

Karori to high on the hills, and only a tantalising far-away glimpse of blue sea can be obtained.

Then, the little ones of the Pre-Byterian Orphanage are also going to have a good time, and they have been helped by four energetic small girls at the Hutt—Flora and Jean McCaskell and Marjorie Tresidder and Annie Mellivride—who got up a little sale of work on their own initiative to provide funds for the treat.

Christmas Weddings

Christmas always brings a number of weddings, so there has been a certain amount of gaiety in honour of the bride-elect.

Last week Miss Dorothy Bulkley gave a tea for Miss Doughty, whose marriage with Mr Hornbrook takes place almost immediately. There was quite a bridal air about the decorations, given by the narrow white satin ribbons that formed a trellis overhead, and were caught to the corners of the tea tables. Delicate sweet peas in graceful vases ornamented the tea tables, while the drawing-room was a harmony in mauve. Recitations and songs by several of the guests gave much pleasure, and the guest of honour received many good wishes and congratulations. Miss Dorothy Bulkley wore pale blue nimon de soie, furred into a deep hem of satin in the same shade, net yoke and sleeves; Miss Doughty, a white embroidered linen tailor-made, white Tegal hat with pale blue bows; Mrs Bulkley, black crepe de chine and lace; Miss Kathleen Bulkley, a lingerie robe of lawn and lace; Miss K. Doughty, natural Tussock tailor-made, Leghorn hat with roses; Mrs T. Cameron (Walrapp), the lace yoke; Mrs F. Didsbury, linen tailor-made, jabot of lace, black hat; Mrs G. Fulton, pale blue nimon de soie, and hat with roses.

Wellington and Auckland people are equally interested in the marriage of Miss Ethel McKellar and Mr Law—which is more fully described elsewhere—as the brides' people are well known in Auckland, from whence the bridegroom also hails, although he has been stationed in Wellington for the last few years.

Garden Party.

A large garden party was given by Mrs. St. George at her residence, Wright-street, on Saturday afternoon. The day was a perfect one, and the visitors much enjoyed strolling about the pretty garden and coming unexpectedly on little tea tables set in shady nooks. Some good games of tennis were played by the more energetic ones. Mrs. St. George wore an embroidered linen gown with black hat; Miss St. George, cream Shantung; Miss Jessie St. George, a white embroidered muslin, floral hat; Mrs. McTavish, white linen, black hat with tips; Miss Halse, grey voile, floral hat; Mrs. Mitford, pinkish blue, black hat; Miss E. Halse, white muslin; Mrs. Hill, heliotrope Shantung, hat with violets. Others present were: Messdames Cooper, Pasemore, Watts, Masemore, Misses O'Sullivan, Isaacs and Bailey.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. Morrison's tea was for Mrs. Charlie Crawford, who is one of the many lucky people off to England next year for the Coronation. The day was a delightful one, and the view over the picturesque garden towards the Hutt Valley was much admired. Sweet peas and carnations with other summer flowers, decorated the rooms, and the garden was gay and bright. The hostess wore a Princess gown of taupe eolienne over charmeuse of lace; her daughter had on a pretty lingerie robe of lawn and lace with delicate embroideries; Mrs. Crawford was wearing mist grey nimon de soie, cleverly draped over a shimmering dress with embroideries of tulle and aluminium, picture hat with flowers.

Obituary.

The death of Mr. Henry Hadfield, eldest son of the late Primate of New Zealand, will plunge many families into mourning. His mother, it may be remembered, was a sister of Mr. T. C. Williams (Auckland). Mr. Hadfield, who, with his wife and family, had just returned from England, had been suffering from an internal complaint, and the voyage was undertaken with the view of getting the best medical advice obtainable in London. However, the relief was only temporary, and Mr. Hadfield was practically a dying man when he was landed from the Rotomua. Much sympathy has been felt for Mrs. Hadfield, who is a daughter of the Rev. W. H. Tuckey. The funeral took place at the cemetery, Tutuora, Marton, where the late Bishop and Mrs. Hadfield are buried.

Farewell Tea.

A farewell tea to the Misses Nathan, who are leaving for England, was given by the Misses Simpson at Kirkcaldie's tea rooms last week. Misses Fulton, Stafford, Miles, Ewen (2), Haybittle, Russell, Nelson, and Mrs McLean were present.

Personal.

Some of the many people who are in or near Picton are Mr and Mrs Gerald Fitzgerald, the Misses MacKenzie, Mr, Mrs and Miss Litchfield, Mr and Mrs Corliss, Miss Clegborn, Mr and Miss Knox, Mr and Mrs Herdman (who are at Pelorus).

Mr and Mrs and Miss Rawson have gone to Mount Cook for the holidays.

Mr and Mrs Dalziel are in Dunedin, where Mrs Wilford is also, the latter staying with her parents, Sir George and Lady Maclean.

Miss Coates is paying her Christmas visit to Auckland, and Miss Sommerville is staying with friends in the same city; while Mrs James Macintosh Bell, who has been here for some weeks, has gone North again.

Miss Lloyd-Hassell is visiting relations in Timaru.

Miss Turton is paying a round of visits in Canterbury.

OPRELLA.

CAMBRIDGE.

December 23.

Dinner Party.

On Saturday evening Dr. and Mrs. Roberts gave a most enjoyable dinner party upon the occasion of the anniversary of their wedding day. The table decorations were carried out with shades of pink sweet peas artistically arranged. Bridge and music were the amusements of the evening. Mrs. Roberts received her guests in creme silk with yoke and panel of creme silk lace; Mrs. R. J. Roberts, black silk voile, trimmed with silk and transparent yoke and sleeves of all-over black lace; Mrs. B. Couper, white muslin and lace blouse and black crepe de chine skirt over black glee; Mrs. A. B. Herrold (Auckland), creme net blouse trimmed with pale blue and black silk skirt; Mrs. Nicoll, creme all-over lace blouse, trimmed with pale blue silk and creme chiffon taffeta skirt; Miss Gwynneth, grey paillette silk, trimmed with silver tissue, and grey silk applique, white tulle net yoke and under-sleeves.

A Concert.

On Saturday afternoon a number of friends from Hamilton came through by train and drove up to Te Waikato Sanatorium and gave the inmates an excellent concert. Mr. Gribble, who was at the head of the undertaking, took the opportunity to present Dr. E. E. Roberts with an illuminated leather scroll as a small mark of appreciation of his untiring care and great kindness to all who came in contact with him in his efforts to combat the "great white plague." The presentation was made on behalf of past members of the staff and patients. A further presentation was made to Mrs. Roberts of a tea set of valuable Belleek china, and in making it Mr. Gribble said though times might change, the good work done on the hill could neither be undone nor forgotten, and it was the united wish of the staff and patients that Dr. and Mrs. Roberts might long be spared to see the results of their untiring efforts. The Doctor suitably replied, and, after the conclusion of the proceedings, the party drove back to Hamilton.

"The Night of the Party."

Mr. George Willoughby and his English Comedy Company played "The Night of the Party" in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening to a crowded house and most appreciative audience. Amongst those present I noticed: Mrs. R. Reynolds, in white silk blouse and black skirt; Mrs. Wells, black cashmere de soie with tucked yoke of black crepe de chine; Miss H. Wells, black chiffon taffeta; Mrs. Landon, heliotrope voile with creme lace vest; Mrs. E. Edmonds, creme voile; Mrs. A. Gane, white silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Clark, white embroidered silk frock; Mrs. Couper, white muslin blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Crowther, pale blue blouse, black skirt; Miss Richardson, black chiffon taffeta evening dress, white shoulder scarf; Mrs. E. E. Roberts, white embroidered muslin; Mrs. Nicoll, white embroidered muslin; Mrs. Farnall, pale blue

silk blouse, black silk skirt; Mrs. Scott, white silk; Mrs. Taylor, black gown and black and white shoulder scarf; Mrs. Mackereth, reseda chiffon taffeta with creme lace yoke.

A Theatrical Visit.

On Monday evening the Plimmer-Deniston Company played "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" in the Town Hall to a large audience. Amongst so many it was difficult to see many of the dresses, but those I noticed were: Mrs. Taylor, black gown and black and white scarf; Miss Taylor, creme silk and lace frock; Mrs. R. J. Roberts, black voile, yoke and sleeves of black lace; Mrs. Richardson, black silk; Miss Banks, creme crepe de chine, trimmed with lace; Mrs. E. E. Roberts, creme silk and lace gown; Mrs. Nicoll, creme all-over lace, trimmed with pale blue silk, black silk skirt; Mrs. Farnall, white satin blouse, black silk skirt and black silk bretelles on the bodice; Mrs. W. Scott, creme silk blouse and creme skirt; Mrs. Edmonds, creme gown; Mrs. E. Souter, white silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Kaber-Harrison, black silk evening dress with white lace berthe; Mrs. N. Banks, white silk; Mrs. Rout, white silk blouse, black skirt; Mrs. Landon, black silk with creme lace yoke; Miss Gwynneth, black and white striped silk with yoke and sleeves of Valenciennes lace; Miss Richardson, white net and lace blouse, black skirt; Miss Beale, tussore silk gown, blue cloak; Mrs. A. Gibbons, white muslin gown, pretty pink theatre coat; Miss Hally, white embroidered muslin, dainty coat of pale blue; Miss M. Taylor, pale grey frock with white lace yoke; Miss B. Taylor, pale pink silk frock; Miss Landon, pale blue silk frock; Miss K. Hally, white muslin and red cloak; Miss Roberts, white muslin; Miss M. Roberts, white muslin frock; Miss Willis, white silk blouse, creme skirt; Miss C. Willis, white silk with yoke and sleeves of all-over lace; Mrs. E. J. Wilkin-on, white muslin blouse and black skirt.

Personal.

Miss Beale left Cambridge on Tuesday for Auckland to pay a round of visits, going in the first place to Mrs. Towle, of Epsom.

Miss Wells returned home, this week after being a month in Auckland.

ELSIE.

ROTORUA.

December 23.

At Home.

Mr and Mrs L. Birks gave a delightful "At Home" last Wednesday afternoon, when a large number of guests were invited to meet Sir Joseph and Lady Ward. Fortunately the day was fine (the weather has been so dreadful lately), and the pretty old garden at Pukeroa Cottage was seen to advantage. Mrs Birks' residence on the slope of Pukeroa Hill is an ideal place for garden parties, and an added charm is the lovely view of the lake. The house was bright with sweet peas and carnations and poppies, and a most delicious afternoon tea was served. Mr and Mrs Bartlett (piano and flute) and Mr Pawson (cello) gave some delightful music, and Dr. Crooke accompanied. Vocal solos were given by Miss Eileen Ward. Lady Ward was exquisitely gowned in heliotrope nimon over satin, and a large black picture hat; Miss Eileen Ward and Mrs Cyril Ward both wore dainty white hailstone muslin frocks, and black hats. Mrs Birks received in a soft white silk gown, much tucked. She was assisted during the afternoon by her sister-in-law, Miss Charlie Birks, and her cousin, Miss Johnston. Bonnie little Baby Birks received a full measure of attention, and Master Pat Ward appeared to thoroughly enjoy himself. Amongst the guests present were: Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, Miss Ward and Mrs Cyril Ward, Dr. and Mrs Findlay, Hon. A. E. and Mrs Guinness, Mr and Mrs Eric Gold Smith (Auckland), Dr. and Mrs Wohlmann, Mr and Mrs J. A. Empson, Mrs R. W. Dyer, Mrs F. Rhodes, Mrs and Miss Malfroy, Mr and Mrs W. R. Blow, Mr and Mrs Troup (Wellington), Rev. and Mrs Miss Scott, Rev. F. Bennett, Mr and Mrs Bruce (Adelaide), Mr Beakes (Wellington), Mr J. Hislop (Wellington), Mrs Flower, Mr and Mrs Carter, Mrs Glanville Hicks, Mrs Gardner, Mr and Mrs Carter, Mr and Mrs Urquhart, Mrs Knight, Mr and Mrs Moorhouse, Miss Pownall, Mrs A. D. Maxwell, Mr and Mrs W. Hill, Mrs Ann Robertson, Mrs D. Landon, Mr Reynolds, Mr Kirby, Doctors Crooke, Endlitzberger, Bertram, Hay, and others.

Children's Party.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Flower gave a most delightful children's party at the Bank. About 30 children were present, and there was a gorgeously-lighted and arranged Christmas tree (from which every child received a present), a supper, endless games, and some jolly grown-ups to help make them "go" and, in fact, everything needed to make a child's party delightful.

Personal.

Sir Joseph and Lady Ward, Miss Ward, Mrs. Cyril Ward and her infant son, Mr. Gladstone Ward, and Master Pat Ward are all staying at the Grand Hotel. Sir Joseph is accompanied by his private secretaries (Mr. J. Hislop and Mr. F. Matthews).

Other visitors at the Grand just now, are: Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Findlay and family, the Hon. J. A. Millar, the Hon. A. R. Guinness, and Mr. A. E. Glover, M.P. Mr. Poulton accompanies Dr. Findlay as secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Gold Smith, of Auckland, were here, and have gone on to Tauranga on a visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Aubin have returned to Auckland.

Mrs. Troutbeck, of Napier, is here. Mrs. Lerner and her family are here for the holidays.

Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., of Wellington, is staying at the Geyser Hotel, Whaka.

Mrs. Rook, of Auckland, is staying at the Grand Hotel.

RATA.

GISBORNE.

December 18.

The Town Fete.

With Xmas festivities so close at hand, social matters are very dull, but the arrival of the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr and Mrs. D. Lysnar) from England on Wednesday last caused quite a stir in the town, a most enthusiastic reception being accorded them on their return home. Owing to the death of Mrs. Tiffen (Mrs. Lysnar's mother) the arrangements made for their reception were curtailed somewhat at the request of both Mr. and Mrs. Lysnar, but the Teatue was gay with bunting, flags flying, the City Band playing in a large procession to the Firebell Tower, where the Mayor was publicly welcomed, and all Gisborne was en fete. Miss W. Wootton presented, on behalf of the Cook County Women's Guild, to Mrs. Lysnar a beautiful bouquet, the colours in the flowers being heliotrope and white. Mr. and Mrs. Lysnar were escorted home in a carriage drawn by four greys, the Firebell Tower being beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery.

Personal.

Dr. Schumacher left on Saturday to join the Aorangi in Auckland, being appointed ship's doctor on that vessel.

Mrs. Dormer, accompanied by her son and daughter (Miss F. Dormer and Mr. J. Dormer), arrived in Gisborne from England on Wednesday last.

Mr. C. P. Davies returned from Auckland on Wednesday.

ELSIE.

NAPIER.

December 21.

The Week.

No social events have taken place this week; everyone is so busy with Xmas shopping. The children are all home for the holidays, and many country visitors are in Napier; in fact, everyone is rushing wildly about wondering why in the world they have left so much for the last few days, and although there are extra assistants in most shops it is a wearying business waiting for one's turn.

Numerous private tents have been pitched on the beach, and as the weather is exceedingly hot and sultry bathing in the baths and in the sea goes on most of the day. Last night the Kia Ora Club held their swimming sports in the Municipal Baths. There was a good attendance, and a novelty race in which the competitor had to swim across the baths in his nightgown holding a lighted candle in his hand, caused great amusement.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cairn, of Powerere, are on a visit to Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, of Gravas, are visiting Napier.