

THE BIRTHDAY LEEVE.

A BIRTHDAY levee was held at Government House, Auckland, on Monday last. On the occasion the Devonport Torpedo Corps, under Lieutenant-Commander Parker, acted as a Guard of Honor to His Excellency. Lord Glasgow was attended by Major Elliot, Captain Preston, and Captain Feilden. His Excellency the Admiral and staff were admitted prior to the entree. The following gentlemen received entree cards:—His Excellency the Admiral, Captain Fisher, R.N., Flag Captain, H.M.a. 'Orlando'; Lieutenant A. M. Duff, R.N., Flag Lieutenant, H.M.a. 'Orlando'; Mr D. B. Hopkins, R.N., Secretary H.M.a. 'Orlando'; Captain Graham, R.N., H.M.a. 'Wallaroo'; Captain Meryon, R.N., H.M.a. 'Katoomba'; Captain Browne, R.N., H.M.a. 'Ringerooma'; the Right Rev. Bishop Cowie; Rev. E. M. Cowie, chaplain; Mr J. J. Holland, Mayor of Auckland; Mr F. A. Philips, Town Clerk; Archdeacon Dudley and Canon Nelson; Monseigneur McDonald, Father Lenihan, Rev. Thomas Norrie, Moderator Auckland Presbytery; Rev. Henry Bull, Superintendent Wesleyan Church Circuit; Rabbi Goldstein, Colonel Goring, Colonel P. Dignan, Col. The Hon. T. M. Haultain, Capt. Schmitt, N.Z.M.; Hon. J. A. Tole; Mr Justice Conolly, Capt. H. W. Northcroft, The Consul for Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Belgium, Mr E. V. Johansen, the Vice-Consul for France, Mr Ambrose Millar: the Consul for Germany, Mr Carl Seegner; the Consular Agent for Italy, Mr R. Rose; the Vice-Consul for Portugal, Mr H. R. George; the Consul for the United States, Mr J. D. Conolly; the Hon. W. Jennings, the Hon. G. B. Morris, Hon. W. Swanson, Hon. J. B. White, Mr W. Crowther, Mr C. E. Button, Mr F. Lawry, Dr. Haines, medical adviser to His Excellency; Mr S. B. Biss, Chief Postmaster; Mr A. Rose, Collector of Customs; Mr H. Eyre Kenny, Warden Thames; Lieutenant Grant, N.Z.V., Adjutant Auckland District.

At a quarter to 12 the levee commenced, when those who had received cards were admitted. The levee lasted until 1 o'clock, and was attended by the following gentlemen:—

- Mr J. P. McAlister, Mr Isidor Alexander, Mr Atkinson, Mr W. A. Andrews, Lieutenant Francis Andrews. Mr Ernest R. Bloomfield, Mr John Batger, Mr W. R. Bloomfield, Mr H. R. Bloomfield, Rev. William Beatty, Mr J. L. R. Bloomfield, Mr Lionel N. Benjamin, Dr. Francis T. Baynton, Mr Adam Brock, Mr J. Sylvester Brigham, Mr James M. Brigham, Mr G. R. Bloomfield, Mr J. T. Bosworth, Dr. Robert H. Bakewell. Archdeacon Clarke, Mr J. P. Cowie, Mr J. Chambers. Lieut.-Colonel Charlton Dawson, Mr C. C. Brown Douglas, Mr Ernest Davis, Mr H. De Bobu Devereux, Surgeon Major Dawson, Captain Davency, Mr Reid Dodridge, Rev. H. R. Dewsbury, Lieut. J. F. Grant-Dalton. Percy H. Franklin, Mr J. Clifton Firth, Rev. Lyttelton FitzGerald, Lieut. Stewart Forster, Mr Harry Foden. Mr Henry Green, Mr Henry A. Gordon, Rev. Frank Gould, Mr John Grant, Mr G. S. Graham, Lieut. Clement Greatorex, Mr H. Howard Greenway. Mr Stanley Hare, Inspector Hickson, Rev. F. C. Hartley, Lieut. A. B. W. Higginson, Lieut. Hume, Dr. Hooper, Mr Leonard Harris, Mr R. E. Isaacs, Thomas Jackson. George Leece, Dr. T. Hope-Lewis, Rev. F. Larkins, Staff-Surgeon Lilly, Rev. H. H. Lawry. Mr Every Maclean, Mr Arthur M. Myers, Mr A. V. Macdonald, Mr Henry Monk, Mr Charles C. McMillan, Mr Thomas Morrin, Mr Thomas C. Morris, Mr John Mowbray, Rev. Henry D. A. Major. Mr Arthur H. Nathan, Mr M. Niccol, Lieut. William Norrie, Mr N. Alfred Nathan, Mr Sydney J. Nathan. Dr. A. Challinor Purchas, Surgeon W. W. Pryn, Mr H. Parker, Rev. A. G. Purchas. Mr John Reid, Mr V. E. Rice, Captain Commandant E. LeRoy. Mr E. C. Smith, Mr J. M. Shera, Mr R. B. Shalders. Mr E. Shillington, Mr John Savage, Professor Seagar, Dr. E. W. Sharman, Mr Thomas H. Smith. Professor H. Arnold Tubbs, Mr William Tait, Mr Chamberlin Tims, Mr Arthur Towsey, Mr J. W. Tibbs, Mr F. W. Thomas. Mr J. H. Upton. Mr Samuel Vaile. Dr. Charles Watson, Mr W. F. Ware, Mr W. Ware, Rev. C. E. Ward, Mr Henry de C. Ward, Captain C. J. Wilson, Mr J. A. Wauchope.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE IN NEW ZEALAND.

LAST Friday evening there was an interesting gathering of old Oxford and Cambridge men at the Northern Club, Auckland, for the purpose of forming an association composed of former students of the two great English universities residing in the colony. Over twenty-eight gentlemen sat down to dinner, and Mr H. G. Seth-Smith, ex-Chief Justice of the Native Land Court, presided. After the toast of 'The Queen' the Rev. Canon Nelson proposed 'The University of

Oxford.' Mr W. E. Outhwaite responded, and then Professor Tubbs proposed 'The University of Cambridge,' to which Bishop Cowie (Primate of New Zealand) replied. The formation of an Oxford and Cambridge Association was then agreed to, and the following officers elected:—President, The Primate; Vice-President, Mr H. G. Seth-Smith; Committee, Professor Tubbs, C. E. S. Gillies, E. R. Bloomfield, J. R. Reed, and W. Outhwaite. It was agreed to defer the appointment of a Secretary till the first general meeting. The following were those present at the gathering:—The Most Rev. Bishop Cowie (Trinity Hall, Cambridge), Rev. Canon Nelson (Queen's College, Cambridge), Professor Seagar (Trinity College, Cambridge), Professor Tubbs (Exeter College, Oxford), H. G. Seth-Smith (Trinity College, Cambridge), Owen Ilbert (Corpus College, Oxford), W. E. Outhwaite (Lincoln College, Oxford), F. L. Wright (Jesus College, Cambridge), J. C. Colbeck (Exeter College, Oxford), J. R. Reed (Clare College, Cambridge), T. C. Williamson (Christchurch College, Oxford), E. D. O'Rorke (Christ's College, Cambridge), Capt. Preston (Christchurch College, Oxford), W. B. Colbeck (Caius College, Cambridge), C. E. S. Gillies (Caius College, Cambridge), H. R. Bloomfield (Trinity Hall, Cambridge), J. P. Stevenson (Balliol College, Oxford), E. R. Bloomfield (Trinity Hall, Cambridge), V. E. Rice (Christchurch College, Oxford), H. A. Dobson (Peterhouse, Cambridge), C. D. Robertson (Jesus College, Cambridge). Apologies for non-attendance were received from Professor Thomas, Dr. Kinder, Revs. W. E. Lush, E. Cowie, J. W. Alloway, W. M. Du Rieu, Messrs J. R. Oxford, E. C. Haigh, J. W. Tibbs and Edward Lake.

THE TRANSVAAL REFORMERS.

THE above is a picture of the five leading members of the Johannesburg Reform Committee. All with the exception of Leonard were condemned to death, a sentence that was afterwards commuted to imprisonment for fifteen years. This latter sentence will be further revised. From the latest cablegrams it is understood that President Kruger desires that fines should be imposed in place of imprisonment, and although there is strong opposition to this course in some quarters, it will in all probability be the one adopted. With regard to Leonard, it is said that President Kruger possesses a proclamation which the Reformers intended to issue had Jameson been successful. This document shows that Leonard was to have been President of the Republic.



CHARLES LEONARD



JOHN HAYS HAMMOND



LIONEL PHILLIPS

OBITUARY.

MR H. BESWICK (Mayor of Christchurch) and his sisters received a great shock last week at the news of the sudden death of their brother, Mr T. Beswick, who died at Johannesburg in February. Mr Beswick has many friends in Christchurch who greatly deplore his early death and sympathise deeply with his family.

Much regret is felt at the fatal accident to Mr Herbert George Keyworth, chief officer s.s. 'Wainui.' He was a son of Dr. Keyworth, formerly of Wellington and now of Adelaide, and was a son-in-law to Mr W. J. Jobson, of 'Bhundarra,' Epsom, Auckland.

Mr John Hagan, of Wellington, who died suddenly at the Upper Hutt a day or two ago, had been a settler in the Valley for 31 years. He was formerly a member of the 18th Royal Irish Regiment, and leaves a widow, seven sons and daughters, and thirty-five grandchildren.

ELECTION ITEMS.

SEVERAL native candidates are going to contest the Western Maori electorate. Amongst the Waikato candidates mentioned are Henare Kaihau, Keri Toke (Ngati-naenae), Reha Aparama, and Tiyene Heketone.

The Hon. R. J. Seddon addressed a crowded meeting in the Princess Theatre, Hastings, on Friday night, a large number of ladies being present. The Mayor of Hastings (Mr Fitzroy) occupied the chair. Mr Seddon fears he will not reach Auckland.

THE SHEEP RENEWED.

SPECTATORS looking at the 'happy family' of a menagerie have often wondered if the ovine member ever lay down inside of the lion. The Glasgow Times answers:—

The owner of a menagerie in Berlin, which included a 'happy family,' consisting of a lion, a tiger, a wolf, and a sheep, was asked one day in confidence how long these animals had lived together. 'About nine months,' he replied, 'except the sheep, which has to be renewed occasionally.'



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