

pretty in black, the bodice being embroidered with sequins, forget-me-nots in her hair; Miss Kennedy, white silk with lace fichu; Miss Whitson was in black satin and silver; Miss Thomas, buttercup satin; Miss Dawson looked sweet in white with clusters of pink roses on her shoulder; Mrs Gulliver, black brocade; Miss Frances George, dainty white frock with decorations of satin; Miss Muriel George looked well in a soft cream gown with choux of ruby velvet on low corsage; Mrs Markham looked distinguished in black; Mrs Suggate, white brocade; Mrs (Dr.) Lawry wore black satin relieved with white; Miss Kent was in white silk with shoulder straps of pink roses; Mrs J. J. Craig, elegant black satin and lace; Miss Claire Smith, black and pink; Mrs Hazard, black satin, the bodice deftly arranged with real lace; Miss May Cameron was charming in white with choux of turquoise velvet; Miss Dunnett was in a stylish black evening gown; Mrs (Dr.) McDowell wore black satin and jet; Miss Williamson, white lace over heliotrope, violet velvet berthe and belt; etc., etc.

A LARGE "AT HOME."

Miss Hewin entertained a large number of her friends on Friday evening at St. Benedict's Hall, the evening being spent in progressive euchre and dancing. The hall (one of the best in the city for such a function) was tastefully decorated with bunting and greenery, graceful palms being arranged about the room on high wicker stands. The stage, with its artistic background, had the pleasing effect of a summer arbour, and was arranged with drawing-room lounges for accommodation of those who wished to enjoy a chat while looking at the dancing. Progressive euchre was played until 10.30, when light refreshments were handed round. The winning players were Miss Ledingham, who was presented with a lovely veil case made of green plush and white satin, and Mrs Devore, a very pretty glove case. Mr Angus was the gentlemen's first, a cigarette case, and Mr E. Ashton carried off the second, a shaving and magnifying glass. During the interval between euchre and dancing Mr Walton and Mr Clegg contributed songs, and as both these gentlemen are singers of no mean order their items were highly appreciated. Miss Essie Holland, who accompanied, also played beautifully a piano-forte solo. With the exception of an interval for supper dancing occupied the remainder of the evening, the music being supplied by an orchestra. Supper was served in the ante-room, and here also the decorations were most complete, and the table laid in really artistic fashion with the more substantial refreshments, together with the daintiest and most tempting of fruits, confections and wines. The table was arranged in the form of the letter H, the initial letter of the hostess' surname. Miss Hewin's compliment to her many friends was truly handsomely given effect to, and that all appreciated thoroughly her hospitality may in some manner recompense her for her anxiety for their enjoyment. Miss Hewin was assisted in welcoming her guests by her sister (Mrs F. E. Winstone).

Amongst the dresses I noticed the following:—Our hostess looked charm-

ing in an exquisite sea foam brocade, en traine, flounced with green chiffon, the bodice being encrusted with pearl and crystal trimming, roses in coiffure; Mrs F. E. Winstone looked exceedingly well in ivory brocade; Mrs (Dr.) King wore a handsome black silk with jet incrustations; Miss Cooper was in black with touches of turquoise blue; Miss May Cameron looked pretty in a black satin with jet bolero and chon of pale blue chiffon in her hair; Mrs (Dr.) Grant was gowned in a black evening dress with crimson velvet bow in coiffure; Mrs W. Johnston, black silk evening gown; Mrs E. T. Hart, shell pink silk blouse with creamy lace bolero and a black net; skirt en traine; Mrs (Dr.) Lindsay looked extremely well in black silk and jet, white aigrette in coiffure; Mrs Haslett, black evening gown; Mrs Woodroffe wore an effective white net embroidered with chenille over buttercup silk; Mrs R. M. Watt, azure blue net, bodice and floral muslin skirt, clusters of pink roses on low corsage; Mrs Ernest Ashton, black silk gown; Miss Holland, yellow silk; Mrs A. E. Devore, handsome black gown with lace sleeves; Mrs Angus, black tucked chiffon over pink silk; Miss Kennedy, white silk, the bodice strapped with rose pink velvet; Miss Savage wore chenille spotted chiffon over white satin; Mrs Isemonger, black chiffon over crimson satin; Miss Wright, apple green striped satin; Miss Atkins, white brocaded satin with chiffon rufflings; Miss Ledingham wore black satin with rich cream lace deftly arranged on bodice; her sister was in pink satin; Miss Choyce, black dress, blue rosette in coiffure; Miss Towsey looked graceful in white spangled gauze over pink satin; Miss Westwood, black evening gown; Miss W. Westwood, white silk with folds of vieux rose velvet forming square on corsage; Miss Crowther, dove grey silk, en traine, with touches of violet velvet; Mrs Lusher wore black with a pretty white mousseline de soie fichu, caught on the left shoulder, with dark red roses; Miss Essie Holland, white satin with suggestions of heliotrope; Mrs W. Blaikie looked distinguished in a daffodil silk blouse with a black satin skirt; Mrs Frank Turner was charming in white silk brightened with yellow silk; Miss Turner wore black and crimson; Mrs Murray Bell wore white silk; Mrs Edgar Walton, white silk, pink cape; Miss Ross (Whanganui) was in a soft cream gown; Mrs Ryrie wore black satin and diamond ornaments; Miss Ryrie was in a tucked mervilleux, corsage filled in with black lace, and lace sleeves; Mrs Suter (Switzerland) wore black silk with touches of mauve; Miss Suter, pale blue with lace sleeves; Miss Ayling was pretty in pink; Mrs Kronfeldt wore an elegant black silk with jet; Mrs Dawson, handsome black satin; Mrs Lovell, blue silk; Miss Dickey, white silk; Mrs C. Brown, black. Gentlemen: Messrs F. B. Winstone, Dr. Grant, Crowther, Bell, Angus, R. M. Watt, Pr. King, E. Ashton, Grierson, Donald, F. Turner, Dr. Goldie, Coombe, J. J. Holland, E. T. Hart, Brown, Atkins, Savage, Woodroffe, Kronfeldt, Dawson, Beetham (Samoa), Brodie, Diddams, Keeble, A. R. Watson, Alexander, Redman, Neville, J. Dickey, Earl, Irving, Pritt.

The institution of the Rev. W. H. Wilson took place last Friday evening

at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Mt. Albert. The ceremony was performed by Archdeacon Calder, assisted by Rev. J. P. Cowie and Mr Wilson (Town Clerk). The last mentioned has been taking the services of St. Luke's for the last month in absence of a clergyman. The musical part of the service was performed by the united chorus of St. Luke's and All Saints', Ponsonby. Mr C. Kingsford, organist of Holy Trinity, Devonport, officiated at the organ. After the service

A WELCOME SOCIAL

was held in the St. Luke's Parish Hall, where light refreshments, provided by the ladies of the parish, were handed round. During the evening Mrs Wilson, the wife of the incoming vicar delighted the audience with the song "The Holy City."

Amongst the ladies present were: Mrs Wilson, dark costume, hat with plumes; Mrs Grosvenor, brown costume, sailor hat; Mrs Drower, dark gown, white vest, brown hat trimmed with white; Miss Birdie Drower, fawn costume, turban toque of fawn material; Mrs Lewinberg, black silk; Mrs Hannah, bus coat and skirt, red toque; Mrs Andrews, navy serge; Mrs Morris, dark skirt, fawn jacket; Misses May, mourning costumes; Miss Selby, mourning costume; Mrs D. Miller, plaid skirt, white blouse, red hat; Mrs Daisley, black; Miss Daisley, dark skirt, light blouse, white hat; Miss Blacklock, navy; Mrs Willis, black lustre, black bonnet; Miss Willis, brown; and her sister wore green; Miss Lucas, fawn; Mrs Garrett, black costume relieved with white; Miss Garrett, Lincoln green bolero and skirt, toque to correspond; and her sister wore brown; Mrs Wiseman, black costume, brown hat; Mrs Jamieson, black; Mrs Barker, black costume; Miss Miller, royal blue costume; Mrs Kerr-Taylor wore violet; and her daughters wore red; Miss Clarke, black; Mrs Cowan, fawn; and her daughters wore brown; Misses Smith, brown; Misses Chambers-Taylor, navy gowns, sailor hats; Miss Jackson, mourning costume; Mrs Calder, black; Mrs Waymouth, brown costume, brown toque with autumn leaves; Mrs Hurfit, fawn costume, sailor hat, white fur boa; Mrs Smith, dark skirt, fawn jacket, sailor hat; Mrs Harrison, dark costume, fawn cape, black bonnet; Mrs C. Taylor, black costume with black cape and bonnet; Miss Dixon, dark skirt, navy jacket turned back with fur, sailor hat; Mrs Wood, black costume, white sailor hat with red band; Misses Newall, mourning costumes; Mrs A. Wright, black gown, sailor hat; Mrs J. J. Dixon, black costume; Mrs May, mourning costume. Amongst the ladies who came from Ponsonby were Misses Wright, Williams, L. Williams, Kingsford, Harris, Lawson, Gregory, Mesdames Osmond, Calder, Stokes, Culpan, Lawson, Bedford.

A most interesting lecture was given in St. Luke's Parish Hall during this week by Mr Ewington on the "Chinese Question," which was much appreciated by those who were present. The attendance was very small. The lecturer deserved a much better audience.

PHYLLIS BROUN.

BLenheim.

Dear Sir,
July 30.
The Volunteer Ball, which was given as a welcome to all returned members of the Contingents, but particularly to those of the Fourth and Fifth, which had just returned in the *Tagus*, has come and gone, and I am delighted to say was an immense success. The Volunteer Ball is really an annual affair, which is usually arranged to take place in May, but was delayed this season in order that it might form a welcome to our returned warriors. For several days before we had almost incessant rain, but, fortunately, on the morning of the ball it ceased, and gradually brightened, and the evening was fine; but the extra work entailed by bad weather, or, rather, the difficulties under which it was done, have made those who carried out the arrangements declare that they will not take part in anything of the sort again. Mr Edward Parker, as secretary, was everything that could be desired, and his assistants were most zealous and painstaking. The hall was beautifully decorated with curtains, flags, banners, shields, and designs of small arms on a scarlet ground, and mirrors at intervals, while garlands of lycopodium were hung from the chandelier to the walls. Gas stoves warmed the stage, which was carpeted and furnished with couches and easy chairs, while two rooms at the back were fitted as card-rooms, the walls draped with purple and white and hung with pictures. The ladies' dressing-rooms were in an adjacent building, and for the gentlemen a large marquee was erected. The sit-down supper, which comprised all sorts of good things, from cygnets to sucking pigs and trifles, fruit salads, etc., was set out in a huge marquee adjoining the hall, on four long tables, which were simply, but taste-

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