

Mr. and Mrs. Cudam, of Auckland, are staying at Brent's.

The Maori Mission Choir concerts are as popular as ever, and deservedly so, for they are delightful entertainments, and, thanks to the Rev. F. Bennett, who presides, instructive as regards the Maori in many ways. They are held every Thursday evening. The Maori Mission bazaar will be held next week, and is sure to be well attended. The proceeds are to go towards the building of the new church at Ohinemutu. There are many who would be sorry to say good-bye to the dear little old church on the sunken point at Ohinemutu, but it is probable that it will not be moved.

RATA.

GISBORNE.

February 2.

Afternoon Tea.

An afternoon tea, given by Miss MacLean for the Misses Barker, on their departure for England, took place last Monday. During the afternoon a rhyme-making competition took place. The result caused a good deal of amusement, the prize-winner being Miss G. Williams.

Miss MacLean wore a dainty white muslin, trimmed with white embroidery; Miss E. Barker, Paisley ninon over saxe blue satin, blue hat; Miss L. Barker, white muslin, mauve hat; Miss F. Barker, cream eolienne, burnt straw hat, pink roses; Miss M. Barker, white muslin, pink chiffon hat; Mrs. P. Barker, grey crepe, touches of black, white hat, trimmed with black; Mrs. Gully, cream coat and skirt, large black hat; Mrs. R. Willock, vieux rose costume, hat en suite; Miss Black, white muslin, burnt straw hat; Miss Bennett, white muslin, purple and gold hat; Miss Dormer, Royal blue cloth, touches of crimson, black hat; Miss Murray, white muslin, brown and pink hat; Miss Brabant (Napier), cream cloth, black hat; Miss F. Davies, white linen, black and gold hat; Miss Gray, saxe blue costume, oyster hat trimmed with saxe blue; Miss Nolan, white embroidered muslin, blue hat; Miss H. Nolan, white linen, white hat trimmed with mauve; Miss M. Hamner (Christchurch) white muslin, touches of pink, white hat with pink; Miss M. Sherratt, green costume, burnt straw hat; Miss M. Wachsmann, cream costume, cream hat; Miss B. Bradley, white muslin, blue hat; Miss Pyke, white linen, lace hat.

Tea was served during the afternoon on the verandah.

Bon Voyage.

One of the jolliest little evenings given in Gisborne took place on Friday evening last, when Mrs. J. Blair (Kaiki) gave a small progressive euchre party and dance for the Misses Barker, who are leaving shortly for England. Mrs. Blair, who received her guests in the entrance hall, wore a pretty gown of white floral muslin over dark green silk; Miss Evans, pale blue ninon, caught up with old gold silk, with finishings of same on bodice; Miss E. Barker, blue satin; Miss L. Barker, pink satin, white net overdress; Miss M. Barker, pink satin with bugle trimming; Miss M. Sherratt, pale blue ninon, silver bead trimming; Miss Symes, white chiffon over glaze silk; Miss Ensor, flame-coloured silk gown; Miss Black, vieux rose silk; Miss Anderson (Motu), pink floral muslin gown over silk; Miss M. Williamson, pale blue silk; Miss White, pale blue chiffon taffeta, pearl trimming; Miss L. Coleman, heliotrope silk; Miss Murray, old rose glaze silk; Miss MacLean, pink satin, bodice of pink net; Miss Bradley, pale blue satin; Miss Bennett, white net over silk; Miss Dormer, white net over satin, trimmings of bugle passementerie; Miss Ferguson, white silk, touches of pale blue.

Miss H. Black carried off first prize for euchre, Mr. S. Murray receiving gentleman's 1st prize.

Afternoon Tea.

A most enjoyable afternoon tea was given on Wednesday last by Mrs. Willock at her picturesque residence on Kaiki, the flowers in the garden, one of the loveliest in Gisborne, being a perfect picture, even the paths being carpeted with many coloured ice plants, which seemed almost sacrilege to step on.

Mrs. Willock received her guests in the hall entrance, her gown, a very graceful one, being of black chiffon taffeta, slightly trained, trimmed bands of black velvet, a vest of folded white chiffon edged with Irish point d'aeneon,

large floral hat; Miss Willis, who assisted in entertaining, wore white embroidered linen, hat with roses; Mrs. P. Willock, white embroidered muslin, white hat with crimson flowers; Mrs. J. Clark, charming costume of black and white floral chiffon over glaze foundation, steel passementerie and fringing, large black hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs. Foster, black silk and lace, black bonnet; Mrs. Rees, black silk, mantle of Chantilly lace, black bonnet, with white chiffon touches; Mrs. A. Rees, brown ninon de soie, hat to correspond; Mrs. Reeve, sage green silk with touches of blue, toque to match; Mrs. White, deep heliotrope silk costume, floral heliotrope hat; Mrs. Hughes, buff-coloured silk, burnt straw hat, trimmed with black silk; Mrs. Burke, wedgwood blue silk, toque to match; Mrs. Carter, heliotrope linen, trimmed with darker shade velvet, heliotrope toque; Mrs. Ensor, heliotrope and white silk foulard, floral toque to match; Mrs. Bennett, black and white silk costume; Mrs. Symes, violet Shantung coat and skirt, hat with violets; Mrs. Barker, black silk gown, black bonnet; Mrs. F. B. Barker, reseda green silk, large hat with ospreys; Mrs. Sherratt, pink linen, black satin revers, grey satin straw hat trimmed with pink flowers; Mrs. W. R. Sherratt, grey linen coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Gray, black and white floral muslin, hat to match; Mrs. Williams, graceful gown of pale blue Shantung, large pale blue hat; Mrs. Mann, violet silk gown, large picture hat trimmed with violets; Mrs. Nolan, pretty dress of heliotrope silk, floral toque; Mrs. Dormer, heliotrope linen gown, large picture hat to match; Mrs. Lusk (Napier), black and white chiffon voile, large picture hat; Mrs. Russell (Hawke's Bay), striking costume of pashy ninon over silk, large bucket hat to match; Mrs. Kels, heliotrope gown, large brown bucket hat with green touches; Mrs. Pyke, smart gown of Wedgwood blue silk, Maltese lace scarf, toque to match; Mrs. Stephenson, white silk, pale green hat with ostrich tips; Mrs. Morrison, charming Princess robe of petunia cloth, trimmed with velvet, hat en suite; Mrs. Gully, clinging Princess robe of pale blue Shantung with lace panelling, hat to match; Mrs. Stock, white embroidered muslin gown, hat with flowers; Mrs. Matthews, cream embroidered voile, large hat with pink roses; Miss Gray, white linen, hat to match; Miss Foster, white muslin, large black and white picture hat; Mrs. MacLean, white linen coat and skirt, floral toque; Miss Brooks Taylor, black silk and lace; Mrs. Brooke, brown silk ninon, brown hat; Mrs. Butterfield, sage green linen coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Blair, green silk costume, hat trimmed flowers; Mrs. Hamilton, black and white voile, pretty crinoline straw toque of black.

Personal.

Mrs. Agnew-Brown left last week for a stay in Wellington. Miss Anderson (Motu), who has been a guest of Mrs. Black (Kaiki), left for Wellington on Sunday. Miss Brabant (Napier) is at present visiting Gisborne.

ELSA.

NAPIER.

February 3.

The Week.

In the way of gaieties, small picnics and bathing parties are the most popular things just now. This week sees the end of the school holidays, and when once the children have returned to school much of the delightful freedom of the summer days is over.

Party at Bishopscourt.

The Bishop and Mrs. Averil gave a very enjoyable party last week; guessing competitions of all kinds caused much amusement, and there was some good music during the evening. Amongst those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Henley, Mrs. and Miss Ruddock, Mr. and Mrs. Levien, Mrs. George, the Misses Snodgrass, Lever, Coates, McCarthy, Dr. Harvey, Mr. Coates, Mr. McKay, and many others.

Euchre Party.

Mrs. Humphreys, Bluff Hill, gave a most successful progressive euchre party on Tuesday evening. It is some time since this game has been played in Napier, and everyone returned to it with renewed interest. The prizes, which were really lovely, were won by Mr. and Mrs. Levien, Miss Hindmarsh, Miss Curtis, and Mr. Allen.

Personal.

Mrs. Logan has gone to Taupo for a few weeks.

Mrs. Von Dadleson has returned from the country, and is staying with Lady Whitmore.

Mrs. Wilson (Christchurch) is visiting Mrs. Averil (Bishopscourt).

Miss Jamieson (Glenross) is on a visit to Napier.

Miss Fraser (Craven, Palmerston) has been visiting Mrs. Ormond, Tintagel.

Mrs. Davidson, Bluff Hill, has returned from England.

Mrs. and Miss Busby (Tokomaru Bay) have been visiting Napier.

Miss Valentine has returned from Melbourne.

Miss Flora Navin (Hastings) is visiting Lady Whitmore.

Miss E. Douglas has returned to Napier from Christchurch.

Miss Morton (Auckland) is visiting Napier.

Miss Dewes and Miss Gladys Hill have left for a month's tour round the coast of New Zealand.

MARJORIE.

HASTINGS.

February 2.

Socially, Hastings is very quiet, the only stir being caused by the cheap sales, and, judging by the large numbers of buyers, I am sure the tradesmen must be doing good business.

Many campers have returned from the Grange beach—Mrs. Hurley and family, Mrs. Beyers and family, Mrs. O. Scott and family, Mrs. Halse and family, Mrs. M. Smith and family.

Some stylish street frocks I have noticed lately are:—Mrs. Tossawill, lettuce-green and cream spotted silk, hobble skirt banded with plain lettuce silk, lace yoke and sleeves, large black hat; Mrs. W. Stead, dark caramel brown Russian costume, smart black hat; Misses Munroe, pretty white muslin frocks, with lace insertion, large black mushroom hats wreathed with white daisies; Miss Newbigen, green embroidered linen, hat en suite; Mrs. Scott, amethyst linen hobble frock, large amethyst straw hat banded with black velvet and bunch of black daisies; Mrs. McLeod, light caramel brown linen coat and skirt, bucket straw hat with large bows of caramel silk; Mrs. De Lisle, white frock, embroidered, large black hat; Mrs. Lewis, black and white check hobble frock, black straw bucket hat with large black bows.

Personal.

Dr. and Mrs. Macdonell have returned from Wellington.

Mrs. Nairn and family have returned from Norsewood.

Mrs. Scannell and family have returned from Norsewood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Faulkner have returned from Rotorua.

Mrs. Gascoyne has her niece, Miss Carr (England), staying with her.

Mrs. Cameron has returned to Masterton.

The many friends of Mr. Charlie Hobbs will be pleased to learn that he is making great progress with his studies for the ministry, and from latest news received was going to spend the Christmas holidays with Sir Wm. and Lady Russel, in Somerset.

SHELLA.

FEILDING.

February 4.

Mrs. Levett gave a most enjoyable garden party at her residence "Ratanui," on Tuesday of last week. It was a glorious day, and the garden looked beautiful. There were several competitions. The hostess received her guests in a

pretty frock of black and white, black picture hat; Mrs. Gill (Wellington) wore a black frock, pretty black bonnet; Misses Levett (2), pretty white frocks; Mrs. Luxmore, grey dress, hat to match; Mrs. Banks, mauve coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs. Gillespie, pink linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat trimmed with black; Mrs. Horrocks, pale grey frock, black hat; Mrs. Beelie, pale blue silk frock trimmed with cream embroidery, large black hat; Mrs. Jacob, pretty frock of Paisley silk, black and white hat. Amongst the guests I noticed Mesdames Shannon, McBeth, Willis, Meyrick, Mayo, Conway, Hocking, Kidd, Baddeley, Callanan; Misses Bruce (2), Shannon, Bensham, Barnett (3) Wellington, and Williams (Timaru); also Messrs. Conway, Shannon (2), Bloxam, Baldeley, French, McBeth, Bailey, Meyrick (2), Jacob, Luxmore, and Banks.

Personal.

Mrs. Innes Jones and family have returned from the seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have returned from a holiday to Rona Bay.

Miss J. Bruce has returned from a holiday at Plimmerton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper and family have returned from their holiday.

Mrs. Bruce and family (Cheltenham) have gone to Day's Bay.

Miss Prior has returned from Plimmerton.

Miss Walker has gone to Day's Bay to stay with Mrs. Bruce.

Mrs. McCallum and children have gone to Foxton for a fortnight's holiday.

TUL.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Entertainment.

In St. Mary's Hall last Tuesday evening a number of friends were invited by Dr. and Mrs. H. Leatham to witness a charming dramatic sketch of scenes from the "Scarlet Pimpernel," which was arranged and acted by a number of school-girls, mostly visitors to the town. They arranged the parts, taking them out of the book, and the wardrobe was also deftly manipulated under their able fingers. One could hardly realise that such a difficult thing could be done under the management of a juvenile band. The parts were taken by the following:—Miss Teatra Wilson (principal organizer), The Scarlet Pimpernel; Miss B. Mathew, Lady Blakeney; Miss Mabel Evans, the Countess de Tournay; Miss Joyce Munro, Lord Antony; Miss Constance Leatham, Chauvelin; Miss Keitha Leatham, Susanne and Brogrid; Miss Gertrude Dodgshun, Jellyband. The latter was robed in a pretty rose pink crepe, piped with black, and relieved with cream lace; Miss Leatham, ciel blue satin charmeuse with front panel and berthe of silver sequined net; Miss Mathews looked well in cream silk, chiffon fichu, relieved with one pale pink rose; Mrs. Collins, black satin, silver sequined scarf; Miss Arden, white silk;

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