

many friends. He was just in the vigour of life, being only 37 years of age. He was born in Warrington, England, and arrived in the colony just twelve years ago. The first post he held was with Messrs Owen and Graham, then with the Auckland Dairy Association, then manager for Messrs Bycroft, and finally partner and controller of the business. It was mainly on business with his firm which took him to London about nine months ago. He succeeded in floating Bycroft and Company's concern into a large English Limited Company, and had arranged almost every detail when he was so suddenly stricken down with death. He was a most indefatigable worker in connection with the Grafton Road Wesleyan Church, and his loss will be sorely felt. His father is still alive in England. Mr Massey leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss. He was son-in-law to Mr F. A. White.

SPORTS & PASTIMES.

GOLF.

On Saturday the second round of the Ladies' Championship was played at the Miramar Golf Links, Wellington. The scores were not nearly so good as usual, owing to the wretched golfing weather prevailing. The highest scores made were:—Miss G. Rose, 112; Miss Johnston, 112; Miss Cooper, 116; Miss Morrish, 117; Mrs Lees, 123; and Miss Dransfield, 126. In the aggregate for the two rounds Miss Rose is thus leading with 215 points, Mrs Lees second with 223 points, and Miss Sidney Johnston third with 229 points. Very great interest will be taken in the playing of the third and final round on Saturday next. The prizes are exceedingly pretty, consisting of a silver-backed hair brush and a silver-mounted shoe horn, and are both presented by the Captain, Mrs Adams.

At the Hutt Links on Saturday, the St. Andrew's Cross was being played, and won by Mr J. Jack, the principal scores being:—Mr Jack, 112, minus 12 (handicap), 100; Mr A. Duncan, 94 (owe 7), 101; and Mr C. Treadwell, 119—12, 107.

Mrs Pearce will probably represent the Hutt Golf Club at the Golf Championship in Christchurch, and the Misses G. Rose (Secretary), Johnston, Cooper, Medley, Izard, Williams, and H. Williams are also going South to represent the Wellington Golf Club. It is uncertain whether Mrs Todd and Mrs Lees will be able to go.

Golf has been the excitement of the week in Christchurch, the handsome silver chateleine presented by Mr R. Allen and Dr. Palmer being finally won by Mrs Vernon, whose play has been excellent this season. Miss Palmer, whose play is steadily improving, won the medal for last month, and this week interest centres in a trophy presented by Mr H. H. Pitman. Mr and Mrs Starkey have again invited the Club to play on their links at Brackenfield this week, when a very pleasant day is looked forward to.

FOOTBALL.

At the University Hall, Christchurch, on Friday, the visiting Dunedin football team were entertained at a concert, which went off with great success under the management of Miss Jennie West, who played a solo excellently, as well as the accompaniments. The soloists were Misses Graham, Lake, and Gray, Messrs Day, Merton, and Hollow, Miss Freda Marsden playing a violin obligato very effectively. Plantation songs were also sung. Another concert was given at the College, got up by Mr Merton and the boys. Mr and Mrs Maddison gave a dance in their honour in the Art Gallery on Monday evening, which passed off very successfully. The football match on Monday at Lancaster Park was a very exciting one, a large number of spectators being present, the schools having a holiday for the occasion.

The annual fixture between the Law and Bank v. Mercantile Clerks was played in the Recreation Grounds, New Plymouth, on Thursday afternoon, when despite the cold and windy weather prevailing, a fairly numerous concourse of spectators assembled around the arena. The proceeds were in aid of the Drinking Fountain Fund. Contrary to general expectations, the Law and Bank team won by 8 points (penalty goal and a goal from a try) to nil. The following were the teams:—Bank and Law (colours, black): Full-back, T. Gilmour; three quarters, Beckett, P. Thomson, P. Thomson; five-eighths, G. Ryan (captain); half, L. Bolland-Webster; wing forwards, E. P. Webster, H. Stocker; forwards, F. Bellringer, Standish, Hursthouse, Barnett, Taylor, Strouts, Whitcombe. Mercantile Clerks (colours, blue and white): Full-back, E. Morey; three-quarters, S. Rennell, A. McIntyre, H. Hursthouse; five-eighths, R. Cottler; half, K. Webster; wing forwards, W. Web-

ster, F. Veale; forwards, C. Rnderby, C. Webster, C. Lever, A. Wright, A. Watkins, J. W. Hopkins, F. Watson (skipper); referee, Mr B. O'Dowda; line umpires, Messrs A. E. A. Clarke and F. Stohr. In the evening both teams sat down to dinner in the Imperial Hotel. Host Watts had prepared a capital table, and full justice was done to the repast. Mr A. E. A. Clarke occupied the chair, being supported on his right by Mr G. Ryan, captain of the Law and Bank, and Mr P. R. Carthew was in the vice-chair, being supported on his right by Mr F. Watson, captain of the Mercantile team. During the evening the customary toasts were given and responded to, and several songs and recitations were contributed. A vote of thanks to the host was carried with acclamation. A pleasant repast was brought to a close about 11 o'clock.

Personal Paragraphs.

HIS EXCELLENCY the new Governor of this Colony, the Earl of Ranfurly, with the Countess of Ranfurly, Ladies Constance and Aileen Knox, Miss Schweiter (the governess), and Captain Alexander arrived by the 'Tutanekai' in Wellington, and were most warmly welcomed by a very large crowd of people. Mr Aurelius Smith, on behalf of the New Zealand Government, went over to Sydney to meet the Vice-regal party, and Mr Nolan represented the Colonial press. A full description of the event will appear next week.

THE HON. Matthew Holmes, who has been on a trip to the North Island, left Auckland for Dunedin last week.

MISS HOWARD, of Picton, has gone to the Empire City for a holiday.

MISS NELLIE ALLEN (Picton) has returned to Christchurch to attend the University lectures.

A TALLY clerk, Mr Silk, who is in the employ of the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company, barely escaped a serious accident at Wellington last week. He was on the 'Gothic,' and thinking the latches were on, started to walk across one of the holds. Unfortunately, only the tarpaulin was stretched over. This gave way, precipitating Mr Silk 19 feet into the hold. He luckily only sustained a severe bruising.

A NEPHEW of Mr Thomas Brydone, manager of the Australian Land Company in the South Island, was found dead in bed at the Masonic Hotel, Napier, on Tuesday morning. The deceased, whose name is Mr D. A. Brydone, arrived by the 'Tarawera' on Friday, seeking change of air in the healthy climate of Hawke's Bay.

MRS ALLEN (Picton) has gone to spend a week with Mrs H. C. Seymour, at Tyntesfield.

MR AND MRS GEORGE BLOOMFIELD, of 'Fir Grove,' Parnell, leave Auckland shortly for a tour in Fiji. They will first visit Mrs Bloomfield's relations in Melbourne, where she intends to stay a fortnight.

MR HAY, assistant engineer in the Eketahuna-Woodville railway works, received a very complimentary testimonial from the co-operative workmen, with the addition of £40 for a presentation watch and chain to arrive shortly from Wellington. The officers of the Public Works' staff at Pahiatua also gave him valuable inscribed aneroid barometer. Mr Hay goes now to Paeroa.

MISS KEMPTHORNE, from Christchurch, is staying in Auckland with her sister, Mrs Tewsley.

MESDAMES OGLE and WIGRAM returned to Christchurch from the Hamner Springs on Monday, much benefited by the rest and change.

MR C. WEBB-BOWEN, of the Bank of New Zealand, Wellington, has just been transferred to Sydney. His mother, Mrs Webb-Bowen, of Nelson, went to Wellington last week to wish him 'good-bye.'

MR H. HUNTER BROWN, of Wellington, is at present in Nelson.

MRS POWELL, of Blenheim, has gone to pay a visit to Hokitika, where Mr Powell has been for some months.

MISS MILLIE HESKETH, of 'St. John's Wood,' Epsom, Auckland, has been ill with pleurisy.

MRS GARRETT (Melbourne) with her little boy has come to Nelson for change of air. She is staying with her mother, Mrs Hunter Brown.

MR JAMES MILLS, of Dunedin, is visiting Wellington.

MR W. S. LA TROBE, late of Henderson (son of Mr La Trobe), who is now in England, has taken a first class in the second part of the engineering tripos.

MISS MARDEN succeeds Miss Bowden at the Kihikih school as assistant lady teacher.

THE Misses Millington (two) just arrived from England by the 'Gothic,' are staying with Dr. and Mrs Millington in Picton.

THE first officer of the R.M.S. 'Gothic,' Mr Charles A. Bartlett, received an illuminated address on his arrival in Wellington, marking the general appreciation of his courtesy and kindness during the voyage from England.

THE Mayor of Auckland (Mr Peter Dignan) sent the following telegram to Wellington:—'To His Excellency the Earl of Ranfurly, Governor. Permit me, on behalf of the citizens of Auckland, to bid you, Lady Ranfurly, family, and suite hearty welcome to New Zealand.—PETER DIGNAM, Mayor.'

BISHOP LENIHAN, of Auckland, met with a most hearty and enthusiastic reception in Christchurch, and was presented with a handsomely bound and illuminated address. The Historical Carnival in aid of the funds for the concert was opened at the Tuam-street Hall on Monday with great ceremony by Bishop Lenihan, and is attracting great crowds.

MRS AND MISS TURBELL, from Christchurch, are at present in Wellington, paying a visit to Mrs Rhodes at the 'Grange.'

HIS HONOR MR JUSTICE CONOLLY, of Auckland, is at present in Gisborne, attending the Supreme Court sittings there.

A GREAT many Wellingtonians are going to Christchurch for the Grand National next week, among the number being Dr. and Mrs Collins and Mrs A. Pearce.

THE popular master of the Pakuranga hounds, Colonel Dawson, of Ellerslie, met with an accident at the meet of the hounds on Saturday. The Colonel's horse, Ike, was jumping a stone wall, and fell over a cow on the far side. The rider was, of course, thrown very suddenly. He was taken to Dr. Scott's surgery in Onehunga, where Dr. Bewes, of Otahuhu, attended to the injury—a broken collarbone. Great sympathy is felt for Colonel and Mrs Dawson.

MR J. GLASGOW has returned to Christchurch to resume his University studies after a pleasant visit to his people in Nelson.

MR JOHN DUTHIE, who has been visiting the Islands, has gone back to Wellington.

MR STUBBS returned to Blenheim on Saturday, having spent a pleasant week in Wellington.

MRS H. F. KNIGHT, after her trip in Auckland, has returned to New Plymouth.

MR MILLER, of the Bank of New Zealand staff, Tauranga, has been transferred to Auckland.

MISS BRILL (Dunedin) is visiting Christchurch, and at present is staying with Mrs Todhunter.

THE Nelson City Councillors gave a dinner to the Mayor (Mr Trask) on Monday evening, when a most enjoyable time was spent. Among the guests present, in addition to the Mayor, were Captain Allsopp, of the English barque 'Brussels,' Captain Evans, of the American barque 'Belle of Arvon,' Mr Nevanas, and the representatives of the Press.

MR J. CHISHOLM, of the Bank of New Zealand, well-known in Auckland, has been appointed accountant at Tauranga. He will be much missed in society in the Northern capital, as he is such an excellent dancer. Prior to his departure he was presented with a handsome case of pipes by the members of the staff.

MR J. GLYNES, late manager of the National Bank Farm in Taranaki, was recently entertained at a dinner at the Oakura Hotel, when Captain Mace occupied the chair. The farm has recently been sold to Mr J. C. Honeyfield. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'our guest,' spoke of Mr Glynnes as being a good neighbour, and always ready to help in any local social gathering. The settlers from all parts of the district attended the dinner, and the company did not separate till the small hours in the morning.

MR FOSTER, of the Bank of New Zealand Estates Company, is now in Wellington.

DR. Mrs and Miss Burnan, of Napier, are at present in Auckland.

MRS BALLANCE is staying with Mrs David Anderson in Wellington.

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