

mental science to Victoria University, has been presented by the staff and scholars of Waitaki High School (Otago) with a beautifully bound set of classics and a handsome silver inkstand, to mark their regret at his departure.

Captain Lacy, who recently resigned command of the Pacific cable ship Iris on account of ill-health, left Wellington last week in the Turakina in charge of Nurse Foote, who accompanies him to England. His resignation was much regretted, apart from the cause of it—his very serious malady.

Mr C. R. Walker, solicitor and attorney for the Tokatea Consolidated Gold Mining Company, has commenced practice in Auckland as a barrister and solicitor at Mercantile Chambers. He still conducts his business at Coromandel under a qualified manager. Mr F. P. Burgess, and will visit that place every month.

Mr. Herbert Woolmer, the mining engineer who was recently at Coromandel, has returned with his wife to the Grand Hotel from Napier, where they have been spending a short holiday. They left by the Mokoia on Monday to join the Mongolia at Sydney en route to England.

Mr Thos. Clarkson, the well-known cyclist, left by the R.M.s. Ventura, en route to St. Louis Exposition, last week. Mr. Clarkson, who is attached to the literary staff of the "Cauterbury Times," will act as correspondent at the Exposition for a syndicate of newspapers.

Mr. Casement Aickin, an Auckland University student, who transferred to Otago for the medical course, is spending the medical vacation with his parents at Avondale. Mr. Aickin passed the second professional examination for the M.B. degree, and with reasonable luck should qualify at the end of next year.

Mr. Larke, Commissioner of the Government of Canada in Australasia, arrived in Auckland by the Ventura, for the purpose of promoting trade between New Zealand and Canada. After conferring with the Chamber of Commerce, he proceeds to Wellington. Any communication addressed to him at the Chamber will receive attention.

Father O'Carroll, the popular priest of Kihikihikahi and district, will shortly leave on a six months' trip Home. He sails by the Sierra on April 5th, and besides visiting the Old Country he intends to make a Continental tour, including Italy, and return by Trinidad. Father O'Connor will have charge of his cure during his absence.

Mr. J. F. Archibald, the editor of the Sydney "Bulletin," and Mr. W. McLeod, the secretary of the Bulletin Publishing Company, arrived by the Ventura last week on a holiday tour. Mr. Archibald's health is very indifferent, and after remaining in Auckland for a couple of days he went to Rotorua for the baths.

The following guests have been staying at the Springs Hotel, Kamo, during the last week: Mr G. C. F. Campbell (Wellington), Mr Keller (Rangitikei), Mr Potts (Levin), Messrs A. McMillan and M. McDonald (Waipu), Captain Harman and Messrs P. H. Smith and R. Wilfram (England), Mr and Miss Knox (Bay of Islands), Mr and Mrs A. B. Barter and Mrs Hammond (Auckland), Mr King and Mr Upton (Whakapara).

Mr Walter Leslie's water-colour sketches of the Waitomo caves, executed by him for the Tourist Department's exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, have been handed over to Mr. T. E. Donne, and will be mounted forthwith, prior to being forwarded to America. They include excellent portrayals of the Organ Chamber, the Choir Screen, the Cathedral Nave, and other points of interest in the caves.

Miss Hodgkins is at present in Otaki painting a water-colour picture of a Maori girl for the St. Louis Exposition. She was invited when in England to send samples of her work to America. The picture, the "New Zealand Times" understands, will form part of the Government collection. A large water-colour of a Lake Te Anau scene, from the brush of Mrs Field, will also be included.

Captain Jackson Barry is at present in Auckland, distributing to subscribers his volume of interesting reminiscences of early days in New Zealand and Australia. The veteran pioneer, has recovered from his recent serious illness, and has met with a hearty welcome and with

cordial congratulations from his many friends in this part of the colony. Messrs Wildman, Lyell and Atcy have been appointed sole agents in Auckland for the sale of Capt. Barry's book.

Lieut.-General Sir Oriel Tanner, K.C.B., and Lady Tanner, concerning whom several paragraphs have appeared in this column lately, arrived in Auckland last week from the South. They go on to Rotorua shortly. Sir Oriel has had a distinguished career. He was raised to his present rank in 1892, having previously served with distinction in the Indian Mutiny, Afghanistan and Egypt (where he commanded a brigade).

A handsome presentation was made last week at Wellington to Mr. A. C. Fife, formerly chief accountant of the New Zealand Railways. The gift took the form of a gold watch and chain and a handsome pendant, with an appropriate inscription. Sir Joseph Ward (Minister for Railways) acted as spokesman, and made a highly eulogistic speech, to which Mr. Fife suitably responded. Mr. H. Davidson succeeds Mr. Fife as chief accountant, N.Z.R.

A number of presentations were received by Mr. David Williamson (of Levin and Co., Wellington) in honour of his marriage to Miss Edith Mary Wheeler. Among the gifts were a purse of sovereigns from the staff and employees of Levin and Co., a solid silver salver and cigar case from the shipping firms of Wellington, and a handsome tea and coffee service from the members of the Central Club. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson are going to England by the Athenic for a trip.

A very interesting meeting was held last week to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the Mount Eden Wesleyan Church, at which Miss Elsie J. Reid (organist) was presented with a handsome gold watch (suitably inscribed) and chain, also a beautiful illuminated address. The Rev. T. T. Thomas, B.A., in presenting the gifts, spoke most highly of the excellent work performed by Miss Reid. The officers of the church also spoke, endorsing the kind remarks of the reverend gentleman.

At an important meeting of the Wellington Musical Union officers and a committee were appointed. Mr. Hill is president, and Messrs R. Hamilton, J. Joynt, W. Glasgow, J. Plummer and Aitken, and Sir Robert Stout, Bishop Wallis, Dr. Fyfe, and Archbishop Redwood are to be vice-presidents. Mr Robert Parker undertakes the duties of conductor, and has arranged a musical programme to be submitted at the coming exhibition in November, and as the members, who are 360 in number, are full of enthusiasm, the Musical Union should have a very successful career.

Dr. Frengley, who has been transferred upon the position of Public Health Officer at Nelson to that position at Auckland, arrives here next Wednesday to take over his duties for Dr. Makgill, who goes into the Bacteriological Department's head office. Dr. Frengley will be initiated to the duties by Dr. Makgill, who will make a flying tour of the district with him. Dr. Makgill then leaves for Wellington shortly after. The Nelson district is to be controlled from Wellington.

The friends of the Richmond-road Primitive Methodist Church, Auckland, have presented Mr. and Mrs. S. Simpson with a beautifully-bound copy of "The Self Interpreting New Testament" prior to their departure for Cambridge. In making the presentation the Rev. W. S. Potter spoke of the high esteem in which Mr Simpson is held, and of the valuable services he has rendered, not only to his own, but also to other churches. Mr Brown, on behalf of the Sunday-school, also presented to Mrs Elder (nee Miss Longbottom) a pair of beautiful vases. The recipients suitably replied, and after refreshments were partaken of a pleasant meeting closed.

Mr. I. H. Neumegeu left Auckland on Monday last, with his wife and daughter, on a visit to England and the Continent of Europe. Arriving in Australia 50 years ago, Mr Neumegeu tried his fortune with varied success on the goldfields of Victoria and New South Wales, thence coming to Otago. In 1864 he reached Auckland and shortly afterwards married here. He has for the 40 years of his residence here carried on business successfully as a financial agent, general dealer and importer, enjoying the respect and esteem of his

fellow-citizens. Mr Neumegeu has always been a most enthusiastic worker in connection with the Friendly and Masonic Societies of this city, and has held the position of treasurer in some of the most influential of these lodges continuously for very many years. He expects to be absent from Auckland about twelve months.

By the departure of the Rev. J. R. Russell, B.D., from Brisbane for Auckland, the "Messenger" says the Queensland Church has lost one of the finest of its younger ministers. His culture, earnestness and amiability made him a favourite in ecclesiastical and social circles, and he took a keen and helpful interest in many matters outside his own denomination, and there were many evidences of affection and admiration at the crowded and memorable farewell gathering in Park Church, when Mr Russell was made the recipient of many valuable presents. The "Messenger" congratulates the Presbytery of Auckland and the New Zealand Church on securing the services of one who will make his mark as a Christian and a gentleman wherever he goes. Mr Russell is well-known among Presbyterians in Wellington, where for a short period he ministered to St. Andrew's congregation.

The late M. Edouard Petit was a most popular man in Tahiti, where the population held hopes that he would return to them. He wore himself out by overwork in the interest of the State and the people, and stayed too long at it. When he was in Auckland he was very weak, but hoped to be able to reach the sunny skies of France before he quite broke down. Formerly a naval officer, he was an experienced member of the French Colonial Office, and once held the position of Chef du Service d'Afrique in the Colonial Ministry. His work completely revolutionised and put on a good working basis the administration in Tahiti, and when he left for Europe the Consular representatives of Great Britain, Germany and the United States went down to the ship to bid him bon voyage.

A family party consisting of Mrs. W. H. Smith, her sisters, Mrs. Trounson (Northern Wairoa) and Mrs. Gilmour (Newmarket) and the husbands of the two latter is going back to Portoferry, in Ireland, the place of their birth and childhood, for a pleasure excursion, and they left on Monday for Sydney on their way thither. Mrs. Smith met her friends at the Central Mission Hall last week to say good-bye, and the visiting sisters took the opportunity to formally present her with a silver chain-purse and card-case in recognition of her loyal adherence to the objects of the Mission. The Rev. Mr. Butler said he had found a very willing and liberal helper in Mrs. Smith in all the charitable work he had undertaken. Mr. Smith, in reply for his wife, said that she was going home for the holiday and the pleasure of revisiting the home of her youth.

Mrs. Hendre, who has been matron of the Costley Trainee Institute, Auckland, for some years, has been persuaded by the trustees of the institution to take a holiday, of which she stands much in need, and she accordingly left for America on the Ventura on March 18. The trustees in a letter to her express the liveliest appreciation of her services, and regret that her health has been indifferent of late, and conclude:—"The trustees hope you may have an enjoyable trip, and come back thoroughly recuperated

to again take up the duties of the position which you have filled with so much zeal and ability during the past six years." Mrs. Hendre, during her residence in Auckland, has taken an active part in public work, and holds the responsible position of official visitor to the Avondale Asylum. She will be away six months, and will spend most of her time travelling about America, and visiting the St. Louis Exposition. Her many friends in Auckland will wish her a pleasant holiday, and complete restoration to health.

A banquet was given last week in the Waipapakauri Hall to Mr. Joseph Evans, en route to the eve of his departure for a six months' trip to England. Over 100 friends were present, among others Messrs. Grafton, Colegrove, W. Walker, Culpan, and Hugh Wallace, representing Auckland business houses; also Mr. Vernon H. Reed, of Kawakawa. Mr. Houston, M.H.R., was chairman, and Mr. J. W. Shannon vice. Mr. Houston presented to Mr. Evans, on behalf of his friends, a handsome album. Mr. Wallace, of L. D. Nathan and Co., presented a dressing case on behalf of his firm, and Mr. Hudson a writing case on behalf of the employees of Mr. Evans. Many eulogistic speeches were made, referring to the pluck and energy which had raised Mr. Evans to his position as "gum king of the North." The speakers included Messrs. Houston, Hugh Wallace, Vernon Reed (on behalf of Bay of Islands friends), and E. E. Carr. Such old identities as Messrs. Williamson and Foley, who had known Mr. Evans during all his colonial life, spoke of the hardships he had faced, and the work and ability by which he had attained his present position. Mr. Houston, in a semi-political speech, spoke enthusiastically of the work of the Nelson Government. The banquet was an immense success.

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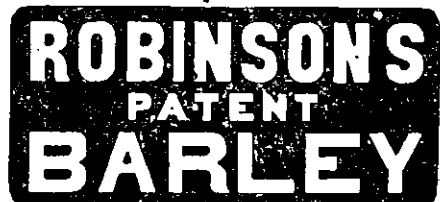
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