

NEW ZEALANDERS AT HOME.

Mr J. Studholme is expected immediately in New Zealand. He has had a very enjoyable time in the Old Country. Amongst other pleasures has been a brief visit to the Earl and Countess of Glasgow, in their own home.

Mr and Mrs John Edie have left England, en route for Cookston, Otago their New Zealand home.

Mr H. S. Von Sturmer has, with his daughter, Mrs Taylor, been having a most delightful tour up the Rhine. Time was no object, so they stayed at any place which took their wandering fancy. Mrs Taylor is staying at present with a daughter (Mrs McDermott) of Judge O'Brien, of Auckland. Mr Von Sturmer intends to visit his brother at Riga, as soon as the steady cold weather sets in. The Rev. Von Sturmer is chaplain to the British Embassy at Riga.

Dr. Fooks, late of Auckland, returns to New Zealand via Australia.

The Earl and Countess of Glasgow have been very kind to various New Zealanders visiting Scotland. Amongst others, Mrs H. D. Crawford, of Wellington, stayed a few days at their country seat, Kelburne.

Captain and Mrs Walter are visiting near Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Conthe Martin, an exquisite bit of Devonshire, has been the temporary residence of Mr Robert Comer, of the Thames.

Mr and Mrs E. O'Rourke have taken a house at the fashionable Spa, Leamington, for six months.

Sir John Hall is now living at 15, Bulstrode-street, London.

Sir John Innis, Bart., Aberdeen, has been playing host to his brother, Mr James Innis, of Canterbury, New Zealand. The latter is returning shortly to the colony.

Mr Frederick Walter Kennaway, B.A., Cambridge, has also passed with success the Indian Civil Service examination.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Baker and daughter, who took 11 months to reach England, are now in Somersetshire. On their way Home they actually managed to visit Alaska.

The first lady who took a medical degree in New Zealand, Miss Emily Siedburg, of Dunedin, has been studying hard in England, and has nearly completed her arranged programme, which included six months in Berlin, specially studying women's diseases. She will be in New Zealand shortly, and she intends to at once commence practice there. Her brother is studying electrical engineering in Berlin. He was at one time the champion chess player of New Zealand. He does not contemplate an immediate return to this colony, but prefers trying his luck in America, where he will have more scope for the practice of his profession.



EVERYBODY who knew him was deeply grieved to hear of the death of Mrs Waddy's third son, Arthur, last Saturday. A slight knock on the knee developed blood-poisoning and he died after three days' illness. He was a very promising boy, only 14, and will be greatly missed by his mother, to whom he was a model son. All Mrs Waddy's Picton friends extend their sympathy to her and the family in their recent sad bereavement. The funeral took place in Picton on Wednesday and was attended by many Blenheim friends, and also old friends in Picton. All the deceased's schoolfellows met the hearse at the railway station and preceded it to the cemetery, carrying flowers and wreaths. The Rev. Father officiated at the grave. The hearse and coffin were covered with floral tributes, which were placed upon the grave.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

HIS Excellency the Governor, the Countess of Ranfurly, and suite left Wellington for Christchurch last Friday by the Tutaneaki to attend the New Zealand Cup Meeting on the Prince of Wales' Birthday. They will probably be away a week.

The Earl of Ranfurly is evidently very energetic. A few days ago His Excellency, Captain Dudley Alexander and Mr Hill-Trevor went out camping, the site chosen being about eight miles from Pahiatua. They took four servants and tents. Unfortunately, the weather was very bad, and camp was pitched, in torrents of rain, in the bush, near a small river. It cleared up towards evening, and the night was very cold, ice being formed on the pools of water about the tents. The next day was fine, but the rivers were unfishable, and only a few trout were secured. The last day was as bad as the first, and camp was struck in torrents of rain.

In January the Vice-Regal Party are contemplating an expedition which, should the weather be fine, will prove very delightful, viz., a driving and camping tour right through the South Island. It will occupy about two months.

The Bishop of Waiapu, who has been to England to attend the Lambeth Conference, has returned home by the Rimutaka after an absence of seven months.

'The Chummers,' Parnell, Auckland, loses one of its members in the person of Mr Sidney Orbell, who leaves this week for Western Australia. During his sojourn in Auckland Mr Orbell has made a large circle of friends, by whom his departure will be much regretted.

Miss Cotterell (Sydney) will drive from Blenheim with Mr Vavasour this afternoon to spend a week at Ugbrooke with Mrs Vavasour.

Mr and Mrs Burgess (New Plymouth) are on a short visit to Auckland.

Mr and Mrs John Duncan, The Grove, Queen Charlotte Sound, were in Picton from Saturday till Tuesday this week.

Miss Ella Johnston is the guest of Mrs Grace in Wellington.

Mr W. W. Collins is now in Auckland, and lectured last week on Nansen's attempt to reach the North Pole.

Mr and Mrs Bright leave Blenheim to-day for Christchurch, where they intend to spend carnival week.

Nearly a hundred natives have been arrested near New Plymouth for ploughing up the land belonging to the settlers. They were sentenced to two months' imprisonment and bound over to keep the peace for a year. Most of them were sent to Wellington to serve their time.

The Rev. G. E. Rowe, of Perth, Western Australia, is one of the delegates to the Wesleyan Conference in Auckland. Mr Rowe has done good work in connection with the gold-fields at Coolgardie and elsewhere.

The many friends of Dr. W. G. Scott, of Onehunga, will be glad to welcome that popular medical man back again at Christmas, by which date he hopes to be in this colony once more. He is greatly benefited by his trip Home.

Miss Dollina Hal, a pupil teacher at Kaitiaki, has been removed to Wairoa South. To show that her three years' stay has been appreciated she was given a silver bracelet as a memento.

Mr and Mrs Charles Goulter, of Hawkesbury, Blenheim, started this morning to drive to Christchurch. Miss Agnes Goulter, their eldest daughter, accompanied them. Should they have fine weather they are likely to have a very enjoyable trip.

Mr James W. Browne, Registrar of the Native Land Court, has been appointed chief consul for the Auckland division of the New Zealand Cyclists' Touring Club.

Mr Maling Greenhill, of Mahau Sound, was in Picton for Anniversary Day.

Mr Thos. J. Meade, of the Dunedin Telegraph Office, who is shortly to be married, has received a number of valuable presents, evidences of his popularity. At the telegraph office he was presented with a beautiful walnut overmantel and a couple of handsome vases.

Miss Pitt (Nelson) has gone on a visit to Blenheim. At a special ordination service held at the Cathedral (Nelson) on Monday morning, the Bishop officiating, the Rev. F. W. Bennett was received into priest's orders.

At the opening session of the Wesleyan Conference in Auckland on Wednesday, November 10th, the Rev. W. Morley, retiring president, will give an address. On Monday there is to be a missionary meeting, and on Wednesday night (17th) a performance of the oratorio, 'Elijah.' The visitors are to be entertained at a steamer excursion on the Auckland Harbour on Saturday, the 20th. The low price of a shilling is to be charged.

Miss Hunt left Nelson on Monday en route for England, where she will pursue her musical studies. She carries with her the heartiest sympathy and good wishes of the community in her career.

Mrs H. Wynn-Williams, Pelorus Sound, arrived in Picton on Sunday, unfortunately too late to see her young brother, Arthur, alive. She and Mr Wynn-Williams drove to Blenheim by coach on Sunday evening.

The Rev. W. J. Habens, chief of the Education Department, has greatly benefited by his visit to Rotorua. He intends to remain there a little longer.

The donation of £1000 left by the late Mr Walter Turnbull to the Benevolent Institution in Wellington, is to be utilized in adding a wing to the Ohio Road Home, which is very much needed.

Many were the congratulations received by Miss Katie Young, of Linwood, Christchurch, who is a young and talented musician of 14 summers, when news was received of her having at that age passed the senior honours in music in connection with Trinity College, of London. Miss Young had already gained three certificates with high marks in the junior, intermediate, and senior examinations in connection with the same college, and has subsequently undergone a practical examination under the superintendence of Dr. Charles Vincent, a well-known musician of London. Miss Katie Young is the eldest sister of Miss Rima, who sang at the late Carnival at Christchurch, aged five years, and whose photo appeared in these columns a few weeks since, as the youngest concert singer in New Zealand.

The Commandant of the Forces, Colonel Pole-Penton, left Wellington for the South on Monday evening, to complete his inspection of the volunteers in that part of the colony.

Miss M. Speed, who has been in Napier for the winter, returned to Picton last week.

Miss Bell (Nelson) who has been the guest of Mrs W. T. L. Travers, in Holborn-street, for some weeks, returned to Nelson on Monday, a large number of friends assembling on the wharf to wish her bon voyage.

Dr. Wallace MacKenzie (Wellington) is on a visit to his brother Dr. H. MacKenzie, at Deep Creek. Dr. MacKenzie visited his mother and sister in Picton on his way to Deep Creek.

Mr W. R. Plimmer, who for the last 14 years has been in the employ of Messrs George Thomas and Co., has been appointed to the position of manager of his father's business. On Monday evening Mr W. Haybittle, on behalf of the firm, presented Mr Plimmer with a beautiful marble clock, and Mr Woodger, on behalf of the employees, presented him with a very handsomely bound set of Shakspeare's works.

Miss Wood (Nelson) is staying with friends in Christchurch.

Mr Edgar Heaps, of the cable staff, La Perouse, Sydney, is at present spending a short holiday with his people in Nelson.

Captain Coyle, late of the Royal Engineers, has arrived in Wellington, in order to take charge of the submarine defences throughout the colony. Captain Falconer, who has been in charge in Wellington, will now take over the management of the Auckland torpedo station.

Mr Seymour Fell (Picton) who is working at Deep Creek on Dr. MacKenzie's dredge, is disabled by having crushed his hand while at work.

Mr J. de B. Patterson, of the Nelson branch of the National Bank of New Zealand, who lately received orders for a transfer to Waikaiti, has since resigned his position in the bank, and will not at present leave Nelson.

The Westralia brought over to Auckland the Rev. J. A. and Mrs Nolan, of Sydney, last week. Mrs Nolan is the President of the New South Wales Women's Christian Temperance Union and she will be entertained at an 'At Home' by the members of the Auckland Union. Mr Nolan is a brother of Mr D. Nolan, of Ellerslie. He has come to this colony to attend the Wesleyan Conference.

Mr D. Watt, of Wellington, has taken the vacancy in the National Bank, Nelson, caused by Mr Patterson's resignation.

At the pupils' concert in connection with the Nelson School of Music on Saturday evening, Miss Jackson (one of the pianoforte teachers) was presented by her pupils with a set of gold steeve links and studs. Miss Jackson has resigned her position at the School of Music as she is shortly to be married.

Mrs Thomas Brindley, a niece of the late James Stack, one of the first New Zealand missionaries, died at Lindfield, Sydney, the other day.

A very young dentist has just successfully passed his final examinations in Dunedin. This is Mr Norman Rishworth, son of the Rev. J. S. Rishworth, Onehunga. The clever young man is only 20 years of age.

Mr H. Wilmot, of Waitohi Valley, Picton, has been temporarily appointed to the charge of the Tia Marina School. Mr Wilmot is a promising young teacher and the present opening may show up his good qualities to the Board, and obtain for him a permanent appointment.

Mr (Dr.) Fell with her two children has returned to Wellington after a pleasant visit to Nelson.

A new mining expert, Mr Van Gamber, has arrived in Westport. He is said to have a good deal of valuable mining experience, gleaned in South African goldfields. His business at present is to report upon properties for the General Exploration Company.

Forty carpenters in New Plymouth went out on strike on November 2nd, owing to the employers not acceding to the men's demand to be paid for 48 hours for 47 hours work. The masters met and agreed to the men's demand.

Miss Buller, who has been in Dunedin for some weeks, returned to Wellington last week.

Mrs H. Cavell, of Palmerston, was unlucky enough last week to run a needle into her wrist. She was passing her hand over the wall when it met a needle which pierced her skin and broke off. It has not yet been recovered.

Miss Ollivier (Nelson) left suddenly for Christchurch on account of the serious illness of her brother.

Mr J. Elliot, a prominent supporter of the Star II. football team, was entertained at dinner at the Red House Hotel, New Plymouth, on November 3rd, and was presented with a handsome silver-mounted walking stick bearing an appropriate inscription. Mr R. Cathew, president of the club, was in the chair. A very pleasant evening was spent.