

during every service held by the Missioners in the past ten days or so.

A unique gathering in the way of a farewell to the Missioners was held in the Parish Hall last Tuesday evening, when a large number of the parishioners assembled to see the last of the visiting clergy. The hall was comfortably and prettily arranged, and a short musical programme was gone through. A piano-forte solo and an organ solo were contributed by Dr. Crooke, and 'cello solos by Mr. Pawson. Songs were given by Mrs. R. Griffiths, Miss M. Lundon, Miss W. Butt, and Mr. Dyson, and orchestral selections by the Mission Orchestra. The Rev. Colville gave a most heartily approved rendering of "How I Heard Rubenstein." A most excellent supper was supplied by the ladies.

#### Personal.

Mrs. Hume and Miss Kathleen Hume, of Epsom, Mrs. Clement Dixon, of South Africa, and Mr. Martin Hume, of Wellington, are visiting Rotorua.

Mrs. Oliver Mays and Mrs. Selwyn Mays, of Devonport, are here on a visit.

The Hon. G. T. Smith, M.L.C., and Mrs. Smith, and Miss Smith are staying at "Grand Vue."

Mrs. H. Shearman, of Tauranga, is visiting friends in Rotorua.

Miss Esa Empson has returned after a holiday spent in Wanganui and Taranaki.

Mr. and Mrs. Hay, of Dunedin, are visiting their son, Dr. Hay, in Rotorua.

Mrs. W. Cragg has gone to Auckland on a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, of Christchurch, are staying at the Grand Hotel at present.

Mrs. L. Birks has returned to Rotorua, after a visit to her parents in Wellington.

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### GISBORNE.

September 28.

#### Military Ball.

The military ball, held on Friday last, was a great success, about 250 couples participating in the night's enjoyment. The Garrison Hall was never more prettily decorated, the flags and bunting being most effectively arranged. Amongst those present were:—Messdames Trait, Blair, Lysnar, Mc'ardie, Sheridan, E. Adair, J. Dods, F. Martin, Muir, W. McCredie, Crawford, Poynter, Graham, King, De Costa, Busche, etc., Misses Agnew-Brown, Simpson, Cussen, Roberts, Dundop, Gordon, Graham, McKenzie, Beere, Bull, Burn, etc., etc.

#### Personal.

Mr and Mrs G. O. K. Sainsbury returned to Gisborne on Saturday, from an extended trip to England.

Mr Justice Chapman left on Sunday for Wellington.

Hon. Captain Tucker left for Wellington on Sunday.

Mr E. J. Chriss, accompanied by his two daughters, left on Saturday for a trip to Sydney.

The Revs. Mr Rees and Mr Hobbs, who have been conducting the Anglican Mission in Gisborne, left for Napier on Wednesday.

EISA.

### NAPIER.

September 30.

#### St. Paul's Recreation Club.

St. Paul's Recreation Club gave their annual display in the Schoolroom last Friday evening. Mr. R. D. D. Maclean, president of the club, presided, and numerous hand-some trophies were presented, including a cup and gold medals. Mr. Czar gave an interesting exhibition of jiu-jitsu. The Napier men were assisted by members of the Clive Club. The ladies went through various clever and graceful exercises with wands, dumb-bells, and clubs, concluding with a running maze. Miss Hatch, the pianist, was presented by the lady members with a case of blue enamel hatpins. There were about two hundred people present. A dainty supper was provided by Mrs. Asher and Mrs. Ringland.

#### Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Rotameyer gave an afternoon tea on Wednesday last for Mrs. and the Misses Coats (Christchurch), who have come to live in Napier. Mrs. and Miss Coats are very musical, and should prove a great acquisition to the musical circles in Napier.

#### Putting Competition.

Miss Lorna McLean invited a number of girl friends to a putting competition

on Friday afternoon. The day was perfect, and afternoon tea was much enjoyed on the lawn. Players drew for partners, and there was much laughing before Miss Legatt finally beat Miss S. Rutherford, thus winning the prize. Amongst those present were: Mrs. McNeil, Miss Ewen, Miss Hetley, Miss D. Rutherford, Miss S. Rutherford, Miss Lever, Miss Hindmarsh, Miss B. Hindmarsh, Miss White, Miss Legatt.

#### Personal.

Mrs. Sainsbury has returned from England, and is spending a few days at the Masonic Hotel before proceeding to Gisborne.

Miss Bichford has returned to Dannevirke. Mrs. Simeox (Otaki) is visiting Mrs. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowring left to-day for Gisborne, where they intend to reside for some time.

Miss Thompson (Christchurch) is visiting Mrs. Paisley, France-road.

Miss Moore, who has been relieving Miss Kirke at the Girls' High School, left for Auckland to-day to commence her duties as science mistress at the Auckland Grammar School.

Miss Ethel White (Otane) is visiting Mrs. Rutherford.

Miss Coleman and Miss Adams have returned to Gisborne after the Golf Tournament.

Miss Warren, of Pahiatua, is visiting the Misses Hunter.

Mr and Mrs Harry Nelson and their two daughters are staying at Waikoko for Miss Hilda Nelson's wedding.

Mr E. W. Nelson, Miss K. Sherratt (Gisborne) and Miss Essie Grey (Gisborne) are the guests of Mr and Mrs William Nelson at Waikoko.

Mr and Mrs Harold Russell (Apley) are the guests of Dr. and Mrs Nairn, Hastings.

MARJORIE.

### FEILDING.

September 28.

#### Personal.

Mrs Gillespie has gone with her little daughter to Napier for a month.

Mrs R. Corie is in Christchurch with her people.

Miss Innes Jones has returned to Feilding after a long visit to Wanganui.

The Rev. A. Colville, M.A., is to arrive in Feilding on Saturday, when he is to begin conducting the long-looked-for Mission in St. John's Church (Anglican). He will be the guest of the Rev. and Mrs Innes Jones.

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### HASTINGS.

Sept. 30.

Mrs. A. Reid's party last week was most delightful. Mrs. Reid is quite a successful housewife and famous "pour-voyeur," therefore we were not disappointed when we looked for dainties quite out of the ordinary. Indeed we lingered so long over the afternoon tea, and with unlagging chatter, everyone seemingly so deeply interested, time flew, and some of the set programme of competitions, which our hostess had arranged for our amusement, had to be cut out. An object table played havoc with our memories. Mrs. Jack Miller was fortunate in being most retentive, and won a beautiful green Doulton jug. Among those present were Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Halse, Mrs. Hudley, Miss Newbigen, Miss Wylie, Mrs. de Lisle, Mrs. Newbigen, Mrs. Faulkner, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Brodie, Mrs. Lean, Mrs. Beamish, Mrs. Tosswill, Mrs. Mackersey.

So far the majority of those colours appropriate to mourning and half-mourning are being worn, and some of them are exceedingly modish and smart, and quite in good taste with the present season, which demands sombre colourings.

Mrs. (Col.) Goring is looking very handsome and nice in a smartly made black gown, black hat with upturned brim artistically arranged with lace motifs.

Mrs. Lewis looks very elegant and graceful in a black cloth coat and skirt, cuffed and reversed in black chamoisee and a large black straw hat of a coarse texture, swathed with black chamoisee and finished with a choux.

Mrs. Scott looks very winsome and nice in a smart short black rep gown, girted around the foot with a broad band of black merveilleux, transparent yoke, and sleeves of black tuckered net and insertion, very pretty large Parisian black chip hat swathed with tulle, and a long black plume.

Mrs. (Dr.) Macdonnell is also one of the ladies who looks particularly well in black. She is wearing a tightly fitting trained gown of black cachemire with transparent sleeves, and yoke of spotted net; the bodice and sleeves are trimmed with bands of fancy black braid, and chine silk, a small frill of Valenciennes lace running up the centre of the sleeves, pretty Welsh crowned hat of black chiffon with three large plumes clasped with a jet buckle at one side, jet jewellery. Miss Luckie looks very handsome in black silk, lace yoke and sleeves and large black hat with swathing of silk, long flowing veil of black. Mrs Wallace looks stately in a plain black chiffon taffeta, with yoke of ivory embroidered net, smart black pompadour, chip hat swathed with silk and tulle. Mrs Perry is wearing a smart grey coat and skirt, braided with black, and a most enviable amethyst hat of a close-fitting shape. Mrs Lowry, gowned in a simple, close-fitting mole tweed coat and skirt, and a hat garlanded with mauve roses, looks very stylish and stately. Miss Evans, deep mauve cloth coat and skirt, cuffed and reversed in chamoisee of a corresponding tone, has been much admired; her hat of fancy straw and mauve satin, finished with a large choux, looks simple and smart. Mrs Newbigen is wearing a lovely gown of pale mauve cloth, with rich ivory lace yoke and sleeves; a very pretty mauve hat of a Parisian shape, completes a very elegant and becoming toilette. Miss Newbigen is wearing a tucked plush embroidered frock, with bands of white insertion, and a sweetly-pretty mushroom hat of tussore, festooned with tiny baby roses over and under the brim, rose Venetian poodle necklet.

The Anglican missioners have come and gone, and judging by the very earnest and frequent attendance of all the church people, a good exemplification has been produced, apart from the spiritual good derived therefrom.

Miss Wylie, who has been visiting Mrs Newbigen, left for Wellington on Saturday.

Miss Wheeler has returned from a holiday up country.

The Rev. Canon Tupper-Carey has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs Tosswill during the mission season in Hastings.

Preparations are nearing completion for a huge Catholic bazaar, which is to last a fortnight. People of various denominations are assisting, fancy costumes are being worn by most of the stall-holders and their army of workers, and altogether the interest centred therein is becoming very infectious, and there is every hope of great success.

SHEILA.

### DANNEVIRKE.

September 30.

#### Music.

Another successful performance of "Les Cloches" was given on Friday night to a packed house.

Last year the combined choirs of Dannevirke gave a very excellent performance of the "Messiah." This year it has been decided to again attempt this well-known oratorio. Solo parts have not yet been allotted.

The spinsters of Waitahora gave a most enjoyable dance last Friday night as a finale to the dancing season in that settlement.

#### Sports.

The annual meeting of the Tennis Club was held last week, and members are eagerly looking forward to get to work in earnest. The greens are in good order, and have been well attended during the winter season.

The golf ball which was mooted last week has fallen through, the response from members not being sufficient to warrant the project being gone on with.

During the winter season the fire brigade have held several socials in aid of the funds of their bazaar, which is to take place in November.

#### Personal.

Mrs. J. A. Robertson, who has been in ill-health for some time past, has returned from Napier, where she was recuperating. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she is much improved in health.

Mrs. Bunny, sen., of Masterton, has been on a visit to her son, Mr. R. E. Bunny, of Dannevirke.

Mrs. Garlick, of Wellington, arrived in Dannevirke last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lawford.

LORIS.

### NEW PLYMOUTH.

September 30.

#### A Dance.

The members of the Girls' Whaka-tika Hockey Club gave a most enjoyable dance in the Brougham-street Hall last Thursday evening. The hall was very prettily decorated with flags, large standing bowls of arum lilies and hockey sticks. The floral decorations of the supper table were very artistic, the flowers being scarlet ixias and yellow brooms. This hockey club, although very young, is a very ambitious one, so the proceeds are to go to swell the funds of a previous dance they had at the commencement of the season, so as to enable them to travel to the bigger centres next year. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Walker, cream net over satin, with pale blue centure and pale blue bands on skirt; Miss M. Corkill, white silk; Miss W. Bennett, white silk; Miss K. Bennett, white muslin; Miss D. Stur-tivan, pale heliotrope muslin, trimmed with bands of a darker shade; Miss F. Fenton, white silk with jewelled trimming on corsage; Miss N. Hanna, white muslin; Miss E. Penn, white silk, silver sequined berthe; Miss Wilson (Eltham), white silk; Miss D. Mills, turquoise blue crystalline; Miss G. Kyngdon, pale heliotrope silk trimmed with cream lace, slashed with black velvet ribbon; Miss Cutfield, white satin, relieved with scarlet roses on corsage; Miss Healy, white silk; Miss N. McEwen, white muslin; Miss E. Grant, white satin trimmed with pearl passementerie on corsage; Miss McAllum, white muslin with satin bands on skirt; Miss E. Atkinson, turquoise blue cashmere de soie, decolletage finished with silver sequin trimming; Mrs. Penn, cream satin chamoisee; Miss Denton, pale pink muslin; Miss A. Avery, white chiffon taffetas relieved with pale blue; Miss A. Roberts, pale green crystalline, with silver trimming; Miss G. Laing, white silk; Miss Clarke (Auckland), pink silk; Miss Turner, flame-coloured silk, inset with cream lace; Miss Salway, white silk; Miss Roy, white muslin; Miss W. Webster, ivory-tinted paillette, woefully finished with silk lace; Miss M. Clarke, silver-spangled net over a cream satin foundation; Miss N. Snowball, white silk with pale pink roses on corsage; Miss M. Snowball, white muslin, pale blue ribbons; Miss Brewster, pale pink silk; Miss H. Humphries, maize-coloured silk trimmed with bands of black silk; Miss E. Spencer, shell-pink crystalline; Miss K. Penn, pink muslin; Miss E. Russell, cream taffetas, decolletage relieved with scarlet roses; Miss V. Kirby, pale blue muslin trimmed with bands of black velvet; Miss O. Mackay, white muslin; Miss Kohn, white silk; Miss L. Fitzherbert, smoke grey ninon, over rose pink chiffon taffetas, trimmed with tiny pink roses; Miss R. Clarke, white silk; Miss Carte, dove grey silk over pale pink silk.

#### Afternoon Tea.

The members of the New Plymouth Boys' Club entertained a number of their lady friends at an afternoon tea last Thursday, and it was thought by many of the ladies that the men should give these little functions more frequently, as they are most enjoyable. Afternoon tea was under the supervision of the Mayoress (Mrs. Tisch). Musical items were rendered by Misses Ward, M. Clarke, Messrs. Cornwall, Nixon, Easter (recitation), and Mrs. W. Wood's Orchestra. Speeches were made by Mr. Tisch (Mayor), Mr. Euroth, and Mr. Arthur Humphries. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Tisch, rich black silk, relieved with cream lace, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Bewley, cream costume, moss green hat swathed with shaded roses; Miss G. Bewley, pale helio. check muslin, trimmed with a darker shade, biscuit-coloured hat wreathed with tea roses; Mrs. Roberts, black; Miss Roberts, heliotrope muslin, pretty hat trimmed with pink roses; Miss W. Roberts, dark skirt, white muslin blouse, white hat trimmed with black cherries; Miss Sole, pale pink blouse, dark skirt, brown hat with pink roses; Miss Brewster, navy costume; Miss Bedford, prunelle-coloured Princess robe, hat finished with black wings; Miss O. Mackay, black and white striped tweed coat and skirt, moss green hat with brown quills; Mrs. Southall, green costume, black hat wreathed with Marguerites; Mrs. Glasgow, pretty, pale blue linen coat and skirt, dark blue hat swathed with Paisley scarf; Miss M. Glasgow, white muslin, pretty hat, finished with pink roses; Miss M. Humphries, violet costume, pretty hat with