

ROTORUA.

March 3.

Bowling Tournament.

During the week of the bowling tournament, the Sanatorium Gardens were very gay, and business at our pretty tea kiosk extremely brisk. We had about 120 bowlers "and their sisters and their cousins and their aunts, and wives" here, and there was a tennis and croquet tournament at the same time, so that the crowd in the gardens at all times was "pretty considerable," to use an expressive phrase. The tennis tournament proceeded as far as the semi-finals, then the combined doubles lapsed, as some of the players were leaving before the finish. Miss Myra Reid (Auckland) and L. C. Ryan forfeited to Miss H. Hickson and J. Purcell, and the latter pair cannot play off the finals against Mrs. Aldridge and Williamson, as Purcell has gone away on leave. The rest of the finals have yet to be played. In the croquet tournament, after a well-contested match, Mrs. Walker beat Mrs. Briffault (Auckland). There are likely to be open tournaments at Easter.

Press Conference.

Last week the Press Conference was held here, and the town wore a learned and literary aspect, instead of its usual sporting appearance.

The Races.

The races on the 16th and 17th were completely spoiled — for the feminine race-goers, at all events, by the constant and heavy rain. To don a pretty frock was out of the question.

Personal.

His Lordship Bishop Grimes of Christchurch, is staying at the Grand Hotel just now.

The Hon. J. P. Luke and Mrs. Luke (of Wellington) are staying with their daughter, Mrs. Birks, at present.

Mrs. Cowper, of Wanganui, and her daughter, Mrs. Peel, have returned to Wanganui after a short visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight, of Dannevirke, and their daughter, Mrs. H. Cowper, were in Rotorua for a short time lately.

Dr. and Mrs. Murphy, of Auckland, are staying at the Geyser Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Blundell, of New Plymouth, are visiting Rotorua at present.

Mrs. and Miss Malfroy have returned to Rotorua after a visit South. Mrs. Malfroy is slowly regaining the use of her arm, which was broken in a motor accident whilst she was away.

Mr. and Mrs. D'Arcy, of Sydney, are paying Rotorua a visit.

The Misses Hatrick, of Wanganui, have just spent a holiday here.

Captain and Mrs. Kennedy, of Waiheke, are paying Rotorua a visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Boyd have returned to Wellington.

Colonel Drayton, who is on a tour of New Zealand, from England, is staying at the Geyser Hotel.

RATA.

GISBORNE.

March 4.

Our Cricketers.

Quite a mild excitement prevailed at the wharf on Sunday evening last, the occasion being the departure of the Poverty Bay cricket team for Napier, to Poverty Bay cricket team for Napier, to Poverty Bay cricket team for Napier, to meet the Hawke's Bay and Hastings teams. The Poverty Bay team was captained by Mr. Arthur Rees, Mr. L. T. Symes acting as manager. Glorious weather prevailed during the local team's visit, which was a victorious one, Poverty Bay beating Hastings on the Monday and Hawke's Bay on the Tuesday. The Gisborne men were treated quite royally, very excellent lunch and dinner being provided for them in Hastings, and a similar attention in Napier on Tuesday, whilst motor drives were the order of the day, including one to Fimbury and its excellent orchards, the latter visit being particularly appreciated. The team returned on Thursday morning.

Personal.

Mr. J. R. Kirk returned from the South on Saturday last.

Miss Wallis returned on Wednesday from a visit to Auckland.

Mrs. Reynolds, accompanied by her mother (Mrs. J. Clarke) returned from Auckland on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Strachan returned from a visit to Napier on Thursday.

Mrs. J. W. Williams returned from the South on Wednesday night.

Miss Williams (Christchurch), who has been visiting her brother and friends in the country, returned South on Wednesday.

Mrs. Sydney Williamson returned from the South on Saturday.

Mrs. Max Jackson left on Thursday morning for Auckland.

Mrs. Symes, accompanied by Miss Symes, left on Thursday for Auckland and Rotorua.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

March 5.

Children's Party.

A very enjoyable children's party was given by Mrs. Morgan, Bluff Hill, in honour of her little daughter's birthday last week in the Bluff Hill Schoolroom. Most of the children wore fancy costumes, and the hall, which was gaily decorated with flags and greenery presented a very pretty scene. During the evening Mr. Morley and Mr. Cecil Cornford added to the children's enjoyment by a fireworks' display. Amongst the little girls were: Misses Esme Morgan, as Spring; Kathleen Bradley, Flower Girl; Madge Newton, Summer; Nancy Snodgrass, Puritan Maid; Mollie Snodgrass, Nurse; Hiema Williams, Folly; Nancy Swan, Japanese Lady; Thelma McCarthy, Japanese Lady; Erena Besant, Cherry Ripe; Roysie Brabant, Bo Peep; Kitty Brabant, Gilda and Alma Sandman; Mazine Edgar, Fairy; Olive and Nida Baxter, Isabel McLernon, Elsa Loudoun, Rita Chapman; Nancie Fannin, Queen of Hearts; Kathleen Fannin, Kate Greenaway; Elspeth and Doreen Canning, Maida Tomlinson. Amongst the little boys were: Masters Felix Loudoun, Courtier; McCarthy, Lord Nelson; Philbrick Nelson, Red Indian; Queens Nelson, Cupid; Melvie Cato, Cupid; Pat Crawshaw, Cowboy; Prior Williams, West Shore; Swisburn Kelly, Sailor; Bruce, Hector Chapman; Arthur Rodie, Cricketer; Ivan McCarthy, Footballer. Other fancy dresses were: Mrs. Morgan, Spanish Dancing Girl; Miss Adecock, Nurse; Miss Peacock, Nurse. Other ladies present were: Mesdames McCarthy, Edgar, Bowen, Baxter, Sandtman, Newton, Fannin, Bradley, H. Cato, A. Brown, Williams, Tomlinson, McLernon, Misses Palmer, May Williams, McVay, Brown, Ruby Brown, Bowen, Sandtman, Norma Sandtman.

Personal.

Two English lady tourists (Misses Barker and Lewis) were in Napier last week, on their trip round the world. They left at the end of the week for Wellington, en route to the South Sea Islands.

Mrs. Monckton, of Gisborne, is spending a holiday in Napier.

MARJORY.

HASTINGS.

March 3.

Garden Party.

A garden party was given at the racecourse to-day in honour of his Excellency Lord Plunket, who paid a farewell visit to Hastings for a few hours. Afternoon-tea was served in the luncheon rooms on the racecourse. The tables were prettily decorated with amethyst flowers. Among the many ladies present I noticed:—Mrs. J. Millar, cigar brown satin cloth coat and skirt, cream charmeuse satin cuffs and collar, large brown velvet hat with two shaded brown plumes; Mrs. Gascoyne, black satin brocade Directoire gown, white silk stole, black satin straw hat; Mrs. H. Russell, blue silk Bengaline, black buttons and straps, cream net yoke, black hat; Mrs. Barcroft, gown of hand-painted chiffon over lace, bands of moss green velvet, black hat; Mrs. Tosswill, white lace and silk gown, hat of white straw, banded with black velvet; Miss Williams, blue silk coat and skirt, the coat trimmed with cream silk torchon lace, saxe blue hat with trimmings of darker shade; Mrs. Phrazan, white muslin gown, pretty embroidered coat, white straw hat banded with black velvet; Mrs. Ormond, saxe blue silk, satin bands, hat with pink roses; Mrs. Faulkner, pink floral silk voile, lace

trimmings, white straw hat, pink roses; Mrs. Reid, moss green and white gown, bands of moss green silk, hat to match; Mrs. Peddie, black silk gown, cream silk lace stole, black and white bonnet; Miss Peddie, white muslin frock, pale blue silk hat, pink roses; Miss K. Peddie, shell pink Shantung silk gown, cream lace yoke and sleevelets, pretty hat with rose pink ribbon and moss roses; Mrs. Evans, black and white spotted silk, cream yoke, bands of black velvet, black and white bonnet; Miss Evans, white muslin frock, wedgwood blue straw hat, banded with velvet; Mrs. Newbegin, petrol blue Shantung, coat and sleeves profusely braided, yoke and high neck of tucked chiffon and hat to match; Miss Newbegin, white muslin Empire gown, embroidered hat with pink roses; Miss E. Wellwood, cream silk voile frock, hat swathed with amethyst silk; Mrs. White, white embroidered muslin, cream straw hat, pink roses; Mrs. McLeod, embroidered peacock blue Shantung silk, yoke of cream tucked net, petrol blue straw hat; Mrs. Nairn, cream Shantung silk, trimmings of cream lace and brown velvet, saxe blue hat with shaded feathers; Mrs. Gordon, beautiful striped saxe blue silk Empire gown with trimmings of petrol satin, black plumed hat; Mrs. Beilby, blue and white check gown, strapped with saxe blue, black hat; Mrs. Murray, light fawn coat and skirt, buttons and bands of black velvet, check silk collar and cuffs, forest green straw hat, bunches of pink roses; Mrs. Wallace, navy linen coat and skirt, white hat, banded with black velvet; Mrs. De Lisle, blue silk striped cologne, yoke of cream lace, white hat, with cornflowers; Mrs. McKenzie, blue silk gown, white lace yoke, hat with pink flowers; Mrs. Banks, navy blue tailor-made coat and skirt, toque of amethyst flowers; Mrs. Hurley, blue silk voile, cream net yoke and sleeves, black silk straw hat; Mrs. A. Lean, saxe blue linen coat and skirt, black plumed hat; Mrs. J. Beamish, black silk gown, black plumed hat; Mrs. Halse, pink and white linen gown, white hat banded with black; Mrs. Braithwaite, black lace gown, black silk embroidery, black plumed hat; Mrs. Hobbs, grey tweed costume, black toque; Mrs. Biddle, white muslin frock, saxe blue hat with flowers; Miss Hobbs, pale grey frock, cream hat.

Personal.

The friends of Sir Wm. Russel will be sorry to hear that he is slightly indisposed.

Mrs. Fergusson has gone to Dannevirke.

Miss Hodge is leaving this week for England.

Mrs. and Misses Bain (Canterbury) are visiting Hawke's Bay.

Miss Hewson is the guest of Mrs. Beamish, Stoneycroft.

SHEBA.

FEILDING.

March 3.

Bridge.

Mrs. Halliday gave a particularly nice little bridge afternoon on Friday, February 25. Mrs. Woodward was the guest of the occasion. Mrs. Sid Fitzherbert won the prize. Mrs. Halliday received her guests in a black skirt and white silk blouse; Mrs. Woodward, black and white muslin, large white hat with black feathers; Mrs. McAllum, violet linen coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. Willis, grey coat and skirt, green hat; Mrs. Montgomerie, navy blue Shantung; Mrs. Clayton, pretty grey frock, black hat; Mrs. Stewart, white Indian muslin hat with pink roses; Mrs. Porter, heliotrope muslin, floral toque; Mrs. Glaesow, pale blue coat and skirt, black and blue hat; Mrs. A. Fitzherbert, black and white frock, cornflower blue hat; Mrs. Waldegrave, green dress, black hat with brown roses.

Garden Party.

Mrs. A. Fitzherbert gave a garden party on Saturday, February 26, as a farewell to Mrs. Sid Fitzherbert, who is going home to England. Notwithstanding the wet afternoon, the party was a great success. Mrs. Stewart won first prize, and Mrs. Atkinson second for the "observation table." Mrs. Fitzherbert (New Plymouth), and Mrs. Glasgow were successful in finding "the hidden treasure." The garden was bright with

beautiful asters and looked lovely. Mrs. Fitzherbert received her guests in a pretty white frock; Mrs. Halliday wore a very pretty pale blue Empire gown, trimmed with black velvet ribbon and pink and green passementerie, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Montgomerie, navy blue Shantung; Mrs. Goodbehe, cream dress, cream hat; Mrs. Carr, black and white coat and skirt; Mrs. Long, black silk taffeta, cream lace yoke, black hat; Miss Long, pale blue linen, brown hat; Mrs. Horrocks, heliotrope coat and skirt.

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