

Mr Sharp and Mr Dean, of Napier, have been for a cycling tour to Wellington, and during the absence of the former, Mr C. P. Clarke has been taking his place as organist at the Cathedral.

Mr and Mrs W. Tosswill, of Pahiatua, are staying with Mrs Masfield, at Manaroa, Pelorus Sound.

Mr M. Fraser, who has been on a short visit to Auckland, returned to New Plymouth last week.

Mr J. W. Joynt, late Principal of the Nelson College, left last week for Wellington.

Mr and Mrs Holmes, of Wellington, have been paying Mrs T. White, of New Plymouth, a visit, but they have now gone for a trip to Auckland.

Mr, Mrs Trist Searell, and family, of Christchurch, are spending the holidays at New Brighton.

Miss Leggett (Nelson) is staying with Miss Johnston, in Blenheim.

Mr George Broad, of Wellington, spent the Christmas holidays in Nelson with old friends.

Mr and the Misses Kemphorne, of Dunedin, were in Christchurch this week, returning from Rotorua, which they have greatly enjoyed.

Mrs Upton, of Shelly Beach (Auckland), has gone to her son's farm at Raglan, for two or three months.

Christchurch is the present abode of some distinguished visitors, the party consisting of Lady Gore - Brown, whose late husband was at one time Governor of New Zealand, her son, Commander Gore-Brown, Mr and Mrs Locke-King and Captain Steward, who was aide-de-camp to Governor Gore-Brown. Commander Gore - Brown, while in charge of H.M.S. Narcissus in Chinese waters, completely broke down in health, and the trip is entirely on his account, that he may recruit. Coker's Hotel has been chosen as their head-quarters in Christchurch, and the present intention is to remain about three months.

Mrs Cleghorn (Blenheim) drove into Picton on Saturday to meet Doctor Cleghorn, who arrived in Picton by the Takapuna on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Stephen Myers arrived at the Geyser Hotel last week and the whole Maori population, headed by the band, turned out to give them a welcome. An entertainment afterwards took place in the hall erected by Mr C. E. Nelson, when haka, poi dances and songs were given. Rihari, a prominent native, said that the whole was offered as a cordial greeting to their old friend, Hipira (Mrs Stephen Myers), who had always held a place in the hearts of the Maoris at Whakarewarewa. Cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Myers and Mr L. D. Nathan.

Mr Percy Smith, Secretary for Lands and Survey, is at present visiting the East Coast and Uriwera country. He and Judge Butler, with a third arbitrator, have the difficult task of investigating the native land purchases.

Mr Ascher has arrived in Napier and is now installed as Pastor of St. Paul's Church.

Major-General French, Commandant of the New South Wales Forces, lately spent several days in Napier, and thence left for the Hot Lakes, en route for Auckland.

Dr. Cleghorn, of Blenheim, is away just at present on a trip to Auckland.

Mrs Baume, and her son, Mr Baume, solicitor, of Auckland, have gone to the Sounds.

Miss Draper, of Auckland, is staying with Mrs Shuttleworth, of New Plymouth.

Mr H. Hunter Brown, of Wellington, and Mr Hubert Hunter Brown, of Australia, are at present staying with their mother at 'Long Look Out,' Nelson.

Mrs Lucas Bloomfield and children, of Farnell, Auckland, have gone to Gisborne for a change.

Mr John Tinline (Napier) went South last week to meet Mr and Miss Murray, of Adelaide; they are now touring the Southern Lakes and will be in Christchurch in the course of another week.

Sir Robert Stout and Colonel Pole-Penton returned to Wellington by the Takapuna on Saturday last.

Mr Blythe, of Napier, has been to Masterton for a short visit, and during his stay there was the presentation of musical instruments, given by himself and his son, Mr Adair Blythe, to the boys of the Drum and Pipe Band. Mr Adair Blythe, who resides at Masterton, is captain of the Boys' Brigade, and takes great interest in it.

Mr A. M. Burns, of Nelson, has been appointed Press Association agent at Wakapuaka.

Mrs Ralph Fitzherbert, Marton, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Kennedy, in Wellington.

Mr George Hutchison, member for Patea, with Mrs Hutchison, and family, was in Picton this week, staying at the Terminus Hotel.

The town clerk of Wellington has received a letter from the Earl of Stamford, nephew of the late Sir Geo. Grey, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution of condolence forwarded by the Wellington City Council to the deceased statesman's relatives, saying that the 'expression of sympathy testifies to the widespread appreciation of the character and services of our distinguished and beloved kinsman.'

Mrs A. Cones, of Wynyard-street, Auckland, is being congratulated on the fact that the winners of the gold medals at the Exhibition for sopranos and contraltos (Miss Maud Howard and Miss Ethel B. McIntyre), are both Auckland-born young ladies, and her pupils, Miss Howard taking 'The Star of Bethlehem' for her competitive song, Miss McIntyre giving 'The Tolerers.'

Judge Williams will probably be in Dunedin about the end of March. He is expected to leave Melbourne on March 15th.

Most of the New Year's visitors have left Picton, but others have taken their places, and all the hotels and boarding houses are still full to overflowing.

Lieut.-Colonel Hume, Inspector of Prisons, left Wellington on an official visit of inspection to the Southern goals on Thursday last.

Bishop Grimes reached Christchurch last week, and was given a warm welcome by the Roman Catholic clergy at the railway station. The Hibernian Society acted as a guard of honour. His Lordship was presented at the church with an address and a purse of 200 sovereigns, the proceedings being most enthusiastic.

Mrs Tilley (Wanganui) is visiting her mother, Mrs T. Kebbell, at her residence in Fitzherbert Terrace, Wellington.

His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Ranfurly, Lord Northland, Lady Constance Knox, and the Governor's suite, are visiting Nelson and the West Coast Sounds.

Mrs Abott (Wanganui), who has been home to England for a trip, has returned, and is staying in Wellington with her daughter, Mrs Butler.

The Misses Holm (Wellington) spent a day or so in Picton and Blenheim this week, Miss Annie Holm coming up from Endeavour Inlet to attend the pupil teachers' examination, held in Blenheim.

The Very Rev. Dr. Watters, rector of St. Patrick's College, Wellington, returned from a visit to Nelson by the Wainui on Tuesday last.

Miss Eyes (Blenheim) left for her home on Monday, having spent about four months in search of health in Dunedin and Christchurch. The latter part of her time has been spent with Mrs Pritchard at Brighton, Christchurch, and her friends will have the satisfaction of seeing her return perfectly well.

Mrs E. Chapman (Rangiora) left last week on a visit to Auckland.

Miss Gibson, Principal of the Girls' College, Nelson, is in Christchurch on a visit to her parents, 'Kangiruru,' Papanui Road.

Mr and Mrs C. Johnston, of Wellington, returned to the Empire City last Saturday.

Mr and Mrs H. M. Gore, who have been spending a few months down South, have returned to Wellington. Miss O. Gore has also returned from Dunedin to Wellington.

Mr and Mrs Cheek (Blenheim) were in Picton for a week or two.

Mr T. Reece, eldest son of Mr W. Reece (E. Reece and Son), is leaving by next outward 'Frisco' mail for a year's study at one of the American Universities.

Mr G. G. Stead and his son returned to Christchurch on Saturday fresh from their recent successes in the North in the racing field.

Mrs W. Turnbull has returned from the country to Wellington.

Recent news from Miss Vincent, late secretary of the Christchurch Motett Society, tells that she and her sister are remaining another year in England. They are having a real good time, both seeing and hearing a very great deal, and taking it quite as a matter of no moment whatever to stand a whole evening to hear such stars as Patti, Lloyd, etc. They move about England very frequently, fitting to the Channel Islands, thence as far north as Oban, with, of course, many intermediate places of interest.

Mr and Mrs Thomas Rose (Wellington) have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter to Dr. Albert Martin, which takes place at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral on the 1st of February.

The Rev. H. Airay-Watson and Mrs Watson, of Merivale, Christchurch, left on Wednesday, the 11th, for Dunedin for three or four weeks' holiday.

Mr and Miss Pearce (Wellington), who intend to take up their permanent residence in England, leave New Zealand on Saturday next by the Oonah for Sydney, where they join the P. and O. liner Himalaya. For thirty-eight years Mr Pearce has resided in Wellington, and he will be greatly missed in both social and business circles.

The manager of the National Bank in Auckland, Mr D. W. Duthie, is at present in Rotorua, where he is spending his holiday.

Mr Lionel O. Paget is still doing missionary work at Kihikihī.

The places of honour in the senior and junior examinations for scholarships under the Auckland Education Board have been taken by girls, Miss Margaret D. Grant, of the Auckland College and Grammar School, winning 3,357 marks out of 4,900 for the senior scholarship, and Miss Eleanor C. Gideon (Grafton District School) winning 710 out of 900 in the junior scholarship.

Professor E. Shepard, of Drury Congregational College, Missouri, and Dr. Hitchcock, of Dartmouth Congregational College, New Hampshire, have been making a tour of New Zealand, and spent a day or two in Napier, on their way from the Hot Lakes district to Wellington.

The Misses Nairn, of Napier, have returned from a visit to the South.

Mr Kennedy, of Staples' Brewery firm, Wellington, and Miss Kennedy, were in Picton lately, visiting with Mr F. W. Andrews the various farmers in the district on behalf of the new malting industry now attached to Staples' Brewery in Wellington.

Miss Turnbull (Wellington) has gone South to pay a round of visits.

Mr Joseph Maxwell (Wellington), who has been absent in England for the last 9 or 10 months, returned to Wellington last week via Suez. At Colombo Mr Maxwell was thrown from his horse, and though not seriously hurt, is still suffering from the effects of the accident.

Mr G. Humphries, who undertook temporary duty as Press Association agent at Wakapuaka last June, has now returned to Wellington.

Mr F. W. Andrews, late maltster for Fell Brothers, in Picton, has made a start on behalf of the new firm to which he is now attached. He is buyer as well as maltster for Staples and Co., Wellington. Being well known in Marlborough, and thoroughly trustworthy, he is bound to get the best of barley for his business.

Mr Robert Caldwell, member of the House of Assembly in South Australia, is visiting New Plymouth with Mr Kuddick, Government Dairy Commissioner.

Mrs Allen, and the Misses Allen (2), Picton, are going to join a large party of Wellington people, schoolgirls and chaperones, numbering 35, who are camping at Endeavour Inlet.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Bishop Wilson, of Melanesia, and Miss Ethel Julius, on the 1st February, at the Cathedral. A very large gathering may be anticipated, as Bishop Julius and the whole family are very popular in Christchurch apart from the wedding being one of such wide interest.

Miss Cameron (Wairarapa) is staying in Wellington with Mrs Turnbull.

Mr Shand (Wood, Shand, and Co.), with his family, will shortly be a resident of St. Alban's, having taken 'Anwell,' Papanui Road, now in possession of Mr J. Shaw, metaphysician.

Miss Alice Cameron (Wairarapa) is staying in Wellington with Mrs W. Turnbull.

Mr and Mrs Malet have taken a house, again, are now settled on the North Hill, in one of Mr Harris' houses, Christchurch.

Mr Thomas Hill Easterfield, Professor of Chemistry and Physics at this College, is an M.A. (of Cambridge), Ph. D. (Würzburg), F.I.C., F.I.C.S., and Associate of the Yorkshire College. He is on the staff of the Cambridge University chemical laboratory, the sanitary science and pharmaceutical departments of which have been for five years under his sole charge. He has a splendid academical career behind him, first-class honours at Cambridge and Würzburg, and ten years' experience in class-teaching. His pupils have most highly distinguished themselves, and his own science papers are too well-known to need mention. Mrs Easterfield and two children will accompany the Professor to New Zealand.

An Auckland student, Mr Richard Cockburn MacLaurin, M.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, is the fortunate new Professor of Mathematics at the Victoria College, Wellington. His successful career has been noted from time to time in this paper. This year he also adds LL.M., Master of Laws, of Cambridge University, to his other final initials. He is warmly congratulated on his prospects.

Mrs M. J. Cleary, of Waverley, is now on a visit to Mrs Holford, of New Plymouth.

The Misses Cussen, who were spending a few weeks in Hamilton, have returned to Auckland.

The volunteers in the Taranaki district intend holding an encampment in the New Plymouth Recreation Grounds at Easter.

Mr and Mrs Van Breda returned to New Zealand by the Mokoia this week. They have had a very pleasant trip through Europe.

Inspector Gillies, who takes charge of the Taranaki Police District, owing to Inspector McGovern being transferred to Napier, arrived in New Plymouth on January 9th.

Mrs Cheeseman, of 'Maranui,' Remuera, Auckland, gave an 'At Home' on Thursday last.

The Rev. S. Hawthorne, Holy Trinity Church, Devonport, is about to lose his Curate, the Rev. W. Latter, who leaves for Cambridge shortly. The latter was very popular and will be much missed at the North Shore.