

Mr and Mrs Fairfax Fenwick, late of Napier, left last week for the South.

Mr and Mrs C. Teschemaker and Mrs Aufreire Fenwick are visiting Mrs Fenwick, Montreal-street, Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs F. Perry are staying with Mrs. Geo. Rhodes, Meadowbank.

Mr and Mrs Rout have returned to Cambridge after spending an enjoyable holiday at Rotorna.

The opening of the Cambridge Bowling Green was held in the Domain on Wednesday, the 15th. The green is situated in a particularly pretty spot, and adjoins two tennis courts, which however were not in use on this day. The "bowlers" were photographed several times by Messrs Hill and Eberbeck, with very good results. Afternoon tea was provided for the ladies.

Captain and Mrs Anderson returned to Auckland from Australia last week.

Mrs (Judge) Smith, Grafton Road, has issued invitations for a garden party on December 5th in honour of Miss "Tottie" Brown, prior to her marriage, which takes place on December 12th.

Mrs McKenzie, who has been visiting her brother, Mr Fraser of New Plymouth, returned to her home in Waiapu last week. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Jeannie Fraser.

Mrs D. Wilson and two children, of New Plymouth, is on a visit to her relatives in Wanganui.

Mrs Leo Myers, of Wellesley-street, Auckland, has gone to Okoroire for a month.

Mrs (Dr. M.) Anderson, of Christchurch, gave a girls' Book Title tea at the Ladies' Club one afternoon last week, which was a most enjoyable and merry gathering. Miss Prins got the prize for most original design of "The Royal Reader," and Miss May Thomas took the guessing prize.

The Hon. J. A. Tole, Crown Prosecutor at Auckland, who was prostrated with influenza last week, was able to put in an appearance at the Supreme Court on Monday last, and to thank His Honor Judge Conolly for adjourning the court for a day, and to also thank those gentlemen who took up his duties for him.

Mrs John Hosking and two children returned to Dunedin by the express, having spent a very enjoyable fortnight in Christchurch.

Mr Stratford, S.M., will retire from the Civil Service in May next. He will then, says an exchange, have been in the service of the Government for thirty-eight years odd.

The Typographical Association in Auckland have presented the Hon. W. T. Jennings with a purse of sovereigns. No man better deserved a presentation than the Hon. Mr Jennings. His public life has been as free from reproach as his private, and he has acted and spoken fearlessly and boldly on all important issues.

Dr. Williams, late of the Thames Hospital, was the other day presented with an illuminated address, indicative of the good feeling prevailing on the part of the Hospital trustees, and their regret at his severing his connection with them. Dr. Williams is starting practice in Auckland.

The Austrian Consul in Auckland, Mr E. Langguth, has been created Knight of the Distinguished Order of Franz Josef by the Emperor of Austria.

The news that the Rev. Mr Fitzgerald had to resign his charges of St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, has spread regret not alone amongst his parishioners, but throughout the community. Mr Fitzgerald was an indefatigable worker, and accomplished an enormous amount of good in Auckland. He will be severely missed.

Mr and Mrs E. D. Benjamin will reside in Dr. and Mrs Charles Haines' house, Princes-street, Auckland, in the absence of the latter in England.

Mr J. W. Bayers, Companion of the Order of the Indian Empire, with Mr W. L. Bayers, is at present in Auckland, stopping at the Star Hotel.

Mr and Mrs Tom Cotter and family have returned to Auckland after a pleasant run round the Old Country, Europe and America.

Captain Hayward, of the Mariposa, was presented with a liqueur stand by the Balmuin Regatta Committee as a mark of their appreciation of his courtesy when the Mariposa was flagship at the regatta.

Mrs Street, with Miss Rook and Mrs Gillies, returned to Parnell, Auckland, last week, after a pleasant stay in New South Wales.

Mr C. W. Hemery has left Auckland for Sydney to take up his new duties.

Mrs Murphy, of Gisborne, is visiting Auckland.

Mr and Miss Mill, of Port Chalmers, were stopping in Auckland at the time of writing.



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The Box Plan is now open at Messrs Widman & Lyell's. To avoid crushing, a Ticket Office is opened at Mr Carter's, Confectioner, opposite Opera House.

Stage Decorations under the supervision of Mrs Jas. McDeimott, assisted by Miss McIlhenny. H. FOUNTAIN, Hon. Sec.

Music & Drama

The Pollards closed their Auckland season on Monday evening and left for the South by the Westralia on Tuesday. The company's stay in the North has served to confirm the wonderful popularity it enjoys, and whenever it chooses to return it will be welcomed back by full houses.

At the annual meeting of the Wellington Amateur Operatic Society, the report showed assets £375, and liabilities nil. Staging "The Godoliers" cost the Society £542, and the nett takings were £672.

Mr Harry Rickards has engaged Miss Lottie Collins of "Ta-ra-Bum-de-ay" fame for Australia. Among other stage celebrities this pushing manager has secured are Miss Marie Lloyd, Miss Marie Loftus, Miss Billie Barlow, a negro comedian named MacMahon, Miss Irene Franklin and Emmerson and Emmotions from Chicago; the McCarthy Sisters, gymnasts, musicians, and wire walkers; the Newswy troupe of Russian singers; Paul Martinielli and Company, pantomimists; and the Boisset troupe, who are in the same line; the Montross acrobats; Bob and Jamie Leonard, song and dance artists; the Cassell Sisters; Coleby and Way, ventriloquist sketch artists; Johnston, Biano and Bentley, grotesque performers; and the Jackson family of musicians; Frank Latona, Mme. Lucretia, Marie Loftus, Alec Hurley, Charles West, Fred Harcourt, Dr. Dan Conroy, G. D. Albert.

The Auckland Choral Society will, as in past years, give two performances of "The Messiah" next month. The performance to subscribers will take place on Tuesday, December 19, and the free public performance on the following Sunday.

The new conductor of Pollard's Opera Company, Mr Arthur King, won high honours at the Stuttgart Conservatoire, and was for some time with the D'Oyley Carte Opera Company.

The Gaiety Company continues to hold its own in the Auckland City Hall despite other attractions. Miss Dora Judson gives a piano recital in the Auckland Choral Hall on the 15th of next month. Miss Judson has just returned from Frankfurt, where she has been studying the piano under Herr Ernst Engesser, at Dr. Hoch's Conservatoire.

Mlle. Trebelli passed through Auckland by the Mariposa for Frisco on Monday. She goes to fulfil her American engagements.

At the annual meeting of the Wellington Amateur Operatic Society, Mr Bert Royle, representative of Messrs Williamson and Musgrove, explained that if all reputable amateur operatic societies throughout the colony would form an association to ensure royalties being paid for, he believed "the Firm" would allow their operas to be played at the old figure of £5 5/ per night.

In point of numbers the audience assembled in the Auckland Opera House on Saturday afternoon on the occasion of the matinee of "The Belle of New York" probably bent all records. The press of young folk was enormous. They crowded two in a seat, they filled the aisles, and their chairs stood five deep wherever there was room. The feature of the afternoon was the re-appearance of Miss Gerrie Campbell as the fair, but unhappy Piti. The part is simply made for Miss Campbell, and she excelled in it. Everyone was moreover glad to welcome back so clever an actress after the months of "resting" necessitated by her accident. Miss Campbell's foot is still lightly but strongly bandaged, but this does not affect her dancing, and she is as active, as vivacious and as incomparably "Frenchy" as ever.

The Auckland Musical Union, which came into existence during the present year, gave the final concert of the season on Monday evening last. Cowen's cantata "The Sleeping Beauty," and a number of miscellaneous items constituted the programme. The solo singers were Miss A. Lorrigan, Miss Lynch, Mr A. L. Edwards and Mr W. J. Gunn.

Saburet, the Australian dancer, has just finished a triumphant season in Vienna. On her closing night she was given a farewell ball, as is the custom in Germany to all stars. The beneficiary receives no money, but presents and flowers with emblems of the country as souvenirs, and she faded splendidly, receiving a beautiful diamond bracelet, a watch and pearl chain, and several wreaths of flowers from the management and several wealthy patrons of the gardens.

Mr G. S. Titheridge was resting in London when the mail left. He should not lack engagements, for the opinion is expressed that he is the most important addition to the English stage for the last twelve months. Australia, however, always knew his worth.

Sir George Martin, who is now travelling in South Africa as examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, was recently detained as a spy at Pretoria (says the "Era"). When Sir George explained that he was organist at St. Paul's, the Boer officer, who understood very little English, only caught the words "St. Paul," and regarded Sir George as a fanatic believing himself to be the Apostle. Ultimately he was released.

Apocryphal of Captain Lorraine's unfortunate end, the following account of a parachute accident is interesting. It comes from America, where Miss Helen Gaylor attempted to make a parachute leap from her balcony at Pleasure Bay, near Long Branch, N.J. Miss Gaylor tried to make her descent, but was unable to free her parachute from the balcony, and was carried several hundred feet higher before the big balloon, from loss of gas, began to descend. She landed safely on top of the steamer "Little Silver" of the Patten line, which lay at Lafatra's dock, less than a mile from where the ascension was made. The balloon wrapped itself about the stern mast of the steamer. One A. C. Crissey, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, met with quite a different fate. He made the ascension, and when about 1800ft. in the air he was shot from a cannon or tube. His parachute, which had been rolled tightly to permit of its entrance into the cannon, failed to open, and he was dashed to the earth and instantly killed. Crissey was inexperienced as an aeronaut, this being his first attempt.

Her Majesty the Queen is a keen observer of musical and dramatic talent, and almost every artist of note has been favoured with a command to appear before the Royal Family. According to the "Daily Chronicle," all the musicians who go to Balmoral are charmed with the appreciation of the Queen, who thoroughly understands the good points of a performance. But the piano at Balmoral is said to be very inferior, and none of the performers like to mention it. They say there has not been a new one there since the death of the Prince Consort.

Mrs Langtry's book, which will deal with her life from social, sporting, and theatrical standpoints, will, it is expected, appear about Christmas. It will, no doubt, be an extremely interesting publication.

A splendid group of the Auckland Banjo, Guitar, and Mandolin Club, photographed by Mr J. R. Banna, is reproduced in this issue, by which it will be seen that the number of playing members now reaches 21. Since the Club was registered in July, 1916, it has steadily gone ahead, and the management are to be congratulated on the excellent nature of their programmes. As a proof of the popularity of their former concerts given this season, not a single seat was left unreserved at the time of opening the Opera House doors. Their third quarterly concert season, 1929-1930, takes place on Thursday, December 7th, at the Opera House, under the conductorship of Mr Arthur Towsey, the Club members consisting of "Martameaux" overture, "A Dance in the Wood," "Rose-dale Waltz," "Yellow Kid's Patrol," and "Plantation Dance." The Estudiantina Quintette will play a "Medley of Scotch Airs." Mr A. Wynyard Joss will play a mandolin solo, and Miss Lily Barker a guitarra solo, "Mona." A skirt dance, with limelight effects, and music by the Estudiantina Quintette, will be danced by Misses Dunningham and Reynolds. Vocal items will be given by Miss Ethel McIntyre, Messrs Arthur Ford, Percy Blackman, and others. The box-plan is now opened at Messrs Widman and Lyell's, and with such a complete programme, and the management of affairs being in the hands of Messrs S. E. Coleman (hon. treasurer), Mr Jas. McDeimott (hon. secretary), and Mr H. Fountain (hon. secretary), there is no doubt that the usual bumper house will be