MR JOHN WALKER, on the staff of the Wellington Har-boar Board, was presented with a smoker's companion on the occasion of his resignation from the service to enter into business in Adelaide. Mr Baumgart, on behalf of the employés, offered the gift.

MRS G. MARSHALL, from Wanganui, is at present in

## **NEW ZEALANDERS AT HOME.**

THE Right Rev. Bishop Grimes, of Christchurch, is at present in Ireland. He arrived in London by the Messageries Maratimes steamer from Marseilles, and intends to return shortly to the great capital. He is said to be looking very well.

MR TOM MANDENO JACESON won for himself great kudos and pecuniary reward at his first benefit concert in the Queen's Hall, London. Miss Therese Sievwright sang, also Mr George Clutsam and Madame Amy Sher-

MR SEDDON visited Mr Gladstone in Hawarden whilst in England. He also went to Paris to see if he could develop the meat trade in that gay centre.

DR. FOOKES, late of the Avondale Asylum, is already much better for his trip Home and complete rest. He was able to enjoy the Jubilee dissipations. He has visited Torquay and Newton Abbot, and is at present in

CAPTAIN ROBINS, who was in command of the New Zealand contingent forming the Royal escort from London to Windsor, after the Jubilee, was sent for by the Queen, who graciously desired him to convey to the members of his troops her warm admiration of the manner in which they had comported themselves.



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THAT a novel feature of the welcome extended by all classes of the community to His Excellency the Governor and the

cellency the Governor and the Countess Ranfurly was the greeting of the wakunes, who in the shape of a good-looking body of Maorl women and girls formed themselves into an extra guard of honour to the carriage, making vigorous remarks in their native tongue during the whole progress of the procession.

That H.M.S. 'Pylades' will probably remain in Wellington for the coming festivities until about the 20th, when she sails for Auckland and Campbell Islands, and she afterwards returns to Lyttelton to be docked.

That an enjoyable little euchre party was given by Mrs Carlile, of Napier, last Thursday night.

That a considerable exodus will take place from Blenheim at the beginning of next week. Miss Cotterell will accompany the Misses Fell to Picton, where she will stay with them for a few weeks. Mr Mirams goes to Dunedin on a three weeks' holiday; then Mr and Mrs Snodgrass and their guest, Miss Simpson, leave on the same day; and Miss Pasley will also leave for Gisborne about the same time.

That Mr and Mrs H. C. Seymour's Picton visitors have real good times rabbitting and gorse-barning at Tyntes-field.

That Mrs W. K. Macdonald and her son gave an 'At fome' at their residence, Gloncester street, West Home' at their residence, Glouce Christchurch, for Mr and Mrs Brough.

That Mrs Wade, senior, of Taranaki, was one of those who were present when the celebrated Blondin crossed the Falls of Niagara for the first time on August 17th,

That Mrs Tyerman is to be congratulated on the anc-cess of the children's fancy dress ball, which was held in St. Matthew's schoolroom, Hastings, on Tuesday night, and that the gavotte, cachucae, and several skirt dances were very gracefully performed by some of her pupils, Limelight views, which were much appreciated by the young people were exhibited by Messrs Tyerman and George.

That quite a crowd of Picton people met in Blenheim n Saturday last. They made the prelty little town look quite busy.

That much pleasure is expressed by the many friends of Mr John May, of Mount Albert, at the news that he is recovering from his severe accident. It appears he was mounting his horse, which was rather 'fresh,' when the animal suddenly reared and threw him on to a stone wall. He received a cut on the back of his head, and sustained partial concussion of the brain. Under the able care of Dr. Somerville, he is doing very well.

That Mrs Studholme gave a reception at Warner's Hotel, Christchurch, when the bride and bridegroom, Mr and Mrs J. Studholme, were present.

That Mr Bertie Green, who has been for a considerable time in the Union Company's office in Bleuheim, has received notice that he has been promoted to one of the Company's boats that trades from Auckland to the Islands. He will be assistant purser, and intends to leave Blenheim this week.

That a conversazione in honour of Mr and Mrs Snod-grass, who are about to leave Blenheim for Ashburton, was held in Ewart's Hall on Saturday evening last.

That great preparations are being made for the Garrison Ball, which is to be held in the Wellington Drill Shed next Thursday night. The conversazione is to be ou the 18th, and the Port Nicholson Yachting Club ball on the 20th

That many Picton people are looking forward to the Blenheim bachelors' ball, which is to eventuate next Priday. They expect to have a good time, as from all accounts the bachelors are intending their affair to out-Herod Herod in the ball line.

That Mrs (Dr. Morton) Anderson gave a pleasant little dinner party at her residence, Worcester-street, Christ-church, on Wednesday evening. The guests spent a very enjoyable time, having a little music after dinner.

That a peculiar coincidence in connection with the fatal fire at Hawera some two years ago, and the recent one at Moturoa, is that two persons lost their lives in each case, and the name of one of the victims in each instance was Turner.

That Mr Snodgrass intends to leave Blenheim to pro ceed to Ashburton early next week, whilst Mrs Snod-grass will leave at the same time, but go northwards to Tauranga to stay with her parents for a time before set-tling down in her new home.

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That the Bpiphany Church, Auckland, is taking up in earnest the question of Women's Church rights. At the annual meeting of parishioners the other week the ladies gained a victory, it being carried 'That the time bas arrived when the women of the parish should have the privilege of voting at parish meetings, and that the Synod members be instructed to bring the question up at the next meeting of the Synod.' The two Synod members, it appears, are not very gallant, and refuse to sacrifice their principles of the innate superiority of man, and rather than carry out the wishes of the meeting they have resigned their seats on the Synod.

That the Taranaki Farmer's Club has been formally opened

That Wellington Society during the coming sessional festivities will be unusually favoured in the matter of models of pretty gowns. Lady Ranfurly's wardrobe is said to comprise some dreams in evening dresses, and the Court and social functions which Mrs and the Misses Court and social functions which Mrs and the Misses Seddon have attended in connection with the hospitality showered upon the Colonial Premiers while in England have involved repeated, and, I suspect, pretty costly visits to fashionable costumiers. Inotice in the English papers that at the Mayor's reception in Manchester Mrs Seddon wore rich black silk with pink carnations; Miss Seddon looked charming in soft white silk, to which a cluster of crimson roses lent a touch of colour; Miss M. S. Seddon, white satin veiled in silk embroidered gauze, spray of scarlet and white howardia blossoms in her hair.

That in Ediaburgh at the reception by the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council Mrs Seddon wore a handsome black satin effectively trimmed with jet and lace; the Misses Seddon both looked pretty in frocks of blue and silver and pink and silver brocade, respective. tively.

That the bachelors of Hampden gave a most successful ball at the Oddfellows' Hall in that township on Priday night, when in spite of the unsettled state of the weather there was a large attendance, and excellent music was supplied by a string band from Waipawa.

That Mrs Bush, Auckland, gave a large euchre party on Tuesday evening, concluding with a dance.

That the following appointments to the new Governor's staff have been gazetted:—Captain Alexander, to be private secretary and aide-de camp; Hon. Hill Trevor, assistant private secretary; Licutenant Ward, to be aide-de-camp.

That Dr. Wolfenden, of Victoria, an eloquent preacher, is now on a visit to New Plymouth.

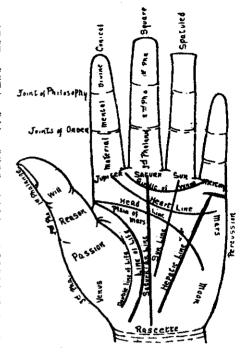
That Mr Seddon is to arrive in Melbourne on the 6th of September. He will not reach New Zealand until about the 20th, as he will need nearly a fortnight in which to acquaint himself with the history of New Zealand politics during his absence. Quite a large mass of official information has been or is being forwarded to Sydney ready for his attentive perusal. To the ordinary onlooker there is not much to tell the Premier, but to the initiated there is a great desl to be read between the lines.

That Mr R. A. Miles one of the members of the St. Alban's C.C., Auckland, was the recipient of a beautiful carver set last week. On the plate was engraved, 'Presented to Mr R. A. Miles by the members of St. Alban's Cricket Club as a token of respect and esteem.'

CHIROMANCY. OR THE

SCIENCE OF READING HANDS.

THERE has been so much interest taken in the Graphology Column, that it has been decided to start a 'Chiromancy' Column, under the able guidance of Madame Vero. This lady has devoted a



great deal of time and thought to this very interesting subject, and has thoroughly studied it in all its branches, Her 'readings' have been extraordinarily successful. and THE GRAPHIC is fortunate in securing her services A sketch of a hand with all its lines is given, as a guide to those wishing their hands to be read. No one has all the lines indicated on the specimen hand, but some few of them will be found on each hand. The following anggestions will help in drawing the hand :-

Lay your hand, palm downwards, on a piece of clean white paper, the fingers as far apart as they will comfortably go. Then with a pencil trace all round it. Next hold it up against the window, and reverse it so that it will appear with the palm uppermost, as in the sketch. Then ink it carefully all round, taking pains to have the fingers the exact length. In the first sketch indicate the joints as you come to them by dots; this makes it much easier to get the correct distances when filling in the lines. Draw all the lines you see, as far as possible at correct distances from each other. Put no Then send your hand with two shillings in names in. stamps, to

'MADAME VERO, care of the Lady Editor.

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'Spy.'—The mounts of Apollo and Mercury appear to be the most conspicuous in your disgram, and this, if accurate, is a fortunate and happy combination, as Apollo gives gentleness, gaiety of heart, intelligence, and affection; while Mercury sapplies energy, promptness in action, good business capacities, and scientific tastes. A good author says that 'the subjects of Mercury will always push their way through the world.' The fingers and palm, almost of equal length, indicate an even balance between mental and physical activity. The third finger is the longest, relatively. This denotes a taste for art and a love of riches. The latter is fully confirmed by the length of the third physlange if you have given it correctly. The thumb turns back slightly, therefore you would make a good use of wealth. There is a tendency to obstinacy in the thick first phalange, but reason is strong also, and this should regulate your judgment. The Life Line, as you have given it, is very good, and here I must remark that as I almost always have to say this of the Life lines in the diagrams sent to me, I think my 'subjects' hardly unders' and the necessity of putting in every mark they can see in their hands; as, in real life, I rarely meet with a life line entirely free from breaks, bars, or crosses. The only branch from yours is an ambition, or very great wish, about the age of nineteen or twenty, which I think is gratified. The Heart Line, rising as it does in your hand, betokens a long life, in which success is not attended without labour. On this line also I fancy there must be more signs than you have given it indicates poverty in affection. Two strong attachments are marked on the Mount of Mercury. The hirst is wery early, before  $\infty$  and I fear it ends in a widower or widowhood (I do not know whether I am addressing a lady o

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