



A VERY sad accident happened at New Brighton last week when Miss Florence Wells fell off the Pier and was drowned. Her mother resides at Linwood, and the greatest sympathy is felt for her and the whole family. The young lady was engaged to be married, was only twenty years of age, and very pretty. It has been a great shock to all her friends. She was employed at Skelton, Frostick, and Co's., and greatly liked by all her companions. The body has not yet been recovered, though the tug went round from Lyttelton to search for it.

On Friday last the news of the death of Mr Haultain, of Opawa, came as a great shock, he only having been laid up a week, but suffering very severely from internal inflammation. Mr Haultain was a son of Colonel Haultain, of Auckland, and occupied a responsible position on the staff of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency in Christchurch, where he will be much missed. He leaves a widow and two young children, for whom the deepest sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement.

Mrs Fisher, wife of Captain Fisher, Beckenham, Colombo Road South, passed away on Tuesday, after a long and painful illness. The deceased lady was much beloved and esteemed by a large number of friends in Christchurch, and her place in the home circle will long be a void.

STRANGE FATE OF HERBERT INGRAM.

I MUST digress for a moment, says William G. Fitzgerald, in an article in the *Strand Magazine* on Lord Charles Beresford's career, to tell the weird, extraordinary story of the ultimate fate of Herbert Ingram, Lord Charles Beresford's most brilliant and dashing volunteer. In the first place, Lord Charles outlined the story for me and Sir William Ingram very kindly filled in the details of his brother's tragic death. So keen was Mr Ingram's interest in the Gordon relief expedition that he actually took his own steam launch out to Egypt to join the expeditionary forces. He was at Abu, Klea, Metemneh and anywhere else where there was any hot fighting to be done.

As a kind of souvenir of his adventures in Egypt and the Soudan, Mr Ingram at length bought a mummy for £50 from the English Consul at Luxor. The mummy was that of a priest of Thetis, and it bore a mysterious inscription. After obtaining at Cairo the necessary permits Ingram sent the mummy home in a big case, which was opened by his brothers at the office of the *Illustrated London News*. Over the face was a papier-mache mask, which is now deposited in the British Museum. The last-named institution was asked to send along an expert to decipher and translate the inscription, which was long and blood-curdling. It set forth that whosoever disturbed the body of this priest should himself be deprived of a decent burial; he would meet with a violent death and his mangled remains would be 'carried down by a rush of waters to the sea.' This is the first part of a fascinating romance of real life.

Some time after sending the mummy home, Mr Ingram and Sir Henry Meux were elephant shooting in Somaliland, when one day the natives brought in a great chunk of dried earth, saying that it was the spoor of the biggest elephant in the world. The temptation was too much for the two sportsmen, so they hunted up that herd. 'I've left my elephant gun behind,' cried Sir Henry in dismay. 'Take mine,' said Ingram, generously leaving himself with a comparatively impotent small-bore.

When they sighted the elephants Sir Henry went after a bull and Mr Ingram turned his attention to an enormous cow. His method was to turn round in his saddle, fire a shot, and then gallop his pony on ahead, dodging the infuriated elephant among the trees. At last, looking back for another shot, he was swept out of his saddle by the drooping bough of a tree. The moment he reached the ground the wounded elephant was upon him, goring and trampling him to death, notwithstanding the heroism of his Somali servant, who poured a charge of shot right into the monster's ear.

For days the elephant would not let anyone approach the spot, but eventually Mr Ingram's remains were reverently gathered up and buried for the time being in a nullah, or ravine. Never again was the body seen, for when an expedition was afterward despatched to the spot only one sock and part of a human bone were found; these pitiful relics were subsequently interred at Aden with military honours. It was found that the floods caused by heavy rains had washed away Mr Ingram's remains, thereby fulfilling the ancient prophecy—the awful threat of the priest of Thetis. The mummy is now in the possession of Lady Meux, and Sir Henry has the tusks of the elephant.

Personal Paragraphs.

THIS colony heartily congratulates Her Most Gracious and Imperial Majesty the Queen on having beaten the British record in reigning.

THE 'Hinemoa,' with Lord and Lady Glasgow and suite on board, has been cruising in the Marlborough Sounds for a few days, and arrived at the Picton wharf early on Tuesday morning. The movements of the party and the time of arrival were so uncertain that the Borough authorities deemed it advisable not to make any public demonstrations, and the party were allowed to wander about the town like ordinary visitors. The mayor (Mr J. A. R. Greensill) and Miss Greensill went on board and invited the party to 'Brookley' to spend the evening and meet the leading residents of the place. At 2 p.m. the 'Hinemoa' left the wharf to visit some of the bays in Queen Charlotte Sound.

MR THOS. SMITH, surveyor's draughtsman, whilst cleaning his revolver, unfortunately shot himself in the arm. He is now in the Auckland Hospital.

THE Right Rev. the Bishop of Melanesia, the Rev. Wilson, and Dr. Williams arrived in Auckland last week by the 'Southern Cross.'

MR ROBERT DUNLOP, a well-known Invercargill volunteer and rifle shot, who died last week, contracted his fatal illness in a simple manner. He was playing with his children on the grass, and dropped off to sleep in the genial sunshine. He woke with a pain in his back, which proved to be the precursor of pneumonia.

THE Rev. W. Beatty, of Auckland, has resigned his position as examining chaplain to Bishop Cowie, Primate of the colony.

MR A. C. BRGG, jun., of Dunedin, who lately proceeded to Edinburgh, has passed his first professional examination in botany and zoology, taking honours in both subjects.

RECENTLY three cadetships were offered by the Government to pupils of the Auckland College and Grammar School on the girls' side, as a reward of the high place attained by these girls in the last Junior Civil Service Examination. Misses M. L. Wilson and Blanche Trevithick have left for Wellington to enter the head office of the Government Insurance Department; and next week Miss Mary Eyre, having been appointed to the Patent Office, will take her departure.

MR THOS. A. BAILEY (from Cork) is touring the colony. He lectures on Ireland and the Irish. He intends to proceed to India on mission work. He was formerly a British officer there, and now goes back as 'a soldier of the cross.'

CAPTAIN H. ANDERSON, the New Zealand representative of the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company, arrived from the South on Saturday, in order to meet the Company's steamer 'Aotea,' which is due from London in the Waitemata Harbour.

MR GEORGE PERRY, the temperance advocate, has returned from Sydney to this colony.

MR W. C. KENSINGTON, who has been for many years chief draughtsman in the Auckland Survey Office, has been promoted to be Chief Surveyor and Crown Lands Commissioner for Westland. The many friends of himself and family—though congratulating him—much regret his departure from the fair northern city, also that of his wife and daughters, who will soon be leaving for their new home.

MR DAVID ZIMAN, mine owner at Reefton, has been granted letters of naturalisation.

COLONEL MADLEY has been appointed Commissioner of the South Australian police.

MR S. H. JAMES, of Stratford, intends visiting the Old Country to see his parents. He leaves early in November.

MR A. I. Suckling Baron, manager of the New Zealand Electrical Syndicate, leaves for England by the next San Francisco mail steamer on a business trip.

DR. DONALD McLENNAN, from the Hawaiian Islands, is visiting Auckland.

MR MARCHANT, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Christchurch, is to be transferred to Wellington, Mr D. Barron, of Westland, will succeed Mr Marchant, and Mr W. C. Kensington, of Auckland, goes to Westland.

MR JAMES MABIN, a well-known farmer and dealer in the Temuka district, and a one-time prominent piper at Caledonian gatherings, died on Sunday.

THE estate of the late Colonel E. R. Drury, C.M.G., Brisbane, has been sworn at under £74,350.

DR. WALLER HISLOP, son of the Hon. T. Hislop, has been appointed to the National Hospital for Consumptives, at Ventnor, Isle of Wight.

MAJOR ELLIOT, Private Secretary to Lord Glasgow, was so seriously unwell when the 'Hinemoa' arrived at Picton that it was necessary to consult a medical man. Dr. Scott was called in, and found that Major Elliot was suffering from threatened erysipelas from an old wound in his head.

MR JAMES CHRISTIE, who for some time past has

filled the position of headmaster at the Waitohi school, but who is leaving to take charge of the Bayfield School, Auckland, was on Friday presented with a handsome dressing-case by the teaching staff and scholars of the former school. His successor, Mr W. H. V. Hall, who is leaving Kirikiriri school, was similarly presented with a writing desk.

THE Rev. A. J. Beck, who was ordained priest by the Primate in Auckland on Sunday last, has been appointed to the charge of the Northern Wairoa district.

MR A. SAMUEL, returned by express train on September 22nd from Wellington, where he went on professional business.

MISS PORTER, of Gisborne, has returned to Nelson. Her sister, Mrs Howie, has gone with her for a few weeks' visit.

MISS CORRIGAN (Nelson) has also gone to Gisborne.

THE Rev. Wyndham Earee and Mrs Earee have arrived at Palmerston. Mr Earee is from Essex (England), and at one time lived in Brisbane. He will act at Palmerston as assistant to the Rev. Hunt, Vicar of the parish.

CAPTAIN STERLING and some of the officers and crew of the wrecked ship 'Patrician' passed through Wellington in the 'Wakatipu' last week on their way to Sydney.

MR FISHER, the Native Reserve Agent, is visiting the West Coast (Taranaki), and is paying the natives their half-yearly rents for land leased to Europeans.

MR J. D. GREIG, recently promoted from the Goulburn branch of the Bank of Australasia to the management of the Wanganui branch, has assumed his duties.

MRS WILLIAMSON, Auckland, gives a subscription dance on Thursday in the Foresters' Hall, Newton, which is sure to be a pleasant affair.

THE Vice-regal party returned to Wellington from their cruise round the Sounds last Wednesday. They appear to have had a very jolly trip. The party consisted of Lord and Lady Glasgow, the Ladies Augusta, Alice, and Dorothy Boyle, Mr and Mrs Arthur Russell, Miss Maude Williams, Major Elliot, and Captain Feilden.

MISS HALSE (Wellington), Miss Western and Miss Mirrie Philpotts (Picton) are paying a visit to Miss Laura Clark, at Cowley, Blenheim.

MR AND MRS I. GIBBS, of Christchurch, went South in the 'Kaikoura' on Saturday, visiting Invercargill and Dunedin. They expect to be absent about ten days.

THE late treasurer and valued friend of the Auckland W.C.T.U., Mrs Dewar, is now in England, and has been appointed District President of the Rockhampton Branch of the B.W.T.A. An address given by her at the Convention lately held in that town was much appreciated.

M. OVIDE MUSIN and Madame Musin left Auckland for the South by the 'Te Anau' last week.

MR MACEWAN, Government Dairy Expert, has booked his passage to England by the 'Monowai,' sailing from Auckland on 10th October.

MR GILKUTH, the Government Veterinary Expert, who is investigating the tick pest in Queensland on behalf of the New Zealand Government, is expected back in the colony in about a week.

MR J. C. PEACH has been elected chairman of the new Town Board at Inglewood.

THE Bishop of Melanesia preached to large congregations in Auckland on Sunday; at All Saints', Ponsonby, in the morning, and St. Mary's, Parnell, in the evening.

MR E. METCALF-SMITH, M.H.R., met the committee who aided him on his mission to England to promote a company to work the iron sand, on September 20th, when he explained to them the result of his mission home.

MRS CHARLES BROWN was in Wellington for a few days at the end of the week.

MISS MAV BURNS (Wellington) is staying with Mr and Mrs F. M. Wallace, Cranmer Square, Christchurch. She goes to her brother's this week.

BISHOP JULIUS leaves for England early next year to attend the Lambeth Conference. Some of the family will accompany him, but that is not yet decided.

MISS RATTRAY and Miss Webster (Dunedin) are staying with Mrs MacKenzie in Wellington.

MR W. ADAMS, head teacher at the Patea Government school, will leave for England shortly, being specially called there on important business.

MISS DUNCAN and Mr Kenneth Duncan, of Wellington, left by the 'Ionic' for England last Saturday, when a large number of friends and relations assembled on board to wish them *bon voyage*.

MR J. STRACCHON, Commissioner of Crown Lands for Taranaki, who has been engaged in Wellington as one of the Electoral Boundary Commissioners, has returned to New Plymouth.

MRSRS GULLY (Crown Prosecutor for Wellington) and Skerrett left Auckland for the Islands by the 'Taviuni.'

MISS E. MARSHALL (Marton) is staying with Mrs Aulton in Wellington.