

Personal Paragraphs.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, the Countess of Glasgow, Lady Augusta and Lady Helen Boyle, attended by Captain Fielden, visited Wellington Park on Monday afternoon, the residence of Mr and Mrs Thomas Morrin. In the evening the Vice-regal party was present at the City Hall to hear the People's National and Patriotic concerta.

MAJOR ELLIOT, Private Secretary, went up to Rangiriri Cemetery by the early morning train on Monday. His melancholy task was to superintend the erection of a monument to the memory of the brave officers and men who lost their lives in the Maori War during the assault on the Rangiriri *pah*, or who subsequently died of the wounds received during this fight.

HIS EXCELLENCY REAR ADMIRAL BRIDGE and Flag-Lieutenant Duff dined at Government House on Thursday night.

MR L. F. ALLEN, eldest son of the S.M. of Picton and Blenheim, lately in charge of the Bank of New Zealand at Danevirke, has been transferred to Auckland.

MR MARSHALL, M.A., B.Sc., F.G.S., the new science master at the Auckland College and Grammar School, is expected to arrive from Christchurch next week to take up his work at once. The other new master is Mr J. Hight, M.A., whose duties will be chiefly connected with the commercial side; being an expert teacher of Pitman's shorthand, his advent will greatly strengthen the staff in this department.

MRS A. P. THOMAS, hon. secretary of the Auckland Children's Flower Show, received a hearty vote of thanks at the annual meeting, held last week, for her valuable aid in all matters connected with the Society. Lady Glasgow is patroness.

MR CHARLES TAYLOR (Bank of New Zealand, Te Awamutu), with his wife and little boy, left for Sydney per 'Mariposa' on Saturday *en route* for England. They start from Melbourne by the 'Britannia' this week, and if the mailboat does not make a quick trip, will have to go *overland* from Sydney.

MAJOR ELLIOT went up to Rangiriri and back on Saturday.

WHIT SUNDAY (May 24th) was selected by the Anglican Church for special collections in aid of the Melanesian Mission.

ON Friday evening an unfortunate accident happened near Timaru to three ministers, Archdeacon Harper, Rev. W. Gillies (Timaru), and Rev. J. White (Pleasant Point), who were driving from a Bible in schools meeting at Geraldine, when they were upset from a buggy. The Archdeacon fell on his face, which was badly cut and bruised. The other two escaped serious injury.

AMONGST those mentioned as a probable successor to the late Sir P. Buckley's position on the Supreme Court Bench are Mr Haggitt, of Dunedin, Mr Chapman, of Dunedin, Mr S. M. Martin, of Wellington, and Mr Theo. Cooper, of Auckland.

MISS CROFT, from Wellington, is in Gisborne on a short visit to her sister, Mrs Frank Arthur, who leaves this week to join her husband in Coolgardie.

THE Auckland Hospital authorities report a slight change for the better in the case of Miss Bull, to the enquiries made by her friends.

CAPTAIN PRESTON and Professor Schmitt returned to Auckland from the Southern Wairoa last week after a most successful and enjoyable shooting excursion.

MRS SYMES (Gisborne) is still away at the Hot Springs.

MR WILL LAMBERT's appointment as district secretary of the Auckland branch of the Mutual Life Association of Australasia is formally announced. Mr Lambert takes the place of Mr C. W. Caldwell, who has been acting for some few months past, and who returned to his old duties in Sydney, by the 'Waihora' last week. He will be an acquisition to bowling circles.

MRS CYRIL WHITE is at present in Auckland on a visit from Gisborne.

MR AND MRS MCCORQUODALE were passengers from Sydney by the 'Tasmania' last week.

MISS BROWNING, from the Girls' High School, Dunedin, is visiting her many friends in Napier.

MRS AND MISS WILLIAMS, from Paikamaka, are in Gisborne for a few days.

MISS WILKINS (Auckland) is staying with her sister, Mrs Fairfax Fenwicke, in Napier.

MR J. M. LKNOX, Auckland, has been visiting the Thames and other mining districts.

MISS BURTS (Wellington) is the guest of Mrs W. Wood (Boys' High School), Napier.

MR J. BORTHWICK, who is well-known to old Aucklanders in connection with the Whau mine, as manager in its palmy days, arrived from Sydney by the s.s. 'Tasmania' last week. He has been at Coolgardie during the last five years. Mr Borthwick returns to Auckland as practical adviser to Mr Hay Dickson, with a view to picking up mines for the London market.

MR AND MRS KINROSS WHITE have returned to Napier from the Hot Lake district.

MR R. H. BUTTREV, a recent arrival in Auckland from Adelaide, has been appointed choirmaster at Beresford-street Congregational Church.

A PRIVATE cablegram received last week from the Old Country announced the arrival of the Rev. Canon Bates. He was in good health.

MR W. A. LOW, manager of the Tai Tapu Gold Estates, Nelson, who has been in Auckland for a short time, left for the South by the 'Takapuna' on Monday.

MR AND MRS F. M. WALLACE are back from Sumner.

DR. AND MRS GUTHRIE, of Lyttelton, have gone to the North Island for a trip.

MISS MCINTYRE is spending the holidays with her people, Waikawa Road, Picton.

THE Bishop and Mrs Wallis are still absent from Wellington, staying at Marton.

MR AND MRS MARSHALL NALDER, of Christchurch, are going to England shortly. Mr Nalder has been recommended a long sea voyage, so they go by sailing ship. Miss Browning (Mrs Nalder's sister) will winter in Australia.

MISS JOHNSTON has returned to Wellington from Dunedin and taken possession of the house in Guilford Terrace, which she is preparing for the return of her mother and sisters.

MISS ALLEN has returned from Anikiwa to Picton, having spent a very jolly fortnight with the Beauchamps, whose homestead is notable for hospitality.

DR. AND MRS MURRAY-AVNSLEY are leaving Christchurch for the North Island, where they intend to settle.

MRS (DR) SAUNDERS, from Wanganui, is staying with her sister, Mrs Abbot, in Wellington.

MISS CLARK left Blenheim on Tuesday afternoon for New Plymouth, where she will stay for a short time, and then go on to Pahiataua to stay with her sister, Mrs G. Lucas. Miss Evelyn Cawte has accompanied her.

MRS IZARD has returned to Wellington, but unfortunately she is not at all well at present.

MISS E. CRAYTOR, of 'Marshlands,' Blenheim, has gone to Christchurch for a few months.

MR J. M. BRIGHAM, secretary and treasurer of the Harbour Board, who has been on a visit to Wellington in connection with the receiving of cargo at that port, returned to town by the 'Gairloch' on Saturday.

MR JUSTICE CONOLLY arrived in Auckland from Wellington by the 'Takapuna.'

MR E. CARTWRIGHT, late underground boss in the May Queen Gold Mining Company's mine, Thames, and who is now filling a similar position in the Cambria Gold Mining Company's mine, has been presented by the employees of the former mine with a handsome silver-mounted meerschaum pipe and tobacco pouch as a mark of their esteem and goodwill.

MR AND MRS BALCOMBE-BROWN are riding bicycles, so the regiment of lady cyclists of Wellington almost daily increases.

A BRASS memorial tablet is to be placed in St. Augustine's Church, Waimate, Canterbury, in memory of the Rev. J. Sotham. The necessary funds will be raised by a shilling subscription list.

THE Hon. E. Mitchelson and Miss Mitchelson left for Sydney by the mail steamer 'Mariposa.'

DR. MCADAM, who has resided in Oamaru for some time as Dr. Whitton's associate, intends to pay a visit to Europe and thoroughly visit the principal hospitals, making himself acquainted with the latest phases of surgical and pathological science. His intention is to return to New Zealand.

MR J. A. WAUCHOPE, who left on a visit to England some months ago on mining business, returned by the 'Mariposa' last evening.

MR R. HULL, stock inspector of Wanganui, who for some time past has been in indifferent health, has gone on a visit to the Hot Lakes.

MR G. HUTCHISON, M.H.R., is expected to arrive at Auckland by the June mail steamer from San Francisco.

MR S. B. BISS, chief postmaster of Auckland, has resumed his official duties after his temporary absence.

MR AND MRS MOSS-DAVIS, of Auckland, with their two eldest daughters, intend to take a short trip to the Old Country.

MRS McMILLAN and the Misses McMillan, of 'Ardstrath,' Remuera, have returned to Auckland from their three months' residence at their country house, Wain-garo.

MRS RICHMOND, Modt Eden, Auckland, has gone with her daughter to visit her sister-in-law, Mrs A. Aitken, up the Waikato.

MR AND MRS GERALD TOLHURST have returned from their honeymoon, and are staying with Mr and Mrs G. E. Tolhurst, of Wellington, for a few days.

MR AND MRS CRAWSHAW and family have left Blenheim for their future home in Hawera. They will be much missed.

MISS SYDNEY JOHNSTON has come down from the country to be present at Miss Grace's wedding. She is at present staying with Mrs Bell in Wellington.

MRS POWELL has returned to Blenheim from her lengthy visit to Hokitika, and looks remarkably well.

MRS BEDDARD has returned to Wellington from her long stay in the country.

MR AND MRS DUNCAN CAMERON, Methven, have come into Christchurch for the winter.

A LARGE number of transfers and promotions in the post and telegraph service have been brought about by the reduction in rates, which come into force at the end of the month. Of 178 messengers in the service, some 90 have been promoted, and many other changes will take place. The following are the promotions, alterations, and additions to the staff of the Postal and Telegraph Department affecting the Auckland district:—

ADDITIONS TO OPERATING STAFF, AUCKLAND.—Messrs G. F. Day, from Christchurch; Kidson, from Motueka, promoted; Ballance, from Mangonui; E. N. S. Brown, of Auckland, promoted; Hunter from Motueka; Henderson, from Whitiangi; Elliott, from Kawakawa; McLean, from Dargaville, promoted; Pulling, Auckland, promoted; Slyfield, from Waihi; Best from Hamilton; Cummings, from Blenheim; A. E. St. Clair, of Auckland Exchange, to be assistant counter clerk; R. A. Bach, of the distributor's staff, promoted to be a despatch clerk. Six additional new messengers to be appointed.

KAWAKAWA.—Messenger Cummings to be promoted to rank assistant, vice Elliott, transferred to Auckland; Macready appointed messenger.

OHARAWAI.—Cadet Smith to Waipukurau, vice Mr Gibbons, appointed operator at Hamilton.

OHAUPO.—Messenger Roche, promoted to cadetship at Ohaeawai.

ROTORUA.—Mr Boland transferred to Gisborne, replaced by Acting-Messenger Dansey, promoted to a cadetship.

WHANGAREI.—Cadet A. W. Munro transferred to Napier, replaced by Mr M. M. Munro promoted; Thomas (messenger) promoted to be letter-carrier, vice Munro.

WAIPU.—Messenger Campbell to Napier as a cadet.

MESSENGERS.—A. Ballance, Mangonui; Henderson, Whitiangi; and McLean, Dargaville, promoted to cadetships in Auckland Telegraph Office.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN LONDON.

MR CHAS. R. VALENTINE, formerly produce expert for the New Zealand Government, is on his way to the colony on a visit.

MR HENRY OCTAVIUS GEORGE HARRISON, youngest son of Mr O. H. Harrison, late Secretary of the General Post Office Department at Home and now in New Zealand, has been married to Miss C. Sophia Frances Ferguson, youngest daughter of Mr C. A. Ferguson, formerly of Lea, Kent.

A SUBSCRIPTION list has been opened by the Agent-General on behalf of the sufferers of the Brunner colliery explosion. The following contributions have been received up to date:—J. A. Scrimgeour, £105; Hon. R.