

more like fairies than any thing else. They were all dressed in white and wore no ornaments but a wreath of flowers on the head. And this perhaps it was which struck my fancy and the modest propriety combined with the easy and graceful manner with which they moved about that which surprised me unaccustomed as I had been for some time to such sights and unexpecting as they were at this place. Well having been seated on the benches I was very politely requested to give them a tune and I must say they were very obliging for they agreed to submit to my own choice of tunes and wished me to play them no longer than I pleased which I regarded as a great privilege. I played quite a number of pieces and cotillions Contra dances polkas and waltzes were gone through with in good style and they seemed to enjoy the time as well as any company I ever saw.

The gentlemen in their turn I found to be condescending and courteous and very assiduous in their attentions to the fiddler for upon every opportunity when I ceased to play they kept offering a variety of refreshments with which a long table in the well furnished cabin was bountifully supplied. The party consisted of about 30 persons in all and was given by Capt. Hulis who is a native of this island in honor of his two sisters and those select acquaintances who were in attendance.

It was nearly 12 O'clock and I had

played for a variety of dances according to the best of my abilities which I fully realized were feeble enough, when the company broke up and after again pressing me to partake of the refreshments which had several times been passed round they prepared to depart. The boat was already alongside. A whip had been rigged to which was attached a willow chair and in this one at a time was lowered till one half of the company were comfortably seated in the boat when they started for the landing while the others were to wait the boat's return. At this time the Capt who was standing beside me watching the receding boat, turned round and requested me to give them Yankee Doodle which of course somewhat surprised me coming from an English man as it did but after being assured that he was in earnest I complied and played it as loud as I could conveniently at the risk of parting strings and notwithstanding this tune is regarded with little favour by many of them the present company manifested their pleasure by three hearty cheers which were responded to by us as heartily. The boat soon returned and the rest were being seated when the Capt. came up and slipped several pieces of silver into my hand as a reward for my fiddling and turned away. I had determined not to receive anything for besides enjoying the evening myself I considered my labor hardly worth paying for and so I sought him again to give it