

Who simply require rest and change with perfect quiet, it is very desirable. Return tickets per rail and coaches, available for one month, are issued bi-weekly for thirty shillings. I conclude this account of the Tannier Hot Springs with an extract from the report of the Colonial Analyst, A. W. Dickerton Esq. — Christchurch, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1882.

— The two samples 601 and 611 are waters very highly charged with sulphuretted hydrogen, having a quantity twice as great as the Harrogate waters. All the samples as before remarked, smelt strongly of this gas, and the deficiency in Nos 605 and 608 is probably due to defective coals. The amount of albumenoid ammonia found in these waters is such as would by Wanklyn's standard condemn them entirely for drinking.

Marian Bridge.

### A Day in the Life of a Surveyor's Wife.

On Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 1883, my husband having a day's field work to do near Sheffield, asked me to accompany him, and see the Gorge and new bridge over the Waimakariri. We left Christchurch by the express at 8.10 a.m. changing to the branch line at Rolleston.

Here among our fellow passengers was the Rev. Jasper Symthe, a recent arrival here, whom we had heard preach at St John's. We soon got into conversation, and found that he was reporting to a Victorian paper on the resources and characteristics of New Zealand. His present expedition was to the forests and coal mines at Springfield, also noting the quality of the land and returns of harvest. We got out at Wadlington, a very small place three quarters of a mile from Sheffield, between which townships there is a good deal of rivalry. From here we and the <sup>clerk</sup> man had to walk three