

Mr. James Stephens, manager of the National Bank, Wellington, and Mrs. Stephens are visiting Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich returned to Auckland this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Sykes and Miss Sykes, of London, are visiting the thermal regions, and staying at Rotorua at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Grierson, of Parnell, are visiting Rotorua.

RATA.

GISBORNE.

October 4.

Personal.

Mrs. Sainsbury returned from England on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Willock returned on Saturday from their wedding trip to Australia.

Mrs. Carmichael left on Saturday for Auckland.

Miss Black left by the s.s. Wimmers on Saturday for Sydney.

Mr. Dunlop, who has been paying a business visit to Gisborne, returned to Auckland on Saturday.

Mrs. T. Sherratt, with her little boy, left for Napier on Sunday, visiting relations in Hawke's Bay.

Dr. Wallace McKenzie, also Mr. H. A. Gold, are at present visiting Gisborne.

Mr. E. Nicholl (Wellington) is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Traill.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

October 7.

The high westerly winds that have prevailed so much this spring still continue, making all outdoor amusements anything but pleasant. For the gardens it is very distressing; everything is bursting into bloom, but to live for so short a time. The lilacs and wistaria, out in nearly every garden, make the hills look very gay. This is certainly the time of year when Napier looks its best. The municipal swimming baths open for their second season next week; they have become very popular, and attract quite a number of visitors to Napier.

A Lecture.

Miss Gardner gave a most interesting lecture on Wednesday afternoon on her visit to the Palestine Exhibition in London, which she illustrated by a large number of beautiful photographs and models. Speaking first of the exhibition generally, she said that the vast crowds who visited it during the three weeks it was open at the Olympia far exceeded the expectations of those who promoted it. Miss Gardner has been asked to repeat this lecture in Napier, and will probably do so next month.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and the Misses Johnson (Waipukurau) have been staying at the Masonic Hotel for the Hawke's Bay races.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson have gone for a tour in their motor-car through the Wairarapa and Wellington district.

Mrs. John Moore (River Bank) is staying in Napier.

Miss Atkinson is visiting Mrs. Levien. Captain Todd returned last night from his visit to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse (Mangawhare) are staying at the Masonic Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Head (Christchurch) are staying at the Masonic Hotel.

MARJORIE.

HASTINGS.

October 7.

Garden Party.

Mrs. Newbigen's garden party was exceptionally nice. It was a glorious day, and everybody seemed in most buoyant spirits. A string band was in attendance, and sumptuous refreshments were provided. Shooting competitions, orange-pelting, and fortune-telling were the amusements provided, and several well-rendered songs were sung. Mrs. Newbigen looked lovely, and received her guests in a lavender gown of simple cloth, with lovely lace, and a picture hat with wings of the same tone; Miss Newbigen looked very dainty in a pretty frock of white embroidery, large white mushroom hat of tussore, festooned with tiny baby roses over and under the brim; Miss Wylie (Wellington) wore a very handsome blue satin charmeuse robe with lovely cream guipure lace and dainty shoes on suite; Mrs. (Dr.) Macdonald,

very stylish black gown and large black chiffon hat with plumes; Mrs. Lewis looked very handsome in a black cloth costume, large black hat swathed with satin charmeuse; Mrs. (Dr.) Nairn looked elegant in light grey striped coat and skirt, hat en suite; Mrs. (Dr.) De Lisle, blue voile, cream trimmings, and very becoming black winged hat; Mrs. Chas. Scott, in a smart gown of black, large French chip hat; Mrs. J. Beamish wore a pretty cool looking costume of pale blue, trimmed with bands of brown Oriental trimming, brown straw hat swathed with Paisley silk in both tones; Mrs. J. Faulkner, neat military blue costume, pretty hat of petrol colours; Mrs. J. Miller was looking particularly nice in black silk trained gown, transparent yoke and sleeves, lovely black jetted hat with fountain plumes; Mrs. Johnstone was looking very sweet and nice in military blue coat and skirt, hat of burnt straw with pink roses; Mrs. Fenwick looked handsome in black and white check coat and skirt, black trimmings, large black plumed hat. Others present were: Mesdames Cameron, Kieley, Halse, Cuthbert, Tosswill, Evans, Hurley, Fergusson, Clarke, Mason, Seale, Landels, McKibbin, Reid, Lean, Misses Outhbert (2), Lanauze, Smith, Miller, Peddie, Evans, Hurley, Rainbow, Drury, Symes, Dobbie.

Hospital Ball.

The Hospital ball, although not a success financially, was most enjoyable. It was somewhat late in the season for dancing, and there being so many counter attractions, only about half as many attended as had been anticipated. The supper-room was beautiful, and the tables were very profusely and artistically arranged with long sprays of snowy blossoms and pale roses. Some of those present were: Mesdames J. Miller, A. McLean, Cross, De Lisle, Scott, Nairn, Halse, Newbigen, Mills (Christchurch), Clarke, Mason, Nelson, Beamish, Croll, Richmond, Macasey, Misses Cooper (3), Mason (2), Evans, Newbigen, Wylie (Wellington), Nelson, Mills (Christchurch), Smith, Sunderland.

Spring Race Meeting.

Such a large concourse of people gathered together for the races on Wednesday and Thursday. The lawn was perfect, and the lovely shady willows made a picturesque background to the ladies in their pretty frocks. One big feature of the day was a champagne luncheon given to the race officials, prominent race members and friends of Mr. G. P. Donnelly, who was the successful candidate for the Hawke's Bay Racing Club's presidency.

Mrs. Perry (nee Miss Donnelly) presided as hostess, and looked lovely in a beautiful black gown. The bodice and tunic was of black silk applique, and soutache on black silk mesh, the under-skirt of black silk. Her hat was a smart French type, the only colouring being tiny bunches of cerise pink verberna securing the black trimmings; about her shoulders was thrown a lovely Princess stole of turquoise blue charmeuse, trimmed with dark marabout, lined throughout with brown merveilleux and heavily-fringed with long chenille.

On the second day Mrs. Perry wore another toilette of amethyst Directorate satin, handsomely braided. It was made with long French coat and skirt, lovely hat of amethyst satin straw, miniature flowers en suite, lined and brightened with pale blue most effectively; Mrs. Malcolm Brodie wore a cool green linen Russian coat and kilted skirt, collar of green silk rep., large hat of pale lavender straw with green trimmings and buckled with miniature lavender roses; Mrs. Cross looked very stylish and nice in mole cloth costume, black and white hat; Miss Cross, white cloth costume, pretty straw hat garlanded with lovely pink silk roses; Miss —, Cross looked very pretty and girlish in a dainty white frock and Peter Pan collar, large hat decked with miniature flowers, and on second day chic linen costume piped with white; Miss E. Williams was wearing on first day a smart light grey tweed coatee and skirt, smart dark mole hat banded with fur and two metallic quills, and on second day her gown was black with a dainty white bow; Miss Woolcombe Boyce (England) first day was frocked in a pretty grey, much trimmed with handsome cream lace, large amethyst satin hat, wings of same shade, and on second day her gown was of the newest style and most becoming, the foundation being a shot satin charmeuse of pale blue and gold-veiled in nixon and trimmed with rich bronze gold insertion, large French hat of shot silk en suite with bunch of black fountain plumes fastened up over one side of

the high crown; another lady who looked very elegant was Mrs. C. Gordon, in a deep wedgwood blue and white striped silk gown, large stylish picture hat; Mrs. A'Deane wore a charming draped light tone petrol blue satin charmeuse, black gathered tulle hat with beautiful black feathers; Mrs. Landels looked sweetly pretty in cream voile with a lovely white silk hat veiled with black lace and thick garland of pink roses; Mrs. J. Beamish was gowned in a lovely pansy silk piped with black velvet, white lace yoke, white chip hat garlanded with lovely amethyst roses; Miss Lanauze, pretty rose linen frock with white lace yoke, lovely black chip hat with tulle and black plumes; Misses M. Mason wore pretty frocks of blue and pink linen banded with Paisley ribbon, pretty large drooping hats garlanded with roses; Miss Newbigen, dainty shell pink gown embroidered, maize hat with miniature roses; Miss —, Williams looked very sweet in a rose serge coat and skirt, winged hat of same colouring; Miss Turnbull (Dunedin), a graceful white crepe de chine, Oriental race cloak of sage, cloth, soutache in deeper tone, large black hat with white ostrich plumes; Mrs. Campbell, lovely gown of light and dark greenish tones, large hat trimmed with lovely silk roses and grasses; Miss Evans, becoming blue silk satin, with nixon overskirt and cream lace, large black hat trimmed with gold band and black feathers; Mrs. O. Scott, smart black rep frock, broad width of black charmeuse at the foot of skirt, transparent yoke and sleeves of black tucked net and insertion, large French hat with long black plumes; Miss Tauner, black chiffon taffeta, stylish hat crowned with black tulle and caught with crimson verberna; Miss —, Tauner looked sweet in chic coatee and skirt of cream serge, pretty white hat with pale blue flowers; Mrs. Nairn, who always looks so graceful and elegant, was wearing a caramel-brown toilette, which suited her admirably; Mrs. J. Faulkner was looking particularly nice in a lovely cream silk bengaline with handsome lace trimmings and soft electric-blue hat with wings; Mrs. Macasey looked very nice in a smart heliotrope linen coat and skirt, art hat with colourings to match, and on the second day she wore a delightful caramel-brown lace robe and silk stole, large hat of same colour; Mrs. Barcroft, smart navy charmeuse gown, figured with white, stylish black-plumed hat; Mrs. Alex. Lean looked charming in a stylish coatee and skirt of white cloth and a large black plumed hat; Mrs. J. Miller, black silk taffeta gown, lace yoke and sleeves, cream silk stole, lovely black plumed hat; Mrs. Douglas, pretty rose blanket serge with black trimmings, hat garlanded with roses; Mrs. Wallace, stylish indigo coat and skirt, indigo hat with garlands of white roses. Others present were: Mrs. Mackersey, Mrs. Outhbert (Christchurch), Mrs. Cuthbert (Paki Paki), Mrs. Kettle (Napier), Mrs. Frank Cameron, Mrs. Duke Shields, Mrs. Ormond, Mrs. Tosswill, Mrs. Gaisford, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Stronach, Mrs. McKibbin, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Logan (Napier), Misses Symes, Drury, Cuthbert, McLean, Wheeler, Lusk (Napier).

SHEILA.

DANNEVIRKE.

October 8.

A Successful Social.

The choir and Bible-class girls of the Presbyterian Church here gave a most successful social on Wednesday of last week. The hall had been tastefully decorated, and there was a splendid programme provided, including some very nirth-provoking competitions, which were entered into in a very enthusiastic manner by the competitors. Much amusement was caused by the efforts of some milliners of the opposite sex, who tried their prentice hands on shapes that would have defied even a master mind, with striking results, though the list which carried off the prize was a very fair imitation of what it ought to have been. Songs, pianoforte solos, and supper filled up the evening, and the function was voted one of the best of the year.

An At Home.

The High School pupils gave an enjoyable "At Home" in the Parish Hall last Thursday night. During the year some of the pupils had been busy with an extract from Dickens' "Great Expectations" and the result was very gratifying to the friends assembled. Miss D. Bingham made a very convincing and very acrimonious Mrs. Joe, and her spouse and Pip did their parts

very well. Some very good eucatory items were rendered, quite the best being one by Miss Elaine Gurr, who charmed the audience by her rendering of "Aunt Tabitha," showing much thought and care in the preparation of the poem. "Lasca" was credited by Master Hughes and done very creditably, though a trifle stiffy. "The Slave's Dream" was attempted by still another boy, and he was awarded a fair share of applause. Items were rendered by Mesdames Bromley Hill, Mackay, and Miss Newcombe-Hall. Mr. Finlayson appealed to the juvenile portion of the audience with his two recitations and was vociferously encored. Sweets were handed round by white-frokked girls, and supper at a later stage of the performance was also dispensed by them, with the aid of a few of the boy pupils. The Rev. Mr. Grant proposed a hearty vote of thanks, which was accorded with acclamation.

Personal.

Miss Pettit left last week for a holiday visit to Te Kuiti.

Mrs. Savage left for Napier last week on a holiday visit.

The Norsewood Presbyterian Church intend to hold a gymkhana on the 25th January, 1911.

LORIS.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

October 7.

Bridge.

Before Mrs. Macklow's return home to Epsom, Auckland, several small but extremely pleasant functions were given to her by her friends. Mrs. Hall entertained her, last Monday evening, at a bridge party, and most enjoyable it was, too. The prizes were won by Mrs. A. D. Gray (first), and Mrs. S. Teed (second). Mrs. Hall was robed in a black silk skirt, pretty cream silk and lace blouse; Mrs. Macklow wore a charming cream and pink floral taffetas, with decolletage and sleeves of cream lace. Others present were: Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. S. Teed, Mrs. A. D. Gray, Mrs. Paul, Miss Avery, Mrs. E. Gilmore, Miss B. Rennell, Mrs. S. Rennell.

Last Tuesday, Mrs. A. D. Gray entertained Mrs. Macklow at an afternoon tea. The final function took the form of a bridge party, and was given by Mrs. John Avery, in Devon-street. There were four tables, and the prizes were won by Miss Cunningham (first), and Mrs. S. Teed (second). The supper-table was charmingly decorated with yellow broom and purple flags. Mrs. Avery received her guests in a brown chiffon taffetas, cream lace vest; Miss Avery, pale pink taffetas, cream lace berthe, braided with moss-green velvet ribbon; Mrs. Macklow, very rich, black silk, prettily trimmed with embossed lace over white silk, yoke and sleeves lightly touched with pale blue silk. Others present were: Miss A. Hampton, Miss Cunningham, Mrs. Percy Webster, Miss Kirton, Mrs. E. Cote, Mrs. S. Rennell, Miss Hall, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. A. D. Gray, Mrs. Paul, Mrs. E. Gilmore.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McKellar, of Christchurch, who have been visiting their relatives in New Plymouth, have gone on to Auckland before their return home.

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