

## OBITUARY.

### MRS GODFREY.

Most people who were in the way of visiting 'Okukuri' and receiving hospitality at Mrs Godfrey's house, will regret to hear of her demise at the age of 79. Mrs Godfrey has been an invalid for some time past, but always bright and cheerful. Several Picton friends, including her daughter-in-law, Mrs Hubert Godfrey, and the Rev. A. H. Sedgwick, went down the Sound to see her on Thursday. They were only just in time, as she died on Thursday night. The remains were interred at 'Okukuri' on Sunday.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

The Countess of Ranfurly, Lady Constance Knox, and the Hon. Chas. Hill-Trevor, also General Booth of the Salvation Army, with his staff, will be passengers from Auckland to Sydney by the Westralia, leaving Auckland Easter Monday, the 3rd April.

News has been received from Mr J. H. Riddell, who went home for a trip a short time back, that he is on his way back to New Zealand. Friends at 'Tyntesfield' and Picton—especially the cricketers—will be glad to see him once more.

Miss Turner, 'Ravenscliffe,' Queen Charlotte Sound, is in Picton, staying with Mrs Scott.

The Rev. John Dart, Reefton, West Coast, is in Picton, called thither by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs Dart, of Waikawa road.

Miss Elsie Hall and her mother spent several days in Nelson last week and left for South on Friday. Whilst in Nelson they made many friends, and were so delighted with the beautiful scenery and climate that they have promised to return at no very distant date, when Miss Hall will give a series of recitals. All hope the return will be speedy.

Miss M. Day, of England, arrived by the Papanui last week on a visit to New Zealand friends. At present she is the guest of Mrs Leggatt, Nelson.

Mrs and Miss Richmond returned to Nelson last week after a pleasant trip to Dunedin.

Mr Lindo Levien, who has been studying dentistry in England for several months, returned to Nelson last Monday, accompanied by his mother, Mrs Levien, who went as far as Sydney to meet him. Mr Levien will practise his profession in Nelson.

Before Mr and Mrs C. N. Raine left Nelson for Manain they were presented, by friends and well-wishers, with an address and presents, consisting of silver-mounted bread platter and knife, silver claret jug, and gold chain.

Mrs Sommerville, of Sydney, and her little boy are at present in Nelson, where they are the guests of Miss Huddleston, 'Maitai House.'

Miss Trimmell left Nelson for Wellington last week to prepare for her marriage to Mr Lewis, which takes place shortly.

Mrs W. Atkinson, of Fiji, is at present in Nelson staying with her mother-in-law, Mrs William Atkinson.

Mr J. Duthie, M.H.R., was in Nelson last week and delivered an address on political questions on Thursday evening, when the Theatre was crowded with an enthusiastic audience.

Mr F. Pogson, a distinguished pupil of the Nelson College, has joined the Auckland University, where his many Nelson friends hope he will be equally successful.

A Literary and Debating Society has been formed in Nelson, with Mr F. G. Gibbs as President.

Miss Duff has returned to Nelson from England, where she has been studying music for the last two years under Herr Ernst and Mr Barclay Jones (Principal of the Guildhall School of Music, London). Miss Duff, who holds the diploma of Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, has been appointed to succeed Miss Fell as a pianoforte teacher at the Nelson School of Music.

On Saturday last Archbishop Redwood celebrated the 25th year of his ordination, and was the recipient of a very large number of presents and congratulatory letters and telegrams from all parts of New Zealand.

The championship of the Ponsonby Tennis Lawn was won by Miss Edith Whitelaw after some well contested games last Saturday afternoon. This young lady therefore wins the lovely gold brooch presented by Mr J. Kirker, the President of the Club.

Mr Charles Wilson, H.H.R. for the Wellington suburbs, is to address his constituents at the Oddfellows' Hall, Petone, this week, and a very lively meeting is anticipated.

Mrs Parker of Napier has returned home from a visit to her son in Gisborne.

Miss M. Locking of Napier has returned from Australia.

Mrs Charles Izard, Wellington, accompanied by her little son, leaves Wellington on a visit to England this month, travelling via Vancouver.

Miss Maud Kennedy of Napier has returned home from Gisborne.

Dr. Cleghorn of Blenheim is staying in Hawke's Bay.

Miss Bell, Nelson, who has been staying with Mrs Travers at the Hutt, Wellington, returned to Nelson on Tuesday.

Mrs and the Misses Gard, who have left Picton and intend to live in Blenheim, near Mrs J. Mowat and Mrs J. Conolly, have made the move, but are waiting until the house, which has just been vacated by the tenant, is put ready for their reception.

Mrs Moore, Hawera, is the guest of Mrs Blackett, in Wellington.

Miss Bourne, England, is staying with Mrs A. P. Green, in Blenheim.

Mr James Mills, Dunedin, manager of the Union Steam Shipping Co., and Mrs Mills passed through Wellington last week, en route for Dunedin, on their return from attending the launching of the Mapourika at Grey-mouth.

Mrs T. C. Williams and her daughter, Mrs Arthur Russell, and family, returned to Wellington on Sunday last from their trip to Canterbury.

Captain and Miss Anderson, of Christchurch, father and sister of Dr. Anderson, are visiting him in Blenheim.

Mr Keith Bethune returned to Naseby on Friday last from a three weeks' visit to his relatives in Wellington, and will probably remain another winter there for the benefit of his health.

Mrs Jenkins has returned to Blenheim from a few months' visit to Nelson.

Mrs Cranston, who has been staying in Blenheim with her mother, Mrs Mullen, for several months, took her departure for Auckland last week.

Miss Elsie Hall, the Australian pianiste, returned to Wellington from her concert trip to Nelson last week, and leaves Wellington on Monday next for Christchurch, where she is to give a concert on the 27th.

Mr and Mrs Edwards, Patea, arrived in Blenheim last week, where they intend to make their home, and have taken a house in Grove Road. It is understood that both will be great acquisition to the musical society here.

Mr and Mrs Pinkney, family and Mrs Bacon left Auckland last Monday for Wellington, en route for England, where they intend to reside.

Lady Ranfurly, before her departure from Wellington, purchased two of the paintings of water colours by Mr Albert Hanson, which are being exhibited at Mr McGregor Wright and Co.'s there, and which are attracting great attention among all lovers of art.

Mr Escourt Parsons and Miss Parsons, of Kaikoura, were in Blenheim last week, on their way to Wellington, whence they intend to start on a bicycle tour up the North Island.

Miss Mathieson, of Ponsonby, Auckland, left on Monday for England, via Sydney. Her sister accompanied her to the latter place.

At Coult's Island Schoolhouse the other evening, a large gathering assembled to 'farewell' the Rev. W. and Mrs Grigg. During a pleasant evening, the rev. gentleman and his wife were the pleased recipients of a handsome presentation subscribed for by residents in the district. The popular pastor received a massive marble clock, and his amiable spouse a very pretty cheese dish.

Mr J. G. Smith, M.H.R. for Christchurch, is paying a short visit to Wellington on private business.

Mr and Mrs Cacia Birch, of 'Ereorow,' Hawke's Bay, are paying a visit to Wellington to see Mr and Mrs W. Birch, who recently returned to New Zealand from England, and are staying at Miss Malcolm's lodgings on the Terrace.

Prior to his departure from Christchurch Mr Malcolmson, who is to take up a position at the Fairfield Freezing Works, was presented with a travelling bag, a silver flask, and a pair of silver salt cellars. A purse and card-case combined was presented to Mrs Malcolmson.

At Mangaweka the Rev. Mr Devenish preached last week an eloquent farewell sermon.

Miss Hyde, 'The Grove,' Queen Charlotte's Sound, has been spending a week in Blenheim, where she was staying at the Criterion Hotel.

At Ohingaiti the Rev. Mr Devenish was presented with a handsome walnut and cut glass ink stand. Mr Devenish, in accepting the present, said he did so feeling that it was given with the highest and best motive, that he appreciated this expression all the more knowing how the people in the district had to struggle not only to keep the church together but in some cases to keep body and soul together. He would always look back to many happy and pleasant times spent with his flock at Ohingaiti, and whenever he cast eyes on the beautiful present before him his memory would revert to those he was about to leave.

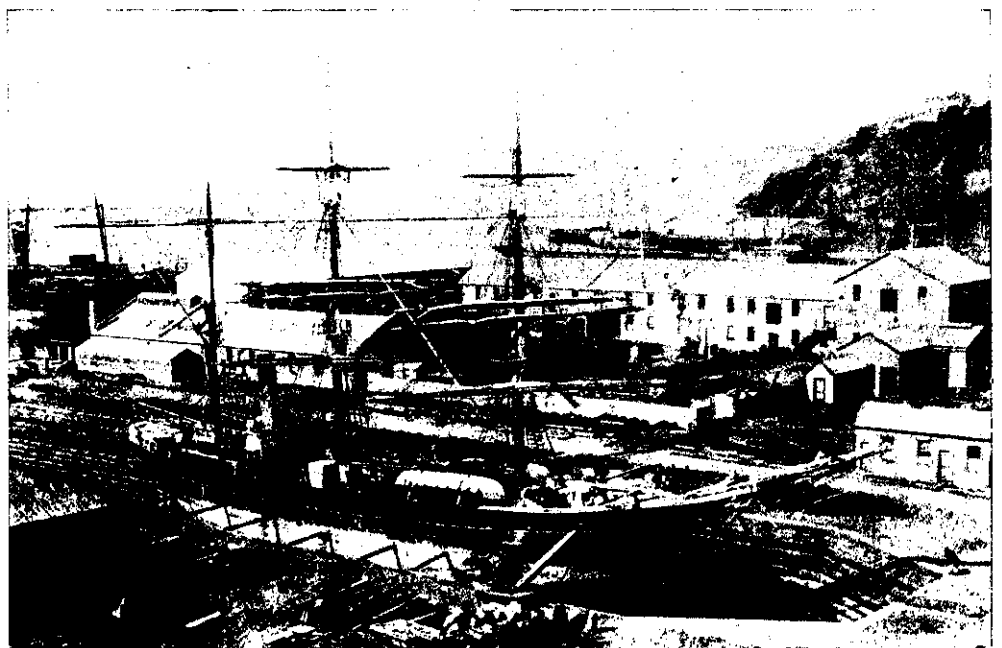
Mrs C. W. and Miss Adams left Blenheim last Monday afternoon, with the intention of going to Wellington, to spend a fortnight there.

Mr Robert Govett leaves Wellington for England about the middle of March, in order to take up his permanent residence abroad for the benefit of his health, and will probably spend next winter in Algiers.

Miss Toothill arrived in Blenheim last week from Havelock, and is now staying with her uncle, the Rev. Ernest Ensor, at Spring Creek.

Editor N. Andrew has retired from the 'chair' of the Rangitikei Advocate. Mr W. H. Smith, a journalist of ability, takes the reins.

Mrs W. Clifford, who has been visiting Wellington, was in Blenheim on Thursday, on her way to 'Flaxbourne,' and was accompanied by Mrs Jaggard, the wife of Captain Jaggard, of the Ruahine.



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ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION. 'SOUTHERN CROSS' IN DOCK, PORT CHALMERS.

[See 'Illustrations.'