

**Personal.**

Mrs J. Paul has returned to New Plymouth after her pleasant trip to Blenheim, where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs Bennett.

Mrs J. Paton, New Plymouth, has gone to visit her relatives in Auckland.

Misses J. and L. Fitzherbert, who have been visiting their friends in Palmerston North, have returned to New Plymouth.

Mrs Burton, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs Faulder, of Auckland, passed through New Plymouth last week on her way home to Wellington. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Ivy Faulder.

Mrs Fitzherbert, who has been on a visit to Rotorua on account of her health, returned to New Plymouth last week.

Miss Inez Kirkby, New Plymouth, is the guest of Mrs Bennett, Blenheim.

NANCY LEE.

**SOUTH TARANAKI.**

September 23.

**"The Girl from Rector's."**

The Hugh Ward Company played "The Girl from Rector's" last Thursday night in the Opera House. The theatre was crowded. Amongst those present were:—Dr. and Mrs Campbell, Mr. and Mrs Page, Mr and Mrs Willis, Mr and Mrs Lennon, Mr and Mrs W. Duckworth, Mr and Mrs Roe, Mr and Mrs Lovell, Mr and Mrs C. Tonks, Mr and Mrs O'Hawken, Mesdames Parrington, Buckley, Cowern, Fauthman, Nolan, O'Callaghan, Wallace, Holder, Stewart, Wilkinson (Edham), R. McLean, Bennett (Manauia), Misses Pratt, Glenn, Clapcott, Seaton, McRae, Moore, Johnson, Williams, Nolan (3), Reilly, Capten (2), Hill, Messrs. Tonks, Mason, Earne, Holder, Thynne, Nalder, Glenn, Turton, Gillies, Wilkie, Treweek, Naucarrow, Parkinson, etc., etc.

**Personal.**

Miss Harris has returned to Hawera after a long visit to relations and friends in Tasmania.

Mr and Mrs Kimbell motored to Wellington this week for a couple of week's holiday.

Miss Hoops, who has been the guest of Mrs Moore, has returned to Wanganui. Miss Alexander left this week for Wellington to fill a vacancy as probationer on the Hospital staff.

JOAN.

**STRATFORD.**

September 23.

The Town Hall has been converted into a skating rink pro tem, and much is the fun and amusement derived therefrom. Spectators have, perhaps, the best of it for the present, as most of the performers have not yet found their sea legs, and not a few small accidents happened to our local celebrities.

The Masonic hall held last night under the auspices of the Stratford Masonic Lodge, N.Z.C., was a most successful function. The attendance was large, over two hundred being present. The music supplied by the Orchestral Society was excellent, and some of the extras played by the guests were good. The stage was very prettily decorated, it being turned into a delightful sitting-out bower. The supper was a great credit to the ladies of the committee, who must indeed have worked hard to make it so very good. Amongst those present I noticed: Mr. and Mrs. Young, the latter attired in a most becoming black silk frock with very handsome sequin trimming on corsage and skirt; Mr. and Mrs. Fookes; Mrs. Fookes looked well in pale pink silk veiled with pink silk chiffon; Mr. and Mrs. Wake; Miss Wake, in white silk with silver trimmings and pretty blue matrix ornaments; Miss Hawkin (Wanganui); Miss Willis (New Plymouth); Miss Fookes; Mrs. Budge, black silk; Mr. Budge; Dr. and Mrs. Menzies, the latter in white glaze silk; Mrs. Raikes, black striped silk; Mr. Raikes; Mrs. E. C. Robinson, blue silk with violets on corsage; Mr. E. C. Robinson; Dr. Paget; Mrs. Paget, blue silk; Mrs. W. Robinson, vieux rose velvet, handsome jet trimmings on bodice; Mrs. E. Robinson, green velvet, white lace on décolletage; Mrs. Stohr and Mr. Stohr; Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Reader; Mrs. Glasgow; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Richards; Mr., Mrs., and Miss Monroe; Dr. Dillon-Carbery; Mr. and Miss Fussell, the latter wearing cream glaze silk with black velvet on corsage; Mr. Keau

Clarke; Mr. and Miss Black; Mr. E. Young; Mr. and Mrs. N. King; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Sale; Mr. G. Fookes (New Plymouth); Miss Glynes; Mr. and the Misses James; Miss O'Brien; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hobbs; Mr. and Mrs. I. Hobbs; Mr. Morrison; Mr. O. Vaughan; Mr. B. Rivell; Mr. and Mrs. Ashton; Mr. S. Ward, the latter in brown glaze silk; Miss Doughty, in white silk; Miss Tocker, black and white net frock; Mr. A. C. Jones; Mr. Skoglund; and many others.

DENISE.

**PALMERSTON NORTH.**

September 25.

"The Girl from Rector's" attracted a large audience to the Opera House on Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Keeling, Mr. and Mrs. Porritt, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Pope, the Misses Waldegrave, Miss Warburton, the Misses Fitzherbert (New Plymouth), Miss Winnie Watson, Mrs. F. C. Connell, the Misses Porter, Miss F. Randolph, Miss Bell, Miss Preece, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Beale, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sim, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Broad, Messrs. Morrish, H. F. Gibbons-Grant, Wither, Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, were a few of those present.

There was a crowded hall at Pohangui on Wednesday night, the occasion of the farewell social to Archdeacon and Mrs. Harper, who are so soon to leave this parish for new duties at St. Peter's, Wellington. During the evening several prominent residents of the district made little speeches, all expressing the greatest regret at the departure of Archdeacon and Mrs. Harper from their midst. Mr. Thomas Close, minister's warden in St. Adrian's, then handed the Archdeacon an envelope containing a cheque as a parting gift from friends in that part of the parish. A concert party went up from Palmerston and gave great pleasure to all present. Mrs. and Miss Caldwell, the Misses Drew (3), Archer and Fox, and Messrs. G. C. Keeble, S. Drew, H. Clere-Ward and Nicholls contributed musical and vocal items. Mrs. C. C. Harper sang delightfully, her "Be Good, Sweet Maid," being one of the best items. Mr. Percy Jeffries' comic item, a woful tale of the beginning and end of a rural dramatic company, was wildly encored. Later, Messrs. Jeffries and Lyall gave a darkies' version of Romeo and Juliet, and had to respond to loud encores again.

VIOLET.

**WANGANUI.**

September 23.

**The Races.**

A large number of enthusiasts went through to Rangitikei this week for the races at Bulls on Wednesday and Thursday; several parties also motored down to a very jolly little dance given by Miss Alice Kiddiford and Miss Levett, at Mrs. Levett's home in Bulls.

**"The Brass Bottle."**

There was a very good audience at the Opera House on Thursday evening, when "The Brass Bottle" was staged by J. C. Williamson's Comedy Company. Amongst those present I noticed:—Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Stevenson, Miss Innes-Jones (Feilding), Mr. Bayley, Miss Bayley, Miss Moss (Wellington), Mrs. Kitchin, Miss Willis, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Todd, Miss — Todd, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Nixon, Miss Nixon, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Jones, Mrs. Christie, Miss Christie.

**Some Smart Toilettes.**

Amongst the smart toilettes worn recently, I noticed:—Mrs. John Stevenson, in a smart electric blue frieze coat and skirt. The coat was long, and had collar and revers of black watered silk, white feather boa, large black picture hat with ostrich feathers in it; Mrs. Medhurst, becoming pastel blue cloth frock, bolero effect profusely braided with fine silk cord in the same tone. With this she wore a white feather stole, fine black straw hat with black chiffon rosettes and black algrette; Mrs. E. Cowper, navy blue serge coat and skirt with black watered silk collar and revers, white muslin vest with insertion and lace, large saxe blue silk hat with wings in the same tones, brown fur stole; Mrs. G. Gordon, dark tweed skirt with stylish coat in a soft pastel green shade with Oriental trimming, small crimson straw hat with black silk and wings at the side.

**Personal.**

Miss M. Munro, of Palmerston North, who has been staying in Wanganui with Miss Christie has returned to her home. Miss Brewer, of New Plymouth, is the guest of Mrs. McNaughton Christie, in Wanganui.

Miss Humphreys, of Palmerston North, who has been staying in Wanganui for the golf tournament, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Innes, of Palmerston North, who has been staying in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

Miss Wilson, of Bulls, is the guest of Mrs. Good, Wanganui.

Miss E. Brettargh, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Wellington. Mr. and Mrs. Marsack, of Auckland, who have been staying in Wanganui, have returned to their home.

Mrs. McKnight, of Palmerston North, is staying in Wanganui with Mrs. Balance.

Mrs. Barnicoat, of Wanganui, is at present staying in Wellington.

Miss Slack, of Palmerston North, who has been staying in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Peck, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to Wellington and the South Island.

Miss Harris, of Wanganui, is staying in Wellington with Mrs. Claghorn.

Miss Owen, of Wanganui, is the guest of Mrs. Cholmeley, New Plymouth.

HUIA.

**NELSON.**

September 23.

**Skating Party.**

The skating party arranged by Mr. C. H. Coote was a great success. It was given in the skating rink, and a large number of skaters were present. Amongst others present were: Mr. and Miss Coote, Mrs. Booth, Miss Elsie Booth, Misses Mary and Gertie Clark, Miss D. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. J. Glasgow, Mrs. and Miss Dodson, Misses N. and F. Coster, Messrs. Clark, J. Coote, T. Houliker, Nalder, and Walker.

**Musical Party.**

An enjoyable musical party was given by Mrs. S. Gibbs for Miss Phyllis Fell before her return to Napier. Some of those present were: Miss Gibbs, Misses Phyllis and Sylvia Fell, Miss Atkinson, Miss D. Isaacs, and Miss G. Clarke.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Robison (Bank of New South Wales) has returned from her visit to Wellington.

Miss Richmond, Miss F. Seymour, and Miss Elsie Booth went across to Wellington for the Calve concert.

Bishop Mules has left for the South. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sharp have returned from their visit to the Golf Championship Meeting at Christchurch.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Cock have also returned from their visit to Christchurch and Wellington.

Miss M. Blackett, who has been staying with friends in Wellington, has returned to her home here.

Miss Daisy Isaacs is the guest of Mrs. C. T. Fell.

H.M.S. Encounter is paying a visit to Nelson. The officers are to be entertained at a dance this week.

Dr. and Mr. Philip Andrew have returned from their visit to the North Island.

DOLCE.

**PICTON.**

September 22.

**Presbyterian Bazaar.**

This pretty little show closed on Friday, after a very successful run of three days. They intend to follow the example of their North Island friends and make it and the bath show an annual event. The thanks of the residents are due to the Rev. J. Dickson, and the committee for initiating so interesting a show.

**Football Social.**

The Linkwater footballers held their annual social at Mahakipawa on Friday evening last. About twenty visitors from Picton went up by launch to the Grove, and thence by coach to Mahakipawa. Coaches also arrived from Havelock, besides nearly all the inhabitants of the district. The hall was prettily decorated and plenty of supper, good music, and

no wall-flowers, assisted materially in the success of the affair. Amongst those present were: Mesdames Neal, in white silk; Storey, green silk; Richardson, flowered muslin; T. Cawle, white voile; Greensill (Queen Charlotte Sound), Bryant, Edmunds, Coleman, Barker, Hepburn, Fullon (2), Campbell, Patterson, Perano, Dalziel, etc., etc.; Misses Allen, green Shantung; Powell (Havelock),

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