

HAMILTON.

Dear Bee.

March 12.

A FAREWELL GARDEN PARTY

was given by Mrs John Knight at Woodside on February 27th before leaving New Zealand for a lengthy trip to the Continent and Old Country. The garden, with its wealth of flowers and trim lawns, presented an animated scene, the delicate shades of the ladies' dresses contrasting charmingly with the surrounding green. Refreshments were partaken of under the trees. Mr Bosworth's string band supplied the music. The hostess wore a handsome and becoming gown of black silk, large black plumed hat; Mrs Charles Atkinson, pretty pale blue voile with black insertion trimmings, black and cream toque; Mrs Sandes, black silk, black and pink bonnet; Mrs Hunter, becoming black costume; Mrs Saro, coral-rose blue, trimmed with grape insertion, cream hat; Mrs Charles Hunter, charming gown of champagne-coloured voile, profusely tucked, large black picture hat; Mrs R. Seddon, brown silk, toque to match; Mrs Gordon, black silk, relieved with white, black hat; Mrs Going, dainty fawn French muslin, slate blue belt, cream and black hat; Mrs Drury, black voile, black hat, cream roses; Mrs Langley-Shaw, black skirt, grey coat, dark red hat; Mrs Reeves, white muslin, pretty black sequined hat; Mrs Allen Bell, electric blue, veiled in black, black toque; Mrs Stevens, grey, bonnet to match; Mrs J. Barugh, black, white vest, black hat; Mrs Edgecombe, black silk, black and white hat; Mrs Provis, black silk, black hat; Mrs Hunter, pretty heliotrope and white muslin, black chiffon picture hat; the Misses McAllium (New Plymouth), dainty white muslin, floral hats; Miss Sandes, blue floral muslin, string-coloured insertion trimmings, cream hat; Miss I. Sandes, pink, veiled in white, white and pink hat; Miss R. Graham, white insertion silk, white picture hat; Miss O'Neill, primrose silk, ecrú collar, pale green hat; the Misses Edgecombe, white muslin frocks, black hats, wreathed with white flowers; Mrs Campbell, green floral muslin, ecrú insertion trimmings, cream hat; Miss Horniman, white muslin, black and white hat; Miss Le Queene, black skirt, exquisite white embroidered chiffon blouse, black and white hat; Miss C. Le Queene, green linen coat and skirt, chic white hat, lined with black; Miss Stevens, blue muslin, cream hat. The gentlemen present were Messrs Knight, Saro, Bell, Barugh, Quirk, Hurd Wood, Gordon, Graham, Reeves, Langley-Shaw, Blackburn, O'Neill, Hume, Turner, Hunter, Sandes, Edgecombe, Campbell, Forrester, Captain Young and Rev. Father Darby.

ZILLAH.

WANGANUI.

Dear Bee,

March 11.

THE SECOND DAY'S RACING

of the Autumn meeting was held in pouring rain. In fact, the committee met in the morning to decide whether the races should be postponed. The course was very wet and slippery, but fortunately there were no accidents. Amongst those I noticed on the stand were: Mrs. E. Perry (Hawke's Bay), short black skirt, with silk blouse, long covert coat of fawn tweed, cream and crimson fancy straw hat; Mrs. A. Fitz-Herbert (Feilding), black voile skirt, strapped with silk, tucked white silk blouse, banded with champagne insertion, cream straw hat, turquoise blue satin ribbons and wreath of forget-me-nots round the brim; Mrs. Orr (Christchurch), black and white checked tweed skirt, with vandkyed strappings of the same material, pretty blouse of white silk, profusely tucked and trimmed with cream insertion, black and white toque, with rosettes of white and black chiffon; Mrs. R. Tripe (Palmerston North), wore a navy blue cloth costume, pleated coat banded with velvet to match, and pointed collar of white cloth, black cloth hat, with white astrakhan crown and aigrette; Mrs. Hertzill (Dannevirke), black and white gown, with long covert coat, black straw toque, with burnt straw crown, and brush of black feathers at the side; Mrs. Cole, navy blue serge skirt, dainty blouse of pale grey crepe de chine, and champagne lace and insertion, fawn straw toque, with pale blue satin rosettes; Mrs. Hawke, dark grey tweed costume, with Russian coat, muslin blouse with raised spots and insertion, black straw hat, with black satin rosettes; Mrs. Abbott (Wellington), black skirt, white tucked silk blouse, crimson silk hat; Mrs. C. Field, navy blue Melton cloth coat and skirt, the collar of velvet to match, black straw hat, with chiffon and long black ostrich feathers; Miss Cutfield, black skirt, pale pink blouse, burnt straw hat, with apple green ribbons, and pale pink flowers; Miss Knight (Dannevirke), wore a black skirt, and coat of holland, with collar composed of white silk, with a black spot cream and black straw hat, with black glace silk rosettes; Miss Dodgson, black serge coat, long green coat, and burnt straw hat, with crimson glace silk; Mrs. Brookfield, navy blue and white foulard gown with collar and revers of cream lace, green felt hat, with dark velvet trimmings; Mrs. Fairburn, electric blue skirt, cream creponne blouse, with blue and green shaded gailoon, white felt hat with black velvet and pompons; Mrs. Pratt (Waitotara), black canvas gown, with stole ends black hat with chiffon and turquoise blue satin ribbon; Miss Nancarrow (Christchurch), wore a stylish grey tweed costume, white silk vest, cream straw hat, with black and white spotted ribbon; Mrs. A. Blundell, black skirt, white silk blouse, cream medallions of lace, and cream hat, with pink roses; Mrs. E. Blundell (Feilding), navy blue and white striped

voile, black hat, with old gold roses; Miss Light, black voile skirt, white silk blouse, with insertion cream straw hat, with rose pink velvet and autumn leaves; Miss Montgomerie, grey tweed skirt, white silk blouse, tucked and banded with cream insertion, Panama hat; Mrs. McNeill, grey ribeline coat and skirt, large cream lace collar, cream silk vest, and pale pink choux; Mrs. Barthorpe (Silverhope), wore a stylish frock of black canvas, with pleated coat, trimmed with deep cream insertion, black hat with chiffon, and long black ostrich plumes; Mrs. James Wat., navy blue linen gown, stole ends, piped with white, crimson straw hat, white bird and velvet.

On Saturday afternoon

A PICNIC

was held up the river in the oil launch. Owing to the heavy downpour of rain the party was unable to land at Sandy Hook, but an enjoyable time was spent at Kennedy's. Afternoon tea was spread in the large dining-room at the hotel. Amongst those present were: Madames Cleghorn, Heywood, Fox, Misses Gifford, Ashcroft, Mrs. Darley, and others.

THE ANNUAL WANGANUI ROWING REGATTA

was held on the river on Thursday, 10th. There were a fair number of spectators assembled on the bank to watch the various events. No doubt there would have been a much larger crowd if the day had been more inviting, but a high wind and clouds of dust somewhat marred the day's enjoyment. Amongst the on-lookers I noticed the Misses Anderson, Barricout, McDonnell, Darley, Warrington, O'Brien, Jones (2), Messrs, Harold, Hardwick, Morrison, Wood, Darley, Lewis, and many others.

HUTA.

WELLINGTON.

Dear Bee,

March 11.

It is either a feast or a famine in Wellington, and at present we are having the latter.

Our next event of interest is to be the Medical Congress, which is to begin next week, and already one hears of doctors en route to the Capital City. Science and social functions are neatly sandwiched in the official programme, and given fine weather, our visitors should enjoy themselves. Dr. Collins is the President of the Congress, and on the opening day he and Mrs Collins are going to entertain the members and their friends at a large garden party, and there are rumours of a picnic lunch at Belle Vue Gardens, as well as an evening "At Home."

Everyone is so glad to hear that Mr and Mrs Arthur Russell's little boy is recovering from his recent accident, and is now out of danger.

Miss Nellie Cotterill (Napier) spent a few days in Wellington after her enjoyable trip to England. Her brother, Mr Keith Cotterill, came down to meet her.

Miss Ida Coleridge is back from her trip to Waitarapa.

The Women's Social and Political League gave an entertainment last week

in honour of Mrs T. E. Macdonald, one of their most prominent members, who has been for a trip to England. An illuminated address was presented by Sir Joseph Ward to Mrs Macdonald, who was much gratified by the good wishes it expressed. The guest of the evening wore a handsome gown of black satin and embroidered chiffon; Miss Macdonald had a lovely dress of pearl embroidered net over white satin; Lady Ward wore black accordion-pleated chiffon and satin; Miss M. Seddon was in black satin, the corage draped with lace; Mrs

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