

hat; Miss Wallcott, white costume, coral hat; Miss Lovell, green check frock, black hat; Miss C. Knight, in check petunia silk, trimmed with net and lovely lace the same shade; Miss Ring, stylish pink toilette; Miss V. Hunter, navy costume, hat trimmed with grey tulle; Miss B. Hunter, brown costume, blue hat; Miss Grey, Slanting costume, trimmed with green, and stretched silk hat of green; Miss Chitty, amethyst costume and hat; Miss W. Chitty, green check Princess dress, brown hat; Miss Loughnan, in white, black hat with roses; Miss Aitken, white, large hat with cornflowers; the Misses Barry (2), Revs. Cowie, Connelly, Tisdale, Dr. Brewis, Dr. Douglas.

#### Amateur Theatricals.

The comedy "Facing the Music" was staged by a number of local ladies and gentlemen on the two Show nights, in aid of the Hamilton Orchestral Society. The performers acquitted themselves remarkably well in the intensely funny situations of the piece, keeping the audience amused and delighted throughout. Miss O'Neill, as one Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. J. A. Going as another, Mr. Milford McArthur and Mr. Hopkins, as the two Mr. Smiths, all made the most of their respective parts, and were delightfully free from stiffness. A good audience on Tuesday night was far exceeded on Wednesday evening, when the sign "House Full" had to be exhibited before the time for opening. A few of those present were: Mrs. Healdman, cream with lovely lace; Mrs. Gillies, white evening dress; Mrs. McLeod, pink cloak; Miss McLeod, blue cloak; Mrs. Hunter, black silk; Miss B. Hunter, white; Miss Chitty, black; Miss W. Chitty, dark green; Mrs. Hill, dainty pale pink; Messdames Wilson, T. Jolly, Riggs, Loughnan, Misses Lambert (2), Cusnes, Loughnan.

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#### CAMBRIDGE.

November 12.

#### A Concert.

On Friday evening Madame Isherwood and her pupils gave their third annual concert, and were greeted with a full house, and most enthusiastic audience; she was also assisted by the Cambridge Orchestral Society, who played some pleasing items. Mr. and Mrs. Kaber Harrison gave a most excellent rendering of the "Quarrel Scene" from "The School for Scandal." Mrs. Kaber Harrison also gave a recitation, "The Bishop and the Caterpillar," and the Monologue "Modern Improvements" which was most amusing. Madame Isherwood whom we have not had the pleasure of hearing for some time, was in excellent voice. Mr. M. McDermott was an excellent accompanist. Madame Isherwood was wearing a black net dress over silk, the bodice encrusted in jet. Mrs. Kaber Harrison in the "Quarrel Scene" was wearing a black spangled net gown over silk and some rich lace trimming the décolletage; in the other scenes she was wearing a stylish gown of pale grey cashmere de soie, made with pointed tunic trimmed with narrow black velvet, underskirt of figured grey gauze over lace, the bodice was finished with a large pointed white lace "Peter Pan" collar. Amongst the audience I noticed Mrs. Rout wearing black and white blouse and black skirt; Mrs. Edmunds, cream voile gown; Mrs. Wells, black cashmere de soie gown, braided, and yoke and collar of crepe de chine; Miss H. Wells, black chiffon taffeta gown; Mrs. Richardson, black broadened silk, yoke and sleeves of tucked white net and trimmed with jet; Miss Richardson, white net blouse, black skirt; Mrs. McDermott, black chiffon taffeta with white lace yoke; Miss Beale, white embroidered muslin; Mrs. Nicoll, white embroidered muslin; Miss E. Hill, pink muslin with a touch of black velvet; Miss Williams, white muslin; Miss Glynneth, black and white striped silk; Mrs. Cowper, white silk and lace blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Crowther, pale blue silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Willis, white muslin; Mrs. Farnall, black silk and cream lace yoke; Mrs. A. Gibbons, white frock, pretty pale pink theatre coat; Mrs. Speight, white muslin, and blue theatre coat trimmed with white; Mrs. Taylor, black silk and lace gown.

#### Bridge Party.

On Friday last Mrs. W. A. Scott gave a delightful little bridge party. The drawing-room was gay with flowers, and was laid in the dining-room. Mrs. Scott received in a cream lace blouse and cream voile skirt; Mrs. Caldwell, a lovely dress of blue aeroplane eBonne over silk with Parisienne coat of lace

the same colour as the gown, and cream lace yoke and under-sleeves over gold tissue; Mrs. (Dr.) Roberts, cream silk gown, the skirt with tucks at the hem, and panel of silk embroidered insertion down the front, yoke and under-sleeves of the same, lace on corsage, and spray of crimson roses; Mrs. Cowper, white silk blouse and black silk skirt; Mrs. Nicoll, white spotted net frock over glaze, bodice trimmed with Duchesse point-lace and silver sequins; Miss Glynneth, grey palette silk trimmed with silver tissues, tucked white net, and black brocade; Miss Keyes, pale blue muslin frock with pointed yoke of rucked white muslin. The men were:—Messrs. Scott, Nicoll, Farnall, Foster, Hindmarsh, and Dr. Roberts.

#### Personal.

Miss G. Willis has returned home to Cambridge for a long holiday. Mrs. A. Stone, of Cambridge, has gone for a trip South by way of the Wanganui River. She was accompanied by Mrs. C. Stone, of Mt. Eden, Auckland.

ELSIE.

#### ROTORUA.

November 12.

#### Tennis.

The annual meeting of the Tennis Club was held last Saturday evening, when the election of officers for the ensuing season took place. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. L. Birks; vice-presidents, Dr. Wohlmann, Bertram, and Crooke; treasurer, Mr. J. Cherry; secretaries, Messrs. Algie and Bayfield; committee, Mrs. Flower, Misses Corlett, Empson, and Hawksworth, Messrs. Empson, Hawkins, and Melville.

#### The Rowing Season.

On November 9th the Rotorua Rowing Club held their "Opening Day," and were favoured with most perfect weather. Quite a number of people were present at the esplanade, and a delicious afternoon tea was provided.

#### An Enjoyable Evening.

Mr and Mrs Lawrence Birks entertained the officers (and their wives) of the Tourist Department at their residence on Pukeroa Hill on Monday evening, when the guests were invited to meet Mr. Ben Wilson, Director of the Tourist Department. A delightful evening was spent with music, recitations, and competitions.

#### Literary and Debating Society.

The Rotorua Literary and Debating Society held a "mock banquet" in the Parish Hall on Thursday, the 10th, to finish the club's season. The President (Mr. Birks) held the chair, and the officers for the next winter's debates were elected before lighter things were indulged in. The business occupied a good deal of time, and at its conclusion the banquet proceeded. Toasts were proposed and honoured, and many of the speeches were amusing and humorous. Members and visitors alike spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Miss Stella Empson and Mr. Hawley contributed songs. The accompaniments were played by Miss Empson. Amongst those present were: Mr. Birks (president), and Mrs. Birks, Mr. and Mrs. Bent, Mrs. and Miss Malfroy, Mr. and Mrs. Blow, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Rev. Thos. Scott, Mrs. Moorhouse and Miss Greville (Wellington), Mrs. and Miss Crowhurst, Mr. and Mrs. Glanville Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Dyson, Mrs. Snodgrass, Mrs. T. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Robertson, senr., Mrs. T. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Worthington, the Misses London, the Misses Murray, and many others.

#### Personal.

Mr and Mrs Hole, of Wanganui, are here. Bishop Averill is the guest of the Rev. F. Bennett during his short visit to Rotorua. Mrs. Stanley Empson, of Te Awamutu, is visiting her husband's relatives here. Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Leslie Murray, of Auckland, are in Rotorua. Mrs. T. Raymond, of Remuera, is here. Miss Pearl Gorrie, of Auckland, has been visiting Rotorua. Mr and Mrs A. L. D. Fraser, of Hastings, are here. Mr. A. Young and Miss E. Young, of Farnell, are staying at Waitera House. Mr. Ben Wilson, of the Tourist Department, paid Rotorua a flying visit last week. Judge Rawson, of the Native Land Court, is in Rotorua. Mrs. and Miss Macdonald, of Devonport, are still in Rotorua. The Misses Gibbons, of Kopu, who

have been on a short visit to Rotorua, left last week.

Dr. Howell is on a visit from London, and is staying in Rotorua.

Miss Greville, of Wellington, has been the guest of Mrs. Moorhouse in Rotorua lately.

Miss Burnett, of Dunedin, is visiting Mrs. W. Parata.

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#### TAUMARUNUI.

November 16.

#### At the Races.

The Taumarunui races were held on the 9th inst, and, although in the early morning rain fell quite heavily, towards ten o'clock the sun came out beautifully, and a large number of spectators attended. Among the ladies I noticed Mrs. Thompson, dark blue unscrupled lines, burnt straw hat trimmed with crimson roses; Mrs. F. Fanthorpe, terra cotta pink linen costume trimmed with black tulle, black hat with deep grey; Mrs. Thwaites, black skirt, dark blue silk blouse, black hat; Mrs. Sarah, navy blue tailor-made, brown hat; Miss Lloyd, white linen dress, black hat; Mrs. Rolleston, white linen costume, black chip hat; Mrs. Gavia, green cloth costume; Mrs. Goodrich, blue cloth costume, white blouse, white hat; Mrs. Beeche, green check costume, green straw hat; Mrs. Shailer, blue tailor-made, black hat; Mrs. Hume, natter blue costume, blue Paisley hat; Miss Fleming, white dress, large white hat; Miss Laird, heliostrobe floral muslin; Miss Carrington, cream silk striped voile, cream hat; Miss Bisset, violet silk dress, pretty cream hat; Miss Wackrow looked nice in a green costume, burnt straw hat; Miss E. Wackrow was also in a green cloth costume; Miss Mooney, black silk; Miss E. Fanthorpe looked pretty in a sky blue linen costume and cream silk top hat; Miss Maud Fanthorpe, white, pretty trimmed, and white silk lace hat; Mrs. Wood, black silk skirt, tussore coat; Miss Somers, white, and many others.

#### Bridge Party.

Last week Mr and Mrs Shailer held a bridge party at their residence, which was very enjoyable. There were four tables. A very dainty supper was laid in the dining-room, the table being prettily arranged with flowers, etc. Mrs. Shailer received in a becoming gown of shell pink mousseline de soie; Mrs. Hume black and white; Mrs. Cowper, terra cotta; Mrs. Broad, black crepe de chine; Mrs. Greig, black silk; Mrs. O'Connor, sea green floral muslin; Miss Harper, cream silk; Miss Hill, pale blue silk; Miss Brown, natter blue silk; Miss Cooney, white silk; Miss White, white; Miss Munro, lil blue floral, relieved blue velvet; Messrs. Shailer, Cowper, Hadden, Milner. During the evening songs were sweetly rendered by Miss Harper, Miss Munro, and Mr. Milner.

#### Personal.

Mrs. Thorne is leaving shortly for Christchurch for a holiday. Miss Coultas, of the Thames, is spending a few days with Mr and Mrs Thorne. Mrs. Kenderdine and Mrs. Reed have gone away for a holiday. Mrs. H. Castleton has returned after a few weeks' holiday. Mrs. W. G. Cake is leaving for a holiday to the Waikato. Mrs. Beeche leaves on Wednesday for New Plymouth, for a holiday, to stay with her mother.

MAVIS.

#### NAPIER.

November 11.

#### Display of Physical Culture.

A most successful display of physical culture was given by Miss Rutherford's pupils on Monday afternoon. The various exercises and gymnastics were watched by a large number of parents and friends. The presentation of medals was made by Mrs. Stopford, who was during the afternoon handed a bouquet by one of the younger pupils. Canon Mayne, in a brief speech, thanked the donors of prizes, the large audience for their attendance, and congratulated the pupils on their work. Amongst those present were: Mrs. Stopford, Mrs. Sandeman, Mrs. W. Brabant, Mrs. Edgar, Mrs. Smart, Mrs. and Miss McCarthy, Mrs. McHardy, Miss Morecroft, Mrs. Wenley, Mrs. and Miss Sutton, Mrs. Averill, Mrs. Cato, Mrs. Hansard, Miss Hansard, Miss Dean, Mrs. Mayne, Mrs. Saxby, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Ormond, Mrs. Laing, Miss Pasley, Miss Greig, Miss Clampett, Miss Smallhouse, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Baxter, Miss Coates, Mrs. A. J. Williams, Mrs. Dolbel, Mrs. Edmundson, Mrs. S. Biddel, Mrs. Loundon, Mrs. Craw-

shaw, Mrs. and Miss Lever, Mrs. Weddell, Mrs. Clarke.

#### Orchestral Concert.

The Hastings Orchestral Society gave a very enjoyable concert in the Theatre Royal on Wednesday evening, the proceeds of which go to assist the Hawke's Bay Boys' Home. The different orchestral numbers were well rendered, and much enjoyed by a large audience. The society was assisted by Miss Large and Mr. Caeryn Bennet. Miss Large is always a great favourite with the Napier public, and her rendering of "The Message and the Song" and "Gloriana" were greatly appreciated. In answer to an emphatic encore, Miss Large sang "Sing, Break Into Song." Mr. Caeryn Bennet made his first appearance before a Napier audience, and was most successful with his different items.

#### Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Elder (Waikoni) are spending a few days in Napier. Mrs. Absolom and her little son are staying at the Masonic Hotel. Mrs. Hartree (Ngaroto) is in Napier. Mrs. Frauch Hutchingson is visiting Napier. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchingson leave for Rotorua in a few days. Mrs. Dick Todd has returned from her visit to the North. Miss T. Margoliouth has gone on a visit to Sydney.

MARJORIE.

#### NEW PLYMOUTH.

November 11.

#### Tennis.

The New Plymouth West End Tennis and Croquet Club held their formal opening last Saturday, and, owing to the chilly atmosphere, the ladies were unable to wear the dainty summer frocks which are always available on this occasion. Dainty afternoon tea was served by the ladies' committee. Amongst those present were: Miss Munro, lettuce green linen, heliostrobe toque; Mrs. Tom Southall was much admired in a dainty white embroidered muslin, green chip straw hat lined with black; Mrs. Brewster, navy costume, green hat; Miss G. White, heliostrobe linen, hat finished with large black bows; Misses Bedford (2); Mrs. Home, black coat and skirt, violet rose crimoline straw hat with tiny pink roses; Mrs. H. Stocker, white muslin, hat wreathed with black cherries and velvet ribbon bows; Mrs. Claude Weston, grey linen, putty-coloured hat, trimmed with scarlet cherries; Miss Hallett, white linen coat and skirt, faced with saxe blue, black and white toque; Miss Reece, Moggs, black and white costume, hat wreathed with red roses; Mrs. Walker (Shanghai), pretty violet costume, black feathered hat; Miss Campbell, green tweed coat and skirt, hat with large black bows; Mrs. Walker, brown costume, trimmed with gold guimpe, burnt straw hat with pink roses; Miss Kyngdon, pretty cream silk, hat swathed with pale pink roses; Miss R. Clarke, sea green linen, black sailor hat; Miss Blundell, sage green coat and skirt, hat trimmed with pale pink roses and loops of black velvet ribbon; Miss Gapper, reseda green costume, pale grey hat; Mrs. Johns, saxe blue costume, finished with cream lace, pretty toque to correspond; Mrs. Carr, thew, sen., black coat and skirt, toque relieved with pink roses; Mrs. Lyson, green coat and skirt, black and white hat with pink roses; Miss Smith, green coat and skirt, hat to match; Miss Fookes, white muslin, hat with large black bows; Miss Evans, navy blue serge, braided with black, hat swathed with liberty scarf; Miss B. Evans, navy costume, straw hat with loops of navy ribbon; Mrs. F. Cartweg, brown costume, cream hat with dark red roses; Miss Tavernard, navy costume, black hat; Mrs. B. Harry, pale blue floral muslin, burnt straw hat with pink and green floral scarf; Mrs. Ted Cartweg, black coat and skirt with silk facings, cream hat with shaded brown and cream roses; Miss W. Webster, cornflower blue linen, hat with pale pink roses and black velvet ribbon; Miss D. Roy, white insertion muslin, pretty black hat swathed with tiny pink roses and black tulle; Miss Dempsey, cream silk, black hat wreathed with fore get-me-nots; Miss Ivans, golden brown costume, cream lace vest, hat to match; Miss N. Hanna, navy costume, relieved with cream, brown hat; Mrs. Paul, heliostrobe cashmere de soie, trimmed with black lace insertion, black toque; Miss Mackay, black costume, burnt straw hat, trimmed with black velvet ribbon; Mrs. Atkinson, black striped cologne, white silk yoke, veiled in black lace, hat finished with gold guimpe; Mrs. Kyngdon, green costume, black hat; Miss Maginity (Nelson), dainty white