

Apollo love painting, poetry, artistic work, and possess admiration for beauty in shape and form, and grace of mind and thought. Your fingers, especially in the impression, confirm these artistic tastes, and also show reason, calmness, and resignation; but the thumb, in the drawing, does not display much strength of will, although its low setting indicates talent or great ability for acquiring knowledge. In passing on to the lines, I must preface my remarks by telling you, with regret, that your left hand is not at present a fortunate one in many respects; but let me remind you that the lines are always changing, and your right hand may be quite different; therefore, pray consider my interpretation of the lines to be only a warning of possible events, if they be in the future. The life line shows length of days, but delicacy or trouble is indicated between 10 and 20, a severe illness about 40, and two more of less severity between 50 and 60. The heart line is typical of the best and truest love; but the heavy bar across it, at the commencement, is a sign of some deep heart trouble, so early in youth that I think it must be in the past. There is another, still more severe, between 25 and 28. The attachment lines are puzzling. I can recognise only one of lasting duration. It is before 23, and appears to end in an early marriage from the position of the cross on Jupiter's Mount, which is generally considered to betoken a happy marriage; but you are the longest liver, and some member of the opposite sex appears to cause you much unhappiness. There is nothing to tell me what relationship he or she bears to you, and I of course cannot tell your own sex from the diagram. The head line displays an insufficiency of self-confidence, and shows that you suffer from headache. There are also two accidents marked, both before 30; but these require confirmation in the other hand to be serious. The fate line indicates a change in your prospects and position about 21 or between 21 and 25, and there is warning of trouble between 32 and 35, after which the line improves, and from 35 to 50 the line appears to give promise of tranquillity and happiness. Only one voyage is marked, and the x at the end of the line seems to give warning of some trouble or danger connected with water.

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'A DREAM ANGEL.'—The Mounts of Jupiter and Mercury appear to be the most fully developed in your hand. This combination gives love of science and philosophy, in addition to the cheerfulness, energy, honourable pride, and ambition of the mounts respectively. The fingers indicate much activity, quick impulsiveness, and no love of detail. Your actions are decisive; you care little for conventionality, but are independent and practical, fond of travelling and outdoor pursuits, as well as scientific studies. The tips of your first and fourth fingers show intuition, and the length of the latter gives you talent and influence. The thumb, in your drawing, is large for the size of your hand, and strong also. It fully confirms my opinion that you possess self-reliance, decision, and power of will over others. The life line is better in the right hand than the left, although two illnesses of some severity are marked between 15 and 25; but from the line, as it is now, you will have no lingering sickness in your old age. There is a tendency to rheumatism shown in both hands. The heart line starts too abruptly to be quite fortunate; but that also is better in the right diagram. Your affection is strong, and you are capable of jealousy; but you would require good cause for it. Two attachments are marked, but only one ends in marriage. I think this does not commence before 23, as I date your marriage at about 25, although I am anything but sure of the accuracy of the latter time, which is always difficult to ascertain. I have known the cleverest palmists to be mistaken. The head line betokens excellent abilities, a fertile imagination, combined with good business capacities and a keen sense of humour. The fate line in the left hand leaves nothing to be desired, and shows success to be the result of personal merits; but in the right it is arrested by the head line, and you must guard against some grave error of judgment between the ages of 30 and 35. There is an important change of position about 22. No less than four long voyages are marked, one, according to my read-

ing, to be of the greatest significance to you. The line rising from the wrist and cutting the triangle I consider to mean some tribulation or adversity, or rather a warning of either the one or the other, as the sign is not confirmed. The trouble may be connected with the sea. You have one enemy, and the lines on the Mount of Jupiter indicate some obstacles or interference in your path of success. The vertical lines on the third phalange of the first finger are said to betoken legacies; those on the second finger give the number of your family. I do not, as a rule, pay much attention to the wrist lines, but in your hands they are remarkably good, and would be considered to foretell health, wealth, and happiness.

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## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

**HIS EXCELLENCY** the Governor of New Zealand was to leave Mid-dura on May 2, and travel to Sydney via Swan Hill and Melbourne. He is due there on May 8. Lord and Lady Ranfurly are expected in New Zealand about the middle of May.

The Countess of Ranfurly attended a large dinner when she was in Sydney, given by Lord and Lady Hampden; also she was present at a large race ball at Government House, when she wore rich black satin with emerald and diamond ornaments. Lady Hampden was dressed in brocade, white lace, diamond tiara; Lady Clarke, rose pink satin under white spangled net. The Countess of Ranfurly also attended the A.J.C. races wearing a black satin dress and cerise hat.

Mrs Oakley and her niece are both looking better for their well-earned rest and change down South. They are now in Nelson, where they are to be the guests of Mrs E. Moore, and also of Mrs R. S. Lucas, Mrs Onkley's daughter.

The installation of the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand, as Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of New Zealand, was a very smart affair, and took place last Thursday in Christchurch.

The American Consul, Mr Frank Dillingham, requests us to state for the benefit of those who address correspondence to his private residence, that he has now removed to the dwelling at the corner of Cleveland and Balfour Roads, Parnell.

Mr A. H. Adams, late of the Wellington 'Evening Post,' leaves that city almost immediately to become literary secretary to Mr J. C. Williamson, of 'The Firm.' The duties connected with the appointment will, we understand (says the 'Post') be chiefly the construction and revision of dramatic work, in which Mr Adams has already given to the New Zealand public proofs of his ability. It is flattering to Mr Adams to know that the offer was made to him unsolicited as the result of Mr Williamson's personal knowledge of some of his work. The opening is one which any budding dramatist might covet, seeing that it ensures him the production of his creations by the first companies in Australia, and Mr Adams is to be congratulated upon the prospect before him, while Mr Williamson is likewise fortunate in securing the services of a gentleman of scholarship, originality, and energy.

Sir G. M. O'Rorke opened the Auckland Society of Arts Exhibition on Wednesday night.

Dr. T. M. Hocken, of Dunedin, has returned from his trip to the Islands. The Mataura seat will probably be contested by Mr R. McNab, who will stand as an independent candidate.

The National Association proposes to support Mr W. F. Ward as a candidate for the Mataura seat in the opposition interest. Mr Ward is a farmer on the Waimea Plains, and a member of the County Council, of which he has been Chairman.

The following changes have been made amongst the Union Company's officers, owing to the laying up of the Manapouri and Rakanoa:—Captain Abram to be master of the Hawke; Mr Collins (chief officer of the Ova-

lau), Mr Jamieson (second officer of the Rakanoa), and Mr Spence (third officer of the Manapouri) to change over to the Hawke in similar capacities.

Mr George Truscott, mine manager, formerly employed in the Golden Anchor mine at Kuaotunu, and latterly at Dunedin, has gone to Westralia.

Mrs Daldy, the Auckland delegate to the Women's National League Convention held last week in Wellington, suggests that in all punishments reform of the criminal should be the chief aim, that gaols should be schools rather than prisons. The object of gaol discipline should be to discharge men as respectable citizens. Many prisoners who served first sentences came out worse than when they went in. Gaolers ought to be selected from men who had made a scientific study of criminal characteristics.

The Rev. G. Burgess, of Auckland, is leaving that city in order to take charge of the Timaru Congregational Church.

Mr Scobie MacKenzie, M.H.R., who arrived in Auckland last Saturday by the Penguin, has gone to Rotorua for the purpose of taking the baths. Should his health allow of it, he will probably give a political address in Auckland on his way home again.

The success of Mr H. J. McKenzie (Auckland) in obtaining a battery superintendent's certificate at the recent examination is a matter of congratulation by his many friends. This gentleman has now the honour of being the first in New Zealand to obtain this certificate and the prior one of first-class mine manager by examination.

Miss Ethel Benjamin, the Dunedin lady lawyer, was present at the last sitting of the Warden's Court at Livingstone, Otago. The lady conducted her case extremely well.

Mrs Sievwright read a forcible paper on 'The Economic Independence of Married Women' at Thursday's meeting of the Women's National Council in Wellington. The speaker claimed dual recognition of economic rights solely as a matter of simple justice. The motion was carried.

Canon Haselden, of Onehunga, so long known and revered as Anglican Diocesan Missioner, has been nominated Chaplain to the Onehunga Volunteer Rifle Corps.

Dr. Laishley, of Auckland, lately made some very apposite remarks upon the great necessity for insisting upon proper discipline in the training of children. He also objected to interference between the head master of a school and any pupil attending that school in the matter of corporal punishment.

At the Women's National Council last week the principle of old age pensions was approved of, but almost all thrifty women are in favour of some system by which everyone should contribute towards it.

Mr and Mrs Harry Nelson (Hawke's Bay) have been on a visit to Wellington, where they have been the guests of General Schaw, Mr and Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Stowe.

General Kitchener, whose recent campaign in the Soudan against the Dervishes earned him much kudos, is a son of Colonel Kitchener, who was a large station holder in Shag Valley, Otago.

Mr and Mrs Fred Williams have returned to Napier from their trip South.

Mr A. G. Holland, after a three weeks' stay in Auckland, left on Monday for Hastings, to rejoin Judge Butler, of the Native Lands Court.

Mrs and the Misses Grant have left Christchurch, and have gone to live in the North Island.

Miss Mirrie Philpotts (Picton) has gone to Wellington to study painting.

The Ladies Constance and Eileen Knox have left Elmwood, Christchurch, for a visit farther South. They left by express on Tuesday, accompanied by the governess and servants, bound for Warrington, Dunedin, the estate of the Hon. Geo. McLean, where they purpose spending a few weeks.

Captain Russell, M.H.R., for Hawke's Bay, who is now paying a visit to England, intends leaving in time to be back for the opening of the Session.

Mr Ronayne, General Manager of Railways, has paid an official visit to Nelson during the week.

Archbishop Redwood preached at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Nelson, last Sunday, both morning and evening, there being large congregations at each service. During his short visit to Nelson the Archbishop was the guest of the Very Rev. Father Mahoney.

Mrs Kinross White returned from Christchurch, where she has been visiting her sisters, to her home in Napier last week.

Mr A. Watkins, of New Plymouth, has gone to Wellington on account of his brother's wedding.

Mrs H. A. Watt, widow of the late general manager of the Bank of New Zealand, is visiting Mrs Sam Jackson, of Remuera, Auckland. Mrs Watt has returned to New Zealand for the benefit of her health, which is now fully established, thanks to the trip out, and a stay of some weeks in Rotorua. She proposes returning to England by the Kaikoura, via Wellington, the first week in June. It is nine years since Mrs Watt was in Auckland.

Mrs Sutton, of France Road, Napier, has gone for a visit to Wellington.

Miss Fanny Cotterell, Gisborne, has been spending a few days with Mrs Thompson in Blenheim.

Mr and the Misses Dobbie, of Picton, came to Blenheim by train on Saturday, and bicycled from there to Avondale, to spend a couple of days with Mr and Mrs Teschemaker.

An engraving of the late Sir William Martin, first Chief Justice of New Zealand, has been presented by Mr Douglas M'Lean, M.H.R. for Napier, to the Wellington Law Society.

General Sir J. B. Fraser-Tyler, Miss Fraser-Tyler and Mr Fraser-Tyler, have left Christchurch for England, travelling via Vancouver.

Mr and Mrs O. Samuel, of New Plymouth, are paying Wellington a visit.

Mrs Allen (Picton) is spending a few days in Blenheim this week, acting at one of the judges at the chrysanthemum show.

Mrs Ah Chang, of Hawera, is one of those to whom the poll tax has been remitted.

The Rev. E. Allanson, who lately visited Napier and preached to large congregations at the Cathedral, has been holding a mission at Woodville, and the services were greatly appreciated by the people there. The church was much too small to accommodate the numbers who crowded to hear Mr Allanson, and he held several meetings in the open air.

The Rev. L. FitzGerald, of St. Matthew's, Auckland, is to go to Patea in July, in order to relieve the Rev. C. C. Harper. The latter will take charge of St. Paul's Church, Wellington, for three weeks, during the absence of the Rev. T. Sprutt.

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