

blue tussore silk frock, white picture hat, rose-wreathed; Mrs. H. Lusk, smart navy blue tailor-made coat and skirt, becoming white hat lined with lace, wreath of shaded pink roses; Miss Brown, golden brown coat and skirt, flowered taffeta waistcoat, quilted brown hat; Mrs. A. Williams, pale pink linen coat and skirt, brown picture hat, touches of pink; Mrs. H. Lowry, navy blue braided tailored costume, violet hat; Mrs. S. Williamson, charming dull green tailored coat and skirt, bound with black braid, large mauve picture hat; Miss Moorcroft, blue coat and skirt, smart brown plumed hat; Miss Palmer, becoming navy blue coat and skirt, green feather stole, green hat, trimmed with mauve and green feathers; Mrs. Perry, mauve linen frock, long pale blue lustre coat, lavender hat; Miss Shaw, white linen coat and skirt, navy blue hat; Mrs. H. Donnelly, goblin blue Eton coat and skirt, white lace blouse, shaded blue toque; Miss M. Burke, dainty tone pink linen coat and skirt, pink floral hat; Mrs. Hector Smith, blue taffeta frock, trimmed with emerald green velvet, white hat, pink and red roses; Mrs. L. McHardy, pretty white muslin frock, long fawn coat, large black and white feathered hat; Mrs. H. Smith, smart black and white frock, white feather stole, pretty rose-wreathed hat; Miss Smith, pretty pale pink linen frock, finished off with white buttons, white picture hat; Miss Kennedy, pale pink frock, outlined with rose pink, white hat, trimmed with pink roses, pink scarf; Mrs. Williams, black and white check taffeta dress, blue and green hat; Miss Williams, white linen frock; cornflower hat; Miss B. Hindmarsh, pink and white striped linen pinafore frock, white picture hat, wreath of pink; Miss M. Hindmarsh, green and white striped frock; smart green plumed hat; Miss M. McLean, white muslin frock, white hat, pink and red wreath; Miss Heath, pale pink frock, becoming fawn hat, touches of green; Mrs. McLernon, smart green and white linen dress, Leghorn picture hat; Mrs. Simpson, smart black and white striped linen cut-away coat and skirt, floral waistcoat, mauve hat; Mrs. De Toswill, pale blue linen frock, Leghorn floral hat; Miss Drummond, navy blue linen frock, trimmed with lace, white hat trimmed with red roses; Miss Braithwaite, white linen frock, pink picture hat; Miss Williams, green muslin frock, touches of lavender, green and lavender hat; Mrs. Baker, smart green braided frock, pink plumed hat; Miss McKenzie, white muslin frock, cream coat, white lace hat; Mrs. Barcroft, cornflower cloth frock, pretty pink hat; Miss Barcroft, dainty pale blue frock, large blue picture hat; Mrs. Lowry North, becoming pale blue cloth dress, touches of lace, large white hat trimmed with blue feathers, white feather stole; Miss Dewes, smart navy blue tailored coat and skirt, pink and red floral hat; Mrs. E. Von Dodelzen, smart cream costume, pale blue stole, becoming large picture hat, trimmed with roses; Miss Davis, pale grey striped coat and skirt, white hat trimmed with pink ribbons and roses; Mrs. Vaughan, smart dove grey tailor-made coat and skirt, white feather stole, red and pink floral hat; Mrs. Johnstone, blue tussore silk, trimmed with lace, red hat; Miss Johnstone, blue linen frock, trimmed with white embroidery, green hat, trimmed with forget-me-nots; Mrs. Dr. Reid, blue and spotted muslin dress, grey stole, green hat trimmed with blue and pink flowers;

Mrs. Withrow, blue cloth pinafore frock, white lace vest, shaded-blue hat; Miss N. Hoadley, dull green coat and skirt, green felt collar, Leghorn picture hat; Miss Seal, white muslin and lace dress, white and green hat; Miss Palmer, grey and white striped dress, violet floral hat; Mrs. Dinwiddie, navy blue coat and skirt, blue toque; Miss Dinwiddie, smart green and white muslin dress, green hat; Miss S. Dinwiddie, white muslin dress, white hat trimmed with pink roses.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mr. M. Murphy has returned to Christchurch from a visit to Napier.

Miss Agnew Brown, of Gisborne is spending some weeks in Napier, the guest of Mrs. H. Lusk.

Miss Ramsden, of Kumeroa, is on a visit to Napier.

Mr. S. Jago, a popular member of the staff of Williams and Kettle, was presented by his fellow employees last week with a handsome piece of furniture in honour of his approaching marriage.

Mrs. Appleby, of Christchurch, is in Napier for some weeks.

Mr. S. H. Cranby, of Napier, is on a visit to Rotorua.

Miss M. Forster has returned to Napier from a visit to England.

Mrs. Bidwell has returned to the Wairarapa from a visit to Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Cotterill have returned to Napier from a visit to Sydney.

Mrs. Seaby, of Napier, is on a visit to Takapuna.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith have returned to Pahiatahi by motor from a visit to Napier.

Mr. and the Misses Jamieson, of Glenora, are in Napier for the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, of Christchurch, are on a visit to Napier.

Mrs. and Miss Hartree, of Patoka, are in Napier for a few days.

MARJORIE.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Dear Bee,

Oct. 24.

THE NEW PLYMOUTH AMATEURS

staged "Facing the Music" last Friday evening in the Theatre Royal, to a crowded house. The audience was a most appreciative one. The farce won popular approval all the way. As John Smith, Mr. Easther's portrayal was splendid. The very amusing situations created roars of laughter, and his masterpieces, his acting in the last Act, drew forth thrilling applause, and caused everyone to think and say with one accord that Mr. Easther had unmistakably missed his vocation. He is so natural and realistic, many professionals being unable to better it. The two Mrs. Smiths (Mesdames Fred. Watson and Claude Weston) proved themselves very clever actresses, and were charming all through. Miss Dora Bedford, as Miss Potheringay of the Bijou Theatre, acted and spoke naturally and well. Mrs. Uniacke (Stratford—a noted lady for character parts), as Mrs. Ponting, the house-keeper, was delightfully humorous. The Rev. John Smith (Mr. Leslie Hill) was exceptionally good, never once lacking to keep up the monotone. Mr. J. C. Summer, the ever hilarious Dick Desmond, and guest of John

Smith, kept the audience well amused with his quaint ways and merry laughter. As Colonel Duncan Smith, (John Smith's uncle), Mr. T. R. Southall gave a distinctively clever study. Mr. W. G. Wiggs (Sergeant Duffell, attached to Vane-street Police Station) carried out his part in a very able manner. The staging and dressing were admirable, the ladies' frocks being exceptionally dainty. In fact, the whole thing from beginning to end was thought by many to have been the best amateur performance ever held in New Plymouth. The Whiteley Orchestra, under Mr. C. H. Low, rendered a well-selected programme that was much appreciated. Mrs. Claude Weston, in the first Act, was robed in a charming cream costume, with lovely long cream coat, white hat with wings; her second costume was a very handsome English costume of chocolate brown, and white striped chiffon taffetas, vest and under sleeves of lovely cream lace, finished with narrow bands of brown silk. Tuscan hat, wreathed with pink roses; Mrs. Fred. Watson's first costume was a dainty blue linen with embroidered yoke and deep cuffs; in the last Act she wore a very pretty frock of black satin, semi-empire, with cream fillet, net yoke, finished with black silk passementerie; Miss Dora Bedford, in the first Act, wore a charming pale blue muslin frock, semi-empire, with deep rib yoke, inset with white Valenciennes lace, black feathered picture hat; in the last Act she wore a dainty border muslin, the border being composed of forget-me-nots, and pink roses, pink floral ribbon, Empire sash, pale blue silk taffetas hat, trimmed with gold braid and pale pink roses; Mrs. Uniacke wore her house-keeper's uniform. Amongst the audience, I noticed Mrs. Alexander, Misses Skinner (2), Mrs. Quilliam, Miss Quilliam, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Leatham, Miss Leatham, Miss Bedford, Mrs. Kerr, Miss Kerr, Mrs. H. Oswin, Miss O. Mackay, Miss D. Saunders, Miss Brewster, Miss Bayley, Misses Fitzherbert (3), Mrs. Penn, Misses Penn (2), Mrs. Hall, Miss B. Rennell, Mrs. H. Weston, Misses Hoskin (2), Misses Apple (2), Mrs. E. Fookes, Misses Fookes (2), Miss I. Birdling, Miss V. Kirkby, Misses B. and E. Evans, Miss Russell (Dannevirke), Miss Messenger, Miss Devenish, Mrs. H. Stocker, Mrs. G. Keblell, Mrs. R. Cook, Miss T. Brown, Miss R. Clarke, Mrs. H. Davy, Miss Carte, Mrs. MacDiarmid, Miss Kyngdon, Misses Hanna (2), Mrs. Armitage, Miss Deacon, Mrs. McKellar, Mrs. Fitzherbert, Mrs. Gibbons, Miss Kirkby, Misses Webster (3), Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Rollo, Mrs. Saxton, Miss Saxton, etc.

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Uniacke, Stratford, has been the guest of Mrs. Claude Weston, New Plymouth, but has now returned.

Mr. J. Mills, Marton, has been on a visit to New Plymouth, but has now returned.

Miss K. McKenzie, from Palmerston South, is the guest of Mrs. Fraser, New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Blundell, the former manager of the Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth, have gone on a visit to Nelson, West Coast, and Christchurch. Mr. F. J. Dignan, manager of the Ashburton branch, will act as relieving manager.

Mr. P. D. McCord, of the Union Bank, New Plymouth, has gone for a six weeks' holiday to his home in Tasmania. Mr. H. E. Webb, of the Wellington staff, coming to relieve him.

The Hon. Oliver Samuel, accompanied by Mrs. Samuel, will leave New Plymouth in January on an extended holiday tour through Japan, China, and England.

Dr. and Mrs. Truby King, Timaru, who have been on a visit to their relatives in New Plymouth, have been visiting Auckland, but have now returned to New Plymouth.

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