

## MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.



MISS HANSEN.

OUR portrait this week is of Miss Hansen, who recently played Shakespearian heroines with Mr Bentley's Company in New Zealand. Miss Hansen left New Zealand yesterday for Australia and England.

The vacant place in the Union Bank at Hastings has been filled by Mr Walter Brook Taylor, recently of Wellington.

MR TAYLOR has experienced great difficulty in getting a house in Hastings. That little township is becoming overpopulated.

MISS ALLIE SHORT, accompanied by her sister, Miss L. Short, left Auckland yesterday's steamer for Sydney. She will be married almost immediately on her arrival in Australia to Mr E. (Ned) McCausland, late of this city. Both young people are well-known in social circles in Auckland and numerous friends will send all good wishes for their future happiness. Mr McCausland's name is famous in the annals of Maoriland footballers. He went Home, it will be remembered, with the native team some years ago, and it was owing to his tact and level-headedness that several awkward *contretemps* were quashed or averted.

IT is always pleasant to have to record good fortune. Mrs Margolionth, of Napier, has recently inherited £15,000 under the will of the late Mr Algernon Tollmache. Mrs Hausard, a daughter of Mrs Margolionth, also resides in Napier, and participates in the congratulations which pour in from every side.

THE Hon. Mr Cadman is visiting relatives at Whangarei. Mrs Cadman, whose recent demise is sincerely regretted by a very large circle of friends, was the daughter of Mr Bell, J. P., Whangarei, in whose care Mr Cadman leaves his two young children—a girl and a boy—while attending to his Parliamentary duties.

MR A. J. FRASER, well-known in Hawke's Bay district, is getting about again after the injury to his knee. It will, however, be some time before he will be able to play cricket, tennis, etc., or to dance. To an active man like Mr Fraser this will prove a great nuisance, but it is one of those things which cannot be helped in this life, so he must just grin and bear it.

Two Hastings bachelors have lately joined the worthy order of Benedicts, namely, Messrs Galway and Ewart. Mr Galway, of the Bank of New South Wales, was married in Wellington, at St. Mark's Church, his wife being a Miss Rutherford.

WHAT numbers of people are returning to the colony from the old country! Miss Browning has been welcomed home by her Nelson friends. She was away nearly two years, and looks vastly improved for the long change.

MR AND MRS FAIRFAX-FENWICK are giving up their country residence and going to Napier for the winter.

SIR WALTER BULLER and Miss Buller leave Wellington for England in about a month's time, but intend travelling on the Continent for about twelve months before settling down in the Mother Country. Mr Leo Buller has taken up land in Wellington, and intends settling on it almost immediately, and his brother, I believe, intends staying in Wellington and taking up the law as a profession.

MR ARTHUR RHODES and his young bride, who have just returned from Sydney from their honeymoon, have taken Sir Walter Buller's large residence in Wellington for the season, which opens about the middle of June.

THE Hon. Richard and Mrs Oliver, of Dunedin, who have lately returned from their trip to England, have taken the Hon. Charles Pharazyn's house in Tinakori Road, Wellington, for the session, Mr Pharazyn having left for England on a visit.

A NEW arrival in Christchurch is Mr Bernard who has been transferred from the Union Bank Branch at Hastings.

MR R. T. BOOTH, the temperance lecturer, is drawing large and enthusiastic audiences in Dunedin. He is in very poor health, and has taken the trip on that account.

FRIENDS all over the colony must have been shocked to hear of the death of Miss Hewitt, of the Napier High School. She had not been at all well for some time, but struggled bravely with her infirmities, and kept on her work really wonderfully. A sharp attack of the heart, however, carried her off. Miss Hewitt had a peculiar horror of being buried in the ground, and left instructions that her body should be committed to the deep. This was done. The funeral party proceeded by boat for some six miles from land, and the service for the burial of those at sea was conducted by Dean Hovell. The evening had been chosen, and as the sea was flooded with moonlight, the scene was very impressive. Amongst those present were Mrs Ormond, Mr and Mrs Wood, Mr and Mrs Heath, and others. Great pity is expressed in Napier for Miss Hewitt's sister, who left England two days before the death to join her deceased sister. She will hear of the death of her sister when the vessel reaches the Cape.

AMONGST the passengers by the Arawa on the 30th instant will be Mr and Mrs J. H. Coleman, of Napier. They have just left their home in that town, and expect to be away a long time. Their friends say 'Bon voyage.'

ONE of the Easter visitors to Hastings is Miss Page, who is stopping with Mrs Joe Williams.

AMONGST visitors to the Hot Lakes is Mr Balfour, of Napier. He is trying the baths for his health.

HERE are some personalities sent me from Napier. Miss Ethel Brookfield, of Onehunga, is on a visit to Mrs Provis here; Mrs Dewes has gone to Auckland; Miss Evelyn Peacocke has gone on a visit to the West Coast; Mrs Fulton, of Dunedin, is on a visit to her mother; Mrs Douglas McLean is in town.

MR AND MRS C. C. McMILLAN and daughters, Mr and Mrs Matthew Clark and others passed through Ngauruhia on their way to the Hot Springs, some twelve miles distant, where they purpose making a short stay.

MISS CAREY, daughter of Captain Carey, the popular commander of the Monowal, returned from Frisco on her father's fine ship last week. Her health has been greatly improved by the trip to Yankee-land. Miss Carey expects to pay a visit to Auckland in about three months time.

MR EDWARD LLOYD, England's greatest tenor, left London on the 30th March by the Teutonic and arrived in New York early this month (April), under engagement. He will sing at several concerts, probably go on to San Francisco, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, will come to New Zealand and Australia.

FROM the empire city comes the news that Mr Lowe, Resident Engineer Railways, will be leaving in about a fortnight for England. Mrs Lowe will accompany him. They expect to be absent from the colony from six to nine months. Mr C. Coom, a brother of Dr. Coom, for many years Resident Engineer in Auckland, who has been in Invercargill during the past six months, will take the place of Mr Lowe in Wellington.

MR H. D. CARTER, of Kaye and Carter, grain merchants, Christchurch, who left for England on business about six months ago, has just returned by the Aorangi, looking all the better for his trip.

MR R. LOCKHART, Bank of New Zealand has six months leave of absence, and Mr C. Daveny has three months.

MR C. B. IZARD, of Wellington, has been confined to the house for some time, having had a painful operation performed on his eyes.

## DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL.



MISS NELLIE STEWART.

AFTER one or two serious false starts and silly blunders our own Nellie Stewart has taken a part at a London theatre, and as might have been expected, has achieved a veritable triumph. The public are raving over the Australian actress. Her singing and acting, her dancing and her prettiness are lauded to the skies, and it is declared that without her 'Blue Eyed Susan' would be as 'Hamlet' with the Prince of Denmark's part omitted. Our picture is taken from a sketch of Miss Stewart as Blue-Eyed Susan, and certainly the little lady looks fetching and piquant enough for anything.

It must, however, be rather galling for Miss Stewart to remember that this same triumph might have been hers rather over a year ago but for a silly attempt to put on 'side.' It will be remembered she threw up her contract to play the 'Nauteh Girl' simply because Jessie Bond, an old Savoy favourite, had almost as good a part as herself. The young American who took her place at the last moment did quite as well as Miss Stewart would have done, and gained both fame and fortune. Still, all that is over now. Success is at least better late than never. The fashion in which the London papers talk of Miss Stewart as a *debutante* and praise her easy stage manner must tickle those who have seen her act for years on Australian boards very considerably.

MEANWHILE 'Wilful Murder' continues (says a Sydney paper) to hold the mirror up to Williams at the Melbourne Alexandra. Robert Vernon attended the inquest last week and has since added a life-like presentment of the other murderer's sneer to his already splendid conception of the Crime on the Hearstone. Dampier, in the goodness of his heart, exhorts ladies not to bring in their young children until after the first act, because it might frighten them for life, or give them an early taste for *belud*. Therefore, little innocents are now left outside on the mat whilst their mothers assure themselves that it is almost as nice and horrible as they expected. As a matter of fact, it ought to be made a lot more horrible. Melbourne would like the Alexandra monster to knock down two women on the hearstone, lay them side by side, and cut both their throats at one fell swoop.

A FUNNY story is told of Carl Hertz, the illusionist, who is shortly coming to New Zealand. When he was in Paris some years ago, he made a great success with a trick called the 'Vanishing Lady.' He used to perform it at private parties without any assistants or stage accessories whatever; standing on the floor of the drawing-room, with no doors or windows handy, he would select a certain lady from among the guests, perform sundry cabalistic signs and hocus-pocus, and straightway she would vanish from the scene. Then a search-party would find her in the attic, or out in the garden, or somewhere. A certain nobleman was so much pleased with this trick that he paid Hertz to teach it to him, and when he became proficient, he gave an exhibition in his own house before a roomful of guests, using his young wife as the subject. The performance was successful, and the lady vanished with great promptitude. That was several years ago, and she is in a vanished state to this day. When the search party went out to look for her she wasn't there, and all they found was a note on the table, which stated briefly that she was tired of the old mad, and wasn't coming back.