



MRS SHRIMPTON, whose death took place at Auckland after many years of delicate health, was the wife of Mr W. Shrimpton, of Matapiro, Hawke's Bay, and the loss of one who was so much liked has cast a gloom over the whole district. The body was brought to Napier by the s.s. 'Rotomahana,' and the funeral took place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. The coffin was covered with beautiful wreaths both from Auckland and from every part of Hawke's Bay.

A well-known Maori chief named Te Whetu died at Parihaka on Sunday, April 13th. He was Te Whiti's 'right-hand man,' and his loss will be felt by the natives. Te Whetu had been paralysed for some months, and his death was not, therefore, unexpected. This chief was foremost in encouraging the young of the tribe to adapt themselves to European amusements and pursuits. He was one of the founders of the Puniho Maori Brass Band, and had a billiard room built at Parihaka, and a table placed in it for the amusement of the young men. It was in that room he was placed when dead, the billiard table having been removed, and there his body lay in state till it was buried, dressed in the regalia he used to wear on holiday occasions, including his ornamental smoking cap, silk sash, and gold chains. A *tangi* was held over the body, at which natives from all parts of the district attended. A number of women squatted round the corpse and kept up a continual wail, the widow and a few near relatives cutting their faces with glass until they were covered with blood. The funeral took place on Tuesday, April 13th, when a large number of visitors attended. They were welcomed to the place by women waving green branches and chanting a mournful sort of dirge. At about 2.45 p.m. a procession was formed, and the corpse, rolled up in a quilt and shawls, was borne shoulder high by six men, being preceded by the Waitara Band playing 'Home, Sweet Home.' A number of women with green branches followed, and after them came the Puniho Band, which played a funeral dirge. A large following of Maoris brought up the rear. The grave, in the cemetery on the hill, not being ready when the corpse arrived, the natives amused themselves in various ways. The women danced to slow music, and some of the young men got up a 'sham fight.' The grave at last being of sufficient depth, order was restored, and the ceremony of interring the chief commenced. The step-brother of Te Whiti, named Taikomako, wearing Te Whiti's silk hat and feathers, acted as master of the ceremonies and directed what should be done. The deceased's bed having been first placed in the grave, the corpse was lowered, and then Keno, a near relative of the deceased, and a very old man, delivered an oration, in which he described the Te Whetu as 'the noblest, most warlike, and truthful of men.' Before the earth was thrown into the grave, Taikomako put all the articles belonging to the deceased on the top of the corpse and the firing party then fired two volleys. The grave was then filled in, and the procession reforming, marched back to the village both bands playing, and the young men firing their guns. A large quantity of provisions has been provided for the funeral feast, which will last for some days.

Mr John S. Caverhill, who for several years was a resident in New Plymouth and Hawera, died at Christchurch on April 17th at the age of 76 years. He settled in Canterbury when he first came to the colony, and owned at one time the Cheviot Estate, which a few years ago was acquired by the Government under the Land for Settlement Act, and cut up for sale. About 1879 he came to live in New Plymouth, and took great interest in stocking the rivers in Taranaki with fish. When Rewi visited Waitara and New Plymouth in 1875 for the purpose of meeting Sir George Grey, Mr Caverhill took an active part in entertaining that chief and his followers. Mr Caverhill afterwards went to Hawera, where he acquired land and commenced farming in that district to a very large extent. He imported all the modern agricultural implements, and at one time had ten reaper and binder machines at work in his wheat-fields. That venture was an unfortunate one, but the experiment proved a valuable lesson to the settlers in the district. Mr Caverhill was president of various societies, which he liberally encouraged, and was noted for his hospitality to strangers visiting the district. Latterly he has had very bad health, and for some time made a stay at the Hot Springs. Old age, however, began to tell upon him lately, and he has at last passed away, but his death will be much regretted by those who knew him. He leaves a widow, several sons and one daughter, who

is married to the Rev. L. Isitt. One of his sons was burnt at Hawera when stopping at Mr Kelly's hotel in that town.

Dr. Faulknor, whose death occurred at his residence King-street, Hastings, on Friday afternoon, was a gentleman who was much respected in that community and widely known beyond it. He had been failing in health for some years before his death, and intended removing to Havelock, where he has been spending the winter in a few weeks. Much sympathy is felt for his family in their bereavement. At the funeral the members of the Hastings Fire Brigade, of which corps Dr. Faulknor was honorary surgeon, headed the procession to the Hastings cemetery.

Personal Paragraphs.

THE news of the resignation of the Mayor of Auckland, Mr A. Boardman, was received in that city with general regret. Mr Boardman has never fully recovered the cold (turning to bronchitis) which he caught at the Association Firing Championship some weeks ago, where he was officially present.

THE Misses Williams (Wellington) are staying with Mrs A. Boyle, Bishopscourt, Christchurch. Major Maddock is also their guest.

MR AND MRS BOB RHODES are at present staying in Dunedin, and are living at Wain's Hotel.

THERE are many candidates mentioned for the Auckland Mayoralty. Probably the most popular would be Mr Matthew or Mr Archibald Clark, if either of them could be induced to offer himself for the position.

MRS AND MISS THOMAS ROSE have returned to Wellington from a very pleasant visit to friends in Hawke's Bay, fortunately escaping the floods.

MRS D. WALMSLEY, of Karori, Wellington, who went up to Auckland from Wellington to attend her niece's (Miss Hughes) wedding, but who missed the function through the delay in the arrival of the 'Angliau,' is staying with Mrs S. E. Hughes, Shelly Beach Road, Ponsonby, Auckland.

MR GEO. HENDERSON, Christchurch, left on Thursday by the 'Talune' for Sydney, where he usually spends the winter months.

MR AND MRS W. B. COMMON, Mrs W. D. and Miss Sybil Meares, of Christchurch, spent East at West Oxford for the purpose of cycling, but owing to the unfavourable weather, it was not as pleasant as it might have been.

MISS LE CREN left Dunedin last week for Timaru, where she intends shortly to be married.

MR JAMES BURKE has returned from his holidays, and is again working at the Magistrates Court, Auckland.

MR S. HURSTHOUSE, of Wellington, is visiting his mother in New Plymouth.

MR AND MRS LANCE LANE are visiting Mrs George Gould, Avonbank, Christchurch.

MISS BURNINGHAM, of Auckland, who won the first prize for table decorations at the Chrysanthemum Show, displayed the same floral taste in Flower Dell No. 2 at the Drill Hall Carnival Festival.

MRS ANDERSON, of Wellington, is visiting her daughter, Mrs W. Shaw, in New Plymouth.

MR CASSELLS, of the Hamilton Post and Telegraphic Department, has received word of his removal to Timaru. Whilst in Hamilton Mr Cassells has enjoyed very poor health, and it is hoped that the change may be of benefit to him.

THE Rev. G. B. Munro, of Auckland, gave at the Avondale Presbyterian Church last week a lantern exhibition of views of New Zealand and England, and of a trip through the Highlands of Scotland.

MR SPENCER W. ELLAM has been compelled to leave Auckland through pressing business in England. He is engineer-in-chief to the London and New Zealand Finance Corporation, and he has been compelled to resign the appointment named, and will leave shortly for London. All who have been brought into contact with Mr Ellam, since he has been in Auckland, will regret that his stay there cannot be permanent.

THE New Zealand Military Contingent went to Lyttelton in the 'Tutanekai' early this week, to catch the 'Kushine,' which leaves there on the 29th inst. The whole contingent is under the command of Commandant Pole-Fenton, but the duty of instructing the men devolves upon Captains Coleman and Robin and Sergeant-Major Rodgers. Lieutenant-Colonel Pitt, who goes Home in command, is present daily, and the Hon. James Carroll almost daily witnesses the evolutions. Rangit, nephew of Major Kemp, who was one of the natives selected to go, has been prevented owing to slight illness.

MR D. HARMAN (Christchurch) is at present in Wellington.

MISS MAXWELL, from Katikat, has been appointed to the new school just opened at Huroa, twelve miles from Toko, Taranaki.

MR DIGMAN is spoken of as a likely candidate for the Auckland mayoralty.

THE Auckland Town Clerk, Mr P. A. Phillips, has received from the Auckland Racing Club a cheque for £100, for contribution towards the Napier Relief Fund.

THE Rev. Dr. Wolfenden, who is temporarily filling the pulpit of the Auckland Tabernacle, delivered a good lecture on 'Home, Sweet Home,' at the Otahuhu Public Hall. Mr Spedding, of Auckland, explained the object of the meeting, viz., to assist the funds of the Baptist Union Home Mission to the gumdiggers and settlers of the North.

MISS COTTERELL (Christchurch) is staying with Mrs A. Gore, Wellington.

MR AND MRS L. D. NATHAN, of Auckland, though in good health themselves, are enjoying (?) quarantine at Albany, their steamer, the Messageries 'Polynesien,' from Marseilles, being detained there, owing to two cases of smallpox on board.

The 'Mariposa' took back with her to Sydney the members of the press of that city who came over to interview Butler, the prisoner. Messrs S. Hague-Smith (manager at Sydney for the New Zealand Insurance Company), C. E. Bulton, and Mr Holgate were also passengers to Sydney.

MR AND MRS ALAN SCOTT and daughter arrived in Christchurch from England last week, and are at present the guests of the Hon. E. W. Parker at Fordell, Papanui.

MR JOHN ALLEN, Mount Albert, who has been spending a week at Rotorua, speaks highly of the pretty effect produced at an open air concert (in aid of Hawke's Bay Relief Fund) in the Sanatorium Grounds, by coloured lamps affixed to the trees, their tints being reflected in the Geysers. The grounds looked extremely picturesque.

MRS E. P. HOUGHTON and her little daughter returned to Dunedin from Christchurch by the 'Te Anau.'

DR. STUART, lately Bishop of Waipapua, now working as a missionary in Persia, writes that the Persian Mollahs or priests interfere sadly with his Christian converts.

MORE honours for New Zealand men! A son of Professor Salmon, of the Otago University, Mr J. W. Salmon, has just been appointed Professor of Law in the Adelaide University. The gentleman who so well deserves the position is thirty-seven years of age, and received his education in Dunedin. He is an LL.B. of New Zealand. He has literary tastes, and contributes to the *Law Quarterly Review*. He has also written a valuable book on jurisprudence. He practised his profession in Geraldine.

MISS COLBRIDGE, Wellington, has returned from a long visit to Dunedin.

WELLINGTONIANS are becoming interested in the study of Physical Education as explained and demonstrated by Mr Thomas Tankard, who is *au fait* in all bodily exercises. His motto is 'One should exercise as long as he lives.'

MR V. PRATT, of Sydney, spoke at the Missionary meeting in the Auckland Y.M.C.A. Rooms on Saturday night.

MISS DRAWBRIDGE, who has been four years assistant teacher at Johnsonville, was presented by Mr Bethune, the headmaster, on behalf of the pupils, with a handsome dressing-case and silver thimble, on her leaving to take charge of St. Paul's Kindergarten School, Wellington.

THE position of Government Native Land Purchase Agent at Gisborne has been conferred on Colonel Porter, of Gisborne, who will, with Mr Wheeler, of the Survey Department, arrange for the completion of the native land transactions which the Government have entered into in the Poverty Bay district.

MR F. V. PRATT, M.A., the travelling secretary of the Australasian Students' Christian Union, arrived in Auckland from Sydney last week.

MR AND MRS BAXTER are passengers for Napier by the 'Rimutaka.'

MR W. P. HALL, who has been acting as manager of the Milton branch of the Bank of New Zealand, has now been appointed permanently.

COLONEL A. LE MESSURIER, C.I.E., R.E., arrived in Auckland from London, via Sydney, last week. He is one of the directors of the Waikato Consolidated and Royal Staudard mines. He leaves for San Francisco on May 15th.

THE Right Rev. Bishop Wilson left for Melanesia by the Mission yacht 'Southern Cross' last week.

MR S. ROBERTS, of the Union Bank, Hastings, was entertained by several of his friends at O'Reilly's Hotel on Tuesday, prior to his departure for another town. Mr A. L. D. Fraser took the chair, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

MR BEN TILLEY is resting at the Haunover Springs Sanatorium, and will not return to Wellington for a few days yet. His health has improved since he has been in New Zealand, but it is still far from satisfactory.