

present were Mr, Mrs, and Miss McLaughlin, Mr W. McLaughlin, Mrs (Colonel) Dawson, Misses Elliot and Carter, Mr, Mrs, and Misses Gorrie, Mr and Miss Stribley, Misses Bull (two), Misses Buckland (two), Misses Percival (three), Miss (Corn.) Taylor, Mr and Mrs Harry Tonka, Mr Fielding, Mr Wells (H.M.S. 'Gold-finch'), Messrs Kinloch (two), Misses Nathan and Moss-Davis, Miss Noskes, Mr Elliott, Mr Elliott, Mr Phillips, Messrs Gordon (two), Mr Rae, Mr Dunnett, Mr Johnson, and Mr Holden (H.M.S. 'Mildura'), Mrs and Miss Torrance, Captain Noskes, etc. Both these drags were laid by Mr Gordon on foot over stone wall country.

have been paying visits to their various friends over the water, and are gladly welcomed home again by their relatives in Auckland.

Mr J. A. R. GREENHILL, Picton, has resigned his appointment as a Justice of the Peace.

The Bishop, Mrs Julius and daughters were expected in Christchurch on Tuesday, and a reception to welcome them home takes place on Thursday.

Mrs J. J. WHITE has gone to stay with her sister, Mrs Nancarrow, in Dunedin, and during her absence from Blenheim, her sister, Mrs J. Reed, of Wellington, is keeping house for her.

The Misses Hay (Temuka) returned to Christchurch from England last week, and have some delightful reminiscences to tell of the great Jubilee at which they were present in London.

The retirement of Mr Fred J. Barle from the mechanical staff of the *New Zealand Mail* was marked by the regret of the literary and commercial staff of that paper and the *New Zealand Times*, and expressed in a gift of handsomely bound volumes (67 volumes) of Shakespeare's and Thackeray's works. The general manager, Mr R. B. Bannister, presided.

Mr ARTHUR H. KELLY, an old Nelson College boy, has successfully passed his examination for chief engineer in the Mercantile marine in London. Mr Kelly went home to England about four years ago, and has been on ocean steamers trading to various parts of the world since then. Mr Kaye has been transferred from Timaru to Nelson, as chief clerk of the Post Office.

MISS FELL, Picton, has gone to Christchurch on a visit.

The Rev. J. P. Kempthorne (Nelson) was in Takaka last week. His place at the Cathedral was taken by the Rev. F. Bennett.

Mrs LUCAS, of Blenheim, has gone to spend a week in Wellington.

AFTER spending two or three weeks with Mrs Carey in Blenheim, Mrs Linton has gone to visit Mrs Renwick at 'Dungree.'

MISS REYNOLDS (Dunedin) is staying with Mrs Travers in Hobson-street, Wellington.

MR McPHAIL, after his rather long stay in New Plymouth, has returned to Auckland.

MR SIMPSON and party, Government Surveyors, Picton, have gone into banishment again after a very pleasant holiday spent in various places. They have been working from Port Gore upwards, and expect to get to Endeavour Inlet in time, where they hope to meet some picnic parties from Picton.

THE Hon. H. J., Mrs and Miss Miller (Oamaru) have gone to Wellington for the session, and have taken rooms at Miss Dye's, in Mulgrave-street.

MISS MARY JENKINS, who has been living with her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Jenkins, Blenheim, left last week to return to her home in Sydney.

The arrival of the 'China' at Albany last week was a pleasant surprise to the numerous Christchurch friends of Mr and Mrs Isaac Gibbs, Mr and Mr G. G. Stead, and Mr and Mrs McDougall, as it was some days in advance of expectation. They will soon be home.

MRS FERGUSON, who has been making a lengthy visit to her daughter, Mrs Petre, at Reefton, returned to Blenheim last week, but intends to leave shortly on a trip to Christchurch.

MRS HRAPS (Nelson) is staying with Mrs Browning (Cable Bay) for a few days.

MR AND MRS MCKERROW, who have been staying at 'Katoomba,' Princes-street, left Auckland last week for Rotorua en route for Wellington. Mr McKerrrow is a commissioner of Wellington, and says he has greatly enjoyed his two months' visit to Auckland. He was engaged in investigating the claims of old pensioners, etc.

MISS HASLAM is back in Christchurch after her extended visit North.

MISS WOOD read a paper on 'Junior Work' at the Auckland Christian Endeavour Conference last week, which was much appreciated.

BISHOP AND MRS WALLIS, of Wellington, are to be welcomed at a social on their return from England next month, and a large meeting was held in connection with the event at the Diocesan Library on Wednesday last, when it was decided to hold the gathering at the Skating Rink, Mr Robert Parker promising to provide a musical programme. Mr J. S. Jamieson was appointed general secretary and treasurer to the committee.

M. ARNAUD, Inspector of French colonies, was taken by the chairman of the Auckland Harbour Board on an excursion round the Harbour on Wednesday afternoon. Various members of the Harbour Board were present with other friends. During the discussion of various refreshments, the toast of the French Republic was proposed by Mr Napier. M. Arnaud left for Tahiti on Friday.

The Rev. F. W. and Mrs Chatterton (Nelson) have gone to Wellington and Christchurch for a short holiday. Archdeacon Grace, of Blenheim, occupied the pulpit at All Saints' Church last Sunday.

CAPTAIN KENNEDY, M.L.C., and Mr Mills, member for Wairau, left Picton on Wednesday last for Wellington to attend the session.

THE Rev. D. O'Donnell is holding a mission in St. John's Wesleyan Church, Nelson.

MR SHEPHERD, who has been for some time with the firm of Messrs J. I. Phillips and Co., as mining engineer and surveyor, left Auckland for San Francisco by the 'Alameda' on Saturday.

THE very popular proprietor of the Criterion Hotel, New Plymouth, Mr W. Cottier, handed over the premises, after having had it for thirty-two years, to the new proprietor, Mr and Mrs W. H. Keith, late of Wanganui.

MISSES C. WESTERN and R. ALLEN, Picton, have gone to Tynesfield for a month. Miss Ethel Seymour returned home with them.

MRS MOWATT, sen., of Altmarloch, Awatere, Marlborough, has been suffering from inflammation of the lungs, and is still very ill. A trained nurse from the Blenheim Hospital has been sent out to nurse her.

MR FRED CRAMMOND, of Auckland, has gone to Tahiti, having been appointed resident agent for the Union Steamship Company at Papeete. Prior to his departure, the local staff gave Mr Crammond a beautiful souvenir as a mark of their friendship and esteem.

MR WESTMACOTT, of Christchurch, left last week for India. His friends have become quite accustomed to these frequent journeys of his now.

MRS HELMORR (Christchurch) is staying with her daughter, Mrs Arthur Reeves, Rangiora.

MRS BURNS (Christchurch) is staying with Mrs Rhind on the Terrace, Wellington, and has promised to sing at the concert in aid of the Trimmell Memorial Fund at the Opera House on Monday evening.

AFTER evening service on Sunday a presentation was made to the Rev. George Burgess, F.R.A.S., of the Bereford-street Congregational Church, who left for Christchurch on Tuesday. Mr Burgess will be much missed in Auckland.

MRS GOULD has returned from her long visit to Tasmania, having spent the whole winter there to avoid the cold of Christchurch.

THE REAL GIRTON GIRL.

The popular impression of a Girton girl, according to R. S. Warren Bell in the *Windsor Magazine* for August, is that she is a wan and pale young lady, that she wears spectacles, that she is a mere bundle of nerves, and that, somewhat in the manner attributed to Ophelia, she wanders round muttering snatches from Greek plays or cudgelling her wearied brains for solutions of mathematical problems of abstruse kind. That this idea is a mistaken one it is hardly necessary to point out. The Girtonian is little more than a big schoolgirl; when she is not working she is playing or talking hockey, cycling, golfing, or drinking tea, which is invariably made very weak (this is one of Girton's unwritten laws); she is blessed with an excellent appetite; she goes to bed early and she gets up early; and there you have the average 'Varsity woman in a nutshell. Each student has two rooms, they being connected by folding doors. Residence at Newnham is said to be cheaper than at Girton, and yet Girton—on paper—appears to make no inordinate charge for maintenance and education. The fees come to £35 per term, and this sum is an exclusive one, there being at a ladies' college few of those extra disbursements that are too often a sore trial to the needy undergraduate. Speaking roughly, a career at Girton costs about £100 a year. And when it is taken into consideration that the establishment is self-supporting, it must be admitted that these terms are exceedingly moderate. A visit of a few hours' duration to Girton leaves a vague impression of endless corridors, bright little rooms, green lawns, and packed bookshelves on one's mind. I quitted Girton wiser than I entered it. I saw that there the far-famed blue-stocking is non-existent; that the muscles are cultivated quite as much as the brain, and that the students seem to be profoundly contented with their lot, each one being blessed, apparently, with that truly enviable possession, a sound mind in a sound body.

Personal Paragraphs.

AMONG the session visitors to Wellington are Mrs Oliver, of Dunedin; Mrs Sidney Johnston and Miss Inglia, of Hawke's Bay; Mrs Empson, of Wanganui; Miss M. Williams, of Dunedin, who is staying with Mrs Izard; Miss Bell, of Nelson, who is staying with Mrs Travers; Miss Cox, of Christchurch, who is staying with Miss Harcourt; Mrs Stratton Izard, who is staying with Mrs Barry Goring; Miss Blakely, who is also staying with Mrs Goring; Mrs Lucas, of Blenheim; Mrs Bond, of Picton; Mrs and Miss Miller, of Oamaru; Mrs and Miss Napier Bell, of Dunedin; Mrs W. Barton, of Featherston; Mrs and Miss Turton, of Dunedin, who are staying with Mrs Menzies; Miss Sidney Johnston, of Rangitikei, who is staying with Mrs Duncan; and Mrs Burns, of Christchurch, who is staying with Mrs T. C. Williams.

MR PERCY SMITH, Surveyor-General of New Zealand, left Auckland on Saturday by the 'Alameda' on a holiday trip. He intends to stay a month in Honolulu in connection with his history of the Maori race in Polynesia.

CAPTAIN and Mrs Baillie, Para, Picton, have gone to Wellington, Captain Baillie to attend the Session.

THE Rev. W. Woodward is visiting Auckland. He was formerly minister of the Primitive Methodist Church there.

CAPTAIN HOOD, formerly captain of the steamer 'Anglian,' is on a visit to New Plymouth.

A NEW ZEALANDER, Mr W. S. La Trobe, has been appointed a lecturer and demonstrator at Cambridge University. It will be remembered he took high honours in the engineering tripos there.

MR BROOME L. WITTS, of the *Sydney Bulletin*, has been spending a few days in New Plymouth.

MRS REYNOLDS and MISS REYNOLDS, of Dunedin, have accompanied the Hon. Mr Reynolds to Wellington, and will remain for the Session.

MR H. A. GORDON, president of the Council of the New Zealand Institute of Mining Engineers, was entertained at a complimentary dinner at the Northern Club, Auckland, on Friday night, prior to his departure for San Francisco.

THE Rev. Father Johnson, who has been transferred from New Plymouth to Wellington, was presented on September 30th by the members of the congregation, with a farewell address, which was accompanied by a handsome gold watch and chain and a gold cross.

MRS MAHONY, of Auckland, is at present staying at Rotorua. She hopes to go to Okoroire and to Te Aroha. Her friends will miss her on her 'At Home' days.

MR REGINALD BRETT, from London, who is taking great interest in the petroleum deposits in Taranaki, is now on a visit to these districts.

MR AND MRS CATTANACH returned to Auckland from Sydney by the 'Alameda' last week.

MR NEWTON KING has been elected chairman of the New Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and Mr A. Goldwater, Vice-chairman.

MISS HULINGS, of Christchurch, is staying with Mrs Bennett, Hukarere Hill, Napier.

HIS HONOR MR JUSTICE CONOLLY arrived in New Plymouth on September 27th, his visit there being for the purpose of holding a session of the Supreme Court.

MR J. D. CONNOLLY, who has been the Auckland Consul for the United States for some years, has been succeeded by Mr Frank Dillingham, who took office on Friday last. Mr Connolly has been much liked during his official residence in the Northern City, both by those who have done business with him in his public character, and by a very large social circle. He has not, however, left Auckland yet, and will probably remain for some months to attend to various mining interests.

MR C. W. HENDREY, late clerk of the Police Department, New Plymouth, who has been transferred to Auckland, has had forwarded to him a handsome gold mounted Albert chain, the gift of the members of the police force in Taranaki.

MR MILLS, M.H.R., was in Picton last week, looking up his constituents.

THE 'Alameda' had a very unpleasant trip from Sydney. Amongst her passengers for Auckland were the Misses McMillan, Mrs Foster, and Miss Hay, who

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