

**Fenley, Mrs Whyatt, Mrs Rudd, Mrs Blackburn, Mrs O'Donal, Miss Smith, Mrs Woolhams, Mrs Arthur, Mrs Gill, Miss Bassett, Mrs Gavin, Mrs Hartly, Miss Allison, Mrs and Miss Matthews, Miss Longman, Miss Sutherland.**

#### Afternoon Tea.

Mrs Archdale Taylor gave a pleasant little tea on Friday and during the afternoon we had a great musical treat. Mrs Markstad, a recent arrival from London, whom I am pleased to say has decided to settle in Auckland, sang to us most charmingly. Mrs Markstad has a most delightful contralto voice and a charming personality. Mrs Taylor sang in her usual pleasing way and the afternoon was all too short. Our hostess was assisted by her three sisters, Mrs Ashton, Mrs Howard and Mrs Robertson.

#### Tennis Picnic.

The Parnell Tennis Club gave another of their jolly tennis picnics. This time there were guests from most of the clubs, who were invited to send some of their A grade players. The result was some well contested games, for the weaker of the A players were for the nonce converted into B players, so the games were well balanced. The weather, though doubtful, kept fine till the end of the afternoon and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Three players tied for first place—Mrs Cooper, and the Misses Barstow and Cumming. The draw was won by Miss Barstow who took first and Miss Cumming second. The two prizes in the B Grade were won by Miss Foote and Miss Mattie Walker. Mr Baker, a member of the club, very kindly presented two of the prizes. Among the players were: Mesdames W. R. Bloomfield, Holmes, Kent, Cooper, Stride, Misses Mary Frater (in whose capable hands all the arrangements were left), Minnie Steel, Woodroffe, Mace, Gorrill, Hull, Cooke, Foote, Philcox, Harvey, Barstow, Myra Reid, Crowther, Madge Peacock, Metcalfe, Atkinson, Abbott, McCormick (2), Cumming.

#### Personal.

The parishioners of Holy Trinity, Devonport, welcomed their vicar, Rev. Mark Sutton, back from his trip to India, Europe and the United Kingdom. Mr Sutton whilst in England preached for our late Bishop, Dr. Neligan, who is now quite restored to health.

Many Auckland folk, especially musical ones, will have read with regret of the death of Dr. A. Napier McLean in Wellington. Some years ago Dr. McLean, with his sisters and Mr Stuart McLean, used to delight people with their music. Indeed he was a gifted man and was a most charming companion. Much sympathy is felt for his widow, who was Miss Rena Butt.

Miss Maund Browning is at present on a visit to Wellington where she is the guest of Mrs Miles, Hobson-street.

The annual meeting of the Victoria League is to be held at the Picaadilly Tea Rooms on the evening of March 7th. Lady Islington has intimated her intention to be present, and His Excellency has been good enough to promise to attend conditionally upon his public duties releasing him from residence at Wellington.

## WELLINGTON.

February 28.

#### In the House.

The all-absorbing topic is Parliament and its sayings and doings.

To get a seat in the Ladies' Gallery for the no-confidence debate is everyone's ambition, but accommodation is so limited that it is a most difficult matter. At most there is only room for thirty, and several of these have to stand, so it speaks well for the real interest that women take in political matters when not only is the gallery crowded, but outside there is always a group patiently waiting in the hope of getting in.

So far the session has been of a most business-like character; even the social "side-shows" have not been arranged for, and entertaining seems to be at a standstill.

Lady Ward and Miss Ward are, of course, keenly interested in what goes on. Mrs. Mackenzie, Miss Mihar, Miss Mackenzie and other ladies connected with the Ministry are very frequently at the House, listening to the speeches. Other keen political women are Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Sidy, Mrs. Laurence, Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Lisa.

#### Home of Compassion.

It had been intended to hold a festival for the opening of the Jubilee wing at the Home of Compassion, but unfortunately an epidemic of mumps broke out, so the children and the main part of the Home were in quarantine. Therefore it was only the new wing that was available, and the guests were limited in number. The wing itself was built by Mother Mary Joseph Aubert, with the money given to her on the occasion of her fiftieth year of work, and to the fund people of all classes of religion contributed most willingly. The opening ceremony was performed by his Excellency the Governor, who takes a deep interest in the Home. After the speaker came afternoon tea, the big room being gay with flowers, and the outlook over Island Bay entrancing everyone. A few among those present were Mrs. Grace in a black poplin coat and skirt, and a large toque; Mrs. Ian Durcan, a blue tailor-made braided in black and a black and green hat; Mrs. Kennedy, black silk, black and white toque; Miss Kennedy, grey shantung and dark blue hat; Mrs. Macarthy, pastel nixon with a gumpie of lace and plumed hat; Miss O'Connor, blue poplin and dark blue hat; Mrs. Loughnan, dark blue shantung and blue hat. Lady Ward was in grey shantung with silk embroideries, and a grey picture hat; Miss Eileen Ward, a white lingerie robe and a tagel hat with roses.

#### Tennis.

Miss Ewen's tennis party on Monday was a farwell for the Misses Miles, who are now en route for South America and England. The guests were all young people, and most of them keen players, so the court was briskly occupied all the time. The terraced paths surrounding it made admirable vantage places to watch the games, and some splendid rallies worked up plenty of excitement, which made the adjournment for the tea very welcome. Miss Ewen wore white embroidery linen; Miss Miles, a white lingerie dress; Miss R. Miles a tussore silk and a shady hat.

#### Tea for Misses Mills.

The Misses Miles were guests of honour at a tea given one morning by Mrs. MacEwen. Asters and sweet peas decorated the tea tables. The guests were about twenty in number. The hostess wore heliotrope shantung braided in the same shade, and a green Napoleon hat with black wings; Miss Miles was in blue linen and her sister had on a lingerie robe; Mrs. King, a nixon dress of white with coloured embroideries; Miss Simpson, pale blue poplin, with a lace collar, and blue hat; Miss Watson, pale pink cotton voile, black and white hat; Mrs. Fisher, a linen tailor-made and a black and white hat; Miss Nathan, a pastel poplin and a Tuscan hat with flowers.

#### Personal.

Just before Lent is always a popular time for weddings, and on Saturday the Lower Hutt was the scene of a pretty one. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Evers-Swindell are off to England for their wedding journey, travelling by the Orient route. Miss Meare's marriage was rather unusual, and of a quiet nature. She, of course, is a Christchurch girl, and the whole wedding party came up from Christchurch a few days before the ceremony, returning shortly afterwards. There were only a few guests, and scarcely any spectators as the marriage was solemnised at ten o'clock in the morning.

Curiously enough, there was a wedding here the day before, when the bride also hailed from Christchurch. This time it was Miss Rosa Aselman, who was married from the house of her sister, Mrs. Gilbert.

The Tainui left on her voyage to England on Thursday, and there was quite a gay scene on the wharf as she made ready to depart. Everybody seemed to be seeing everybody else off, and the travellers were inundated with farewell gifts. Boxes of chocolates, books and flowers poured in, and some of the more popular people could hardly get into their cabins. They must have welcomed the hour spent at anchor in the harbour after the ship left the wharf, which gave them time to unpack and settle down for the long voyage before they were attacked by the miseries of mad-de-sea.

## CAMBRIDGE.

February 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Souter entertained a large number of friends at a garden party at their pretty home at Pukekohe. The weather was not all it might have been, showers falling during the afternoon. Notwithstanding this, between 50 and 60 responded to the invitation. Mr. and Mrs. Souter had gone to endless trouble for the amusement of the guests. Croquet was played on the lawn, and there were swings and see-saws for the children. A delicious afternoon tea was served under the trees, and there were quantities of lovely fruit. Mrs. Souter received her guests in a white muslin gown and large white hat, trimmed with brown; Mrs. E. Souter, white muslin frock and large white hat trimmed with black; Mrs. Mervyn Wells, champagne coloured shantung, piped with blue, and mole-coloured hat, trimmed with blue; Miss Wells, white embroidered muslin, and vieux rose-coloured hat, trimmed with roses the same shade; Mrs. Couper, pale grey summer tweed coat and skirt and brown Pierrot hat; Mrs. Hally, mole-coloured coat and skirt, and Panama hat with motor veil; Miss Lewis, white linen costume and Royal blue toque; Mrs. Chitty, black satin gown and black toque; Miss Chitty, white crepon frock and large black hat; Mrs. E. E. Roberts, tweed coat and skirt and large black hat; Mrs. Nicoll, champagne-coloured muslin, trimmed with lace and natter blue silk, large black hat with white lace rosette and black hanging veil; Miss Gwynneth, black crystalline, white tucked net yoke and sleeves and black toque; Mrs. Crowther, white linen frock and putty-coloured hat with wreath of roses; Mrs. Norman Banks, tussore silk coat and skirt and large hat with wreath of pink roses; Miss Banks, brown coat and skirt and hat to match; Mrs. C. Hunter, grey and white striped coat and skirt and black hat, trimmed with grey and white striped ribbon bows; Mrs. Wallace Hunter, champagne coloured shantung piped with vieux rose, and hat to match; Mrs. Bunyard, navy blue coat and skirt and burnt straw hat, trimmed with black; Mrs. Alan Bell, navy blue coat and skirt and black hat; Mrs. Thompson, grey and white striped coat and skirt and black and white Pierrot hat; Miss Middleton, white muslin frock and large black hat with pink roses; Miss F. Ferguson, navy blue linen and white hat; Miss Hull, navy blue linen, piped with pale blue, and white hat; Miss Russell, white muslin frock and white crinoline straw hat, trimmed with white.

#### Personal.

The Bishop of Bendigo and Mrs. Langley are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ellis, of "The Lightwoods," Cambridge.

Miss Attfield left on Wednesday to pay a round of visits in Auckland.

Mrs. Norman Campbell, of Wanganui, who has been the guest of Mrs. Wells, of "Oakleigh" for the last fortnight, left by the Main Trunk on Sunday night for Wanganui.

The Misses Ferguson, of Epsom, Auckland, are staying at "The Carlton" for a fortnight.

Miss Kathleen Tait, of Greytown, is staying with Mrs. Caldwell.

Archdeacon Walsh has left for Auckland, and will go on to Taranaki for a visit. He expects to be away for three weeks.

Mrs. Farnall, of Auckland, is at present staying with Mrs. Hally, of "Valmai."

## HAMILTON.

February 21.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Hamilton Library took place on Friday. Mr. A. E. Manning pre-ided. The balance-sheet showed an expenditure of £273 17/8, which, with the Government subsidy of £23 1/7, had been fully met, leaving a balance of £1 16/ to the good. As there are now 300 subscribers to the lending branch, the 4100 volumes contained in the library must provide pleasure and profit to a good many Waikato homes. Messrs Aiken, Worsley, and McCrea were then re-elected a committee of management for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Chitty has gone to Auckland for a short visit.

Mrs. F. T. Wilson and her children are staying in Raglan for a short holiday. She is accompanied by Mrs. Burton.

Mrs. Mulcock is visiting her old home in Timaru for some weeks.

Miss Muriel Chitty and her sister

Helen intend accompanying their father on a trip Home, starting very shortly. Mrs. and Mr. Allan have returned from their motoring tour to Tauranga.

## GISBORNE.

February 27.

Mr. J. Henderson, Gisborne, of the New Zealand Old Fields, Ltd., left for London last week on business.

Miss Nelson, Wellington, who has been staying with her aunt, Mrs. Wilcock, Kaiti, left for her home last Sunday.

Mrs. C. Gray, Gisborne, is staying in Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, and Misses Essie and Lucy Gray, have left for England.

Mr. J. A. McDonald, of Adelaide, the newly-appointed engineer and secretary to the Gisborne Harbour Board, arrived last week.

A nasty accident befell Miss Helen Busby, Tokomaru Bay. While riding she was thrown from her horse, the fall resulting in concussion of the brain. Miss Busby's friends will be pleased to hear that she is on the way to recovery.

## FEILDING.

February 24.

On Wednesday last Mrs. Barton gave a party in her beautiful garden. The house was thrown open to the guests, and all the rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers. A delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed on the glassed-in verandah, and the tea table was decorated with shaded pink flowers and lovely



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