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**Afternoon Tea.**

Afternoon tea at the Campbell-street tennis courts was given by Mrs. Sargeant and Miss Krull. Amongst those present were:—Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Carey (Master-ton), Mrs. McNaughton Christie, Miss

Stevenson, Miss Brettargh, Mrs. Sargeant, Mrs. Hutton, Miss Nixon, Miss Moore, Miss Christie, Miss Darley, Miss Shannon, (Rangitikei), Miss Thompson (Sydney), Miss Wilford, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. G. Saunders, Mrs. Inlay, Saunders, Miss Krull, Mrs. Montgonerie, Mrs. A. Izard, and others.

**Personal.**

Miss Shannon, of Rangitikei, is the guest of Mrs. Wall in Wanganui.  
Mrs. W. Carey, of Masterton, is staying in Wanganui with her mother (Mrs. H. F. Christie), St. John's Hill.  
Mrs. Shaw, of Auckland, is staying in Wanganui with her daughter (Mrs. Reaney).  
Mrs. Williams, of Hawke's Bay, is staying in Wanganui with Mrs. A. O. Williams.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to Dunedin.  
Mrs. Rochfort, of Stratford, is staying in Wanganui with her mother (Mrs. A. Lewis).  
Mrs. Pearce, of Hawera, is staying in Wanganui with her mother (Mrs. Hawker).  
Miss Barber, of Palmerston North, is staying in Wanganui with friends.  
Mrs. Darley, of Wanganui, is staying in Wellington with her sister (Mrs. Duncan).  
Miss D. Humphreys, of Palmerston North, is the guest of Mrs. Palmer, in Wanganui.  
Mrs. T. M. Wilford, of Wellington, has been staying in Wanganui with Mrs. Wilford.  
Miss Hoadley, of Napier, who has been staying in Wanganui with Mrs. Gonville Saunders, has returned to her home.  
Mrs. Harvey, of Wellington, is staying in Wanganui with Mrs. Wall.

**PALMERSTON NORTH.**

December 16.  
The marriage of Mr. A. Barrand and Miss M. Abraham took place on Wednesday afternoon. I am sending you an account of it under the head of "Orange Blossoms."

**Garden Fete.**

On the same afternoon a garden fete and sale of work in connection with St. Peter's Church was held in Mr. T. R. Moore's grounds at Terrace End. The different stall-holders were: Plain work, Mesdames Fairbrother, Klutze, and Porteous; fancy stall, Mrs. A. E. Bennett, and the Misses Smith, Buck, and Mowbray; flower stall, Mesdames Lewis, Mansford, and Rumerstrum; sweet stall, Mrs. Sutcliffe, and the Misses Hirtzell, Page, Mead, and Wilkinson; Christmas tree, Miss Fox; tea stall, Mesdames F. Collitt, Allen, and Seeker. A miniature opera house had been erected in the garden, with a stage, scenery, curtain, drop-scene, and all the usual appointments. Here a concert was given, items being contributed by the Misses Drew (3), and Messrs. Nicholls, F. de Clerc, and W. Young. Mrs. Hawson's pupils and friends also gave a number of fancy dances. At night the grounds were electrically lit, and as it was a lovely clear moonlight night the effect was very pretty.

**Breaking-up Dance.**

The Misses Fraser, of Craven School, gave their annual "breaking-up" dance on Tuesday night, which was a delightful ending to the school year, and beginning of the holidays. The Misses Linda Morro, Betty Abraham, Maud and Molly Warburton, Aileen McKnight, Gladys and Ina Moore, Alma, Freda and Margaret Guy, Phyllis Harden, Dorothy and May Morrah, Dorothy Tripe, and many others were present.

**Tennis.**

A number of members practice regularly on the tennis courts, but no tournaments have started yet, and are not likely to now until after the holidays. Mrs. A. McDonald, Mrs. Pickett, the Misses Porter (2), Warburton, Rawson (Wellington), Messrs. Collins, Keeble, Warburton, Spencer, Wray, Hay, Smith, Drew and others have been practising during last week.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Smith and family (Bank of New Zealand) have gone to the Foxton Heads for some weeks.  
Miss Ihall (Auckland) is the guest of Mrs. R. S. Abraham.  
The Misses Bell have gone to Levin to stay with their sister Mrs. E. W.

Hitchings, for a few days. Then they go to Sumner (Christchurch) for three weeks.

Miss Trixie Waldegrave has returned home after a stay of some weeks in Wellington and Paikariki.

Miss Ada Preece (Auckland) has come for the holidays.

Mrs Fuller and children have gone to the Foxton Heads.

Mrs and Miss Coombs are back from a short stay in Wanganui.

**VIOLET.**

**PICTON.**

December 15.

**A Concert.**

This was an occasion which drew a large audience, and was in aid of St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church building fund. The Committee had been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Foster, a vocalist of no mean ability. Other singers were: Miss Draper (Blenheim), Mrs. Nicol, Miss E. Cragg, Misses McCormick and McMahon, and Messrs. McCormick and McIntosh. The Picton Band played several selections. Miss Chambers finished the accompaniments in her usual finished manner.

**Personal.**

Mrs. Duckworth and Miss Kys are staying in Picton.  
Miss Seymour, High-street, paid a short visit to Wellington last week to meet her brother and sister. Mr. and Mrs. George Seymour, who have just returned from a tour in England and the Continent. They stay a short time with Mr. and Miss Seymour.  
The Misses Huddleston, Blenheim, are staying with Mrs. Haslett, Waikanae road.  
The Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, Missioner, left by the Patea on Tuesday for Wellington.

Mr. Lucena, Wellington-street, has been elected by a substantial majority to fill the vacancy in the Council, caused by the promotion of Councillor Redman to the Mayoralty.

Mrs. Lucena has gone to visit friends in Wellington.

Miss M. McNab was in Picton for a few days last week, visiting Mrs. Maitland.

**BELLE.**

**NELSON.**

December 15.

**Wedding Reception.**

A large reception was given by Mrs. Glasgow, "Brooklands," on the occasion of her daughter's (Miss Rose Mary Glasgow) wedding to Mr. John Broad of Marton. The wedding breakfast was held in the dining room which was beautifully decorated with pale pink roses, the bride's name flower. Mrs. Glasgow, who received in the wide hall, wore a handsome toilette of rich black silk, with a mauve toque, and a white lace scarf. Mrs. Alec Glasgow was very handsomely gowned in black charmesse satin, with tunic of black silk fisher net, with long fringed ends. She wore a smart tricorn hat of tassel straw trimmed with large black poppies, and a white ostrich feather bon. Her bouquet was of mauve sweet peas; Mrs. Hal Cook wore white embroidered muslin, with black satin scarf, and her purple straw hat was wreathed with tiny roses; she carried a bouquet of mauve and pale pink sweet peas; Mrs. Jack Glasgow, saxe blue crys-talline over silk, black hat; Mrs. Myles, black chiffon tuffetas, black and white bonnet with cerise roses, scarf of white Spanish lace; Miss Mules, shell pink muslin, white hat wreathed with pink hyacinths; Mrs. Bunny, black and white check costume, black hat with blue roses; Miss M. Bunny, pale blue chiffon, black picture hat with pink rosebuds; Mrs. C. H. Broad, lovely frock of grey ninon over silk with vest of tucked white net, green hat with green plume; Mrs. Francis Richmond, heliotrope ninon, hat of the same shade; Miss Richmond, pale pink floral muslin over silk, green hat with clusters of blue forget-me-nots; Mrs. Philip Andrew (Stoke), grey glaze gown, becoming black hat; Mrs. Styche, cream serge tailormade, purple straw hat, with iris bouquet; Mrs. Clark, black silk, floral toque; Miss L. Oldham, blue striped ninon over silk, black hat; Mrs. Harris, black silk, toque of pink roses; Mrs. Leggatt, black tuffeta, black and white hat; Miss V. Leggatt, green Shantung, large hat with pink roses; Miss Cook, violet cloth, toque to match; Miss L. Jones (Napier), grey satin cloth, black hat; Miss Georgie

Jones, becoming black lace frock over white silk, hat with pink roses; Mrs. Hayes, graceful gown of strawberry voile, hat of white chiffon, veiled with black lace; Mrs. Heaps, black silk mauve toque; Miss Ledger, pale grey voile over satin, picture hat with brown roses; Miss L. Ledger, mauve floral muslin, hat with mauve flowers; Mrs. Hamilton Smith (Melbourne), grey Ottoman silk, black toque; Mrs. S. Gibbs, pale grey ninon, large black hat with pink roses; Miss Gibbs, white muslin, black hat; Miss Houliker, white embroidered muslin, pink hat with roses; Mrs. Macquiere, black silk, green hat; Mrs. Henderson, green Shantung, leghorn hat with black velvet; Miss Trolove, pale blue linen, becoming blue straw hat, lined with black; Mrs. Tomlinson, black brocade; Misses Tomlinson, pretty floral muslin frocks, hats with roses; Mrs. Ellis, black silk, black toque; Miss L. Ellis, tussore silk frock, wide hat with black velvet; Mrs. Kempthorne, roseda voile, green hat; Miss Mary Clark, pink linen, large hat with black bows; Miss Edwards, white voile with silk galon, smart green hat with cluster of rosebuds; Miss F. Edwards, mauve and green floral muslin, white hat with green bows, and masses of mauve hydrangeas. There were also present: Bishop of Nelson, Rev. J. P. Kempthorne, Mr. A. J. Glasgow, Mr. Harold Glasgow (New Plymouth), Mr. Jack Glasgow, Mr. J. H. Cook, Mr. Hal Cook, Mr. Bernard Glasgow, Mr. Charles Broad, Mr. Cecil Levison, Messrs. Clark, Macquiere, F. Richmond, Quilliam, Selwyn, Kempthorne, etc.

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