

Archer, cream cloth tailor-made and floral hat; Miss Gentles, natural tussore and burnt straw hat; Mrs. Morris, grey tailor-made and black hat; Miss Brown, pink Shantung and hat with roses.

**Returning Travellers.**

Quite a number of well-known people came back from England by the Runhine, and some of them had travelled by the same ship on her voyage to England in February. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. N. A. Burnes and Miss Burnes. They had a delightful stay at Home and travelled about incessantly in order to make the most of their trip, as they were rather tied to time. For fellow-passengers both ways they had Mr. and Mrs. Stowe and Miss Stowe, who would perhaps have stayed long in England if the climate had not been so trying. Mr. Stowe at once took up his Parliamentary duties again, and was welcomed back warmly. He is in the enviable position of being exempt from the Civil Service Act, so his retirement is in his own hands, and will probably not be for several years to come, although many of his contemporaries have been reluctantly obliged to give up work.

Miss Vera Fulton's return occasioned much interest, as since her departure from New Zealand last February her engagement has been announced. Miss Fulton's stay out here will only be for a few months, as her fiancé follows her early next year, and after their marriage they will go at once to their home in England.

**A Dance on the Tongariro.**

Dances on board ship are by no means uncommon now, but that on the Tongariro was unusually enjoyable. In addition to bunting and other nautical adornments, there were masses of arum lilies about, while the supper-table was decorated with primroses and anemones. Captain Whyte-Parsons and his officers were most attentive to their guests, and in receiving they were assisted by Miss Skerrett. As the Tongariro was alongside the wharf there was no sea journey necessary, which was a relief to many people.

Miss Skerrett wore sea-blue charmeuse, made en Princesse, with beautiful embroideries on dull gold and silver; Mrs. Gilmer had a Princess gown of rajah satin softened with lace; Miss Ward, pastel ninon de soie en tunique, with entredeux of lace; Miss Miles, white charmeuse with delicate embroideries; Miss Simpson, white ninon de soie and lace; Miss — Simpson, hydrangea crepe de chine, with a lace tucker and sleeves; Miss Keunedy, pastel ninon de soie veiled in net; Miss Tweed, pink charmeuse with entredeux of lace; Miss Miles, opalescent charmeuse with bands of embroidery in subdued shades.

**Wellesley Club Ball.**

The Wellesley Club ball was a brilliant success, and the members may rest assured that in entertaining they stand second to none. This time they took the Sydney-street hall, instead of disorganizing the club-house, so there was much less trouble. Hangings of primrose and palest blue decorated the interior of the hall, and a number of huge mirrors at one end gave the effect of space; and added to the gaiety of the scene by their reflections. Everywhere one saw flowers, masses of arum lilies, pots of azaleas and cinerarias, and other flowering shrubs were placed about; the whole ceiling being covered with a trellis-work of lycopodium. In the supper room was a delicately lovely scheme of Japanese plum and cherry blossom, and palest mauve campanulas, the vases connected with ribbons of the same hues. The supper itself was a most elaborate one, and comprised everything delectable, while the waiting was admirable.

The guests were received by the President of the Club and Mrs. H. D. Bell, the latter wearing a Princess gown of palest mauve chiffon velours, with wide-embroideries in dull silver. Mrs. Herdman was in white satin draped with lace; Mrs. Collins, black satin en Princesse, scintillating with jet; Mrs. E. Nathan, ivory satin veiled on black lace and net; Mrs. Fisher, ivory charmeuse, with scarves of lace; Mrs. Turnbull, a clinging robe of jetted net over a dessous of satin; Mrs. Tweed, rose du Barri crepe de chine, draped with

lace; Mrs. Tringham, deep opal charmeuse with lace sleeves; Mrs. N. McLean, black satin richly embroidered in jet; Mrs. White, sea-blue crepe de chine; Mrs. Sladden, rose du Barri charmeuse, the corsage swathed in lace; Mrs. C. Pharyn, charming dress of veiled ninon of soft shades of blue and mauve; Mrs. D. Findlay, pale blue messaline draped with lace; Miss Coates, ivory charmeuse with a draped overdress of black jetted lace; Mrs. Jackson, pale blue ninon de soie; Miss Eileen Ward, ivory charmeuse, with dull silver embroideries; Miss Bell, palest pink mousseline de soie and lace; Miss Blundell, a Princess gown of ivory satin and lace; Miss Booth, hydrangea mauve charmeuse, with a tunic of net in the same shade; Miss Seddon, black chiffon velours; Miss R. Seddon, white silk with a draped overskirt of silver embroidered net; Miss Skerrett, opal brocade with entredeux of lace and embroideries; Miss Simpson, white charmeuse en Princesse, with lace sleeves; Miss Fitzgerald, black Liberty satin with a tunic of Tosca net; Miss Fulton, a draped Princess gown of pale blue crepe de chine embroidered in silver; Miss Bennet, white crepe de chine and lace.

**A Gay Scene.**

There was a gay scene on Saturday night at the Sydney Street Hall. It was the occasion of the breaking-up of Miss Beere's dancing classes, and all the children had assembled to join in a final frolic. So many were the pupils that space for onlookers was extremely scarce, and the limited number present comprised only those who were nearly related to the performers. All the little girls wore white frocks with coloured ribbons in their hair to denote to which class they belonged, and they danced with a delightful grace and abandon. The programme began with graceful exercises, led by Miss E. Garland, and afterwards cactus, minuets, Russian Viennese, Scottish, and other dances were gone through. Later on dancing became general, most of the boys of Miss Beere's College class taking part, as well as a few of the onlookers. Miss Beere wore a graceful Princess dress of net and lace

with delicate embroideries. Mrs. Beere was in black crepe de chine and net.

**Engagement.**

A new engagement is of interest. Miss Alya Riddiford has not very long been back from England and abroad, where she and her sisters spent two or three years finishing their education. Her fiancé is a nephew of the Hon. F. Arkwright, who was formerly a member of the Legislative Council, and owned "Overton," which is one of the show places in the Hangitike. Mr. and Mrs. Arkwright have been living in the Old Country for some years now, and "Overton" is occupied by their nephew.

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**CAMBRIDGE.**

October 23.

**Bridge.**

On Thursday evening Mrs. A. H. Nicoll entertained a few friends at Bridge, when a most enjoyable time was spent. Mrs. Nicoll was wearing a very pretty soft white embroidered muslin gown; Mrs. Scott, creme voile trimmed with silk embroidered insertion and yoke and sleeves of tucked net; Mrs. Caldwell, black and white spotted chiffon with border of pink roses over white glace, bodice made in fehu style, with yoke and sleeves of rich white lace outlined in pale blue; Mrs. (Dr.) Roberts, white silk blouse trimmed with white and silver embroidery, and black silk skirt; Miss Gwynneth, black silk and net gown.

Mrs. Farnall gave a most enjoyable little bridge party on Tuesday evening in honour of her guest, Mrs. Goodhue, of Parnell. Mrs. Farnall was wearing black silk, the bodice trimmed with white point lace; Mrs. Goodhue, black chiffon taffeta with transparent yoke and sleeves of black allover lace; Miss Gwynneth, grey paillette silk trimmed with silver tissue and black brocade; Miss Gavey, white embroidered muslin blouse, and creme serge skirt. Mrs. Farnall has been giving a series of small bridge and musical evenings during the time Mrs. Goodhue has been with her.

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