

Personal.

Mrs A. H. Nichol has gone to visit her sister, Mrs A. B. Herrold, of Remuera, for a week or two.

Mr H. B. Lusk of Christ's College, Christchurch, is at present staying with Archdeacon and Mrs Willis.

ELSIE.

ROTORUA.

May 21.

Memorial Service.

In common with the rest of the British dominions, all amusements here have been suspended since the death of King Edward. We have had a week of most perfect weather, and the United Memorial Service to the late sovereign was held in most glorious sunshine in the Sanatorium Gardens at 2.30 on Friday last. The service was most impressively and fittingly conducted by the Rev. C. A. Tisdall, of St. Luke's, assisted by the Rev. F. Bennett, and the respective ministers of the Presbyterian and Wesleyan Churches, the Revs. Stubbs and McArthur. The united choirs rendered the hymns and the anthem "Crossing the Bar," and the "Dead March" in "Saul" was played by the Rotorua Band. At the close of a most impressive and solemn service the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Wallis, of Wellington. Just before leaving the rotunda the Rev. C. A. Tisdall said a few words regarding the accession of our new sovereign, King George V., and asked for one verse of the National Anthem to be sung. The large congregation of people responded most feelingly to this, and the anthem was sung unaccompanied.

RATA.

NAPIER.

May 20.

"The Babies" Ball.

A meeting of the Babies' Ball Committee was held during the week to discuss the proposed dance, and it was decided that, owing to cabled news from London that full mourning was to be observed until June 17th, the date of the ball should be further postponed. The proposed date is now the 23rd of June, which will be the evening of the second day of the Napier Park races.

Funeral Services.

Funeral services were held in all the churches to-day, and in the afternoon a united service was largely attended at Clive Square, the ministers of all the churches assisting.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Dyer are spending a holiday in Gisborne.

Mrs. E. R. C. Bowen is on a visit to Wellington.

Miss Geraldine George is staying with Mrs. John Moore, of "Riverbank," Rissington.

Miss Kearney has gone to Timaru.

Mrs. A. Deane and her children are in Napier visiting friends.

Miss Elsie Smith is visiting Wellington with Mrs. Cooper.

Mrs. and Mr. Hill and Miss Hill leave for a holiday in the Old Country shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren and Miss Warren, of Te Hauke, are visiting friends here.

Dr. and Mrs. McDonald are going home shortly.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dove, of Wangauī, are visiting Napier.

Mrs. Alick Williams, of St. Lawrence, Otane, is in Napier.

Mrs. A. V. McDonald, of Auckland, is visiting her mother (Mrs. Sutton).

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ching have taken up their residence in Mr. C. D. Kennedy's house, Napier South.

MARJORIE

HASTINGS.

May 19.

The weather to-day was delightful, and the long-looked-for event of passing through the tail of Halley's comet is over. No doubt many people would be disappointed that we passed through so peacefully — nothing unusual to notice, only the beautiful sunset.

Personal.

Our vicar, the Rev. John Hobbs, has resigned, and the parishioners are all regretting the fact exceedingly. In order to bid him farewell various ladies are arranging afternoon tea and chatter, and during an interval the Rev. Hobbs addresses a few farewell remarks and explains all about the coming mission in September. Major and Mrs. Gascoyne

gave the first of the kind on Wednesday, which proved most pleasant, as well as instructive and interesting. The hostess received her guests, numbering about 30, in the large dining-room.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Studholme (Canterbury) left for the South on Saturday.

Mrs. Newbiger is visiting Wellington.

Mrs. Winchester is the guest of Mrs. H. Barr ("Te Hauke").

Mrs. F. Perry has postponed her trip to England for a while.

The Rev. and Mrs. Pryce Michelle, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner, left Hastings on Monday, en route for England.

Miss Patrick (Otago) is the guest of Mrs. Jas. Landels, Market-street.

SHERA.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

May 20.

Euchre Party.

Mrs G. W. Harden was the hostess at a progressive euchre party on Wednesday night of last week. Autumn leaves and yellow chrysanthemums decorated the drawing-room and dining-room, which were both used for cards. Miss Randolph won the first prize, after keen competition with Miss Coster, of Nelson, who was only one game less than the winner. Mr Collins won the men's prize; Miss F. Robinson and Mr Perston were the boobies. The hostess wore a black skirt and dainty cream net and lace blouse; her guest, Miss Coster, of Nelson, a sage blue silk toilette, finished with cream lace; Mrs Morrish, cream silk and lace; Mrs Flower (Christchurch), pale green silk, with yoke of cream tucked net; Mrs McKnight, pale blue charmeuse, with net yoke edged with pale blue ball fringe, cluster of pink roses on bodice; Mrs Barnicoat, black silk veiled in black net, shoulder scarf of gold beaded cream chiffon, cluster of crimson flowers in hair; Miss Barnicoat, white muslin and lace; Miss Powell (Wellington), pale pink silk and lace; Miss Randolph, lavender crepe de chene, with knot of shaded mauve hydrangea on corsage; Miss F. Randolph, pale blue soft silk, with silver trimming and cluster of pale pink roses on bodice; Miss Mabel Smith, bright pink chiffon taffeta, with cream net yoke; Miss Robinson, green silk, with touches of darker shade of green velvet; Miss Crook, pale

blue silk and cream lace; Miss Beveridge, pale green silk and lace; Mrs Eliot, cream and pink striped silk, with cream lace insertion; Mrs Fuller, green charmeuse and cream net; Miss Edith Wilson, cream toilette, with cream lace and touches of pale blue; Messrs Harden, H. F. Gibbons, McKnight, Morrish, Louissou, Barnicoat, Fuller, Flower, G. Gibbons, Richter, Collins, Perston, Scott, and a few others.

Personal.

Mrs Pollen (Wellington) is staying with Mrs C. Smith, Bank of New Zealand.

Mrs Morrish, Bank of Australasia, has gone to Wellington for a week.

The Misses Bell have returned from a fortnight's stay in Wellington.

Mr Edgar (Auckland) has come back to Palmerston for a three week's holiday.

Mr Preston, of the local staff of the Bank of New Zealand, has been transferred to Wanganui.

Miss D. Tripe has returned from Wellington.

Miss Aileen McKnight is back from a three week's stay in Masterton.

VIOLET.

WANGANUI.

May 20.

Bridge.

Last Thursday Mrs. John Anderson gave a small bridge party as a farewell to Miss Reichert, who left Wanganui on Saturday with Miss Richmond for Auckland; from there they sail for Germany, and expect to be back again in Wanganui in about a year's time.

At the Theatre.

There have been large audiences at Hayward's Pictures at the Lyceum Theatre recently. Amongst those present: Mrs. H. Peake, Mr. and Mrs. Brookfield, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Miss Mason, Mrs. Janisch, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Miss Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Izard, Miss Moore, Miss Stevenson, Miss Brettagh, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Martin, and many others.

A Successful Exhibition.

Mr. Herbert Babbage, R.A., held a most successful exhibition in Sherriiff's Studio last Thursday and Friday. These

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