

The Hon. W. Rolleston (Wellington) is making slow but satisfactory progress towards recovery from the effects of his recent accident; but his medical adviser states that it will be quite two or three weeks before he is able to get about again.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Palmer (Woodford) are at Burnham for a few weeks and have with them Mrs Ogle and her little daughter, and Mrs J. C. Palmer. The last news of their daughter, Mrs G. H. Lee, who has gone to Adelaide on account of her health, is very cheering, she having greatly benefited by the change. Her two sisters, Mrs Wardrop and Miss Palmer, are leaving Christchurch shortly and will be away all the winter, staying part of the time with Mrs Lee and also paying a visit to Mrs Alister Clark.

Very probably Mr Northcroft, a brother of Mr H. W. Northcroft, S.M., will oppose the Premier for the Westland seat at the next election, and Mr W. Wastney will be the Opposition candidate at Nelson.

Mr and Mrs Vavasour, who have been paying New Plymouth a visit, have returned to their home in Christchurch.

Mrs Sedgwick and Miss Allen (Picton) have gone to Tynesfield to be with Mrs Seymour and her family during their sad trouble.

Miss Wood, of Napier, is staying at Te Aute.

Mrs Dean Pitt has returned to Auckland after staying several weeks in Nelson.

Mrs Alex Williams has returned from Wellington to her home in Palmerston.

Miss Ella Burden, who has been visiting several friends in Blenheim, has returned home to Woodville.

Mr A. E. A. Clarke has consented to act as M.C. at the Volunteers' Ball, and also at the Foresters' Social on the occasion of the opening of the new hall on June 9th in New Plymouth.

Mr and Miss Prouse (Wellington) are at present the guests of Mrs Houliker, Nelson.

Mr and Mrs W. R. E. Brown are shortly to pay a lengthy visit to Hawke's Bay for the benefit of the former's health. Their residence in Tainui Road has been taken by Captain and Mrs Russell for the session.

The Right Rev. D. F. Sandford is to be an assistant to the Bishop of Durham. Bishop Sandford was formerly in Tasmania.

Miss Powell, formerly of Palmerston, is under engagement to the Prohibition League in Auckland for six months. She will probably work in election matters for the League.

Bishop Verdon, of Dunedin, received a very handsome chalice and richly assigned address from the priests in the archdiocese of Dublin, on the eve of the anniversary of his consecration to the Episcopate of Dunedin.

The Bishop of Waipapa, the Right Rev. W. L. Williams, left Auckland for Gisborne last week.

An enthusiastic send-off was awarded Mr Scobie Mackenzie, M.H.R., and his daughter on their departure from Auckland last week to their Southern home.

Mr John Dixon, junr., of Mount Albert, left Auckland for 'Frisco by the last mail boat. He goes with bright hopes and many good wishes for his future success.

Miss Geraldine Ching, of Remuera, accompanied Mr and Mrs A. Heather, of Auckland, on their trip Home via San Francisco.

The Rev. George Burgess, F.I.S.A., and his wife left Auckland last week for Timaru. He will commence his new duties at the Congregational Church in that town immediately.

Mr Bertman, who is ministerially in charge of the Presbyterian at Paeroa, has just taken his B.A. degree.

The Auckland Stationmaster, Mr Stevenson, went down to Wellington last week in order to attend the periodical meeting of the Railway Officers' Society.

Mr Bingham, representative of the New Zealand Electric Light and Traction Company, Limited, of London, left Auckland last week for Wellington. He returns to Auckland in time to be present at the unsealing of his proposals re electric tramways in that city.

Dr. C. H. and Mrs Wine returned to Auckland from Australia last week.

Mr Arthur Myers has gone to Wellington from Auckland for a short time.

Mrs T. Cotter, of Remuera, leaves Auckland on Monday next for Sydney, per s.s. Westralia.

Miss Geraldine Ching, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Ching, Remuera, Auckland, left last week for an eighteen months' trip to England; she was chaperoned by Mr and Mrs A. Heather, Mt. Eden, Auckland.

Mr and Mrs Firth (Wellington) are staying at present in Nelson.

Messrs Sharland and Co., Auckland, advertised some time ago offering a guinea for a prize for somebody to name their new medicine (an antidote for sea-sickness), which was won by Mr Robert Walker, of Parnell, whose suggestion was 'Valma.' Mr R. Walker had the sovereign made into a ring for his wife, with the engraving, 'Valma,' marked on it.

Mr W. Row has been re-elected President of the Normanby Horticultural Association.

Mr and Mrs Young have left Weld's Hill, and are now residing in Blenheim. They have taken a house in Hutchison-street.

The Hon. T. Thompson, Minister of Defence, has forwarded a telegram to Dr. Erson, Mayor of Onehunga, thanking him for his services in connection with the recent Maori troubles in the North.

Mrs and Miss Watson (England) are spending a few weeks in Nelson.

Hon. J. McKenzie is on a visit to Stratford, and is the guest of the Chairman of the County Council. On May 19th he opened the Victoria Bridge, recently erected across the Patea River, and in the evening delivered a political address in the Town Hall.

Colonel and Mrs Pitt entertained the Commissioners at dinner on Thursday evening at their residence, Muriwai, Nelson.

Mr Lake, s.s. Tarawera, is taking a holiday, his place being filled by Mr Graham.

Mrs Robison has returned to Nelson, bringing a lady friend, Miss George, with her from Auckland.

The M.H.R. for Wanganni, Mr Gilbert Carson, is visiting his former home, Auckland. Mr Carson is also proprietor of the 'Wanganni Chronicle.'

A cousin of Dr. Newman's (Wellington) has just been elected Liberal M.P. for Norfolk South.

Mr and Mrs C. Colt have returned to Brightwater, after a visit to Wellington and Blenheim.

Mr and Mrs J. Conolly have returned to Blenheim from their visit to the South.

Dr. Roberts (Nelson) met with what might have been a severe accident, but luckily it only resulted in a sprained foot.

Mr Ebenezer Baker, of Auckland, at the age of ten, was present at the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Mrs H. D. Bell, with her two daughters, has returned to Wellington from England.

Miss Buifour, of the Bluff Hill, Napier, is paying a visit to Timaru.

Miss Miriama, who has been staying in Nelson for some weeks, has gone to Feilding.

Mr and Mrs H. D. Vavasour, of Blenheim, are on a visit to New Plymouth.

Miss Brett, Lake Takapuna, has returned to Auckland, after a three months visit to her sister, Mrs Walcot Wood, in Christchurch.

Captain and Mrs Davidson, Napier, are in Sydney, staying at the Hotel Metropole.

Miss Seymour and Miss Fanny Cotterill were in Blenheim last Wednesday on their way from Meadowbank, where they have been the guests of Mrs Richardson, to Picton.

Mr J. McKenzie, for many years editor, and holding a large interest in the 'Taranaki News' Company, has sold his share in it, and has retired from the concern.

Mrs Lambie, who has been staying with Mrs E. Ensor, at Spring Creek, and with Mrs Chaytor, at Marahau, was in Blenheim last week on her way to Birch Hill.

Mr and Mrs F. W. Watt, of New Plymouth, have left for Australia, where they intend taking the first steamer of the P. and O. Company en route for England.

Mr G. Washington Gane has left Taranaki for a short visit to Auckland.

Mrs Blackett (Nelson) is at present the guest of Mrs Browning, Cable Bay.

Mrs W. Nancarrow, of Dunedin, is staying with her sister, Mrs J. White.

Mrs Sedgwick and Miss Allen, of Picton, passed through Blenheim on Saturday, on their way to Tynesfield, to offer sympathy and help to Mrs Seymour in her recent bereavement.

Miss Elsie Williams has returned to Wellington from her visit to Palmerston North.

Mr Hunter Brown's residence, Long-look-out, Nelson, narrowly escaped being burned last week. In the usual unaccountable way the dining room was suddenly discovered to be in flames. After a great deal of hard work and water, they managed to get the better of the flames, but not before a great deal of damage had been done.

Mr McIntosh, Manager of the National Bank, Blenheim, has been appointed Acting-Inspector during Mr Stott's absence in England. He left Blenheim to take up his new duties last Monday.

The Hon. A. M. Duncan left Auckland for Fiji last week.

Mr Wood, of the Boys' High School, Napier, is paying a visit to Palmerston and Wellington.

Miss Ethel (Blenheim) is visiting Mrs J. Bell, at Hillersden, Wairau Valley.

SOCIETY ON DITS.

That at Hawera it is proposed to establish public baths, and it is suggested to have them in the Recreation Grounds.

That in the absence of the Permanent Artillery at Rawene in connection with the recent native disturbance there, the members of the Police Force are doing night and day duty at Government House now that the Governor has returned to Wellington.

That the erection of the Taranaki Club buildings is to be proceeded with at once, the designs supplied by Mr J. Sanderson being accepted, and Mr J. Coleman is the successful tenderer.

That a presentation of a silver mounted Malacca cane has just been made by the directors of the Wellington Bowling Club, to Mr P. J. Nolan, recently chief reporter of the Wellington Times, for his trouble in reporting our matches.

That a very enjoyable smoke concert was given on Thursday evening, 19th inst., to Mr A. E. Manning,

Hamilton, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. During the evening he was presented by his gentlemen friends with a case containing a very handsome set of carvers. In a happy manner Mr Manning thanked his friends for their handsome gift, and all the good wishes for his future which were showered upon him.

That the morning after the recent earthquake at Rotorua, a lady engaged a special train to convey her to Auckland at the cost of £50.

That the Whist Club met at Mr Oldham's last Monday evening.

That a floral fete, under the auspices of the New Plymouth Recreation Grounds, will take place on the Prince of Wales' Birthday.

That a bazaar will be held at the Tariki Town Hall next week, in connection with St. Philip's Church.

That Deputy Grandmaster Brother Arkwright was entertained on May 11th by the Mount Egmont Lodge, No. 670, E.C., in New Plymouth. In course of the evening he said no word had been received by him concerning the recognition of the New Zealand Constitution.

That Misses Smith and Hewson, of the Pollard Opera Company, sang in the Catholic Church, New Plymouth, on Sunday, May 15th. Mr Gardner also played a violin obligato on that occasion.

That the premier strike at the Wellington Parliamentary Buildings eventuated last week. The Hon. R. J. Seddon was accidentally hit by a falling brick. Fortunately he sustained no serious injury.

That Lady Ranfurly was present at a 'Farewell at Home' in Sydney, given to the Hon. Mrs Ferguson, when a large album of Sydney photographs was presented to the latter. Mrs Ferguson wore a lovely china silk, beautifully trimmed with crystals and diamonds.

That rainbow trout are now beginning to be caught in New Zealand rivers. Pheasants are scarce, owing to bush fires. On the Wairarapa Lake there is a good supply of ducks and swans.

That ample provision has been made by the Railway Department for the widow and children of the late engine driver, Mr Barker, who met his death on the Hae near Helensville by the buckling of the rails. Mrs Barker has received £500, and has been appointed post-mistress in the Taupiri.

That milking by machinery is very popular in the various dairy resorts round Taranaki. Strange to say the cows do not seem to resent the innovation. Perhaps it hurts less than inexperienced hands.

That flags at half-mast throughout the colonial chief towns, more or less eloquent references to the loss sustained, in various pulpits, and the musical or unmusical rendering of the Dead March in many churches, testified to the universal feeling of regret at the death of the veteran statesman, the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

That H.M.s. Tauranga arrived outside Napier Breakwater on Saturday, and is expected to leave on Friday. Many people have been out to look over the warship.

That football has begun in deadly earnest. Two accidents are reported on the Auckland ground on Saturday.

That at Coromandel a football player had two ribs broken.

That the price of milk as well as of bread has been raised in Christchurch.

That the Primate of New Zealand reminds his diocese of the advice of Mr Gladstone re international arbitration, which would, if acted upon, have prevented the present deplorable wars.

That at the Rangitoto (Auckland) Domain Board's last meeting it was decided that the Fire Brigade be asked to erect on the summit of Rangitoto, on the Prince of Wales' Birthday, the new seat presented by the Fire Brigade Association to the Board. That the District School Committee be asked to grant the children of the public schools a holiday on the 8th of June in lieu of Arbor Day, to enable the elder scholars to do some planting of shrubs and flowers to assist the beautifying of Rangitoto Island Domain.

That in New Plymouth a Parliamentary Debating Society for young men is being organised.