

SOUTH TARANAKI.

HAWERA, February 3.

Garden Party.

Mr and Mrs A. W. Gillies gave a most enjoyable garden party at their lovely residence last Wednesday to introduce Mr and Mrs Stanley Reid, Mrs Gillies' brother and sister-in-law. The gardens looked beautiful, and were in perfect order. During the afternoon numerous competitions were held, the prizes being won by Miss M. Moore and Mr Powell, for the greatest number of points won. Delicious afternoon tea was served on the lawns under the trees. Mrs Gillies received her guests in a very pretty embroidered gown, finished at the waist with a blue satin sash, white hat with blue ribbon and pink flowers; Mrs Reid, handsome frock of rose coloured eolienne, trimmed with Oriental embroidery and black velvet, black picture hat; Mrs Nelder, white embroidered muslin, blue coat braided in black, black hat lined with blue; Mrs Caplen, black chiffon taffeta, cream Maltese lace collar, black plumed hat; Mrs White, black charmeuse, white ostrich feather boa, black hat; Mrs Moore, grey linen coat and skirt, heliotrope hat trimmed with grey; Mrs Lysaght, green coat and skirt, black hat with white flowers; Mrs Nolan, black gauze over white, trimmed with black satin and silk lace, blue hat; Mrs Dingle, black crepe de chine, a lovely black hat with plumes; Mrs McLean, grey and black brocaded silk gown, black hat; Mrs T. Atkinson, a smart costume of grey cloth, braided, hat to match; Mrs O'Callaghan, cream serge coat and skirt, blue hat with pink flowers; Mrs Bell, pale pink voile, black and white hat with pink flowers; Mrs Barton, black Russian coat and skirt, small black hat with wreath of heliotrope flowers; Mrs Thomson, grey tweed coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Williams, white and black striped serge costume, cream hat; Mrs O. Hawken, white muslin frock, violet hat trimmed with heliotrope flowers and ribbon; Mrs Kimbell, white embroidery muslin, small black hat; Mrs C. Hawken, white frock, black hat; Mrs Willis was wearing white, and a black hat; Miss Russell (Christchurch), a pretty frock of champagne silk trimmed with rose coloured silk, black plumed hat; Miss Turton, grey cloth frock, rose hat with wreath of shaded roses; Miss Pratt, blue floral muslin, black hat; Miss Clapcott, white lawn, black hat; Miss Nolan, black lace frock, grey hat trimmed with small pink roses and black velvet; Miss B. Nolan, cream crystalline, green hat with shaded roses; Miss E. Caplen, green charmeuse frock, trimmed with cream lace, cream hat with green satin bows; Misses Moore (2) were wearing green linen costumes, hats to match; Miss Douglas, heliotrope linen costume, brown hat; Miss Brett, white linen coat and skirt, violet hat; Miss Littlejohn (Wellington), black and white striped muslin frock, white hat with a wreath of white roses; Miss Dingle, a sweet frock of shaded heliotrope and green chiffon, cream hat with plumes to match the frock; Miss McLean, brown frock, trimmed with silk and braiding of a lighter shade, brown hat with white feathers; Miss Hunter (Waikato), dainty white muslin, black hat with pink flowers; Miss Baird, cream Sicilian costume, grey hat trimmed with shades of heliotrope flowers.

Personal.
Mr and Mrs A. W. Webster have returned to Hawera after an enjoyable trip to England and the Continent.
Miss Hunter (Waikato) is visiting friends here.
Mrs R. McLean is spending a short holiday in Wellington.
Miss Brown, who has been the guest of Mrs Barton, has left for her home in Australia.
Miss Whitcombe has returned from Christchurch.

JOAN.

STRATFORD.

February 3.

The weather has been glorious, picnics and all sorts of outdoor amusements being the order of the day. Every day parties go up the mountain to visit the falls, and, perhaps, climb to the summit.
Mrs O. Curtis gave a delightful picnic at the Ngaere Gardens on Saturday, the guests arriving per bicycle, horse, trap, train, and motor.

The aquatic sports held here on Thursday night (by electric light) at the school baths were very well patronised, and in spite of its being a cool evening, the intrepid performers did not hesitate to plunge in. Some of the diving was very good indeed.
Many hundreds availed themselves of the excursion on Thursday to New Plymouth, the town in the afternoon having quite a deserted appearance.

Croquet.

The members of the Stratford Croquet Club, who went to New Plymouth on Thursday, beat the home club by 158 to 127. Scores are as follows, New Plymouth being mentioned first:—Mrs. Fitzherbert and Miss Hall (28) v. Miss Dingle and Mrs. Hobbs (27).
Mrs. Courtney and Mrs. Dodgshun (11) v. Mrs. Munro and Miss Dingle (28).
Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Grant (28) v. Miss Moore and Mrs. C. Prim (19).
Mrs. Fitzherbert (27) v. Miss Dingle (28).
Mrs. Courtney (17) v. Mrs. Munro (28).
Mrs. Dodgshun (10) v. Mrs. Dingle (28).

Three single matches could not be played, owing to the shortness of time.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Raikes and family have left for New Plymouth, where they intend spending a few weeks at the seaside.
Mrs. Menzies' niece is at present on a visit to her from Auckland.
Mrs. Lightfoot left on Friday, after a week spent with her mother, Mrs. Rennell.
Miss Glynes has left for Hawera.
Dr. and Mrs. Harrison and Miss Harrison have left on a trip to the South Island.
Mr. G. Hunter has returned after a short holiday spent in Napier.

DENISE.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

February 4.

Mrs. A. Eliot and Mrs. Pickett were the hostesses at tennis on Saturday last. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Thompson, Miss Wilson, Miss Armstrong, the Misses Porter, Miss D. Waldegrave, Miss Forsaith were a few of those present.
On next Wednesday a garden party is to be held in Mr. L. A. Abraham's grounds in aid of the Children's Home Building Fund.

Personal.

Mrs. Porritt and children have returned from Plimmerton.
Mr. Hughes, accountant in the local branch of the Bank of Australasia, has been made manager at Levin.
Mrs. G. W. Keeling and children are back from a stay of some weeks at Plimmerton.
Mrs. and Miss McKnight have returned from visiting friends in Wanganui.
Mrs. Wallace and children have returned from Christchurch.
Mrs. G. W. Harden is back from visiting friends in Wanganui.
Mrs. J. R. Tripe has returned from Day's Bay.
The Misses Morrah are back from a six weeks' stay with relatives in Hawke's Bay.
Mrs. A. Sutherland and her little son are at Plimmerton.
Mrs. Smith and family (Bank of New Zealand) have returned from a six weeks' visit to the Foxton beach.
Mrs. Adam McDonald and children have returned from the Foxton beach.
Miss Dora Reed is back from a month's visit to Gisborne.

VIOLET.

WANGANUI.

A Puzzle Party.

February 4.

Miss Rene Nixon gave a very jolly little evening in honour of Miss Cannon, of Christchurch, who has been staying in Wanganui. Instead of the usual cards, all kinds of new puzzles were played. Amongst those present were Miss W. Anderson, Miss Cannon (Christchurch), Miss Darley, Miss W. Brettargh, Miss Brettargh and others.

Boating Picnic.

On Tuesday evening a boating picnic was given as a farewell to Mr. Tuke, who leaves this week for Auckland. Amongst those present were Miss Brettargh, Miss Parsons, Miss Darley, Miss Stevenson, Miss P. Jones, Miss Anderson, Miss Kerr, Messrs. Tuke, Chamberlain, Brettargh, Anderson, Dalgety, and others.

Tennis Tea.

There were a large number at the Campbell-street Tennis Courts on Satur-

day. Afternoon tea was given by Misses E. and H. Anderson. Mrs. Wall wore a smart white embroidery coat and skirt, black coat scuttle hat with white glaze silk bows; Mrs. Darley, pretty heliotrope silk gown with bolero braided in fine silk cord, black lace coat; black hat with chiffon and plumes; Miss Darley wore a white linen frock and white hat; Mrs. H. F. Christie, blue linen coat and skirt, hat with pale blue in it; Mrs. Montgomerie, pale grey coat and skirt, pale heliotrope hat, with wreath of flowers in the same tone; Mrs. James Anderson, white linen coat and skirt, with embroidery heliotrope tie, and black hat with chiffon; Mrs. W. Anderson, white linen coat and skirt, burnt straw hat with black glaze bows; Mrs. A. Izard, pretty pale blue linen gown with buttons in the same material, black hat with feathers; Mrs. McDonnell (Scotland) wore a smart white linen frock, coarse white straw hat with black velvet ribbon; Miss Krull, pale blue Shantung coat and skirt, black straw hat with black silk fringe and black silk bows lined with pale blue silk; Mrs. J. Sargeant, cream Shantung coat and skirt, cream straw hat with wreath of shaded old rose flowers; Miss G. Anderson, cream linen frock, large cream sailor hat, with velvet; Miss H. Anderson, white muslin frock with Valenciennes lace and insertion, blue straw hat with blue roses and foliage; Mrs. Gifford Marshall wore a smart amethyst coat and skirt, large straw hat with wreath of flowers; Miss D. Marshall, pale blue striped gown, pale blue straw hat; Miss Bae Russell (Christchurch), very smart frock of blue silk, made with hobble skirt, hat to match with flowers.

Personal.

Miss Moore, of Wanganui, is gone for a visit to Wellington and Christchurch.
Mr. and Mrs. Bayly, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to Pipiriki.
Miss Bae Russell, of Christchurch, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gifford Marshall, in Wanganui.
Dr. and Mrs. McDonnell (Scotland) have been staying in Wanganui for some days.
Mr. and Mrs. Good, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to Tientham and Wellington.
Mrs. Butts, of Wellington, was in Wanganui this week on her way to the Empire City.
Dr. and Mrs. Wall, of Wanganui, have motored through to Wellington, where they intend to spend some weeks.
Mrs. Barnicoat, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Wellington.

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NELSON.

February 3.

Croquet.

A croquet tournament of much interest to players has been concluded this week. A team of lady players journeyed from Blenheim to play a return match against Nelson, but the Nelson players proved the winners in most of the matches. Those who played for Blenheim were: Mrs. Clouston, Mrs. Giffiths, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Orr, and Miss Smith. The Nelson players were: Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. J. Sharp, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Cooté, Dr. Andrew, and Mr. E. Izard (Stoke). The break match was won by Mrs. Dodson, and Mrs. Reuwick's prize for golf croquet was won by Mrs. Izard, Mrs. Clouston (Blenheim) being second, and Mrs. Cooté third. Afternoon tea on the opening day was provided by the president (Mrs. R. S. Booth), assisted by the Misses Booth; and on Saturday by Miss Gibbs.

Bridge.

An enjoyable bridge party was given by Mrs. Heaps. The prize was won by Mrs. E. J. Allen. Some of the players were Miss G. Heaps, Mrs. R. S. Booth, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Nicholas (Hawera), Mrs. Robison, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Richmond, Miss Hall (England), Miss Houliker, the Misses Ledger.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fowler have returned from their visit to the Southern Lakes.
Mrs. (Justice) Cooper (Wellington) is visiting friends in Nelson.
The Bishop of Nelson has left for Wellington.
Miss Lorimer has returned from her visit to the Franz Joseph Glacier.
The Misses Ledger (2) have gone to Haumer.

Miss Pease and Miss Sparrow (Stratford), who have been holiday-making in Nelson, have returned to their home.
Miss G. Heaps has gone back to Wanganui.
Dr. Bett (Timaru) is visiting Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Bett.
Mrs. Walker (Blenheim) is the guest of Mrs. Izard.
Mrs. Tonkin and her children have returned to Napier.
Miss Tolmie has left on a visit to Dunedin.
Miss Payllis Fell has returned to Napier.
Mrs. Wardell (Masterton) is staying with friends in Nelson.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Broad have returned from their visit to the West Coast.
Mrs. and Miss Richardson are visiting Blenheim.

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