



## OBITUARY.

IN the death of Mr T. S. Wau-chop the young men of Christchurch have lost from their ranks one of the most promising of their number, and so many (fully four hundred) attending his funeral showed the respect he had gained and the sorrow at his death. He had been suffering from typhoid fever, but a week ago great hopes were entertained of his recovery. On Saturday, however, he had a relapse, and passed away on Sunday. The open hearse was more than covered with beautiful wreaths, etc. He was captain of the East Christchurch Swimming Club, and the champion swimmer of Canterbury. A special memorial service is to be held at St. John's Church, Latimer Square on Sunday afternoon.

The news of the death of Miss Gertrude Cotterill, daughter of Canon Cotterill, was received in Christchurch, last week with the deepest regret and sympathy for the family. Miss Cotterill resided with her brother in Napier for some time, and after a long visit there she returned to Christchurch, hoping she was sufficiently strong to stand the severity of the climate, but had to go North again, and has been more or less of an invalid for several years.

The funeral of the late Mr Dermott O'Carroll, son of Dr. O'Carroll, New Plymouth, took place on Tuesday afternoon in the Te Henui Cemetery and was very largely attended by friends and relatives. The coffin was simply covered with wreaths. During Mr Dermott O'Carroll's short stay in Napier he made many friends, including Dr. De Lisle, a Foresters' Court, the deceased's co-workers in the dispensary, and the United Friendly Societies' dispensary, all of whom sent wreaths. Six football chums were the pall bearers, their names being Messrs Sadler, L. Allen, H. Hursthouse, J. W. Hopkins, S. and A. Humphries. The burial service was read by the Rev. F. G. Evans, who also gave a very feeling and impressive address to the young men present.

Mr W. B. Girling, of Blenheim, was suddenly taken ill on Saturday afternoon, carried home and attended to by Dr. Anderson, but succumbed early on Sunday morning. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs Girling in her sudden bereavement, for her only son is still a youth not capable of taking charge of his father's business. Her other children are three daughters, the eldest just grown up.

Mr George Pettin Oxley, a much-respected Auckland resident, died very peacefully early on Friday morning at the residence of Mrs Kennedy, Franklin Road, after a long and painful illness. Mr Oxley came to Auckland in 1858 from Prince Edward's Island, Canada. He finished his education under the able tuition of Mr Farquhar Macrae, and joined his father and brothers in business. Ten years ago, Mr Geo. Oxley went over to Sydney, but four years after, he returned to Auckland, hoping the milder climate would be beneficial to his health. Unfortunately this was not the case, and despite every care and attention he gradually sank—his illness being a severe form of diabetes. Very much sympathy is felt for his widow by the many friends who, despite his retiring disposition, greatly esteemed and liked Mr George Oxley. Notwithstanding the extreme severity of flowers, some beautiful wreaths and crosses were placed on the coffin.

The takings at the Theatre Royal, New Plymouth, on the occasion of 'The Two Little Vagabonds' being played there, exceeded £100. The Company arrived at New Plymouth by the six o'clock train, started the performance at 7.30, finished the play at ten o'clock, and had everything packed up and was on board of the Garloch on their way to Auckland by eleven. This is about the smartest piece of work Messrs Williamson and Musgrove have accomplished for some time.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR** has a good deal of official visiting in hand just now. He has a natives' meeting at Hastings on his list; following that are ceremonies at Napier on Thursday, Pahiatau, Masterton, Carterton and Greymouth North the week after. These labours accomplished, Lord and Lady Ranfurly will take a month's rest and change in Australia. Possibly after that, if the Auckland Government House is in decent order, the Vice-Royal party may be induced to pay the northern city a tardy visit. Tardy thanks only to the supineness of the Auckland citizens themselves.

Miss Jervois, daughter of the late Sir William Jervois, formerly Governor of New Zealand, is staying with Mrs Richmond, Wellington.

Miss Mary Seymour (Tyntesfield) has gone to Feilding to be present at her cousin's (Miss Vi Robertson) marriage to Mr Stubbs. She left Picton on Monday evening.

Miss Ettie Ireland returned to Auckland the Westralia after a visit of ten months in Sydney.

Kahui, a well-known chief at Ruhotu (Taranaki) has offered to organise a body of Maori volunteers to help defend New Zealand against invasion, or if necessary, to go outside the colony and fight for England.

Mrs Johnston, who, after spending several months in Kaitiaki, has been staying in Christchurch, is now in Blenheim, where she is staying with Miss Amy Johnston.

A very large number of friends assembled on the wharf on Saturday last at Wellington to wish Mrs W. F. Parsons and her daughters bon voyage on their departure for England by the Ruahine.

Miss Fernandez, matron of the New Plymouth Hospital, has been granted six months leave of absence owing to ill-health, and she left on a visit to Wellington.

The Rev. J. Clark, of the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle, has been accorded a vote of thanks by the members of the W.C.T.U. for his willingness to hold a Willard Memorial Service. Hearty thanks were also extended to the Tabernacle officers for the use of their building.

Miss Hurst house, on the eve of her marriage, was presented by the Choir of St. Mary's, New Plymouth, with a large photograph of the choir, handsomely framed, and a beautiful oak and silver biscuit barrel, suitably engraved.

Mr and Mrs Moore, of Blenheim, are staying at Kekerangu, with Mrs J. Symons, and Miss Moore is visiting in Wellington.

Everybody in Picton is glad to welcome Mrs Rutherford back after her long stay in Canterbury. Illness was the cause of her detention, but she is now getting strong and well again.

Mr Harry Burnes has been appointed manager of the local branch of the New Zealand Shipping Company at Wellington in place of Captain Rose. Mr Burnes has been chief clerk at the headquarters of the company at Christchurch, and has been in the company's service 22 years. As Captain Rose intends leaving for England in December, Mr Burnes will in all probability come to Wellington some months before that date, in order to get into the run of things, and will take over the management early in June. Some time ago Mr Burnes was offered the management of the company's Napier branch, but declined the offer.

Dr. Gilbert Smith is the kind lecturer at the St. John Ambulance class for ladies now being held in Te Aroha. Mrs Campbell is hon. sec. A knowledge of 'first aid' and 'nursing' is really necessary in all country districts where the services of a medical man cannot quickly be obtained.

Mr Leonard Dodson, of Blenheim, left to try for fortune at Klondike, but on reaching Wellington changed his mind and, it is said, settled in

Mr Arthur Carter, of the Telegraph Department, Blenheim, has been transferred to Masterton, and was entertained at a smoke concert before his departure, when he was presented by his comrades in the office with a handsome writing case.

The Hon. J. Carroll, Hon. W. Jennings, and Messrs F. Lawry and R. Monk, M.H.R.'s, went from Auckland on Thursday morning to visit the Maori meeting at Huntly. Hawera.

Mr Blackmore, Government Pomologist, says that orchards in the north are not managed in an intelligent manner.

Mr W. Tripe, Wellington, and Mr W. Thomas, Christchurch, are visiting Mrs Chaytor, at Marahau.

The Rev. W. J. Williams is in Auckland. He came up from New Plymouth on Thursday.

The Thames Liedertafel Society presented Mr John Watson, junr., with a pair of chic sleeve links on his departure for Scotland, where he intends to complete his studies as a mechanical engineer.

Mr Murray Roberts is reported as likely to stand for Taieri at the next general election.

Lieut.-Colonel McDonnell, who was a passenger to England by the Ruahine, is hoping to have a book he has written on the Maori war published by a London firm. The colonel is well up in his subject, having played a prominent part in the suppression of the native race.

Mons. E. Pollet, Consul-General for Belgium in Australasia, is in Auckland at present on a visit from his Melbourne residence.

Mrs R. Jenkins, Blenheim, has gone to Wellington, where she is visiting relations.

The opinion always expressed by the 'Graphic' that the Auckland water supply should be obtained from the Waitakerei Ranges is greatly strengthened by Mr McElwain, an old resident, who has consulted an expert engineer on the subject.

Miss Ronalds (Christchurch) has gone on a visit to her aunt, Mrs James Mills, Dunedin.

Mr R. Webster, of New Plymouth, has gone for a trip to Auckland.

Colonel and Mrs Dawson, of Arborfield, Ellerslie, with their two sons, leave Auckland for England via Vancouver next month. They expect to return at the end of the year. Next Monday the family go to their run near Ngaruawahia and Rotorua for three weeks' farewell visit. Mr and Mrs George Bloomfield have taken Arborfield for a few months.

Mr J. S. Kelly, the Wellington correspondent of the 'Lyttelton Times', has taken the place of Mr F. K. Reeves on the 'Poverty Bay Herald'. The latter is resuming his old position on the reporting staff of the 'Wellington Times.'

Miss Cato, who has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs Cheek, in Blenheim, returned to Wellington last week.

Captain Edwin Phillips is again in charge of the Mararoa. Captain Newton, the temporary captain, is now in Wellington.

Mrs Duncan, of Wellington, who has been visiting friends in Blenheim, returned home last week.

Dr. and Mrs A. O. Knight have returned to Auckland after their trip to Europe. Their many friends were glad to see them home again.

Miss Allan (Wellington), Miss Duggan and Mrs Menteith's children, who have been in Picton for over a month returned to Wellington last week, having enjoyed their stay in picturesque Picton immensely.

His Honor Judge Conolly unveiled a portrait of the late Mr Justice Richmond, which has been hung in the Supreme Court-room, New Plymouth, on March 23.

Mr G. Humphries, of the Press Association, was presented by Major Sommerville, on behalf of the shooting men present at Oamaru, with a gold sovereign case, and a gold pencil case, as a mark of appreciation of the admirable manner in which he has reported the Rifle Association meetings for the last 20 years.

The Moderator of the Otago Synod, the Rev. Wilt, has received a pleasant recognition of his scholarly attainments. His alma mater Edin. University has conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Mrs Henry Brown, of New Plymouth, is paying Auckland a visit.

Mrs Holford, of New Plymouth, has gone on a trip to Auckland.

Mrs Garton (Bulls) is paying a short visit to Mr Edwin in Wellington.

Mr McIntosh, who has been travelling about as Inspector of the National Bank, is at present at home, in Blenheim.

Mrs Broham, who has been staying with her father, Archdeacon Govett, has gone back to her home in Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs Alan Scott (Christchurch), with their little daughter, are making another trip to England, and left last Saturday.

Miss G. Rose has returned from the country to Wellington.

Mr Musgrave (Christchurch) has gone back again to South America, leaving by the Ruahine, for Buenos Ayres, which sailed from Wellington last Saturday.

Miss Ida Worsp leaves for Sydney by the s.s. Westralia on April 4th, en route for Japan, on a visit to her cousin, Mrs De Ath, at Kobe.

Lady Atkinson, from Wellington, is staying with her daughter, Mrs C. Govett, of New Plymouth.

Mrs Aldridge, after three months' stay with her daughter, Mrs Dignan, Mt. Eden, Auckland, left for her home in Napier on Monday last.

Mr and Mrs W. H. S. Moorhouse, Wellington, are paying a visit to Mr and Mrs Paul Hunter at Hawke's Bay.

Mr C. F. Griffiths, solicitor, Auckland, was entertained at a farewell dinner at the Waverley Hotel last week, prior to his departure from that city, where he has resided for 28 years.

Mrs Smith, who has been making a long visit to her daughter, Mrs F. Anderson (Makuri) at Palmerston North, returned to Blenheim last week.

Bishop and Mrs Mules were staying at the Picton vicarage for several days this week.

Mr Charles Spencer Booth, who is leaving Hurford Road (Taranaki) for another district, was entertained at a social recently. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the musical portion of the entertainment: Mrs Gilbert, Misses Penwarden, Greenhill and Des Forges, Messrs Giddy, Booth, Paterson and Des Forges.

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