cultivated voice. The vocal duet sung by Miss Flora Thorpe and Mrs Kilgour was very much admired. Miss Nathan sang very sweetly, and Miss Kate Hay sang 'Ask Me no More' with great feeling. The wonderful execution of Mrs Walker's pianoforte solo drew much attention. Afternoon tea was served in a very large dining hall, having two square tables prettily decorated with high glass vases of white jonquils and yellow daffodils mingled with their foliage, and small glasses of violets and snowflakes, surrounded with the faintest repeat imaginable of fruit salads, trifles, jellies, sweets, and cakes of every description placed on the most picturesque of delf. Mrs Tewsley wore black satin skirt with band of black beads, pretty soft pink muslin blouse edged with white lace; Miss Kempthorne, white brocaded silk finished with chiffon and bands of silver passementerie, white kid shoes *en suite*; Mrs Holmes, grey tailor-made gown, black high-crowned hat; Mrs L. D. Nathan, an English costume of black brocaded satin trimmed with gold silk and *écru* lace, toque with high feather trimming at one side; Miss Nathan, stylish Gobelien grey English costume with bolero, black Empire band, loveliest hat imaginable of violet straw profusely trimmed with heliotrope double primroses and finished with ribbons and velvet *en suite*; Mrs McMillan, an exquisite robe of brown and grey shot silk, bolero of brown velvet, brown velvet braiding, becoming peacock green feathered bonnet; Mrs Thomson (Parnell), black striped silk and crepon, black bonnet relieved with purple; Mrs Thompson, black silk; Miss Thompson, navy serge coat and skirt, red vest, white sailor hat with red quill; Mrs Gillies, dark costume; Mrs W. Bloomfield, Lincoln green gown; Miss Hardie, navy serge; Mrs Ashley Hunter, dark costume; Mrs Uppill, I think, wore a green gown; Mrs Barton Ireland, black silk; Miss G. Ireland, grey gown with cardinal vest; Mrs Kilgour; Mrs Seeger looked quaint in navy serge with red vest, hat *en suite*; Mrs Thorpe, black silk; Miss Flora Thorpe, dark green costume, fawn felt hat; Miss Millie Heywood, navy serge; Mrs (Capt.) Woisp, green creponette; Miss Worsp, navy serge tailor-made gown; Mrs J. H. Upton, black silk; Mrs Walker, grey gown in coat and skirt style, red plaid vest; Mrs Theo. Kissling, navy serge; Mrs O. R. Youngusband, dark green costume; Mrs Chatfield, black gown; Mrs Lonsdale Pruitt, black mervilleux, black bonnet relieved with purple ospreys; Mrs Kempthorne, black silk; Mrs Kenderdine; Mrs Preston Stevenson, handsome brown gown; Mrs Colegrove, navy; Mrs Goodhue, dark green; Mrs J. Chambers, black silk; Mrs S. Morrin, navy serge; Mrs Winstone, Havana brown costume; Mrs Ashton Bruce; Miss Kathleen Thompson, black sailor hat with large bows and violets; Miss Reay, green gown with fox fur; Mrs and Miss Kerr-Taylor; Mrs Clifton, dark brown costume; Mrs Wilfred Rathbone, stylish Lincoln green serge; Mrs Laishley, black silk with cerise brocaded vest, bonnet with pink flowers; Miss Laishley looked *chic* in a

well-fitting grey cloth tailor-made gown, white brocaded silk folded vest, black velvet high-crowned hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs E. H. Lyons, very handsome violet gown with canary vest, black velvet hat with violet pansies beneath brim at back; Mrs Reid Bloomfield, autumn brown brocaded silk; Mrs Ranson, dark green serge; Miss Cuff, navy serge coat and skirt; Mrs Ching, black silk; Miss Ching, peacock blue fancy material; Mrs (Prof.) Egerton, brown gown; Mrs (Dr.) Lewis, dark green; Mrs Thorne George, black silk; Mrs C. Polian, dark costume; etc., etc.

#### A very

#### ENJOYABLE DANCE

was given last Thursday evening by Mrs Aickin at her residence, Park-street. Two large rooms down stairs were used for dancing, the floors being put into first-rate condition. Music was ably supplied by Burke's band, and dancing was kept up till close on two o'clock in the morning. The verandah was covered in with canvas, and in a room off this an excellent supper was provided. The library was used as a sitting out room. Mr and Mrs Aickin were ably assisted to entertain their guests by Miss Aickin and Miss Fisher.

#### We spent such a

#### PLEASANT AFTERNOON

at Mrs Dignan's, Mount Eden, last Friday. Our hostess received us in her usual courteous and gracious manner, putting us at once at our ease. You know Mrs Dignan makes such an excellent hostess, and she looked *distingué* in a black satin skirt, black bugle belt, canary figured silk blouse, black zouave; Mrs Reed, brown figured fancy cloth; Miss Flo. Reed, green Melton cloth trimmed with fox fur; Mrs Street, black silk; Mrs Gillies, black skirt, velvet cape, black bonnet; Mrs Firth, black; Mrs Markham, handsome black and white costume, black hat with high sky blue trimming; Miss Eva Firth, fawn tailor-made gown; Miss Clara Firth, navy; Mrs Greenway was much admired in black skirt, grey check blouse, large black Parisian *chapeau* with bows and pink roses; Mrs Kerr-Taylor, black; Miss Thompson, navy serge; Mrs (Major) George, black serge with cream vest; Mrs R. D. Thomas (Christchurch), dark green costume; Mrs Arch. Clark, navy serge; Mrs Robert Rose, dark Sultan red with black trimmings; Mrs Beatrice Bull, green and black striped crepon; Misses Kerr-Taylor, and many others. I forgot to mention Miss Mona Thompson sang.

#### One of the

#### MOST DELIGHTFUL DANCES

of the season was given by Mrs W. Culpin at her residence, Selwyn Terrace, on Friday evening last. Two large rooms, which were beautifully decorated with flowers, evergreens, and flags, were devoted to dancing. The verandah was also enclosed and prettily hung with Chinese lanterns, and used as a promenade. Mrs Culpin received her young guests in a handsome black satin skirt, green silk bodice covered with black lace. She was ably assisted in her duties by her two daughters, Misses Linda and Ruby, the elder looking very pretty in pale pink, and the younger in heliotrope. The following are a few of the numerous guests who assembled. Among the elder ladies looking on at the young people enjoying themselves were Mrs Somerville, in a handsome black satin; Mrs Winks, black silk; Mrs Braithwaite, black satin, and pretty red cloak; etc., etc. Miss Wright looked lovely in black tinselled net dress, the corsage trimmed with silver sequins (this very pretty dress had no further adornment and needed none); Miss Flossie Hay looked charming in black velvet the bodice trimmed with lovely point lace; Miss Moss, black velvet; Miss Winks, black velvet; Miss Nellie Winks, white and prune; Miss Lottie Winks, white; Miss Ida Thompson, pretty pale blue silk; Miss J. Ireland looked very pretty in brown velvet, puffed sleeves; Miss Nelson, white; Miss Cooper looked pretty in daffodil satin and muslin; Miss Ethel Black, a daintily-made brown velvet; Miss Tanner, pretty white muslin with blue spots, blue satin puffed sleeves; Misses Maggie Haate, Hattie Ross, Minnie Holland, primrose yellow; Miss Whitley, pretty pale blue silk; Miss Windsor, white, scarlet poppies; Miss Gilmour, pink silk bodice and black velvet skirt; Miss Freda Harrop, white; her younger sister in pink; Misses Richmond (two), one in white and one in pretty pink; Miss Louie Atkinson, white; Miss Maudie, white and yellow; Miss Marion Eate, *cau-de-Nil* sun's veiling; Miss Hattie Davy, white; Miss Jessie Reid, pretty white silk; Miss Maria Reid, pink; Miss Maud Howard, white; Miss Mary Geddis, white and pink; Miss McEwen, white, and many others. Among the male gender were Messrs Culpin (three), Hay, Saunders (two), Sellers (two), Nelson, Cooper, Howard, Bain, Partridge, Wiseman, Burningham, Winks (two), Robertson, Whitley (two), Johnson, Murray, Reid, Hastie, Horne, Flower, Ireland, Craig, Atkinson, etc., etc. The supper-table was indeed a thing of beauty—a 'dream.' The flowers chosen were daffodils and snowdrops most artistically arranged. From the centre of the table was suspended with daffodil ribbons a lovely basket of daffodils and snowdrops. Some lovely vases filled with the same flowers supported the basket on either side. The table, a very long one, was crossed with yellow crepon silk from end to end, each corner being finished with a fan of the same prettily arranged with daffodils. The lamps were shaded with daffodil shades, and here and there on the table were pretty little yellow baskets containing every kind of sweets. The table was laden with every delicacy one can think of. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until an early hour, when all the guests departed after a thoroughly delightful and enjoyable evening.

#### PHYLLIS BROUNE.

Iceland is peopled by the descendants of vikings, including many famous warriors and heroes, but they are so law-abiding that they have only one policeman. The solitary officer is maintained more for ornament and dignity than for use. The Icelanders think it would not do to have a capital without a policeman and so they keep one.