yellow and violet bebe ribbon. The smaller room was also decked with jonquils and violets on a white and yellow centre. Mrs O'Connor received in a rich black brocade gown, trained, and the bodice trimmed with lace and jet; Miss O'Connor wore a dark green figured gown with yoke of red silk under lace; and her sister wore a dull green gown with white tucked silk vest. Mrs Tweed, was assisting at the tea table, and also Miss Skerrett and Miss Grace. Mrs Tweed wore a black satin skirt and a blouse of rose-pink brocade trimmed with chiffon to match, and lace. Among others I noticed were Mrs Duncan, wearing a black cloth coat and skirt, and bonnet with tips and pink rosette; Mrs Fitchett, blue tailor suit and violet silk toque with feather; Mrs Pynsent, violet cloth jacket and skirt, and a straw bonnet trimmed with red roses and leaves; Mrs Barron, dark green gown with lace front, and a black and pink toque; Miss Barron, dark blue gown, and black and red toque; Mrs Joseph, black coat and skirt and a green silk and velvet bonnet with ospreys; Miss Joseph, grey coat and skirt and black toque with roses; Mrs Tuckey, black gown and cape, black bonnet with tips and yellow roses; Mrs D. Reid, a brown gown trimmed with white lace and pink silk, bonnet to match; Mrs Butts, a black figured silk gown, and black and white bonnet; Mrs Campbell, red coat and skirt, red toque with grey tips; Mrs Nathan, blue coat and skirt, and a black hat with tips; Miss Nathan, dark tailor made suit and black straw hat with blue ribbon; Mrs Crawford, black Russian gown and a black and red toque; Mrs Grace, dark blue cloth costume and black bonnet trimmed with pink velvet and lace; Miss Grace wore a scarlet silk gown with bands of ecru fusertion; Mrs McCarthy, a grey gown and short black velvet jacket edged with jet, black hat with tips; Mrs Milward, black gown and black and white toque with ospreys; Mrs Tripe, black costume; Miss Tripe, black coat and skirt, and toque trimmed with blue silk and tips; Mrs McTavish, dark blue gown and black toque with violets and ospreys; Mrs A. Martin, dark maroon gown, with lace yoke and a pretty violet toque; Mrs Edwin, black coat and skirt, and black and pink bonnet; Mrs Ward, black skirt and long fawn jacket, deep pink straw and ribbon toque; Mrs Samuel, a dark tailor suit, and black hat with pink; Miss Brandon, a cornflower blue gown trimmed with velvet, and a black hat; Miss A. Brandon, dark grey gown and pink and black hat; Miss Harcourt, black coat and skirt, and green trimmed hat; Miss Dransfield, black gown and fawn coat, red velvet toque with black wings; Miss Douglas, black skirt and fawn jacket, straw hat with red rosette; Miss Johnston, light blue tailor suit, and velvet toque trimmed with pale blue ribbon and fur; Miss O. Gore, brown coat and skirt, and straw toque with tips and flowers; Miss F. Brandon, in black and white.

Mrs Williams gave a very jolly little dance last night. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion with spring flowers, and every one danced merrily on till midnight. Among the guests were the Misses Johnston, Bell, Gore, Duncan, Harcourt, Cooper, and Douglas, and Messrs Buchanan, Cooper, Duncan, Gore, etc.

OPHELIA.

RELIGIOUS WORKER'S FORTITUDE.

In Mrs Jane Booty the Salvation Army possess a soldier of more than ordinary experience and fortitude.

Mrs Booty complacently gave an account of her experiences, during the last 15 years, to a reporter who called upon her at her residence, Clapham House, Mary Street, St. Peters, N.S.W.

"In addition to being a Sergeant, I am Instructor to the Girls' Class in my district," said Mrs Booty, "and attend open-air meetings in all weathers. Some years ago I became debarred from attending these meetings, however, for the cold air always brought on acute neuralgia, for my nerves were unstrung owing to the death of my husband and business worries. Sometimes the attacks would last for 48 hours; the pains seemed to pass up my spine and clutch my head behind the ears till my brain felt as if it were being squashed flat. Every nerve was on the rack, and I lay groaning and crying in desperation. My son would sit up and bathe my head, thus giving me a little relief. My appetite failed, I could not sleep properly, and I became thin and pale. Through all these years the attacks came about once a week. Heart palpitation troubled me, making me quite faint, and I suffered from constipation and rheumatism in the knees, which were so weak that if I knelt down I required assistance to get up again. I tried every remedy advertised without effect. Several medical men, after consultation, declared my case chronic, and said they could do me no good. Noticing Dr. Williams' pink pills advertised to cure neuralgia, I sent for three boxes and commenced them. The first neuralgic attack after taking them was not nearly so acute as usual, so I continued them. In a few weeks I began to gain flesh; my colour improved; my appetite returned, and I was able to sleep better. The pain first lessened, and then gradually subsided. Now I am completely free from neuralgia. None of my clothes fit me, I am so plump and well, and for the first time in the last five years I can safely go out alone. My friends think Dr. Williams' pink pills a medicinal wonder, for they know how greatly I suffered."

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