

OBITUARY.

Much regret is felt in Nelson at the death of Mrs Langley Adams, of Stoke, which took place last Tuesday. Mrs Adams has been in a delicate state of health for many months, but at the last her end came somewhat suddenly. She was a daughter of the late Mrs Kingdon, and had many friends in Nelson.

Mrs A. E. Mansford died at her residence, 'The Willows,' Stoke, Nelson, on Monday. Mrs Mansford was convalescent after an attack of typhoid fever, when inflammation of the lungs supervened. The deepest sympathy is felt with Mr Mansford and his family in their bereavement. Mrs Mansford was a native of the colony, being a daughter of Mr R. Suckling Cheeseman, barrister, of Wellington.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Auckland's distinguished visitors have left the Star Hotel, which was all the Aucklanders had to offer them by way of accommodation during their brief stay for the purpose of opening the Industrial and Mining Exhibition. A special train on Saturday afternoon conveyed His Excellency the Governor, the Countess of Ranfurly, Viscount Northland, Lady Constance Knox, Captain Alexander, and Mr Garland to Onehunga, thence they travelled by the Tutanekei to New Plymouth. Here they spend a day of two, thence visit Patea officially, arriving in Wellington on Thursday night.

Miss W. Haslem, of Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs Renwick, 'Newstead,' Nelson.

Mr N. A. Nathan will leave Auckland about the 20th of this month for Sydney. He intends to join the P. and O. steamer Arcadia on her next voyage to England.

Mr and Mrs Masefield (Pelorus Sound) who have been staying in Picton for a short time, returned home on Saturday. On Thursday they went up to Blenheim, Mr Masefield to act as one of the judges for sheep, and Mrs Masefield in the like capacity for domestic produce.

The Mayor of Wellington (Mr Blair) was unfortunately unable to be present at the opening of the Auckland Exhibition, owing to pressure of public engagements; and the Wellington City Council is to be represented by the Town Clerk, Mr J. E. Page, who is now in Auckland.

Mr James Blyth returned to Nelson after a short trip to England, but left again last week for the Melanesian Islands, where he is going to take up missionary work.

Many rumours are afloat in Wellington re the reconstruction of the Cabinet, which is reported to be imminent, the names of Messrs Hogg, Carnarross, Ward and McNab being the politicians most mentioned as probable Ministers, in the event of reconstruction.

The friends of Miss Miriam Devereux, Auckland, will be sorry to hear she is the next victim to the measles, which are now so prevalent in Auckland.

Mrs Tonson Garlick's sister-in-law, from the Waikato, is visiting her at Fernlands, Mount Albert.

His Excellency the Governor has been asked to declare the Taranaki Province a sub-centre of the S. John Ambulance Association.

Mrs Masefield, of 'Manaroa,' Pelorus Sound, was in Blenheim for the A. & P. Show.

Mr Witheford is to be entertained at a banquet at Coromandel on Thursday night. The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, the Minister for Mines, the Inspector of Mines, etc., are among the invited guests.

Miss Chaytor, of Nelson, is staying with her aunt, Mrs Chaytor, at 'Marshlands,' Blenheim.

The new Vicar of Foxton is the Rev. H. S. Leach, curate of St. Matthew's, Dunedin.

Miss Belle McKae, who has been staying with Mrs Griffiths at 'The Barton,' has returned to Nelson.

The Rev. J. H. Sykes is to be the assistant Curate of Masterton with Te Nui. He is expected in Wellington shortly.

Mrs McFarlane, of Wellington, is visiting Blenheim, and is the guest of Mrs Louis Bright.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood will lay the foundation stone of the Convent at Stratford on Thursday.

Mrs Nancarrow, of Dunedin, has been the guest of Mrs Western, 'The Lindens,' Picton, but has now come to Blenheim, where she is staying with her sister, Mrs White.

Mr J. Riddell, formerly of Picton, but lately of 'Cytensfield,' Blenheim, has gone to make a short visit to England, for which place he left on the 'Ruapehu' last week.

Mr G. V. Shannon, Customs expert, is visiting Auckland officially this week.

Mrs Ferguson, Blenheim, has gone to Wellington to stay with her sister, Mrs Petre.

Mr D. R. Hunt, of Auckland, is in the Waikato just now, explaining the benefits of co-operation to the various Waikato creameries.

Mrs Cramond is visiting her daughter, Mrs (Dr.) Anderson, in Blenheim.

Mrs Holt, Burleigh-street, Auckland, has gone to New Plymouth to stay with her son, who is in the Survey Office there. She will be away for a few weeks.

Mr J. G. Trevor has received many congratulations, both verbally and by telegram, on his election to the Mayor's chair in Blenheim. He is the only bachelor in the Council.

The general manager of the American Tobacco Company, Mr W. D. Asten, left Auckland for Sydney on Sunday night.

Among the passengers who arrived in Auckland from Sydney last Monday were Mr and Mrs A. S. Boyd, of London, who are on a visit to the colony. Mrs Boyd is a sister of Mrs John Burns, of One Tree Hill, Epsom, whose guests the visitors will be during their stay in Auckland. Mr Boyd is an artist whose work is well known in connection with 'Punch,' the 'Graphic' and other periodicals, and Mrs Boyd has been a regular contributor to several of the Home magazines.

Mr F. A. Bakewell, M.A., headmaster of the Greytown School, has been appointed third inspector under the Wellington Education Board.

Mr Lake, at present chief officer of the Tarawera, has received well-deserved promotion, having been appointed chief officer of the new steamer Mokoia and goes to Sydney to join his steamer.

Mr J. Prouse, the well-known Wellington baritone, is at present in Auckland, where he has been engaged to sing during the Exhibition festivities.

The Mayor of Nelson (Mr F. Trask) and Mrs Trask have gone to Auckland to be present at the opening of the Exhibition.

Miss G. Pitt, of Nelson, is spending a few days with Mrs Browning, of Cable Bay.

Commandant Booth, of the Salvation Army, arrived in Wellington by the Rotomahana from Christchurch on Wednesday and was accorded an enthusiastic welcome by the Wellington members of the Army, who formed a procession, headed by the band, and conducted the Commandant to the citadel. A most interesting lecture was given in the Vylian-street Hall in

the evening by the Commandant on 'The Social Work of the Army,' with descriptive cinematograph views thrown on a screen, illustrating the work of the Army in the various colonies. During the evening musical selections were given by the Army band.

Commandant Booth passed through Auckland this week en route for Sydney. He says General Booth will spend his 70th birthday in New Zealand.

Mr McLeod, who is assistant at the Thames School of Mines, intends to leave the Thames for Hobart at the end of December.

Captain D. McLean, of the Poherna, takes temporary charge of the Taviuni and Captain H. Smith, of this steamer, takes the Tarawera.

Mr Birch will become manager of the Waitekauri mine about the middle of December.

Mr F. Trask, Mayor of Nelson, with Mrs Trask, is staying at the Albert Hotel, Auckland. They were present at the opening of the Industrial and Mining Exhibition.

The Rev. D. Weatherall, from Prince Albert College, Auckland, was welcomed at the Wellington District Synod of the Wesleyan Methodist Church held last week in the Empire City.

The well-known guide, Sophia, and two other native women from Whakarewarewa are to be seen in the Rotorua Court at the Exhibition, and explain the mimic wonders of geyserland to visitors.

The Right Hon. R. J. Seddon arrived in Auckland on Thursday morning, in time to take part in the opening ceremony of the grand Exhibition of the Queen of the Northern Cities. The Premier was met on his arrival by special train from Onehunga by the Town Clerk, Hon. W. T. Jennings, Messrs Lawry and Holland, M.H.R.'s, and the Mayor of New Plymouth, Mr Dockrill. He stayed at the Star Hotel.

Messrs T. H. Hamer and Crowe, private secretaries to the Premier, accompanied him on his visit to Auckland.

Dr. Erson, Mayor of Onehunga, met the Premier on the arrival of the Tutanekei at the wharf.

The Very Rev. Fathers Devoy and Lewis, and the Rev. Fathers O'Shea, Halley and Ainsworth, Wellington, have been enjoying a brief holiday about Picton and the Sounds. They visited Mr Redwood's station at Akaloa, and returned to Wellington on Friday.

Mr Harry Hornibrook is leaving Knaotunu on Christmas eve. His destination is Abyssinia, where he is to take charge of an important mining concession on behalf of an English syndicate.

His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly drove up to Bishopscourt (Auckland) on Tuesday to take afternoon tea with the Primate of New Zealand and Mrs Cowie, Lady Ranfurly, who is a thorough artist, greatly admired the view of the Wai-te-mata obtainable from the balcony.

Mrs Pearson, of Sydney, is staying with Mrs Pitt, 'Maritini,' Nelson.

Judge Denniston, Miss Denniston and Mr M. Denniston were staying at 'Warwick House,' Nelson, last week.

The Marriage of Miss Sybil Nathan to Mr Stephen D. Myers takes place next Wednesday. Miss Nathan's future home will be in England. They intend, before they set out for England, to travel through the Southern Lakes and also America will be visited.

Mr Riddell, the crack batsman of Picton, left for England on Thursday. He expects to be away for six months.

Mr and Mrs Burgess, Mrs Cottier, and Miss Cottier, of New Plymouth, have gone for a trip to Auckland on account of the Exhibition.

Dr. Gane (Christchurch) spent a few days at 'Warwick House,' Nelson, last week.

The Rev. E. Allanson, B.D., of Australia, was inducted on Friday evening at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland. Mr Allanson intends to conduct Mission Services for three weeks.

Mrs Allen (Picton) has gone to Blenheim this week to act as one of the judges at the Horticultural Show.

A Russian attaché to the Embassy at Berlin, is at present travelling through New Zealand. He is said to be merely a lover of beautiful scenery, and that the many photographs he has taken of various parts of the colony are only landscape and seascape views. An Englishman doing the same thing in Russia would be required to exhibit his innocent photographs to the authorities before being allowed to leave the country with them. But we are a guileless colony.

The Minister for Public Works, the Hon. Mr Hall-Jones, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left Wellington on Tuesday by the Hinemora for Nelson, in order to be present at the Agricultural Show, which took place there on Wednesday last.

Mr T. H. Bannehr, the editor of the 'Nelson Colonist,' is taking a trip round the South Island in the Hinemora.

The many friends of Mr Letham, the caretaker of the Parliament Buildings at Wellington, will be glad to hear that he has so far recovered from his late serious illness as to be able to take up his duties again on Tuesday last, for the first time for many weeks.

The Rev. T. H. Sprott, Vicar of St. Paul's, Wellington, and Mrs Sprott, who have been absent in England on a visit of some months' duration, are expected in Wellington about the end of next week by the R.M.S. Australia.

Mrs Percy Adams and Miss Pitt, of Nelson, spent a few days at Mr Adams' shooting-box, near the Maori Pah, last week.

Mr H. Otterson, Clerk of the House of Representatives, was among the passengers who left Wellington on Thursday by the Ruapehu for England. Mr Otterson hopes to be away about six months, returning to New Zealand in time for the opening of Parliament next session.

Mr James France, who has been connected for years with the Picton post and telegraph office, has been transferred to Lyttelton. Mr Canning, of the Lyttelton office, takes his place in Picton.

The Rev. A. H. Sedgwick, who has been attending the Synod in Nelson, and Mrs Sedgwick, returned to Picton on Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Pearce, of Wellington, have issued a large number of invitations for an 'At Home' at their pretty residence at Lowry Bay on Saturday, 17th December, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m., a special steamer leaving the wharf to convey the guests to and from the Bay to town.

Mr John Duncan (of the firm of Levin and Co.), accompanied by Mrs Duncan and Mr Arthur Duncan, returned to Wellington on Tuesday last by the Takapuna via Australia and Auckland, from a six months' visit to England, the trip having proved a most enjoyable one.

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