

for some months, have returned to Wanganui.

Mr and Mrs Robert Campbell, and Miss I. Campbell left Wanganui last week for Cambridge, where they intend to live for the benefit of Mr Campbell's health.

Mr Hope Gibbons, of Wanganui, accompanied by his brother, Mr H. F. Gibbons, of Palmerston North, leave this week for a trip to England and the Continent, via Australia.

Mrs White, of St. John's Hill, Wanganui, and her son, Mr Geo. Marshall (Turakina), left this week by the Ventura for Frisco, en route for England.

Mr and Mrs Horton (Auckland) made a short stay in Wellington on their way home from Sydney. They came North by way of the Wanganui River and the Hot Lakes.

The Misses Frater, of Lake Takapuna, with their brother, left for Wellington last week. They intend to stay a little time in Wellington, and will return to Auckland via the Wanganui River.

Miss Taplin (Palmerston North) has returned home after her visit to Mrs Leckie (Wellington). Her marriage to Mr Frank Leckie is to take place at Easter.

Before leaving for England Mr H. D. Carter (Messrs Kaye and Carter, Christchurch) was entertained at a smoke concert by the Midland Cricket Club.

Mr Herdman Smith, who came out from England last year as art instructor for the Wellington Technical School, has just been elected Associate of the Royal College of Art, London.

Mr and Miss Seddon are back in Wellington after a stay of some weeks in the South Island. Mrs Seddon has now quite recovered from her recent indisposition.

Sir John See, Premier of New South Wales, Mr and Miss See, spent last week at Haamere (Christchurch). Before returning to Australia they intend visiting Rotorua.

Commissioner Dinnie, who has spent a week in visiting the police stations in Rotorua district, returned to Auckland last week and went on to Wellington by the East Coast boat.

Herr and Madame Slapofski left Australia in the Moana for Vancouver on the 3rd inst., and were joined by Mr M. B. Curtis, their agent, at Suva. They intend to tour America.

Sir John See and party left Haamere by special coach on Saturday. Sir John See said he had "greatly benefited" by his visit, and was charmed with the place. He predicted a great future for it as a health resort.

At Waipapa on March 1st Miss Edith E. Kensington, daughter of Mr F. B. Kensington, of Tauranga, was married to Mr Arthur H. Thistlethwaite, son of the late Mr Thistlethwaite, of Cheshire (England).

Mr A. E. Manning, of Hamilton, who has been indisposed for some weeks, and who recently took a trip to the South to recuperate, has returned home looking much stronger as the result of his trip.

Mr and Mrs. Holdsworth, of New Plymouth, were in Rotorua for the carnival, and returned home last week. They have left their house for a term to Mr and Mrs. G. Samuel, who sold their house some time ago to Mr. Gibbons.

His Majesty has approved the appointments of Otto Baron von Henning O'Carroll as Consul-General of Austria-Hungary for the whole of Australia, New Zealand and the Islands. The consular office is at Sydney.

Our Wellington correspondent wires that Mr J. B. Hobart, late manager of the Whangarei branch of the Bank of New Zealand, has given up his position in the bank and intends starting in business on his own account.

Mr. Earl Wainhouse, late third officer of the Taviuni, who lately secured his first mate's certificate, has been appointed second officer of the Herald, in place of Mr. Ross, who joins the Taviuni in a similar position.

Mr and Mrs Delany, of Paeroa, were given a farewell social by their friends prior to their leaving the district. Mr E. C. H. Auzes, M.L.R., being amongst the speakers. Mr and Mrs Delany have lived in Paeroa for the past eight years.

Mrs Michael Balling, who was the last Principal of the Nelson School of

Music, has recently been appointed Capellmeister at Carlshöhe, succeeding Felix Mottl, one of the most celebrated of European conductors.

The "Southland Times" states that Sergeant-Major Blackmore, for many years drill instructor to the Southland Volunteers, is claimant for a fortune in Chancery of £250,000. He has gone home to prosecute his claims.

Mr James Wilson, the late president of the Auckland Christian Endeavour Society, has been given a silver tea set by the Rev. J. T. Pinfold (an ex-president) on behalf of the association and in recognition of his faithful services during his term of office.

A great many Wellington people, among them the Chief Justice, Mr Harold Beauchamp, an old Picton boy, Mr N. Reid, Mr C. J. Johnston, Mr G. F. Johnstone and others were in Picton recently in connection with the Supreme Court sittings.

Mr S. H. Matthews, of Auckland, has been appointed by the Governor a public auditor and valuer for the purposes of the Friendly Societies Act. Mr Joseph H. C. Rowley, of Wellington, and Mr James Brown, of Dunedin, have received similar appointments.

Mr. E. Armstrong, who left Whangarei about six months ago for Wellington, where he qualified himself as a telegraphist in three months, has now been transferred to Hikurangi, after being employed during the interval in the head telegraph office, Auckland.

Miss Julia Skerrett (Wellington) has been paying a round of visits among friends and relatives in Hawke's Bay before setting off on her trip to England. She intends travelling by Suez, and will visit the Continent before returning to New Zealand.

Mr. and Miss Simpson (Wellington) are going for a trip to England. They leave by the Sonoma for San Francisco, and while in the States will visit the St. Louis Exposition. They will probably return by the Red Sea route before Christmas.

Hon. H. Peel (London) arrived in Wellington from Sydney by the Monowai, en route to Nelson. He is one of the directors of the Eastern Cable Extension Company, and is on a tour of inspection, so he will visit Wakapuaka cable station.

Major Madocks, at one time of the N.Z. Defence Department, and who is well known throughout New Zealand, was a member of the team which recently won the final in the polo tournament organised by the York and Austrey Hounds.

Mr. E. T. Watt has returned to Hastings from Wellington. He intends leaving for Great Britain at the end of April, in order to be present at the wedding of his sister, Miss May Coleman, who is to be married to Mr. Walters in London next June.

The general manager of the Eastern Extension Cable Company (Mr. F. E. Besse) and the Hon. H. Peel (a director) are visiting the Australasian stations of the cable, and are now at Wakapuaka. Mr. P. Self, appointed superintendent at Wakapuaka in succession to Mr. Twyford, has taken up his position there.

Among the passengers by the steamer Anahi, which arrived at Brisbane a week or two ago, was the Bishop of Caledonia, British Columbia, who is on a missionary tour of the world. He will spend about eight months in Australia and then come to New Zealand, going hence to India and England.

The residents of Opoitiki, who had the misfortune to be flooded out of their homes last week, are warm in their praises of the generous hospitality accorded them by Mr. Ranson, manager of the N.S.S. Co., in accommodating them on board the s.s. Mangapapa and s.s. Waiohāi.

Mr. Robert Cranwell, of Henderson, who was one of the Port Albert settlers over half a century ago, and is now a fruit farmer on the Pomaria estate, is going to make a visit to England with Miss Cranwell and Mr. Robert Cranwell (of Waipi). They left here on Monday for Sydney.

Miss Shemilt, who held a responsible position in Canning's, Ltd., Auckland, for many years, resigned that position last week, and was presented by the directors of the company with a gold cable bangle and by the employees with an inscribed dressing-case by way of mementoes of her connection with the business.

Mrs. and Miss Abbot and Miss Daniell (Wellington) left by the Surrey for South Africa, where the marriage of Miss Daniell and Mr. Lomas (Johannesburg) will be celebrated. After the wedding Mrs. and Miss Abbot are going on to England before returning to New Zealand.

Mr. J. W. Cargill, manager of the Napier branch of the Union Company, is suffering from typhoid fever. He is at the Napier hospital, and, according to the latest reports, is progressing favourably. Mr. C. J. Nantes is occupying his position at the Union office, and Mr. H. Alpin is assisting.

The Mayor of Wellington (Mr Aitken) announced to the City Council last week that in consequence of failing health and pressure of private business he had decided not to offer himself for re-election to the Mayoralty next month. The councillors (says the Press Association) received the intimation with expressions of regret.

Archbishop Redwood, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Smythe, of Hastings, as private secretary, is to leave on an extended trip to America and the Old World by the Sonoma on the 25th of April. The Archbishop, who will be absent from the colony for about 12 months, will tour America, and then proceed to England and the Continent.

Mr and Mrs Jenkins, who arrived by the Clansman last week from the North, were given a farewell social at the Pakaru school, of which Mr Jenkins was teacher, before they went, and the School Committee presented them with a set of carvers. Mr E. Long has succeeded Mr Jenkins at the Pakaru and Whangae schools.

Mrs Trowell and Miss Trowell (Wellington) went to England by the Star of New Zealand. They will go to Germany to see Masters Tom and Garnet Trowell, who showed such musical talent that a public subscription was raised to enable them to proceed to Frankfurt Conservatorium to continue their studies.

A recent arrival in Wellington is Miss Belle Hitchings, of Napier, who is revisiting New Zealand after an absence of some years. Miss Hitchings has adopted the stage as a profession, and under the name of Miss Belle Napier has done very well at Home. Her stay in New Zealand is only six weeks, most of which will be spent in her native town—Napier.

The following are the names of the guests staying at the Kamo Springs Hotel for the week ending March 12th:—Mr. A. Duffus Ulbecki, Mr. J. Crombie, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Brownhill, Mr. and Mrs. Falconer, Mr. A. Grierson, Lieut Col. Holgate, Auckland; Mr. and Mrs. McLean, Waipiti; Mr. J. Close, Waimate; Mr. Howden, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. Coote, Adelaide, S.A.; Mr. J. Donaldson, Wairoa; Mr. Green, Mangapai.

Mr and Mrs W. H. Nisbett came over from Australia last week, and are at present staying in Wellington. Mr Nisbett is well known in New Zealand as agent for the Westinghouse Brake Company. He was married a short time ago to a Sydney girl, and they intend to visit England soon. Mr Nisbett's sister went Home by the Gothic, but will return in a few months for her marriage to Mr Pyke (Wellington).

Mr Peter Hutson, president of the Wellington Industrial Association, has gone by the Warrimoo on a three-weeks' trip to Australia. During his absence Mr Hutson will make the best use of his time in visiting manufacturers, and bringing under the notice of the proprietors the advantages of the New Zealand Industrial Exhibition, to be held in Wellington next November.

Lake House, Waikaremoana, has been thronged with tourists during the past few weeks. Some of those who have been stopping there recently are: Messrs. P. S. McLean and S. Crowley, Napier; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lyson, Parikanapa; Mrs. E. Townley, Miss F. Mathison, Gisborne; Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Gordon, Auckland; Messrs. H. W. Guthrie-Smith, C. J. Young, S. Brown, Ewan Jackson, Tangaroa; Mr. and Mrs. D. Todd, Waimata Valley; Mr. B. Chambers, Te Mata.

A farewell social and presentation was tendered to Mr C. R. Walker on the occasion of his departure from Coromandel for Auckland on March 11 by a large gathering of leading citizens. Captain Swindley, on their behalf, presented Mr Walker with a travelling case suitably

inscribed. Mr Walker (says our correspondent) has been very popular, and has always taken great interest in public matters. His departure from Coromandel is generally regretted.

Dr. Makgill, who has been transferred to the head office of the Public Department, leaves Auckland for Wellington in about a fortnight. Dr. Frengley, at present health officer in Nelson succeeds him, and comes up here probably in a week. Dr. Makgill will induct him to the Auckland province in a series of flying trips through the country, and then go South. His work will be mainly in the bacteriological department. Dr. Makgill pays a visit to Cambridge next week.

Dr. W. H. Goldie, who began a trip to England a week or two ago, has got no further than New South Wales, where he was compelled to go into a hospital, and his trip to England is likely to be considerably delayed thereby. He is under treatment for what he considers the result of food-poisoning which very suddenly invaded him early in the year. Dr. Goldie hopes soon to leave the hospital and go to the Blue Mountains, where he will escape the present trying heat of Sydney and be able to recuperate his failing strength.

Captain Lacy, master of the cable ship Iris, was taken to Wellington by the ship on Sunday, and will join the Turakina there en route for London. His illness is very serious, and he will be taken to London in the charge of Nurse Foote. Mr. Moss Davis went to Wellington with Captain Lacy. Mr. T. W. Sharp, the present chief officer, succeeds Captain Lacy in the command of the ship, which his illness has compelled him to resign. Mr. Sharp has had a great deal of experience in cable work, and has commanded cable-ships at Home.

A large and representative gathering of legal practitioners and officials was held in the S.M. Court on Monday to bid farewell to Mr Herbert W. Brabant, S.M., who has been transferred from Auckland to Napier. An address was presented by the Hon. J. A. Tole, on behalf of the legal profession, expressing regret that the exigencies of public service should have occasioned his transfer from the district where he had so long and with so much satisfaction held the office of magistrate, and Mr Brabant made a feeling and suitable response.

Captain H. Goodwyn-Archer, R.N., has been appointed to succeed Lieut.-Col. Sommerville, as manager of the Veterans' Home, in consequence of the resignation of the latter, and he will assume charge of the place on the 21st inst. Captain Archer has been a strong worker for the cause of the aged veterans of the Empire ever since his retirement from the Navy on pension; and was secretary of the late Veterans' Home bazaar. Captain Archer held the rank of lieutenant when he left the Navy, takes the brevet rank of commander, and the courtesy title of captain, and he is on the Naval reserve list for active service if necessary.

Where Shall I Spend Easter?

How many Aucklanders are aware of the facilities offered by the Main Trunk railway in conjunction with the Wanganui River for a most enjoyable week end holiday? Yet any business man leaving by the 10 a.m. train for Taurarunui on a Friday morning can spend two or three restful and health-giving days amid the grand and romantic scenery of the peerless Wanganui River and be back at his office on Tuesday. One must see to thoroughly realise the keen enjoyment of this river trip. From the start at Taurarunui in the early morning, past mile after mile of enchanted riverland, each fresh turn challenging the last for loveliness, skilfully brought through rapids or steaming swiftly down still reaches, till the end of the journey, the voyage is most exhilarating and satisfying. Easter affords a special opportunity of doing this trip, the steamer Ongarue leaving Taurarunui on Saturday morning for Pipiriki, and going on to Wanganui on Sunday, thence home by way of New Plymouth, completes an ideal outing. We must mention that passages must be reserved in advance by wire to A. Hattrick and Co., of Wanganui, proprietors of the steamer service.