

him by about twenty years, and his sister, Mrs A. R. Watson. The two brothers started in business as iron-mongers, and their firm has been up to the present day one of the best known in Auckland.

DEATH OF PRINCE BISMARCK.

News was received on Monday evening of the death of Prince Bismarck at the advanced age of eighty-three. The decease of the great ex-Chancellor, at one time the foremost figure in Europe, has evoked from the press of all countries the most laudatory comments on his life and work. Among our illustrations is a portrait of the Prince reproduced from a recent sketch, and also a portrait group of his family.

The finest cycling road in the world is the Grand Trunk Road of India. It is almost too level, the surface is ideal, and the scenery magnificent, so says "The Cycle." There are, in the seventy-five miles between Calcutta and Burnwan, four places where refreshments can be obtained, there are at least half a dozen places of historical interest, and hundreds of charming bits for the camera; the railway runs parallel to the road almost the entire distance, and shelter is abundant. Of course, the heat in the daytime makes cycling impossible, and most of the cycling in India takes place in the early morning.

NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

Mr John Holmes has been visiting Worcester, where he has been writing and speaking of New Zealand in a manner calculated to create the most favourable impressions of our colony.

We are glad to learn that Mr David Gray, of Wellington, who recently went to England with his mother on account of his health, is considerably better since his arrival there. He and his mother are staying with relatives at Honor Oak, near London.

The Hon. W. P. Reeves is said to be writing another book on New Zealand, which is to be entitled "The Fortunate Isles: The Story of a Colony." It promises to be a work of substance and size in which the history of New Zealand will be treated very extensively.

We hear good accounts of Mr T. Mundeno Jackson's success in London, where he recently gave a concert at Sir Lionel Darrrell's house in Upper Grosvenor-street, at which he was assisted by many well-known London musical artistes.

Sir George Grey's health continues in much the same state, but Lady Grey's has considerably improved.

Mr L. A. Cane, formerly of Christchurch, and now organist at Mill Hill School, gave an organ recital last Wednesday on the occasion of the opening of a new chapel at the school.

Mr Charles Bean, of Christchurch, with his wife and mother-in-law, arrived on the 7th by the Orotava, passing through Marseilles and Paris on their way to London. Mr Bean, who is on a business trip, leaves for Scotland in about ten days and intends returning to London in August after visiting Sheffield, Manchester, Birmingham and Wolverhampton. He will leave for the colony by the Oruba on the 2nd September.

Miss Hitchings, of Napier, entered for the Ladies' Championship All Comers' Competition at the Championship Meeting of the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon and drew a bye in the first round, but was defeated in the second by Miss E. R. Morgan, of Chiswick Park, the score being 6-1, 6-1.

Mr Henry Wigram, of Christchurch, and his wife, who came over by the Australia last month on a pleasure trip, intends visiting friends while in England and going up to Scotland in August for the grouse shooting and afterwards to Aberdeenshire. Mr and Mrs Wigram will remain on this side until November or December.

Mr Macintosh Murray, of Christchurch, is at present staying at Dumfries, having come home to see his old friends and give his daughter a trip. He intends fitting hither and thither in England and Scotland and hopes to be back in New Zealand about Christmas and return to Scotland with other members of his family shortly, although he feels that he

could not settle out of the colony long.

Mr A. Mellis Stuart, son of Mr D. T. Stuart, of Wellington, has been 'doing the Continent' very thoroughly and visiting pretty nearly every big place of interest. He intends to visit Scotland next and after a further stay in London will return to New Zealand with the spring.

Mrs George Ieethum, who, with her husband, is at present staying in South Kensington with her father and mother, Mr and Mrs N. W. Levin, has benefited in health by the voyage from New Zealand to London.

Miss Howell is at present staying in Bohemia with her sister.

The following New Zealanders have been recently elected Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute:—Messrs Harwood A. Banner, Keith Ramsay, and Ernest Dillon Bell.

Mrs Greenaway, of Manawatu, Wellington, has been staying in the Lake Country and intends visiting the Continent.

Christchurch people will learn with regret of the death of Miss Jane Slater, eldest daughter of Mr Joseph Slater, of Christchurch. Her parents had brought her to London in order that she might be able to get the best medical and surgical advice, but she succumbed to the effects of an operation.

Miss Hay, of Temuka, is staying with her sister, Mrs Hale, at Lexham Gardens, and enjoying to the full the dissipations of the London season.

Mr Thomas Mackenzie has been making a business tour in the English provinces.

Archdeacon Harper, who is now staying with his brother, Dr. Harper, of Cutzon-street, has been lately in Worcestershire.

Mr Alfred Miles, of Wellington, who has arrived in England by way of America, intends to remain for some months in London.

Mr Justice Williams' health has much improved.

Dr., Mrs and Miss de Latour are now on their way back to New Zealand by the P. and O. s.s. Australia.

The living of Anstey, St. James', Wiltshire, has been given by election to the Rev. Quartus Bacon, formerly of Dunedin, New Zealand.

Miss M. E. Todhunter, of Christchurch, who arrived a week or two ago from India, where she has been staying with her brother, Mr C. G. Todhunter, of the Indian Civil Service, is now staying with her uncle in Herts. Last week she spent a couple of days with her aunt, Mrs Weedon, in Bedford.

Mr Falconer, of the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland, has just arrived by the 'Rome,' coming overland from Marseilles. He intends spending most of his time in Scotland, returning to the colony on the 8th September by the Oceana.

Mr and Mrs J. W. Carlile, of Napier, are at present stopping at 11, Princess-street, Cavendish Square, surrounded by doctors, but the bitterly cold summer weather has only aggravated Mr Carlile's asthma. Starting from Auckland a fortnight later in consequence of the Miowern's detention in Sydney, they took train from Vancouver to Frisco, where they witnessed the garrison marching off to New Orleans, amidst a great display of patriotism. After a short visit to Monterey, they crossed the Continent to New York, visiting en route Salt Lake City, Niagara and Chicago, and coming on to London in the Majestic, which, owing to the war, had but a small passenger list. For the present they intend staying in London seeing relations and friends, amongst whom may be mentioned Mrs Carlile's brother, Mr Sam. Jegg, of the 'Illustrated London News.' In August they will make a trip to Scotland, and later may run over to Paris, but not further. Mr Carlile anticipates returning via Suez about November.



GERMANY'S GRAND OLD MAN.
THE LATE PRINCE BISMARCK (FROM A RECENT DRAWING).

Heads of families are reminded that in Te Aro House will be found an enormous, new and select stock of boys' and youths' ready-made tweed and serge waterproof clothing. These are also made to order from first-class materials. Garments are cut to any style to suit the figure. The assortment of colonial ready-made woollen clothing is worth inspection, and marked at most enticing prices.