

Miss Anfl has resigned her position in the Napier Girls High School.
Miss Eva Thompson (Christchurch) is visiting Mrs Hindmarsh, Green Meadows.

MARJORIE.

FEILDING.

December 16.

Handkerchief Tea.

Mrs Prior gave a most enjoyable handkerchief tea at her charming residence on Thursday last, for Miss V. Moore, who is to be married very shortly. Much interest was taken in the competitions. Miss Walker won one prize, and Miss E. Bruce another. A number of small tables were put under the trees, where a very dainty afternoon tea was laid, each table being tastefully decorated with poppies and oats. Miss Prior received her guests in a pretty frock of black silk and white lace yoke, black hat with black feathers; Miss Prior, green shot silk frock, large black hat with pink roses; Miss Moore, white muslin dress, white hat; Miss Long, white embroidered muslin frock, cornflower blue hat with daisies; Miss Walker, white muslin frock, trimmed with lace insertion, pink hat trimmed with black silk; Miss J. Bruce, grey blue costume, black hat; Misses Innes Jones (2), white linen coat and skirt, black hat; Miss Kirtom, brown costume, burnt straw hat with black velvet; Miss V. Hill, blue linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat; Miss E. Bruce, white muslin frock, black hat with white lace bow; Miss M. Haybittle, pale blue shantung frock trimmed with black velvet, large white hat trimmed with black silk; Miss L. Haybittle, khaki coat and skirt, large hat with pink roses.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss are the guests of their daughter (Mrs. Innes Jones).
Mrs Gillespie has gone to Christchurch for a holiday.
Mrs. Halliday has returned home after a long holiday in Dunedin.

T.U.I.

DANNEVIRKE.

December 16.

Breaking-up.

Rewa College held its annual breaking up ceremony on the 14th inst. in the presence of a large number of parents and friends. A playlet, written by Miss Edkins and entitled "Grannie's Picnic" was performed by the pupils during the evening. The parts were sustained as follows:—Granny (Mrs. Milford), Miss M. Croose; Mrs. Wellwood, Miss E. Croose; Aunt Clara (Mrs. North) Miss U. Lawford; Miss Grace Baring, Miss U. Lawford; Jack and Tom (Mrs. North's sons), Misses M. Cowan and H. Speedy; Louise, Jane, Mary, Leila, Alice, Ethel, Margaret, Celia, Douglas (Mrs. Wellwood's children), Misses V. Harvey, W. Gray, I. McKenzie, L. Rathbone, A. Bowen, M. Speedy, M. Wilson, C. Fairbrother, Master D. Rathbone; Zita (a Gipsy girl), Miss G. Greenwood; Nan (a Gipsy woman), Miss H. Snell.

The "Messiah."

The Messiah is to be given this evening, and it is anticipated that a generous support will be accorded the performance. Mrs. Rosewarne was to have sung the contralto solos, but is unable to leave Napier at present, so Miss May Driscoll, of Wellington, is to be responsible for the contralto work.

Personal.

Mrs. E. H. Lawford went to Wellington for a few days last week and has returned.
Mrs. G. J. Bickford left for Wellington on the 16th inst., accompanied by Miss Gainsford.
Mrs. Runciman is in Marlon for a short holiday.
Miss Harr, headmistress of the High School, left for her home last week.

LORIS.

HASTINGS.

December 16.

Students' Recitals.

Madame Lehmann's students' recital on Monday evening was most enjoyable. Miss M. Corsick delighted the audience with her delightful singing. Madame Lehmann must be congratulated upon the well-rendered programme given by her pupils, the large audience present being most appreciative.

Garden Party.

Mrs. (Dr.) Tosswill entertained a large and fashionable gathering of ladies at a garden party on Wednesday. Mrs. Tosswill's fine residence and beautiful grounds are most adaptable to functions of this kind. The host and hostess received their guests on the lawn, where afternoon tea and ices were served, after which a promenade over the lovely garden revealed to all what a very successful horticulturist Mrs. Tosswill really is. Mrs. Tosswill (hostess) was exquisitely gowned in white silk ninon, beautifully worked with lace, hat of champagne straw garlanded with crimson roses; Mrs. Lowry wore a beautiful gown of black Roman satin, silk lace and insertion, and a sweet bonnet in black and white tones, handsome black lace stole, completed a very elegant toilette; Mrs. Beamish, sen., also looked nice and was gowned in smart black silk and a very becoming bonnet of black and touches of white; Mrs. Nation wore a stylish mauve cloth, black silk stole and smart toque of pansy tones; Mrs. Hassal, smart cloth coat and skirt of saxe blue, braided in darker tones, champagne straw hat, wreathed with roses; Mrs. Crosse, dark wedgwood blue silk Empire gown, black plumed hat; Miss Crosse looked nice in blue floral muslin, with touches of pink, pretty hat of white chip, garlanded with roses; Miss — Crosse looked sweet and girlish in white frock and Peter Pan collar, large hat with miniature flowers; Mrs. Mason wore a striped brown cloth costume, lace stole, brown straw hat wreathed with tulle and flowers; Mrs. Clarke looked nice in lettuce green linen coat and skirt, white straw hat garlanded with roses. A very beautiful gown was worn by Mrs. Nelson of dark purple silk; it was made in the trained hobbie style, and was partially veiled in black ninon, bordered with very handsome broad aluminium and steel insertion, large flop hat of chip and plumes. Mrs. Malcolm Brodie wore a girted gown of pansy silk, very effective and quaint; Mrs. Hector Smith wore a very choice toilette of blue satin veiled in hand-painted silk ninon, and girted about the foot with a lavender sash, large black plumed hat; Mrs. Henley (Napier) wore a greatly admired toilette; it was a green and white bird's-eye spotted silk, with high belt of black silk and girths of black, a particularly stylish black straw hat. Mrs. G. Russell, dainty floral helio. silk muslin, lavender touches, smart black hat; Miss E. Williams looked dainty in white net and insertion Empire gown, smart large cream straw hat banded with red and black check straw; Mrs. Gascoyne, black silk gown, black and white lace stole, stylish cream Leghorn hat, with bunch of ears of wheat; Mrs. Reid, navy striped linen frock, burnt straw hat with crimson roses; Miss Hewson looked exceedingly smart in black embroidered gown, lovely toque of chip and jet, with touches of white; Mrs. Brocklehurst, dainty white muslin, spotted and trimmed with black, cream straw hat trimmed with green chiffon and pink roses; Mrs. J. Miller, graceful black silk, and jetted hat with fountain plumes; Mrs. J. Beamish, black silk gown, cream straw hat with lavender roses; Miss McLean, smart frock of Copenhagen blue and white spotted silk, hobbled and trimmed with blue silk, smart black hat; Mrs. Braithwaite's toilette was carried out in fuchsia tones and black; Mrs. Murray, smart cigar brown linen coat and skirt, black trimmings, and a large black hat wreathed with white roses; Mrs. McLean (Havelock) was richly gowned in soft black silk; Mrs. Jack Faulkner looked decidedly stylish and nice in an embroidered green linen, hat of roses and foliage; Mrs. Evans looked very stately and nice in black whipcord silk, soft white chiffon bonnet; Miss Evans, dainty white muslin, and Copenhagen blue hat with roses of a lighter tone; Mrs. Beilly, a stylish gown of black and white muslin, black hat; Mrs. Landels looked very charming in grey linen coat and skirt, large white hat with roses; Mrs. Lanauze wore a very smart tailored costume of elephant grey, black plumed toque; Miss O. Seal looked sweet in a simple little frock of heliotrope with trimmings, and hat of cream; Miss D. Lanauze looked very sweet and girlish in a frock of white lace and muslin, and unbleached straw bucket hat with high bows of black silk; Mrs. Fitzherbert wore a navy Liberty canvas coat and skirt, blue hat with crimson roses; Mrs. Macfarlane, black broadcloth gown, stylish black mushroom hat; Miss Macfarlane looked very pretty in cinnamon silk striped voile, dainty hat lined and bunched with blue; Miss — Macfarlane, rose voile trimmed

with silk, hat en suite; Mrs. Jones, smart fuchsia gown in the Princess style, eoutache and a smart night and morning chip hat; Miss Jones, frock of tussore silk trimmed with pink vandykes and a sweet art hat crowned with moss and pink buds; Mrs. Sunderland wore a stylish helio and green plaid silk muslin, trimmed with pansy silk, large black plumed hat; Mrs. Symes looked well in black silk and black straw toque hat; Mrs. Hurley, cream striped voile, pansy toque; Miss B. Hurley wore a pretty cream frock, trimmed with insertion and a lovely little Kitty Bellairs hat of myosotis blue and pink roses; Miss Dobbie, white frock, hat of burnt straw and black; Mrs. Banks, lovely floral muslin, trained gown, made very gracefully and trimmed with wide helio lace insertion, large French hat bunched with posies, helio ramblers; Mrs. (Dr.) De Lisle wore a white gown, black lace scarf, and black plumed hat, which suited her remarkably well; Mrs. B. Chambers looked well in cream gown, with stylish black and white hat; Mrs. Lindsey looked nice in blue linen coat and skirt, black silk cuffs and revers, and smart hat en suite; Mrs. (Dr.) Nairn looked very graceful in cream silk voile, brown lace scarf, smart brown straw sailor, with tulle and flowers; Mrs. Fenwick, blue linen faced and buttoned with black, large cavalier hat of burnt straw; Mrs. Fannin, natural linen, faced with black, hat in same tones, with crimson roses; Mrs. Gardiner, amethyst gown, hat en suite; Mrs. Newbigen, lavender gown, large hat en suite; Mrs. Newbigen, green embroidered linen, art hat of white; Mrs. Halse, embroidered muslin threaded with rose ribbon, maize straw hat, metal trimmings; Mrs. (Dr.) Barcroft, lovely hand-painted chiffon gown over glace, moss velvet hands, large black hat; Mrs. Lewis looked stylish and elegant in a black gown, with very wide black merveilleux band at bottom of skirt, confining the upper draperies, which were trimmed with black silk insertion, large black chip hat, with tulle and aigrettes; Mrs. Scott wore a chic new shade of green silk, frock very prettily constructed in pleats and tucks, low frilled collar of Paris lace, shoes en suite, and a bucket hat of cream straw, lined with a frill of lace, trimmed with roses and grasses; Mrs. H. Russell's gown was very striking and pretty, constructed in the modish short style, the gown was of rose satin and veiled with black and white bird's-eye silk ninon, and trimmed with black velvet, lovely black hat and plumes; Mrs. Warren wore a chic raw linen, banded with green and white spotted trimming, hat en suite; Mrs. King looked particularly stylish and nice in a mauve serge gown, with pointed upper skirt braided in same shade, sleeves and yoke of gold fillet net and mauve chiffon, smart hat of burnt straw, crimson roses and black stole; Mrs. Shields looked fresh and sweet in handsome cream Bengaline and black hat; Mrs. Kiely was delightful in palest aluminium and cigar-brown tones; Mrs. Cameron, pretty frock of quaint flowered silk, with shot chiffon trimmings, hat en suite. Others present were: Mesdames Douglas, Cooper, Cuthbert, Stronach, Baird, McKibbin, Lawlor, McLeod, Smith, Misses Nairn, Mason, Braithwaite, Fox, Symes, Smeitzer, Rainbow, and Smith.

Personal.

Miss Hodge (Woodford House) returned to Hastings last night after a short holiday in England.
Miss Dobbie has gone to Auckland for a few weeks.
Mrs. H. Russel has returned from Wanganui.
Mrs. Douglas Murray has gone to Gisborne for the holidays.
Mrs. F. Cameron and her two daughters have gone to Masterton.
Mrs. and Miss Luckie have gone to their station for a few weeks.
Colonel and Mrs. Goring are spending a holiday in the Wairarapa district.

SHEILA.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

December 16.

Prisegivings.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather this week's functions had to be postponed. The breaking-up of the schools seems to be the only topic to write about. Miss Stanford's "Chetwood" School held their annual prize-giving last night, when the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Evans attended, and it delighted everyone to see the former about again, after his severe illness. There were several musical items given both by the

senior and junior pupils, while a fascinating little French play, entitled "Felicite," was well acted by six of the pupils. A most recherche supper was given by Miss Stanford, and handed round to the scholars, who all looked charming in their white muslin frocks, and various coloured hair ribbons. Amongst those present were: Miss Stanford, black velvet trimmed with real lace; Mrs. H. Russell, dark green taffetas, trimmed with silk gumpie and relieved with cream lace; Miss Baker, black silk, handsome coral necklet; Mrs. Newton King, cream lace blouse, black silk skirt; Mrs. Wyllie, black silk; Miss Ellis, black satin, with effective silver trimming; Mrs. Walker, black net over a silk foundation; Mrs. Johns, periwinkle blue costume, cream lace vest and undersleeves, with effective design of narrow silk braid on bodice; Mrs. Shaw, cream silk, with black and white trimming; Mrs. Hirst, black; Miss Bromen (Hawera), black silk, with beaded passementerie trimmings; Mrs. Hutton, black silk with spangled shoulder scarf; Miss Warren, cream silk; Mrs. Bradbury, black satin; Mrs. Fitzherbert, black silk softly relieved with white; Mrs. Percy Webster, pale heliotrope cologne over a silk of a darker shade; Mrs. W. Skinner, coffee-coloured lace robe; Miss J. Glynes, heliotrope silk blouse, dark skirt; Mrs. F. G. Evans, grey silk; Miss B. Evans, sage green silk, with cream lace trimmings; Miss M. Webster, cream silk; Mrs. Standish, pale pink muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace; Miss G. Shaw, white linen skirt, cream silk and lace blouse; Miss Fitzherbert, white muslin, profusely tucked and inserted; Miss L. Fitzherbert, white silk; Miss F. Evans, white muslin; Miss Mabel Evans, cream lace, inserted silk; Miss Cormack (Carterton), cream lace blouse, white linen skirt; Miss Mills, white muslin, black velvet centre; Miss Wilson (Ritham), white muslin; Miss L. Webster, pale blue voile, bodice trimmed with cream lace; Miss Atkinson, cinnamon brown muslin, with strappings of a darker brown; Miss Hall, pale pink muslin.

Miss Gay Shaw's Fitzroy kindergarten held their breaking-up last Thursday afternoon, when Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kempthorne gave out the prizes.

In St. Mary's Hall on Friday morning Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Evans presented the prizes to the pupils of Miss Fanny Wood's kindergarten school. It was really a pleasure to see so many bright and happy faces, and very comical it was when the tiny mites, lead by the Rev. Evans, rendered three hearty cheers for their teacher.

Personal.

Mrs. and Miss Webster, who have been on a short visit to Auckland, where they were the guests of Mrs. R. Lusk (the former's daughter), have returned to New Plymouth.
Mrs. and Miss Gapper, who have been the guests of Mrs. Johns, New Plymouth, have returned to their home in Temuka.
Mrs. McClelland has returned to New Plymouth, after her pleasant trip to Wellington.
Misses W. Webster, S. Fitzherbert, and Cormack have returned from their week's trip to the Mountain.
Miss A. Hepton, New Plymouth, has gone for a trip to Sydney.

Miss S. Capel, New Plymouth, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Beamish, of Hastings.
Mrs. Fraser, who has been on a short trip to Auckland, has returned to New Plymouth.

It is announced that Canon Ivens will succeed Rev. F. G. Evans as vicar.

Mr. W. J. Chaney left for Napier last week to take up the duties of chief postmaster there. Mr. J. H. Stevens, inspector of the division, will act as postmaster in New Plymouth until the arrival of Mr. Chaney's successor, Mr. Dryden, of Auckland. Before Mr. Chaney's departure, Mr. Harb, chief clerk, on behalf of the Post and Telegraph Department, presented him (Mr. Chaney) with a handsome liquor stand; while Mr. Canavan who has been transferred to Wellington, was presented with a salad bowl and a case of pipes.

NANCY LEE.

SOUTH TARANAKI.

Hawera, December 16.

A Dance.

Last Wednesday night Mr and Mrs White gave an enjoyable dance at their residence in honour of Miss Turnbull, who is at present their guest. The supper table was prettily decorated with bowls of lovely sweet peas and roses. Mrs White received her guests in a black