

Oliver, £50; Hon. W. Gisborne, £5; Mr S. S. Blackburn, £1 1s; Mona. Lanseigne (Paris), £1 1s; Mr F. Douglas Fox, 10s; Miss Greenstreet, 5s.

MR McCULLOUGH, M.L.C., is now in England.

MR F. E. N. CROMBIE, of New Zealand, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute.

MR JAMES MILLS, Mr J. McCosh Clark, Captain Ashby and Mr G. M. Nelson were among the invited guests to the annual dinner of the Royal Colonial Institute at which the Marquis of Lorne presided.

MR GEO. JAMESON, of New Zealand, who is a member of the London Stock Exchange, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Society of England.

AMONG the successful students at the University of Edinburgh, are the following New Zealanders:—Mr C. Chilton, D.Sc., M.A. of Dunedin, won the senior 'John Aitken Carlyle' Bursary in anatomy and physiology, also fourth junior medal in physiology, and took also first-class honours in junior practical anatomy. T. P. Herring, of Ashburton, New Zealand, took first-class honours in public health, first-class senior honours in surgery, second senior medal in medicine and third medal in midwifery. A. G. Orchard, of Christchurch, took first-class honours in midwifery, and first-class junior honours in medicine. H. I. T. Thacker, B.A., Christchurch, took first-class honours in midwifery, and first-class in surgery. J. Stevenson, Rangiora, first-class honours in midwifery, also first-class honours in surgery. A. C. Sandstein, of Christchurch, took first class senior honours in physiology, second medal in materia medica, and third senior medal in practical anatomy. H. J. McLean, of Timaru, took third-class junior medal in anatomy.

MR J. BURNS, of Auckland, who recently had the misfortune to slip and break his leg in London, has gone to stay in Scotland with friends.

MR AND MRS J. L. WILSON were on their way to London from Palestine, via Italy, at the date of our last London letter.

MRS SEYMOUR GEORGE and Miss George, Miss Coates, and Mr and Miss Horton, all of New Zealand, have been admitted as a special favour to view Her Majesty's private apartments at Windsor Castle.

MR BELL, M.H.R., is on his way to New Zealand via the States.

DR. F. W. PENNEFATHER, formerly Private Secretary to His Excellency, Sir William Jervois, is now at Home, and will probably take up his residence permanently there.

MR THOMAS RUSSELL, C.M.G., is said to have benefited much by his stay on the Continent.

THE degrees of M.R.C.S. (England) and L.R.C.P. (London) have been conferred on Dr. H. C. Barclay, of New Zealand.

MR AND MRS SHIRLEY BLACKBURN have returned from their honeymoon trip on the Continent, and leave for Christchurch by the 'Rimutaka' next month.

MR P. S. BROWNING, erstwhile of Dunedin and Reef-ton, has settled down in London as secretary to certain of the New Zealand mining enterprises at present engaging public attention.

superseded Mr F. C. V. Brown as Captain's Secretary, and two of the midshipmen went Home in the 'Endymion.' On the other warships there is no change. Messrs Davis and Reid, two midshipmen, came across by the 'Orlando' to join the 'Rapid.'

That Miss Hitchings and Miss Una Hitchings, of Napier, have gone to Sydney for a few weeks.

That Mr George Dyer has discovered two hot springs in the Otira Gorge, about a mile up the Otira River.

That the arrival of the Australian Squadron will be very opportune for the Birthday Ball.

That the H.M.s. 'Orlando' and the cruisers, 'Wallaroo,' 'Katoomba' and 'Ringarooma,' arrived in Auckland Harbour on Wednesday afternoon, having had a very rough trip from Sydney.

That the 'Orlando' was docked in Auckland on Tuesday morning, and after overhaul will leave on June 13th for Suva. Thence she proceeds to Fitzroy Island and Thursday Island, and is due back at Sydney on August 14th.

That the 'Wallaroo,' 'Ringarooma,' and 'Katoomba' leave Auckland about the 30th instant. Their destinations are not settled, but they join the 'Orlando' at Suva between June 18th and June 26th.

That the 'Wallaroo' leaves Suva on June 27th for Noumea for mails, and rejoins the 'Orlando' at sea.

That H.M.s. 'Katoomba' will probably be shortly on the New Zealand station and will dock at Lyttelton.

That Mrs Niell, the Assistant Inspector of Asylums, has been up from the South and visited the Auckland Asylum. The patients are much in need of good games to play during the winter evenings—chess, cards, etc.

That the brave act of George Morris, conductor of one of the Ponsouby cars, in plunging into the Auckland Harbour on a recent stormy night and saving the life of Mr Thomas, has been rewarded. Mr T. W. Leys, on behalf of the 100 subscribers, presented him with a purse of £10.

That the settlers at Waingarua and the vicinity, in the Raglan district, are in much need of a bridge over the Waipa to connect them with Ngaruawahia.

That Mrs Fraser and the Misses Churton, from Auckland, are at present the guests of Mrs L. Rees, Gisborne.

That the Rev. T. Crombie, from England, is staying at Mr Bradley's residence, 'Riverslea,' in Poverty Bay.

That Lady Alice and Lady Dorothy Boyle, who have been visiting Mr and Miss Williams at the Bay of Islands, returned to Auckland by the 'Clansman' on Friday morning.

That a fish, which might have been a whale, but is, according to Sir James Hector, who noticed it from the steamer 'Grafton,' a rare fish of the cetaceous order beluga, has been playing about a small bay near the Pelorus sound. Sir James says that there is no specimen of it in any colonial museum, though the skull of one was secured from the Maoris some years ago.

That the Countess of Glasgow on Thursday afternoon presented Misses Lilian Phillips and Ruth Utting with the medals they had won at the late Flower Show. Lady Glasgow received the ladies and children in the drawing-room at Government House, and kindly invited them to partake of afternoon tea. Heavy rain fell, which rather limited the attendance.

That the Countess of Glasgow has generously offered to give prize medals and prizes for the Children's Flower Show next year, and promised to leave duplicate prizes behind for competition the year succeeding her departure from New Zealand.

That Mr and Mrs Samuel Heath, who were living in a *whare* at the Marlborough settlement between Opanake and Taheke, had a very narrow escape recently. During a gale a rima snapped off and fell across the fireplace, breaking Mrs Heath's collar-bone, bruising her head, and inflicting a flesh wound on her right arm. No doctor was available, but some neighbours attended to her injuries. A new house is being built on Mr Heath's section.

That Mr W. J. Barclay, B.A., has gained at the University of Edinburgh, a Van Dunlop Scholarship in Physiology and Surgery of £100 per annum, tenable for three years. Mr Barclay, who is the son of Mr Adam Barclay, of Mangawhare, gained a Junior University Scholarship from the Auckland College and Grammar School, and studied afterwards in the Auckland University College, and at the University of Otago.

That the Picton footballers are *non est* in the cup matches this year, removals and promotion have walked off with the seniors, and the juniors are not strong enough to compete.

That Miss Williams, of the Bay of Islands, returned to Auckland with the Ladies Alice and Dorothy Boyle, and is now staying at Government House.

That the children's party at Brooklyn was the jolliest for years past in Picton, and that the Misses Ethel and Nina Greensill are *facile principes* as hostesses. That two of the dances were leap year dances, and the young ladies were very polite to their partners.

That the old Oxonianna' and Cantabs' dinner at the Northern Club on Thursday night was a most interesting function. An Oxford and Cambridge Association is to be formed.

That there is a rumour that the Wellington Chess Club is to be open to lady members, some of whom have expressed a wish to join. Granted the franchise, of course, a woman is free and eligible for everything that man goes in for.

That the Bishop and Mrs Julius, of Christchurch, have been spending a few days at Akaroa. Bishop Julius has now almost recovered from his recent severe indisposition. The Misses Julius are still absent holiday making.

That much regret is expressed in Blenheim because Mr Lewis Jackson, travelling agent for the Loan and Mercantile, has decided to give up that position and go with his family to the North Island, where he intends to farm. It is sincerely hoped the change will be to his advantage. It is not known yet who will take his place.

That it is whispered in gay Wellington circles that Mrs Tolhurst may give an evening reception within the next few days as a welcome to her son and his bride.

That Mrs Grace has issued a large number of invitations for a reception on the occasion of Miss Grace's marriage to Mr J. Duncan next Thursday afternoon.

That Mr J. Curtis (Blenheim) has had to undergo another operation. He is progressing favourably so far. Much regret is felt at his illness.

That Mr and Mrs Sprott leave Wellington next Wednesday for Hay, New South Wales, where Mrs Sprott spent some months last year, and in consequence of the benefit received from last visit the doctors have recommended a similar change for this winter.

That several new engagements from Picton will shortly be announced.

That Miss E. Curtis (Blenheim), who has been staying with Mrs Crawford, of 'Langan,' Newtown, and also with Mrs Stevens, of 'Ellensville,' Oriental Bay, has just returned, and is looking well after her visit to the Empire City.

That Mr and Mrs Balcombe Brown, of Wellington, have returned from their distant visits. Armed with bicycles they come, the fascinating machines without which the generality of Britishers think life is not worth living.

That the Rowing Club's social held in Picton on the Queen's Birthday was to be the most popular social of the season. Being for the purpose of paying for the boat purchased by the Club for the use of the popular young sculler, Mr Hugh McCormick, all the world and his wife studied to make the affair an unqualified success.

That the cup that cheers is to be improved by one of its devotees, for Mrs Margaretta Lichfield, of Greytown, is applying for letters patent for an improved tea infuser.

That a valuable gift was made last week by the Young Women's Bible Class at the Auckland Tabernacle to Mrs Blaikie, who for three years has been their instructor. The presentation was made at a social, and consisted of a pretty cake-basket, cream and sugar stand with silver tongs.

That a handsome legacy has been bequeathed to Mr H. Driver, of the Horse Shoe Bush Estate, a relative in the United States having left him £10,000.

That the New Anglican Church, called St. Saviour's, was consecrated last week by the Primate, Dr. Cowie. The site was given by Mr G. Whyman, and the building is opened free from debt.

That the Committee arranging for the celebration of the Premier's birthday, on June 22nd, has decided that it should take the form of a social and dance, and during the evening the Premier will be presented with an illuminated address.

That there has recently been celebrated the 57th anniversary of the wedding of Mr B. C. Rodd, of Five Dock, the oldest solicitor in Australia, and one of the oldest residents of Sydney.

That the Northern Railway League is anxious to impress on the Auckland Representatives before their return to Wellington the great desirability of pressing on the overland connection between Auckland and Taranaki. This would, indeed, fill a long felt want.

That Miss Stevenson's marriage to Mr Robert Rose, of Auckland, takes place in her mother's house, 'Glenholm,' Remuera, Auckland, and is an extremely quiet affair, only immediate relatives being present. There will be a small dance for young people in the evening.

That many hearty congratulations from various parts of the colony were sent to Wellington last week by the many friends of the Rev. T. and Mrs Hamer, who celebrated their golden wedding. The couple came out to Auckland in 1851, Mr Hamer being one of the first Congregational ministers who arrived in the colony. They are still in fairly good health.

That it is proposed by the Wellington Acclimatisation Society to turn out a number of deer on the Waterworks Reserve at Wainui-o-mata, if the City Council will give its consent.

That on Monday, the 25th, in Auckland, many people imagined that there had been a very late cold water party at some Club on the Saturday night, and that those entertained thereat had only sufficiently recovered before one o'clock on Monday to scatter to their several homes, as numbers of Society men in evening dress were seen fitting about, desperately bent on eluding observation. It turned out that they were going to or from the levee at Government House, in regulation dress!

That a number of friends assembled at the Napier wharf to bid *au revoir* to Miss Lanauze, who left on Thursday by the s.s. 'Waihora.' Miss Lanauze has endeared herself to all, and her friends will be most happy to anticipate her return, for she has decided to permanently reside in Hawke's Bay.

That a proposal is on foot to start an iron-sand smelting works at Patea. Some two or three tons of sand have already been sent away to Onghunga for experimental treatment.

That Mr J. A. Endean, son of Mr and Mrs Endean, of Auckland, who was one of the medical passes in the recent examinations held in the colony, has left for Australia and the Old Country to gain experience in his profession. The many friends of Mr and Mrs Endean will wish the young Aucklander every success in his studies.



SOCIETY \* ON \* DIPS.

THAT Government House, Auckland, will probably be vacated the first week in June, much to the regret of Society people and others in the fair Northern city. The present Governor and his family take a keen interest in all that is going on, be it a patriotic concert, the

proposed bazaar for the girls working in shops and factories, a meet of the hounds, a dance, medals for the Ambulance Corps or children's flower show, etc., etc., which kindly interest renders them deservedly popular. Few people realize the constant demand on strength and cheerfulness all this implies.

That the concert given in the Costley Home, Auckland, by the members of the Mount Eden Amateur Harmonic Society, under the conductorship of Mr G. A. Paque, R.A.M., was exceedingly enjoyed.

That the natives of Whangaruru believe that the recent severe gales were caused by the death of a very old native chief in that district, this being one of their cherished superstitions.

That the promotion of Mr N. Carless, who has occupied the position of purser of the Huddart-Parker steamer 'Tasmania' during the time that she has been on the New Zealand-Sydney trade, to the position of inspector of the Company's business on the New Zealand coast, is very popular. His headquarters will be in Wellington.

That on the 'Orlando,' Mr E. G. Chamberlain has