

veiled with black lace with tabs of black velvet on it; Mrs Myers wore a handsome black velvet, with some fine white lace on the bodice; Mrs A. Coleman wore a lovely heliotrope and grey ninon frock; Mrs Lucas Bloomfield looked handsome, frocked in rich cream satin with touches of gold and a red swirl of tulle in her hair; Mrs Duthie wore a lovely blue frock; Mrs C. Brown, cream lace over satin, with smart black cigarette in her hair; Mrs C. Buddle wore blue ninon; Mrs P. Lawrence, white satin and lace; Mrs Drummond Ferguson wore a lovely frock of white satin, with overdress of black chiffon with painted pink flowers on it, veiled with a tunic of blue silver dewdrop net and bands of pale blue charmuse, the effect being very charming and was much admired; Mrs Lindsay wore a handsome black frock; Miss Cole, white with overdress of chiffon with pink flowers on it; Miss Gwynn Cole wore her dainty debutante frock; Mrs Bob Isaacs was a graceful figure in ivory satin and lace, draped with a golden brown scarf; Miss Edith Isaacs wore a dainty pink ninon and silver frock; Mrs Edmiston, net and lace, with deep cream lace; Mrs Greig, black; Mrs Rosenthal was a gorgeous figure in palest blue charmuse satin, with tunic of lovely cloth of gold and golden embroideries, and a lovely scarf of heavy lace; Mrs. Burns, jun., wore a pretty white frock veiled with black floral ninon; Mr Alex. Ferguson, black net and lace over yellow silk; Miss Alice Walker, rich ivory satin with touch of rich coral pink; Mrs George Roberts wore a rich black velvet gown draped with some exquisite real lace; Mrs Paxton, black and white toilette; Mrs Noel Bamford wore an uncommon shade of corise; Mrs H. O. Nolan, a dainty frock of heliotrope ninon, with long embroideries; Miss Dorothy Nolan wore such a pretty floral ninon, with pink roses over white satin; Miss Una Bুদ্ধle looked charming in ivory crepe de chine, with narrow bands of satin and a dainty touch of pink in her hair; Miss Nellie Waller wore a very smart white frock draped with a wide scarf of persimmon yellow, which was very effective; Miss Vera Reed looked nice in a dainty pink frock; Miss Hilda Bloomfield wore a pale blue crepe de chine over satin; Miss Ethna Pierce looked nice in a pale shade of pink; Miss Horrocks looked nice in white; Miss Gwen Beale, who always looks pretty, wore gray charmuse with amethyst embroideries; Miss Scully Davison wore her pretty bridesmaid frock, which was very becoming; Miss Stevenson, a pretty dark girl, wore green satin with black net tunic; Miss Mary Towle wore a pretty shade of eau de nil ninon, banded with satin; Miss Lorna Towle wore white; Miss Mary Geddes, white; Miss Frater, black ninon over satin, with touches of jetted lace; Miss Dolly Donkin, white spotted ninon over white silk; Miss Ruth Spencer wore her pretty debutante's frock, and looked very pretty; Miss Davore wore a charming pink ninon frock; Miss Naton (Wellington) wore a short frock of white satin, with pale blue ninon tunic; Miss Winnie Cole, short white frock, with the tunic edged with a border of lovely lace; Mrs C. V. Hamilton wore a handsome blue and gold frock; Mrs Louison, pale blue; Miss Beale (Cambridge), coronation blue ninon over white satin; Miss Judy Barnett wore a pretty heliotrope ninon over white; Miss Jessie Frater, civil blue and white ninon; Miss Snodgrass looked nice in white; Miss Vera Duthie wore pale blue; Miss Nesta Thomas wore a smart frock of white satin, with gray ninon tunic; Miss Ruth Buckland wore blue; Miss Hazel Buckland wore a very pretty white ninon and satin frock; Miss Irene Carr wore white, with dainty pink roses in her hair; Miss Jessie Reid; Miss Caro looked pretty in palest gray; Miss Brown wore a graceful frock of palest blue with some lovely dahl silver embroidery on it; Miss Ruby Coleman wore her lovely white and silver debutante's frock; Miss Cremla Williams (St. James) looked dainty in ivory charmuse; Miss Marnie Hesketh wore pink; Miss Brenda Stock wore electric blue, with darker blue embroideries; Miss Una Saunders was admired in her dainty heliotrope and white frock; Miss Holby; Miss Muriel Doreville.

To each of the debutantes Mr Nathan presented dainty little silver glove ornaments, which they wore during the evening tied with narrow white ribbon.

#### To Welcome Bishop and Mrs. Crossley.

The Choral Hall overflowed with people on Friday night eager to welcome their new Bishop and Mrs. Crossley. Our new Mayor, Mr. C. J. Parr, occupied the chair, and was greeted with a round of applause, when he came on the plat-

form, accompanied by Mrs. Parr. They welcomed Bishop Crossley and Mrs. Crossley when they arrived. Afterwards, Mr. Parr in a brief speech, extended a citizen welcome to the guests. A series of addresses were presented to his Lordship, first by Mr. C. J. Tunks, on behalf of the clergy and people. Then a most interesting welcome from the Maoria was read by Mr. Hone Papahia, and translated by Mr. M. Hawkins. These followed a welcome to Mrs. Crossley, starting—Welcome to thee our mother. Mrs. Crossley gracefully rose and listened to their address, and took it with a sweet smile, which I am sure must have won the heart of Mr. Hone Papahia. Then the ministers of other denominations presented Bishop Crossley with a splendid address. To this, though presented last, his Lordship replied first, and seemed to be very much touched with the kindly thought and welcome embodied in the address. Bishop Crossley possesses a good musical voice, and he made a very fine speech indeed, which was listened to with the greatest attention and interest. In the most charming manner Bishop Crossley thanked Archdeacon Calder, with whom he had come so much in contact for his kindly thought and helpfulness; also Canon McMurray, a parishioner of whose the Bishop claimed to be and one he hoped would give the vicar satisfaction. His Lordship spoke of the good work done by Archdeacons Cole and Willis, and finished his speech in the most artistic manner. He said he had a family motto of which he was very proud, "Credo et amo." The message represented himself, for he had a message for them, and a heart that wished to be theirs.

Mrs. Crossley will be "at home" to receive callers from May 8th onwards for a fortnight.

At the end of the programme refreshments were handed round, a huge undertaking. The arrangements of this department were in the hands of Mrs. Nelson, assisted by a large band of willing helpers. After this, Mrs. Crossley, who looked very charming dressed in a soft gray evening frock, and carrying a beautiful pink bouquet, was taken round the room by Canon McMurray and introduced to a very large number of people. Mrs. Crossley will be ready to receive visitors shortly, and will be "at home" for a fortnight from Monday, May 8th.

#### The Pakuranga Hunt.

Saturday was a most glorious day, and a very large number of people journeyed out in various ways to the Mangero Pound, where the first meet of the season was held. I was not one of the lucky ones. The hospitality of the Master (Mr. E. D. O'Rourke) and Mrs. O'Rourke was thoroughly enjoyed. Luncheon was laid in the schoolroom, and altogether everyone had a delightful outing.

#### Y.W.C.A.

Her Excellency Lady Islington has kindly consented to become Patron of the Young Women's Christian Association of Auckland, and is much interested in the movement. Her Excellency has not only taken an interest in the sister association in Wellington, but is a real friend of the young women, having personally met almost all the members. Her kindness in speaking in the Town Hall and appealing to the people of Wellington for their support has put a new enthusiasm and encouragement to those carrying on this noble work. During the last few years there has been much excellent work done by the Auckland Y.W.C.A., which has made great progress. This year a Women's Club has been formed and affiliated with the Y.W.C.A. A Women's Club has been a long-felt want in Auckland, and, with its literary circle, fills a useful and obviously required corner in the intellectual life of the Association. Invitations are issued by the President and Committee of the Y.W.C.A. for an "At Home" to greet Lady Islington at the Y.W.C.A. Institute, Wellesley-street E., on Thursday, May 18.

#### Personal.

Mrs. Noel Nelson and her little daughter are at present on a visit to Mrs. Nelson (Synnolds-street).

Mr. and Mrs. E. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Richmond are visiting Okaroire. Very quietly, and in the presence of only a few relatives and friends, on the 28th March, Miss Constance Alice Barnard, daughter of the late Mr. John Walker Barnard, M.L.C., for so many years resident in Nelson, was married to Mr. Julian Grande, P.R.G.S., a well-known journalist, traveller, lecturer, and mountain climber, and a member of the Swiss Alpine Club.

Mrs. Baume and her three sons left in

the Matai on Saturday for San Francisco on a twelve months' visit.

Sir James Mills and Miss Mills were passengers on the same boat.

Mrs. Hope Lewis is visiting her daughter (Mrs. Guy Williams, Masterton).

Those interested in the Plunket Nurse movement in New Zealand will be glad to learn that Lady Plunket has just succeeded in establishing a similar nurse in the town of Bray, County Wicklow. This qualified nurse took a special course at the Vincent Square Infant Hospital in London, and she has now started work among the mothers and babies of Bray. Naturally, as the pioneer of the movement in Ireland, she is attracting considerable attention.

Mrs. Peter Wood, of Christchurch, who has been on a short visit to Auckland, returned to her home last week. She was accompanied by Mrs. Henry Brett.

Mrs. R. Cameron has left on a visit to friends in Sydney. She will be absent for a few weeks.

PHYLLIS BROWN.

## HAMILTON.

May 5th.

#### School Concert.

A terribly stormy night was unfortunately experienced on Thursday last, when the children of Hamilton East School gave a concert in the Town Hall. The attendance was, of course, very much smaller than would otherwise have been the case, the amount taken (over £17) being remarkably good considering the weather. The children performed their marches, songs, dances, etc., etc., extremely well, reflecting the greatest credit upon their teachers, Miss Roche and Miss Furse. During an interval the chairman presented attendance prizes and certificates.

#### Choral Society.

The Hamilton Choral Society gave its first concert this season on Tuesday night in the Town Hall. The "Rose Maiden," by Frederic Cowen, was the work rendered to an appreciative audience, many of the numbers being encored. The local chorus of 60 voices was assisted by Miss Mary Cooper (Auckland) and Mr. Harry Lobb (Auckland), with a Hamilton contralto, Mrs. Jenkins, and also Mr. A. W. Shaw, baritone. Mr. Cyril Towsey directed the baton, while accompaniments were played by Mrs. H. C. Ross.

#### Bridge.

A small, informal bridge afternoon was given on Tuesday last by Mrs. Valder, sen., when Mrs. J. Knight was the guest of the afternoon, as she will soon be leaving the district. A few pleasant rubbers, a dainty afternoon tea, and friendly chat were the concomitants of a very enjoyable afternoon. Mrs. Valder received her guests in a pretty navy silk frock with velvet bands and cream lace vest and sleeves; Mrs. Harry Valder wore grey silk crepe gown, with lovely petunia-shaded embroideries; Mrs. Knight, stylish amethyst crepe, with black satin trimmings and Paisley embroidery; Mrs. F. Jolly was in brown crepe de chine, with lace vest and sleeves; Mrs. Tompkins, black; Mrs. Bayly, black, with pretty cream lace front; Mrs. Stevens, brown with embroidered lace vest and sleeves.

#### At Home.

On Thursday night last Mr. and Mrs. J. Knight were "At Home" to their young friends, on the occasion of the coming out of their daughter Kathleen. The spacious Town Hall was comfortably filled, over 100 merry-makers occupying the floor. The supper room was decorated with greenery and plenty of white flowers, while the various tables scattered about were laden with a most tempting repast. Mrs. Knight received the guests in a handsome black satin dress, with tunic of black silk net, fringed with jet; Miss Kathleen Knight, debutante, dainty white charmuse, with tunic of ninon, with bugle fringe and pearl trimming on the bodice, beautiful white beaded scarf; Miss Dorothy Insell, debutante, lovely white charmuse, trimmed with silk lace, and wreaths of lily of the valley; Miss Elsie Holden, white silk voile, with embroidered net trimming; Miss Longman, pink satin, with tunic of black ninon, beautifully embroidered; Miss V. Hunter, rose pink ninon over glace; Miss Brenda Hunter, blue satin, trimmed with tiny wreaths of pink roses; Miss O'Neill, cream charmuse; Princess frock, draped with lace; Miss Lambert, white over pink; Miss Pearl Lambert, cream satin trimmed with black lace; Miss Reid, heliotrope embroidered chiffon taffeta; Miss Campbell, butter-

cup palette silk trimmed with black; Miss Swinhorne, primrose satin, covered with lace; Miss Elsie McNicoll, rose pink silk draped with ninon; Miss Aitken, cream neck over silk; Miss Ring (Aitken), white satin, with ninon side draperies; Miss Ruby Ring, white satin, with silver trimmings; Miss Dorothy Ring, pink ninon over blue silk; Miss Alice Bond, pale green silk; Miss G. Tompkins, pale blue; Miss Ballard, white taffeta with sequin trimmings; Miss Whitekinson, cream chiffon taffeta, with Spanish fringes; Miss Hay (Auckland), pink satin, with beaded trimmings; Miss Graham, buttercup silk, with touches of black; Miss Sims, pale pink silk, with pearl embroideries; Miss Crane (Whangarei), grey crepe de chine over pink, with pearl trimmings; Miss W. Newell (Famalahere), pink silk voile; Miss Stevens, white satin, with silver gimpes, lovely pink scarf; Miss Oliver, white embroidered muslin; Miss Margaret Oliver, white silk; Miss Bessie Raa, stand, blue silk, with panel of white lace; Miss Lawson, cream voile, pale blue scarf; Miss Holloway, white chiffon taffeta; Miss Gillespie, pale blue satin Princess frock, silver trimmed; Miss Edgcombe, cream voile; Miss Edgcombe, cream; Miss Cussen, satin Princess frock, silver trimmed, lace toilette; Miss Myra Cussen, pretty white satin; Miss Cussen, gold dotted drop chiffon scarf; Mrs. Cussen, black chiffon over white silk; Miss Brigham, cream lace; Miss N. Pickering, blue silk; Miss Ida Pickering, pretty white charmuse frock; Miss Lulu McAllum, pink voile, with motifs of darker shaded Miss Thompson, cream merc. silk; Miss Roche, cream; Miss G. Roche, blue silk voile, with bead pendants. Among the few matrons present, were—Mrs. Edwards, in pale blue ninon over white silk, laced with ribbon, blue dewdrop chiffon scarf; Mrs. Cussen, black musceline; Mrs. Insell, black velvet; Mrs. Stevens, black silk. A few of the gentlemen present were: Messrs Knight, Norman Knight, Farrar (2), Ransford (2), Hunter, Miller (Zareka), Banks (Cambridge), Ouley (North Canterbury), Bigg-Wither (Wangaroa), Cyril Mahoney (Auckland), F. Barnett, H. Edgcombe, K. Brown (Cambridge), Neil Weaver (Whangarei), Mirams, Fox, Bradshaw, Winter, McNeil, Whewell (2), Jordan, Lawson, McNeil, Whewell (2), Insell, Dobson, Waymouth, Lingro, Woolley (Whangarei), Johnston, Gannaway, J. Luxford, Baxter, Davey, J. Valder, Shaw, Swarbrick (2), Longman, Dr. Hyde, Captain Barton.

ZILLAH.

## TE KUITI.

May 5th.

#### At Home.

Last Thursday, Mrs. W. Gadsby gave a very enjoyable "At Home" in their new house which stands in a most beautiful position amongst the hills. Afternoon tea was served in the dining room. Mrs. Gadsby received her guests in a pretty brown dress, trimmed with brown silk and braid; Mrs. Alfred Gadsby, purple, relieved with white. Amongst the number of guests were: Mrs. Boddie, brown costume, brown and fawn toque; Mrs. Dransfield, very pretty grey cloth costume, grey velvet toque, black wings; Mrs. Kelson, navy costume, purple velvet toque; Mrs. Pine, grey and black striped costume, red and black hat; Miss I. Pine, green striped costume, navy blue hat; Mrs. Vercoe, navy blue costume, pretty green velvet hat with white wings; Miss Grant, brown velvet, fawn shippied hat trimmed with pink; Miss Day, navy costume, brown beaver toque; Miss Power, purple frock, black hat to match; Mrs. Wolfe, black silk, black bonnet; Mrs. Lishman, navy costume, black velvet hat; Mrs. Alex. McCurdle, green costume, purple velvet toque; Mrs. Spencer, navy costume, vieux rose toque; Miss Spencer, red costume, braided with black, black hat; Mrs. Zobel, black silk, relieved with white, white hat; Mrs. Arthur Johnson, navy costume, blue hat; Mrs. Jas. Jones, navy costume, black toques, white apron.

#### Personal.

Dr. and Mrs. Fullerton and family, accompanied by Miss Sinclair, have left Te Kuiti for Sydney, en route for England. Dr. Fullerton has been very ill for some weeks, and it is hoped that the long rest and change will restore him to health again. Dr. Carroll, of Avondale, has taken over Dr. Fullerton's practice during his absence.

Mrs. E. H. Hardy has gone to Rotorua for a few weeks.