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Madame Amy Sherwin has been singing at the Queen's Hall, London, and the Green Park Club's 'At Home,' and she is engaged to sing with Miss Ada Crossley in September.

Herr Friedenthal, the eminent German pianist, whose recitals are now one of the attractions of Melbourne, is said to have an irreproachable technique, brilliancy, and refinement of expression.

The performance of Handel's Israel in Egypt has been postponed by the Sydney Philharmonic Society owing to difficulty of rehearsal. It will be given in the Town Hall on June 8th.

The London correspondent of the 'Sydney Daily Telegraph' considers it certain that Irving will visit Australia.

Miss Vera French, a former pupil of Herr Zimmerman's, has been playing at concerts in the South of England lately with pleasing success. The Sussex weekly considers 'this infant prodigy'—she is only nine—has all the makings of a violinist of the first rank.

The Senate of Glasgow University have agreed to confer the degree of LL.D. upon Sir Henry Irving. The famous actor has already received similar degrees at Cambridge and Dublin. Such honours to an actor are unprecedented in the annals of the British stage.

The death is announced of Miss Alma Stanley, the well-known actress. She will be remembered here as having played with Mr Harry Paulton in 'My Friend from India' and 'A Night Out.' Miss Stanley was the daughter of a Captain Stanley, who left the English Army to volunteer for Mexico, where he was killed whilst carrying despatches to the Emperor Maximilian. When hardly in her teens Miss Stanley learned dancing at Milan, and showed such aptitude for the art that she appeared with the ballet at San Carlo, Naples. She then studied singing seriously, but ultimately found she had not sufficient voice to attain distinction in that branch of art.

Mr Royle, representative of Messrs Williamson and Musgrove with the Pollard Company, is now the Firm's dramatic representative in this colony, with power to grant licenses and receive royalties on copyrights.

Mr J. W. Watson, of Christchurch, is making headway as a melodramatist in the Old Country. He goes under the nom de plume of F. Brooke Warren.

Mark Hambourg, the pianist, has signed a contract for 50 concerts in the United States.

The 'Pall Mall Gazette' speaks of Mrs Brown-Potter as London's new idol.

The Gaiety Specialty Company continues to attract good houses in Auckland.

A kinematograph of the Spanish-American war with miscellaneous pictures added commenced a short season in Auckland on Saturday last.

Mr H. B. Crawford will, it appears from the Hawera papers, not be able to leave on his European tour for some three weeks yet. Mr Crawford's practice will, during his absence, be carried on by Mr T. A. Bushe Bailey, who was at one time a Waitaki High School boy. Mr Bailey, one of the earliest pupils of the institution, left in 1884, and entered, under articles, the office of Mr Jellicoe, whence he was admitted to practice some six or seven years ago, and has since carried on business in various centres of the North Island. Old boys of the school will gladly welcome Mr Bailey back to their midst and be pleased to hear of the success that has attended him in his profession as barrister and solicitor. Mr Bailey is an enthusiastic cyclist, and still keeps up his interest in athletics, rowing, tennis, etc., and at the time of his leaving Hawera was a member of the Hawera Mounted Rifles. He is a son of Colonel Bailey, the officer in charge of the South Canterbury Volunteers District, whose eldest son lately met his death in active service on the Indian frontier.

Personal Paragraphs.

In another part of this issue is reproduced a photograph of the handsome memorial wreath sent down to Samoa by the Auckland friends of the late Lieut. Freeman to be laid on the grave of the gallant officer.

The Misses Neilson and Dixon (Sydney) are staying at New Brighton.

Miss O. Cuff (Auckland) is staying with Mrs R. Allan, Abberley road, Christchurch.

Miss Henderson (Christchurch) has gone South to stay with Mrs James Hay, Temuka.

Miss Fulton, of Christchurch, has gone on a visit to Dunedin.

Miss Reynolds, England, is at present the guest of Mrs Henry Wood, in Christchurch.

Mrs Anderson (Wellington) is visiting Mrs Shaw, at New Plymouth.

Miss May Seddon and a friend were in Picton the other day, having arrived by the Hinemoa.

Mrs Tilly (Wanganui) is paying a visit to her relations in Wellington.

Miss May Western, 'The Lindens,' Picton, has gone to Dunedin to stay with Mrs Nancarrow.

Mrs Biss, who has been on a visit to Wellington, has returned to New Plymouth.

Miss Evans (Timaru) is paying Mrs Duncan McLean (Greymouth) a visit.

Miss A. Palmer, of Parnell, Auckland, is visiting her cousin, Mrs Grayling, of New Plymouth.

Miss Trotter (Greymouth) is staying for a few months with friends in Canterbury.

Miss Moorhouse (Christchurch) has been staying with her aunt, Mrs Rhodes, at 'The Grange,' Wellington.

Mrs Nancarrow (Greymouth) and her daughter, Beryl, leave next week for a trip to Sydney and Melbourne.

Mr and Mrs Cecil Kebbelle are making a short stay with Mrs Tom Kebbelle in Wellington.

Mr and Mrs McKinnon (Dunedin) have been visiting Mr and Mrs J. Scott on board the Edwin Fox in Picton.

Mrs O'Rorke is residing at Elmwood for a time, and her numerous friends are delighted to have her with them again.

Mr and Mrs William Bidwell (Pihatea) were the guests of Mr and Mrs Ferguson at 'Linda' for the Wellington races.

Mr Adams, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Blenheim, Mrs Adams, and Miss Lucy Powles, Wellington, were in Picton for a few days this week. On Wednesday they went to the Grove to spend a day with Mrs Beauchamp, at 'Anikiwa.'

Miss Conolly and Mrs H. Howard, Springlands, were in Picton for a few days this week. Miss Greensill returned to Springlands with them on Thursday, so as to go to Blenheim to hear Miss Elsie Hall's pianoforte recital.

Mr Gannaway, Inspector of Telegraphs, Nelson, has been transferred to Christchurch, for which city he leaves this week, accompanied by Mrs Gannaway. Miss Ethel Gannaway left Nelson last Friday. A large number of friends were on the wharf to wish her 'good-bye.' Mr Gannaway's successor in Nelson is Mr Meadings, of Christchurch.

Sir George Clifford (Stoneyhurst) arrived in Wellington in time to attend the Wellington races at the Hutt.

Mr and Mrs Lionel Abraham (Palmerston North) are staying at 'Miramar,' in Wellington, with Mr and Mrs Alex. Crawford.

Mr Harvey (Picton) and family, with Captain and Miss Chapple, intend leaving for England next month. The two families intended residing in Picton for three years, but business matters at home require Mr Harvey's presence, so they all go home together at the end of two years.

Mrs H. Sharp, who has been staying with Mrs Howard, in Blenheim, is now spending a few days with Mrs Lucas before leaving for Wellington, en route for Tauranga.

Mrs Philpotts (Picton), who is severing her connection with the Anglican Sunday School, was presented on Friday evening, at the prize-giving function, with a handsome Church Service by the teachers. Mrs Philpotts has been a teacher in the Sunday School for a great many years.

Miss Quick, of Wellington, is visiting Mrs Benwick, 'Newstead,' Nelson.

Mr and Mrs Taylor and family have returned to Rangitiki, after spending some time in New Plymouth.

Mr and Mrs W. Andrew (Wairarapa) and Mr and Mrs J. Andrew (Wellington) are also staying in Nelson.

Mrs (Dr) Scott, Picton, has gone to spend a week with Mrs C. H. Turner, at 'Ravenscliffe,' Queen Charlotte Sound.

Mr John Studholme, of Merivale, Christchurch, spent a few days in Wellington recently, en route for the Wairarapa.

Mrs Haslett (Auckland) and Mrs F. W. Andrews (Picton) went to Blenheim on Thursday to spend a few days with Mrs and the Misses Gard.

Mrs H. Howard (Springlands) and Miss Conolly were in Picton for a day or two this week. Miss Greensill returned to Blenheim with them to hear Miss Elsie Hall, who is giving a series of concerts in Blenheim.

Mr and Mrs Henry Overton and family left Christchurch for Melbourne on Saturday, en route for England, where they intend staying for some time.

Dr. and Mrs Palmer and Mrs Ogle returned from Sydney last week, bringing with them a good account of Mrs Lee, who is wonderfully better for the voyage and rest.

The Rev. and Mrs Averill left by the Kaikoura for England. Mr Averill will, we hope, return to his duties very much benefited in health.

Mr and Mrs Lane (Christchurch) left for Sydney on Friday.

Still the Christchurch people are going home. Next month Mr and Mrs Pyne, with their small family, leave in the Ruahine for England; also Mr and Mrs Anson (Peraki) with their family. Mr and Mrs James Wood, of Christchurch, and Mrs C. Wood, of Wanganui, are staying with Mr and Mrs Browne Wood, 'Brooklands,' Nelson.

The Rev. J. C. and Mrs Andrew, of 'Ica,' Wairarapa, are staying with their daughter, Mrs (Dr.) Hudson, Nile street, Nelson.

Mrs and Miss Acton Adams, of Christchurch, are visiting friends in Nelson. At present they are the guests of Mrs Mules, 'Bishopdale.'

Mr Griffiths (Blenheim) has been to Hokitika, assisting at some Masonic function. He made the journey by coach, and intended to go on to Christchurch.

Mr G. Watts, 'Lansdowne,' has been visiting Nelson, but returned to Blenheim at the end of last week, and with Mrs Watts, who had been staying with Mrs McIntire, and Mrs Bright, drove out to 'Lansdowne' on Saturday.

Professor Hugh McKenzie, of the Victoria College, whose health since his arrival in the colony has been very indifferent, is reported to be slowly recuperating.

Miss Powles, of Wellington, accompanied her aunt, Mrs C. W. Adams, to Blenheim, and Miss Adams has prolonged her visit to Wellington, as whilst there she was very ill, and will not return until quite convalescent.

Captain Horne, formerly Sergeant-at-Arms in the House, who has been living for some years in Australia, is paying a visit to his many friends in Wellington, who are delighted to have him in their midst again.

Miss Whitaker, daughter of the late Sir Frederick Whitaker, formerly Attorney-General in New Zealand, is staying with her relatives, Mr and Mrs Dennis O'Rorke, at 'Elmwood,' Christchurch.

The Rev. W. Oliver, the newly appointed minister of Wesley Church, has arrived in Wellington, and preached at Wesley Church to large congregations.

Mr and Mrs E. D. Reid, of Epsom, have returned to Auckland looking much improved for their holiday trip to Wanganui and Wellington.

Miss A. Hursthouse, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs Lattey, of Auckland, has returned to her home in New Plymouth.

Mr Gerald Paul, of New Plymouth, prior to his departure to Nelson on Friday, was entertained at a smoke concert by his friends on Wednesday evening in the Foresters' Hall.

Mr C. F. Collins, late of the Waimate District High School, was, before leaving that institution, presented with a silver match-box and very handsome portmanteau from the teachers and pupils of the school. In making the presentation Mr Pitcaithly remarked on the loss they would sustain in parting from Mr Collins, who had been popular with and respected by all.

Miss Ethel Ledger has returned to Nelson after a pleasant trip South.

Messrs W. J. Jones and W. Hart, for many years connected with the Oamaru 'Mail,' are about to take over the Hastings 'Standard.' A presentation of handsomely-bound books of reference—such as pressmen prize—was made them last week by the staff of the 'Mail.'

Mr D. M. Mackay, late manager of the Bank of New Zealand at Waikouaiti, was presented by his late clients and residents in the district with a handsome purse of sovereigns last week.

The retiring Art Master of the Wanganui Girls' College (Mr David Blair) was last week the recipient of some handsome farewell presents. From the teachers of the College came a splendid travelling rug; from the pupils of the school a handsomely-fitted dressing-bag and portmanteau; and from his painting-class a framed picture of the Wanganui River.

The Weslevians of Aramoho gave a very agreeable 'Welcome' Social to the Rev. C. H. Poole one evening last week. Mr Poole has, it will be remembered, been appointed to assist in the Church work in the district named.

Mr Charles Wilson, the member for the Wellington suburbs, has returned to Wellington from his trip to Australia, and speaks in eulogistic terms of the unbounded hospitality he experienced there.

Mr Frank Allen, general manager of the Commercial Union Assurance Company, has left Wellington for a three months' holiday in Australia, by the Mokoia.

Miss M. Sullivan, the retiring president of the Women's Branch of the Hibernian Society in Wellington, was presented by the members with a very handsome dinner service as a souvenir upon her approaching marriage. The presentation took place at a social gathering of the members.

The Hon. Mr Best, Minister of Lands for Victoria, and Mr William A. Trenwith, leader of the Labour Party in the Victorian Parliament, arrived in Wellington by the Mokoia. Their visit to New Zealand is made principally with the object of studying and reporting upon the labour and land laws of the colony.

Major Elliot, formerly secretary to Lord Glasgow when Governor of New Zealand, who has been paying a visit to his many friends in the colony, returned to England by the Kaikoura.

Mrs Charles Izard and her son have left Wellington for a trip to England, Mr Izard accompanying them as far as Sydney, where they join their P. and O. steamer.

Mr and Mrs Chaffey have taken the residence of Mr J. C. Martin in Wellington during his absence in England, and have returned to Wellington from their honeymoon trip.

The Rev. C. S. Ogg, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Wellington, was entertained at a farewell gathering of his parishioners on the eve of his departure for Scotland in St. Andrew's schoolroom. During the evening addresses were given by the Rev. J. Paterson and the Rev. John Hall and others, and Sir Robert Stout occupied the chair. Before the proceedings terminated Mr James Burns on behalf of the congregation of St. Andrew's and other friends, presented Mr Ogg with a travelling bag and a pair of field glasses, and expressed the desire of all present that Mr Ogg would thoroughly enjoy his holiday.

Mr Ogg warmly thanked his friends for their very handsome present, and said that although he was an Aberdonian, and still cherished an affection for beautiful Aberdeen, he felt he had become a colonist, a New Zealander, and he hoped to return to lay his bones in the soil of the colony.

A musical programme was contributed by the choir, and closed appropriately with the quartette 'Will ye no come back again,' and as the parishioners left Mr Ogg warmly shook hands, and exchanged farewell greetings with each one. The Rev. John Hall, who is to be Mr Ogg's locum tenens, was present during the evening, and received a warm welcome from the parishioners.

Here are some details (from the Ellesmere 'Guardian') of the late Haupo Tailor, the well-known footballer, whose death, under tragic circumstances, was recently reported.—He was a son of the Hon. H. K. Tainui, of the Ellesmere district, and was educated for the law at the Dunedin University, where he also gained some distinction as an athlete. He took up