

PICTON.

February 2.

Afternoon Tea.

On Thursday last Mrs. E. Kenny, Waikawa-road, gave an afternoon for her sister, Mrs. Nepean Kenny (nee Miss Millington), who is leaving shortly to join her husband in the North Island. Mrs. Kenny was the recipient of many good wishes from the guests with whom during her long stay in Picton she has been extremely popular.

Among the guests were Mesdames Vickers, Madsen, C. Philpotts, Middleton, Burrell, Haslett, Williams, Newman, Misses Philpotts (2), Greensill (3), Scott, Kenny, Beswick, and Williams.

Mrs. Kenny also gave an evening to the young folk with whom her sister has been associated in various ways, and which was a pleasant and enjoyable affair. Those present were the Misses Kenny, Dawkins, Greensill, Beswick, Scott, etc., etc.

Traders' Picnic.

This function, which was forgotten for several years, has suddenly been resurrected. An enthusiastic committee started an interest which was responsible for a picnic to beautiful Muratai. The weather was not entirely favourable, but the outing represented enjoyment, and hopes for better consideration next year from the elements.

Bowling.

The local bowlers had arranged a "Ladies' Day" for Thursday, and many invitations were issued, but circumstances, in the way of a visiting team, upset their carefully-laid plans, which are now postponed for a week. Needless to say, the ladies look forward to the occasion when they will be provided for, instead of vice versa.

No Flower Show.

The Horticultural Society have decided that as the only hall suitable for the show is to be pulled down immediately, so as to rebuild a theatre, they had better not hold the autumn show this year.

Circus.

Wirths' Circus, which was in Picton last week, was sufficiently magnetic to draw the inhabitants of the town, country, and Sounds. Three thousand people were present.

Disaster.

The terrible accident at the Opouri Mill, Pelorus Sound, has cast quite a gloom over the town. We rarely have such a terrible fatality to chronicle. The terrible sufferings of the dying and injured were matters to be remembered for all time by those present.

Personal.

Mr. B. C. Smith, who has been associated with the firm of Conolly and Burden, solicitors, Blenheim, is leaving for a trip to England. During his absence his place will be filled by Mr. Elliot Rutherford, LL.B., of Wellington.

Miss Sealy paid a short visit to friends in Picton on her way to Nelson last week.

Mrs. and the Misses Allen (2) have returned after spending an enjoyable month with Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Rutherford at Wairere Station, Masterton.

Miss Richmond, Wellington, is on a sketching tour in the Picton district. Mr. and Mrs. Haughey, Koromiko, have returned from a month's holiday in the King Country.

Mrs. Philpotts, who has been spending some weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Wynn-Williams in Wellington, has returned home.

The Misses Fuller (2) and Miss B. Stuart have returned from Wellington.

Dr. Morrison, Taranaki, who has been spending a few days with his old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Vickers at the Bank of New Zealand, has returned home. He was intensely interested in the deep sea fishing, and had several outings, one especially, when Mr. Perano, in the launch Crescent, took the party to the hapuka ground. The doctor had the intense pleasure of drawing up a seventy or eighty pounder from the depths of the deep. He was charmed with Picton, and envied the residents their facilities for pleasure on the sea.

Mr. Adams, of the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, and Mrs. Adams are staying at Portage.

BELLE.

BLENHEIM.

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Tennis.

On Saturday afternoon there was a fair attendance on the Marlborough lawn tennis grounds, in Dillon-street. A dainty tea was provided by the club, and dispensed by some of the young ladies present. Some of those I noticed were: Mrs. R. McCallum, wearing a pretty navy floral muslin dress, with hat trimmed with pale blue; Mrs. Strachan, white embroidered dress, white hat with white ostrich feathers; Mrs. R. Adams, white dress, hat with shaded roses; Mrs. G. Waddy, white dress, brown hat; Mrs. Broughton, white embroidered dress, hat with roses; Miss H. Marsh, white embroidered frock, large burnt straw hat with scarf; Miss Roy (New Plymouth), rose pink linen costume, black hat with roses; Miss Amuri Neville, flowered muslin frock, burnt straw hat lined with pink, trimmed with pink shaded flowers; Mrs. Canavan, white dress, pretty pale blue hat; Mrs. Florence, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Diehl (Wellington), Misses Chayton, Clouston, O. Marsh, A. Neville, Pete (Feilding), Florence, D. Eiby (Timaru), McGrath (Wellington), Messrs McShane, Borek, Churchward, Burden, Davis, Drs. Reid and Anderson.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Gifford (Havelock), who have been spending a few days with Mrs. Clouston, St. Andrew's, has returned.

Miss Ambrose (Christchurch) is at present staying with Mr. and Mrs. E. Wald (Flaxbourne).

Miss Rene Horton is spending a week at the Wairau Bar to be near the seaside. Mr. Skelly (Ocean Bay) has returned from a short visit to Upok.

Miss Lowry (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs. Jenkins, Hawkeshaw-street.

Miss Wene Grace is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Adams, "Langley Dale."

Mrs. Armstrong (Petone) has returned after spending the holidays with the Misses Ball, Grove-road.

Mr. and Mrs. Podiven (Otagi) passed through Blenheim on their way to Nelson during the week.

Mrs. Richardson and her daughter have returned to Nelson.

Miss Pascoe (Palmerston North) is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Vavasour, "Cubrooke."

Mrs. Strachan has returned to Dunedin after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. Strachan, at "Cowlsey."

Miss McGrath (Wellington) is at present staying with Mr. and Mrs. B. Monro, "Bank House."

Mrs. Bennett and Miss Urquhart have returned from visiting Nelson.

Miss Burden is the guest of Miss Bell, "Riverlands."

Mrs. Whitivell (Nelson) is at present staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bell, "Holmdale."

Miss Zoe Clouston is visiting Mrs. Masefield, "Manaro," Pelorus Sounds.

JEAN.

CHRISTCHURCH.

February 4.

Our Royal Visitor.

Mrs. Arthur Rhodes (Merivale) gave a dinner party on Wednesday night in honour of H.H. Prince Leopold of Battenberg. The guests were Lady Mills, Miss Mills, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Beswick, Miss Chirnside (Victoria), Miss Ogle, Miss Humphreys, Miss Julius, Dr. McIlroy, and Messrs. Galby, Maxwell-Scott and Fell.

Mrs. H. J. Beswick also gave a supper party last week in honour of Prince Leopold of Battenberg.

Tennis Parties.

A small tennis party was given by Miss Humphreys (Fendallton), on Monday afternoon, as a farewell to Miss M. Molineux. Those present included the Misses Molineux (2), the Misses Secretan (2), Miss Reece, Miss Wilkin, Miss Merton, Miss A. Prins, the Misses Burns (2), Miss Fulton, and Miss Macfarlane (Hawke's Bay).

A tennis tea was given on Wednesday by Miss Janet Ogle. The guests included the Misses Anson (Wellington), Thomson, Macdonald, Rhodes, Denniston, Humphreys (2), Syme and Gould.

Another small tennis party was given by Mrs. Walter Moore (St. Albans), on Monday afternoon. The players were Mrs. Arthur Reeves, Misses Hindmore, Barton, Syme, Major Addington and Messrs. Harper (2).

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Allen (Fendallton) also gave a small tennis party.

The guests included: Mrs. Wardrop (Sydney), Mrs. W. Fox, Misses Denniston, Burton, Humphreys (2) and Syme.

Bridge.

A small bridge party was given by Mrs. George Gould (Fendallton) on Friday night in honour of Lady Mills. The other guests were Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Beswick, Miss Mills, Miss Ogle and Miss Humphreys.

Farewell Tea.

A farewell tea was given at the kiosk in the Botanical Gardens yesterday afternoon by Miss M. Trent, in honour of Miss Hayhurst (Oamaru), whose marriage will shortly take place. A few of those present were: Mrs. Trent, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Deamor, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Hayhurst, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. C. Ollivier, the Misses Trent (3), N. Guthrie, Mrs. Haseldean, and several others.

Birthday Celebration.

A delightful birthday party was given by Mrs. Peter Wood (Merivale) on Tuesday afternoon for one of her children. A large number of little children were present, and some of their mothers. A very merry time was spent in playing various games. All sorts of delightful novelties were introduced, which greatly pleased the little guests.

The Races.

The Canterbury Jockey Club held their Mid-summer Meeting on Thursday. The weather was perfect and, although the gathering was small, the racing was good. Many charming frocks were worn. Among those present were: Mrs. Boyle, dark blue Ottoman silk coat and skirt, black hat with feathers; Mrs. Pyne, gown of mole crepe metiere, relieved with black, black hat; Miss Pyne, pale blue and white foulard, shot with pink, black hat trimmed with tulle; Mrs. R. Macdonald, fawn and white striped coat and skirt, relieved with pink, black hat; Miss Macdonald, pink and white foulard, relieved with black, black hat with pink roses; Mrs. Gould, royal blue silk hommed with black satin, black hat with blue feathers; Miss S. Thomson, white embroidered muslin gown, Tuscan hat with flowers; Mrs. Reid, grey and white foulard, touches of black satin, Tuscan hat trimmed with blue velvet; Mrs. W. Clifford, green tweed coat and skirt, black hat relieved with green and blue feathers; Mrs. H. Wood, beige cloth coat and skirt, black hat with white ostrich feathers; Mrs. C. Turrell, pale blue gown, large white hat; Mrs. Symes, black and white spotted foulard, black and white hat; Miss Symes, pale pink crepe de chine and cream lace, large Tuscan hat with pink roses; Mrs. H. Reeves, cream ninon gown, relieved with lace, black straw hat with cream and gold crown; Mrs. Murray-Aynsley, shot purple and green chiffon, hat to match; Mrs. Stevenson, royal blue and black striped ninon, large black hat; Mrs. H. Acland, white embroidered muslin, white hat; Miss Denniston, white satin veiled in pale blue and white floral chiffon, black hat with pale blue feathers; Miss Humphreys, pale fawn crepe gown, large straw hat with hydrangeas; Miss A. Humphreys, blue crepe gown, large black hat with pale pink feathers; Miss Ogle, grey cloth coat and skirt, braided with grey, grey hat with feathers; Miss Anson, bellotrope cloth coat and skirt, hat to match; Miss Nancarrow, white muslin frock, black hat with daisies; Miss Peach, white cloth coat and skirt, white hat with feathers; Miss Nedwill, white cloth coat and skirt, braided with black, black and white hat.

Afternoon Tea.

An afternoon tea was given by Mrs. W. Fox, Armagh-street, on Tuesday afternoon for Miss Burton, some of whose beautifully painted miniatures were on view. Mrs. Fox wore a gown of blue voile relieved with cream net; Miss Burton, grey ninon gown and white embroidery, large black hat with white feathers; Mrs. R. Westera, black cloth coat and skirt, black and white hat; Mrs. Rice, black silk gown, black hat; Mrs. H. Acland, gown of black cloth, large black hat; Miss Watson, fawn coat and skirt, Tuscan and black hat with feathers; Mrs. Stephenson, peacock blue ninon over Paisley, black hat with white feathers; Mrs. Allen, black cloth gown, small black hat; Mrs. Beale, pale grey coat and skirt, black and white hat.

Personal.

Prince Leopold of Battenberg and party left Christchurch yesterday, February 2, for the West Coast; from thence they will proceed to Wellington.

Mrs. T. Case (Christchurch), Miss Bullied, and Miss Harlock (Oamaru) have returned from a visit to Stewart Island.

Miss Tothill (Christchurch) is staying with friends in Invercargill.

Mrs. F. Graham, Mrs. Appleby, and Mrs. W. Stringer (Christchurch) have been staying in Timaru.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. O'Rourke (Auckland) have been staying at Warner's Hotel, Christchurch.

Mrs. Townsend and party (Christchurch) are staying in Dunedin.

The Misses Hanmer (2) (Christchurch) are spending a short time in Gisborne.

Judge Denniston and Mrs. Denniston returned to Christchurch last week from England.

Miss Boyle (Christchurch) is staying with friends in Wellington.

Mrs. R. D. Thomas and Miss Thomas (Christchurch) are visiting the South-eastern lakes.

Mrs. Hutton has returned to Christchurch from Longbeach.

Mrs. and Miss M. Molineux leave Christchurch for their new home in Wellington this week. Miss Molineux remains here, having taken up nursing at the Christchurch Hospital.

Miss Macfarlane (Hawke's Bay) is the guest of Mrs. Fulton (Fendallton).

Visitors to Christchurch include: Mrs. D. D. Macfarlane (Lyndon), Mrs. Duncan Murchison (Lake Coleridge), Mrs. J. Studholme (Coldstream), Mrs. and Miss Hayhurst (Oamaru).

Miss Anson (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs. Arthur Rhodes (Merivale).

Miss Thomson is staying with Mrs. G. Gould (Fendallton).

Miss Nancarrow has returned to Christchurch from Wellington.

DOLLY VALE.

SEDDON.

February 2.

On Friday the Seddon cricketers journeyed to Kaikoura by special conveyance, and on Saturday played a match against Kaikoura, in which they suffered defeat. This is, perhaps, not to be wondered at, as they were travelling all night.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeborn Parsons, and Miss Parsons have gone to Kaikoura.

Mrs. Menlove, sen., is visiting her son, Mr. Menlove (Ngainui).

Mr. and Mrs. Irving, who have been on a visit to Picton, have returned home. Mrs. Simpson and family (Richmond Brook) have returned home from the Sounds.

Miss Barker, who has been on a short visit to Mrs. Pinckey (Marina), has returned to Blenheim.

Mr. Skelly is the guest of Mrs. Charles Murry, Whararui.

Mr., Mrs., and Miss Vavasour have gone to the Empire City.

Mr. E. Moor (Parakawa) has gone to Wanganui for a holiday.

Mrs. Lissiman and family have returned home from the Clarence Bridge.

GENEVIEVE.

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