

parent net sleeves; Miss Ring was in a white figured silk trimmed with ruched ribbon and crystal passementerie; Mrs Oxley wore grey and white silk, and white lace fichu; Mrs Lawry was in black satin; Miss Lewis wore a pretty fawn and pink brocade, with blue velvet bebe ribbon, and black skirt; Miss — Lewis, white and grey floral muslin with numerous little frills on front of corsage and a ceise yoke covered with cream lace; Mrs T. Mahoney wore black velvet with lace on décolletage edged with white fringe; Miss Hewin looked exceedingly well in a black surah corsage with cluster of white iris on shoulder, and black figured skirt; Miss Greathach wore black, cleverly combined with orange silk; Mrs Wallnut was attired in a white figured Sirollan, with crystal garniture on corsage; Miss Wallnut wore a tomato red silk blouse with Houton lace and black skirt; Mrs Moritzson was in a myosotis blue brocade corsage trimmed with Maltese lace, and black satin skirt; Mrs Stephenson wore a pink brocade blouse with geranium pink velvet folds and black skirt; Miss Stephenson, white silk; Miss Macindoe looked well in a heliotrope taffeta, with touches of black; Miss Caldwell wore black with black lace sleeves; Mrs (Dr.) Grant was in a black and green brocade corsage with lace sleeves, and black satin skirt; Mrs Edger was in a white figured silk gown; Miss Langsford looked extremely well in an amethyst satin corsage, with white lace sleeves and sable fur round square décolletage, and black lace skirt; Miss Bell wore white spotted silk; Miss E. Bell was charming in a blue silk with white lace on low corsage; Miss Metcalf wore a rich ivory satin with lace insertion in flounce, and white chiffon sleeves; Miss Frances George was in a sapphire blue and white bayadere striped accordion pleated chiffon frock; Mrs McArthur wore black moire; Messrs A. Baker, Donald, Haslett, H. King, Lambert (?), Holland, Roberts, T. Mahoney, Wallnut, Edmiston, Blyth, F. Leighton, B. Baker, Warner, Cooper, Curtis, C. Leys, Hanna, Ziman, A. Brown, Hill, Coombes, Hould, Rylance, Earle, Cleghorn, George, Grierson, Ratjen, Fingell, Lewis, Winks, Dr. Parkes, Dr. Grant, etc.

PONSONBY "AT HOME" JUVENILE DANCE.

A juvenile dance in connection with the Ponsonby "At Home" was held in the Ponsonby Hall last Friday, when a large assemblage spent a most enjoyable evening. The company was composed not only of juveniles but also of their seniors, who acted as chaperones. The dancing was kept up till after twelve o'clock, the music being supplied by Mr Burke's orchestra, while the extras were contributed by Miss Devore and Mr Richter. Supper was served on the stage during the interval.

Mrs Devore wore black satin with black net sleeves and clusters of red roses; Mrs Hanna, black satin skirt, black velvet corsage trimmed with jet; Mrs Littler, black mervelleux, with silver encrustations on corsage; Mrs W. S. Douglas, black and silver Oriental silk, black satin skirt; Mrs Sim, black gown, red silk panel covered with jetted net; Mrs Newell, blue and gold brocade corsage, black silk skirt; Mrs Oxley, grey crepe; Miss Higgie (Wanganui), white brocade; Miss Rees George, yellow silk with white lace sleeves; Miss Caldwell, flame pink silk; Miss Sim, white silk with touches of heliotrope; Miss Devore wore turquoise blue brocade, with lace frills; Miss Hanna was in white silk, with pink velvet folds on corsage; Miss Effie Hanna, pink silk, with white lace; Miss Hudson, pink silk, corsage inserted with white lace; Miss Fanny Hudson, white silk, with white velvet bands round the skirt, emerald green velvet on square décolletage; Miss Douglas, white silk, with touches of pink velvet on corsage; Miss Lillian Devore, N3 green Ottoman silk, with emerald green velvet skirt and revers; Miss Katie Devore, white crepe frock; Miss Blanche Thorne, forget-me-not blue silk; Miss Sylvia Hudson, white silk, trimmed with lace; Miss Annie Gittos, blue cashmere, with tucked bodice; Miss Maud Hudson, lemon silk frock; Miss Hermione Hudson, blue silk, trimmed with white satin ribbon; Mrs Crawshaw, pale yellow silk; Miss — Crawshaw, blue silk; Miss Butler, Bly leaf green crepe; Miss Nellie Douglas, pale blue silk frock; Miss Maud Dou-

glas, forget-me-not blue velvet; Miss Millie Mueller, white silk, with tucked skirt; Miss B. Oxley, rose pink silk; Miss Campbell, white silk; Miss Norma Hanna, white blouse, pink skirt; Miss Crawford, yellow silk frock; her sister was a fairy in yellow kilted tartan; Miss Nellie Upton, white tucked silk frock; Miss Newell, emerald green crepe, with jewelled lace; Miss Marion Mitchell, heliotrope silk, smocked frock; Messrs, Hanna (?), Littler, Richter, B. Baker, N. Baker, Vaile, C. Leys, Williams, Foster, Winks, J. Davies, J. Caldwell, Upton, James, Thomson, Donald, Russell, Sionna, Masters Devore, Littler, Goddes, E. Smith, Raynes, Douglas.

A VERY PLEASANT AFTERNOON "AT HOME"

was given by Mrs. Charles H. Smith, of Franklin Road, on Wednesday last. Delicious afternoon tea was daintily laid out in the dining-room, the table being decorated with pretty flowers and greenery, and laden with all kinds of delicacies of the season. Songs were given by Mesdames Phillips, H. Munro Wilson, the Misses Lewis and Hanna, violin solos by Miss Sybil Lewis, and pianoforte solos by Mrs. Stralberg.

Mrs. Smith wore a charming blouse of white chine silk, lightened with blue, and wedgewood blue skirt. Amongst those present were Mesdames Lewis, Arncliffe, Devore, A. C. H. Collins, J. R. Hanna, Stebbing, H. Dunnett, Massey, Phillips, Griffiths, H. Baker, Stiechbury, Moritzson, (Dr.) King, Bedford, A. O. Knight, the Misses Devore, Cooper, Hanna, Effie Hanna, Lewis, Kennedy, Langsford, Savage, and Sybil Lewis.

A reunion was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess-st., on Friday, under the auspices of the Old Chums' and Schoolfellows' Association. Mr Charles Grey, President of the Association, occupied the chair. Over two hundred members were present. Songs were contributed by Messrs Donovan, A. L. Edwards, J. Harvey, A. Dismond, Tapper, W. H. King, Dobbs, Triggs, and Hay, and recitations by Messrs G. Newsome, F. E. Baume and McLeod, while Mr Beckford entertained the audience with conjuring and ventriloquia feats. Light refreshments were handed round during the interval.

A farewell social, tendered to Messrs Furby and Hemus by the officers of the telegraph and telephone branches and district, was held in the Whare Tapare Clubroom on Saturday evening. There was a large attendance, and the gathering proved to be a most enjoyable one. The chair was occupied by Mr Cumming, who briefly explained the object of the function, and proceedings began with the first half of a choice musical programme. An adjournment was then made to the "Operating Room," where Messrs Furby and Hemus were the recipients of some very handsome and substantial presents, the gifts of the staff associated with them.

Mr Dempsey, hon. chairman of the Presentation Committee, said they were assembled to say farewell to Mr Furby and Mr Hemus, and to ask them to accept, on behalf of the Auckland district and staffs, some small tokens of the regard and esteem in which both officers were held. Mr Dempsey said that their transfer became known it was received with general expressions of regret. It was decided to mark the occasion in some practical manner. While congratulating them on their promotions, the staff felt both to lose them, and trusted the transfers would be ultimately conducted in a further advancement in the service. (Applause.) The many estimable qualities displayed in their administration, and in the management of the staff jointly, had endeared them both to all those whose good fortune it had been to serve under them. (Applause.) The staff took this opportunity of extending a hearty welcome to Messrs Seager and Martin, the officers appointed to succeed Messrs Furby and Hemus, and trusted that the cordial relations that had hitherto existed would continue. (Applause.) The articles presented to Mr Furby consisted of a watch, a new pocket watch bearing the inscription, "With best wishes of the telegraph and telephone staffs and officers of the Auckland district," a silver afternoon service of four pieces, and a fine walking-stick (the latter presented by the messengers). The presentation to Mr Hemus included a fine gold watch and chain, a case of pipes, and also a walking-stick, the watch being engraved with an inscription in the same terms as that on the clock. The case of pipes came from the messengers. Messenger Forster, on behalf of the messengers, formally made the presentations on their behalf, expressing their appreciation of the kind and considerate manner in which they had been treated, and wishing both Mr Furby and Mr Hemus every happiness in their new spheres of duty.

Mr Furby said he felt exceedingly proud of his valuable presents, which would look so nice in his new home in Wellington. He felt especially pleased with the presentation made by the messengers, and he would remember them very kindly. He had always taken an interest in his staff, and recalled with pleasure the

fact that a very large number of officers had risen in the service while under his charge. Referring to Messrs Seager and Martin, Mr Furby said the last-named was an old member of the Auckland staff, and he felt sure they would find him a very excellent officer. (Applause.) Mr Seager was a Christchurch boy, and he (the speaker) felt sure his successor would have a good record. He would look after the welfare of his staff and the interests of the public and give satisfaction in every way. (Applause.)

Mr Hemus said he felt somewhat sad in quitting so many pleasant associations, and hoped it would not be long before he was able to look in upon them again. (Applause.) He felt exceedingly grateful for all the kind things that had been said of him and the magnificent presents they had given him. (Applause.) "For they are jolly good fellows" was sung with enthusiasm.

Mr Furby, after a brief reference to the long time during which he and Mr Hemus had been associated for seven years, an unqualified testimony to the loyalty, ability and valued services of the latter, asked Mr Hemus to accept from him a walking-stick, which proved to be a beautiful one, silver-mounted and suitably inscribed. Mr Hemus, who was evidently taken completely by surprise, and said so, very heartily reciprocated the good wishes uttered by Mr Furby, and added that he was exceedingly sorry to part with so indulgent and considerate a chief.

Mr S. B. Biss, Chief Postmaster, bore testimony to the high esteem in which Messrs Furby and Hemus were held by the post office staff, and to the excellent relations that had existed between the two branches of the public service represented at the gathering.

Mr Furby, on behalf of Mr Hemus and himself, presented to the telegraph staff a framed photograph of Mr Hemus and himself, which Mr Cumming acknowledged, stating that it would be very much prized.

Mr Seager, having been called upon, expressed his gratification in respect of the very kind way in which he had been received and entertained. When he left Auckland he hoped he would be able to say he had received the same treatment as Messrs Furby and Hemus were receiving. Mr Martin also expressed his acknowledgment of the very cordial reception extended to him.

Another adjournment was made for supper, which had been provided in good style, and then the remainder of the musical programme was gone through, the proceedings terminating with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

The programme of the evening included—Song, "Life's Lullaby" by Mr Jack Baxter; violin solo by Mr Hemus; recitation, "Marguerite of France," Mrs Burnett; duet, "Life's Dream is Over," Mr and Mrs Wylie; piano solo, "Vicar of Bray," Mrs Macaender (this was really a very fine performance, and was enthusiastically received); song, "The British Army," Mrs B. N. Martin; instrumental selection, Mr and Miss Hemus (an excellent item, deservedly encored); piano solo, Miss Caffrey; song, "The Admiral's Broom," Mr Noble; song, "We Were Standing in the Garden," Miss Peacock; song, "Au Revoir," Mrs Jack Baxter.

The second Remuera Social Union of this season took place on Tuesday last. The inclemency of the weather rather marred the attendance, many preferring no doubt to stay at home on such a boisterous evening. The committee were: Mesdames Hanna, Cotter, Johnston, Bamford, Black, Messrs Johnston, Cotter, Bamford, Hanna, Black, who did all in their power to promote the pleasure of their guests. The decorations of flags, greenery and arum lilies were very pretty. The floor, music, and supper was all that could be desired. Amongst those present:—Mrs Cotter, very handsome black English costume, Italic brocade satin cape edged with fur; Miss Cotter, dark skirt, done blue silk blouse with pink flowers on décolletage and in coiffure, white cape; Miss Winnie Cotter, black costume, the décolletage was relieved with cream lace and pink flowers; Miss Millie Cotter, white silk, the décolletage was outlined with turquoise blue velvet; Mrs Foster wore a very rich white satin trimmed with pearl bead passementerie; Miss Donald looked pretty in lemon coloured silk finished with violets on corsage; Miss Waller, black satin and lace costume; Miss Lennox, buttercup silk; Miss E. Lennox, white with turquoise blue trimming outlining the bodice and on skirt, pink flowers in coiffure; Miss Withers, pale blue silk richly ornamented with white bands of bead passementerie; Mrs McCosh Clark, black satin; Miss McCosh Clark, white silk with décolletage outlined with wreaths of wood violets and chiffon; Miss Thorne George, Ivory satin, with pink sash, black velvet bow in coiffure; Miss Thorne, white silk, the décolletage was outlined with red satin ribbon; Miss Bleazard Brown, azure blue silk

trimmed with silk of a darker hue and relieved on shoulders and coiffure with sprays of pink flowers; Mrs Bleazard white silk with lace trimming; Miss Brown, black costume, white cape; Miss Kerr Taylor, black finished with red plaid; Miss Claire Smith, pretty white silk with lace trimming; Miss Phoebe Buckland, white satin; Miss Stevenson, blue silk with décolletage of white lace; her sister wore white; Miss M. Peacock (Ponsonby), cream gown with pink roses; Miss F. Peacock, white silk; her sister also wore white; Miss Morrin, white satin with bands of ruched ribbon horizontally running from hem to waist, violets on corsage, white ribbon in coiffure; Miss Ching looked very dainty in a blue silk with white chiffon sash, blue and white chiffon rosettes in coiffure; Miss Stevenson (Ponsonby), black costume with white lace décolletage relieved with pink roses; Miss Edmiston, mauve silk with bands of ruched satin ribbon horizontally placed on skirt from hem of skirt to waist; Mrs A. Hanna, black skirt, royal blue blouse veiled in black lace; Miss Jackson, blue silk trimmed with black bows relieved with buckles; Miss May Cameron, white silk; Miss Brett looked well in a cream silk net over white satin with pale blue and pink chiffon, blue vest, pink sash, pink roses on décolletage; Messrs Cotter (?), Purchas, Burns, McCormick, McCosh Clark (?), Leys, Thorne George, Turle, Donald, Hanna, Thompson, Dargaville, Goldsbro', Hay, Finlayson, Norton, Bamford.

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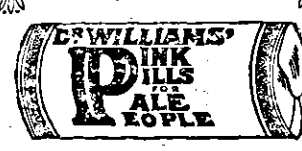
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