

embroidered in gold, black and white hat; Mrs Parker, black and white costume; Mrs O. Chisbury, vieux rose Shantung gown; Mrs Clayton, cream mousseline de sole, large green hat. Others present:—Madames Bright, Ross, Martin, Misses Cherratt, Reynolds, Symes, MacLean, Bennett, Willis, Powell, Chrisp, Barker, Ferguson, Fyke, etc.

Whataupou Tennis Club.
A most successful opening of the above courts took place last Saturday, a large number of players and visitors being present. The courts are in capital condition, and looked particularly fresh and pretty, the many pretty frocks all adding to the gaiety of the scene. Five tennis courts and two croquet lawns were in full request all the afternoon. Miss Nolan directed the serving of the tea, which was given by all the lady members.

Personal.
Mr Chrisp and the Misses Chrisp returned to Gisborne on Wednesday last. Colonel Porter returned, from south on Wednesday.
Mr and Mrs Shield (Hastings), who have been staying with Mr and Mrs Wallis, returned home on Sunday, Mr Wallis accompanying them.

NAPIER.

November 4.
Garden Party at Bishopcourt.
The Bishop of Waiapu and Mrs. Averil invited nearly five hundred guests to a garden party on Saturday afternoon to meet the visiting Synodsmen. The garden was looking lovely with masses of roses everywhere. At every turn there was a lovely view of sea and hills, and to watch the bathers on the beach below whilst listening to the strains of the City Band, proved most entertaining to the guests. The Bishop and Mrs. Averil received their friends on the verandah. Mrs. Averil wore a graceful black silk gown, and carried a lovely bouquet of pink pelargoniums and fern. Amongst the many guests were: Mrs. F. U. Williams, black silk grenadine over white silk; Mrs. Mayne, blue coat and skirt, blue and brown hat; Mrs. Chris MacLean, dark blue voile; Mrs. Henley, green and white silk foulard, black silk directoire sash and black hat; Miss Edith Williams, black and white striped veil; Mrs. Harding (Mount Vernon), violet gown, hat to match; Miss Lydia Williams (Te Autu) brown silk, brown hat with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Collier, white serge coat and skirt; Miss Keih, black and white silk, black hat; Mrs. George Kelly, white muslin, mulberry coloured hat; Mrs. Reg Humphries, white muslin, blue velvet stole, edged with fur; Mrs. T. Riddell, blue linen coat and skirt; Mrs. A. O. Russell, blue crepe with oriental trimming; Mrs. Leggat (Nelson), black silk; Miss Leggat, green voile, draped skirt; Miss Lusk, grey coat and skirt; Miss Lusk, blue linen coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Bowen, blue shantung; Mrs. Levien, black and white coat and skirt, black hat with pink roses and lilacs of the valley; Mrs. O. Ellison, pink silk; Mrs. Lowry, black silk, black net scarf; Miss Lowry, blue cloth coat and skirt, white ostrich feather boa; Mrs. Saunders, grey coat and skirt; Mrs. Edgar, grey chiffon; Mrs. J. H. Williams, pastel grey coat and skirt, heliotrope hat; Miss Nora Williams, brown coat and skirt; Mrs. McCarthy, amethyst linen coat and skirt; Miss McCarthy, saxe blue; Mrs. Margoliouth, black silk; Mrs. Lever, heliotrope charmeuse, hat to match; Miss Lever, white muslin; Miss D. Lever, white muslin, blue and pink hat; Mrs. Warren, pale grey embroidered voile; grey and pink hat; Mrs. Hansard, blue voile; Miss Hansard, white muslin; Mrs. Rutherford, black silk, and Maltese lace scarf; Miss Rutherford, amethyst coat and skirt, white hat, trimmed with white roses and black velvet; Miss T. Rutherford, white embroidered linen; Mrs. A. J. Williams, pink linen coat and skirt; Miss Warren, pink crepe; the Misses Ellison, white cloth, white lace scarves; Mrs. Morgan, blue coat and skirt; Miss White, green silk; Mrs. Bradley, pink linen coat and skirt; Mrs. Tonkin, saxe blue linen; Miss Tonkin, white muslin; Miss Dean, white silk voile, mauve hat; Miss Jagger, heliotrope muslin; Mrs. Ruddock, grey; Miss Ruddock, white embroidered muslin, white hat with pink roses; Mrs. Zille, cream net embroidered with green silk; Mrs. Herbert Coleman, green coat and skirt; Miss

Headley, pink; Mrs. King, heliotrope; Miss Tube, blue; Miss Lorna MacLean, black silk; Mrs. R. D. D. MacLean, pink; Miss MacLean, blue cloth trimmed with brown; Mrs. Cargill, green silk.

Tennis and Croquet Party.
Mrs R. D. D. MacLean entertained the members of the Synod and their friends at a tennis and croquet party on Thursday afternoon. The garden is beautifully sheltered, and tea was much enjoyed under the trees. Amongst those present were: Mr and Mrs Hobbs, Mr and Mrs Robertshaw, Mr and Mrs Collier, Archdeacon Ruddock, Mrs Ruddock, Canon Mayne, Mr and Miss Thornton, Bishop Williams, Archdeacon Tisdall, Mrs Troutbeck, Mrs F. T. McLean, Mrs Headley, Miss Headley, Mrs Rutherford, Miss Hobbs, Miss Lorna MacLean, Miss Ruddock, Mr F. N. Williams, Mr Feilder.

Putting Competition.
Mrs James McLean invited a number of friends to compete in a putting championship on her lawn at "Ardgowan" on Friday afternoon. After a qualifying round, players drew for partners. There were many exciting games, the final, between Miss Newbold and Miss Dinwiddie, being very close. Miss Newbold finally won, 1 up at the last hole. Miss Lorna MacLean presented Miss Newbold with the "Ardgowan" putting championship, a miniature silver bowl. Miss Dinwiddie, runner-up, received a blue enamel hatpin. Miss Mabel Miller, in a neat little speech, asked Miss Newbold, captain of the Napier Ladies' Golf Club, to accept a silver manicure set from the members and friends of her club in recognition of all her work during the past season. Amongst those present were: Mrs Edgar, Mrs Smart, Mrs Troutbeck, Mrs Zeile, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Arthur Kennedy, the Misses Newbold, Miss Hamlin, Miss Davis, the Misses Miller, Miss Rutherford, Miss Hetley, Miss Tuke, Miss Locking.

Personal.
Col. and Mrs Winter (Gisborne) are on a visit to Napier.
Mrs Knight (Dannevirke) has been in town for a few days, to be present at her son's wedding.
Mrs Douglas Williams (Otane) has been staying at the Masonic Hotel.
Mrs Wood and Miss Wood leave this week on a trip to Sydney.
Mr and Mrs Harry Lowry are on a visit to Australia.
Mrs and Miss Hartgill (Dannevirke) are spending a few days in Napier.
Mrs Smart, who has been visiting Mrs Edgar, has returned to her home.
Mr Bolton and the Misses Bolton (Pahiatua) have been visiting Napier.

HASTINGS.

November 4.
Street Frocks.
Mrs. Halse looks stylish in rose serge coat and skirt, rose hat en suite; Mrs. Landels looks nice in cream voile, white silk hat veiled in black lace, garland of roses; Miss Williams (Havelock) looks well in rose serge coat and skirt, winged hat of same colouring; Mrs. A. Lean looks stylish in cream serge coat and skirt, large black plumed hat; Mrs. Barcroft is wearing smart navy charmeuse gown, figured with white, stylish black plumed hat; Mrs. Macasey is wearing a smart white embroidered frock, brown straw wreathed with roses; Mrs. Miller is wearing a dainty cream silk voile with lace trimmings, green straw hat, with wreath of roses; Miss Peddie, white embroidered gown, white hat with swathes of pale blue silk; Mrs. J. Beamish, in blue linen, banded with brown, brown hat swathed with Paisley, looks well; Mrs. J. Faulkner, military blue costume, hat of petrol colours; Mrs. McKibbin looks stylish in smart black silk taffeta frock, stylish black French straw hat, with roses in tones of blue, pink and cream; Mrs. McLeod looks smart in black coat and skirt of cloth, banded with silk, large black plumed hat.

Personal.
Miss Turnbull has returned to Otago. Mr and Mrs. W. G. Stead are visiting Christchurch.
Mrs. Wallace is visiting the South.
Mrs. Halse has returned from Marton.
Mrs. G. Haldane has gone to Rotorua.
Archdeacon Williams (Gisborne) is the guest of Mr. J. N. and Miss Williams, "Frimley."
Mrs. Fergusson has gone to Christchurch.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Bowling.
Nov. 5.
The bowling season, both at Fitzroy and New Plymouth, was opened last Thursday afternoon. On the New Plymouth green the season was formally declared open, after which Mrs. George Gray, the president's wife, threw the jack. In an adjacent marquee afternoon tea was served. Amongst those present were:— Mrs. Gray, dainty white embroidered muslin, black feathered hat lined with pale blue; Mrs. Rudd, pretty white linen coat and skirt faced with cornflower blue, heliotrope hat; Mrs. Morrison, white insertion muslin, very smart black and white hat; Mrs. A. D. Gray, brown colienne, cream lace yoke, brown and green toque; Mrs. Mark looked extremely well in a cream cloth coat and skirt, faced with pale blue, charming black feathered hat; Mrs. Ewing, cream colienne, biscuit coloured crinoline, straw hat swathed with brown tulle and shaded roses; Mrs. P. Orbell, smart white linen costume braided with black, black feathered hat; her friend wore a white linen costume, black hat wreathed with tiny pale pink and blue roses; Mrs. Sinclair, pretty black chiffon taffeta, cream chiffon yoke, embroidered in light white feather; Mrs. Day, vieux rose linen costume, black feathered toque; Mrs. Jackson, white linen with black and white facings, white hat finished with loops of pink and blue striped linen; Mrs. A. Smart, cream silk, pretty hat of cinnamon brown swathed with cream and brown tulle; Mrs. J. Avery, black and white costume; Miss Avery, navy blue costume, cream tucked silk yoke finished with pale blue floral guimpe, brown hat wreathed with crushed pink roses; Miss Falder, dark prunelle coloured costume, cream silk and lace yoke, violet hat to correspond trimmed with white roses; Mrs. Hooper, black and white costume, cream lace vest veiled in black lace, black and white hat; Mrs. Sullivan, grey costume, green hat finished with shaded lilacs; Mrs. Harle, grey, black hat; Mrs. Brooking, navy costume, green hat with pink roses; Miss Curtis, reseda green costume, black hat; Mrs. Paget, pale blue and white striped colienne, pretty cinnamon brown hat with Saxe blue Liberty scarf; Mrs. R. Cook, sage green linen coat and skirt, black and white hat; Miss Mills, cream silk, smart white hat lined with lettuce green; Miss Curtin, pale blue and white crepon, white hat; Mrs. A. Fookes, black and white striped costume, black hat; Mrs. S. Rennell, purple costume, white feather boa, black hat; Mrs. Foote, handsome black and white costume, black hat; Mrs. Kyngdon, navy blue silk, pretty Saxe blue hat; Miss Cuffield, white muslin, pretty black hat relieved with pink roses; Miss Matthews, white silk, pretty putty coloured hat wreathed with pink roses; Miss Kyngdon, Tussore silk, smart hat trimmed with brown shaded roses; Miss B. Smith, black and white muslin, black hat; Miss Goodacre, white costume, pale blue hat with blue and brown daisies; Mrs. Goodacre, black satin; Mrs. Mackleroy, blue taffeta, white hat; Mrs. Freith, puce coloured linen, brown hat with shaded pink roses; Mrs. Wood, black costume, black and white hat; Mrs. Luscombe, striped costume, hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs. McEwen, white embroidered linen, black hat with ostrich plumes; Miss Dowling, vieux rose silk, black hat; Mrs. Lyson, tussore silk, vieux rose silk vest, black hat with large pink roses; Mrs. H. Fookes, black and white costume, pretty vieux rose hat; Miss I. Lewis, green striped costume, biscuit coloured crinoline straw hat, trimmed with shaded pink roses; Mrs. Willis looked charming in a shell pink colienne, with cream tucked silk yoke, dainty black feathered hat.

Afternoon Tea.
On the same afternoon Mrs Chaney gave a most enjoyable afternoon tea in honour of Mrs and Miss Gapper (Tenuke), who are the guests of Mrs Johns. During the afternoon songs were rendered by Miss Gapper, Miss E. Leatham, and Mrs Cruickshank. Mrs Chaney received her guests in a cream silk voile, inset with cream silk insertion; Mrs Dewley, cream coat and skirt, green hat with pink roses; Miss G. Dewley, lettuce green linen, burnt straw hat with lilac; Miss Leatham, navy blue costume, black hat with pink roses; Miss Maginnity (Nelson), green striped coat and skirt, hat en suite; Mrs Evans, blue striped coat and skirt, black feathered toque; Miss Evans looked charming in a

cornflower blue linen, putty coloured hat swathed with black silk; Miss B. Evans was robed in cream, pretty green hat with pink roses; Miss F. Evans, white embroidered muslin, dainty cornflower blue hat; Miss Bedford, cream costume, violet hat with black silk bows; Mrs J. Paul, very handsome violet costume, richly trimmed with black lace insertion, black chiffon toque freshened with purple irises; Mrs C. M. Webster, pretty biscuit coloured Shantung, braided with black velvet, white hat with large black silk bows; Mrs Wilfred Perry, dainty cream crepe de chine, white hat lined with pale blue and trimmed with black feathers; Mrs Tapper, white embroidered muslin, black hat; Miss Gapper, white linen, black hat; Mrs Johns, green flowered muslin, hat finished with pink roses; Miss Roy, white muslin, pale blue hat with large black silk bows; Mrs Percy Webster, pale heliotrope colienne over a darker silk foundation, dainty black hat trimmed with feathers and lined with pale blue silk; Mrs Cruickshank, black and white striped linen coat and skirt, smart burnt straw hat trimmed with black velvet and Marguerite daisies; Mrs Cooke, pretty pale blue check tweed coat and skirt, pale blue hand-painted satin waistcoat, pale blue toque wreathed with hydrangeas; Mrs Dodgshun, green coat and skirt, cream hat; Mrs Simpson, green and violet striped tweed coat and skirt, violet toque finished with large gold bow; Mrs Walter Bayly, tussore costume, faced with black silk, green hat with pink roses; Mrs Ilaworth, pretty green flowered muslin, black hat with feather.

Amateur Theatricals.
Last Thursday evening in the Theatre Royal, the New Plymouth Amateur Operatic Society played "Dorothy" before a crowded audience. From the opening to the final chorus the audience was highly enthusiastic. Miss Olive Buckman, in the name part, was very good indeed. Her frocks were charming. In the first scene she wore a dainty white Oriental satin braided with violet velvet, finished with dainty apron and fascinating floral bonnet. In the court scene she was robed in lovely coil blue satin, with panniers of maize-coloured satin, front panel embroidered with gold sequins. Miss Dulcie Fenton, as Lydia Hawthorne, acted with great charm and grace. In the first act she wore a pretty slate-grey frock, with picture hat massed with scarlet roses. In the court scene she was robed in a lovely apple-green satin, with front panel of rose-pink veiled in spangled net. Miss Clarke, as Phyllis, took the public by storm especially with her singing. Her frocks were much admired. She wore in the first scene a coil blue Oriental satin banded with ruby velvet, with dainty white muslin apron. Her bridal robe was a dainty embroidered net over a silk foundation, and she carried a lovely bouquet met by Mrs. Clem Webster. Miss Loris Fitzherbert, as Privett, and Mrs. Tom Southall, as Lady Betty, were well received, and the latter at Chanticleer Hall, was robed in pale grey silk, with pansies and front panel of rose pink, the latter being veiled in cream lace. Mr. J. R. Rowe, as Geoffrey Wildes, acted with naturalness and grace. Mr. Ernest Clarke played the role of Harry Sherwood, and his singing, especially in the fine lyric, "Queen of My Heart," was very good. Mr. T. McIsaacs, as Squire Bantam, greatly pleased the public. The part of Lurcher was taken by Mr. J. J. Easter, whose acting was wonderfully natural, and his play exquisitely funny. The ballets were splendidly arranged by Mrs. Kethi McAllum. To Mr. Cornwall, as musical conductor, every credit is due, the choruses being exceptionally good. Mr. Tom Southall's stage management was really splendid.

Personal.
Miss Maginnity, of Nelson, is the guest of Miss Leatham, New Plymouth.
Miss Davy (Auckland) is the guest of Mrs. Harry Davy (New Plymouth).
Mrs. Fred. Webster and Mrs. Harry Stocker, who have been on a visit to Rotorua, have returned to New Plymouth.
Dr. Bennet (Blenheim) and Mr. Ronald Paul (New Plymouth) are at present in Auckland.
Miss May Chris, who has been visiting her sister, Mr. H. Davy, New Plymouth, has returned to Wellington.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Fraser, who have been on a visit in the South Island and Australia, returned to New Plymouth last week.