

The Rev. Father Power, who is leaving Waipawa for Hawera, was presented by his parishioners with an illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns. Mr. S. McGreevy made the presentation on behalf of the Catholics of Waipawa and in a short speech expressed the regret that they all felt at his departure and spoke highly of his energy and ability and of the good work that he had done during his residence amongst them. Addresses were also given by Father Grogan, of Napier, Father Smyth, of Hastings, and Father O'Shea, who takes Father Power's place at Waipawa.

Mr. Herbert O. Fenton has left Dunedin and gone with the New Zealand Grand Lodge to Christchurch. His many friends in the southern city are regretting his departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Furrington returned from their honeymoon tour at Nelson, on Thursday last, and after spending a few days in Wellington proceeded to their new residence at Levin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wallace, Christchurch, are at Summer for the holidays.

Mr. E. D. Westmacott, formerly of Picton, now living at Taranaki, has been visiting his old home with an English cousin, who, like Isaac Walton, thinks that 'God never did make a more calm, quiet, innocent recreation than fishing,' and spent nearly all their holiday fishing in the Wanganui River and Queen Charlotte Sound.

The Hon. Mr. McKenzie, Minister of Lands, left Wellington for Stratford on Tuesday, to open the new Victoria bridge there. He was also to address a public meeting in the evening, returning to Wellington on the following Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McKellar, of Wellington, are paying Mrs. McKellar a visit in New Plymouth.

Mr. G. L. Cook, C.E., Hunterville, was in Dunedin for a few days recently.

Misses Gibson, Gribben, Pearce, Laurell, the teaching staff at the Girls' College, Nelson, have all gone away for their holidays.

Mr. Alga Williams (Wellington) leaves in a few days for a trip to Ceylon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Heather, Mt. Eden, Auckland, left on Saturday for England.

Mrs. (Dr.) Lawry and her sister, Miss Elsie Battley, have gone to Sydney.

Mrs. Arthur Atkinson has returned to Nelson after a visit to Wellington.

Mrs. R. Harper, of Gisborne, who has been on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Martin, of Mt. Albert, Auckland, returned last week to Gisborne.

The popular tenor, Mr. Orlando Harley, left by the Moana for London, via Frisco. It will be remembered that Mr. Harley was with the Albani Concert Company in Australia lately.

Miss Thorne George, of Parnell, Auckland, went down South for a trip last week.

Miss Butterworth, of Dunedin, is staying in Wellington with Mrs. Izard, Hobson-street.

Miss Fowler (Masterton) is the guest of Mrs. Pitt, Moritai, Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanner, of Otahuhu, leave Auckland on Tuesday next, for a month's stay in Dunedin. Miss Edith Tanner has been staying in Dunedin for the last month, and her parents will join her there.

Mrs. Dun Riddiford is paying a visit to some of her relations in Wellington, but returns to Ranzelikei shortly.

Miss Gibson, of Dunedin, is visiting Wellington, and is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Collins, Bonicott-street.

Mr. Arthur Innes Jones, who was accidentally shot in the Matukia Valley, near Nelson, is slowly recovering. The convalescence will probably be a lengthy one.

Mr. and Mrs. John Duncan, Miss and Mr. Arthur Duncan (Wellington) left last week for England, where they will make a long stay.

Mr. Thomas Brydone (manager of the New Zealand and Australian Land Company) left Auckland by the Moana. He was entertained in Dunedin by the Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society.

Miss Noakes, of Onehunga, is going to Wanganui to spend the winter months.

Mr. J. H. Pope is going to Wellington shortly. Mr. Pope is Inspector of Native Schools in North Auckland.

Miss Cuff returned to Auckland this week from Sydney.

The managing director of Messrs T. and S. Morrin (Limited) left Auckland by the Moana last Saturday. He expects to be away about six months.

Miss Sealy (Nelson) is visiting friends in the Wanganui district.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wynyard when they return from their honeymoon in Sydney, will take up their residence in Mountain Road, Remuera, Auckland.

Miss Esther Atkinson (Christchurch) is staying with her mother, Mrs. W. Atkinson, Nelson.

Mr. D. D. Hyde has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Henderson as Government Poultry Expert.

Dr. and Mrs. Burneau, of the Marine Parade, Napier, leave shortly for Christchurch en route for England, and will travel by the Gothic.

Mr. H. W. Sutton, who has been on a holiday trip to Australia, returned to his home at Hawera on May 11.

The Rev. Hugh Kelly, M.A., Waimate, Christchurch, is to receive a call from the newly-sanctioned Presbyterian congregation in Parnell, Auckland.

The Rev. Father Mulvihill was presented, previous to his leaving Hawera, with an address, the artistic work of Miss Flynn, and a handsome gold watch and chain. The presentation was made on behalf of the congregation by Mr. J. H. Russell.

Miss I. Cussen, Hamilton, has gone on a visit to her relatives in Auckland.

Mr. R. Fenwick, of Auckland, was one of the passengers by the s.s. Moana on Saturday.

Mrs. Carey, who has been spending a few weeks in Picton with Mrs. A. G. Fell, returned to Blenheim on Saturday.

Miss Stowe, of Wellington, is paying a visit to Hastings.

Mrs. Renwick, who has been visiting in Nelson, returned to Blenheim last week.

Mr. J. B. Roy, ex-Mayor of New Plymouth, was presented by the Borough Council on May 13 with a handsome gold watch and chain, in recognition of his services during the many years he held office; and Mrs. Roy was presented with a silver cradle, a son and heir having been born during her husband's last Mayoralty.

Dr. Leahy, house surgeon at the Napier Hospital, has gone for a visit to Sydney.

Mrs. Monro, Blenheim, was a passenger to Wellington last Monday, and was accompanied by Miss Jackson, of the Hutt, who had been paying her a lengthy visit.

Mr. M. Ritchie, who has been for some time in the Bank of New Zealand at Dannevirke, has been moved to Dunedin. Before his departure an enjoyable social was given in his honour at the Town Hall.

Captain Feilden has received the position of private secretary to the Governor of New South Wales, vice Captain Ferguson, resigned.

Mrs. Hay, of Carlton Gore Road, gave a large afternoon tea last Friday for Mrs. Gavin, Wellington.

Signs of the approaching season are becoming more frequent and marked every day. On Friday last Mr. J. J. Holland, M.H.R., is going to address a meeting of Auckland citizens in St. James' Hall, Wellington-street.

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## SOCIETY ON DITS.

THAT His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly have issued invitations for a ball at Government House on Thursday, 26th, to celebrate Her Majesty's birthday.

That at the Volunteer Ball, which is to be held at the Drill Hall, New Plymouth, on May 24th, Mr. A. E. A. Clarke has kindly consented to act as M.C.

The Thorndon Tennis Club (Wellington) intend giving their annual dance next month in Thomas' Hall.

That a picnic party drove from New Plymouth in brakes last week to Mr. Minchin's, at Inglewood, arriving there just before tea. After they had satisfied their hunger they adjourned to the next room, where they had dancing, which was kept up until after midnight. Soon after they left Mr. Minchin's hospitable roof, after thanking him for the very pleasant time they had spent, and arrived back in New Plymouth at 3 a.m. Among the party were Misses George (2), Cottier (3), Irvin, Paul, Biggs, Hall, Jackson, A. Avery, Morey (2), Minchin (3), Mesdames Paul, Hall, Corney, Cock, J. E. George, Blyth, Bacon, Cottier, and Messrs McKenzie, Rudd, Tabor, Beale, Mitchell, Elliott, Patterson, Avery, S. Paul.

That one of the most interesting features at the annual meeting of the Auckland centre of St. John Ambulance Association will be the presentation to Mrs. Dawson, Girdler, Knight, Lewis, Robertson, Roberts and Sharrman of their diplomas of appointment as honorary life members of the St. John Ambulance Association, in recognition of their able and valuable services as gratuitous lecturers to classes at the Auckland centre. The meeting takes place on Friday, 27th, in the Y.M.C.A. Hall.

That the American humorist, Mr. H. J. Emmett, played in Picton on Thursday, 5th May, to a very small, but appreciative audience. Possibly had people known what a really clever artist Mr. Emmett was they would have supported his show. As a ventriloquist Mr. Emmett excelled, and the manner in which he handled his violin shows his great musical talent. His puns and little jokes no one could find fault with, and Miss Beatrice Vartha is an accomplished musician, whom it was a real pleasure to listen to.

That Mr. Dobbie has started practising 'Pinafore' in Picton, with quite a large company of amateurs of both sexes.

That the ex-Mayor of Wanganui, Mr. J. L. Stevenson, has been made a Justice of the Peace.

That speculators are buying up all the potatoes they can get hold of in Canterbury. Owing to the shortage of supplies in Australia potatoes are likely to be dear this winter.

That it is proposed to form a Chess and Draughts Club at Hastings, and that a meeting has been held for that purpose.

That an entertainment, musical and dramatic, in aid of St. Peter's Sunday School is to take place on the 24th inst at the Volunteer Hall.

That the annual singing competition for the boys of the Napier Cathedral choir was held on a recent Thursday evening. In the senior division, Master Harry Elmes won the first prize, and Master H. Wyatt, the second. In the junior division the first prize was awarded to Master G. Aitken, and the second to Master J. Bartley. The first prizes in the senior and junior division, which consisted of two handsome albums, were presented by Mr. Vigor Brown.

That the powers that be have moved the luggage shed from the middle of the Picton wharf to the end near the goods shed, and intend to convert it into a waiting room for the convenience of travellers awaiting belated steamers.

That Mr. W. F. Christian, Wellington, was on Saturday evening presented with a very handsome carved Maori walking stick by the members of the Petone United Cricket Club, the company afterwards adjourning to hold a social in his honour at Bradshaw's Hotel, the entertainment, which consisted of songs and speeches, being closed by the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.' Mr. Christian left Wellington by the Takapuna on Sunday night for Auckland, en route to America, and will be much missed by cricketers, having been a most energetic promoter of cricket matches during his residence in Wellington.

That Miss Dart's garden in Picton is quite a show place, her chrysanthemums being even finer than usual, many having greatly improved since the show, and several new varieties are now in full bloom.

That much to the satisfaction of the citizens of Wellington, the Government have decided that the much-talked of buildings at Mount Cook are not to be used as a gaol until after Parliament has solved the question as to what is to be done in respect to them and the reserve. Meanwhile, the buildings are to be utilised for military purposes, as the accommodation at the Mount Cook barracks is very inadequate.

That amongst the debutantes at Mrs. Cotter's dance in Remuera, Auckland, was Miss Eve Smith (Epsom), who looked charming in white satin.

That many of the residents of Waima, Rawene, and Kohukohu are grumbling because the whole of the natives who took up arms have not been arrested.

That a Government Gazette recently notified that after the 9th inst. bicycles, tricycles, or velocipedes accompanying passengers require to be fully and legibly addressed with the name and destination of passenger, and be at the railway station at least 15 minutes before the advertised time of departure of the train by which they are to be carried.

That some of the New Zealand wheelmen and women are good churchgoers. A cyclists' church parade was a most instructive and interesting sight in Petone recently. Deponent sayeth not what part the bikes took in the service. Probably they were used to go round for the collection; this being accomplished without a single spill.

That Mr. C. L. Orr-Ewing, who was married to Lady Augusta Boyle, is a devoted yachtsman, both in regard to steam and sailing vessels. His handsome little craft Heartsease bore off the first prize at Cannes recently. Mr. Orr-Ewing is described in a Scottish society paper as not being tall, but dark and slight and youthful looking for his thirty-eight years.

That the Waima natives are doggedly refusing to pay the tax on their canine favourites.

That the Opposition in Auckland received much strength and satisfaction from the trenchant remarks of Mr. Scobie Mackenzie, M.H.R., during the course of his political address in the Choral Hall last week.

That the Auckland City Council is threatened with water on the brain, because there is hardly any aqua pura at the Western Springs.

That the usual term concert in connection with the School of Music, Nelson, was held last week, and all the pupils who performed acquitted themselves creditably.

That the rise in the price of bread has raised fears of a future flour famine in the well-bred economical mind of every good housekeeper in this colony.

That invitations are issued for a ball to celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday at Government House, Wellington, on the 26th inst.

That on Saturday afternoon, at the Napier Bowling Green, a match was played between rinks consisting of members of the Napier Bowling Club and of Fire Insurance Agents, and that the former were victorious by 39 points to 34.

That the New Zealand Parliament proposes to commence the winter work on June 30th. Also, that nothing very important is proposed to be done by either side of the House. Also that it is to be a Brer Rabbit sort of session—the members will all lie low and wait for the General Election.