

been the guest of Mrs. C. Buddle, left by the Maui Trunk for her home in Christchurch.

Miss Dorothy Nolan left on Friday for a visit to New Plymouth and Hawera.

Miss Roysie Greig, who has been the guest of Mrs. Drummond Fergusson and Mrs. Sydney Nathan, has joined her parents, who will be for the next two months in the neighbourhood of Dannevirke.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kent, after an enjoyable visit to Australia, returned home on the Maloja.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bloomfield returned in the Maloja on Friday.

Mrs. C. J. Parr is back in Auckland after a short visit to Waiwera.

Mrs. Aubin has gone over to Milford Beach with her children for a month.

Miss Batham (Wellington) is staying in Auckland, and is the guest of Dr. Scott, Onehunga.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wood, with their family, who have spent the holidays at Takapuna, left Auckland last week for their home in Christchurch.

Mrs. Ralph Gosset, of Aola, Solomon Islands, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Ernest Butler, "Ormoade," Hamilton Road, Ponsonby.

COLLEGE FOR GIRLS.

Extensive additions have been made to the grounds of Melnerley College, in St. George's Bay Road, Parnell, and the place presents a very attractive appearance. The first term for 1913 begins on February 11th.

WELLINGTON.

January 17.

Overseas Club.

Next week the Wellington members of the Overseas Club are entertaining the English visitors, Mr. Evelyn Wrench and his sister, who have been some weeks in New Zealand. During their travels they have passed through Wellington several times, and have of course met the prominent members of the Overseas Club, which they are doing so much to promote on their tour round the world.

At the coming reception, both Mr. Wrench and Miss Wrench are to speak on the ideals and aims of the Club.

Incidentally, Miss Wrench is keenly interested in Kindergarten work, and is herself highly trained in that branch of education.

Summer Holidays.

By degrees sunburnt people are returning to town after their holidays in the country or by the sea, but the perfect weather has enticed people to stay longer than they had intended. A very successful camping party is just back after exploring Mount Hector and the neighbourhood, which is practically unknown to most Wellingtonians, although Mr. Field and one or two pioneers have long been chanting its praises. The party mainly consisted of members of the Burnett, Atkinson, and Hursthouse families, who are experienced campers, and for years past have had an annual outing in Queen Charlotte Sound.

Personal.

Mrs. Johnston, who has been in England for the last nine months as a passenger to New Zealand by the Maloja, and will shortly be at "Highden" again.

Mr. Doughty and Miss Kitty Doughty have gone for a trip to England.

Mrs. and Miss Dalrymple are expected back from their trip to England at the end of this month.

Towards the end of February, Mrs. and the Misses Fitzherbert are going to South America for a visit. Mr. C. Fitzherbert has been living there for some time.

Miss Anson, who came out from England last November with her sister (now Mrs. Estcourt), is back in Wellington again after a long round of visits among friends and relations in the South Island. At present she is staying with Captain and Mrs. Estcourt. Miss Anson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anson, who used to live in Canterbury.

Mrs. Mason, who has been spending a month or two here on her way back from England, has gone on to Dunedin.

Miss Jones (Lower Hutt) has gone South with her.

Colonel and Mrs. Collins, who are not long from England, have taken Mr. Salmon's house on Upland Road, Kellburne.

Mrs. and Miss Brandon took a flying trip to the Wairarapa for Miss Keblell's wedding. Later on, Mr. and Mrs. Brandon, with Misses Lucy and Nora Brandon, are going to England for a holiday.

Mrs. Tweed and her daughters are leaving this year for a visit to the Old Country.

Mrs. and Miss Wylie, who came back last week from a month in Picton, are also off to England for a trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Abbott and their children are going home in February.

Miss Mary Seaton has gone to Nelson for a visit to the Bishop of Nelson and Mrs. Sadlier.

Mrs. Arnott Anderson, who has been spending Christmas with her people at Karori, has returned to her home at Taumarunui. Her sister, Miss Rhoda Bristol, accompanies her for a visit.

Mrs. J. E. D. Spicer has gone back to Auckland after a stay of some weeks at the Hutt with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adams.

Miss Payne is back in Wellington after an absence of two months in Australia. Miss R. van Stavoren has gone to Opiti with her sister, Mrs. Israel, who has been visiting Wellington.

Mrs. Henry Hadfield, who has been spending two or three weeks in Wellington, has gone back to Otaki.

Lady Stout and Miss Janet Stout are back in Wellington, after their trip South.

Mrs. and Miss Barratt (England) are visiting Wellington.

On January 29th the marriage will be solemnised of Miss Alice Rawson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rawson, Wellington, and Mr. I. Davison, of Canterbury. The wedding reception will be held at Seaton.

HAMILTON.

January 18.

Children's Party.

The children were pleasantly entertained on Wednesday at a party given by Mrs. J. S. Bond. After a fascinating time with some of the lovely toys just brought back from England, "tea" was served in the dining-room, with flags waving over all sorts of good things, including a lovely birthday cake with candles and ornaments on it, and bonbons afterwards. Later much fun was caused by trying to hit blindfold a huge paper balloon, a lucky hit producing showers of sweets of various descriptions, which, of course, soon found owners. Mrs. Bond received her little guests in a pretty cornflower blue silk frock, with floating panels and Persian embroidery, and a big flower-trimmed hat; her little ones, Nellie and Cherry, were in fine, dainty white muslin, lace trimmed. Among those present were: Mrs. McArthur and her two boys, Mrs. Bert Valder and her three little ones, Mrs. F. Wilson and her little ones and two nieces, Mrs. Tompkins with Ken and Ken, Mrs. Roche, jun., with her little son, Mrs. Von Störmer with her two grandchildren, Mrs. Whyte with her two boys and Ngaire, Helen Heywood, and others whom I could not distinguish.

Personal.

Mrs. J. Jackson left for Wanganui during the week, owing to the serious illness of her father, the Hon. John Bryce, whose death subsequently occurred.

Miss Frankish is paying a visit to her sister, Mrs. Heywood.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayly are away for a few weeks' holiday.

Miss Muriel Lorie is staying with Mrs. Barugh.

Mrs. F. Wilson goes on Monday to Takapuna, where she intends staying a week or so with Mrs. Shakespeare.

The Rev. — Strong, sub-warden of St. John's, took both services at St. Peter's on Sunday last.

Mrs. King is having a lovely holiday in the South Island, visiting friends in many places.

Mrs. Allan Bell is in Taranaki with her relations, after going to Whangarei for a short time.

Mrs. and Miss Loughnan are going to England for a trip; they leave Auckland on Monday.

Mr. F. O'B. Loughnan, S.M., left Hamilton to-day for Auckland, en route to his new appointment in Blenheim.

TAURANGA.

January 17.

One of the largest and most successful garden parties given in Tauranga was that which took place in the Domain, in honour of the Hons. Herries and Fraser, last Wednesday. There were several hundreds present, and the ladies' committee had a hard time for two hours, serving tea and dainty cakes. The band rendered excellent music, which added to the enjoyment of those present.

Now that the holidays are over, the tennis and croquet clubs are going in for hard practice, preparing for the various tournaments, which start next week.

Mr. Skinner (Auckland) is visiting friends in Tauranga.

GISBORNE.

January 17.

Tennis Party.

Last Friday Mrs. C. J. Black gave a most enjoyable tennis party at her residence, Kaiiti. Afternoon tea was served under the large trees surrounding the court. Some of those present were:— Mesdames P. Barker (sen.), K. G. Black, and G. M. Dodgshun; Misses Murray, Grant, Nolan, Black (2), Rees, Williams (3), Graham, Davies, Coleman, Barker (2), and Evans.

Tennis.

On Saturday a large crowd of players assembled at the courts. A delicious tea was provided by Mrs. A. J. Henderson, the Misses Smith and S. Evans. The tea-table was artistically decorated with large bowls of bright blue hydrangeas. Amongst those present were: Mesdames W. R. Barker, Smith, Tarris, F. Parker, Matthews, Anderson, Kells, Pittar, H. M. Porter, Singer, Murray, Field, Gover and Dodgshun; Misses de Latour (2), Murray, Dewes, Black (2), Coleman, Davies, Grant, Runciman, Berry, Williams (3), Brown, Rees, Lusk, Bradley, Brooke-Taylor, Hodge, Bull, MacLaurin (2), Faulkner (2), Schumacher, Booth and Reynolds; Messrs. W. R. Barker, Matthews, Dodgshun, Nolan, Orr, Smart, Jeffreys, O'Brien, Hamilton, Willock, Kells, Eatherington, Kissing, O'Callis, Reade, MacLaurin, Hall, Bremner, Grant, Fulton, Parker, and McKenzie.

A most enjoyable tennis afternoon was held at the courts on Wednesday. Twenty-four players entered, and play was kept up till 5.30. The first prize in the A grade was won by Miss N. Davies, the second being won by Miss D. Bull. In the B grade the first prize was won by Miss P. de Latour, the second prize being won by Miss G. Kennedy.

Personal.

Miss D. Bennett is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Symes (Auckland).

Mr. W. Busby (Tokomaru), returned home from Napier last Saturday.

Miss M. Warren (England), is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Williams, Tuarua.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Williams returned home on Sunday after an enjoyable holiday in the South Island.

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