

with a blue hat; Mrs Tonks wore with a dark grey sac coat and skirt a very effective green straw hat, swathed with green shade ribbons; Miss Ireland wore a beautifully-fitting pale grey check tailor-made gown, pale grey felt hat to match; Miss J. Ireland was smartly gowned in a navy blue cloth costume with small white felt hat, finished with black; Miss Lloyd, brown flecked tweed costume with brown toque to match; Mrs Sladden (New Plymouth), black costume and black picture hat; Mrs Frank Jarvis, navy blue serge with a belted coat, Paris-tinted lace vest, white upturned toque, trimmed with black; Mrs W. Jagger, blue cloth coat and skirt, smart blue hat, entwined with berries; Mrs John Reed, black mourning costume and black hat; Mrs Roberts wore a dark winter costume, black hat with clusters of pink roses at one side; Miss Firth wore a brown cloth costume and brown velvet tam-o'-shanter to match; Mrs McDonald, dark flecked tweed toilette with pretty brown velvet bonnet; Miss M. McDonald was wearing a dark green cloth costume and green hat to match; Mrs Noble, crimson cloth coat and skirt, white vest, and pretty white felt hat, trimmed with brown; Mrs Rawson; Mrs Witchell wore dark green, faced with cloth a shade lighter, hat to match; Mrs Churton wore a very pretty pale grey jacket and skirt with a violet hat; Mrs Martelli, navy blue serge tailor-made with white vest, brown and white felt hat; Mrs Jones, black costume and hat to match; Miss Davy, dark grey flecked tweed, torpedo toque, trimmed with black; Miss Brassey was gowned in pale grey with green velvet facings, hat to match; Miss Atkinson, brown cloth costume, brown and white hat; Miss — Atkinson, dark blue coat and skirt, blue hat to match; Miss Dunnet, flecked tweed costume with cloth facings, hat en suite; Miss Percival, dark winter costume and small red hat; Miss Edith Percival wore a black gown, Tuscan straw hat; Mrs Dunnet; Mrs Pabst wore black with black plumed hat; Miss Little, navy blue cloth with hat en suite; Miss Olive Buckland wore pale grey with long Chesterfield coat, blue hat; Miss Ruth Buckland, dark blue costume and pretty green hat; Mrs Ted Horton was wearing an effective gown of blue cloth with white vest, white felt hat, trimmed with black; Mrs Maesmore Morris, of the Miss Nellie Stewart's Dramatic Company, looked very pretty in pale grey with a white hocking motoring coat and cap; Miss Nannie Bennett wore a navy cloth Chesterfield coat and skirt with small blue felt hat draped with white.

UNIVERSITY CAPPING AND SOCIALS.

The annual ceremony of presenting Diplomas to the graduates of the Auckland College of the New Zealand University took place on Friday last in the Choral Hall, which was well filled with graduates, undergraduates, and their friends. Sir Robert Stout, Chancellor, presided. The following graduates of the year received their diplomas amid applause:—Honours in Arts: Miss F. V. J. Jacobson, Miss N. J. McLean, H. J. Cousins, F. P. Worley, M.A.; Miss C. L. R. Hull, Honours in Science; C. Fraser, J. E. Holloway. Certificate of Proficiency (M.A. Standard): E. de C. Clarke, M.A. B.Sc.; D. V. Allen, E. King, M.A. B.A.; Miss M. M. Brown, Miss E. Griffin, Miss M.H. Metcalfe, Miss M. A. Northcroft, H. H. B. Allen, F. G. Dunlop, A. R. Gatlund, C. J. A. Griffin, B.Sc., A. C. Henderson, O. W. Williams, J. D. Dineen. LL.B.; G. McLean, R. N. Moody. At the conclusion of the capping ceremony the ladies of the College entertained the Chancellor and a number of students and friends at afternoon tea in the Lecture Hall, as a reception to the new graduates, who then received the congratulations of their many well-wishers. The annual supper of the Graduates' Association was held in the evening at the Strand Cafe, when the new graduates were hospitably entertained. On Saturday evening the usual graduation social of the Students' Association eventuated, when a most enthusiastic and appreciative audience filled to its utmost capacity the Lecture Hall of the College. The chief feature of the programme was the musical comedietta, "A Modern Hamlet," by Mr L. T. Pickmere, a smartly written and sparkling comedy, set to varied and well-selected popular airs; altogether a happy inspiration, and forming a most pleasing

and enjoyable entertainment. The following was the cast of characters: Prof. Simpleway, Mr E. de C. Clarke; Prof. Straddeleit, Mr F. Jowitt; Isho de Witt, Mr J. E. Holloway; Lurline Tempest, Miss F. Scott; Doreen Mayden, Miss Moses; Jess, Tania; Miss R. Brown; Win. Summum, Miss Mc-Master. After this excellent performance one is forced to admit the entire absence of the "blue stocking" element, the beauty and grace of the lady graduates, garbed in their College gowns and caps, being a conspicuous feature. One and all acquitted themselves admirably, the acting and the singing being of a very high order, and much above the average of amateur performances. A splendid orchestra connected with the University supplied the music, and altogether the performance must be voted a complete success, and the performers and the young author must have been flattered at the enthusiasm of the reception their efforts met. During the interval a recherche supper was served in the library and gentlemen's common room. The tables were tastefully laid out and beautifully decorated, the predominating colours being yellow.

Among those present were—Mrs Segar, who wore a lovely blue silk blouse with lace yoke and berthe, black silk skirt; Miss Brown wore an effective crimson cloak with cream lace yoke; Mrs McDowell, very pretty pale blue silk blouse with cream lace yoke and diamond lace motifs, black skirt; Miss Runciman, black silk with cream transparent lace yoke, outlined with Bruges lace; Mrs F. Baume, handsome black and white toilette; Mrs (Dr.) Scott, pretty ivory tucked and lace inserted satin blouse, and black point d'esprit skirt; Mrs Maxwell Walker, charming white crepe de chine, with traceries of ruffled ribbon; Mrs Kent, black striped chiffon voile, yoke embroidered with white; Miss Kent, effective white Oriental satin blouse, cream voile skirt, and yellow ceciliare and bow in coiffure; Mrs Clark, white silk blouse tucked and inserted with lace, black taffeta skirt; Miss Coleman, lovely blue silk evening blouse with lace yoke, and black silk skirt; Mrs T. U. Wells, white crepe blouse trimmed with lace, and black skirt; Mrs Lusher, pretty white crepe de chine with touches of blue; Miss Holland, white silk outlined with pink; Miss Essie Holland, dainty blue evening frock with cream lace collar; Mrs Dunlop, black evening gown with corsage bouquet of pink roses, pink brocaded silk cloak; Mrs Metcalfe, handsome black evening toilette; Mrs Pickmere, black and white gown; Miss Pickmere, very dainty white silk softened with lace and pearls, black skirt; Mrs Henry Dunnett, dainty white silk evening toilette; Mrs Palethorpe wore a black voile gown; Mrs S. Hanna, black silk with white silk and lace entre-deux; Miss Pearl Hanna, pretty ivory white silk, with pink choux; Miss Clarke, pretty white silk blouse and black skirt; Miss Mowbray, cream voile blouse with lace, and black skirt; Mrs Oxley, blue blouse and dark skirt; Professors Brown, Talbot-Tobbs, Egerton, Segar, Dr. McDowell, Dr. Bamford, Mr F. Baume, Mr Grossmann, Mr Maxwell Walker, etc.

EDEN AND EPSOM CLUBS "AT HOME."

The delightful practice of winding-up summer games with a dance has for many years been adopted by the Eden and Epsom Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, and the function this year, which took place in the Federal Hall on Thursday evening last, proved particularly enjoyable. One advantage about these club gatherings is the fact that most of the guests are well known to each other, and there is an absence of stiffness from the very outset. The ladies' committee, aided by the more enthusiastic gentlemen members, had wrought wonders with the hall; although, when admiring the abundance of beautiful mikau fronds used in these decorations one cannot but reflect with some regret that considerable destruction must be wrought upon the survivors of this lovely but slow-growing tree in bushes near Auckland for such a temporary purpose. However, nothing looks more effective than a combination of this dark green foliage with the bright hues of flags. The dresses of the ladies were particularly pretty, and I am pleased to observe that the taste for bright colours is gaining favour, and whatever may be said against the recent revival in England of the gay colours of a bygone generation for gentlemen's attire, there is no doubt

that nothing looks prettier than a well-lit ballroom with an abundance of brilliant costumes interspersed with the orthodox black of the gentlemen's evening dress. Another feature of the ball, probably due to friendly association on the lawn was the fact that nearly all the ladies present participated in the dancing. The supper, which was also carried out by the ladies, reflected the highest credit on their appreciation of the good things of this life, and was not the least enjoyable part of the evening's pleasure. The tables were spread in the commodious supper room, and were artistically decorated. Marriage's band provided a suitable programme for the dances, which were kept up with spirit till a late hour. Among the hostesses and hosts were: Mr Arthur Heather (president), Mesdames E. C. Beale, R. S. Biss, Oberlin Brown, H. R. Cooke, J. Dawson, C. W. Egerton, Heather, H. D. Heather, L. E. Mair, Udy, H. Walker, Kidd, Noakes, Hooper, Misses Baumwell, M. Hesketh, Oberlin Brown, Bleazard Brown, E. Gorrie, G. Gorrie, Hull, S. Rice, E. Stewart, Walker, Biss, Douglas, Frater, P. Gorrie, M. Reid, E. Martin, Elliott, Dr. Bamford, Messrs Alan Brown, R. S. Biss, H. R. Cooke, Professor Egerton, Messrs H. D. Heather, T. P. Hull, Mair, Stanley Ruddock, T. S. Ruddock, Udy, H. Walker, Pickmere, Guy Pierce, and W. A. Brown (hon. sec. to committee). Mrs J. H. Upton, rich black brocaded satin toilette; Mrs De Montalk wore black satin; Mrs Leslie Mair, was gowned in an effective black crepe-de-chine over silk, wreathlet of blue flowers; Mrs Woodroffe, handsome white be-ribboned net over lemon-coloured satin and touches of violet velvet; Mrs Horace Walker wore a pretty white Madras mousseline-de-soie gown with deep flounces edged with black, corsage bouquet of green and autumn leaves; Miss Rene Walker was graceful in pink silk, relieved with black velvet and eru lace; Mrs Eliot Davis was becomingly gowned in forget-me-not blue and white check silk taffetas trimmed with eru lace and clusters of Parma violets; Mrs Wm. Gorrie, rich black silk gown ornamented with jet and clusters of violets; Miss True Walker, was much admired in white crepe-de-chine and lace; Miss Minnet wore a graceful black satin and net toilette with eru Bruges lace decolletage; Mrs Muir Douglas, handsome black silk gown brightened with cerise roses on decolletage; Miss Muir Douglas looked pretty and graceful in pink silk with numerous soft frills; Miss Bertha Oxley wore a charming white silk gown with full sleeves and Marie Antoinette fichu, cherry coloured deep Empire belt, and red berries in coiffure; Mrs Murdoch McLean was gowned in a handsome black point d'esprit over satin, soft lace berthe and crimson roses; Miss Stella McLean made a charming debutante in a graceful and lovely white crepe-de-chine frock with full berthe of white Bretonne lace; Mrs Hubert Dacre was in a charming black brocade with transparent yoke of white Bretonne lace, cluster of La France roses in her hair; Miss L. Gorrie, white silk mousseline-de-soie over satin, the skirt inset with beautiful lace and hem of turquoise blue velvet, blue Empire sash; Miss Pearl Gorrie, pretty white silk frock softened with white Mechin lace; Mrs Benjamin, rich black silk gown softened with cream lace and cerise velvet; Miss Essie Holland wore a charming white silk taffetas gown with deep flounces on skirt edged with soft silk ruchings, lace and pink roses on bodice; Mrs A. Hooper wore a handsome lace over silk gown with garland of pink roses on corsage and pearls threaded in coiffure; Mrs. Hitchcock was graceful in black with bright green silk on decolletage and in hair; Miss Hooper looked remarkably well in black bebe ribbon net over silk, tangerine roses on berthe and wreathlet of roses; Mrs. Frater, rich black gown with white chiffon entre-deux; Miss Marion Frater looked pretty in white silk with white Bretonne berthe and white satin ceinture; Mrs. W. G. Scott wore an elegant black brocade with red and pink roses; Mrs. McKay, graceful black evening toilette; Mrs. Edmund Mahony, effective emerald green crepe de chine gown, with clusters of crimson roses; Miss Mowbray, white point d'esprit over silk, bright pink roses in coiffure; Miss Wade, pretty Louis Seize blue Oriental satin gown, with pink crush rose on decolletage; Miss Heather, lovely white lace over satin gown with satin Empire belt; Miss Dunlop (debutante)

dainty white silk and bow; Miss Lily Muir was gowned in her debutante frock of white silk, and wore a corsage bouquet of pink roses; Miss Lily Muir wore, a charming black evening frock with touches of blue; Miss Gwyn Hill was in a becoming azure blue silk frock with sun-ray pleated berthe; Miss Mand Hudson wore her dainty debutante frock of soft white silk with a pretty filled fichu edged with ruffled silk; Miss Armstrong, very effective white net embroidered with squims over white satin, red poppies in ruffure; Miss C. Bell was charming in a pearl grey gown with clusters of bright crimson roses; Miss Foote wore a lovely primrose silk frock prettily tucked and trimmed with white Mechin lace, large crush Damask rose on corsage; Miss Myra Reid, dainty white silk crepe de chine, brightened with rose pink silk; Miss Nellie Upton wore her pretty debutante gown of ivory white silk with white chiffon fichu; Miss V. Tibbs, graceful white tulle net over satin; Miss Stevenson (debutante), lovely white net over satin frock; Miss Dawson

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