

NEW PLYMOUTH.

March 18.

At the Theatre.

At the performance of "The Third Degree" on Monday evening there was a large attendance. Amongst the audience I noticed: Mrs H. Thomson (Inglewood), emerald green velvet, with real lace berthe; Miss Dempsey, cream lace blouse, silk taffeta skirt; Miss N. Dempsey, pretty white muslin; Miss Shuttleworth, black lace over white silk; Miss Bedford, black tulle relieved with emerald green; Miss D. Bedford, cream cashmere de soie; Miss Standish, white muslin insertion, threaded with black bebe ribbon; Miss W. George, cream silk; Mrs F. Robertson (nee Miss Webster), cream silk, pretty pale blue opera coat; Miss Colson, white muslin; Mrs Claude Weston, black silk; Miss G. Morey, white muslin, pale blue opera coat; Miss B. Rennell, pale pink floral silk, finished with cream lace; Mrs Quilliam, brown chiffon taffeta; Mrs Sweet, black silk; Miss Grant, dainty white lace inserted silk; Miss O. Mackay, Miss E. Bayley, Miss V. Kirkby, Mrs Johns, Miss Brewster; Miss Baker, black and white silk, coral necklet; Nurse Hood, pretty pale pink silk; Mrs Walter Bayley, sage green silk, relieved with cream lace; Mrs Cruickshank, Miss J. Taylor; Mrs Herd, cream lace robe; Miss Testa, black and white striped silk; Mrs J. Smith, very pretty robe of fawn chiffon over rose pink silk foundation; Mrs Bradbury, black chamoise; Miss Bradbury, soft white muslin; Miss Morry, cream lace robe; Miss M. Morey, pale blue and white striped silk; Mrs C. Webster, black silk skirt, dainty silk blouse, handsome Oriental scarf; Miss Blundell, white muslin; Mrs Stacey Griffiths, soft white silk; Mrs B. Griffiths, dainty white muslin; Mrs Penn, vieux rose crepe de chine; Miss Penn, pale blue silk; Mrs Budge (Stratford), rich cream lace gown; Miss Bayley, handsome black and white robe; Mrs Hollbrook (Palmerston) looked well in black silk relieved with white; Mrs W. Newman, brown and cream striped silk; Mrs S. Cottler, black voile, lace trimmings; Mrs Weale, black silk; Mrs Paul, handsome black and gold evening gown; Miss Cunningham; Mrs Kellow, black silk; Misses Webster (2), Miss K. Watson, etc.

A Picnic.

A most enjoyable picnic was held at the Meeting of the Waters yesterday afternoon, organised by Misses Carrie Bayley, and Sybil Thomson. There were about thirty nine ladies present, and two brakes drove them to their destination. Between the allotted time of tea and starting for home a competition was indulged in (a properly written one, on cards), and after a draw with Miss Loris Fitzherbert, Mrs Frank Wilson received the first prize, Miss Leila Webster being awarded the consolation hours. Amongst those present were: Mrs F. Wilson, Misses C. Bayly, S. Thomson, L. Thomson, F. and M. Evans, F. Bedford, Standish, Simpson (2), Leatham, Atkinson, V. Hunter, Wilson, McKellar, C. Hamerton, Fookes (2), M. Robinson, E. Gray, B. Mathews, M. Roy, W. George, Wade, D. Whitecombe, N. Dempsey, G. Kyngdon, O. Mackay, L. Fitzherbert, Webster (2), V. Kirkby, D. Chulman, Blundell, I. Kirkby, G. Shaw.

Personal.

Mrs A. Hempton (Whangarei) is on a visit to her mother, Mrs William Bayley (New Plymouth). Mrs Quilliam, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs Leo Horrocks (Fielding) has returned to New Plymouth. Mrs G. Proud (Bomlay) has been on a short visit to New Plymouth, but has now returned, accompanied by her mother, Mrs Hanna.

NANCY LEE.

SOUTH TARANAKI.

HAWERA, March 17.

Tennis and Croquet.

There was an unusually large number on the courts last Saturday, probably owing to the two previous Saturdays being wet, and also to witness a tennis match between Waverley and Hawera. Sad to relate, Hawera were again badly defeated by the visitors. Mrs Livingstone and Mrs Wybourne provided a delicious afternoon tea. Mrs Livingstone was wearing a sage blue frock with cream lace yoke, and a black hat; Mrs Wybourne, a white embroidery frock, black hat. Some of those present were: Mesdames Kimbell, Caplen, Astringer, Campbell, Hakler, Sutton, Wallace, Bennett, Bell, Cowen, Fantham, Hamilton, Web-

ster, Dingle, Misses Caplen (2), Young, Glenn, Nolan (2), Hamilton, Revell, etc.

Miss Amy Castle's Concert.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Miss Amy Castle and her concert company at the Opera House last Thursday evening. Miss Castle was wearing a pretty frock of a clinging cream material, trimmed with silver sequined net. Amongst some of those present were: Dr. and Mrs McDiarmid, Mr and Mrs Reid, Mr and Mrs Page, Mr and Mrs O'Callaghan, Mr and Mrs Raine, Mr and Mrs Wylds, Mr and Mrs A. Hunter, Mesdames Moors, Stewart, V. Nolan, Williamson, Kimbell, McLean, R. McLean, Bennett, Cowen, Fantham, Misses Moore (2), Reilly (2), Williamson, Glenn, Newland, Carey, and many others.

Personal.

Mrs Temple Atkinson (Wellington) is staying with Mrs Barton. Miss Russell (Christchurch), who has been visiting relations here for some time, has returned to her home. Miss Littlejohn, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs McDiarmid, has returned to Wellington.

JOAN.

PALMERSTON NOR" T.

March 17th.

At the Tennis Courts.

Mrs Porter and Mrs C. Smith were the hostesses at the Linton-street tennis courts on last Saturday afternoon. Notwithstanding that a team had gone to Feilding to play the third and final match of the season with that club, the attendance was very good. Mrs Porter wore a white linen frock and brown toque with brown wings; Mrs Smith, mauve linen coat and skirt with black collar and cuffs, cream straw hat with black silk bows; Miss Smith white linen, white hat with mauve satin ribbon and flowers; Miss Helen Porter, pink print frock, hat with cream scarf; Mrs Moodie, cornflower blue linen coat and skirt, hat with black silk trimming; Miss Old, tussore coat and skirt, black hat with white silk bows; Mrs Bendall, rose pink coat and skirt, cream straw hat with black trimming; Mrs Waldegrave, black coat and skirt, cream straw hat with black satin trimming; Miss Preece, white muslin and lace, hat with wreath of pale blue and pink flowers; Miss Hayward, white linen coat and skirt, hat with lavender satin bows; Mrs A. McDonald, white frock, rose trimmed hat; Mrs Elliot, navy coat and skirt, black hat with black feathers; and several others were there.

"The Third Degree."

A very large audience greeted Miss Katherine Grey in "The Third Degree" at the Opera House on Wednesday night. Mr and Mrs P. Nathan, Mr and Mrs C. Louison, Miss Mawhinney, Dr. and Mrs Wilson, Mr and Mrs J. Pascall, Miss McLennan, Dr. and Mrs O'Brien, Miss O'Brien, the Misses Park, Mr and Mrs O. Monrad, Dr. and Miss Areler, Mr and Mrs L. A. Abraham, Miss Abraham, Mr and Mrs Davis and Mrs Pope were a few present.

Personal.

Mrs Warburton left to-day on a trip to Sydney. Dr and Mrs Wilson leave about the 12th of next month on a trip to England. Mrs Dickoff and children have returned from the Foxton beach. Miss King (Wellington) is staying with her aunt, Mrs W. Bendall. Mrs Southey Baker (Auckland) has been here for some time visiting her mother, Mrs Lloyd. Mrs and Miss McLennan are back from a trip to Rotorua. Mrs King (Napier) is visiting her mother Mrs Wylds.

VIOLET.

STRATFORD.

March 17.

Mountaineering Picnics.

The glorious weather we are experiencing is responsible for all the picnics up the mountain. On Sunday no fewer than one hundred holiday makers drove up the Dawson Fall side, and nearly as many rode and drove up to the Stratford House. Many more parties have gone up through the week.

Sports.

Five rinks journeyed to Hawera yesterday to play on the local green. Hawera won by 33 points. The annual meeting of the Golf Club

took place last night. Much interest is being taken this year in the club, as the links are now over the racecourse, which will be much more sporting than the old ones. Mr A. W. Budge was elected president, Messrs Grant and Uniacke vice-presidents, Mr Cargill secretary, Mr F. N. Fussell captain; committee—Dr. Dilloa-Carbery, and Messrs S. Spence, E. C. Robinson, and J. L. Stanford; auditor, Mr P. Skoglund.

The Croquet Club brought its most successful season to a close (that is, as far as inter-club matches are concerned) with a match against Hawera. The following are the scores, Hawera players being mentioned first:—Miss Pratt and Mrs Cambell 17, v. Miss Dingle and Mrs Hobbs 28; Miss Turton and Mrs Webster, 21 v. Mrs Munro and Mrs Dingle 28; Miss White and Miss Dingle 18, v. Miss Moore and Miss Munro 28; Mrs Cambell 23, v. Mrs Hobbs 28; Miss Turton 14, v. Mrs Munro 20; Mrs Webster 11, v. Mrs Dingle 4. Totals: Hawera, 104; Stratford, 136.

The swimming season was brought to a close also with a most enjoyable local meeting at the baths yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance, the races being very exciting, and some good exhibitions of diving, etc., were given; also some comic items.

Various Entertainments.

St. Patrick's Night Catholic Social in the Town Hall was packed, dancing being kept up till the small hours. A good musical programme was rendered, some of the items being very pleasing.

On Saturday night Mrs E. C. Robinson gave a smart ladies' bridge party, the guests being: Mrs Wake, Mrs Richards, Mrs Uniacke, Mrs Stubbs, Mrs Menzies, Mrs A. Rennell, Miss Glynes, Miss Wake, and the Misses James.

Enchre Party.

Mrs Hogg (Midhurst) gave a delightful progressive enchre party on Monday, and, in spite of the positive deluge, quite a large party ventured out by train. Mrs Hogg received her guests in a becoming turquoise blue chiffon cashmere, trimmed with black velvet and jet motifs; Mrs T. C. Fookes looked well in a green Siantung costume, with deep yoke of tucked net, green silk net insertion on bodice, black toque; Mrs Wake wore dark blue coat and skirt, large grey hat; Mrs Carbery wore black corded silk coat and skirt, black hat; Mrs Stubbs, grey blue costume, and toque to match; Mrs Uniacke, pretty rose coloured embroidered costume, large black hat; Mrs Porritt, handsome heliotrope silk robe, toque en suite; Mrs Menzies, white silk costume, electric blue hat trimmed with black wings; Mrs Copping, grey coat and skirt, blue and white straw hat; Mrs Raikes, becoming black silk costume, black chiffon turban hat; Mrs E. C. Robinson, white embroidered muslin, large blue straw hat; Miss Fussell, becoming klaki costume, large black hat; Misses J. and N. James, Miss Orbell, etc. The first prize was won by Miss Fussell; 2nd, Mrs T. C. Fookes; 3rd, Mrs Uniacke; 4th, Mrs E. C. Robinson. The drawing-room was tastefully decorated with shaded heliotrope asters and grasses. The party was given for Miss Johnston, who is Mrs Hogg's guest for a few days.

Mrs F. Grant was "At Home" to a few friends on Tuesday afternoon.

Afternoon Party.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs Stubbs gave a charming afternoon party. The hostess wore a smart blue tunic costume, the bodice being effectively trimmed with copper coloured passementerie. Amongst the guests were: Mrs Johnston, wearing a pretty white embroidered muslin, with black beehive hat; Mrs Carbery, lavender poplin costume, black chiffon hat; Mrs A. W. Budge looked well in a handsome Paris lace robe, large picture hat; Mrs Crawshaw, white costume, feather loa, black toque; Mrs Uniacke, smart green striped Empire costume, large black hat with wings; Miss Alma Crawshaw (Sydney), white Swiss embroidered costume, large white hat with roses; Mrs Hogg, becoming blue fine cloth robe, bodice braided in black Russian braid, black hat trimmed with gold guipure; Mrs Raikes, handsome striped black silk lace yoke, black tulle turban hat with blue aigrette; Mrs Wake, chic embroidered heliotrope silk gown, with small toque en suite; Mrs Pennell, brown silk costume, hat to match; Mrs A. Rennell, white dress, black hat; Mrs Porritt, heliotrope costume, toque en suite; Mrs E. C. Robinson, white embroidered emblec costume, large green hat; Miss Butler, grey frock; Miss B. Butler, brown silk costume, hat to match; Miss Johnston, becoming

smoke grey Empire robe, burnt straw hat. Some musical and vocal items were pleasingly rendered by Mrs Johnston, Miss Butler, Mrs Robinson, Miss Johnston, and Mrs Rennell.

Personal.

Mrs Fookes, New Plymouth, is paying a short visit to her son, Mr T. C. Fookes. Mrs A. W. Budge has returned from New Plymouth. Mr and Mrs Crawshaw have returned from a trip to Australia. Miss Alma Crawshaw (Sydney) is the guest of her aunt, Mrs Crawshaw. Miss O'Bryan, matron of the Hospital, has returned from Auckland. Mr Chinchen (Christchurch) has arrived, to take Mr Skoglund's place in the National Bank. Miss Glynes (Hawera) has been visiting friends in Stratford. Mr and Mrs Cox, New Plymouth, have been the guests of Mrs T. L. Paget. Miss Johnston (Hawera) is the guest of Mrs Hogg. Miss Trimble (Inglewood) is visiting Mrs C. Penn.

DENISE.

WANGANUI.

March 17.

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs Moore gave a very enjoyable afternoon tea as a farewell to Mrs Barnicoat, who leaves New Zealand this month for a lengthy trip to England and the Continent. Afternoon tea and ices were served on the lawn, where it was delightfully cool. Amongst those present were: Mrs Barnicoat, Mrs Wall, Mrs Chamberlain, Mrs Good, Miss Good (Hawera), Mrs Crombie, Mrs Krull, Miss Krull, Mrs E. Cowper, Miss Williams (Sydney), Mrs Wilford, Miss Wilford, Mrs Allen, Mrs R. Jackson, Mrs Pa'ner, Mrs O. Lewis, Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Hut-

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