

Mr John H. Grainger, of Perth, W.A., with his niece, Miss W. Falconer, are staying at the Central Hotel. They returned from Rotorua on Tuesday after spending some time there for the benefit of Mr Grainger's health.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Neligan, Anglican Bishop of Auckland, arrived back in Auckland on Tuesday last from his tour of the North. He speaks very warmly of his tour, and returns to town more optimistic concerning the future of the diocese than ever.

Mr. C. F. Bourne, of Christchurch, is at present acting as an assistant master at the Wanganui Collegiate School during the temporary absence of Mr. J. R. Orford, who is at present taking a holiday at Hawera for the benefit of his health.

His Excellency the Governor visited Whangarei on Saturday, where he was received with enthusiasm. On Sunday, His Excellency and party went overland to Wharekōke, and thence by steamer launch to Dargaville, where he spent the night. He returned to Auckland on Monday night.

Messrs. H. Bray, J. M. Skinner, E. Sutherland, and A. McKeever are going to England and America for a time, and being amongst the oldest members of the Manukau Yacht Club, they were given a smoke concert by the Club on Saturday night at Onehunga.

Mr. W. H. R. Teape, who recently resigned the management of the Auckland Friendly Societies' Dispensary to take a similar position under the Christchurch Societies, left Auckland on Saturday by the East Coast boat for Christchurch.

Dr. Frengley, the new District Health Officer, arrived from Nelson on Wednesday and assumes duty in a few days. Dr. Mackgill, who is going into the bacteriological section of the Health Department, shows him round the district, and then goes South.

Mr. T. Mackenzie, who is delivering post-session addresses in various parts of Waitomo, was entertained at a social at Shag Point on Thursday evening, and given a presentation, with the wish that he would continue to represent the electorate.

Mr R. M. Simpson, manager for the Phoenix Assurance Company, who leaves on a trip to England on April 20th from Auckland by the Sonoma, will visit the St. Louis Exposition. He will be accompanied by Miss Simpson.

Mr. Charles Smith, of Te Korito, Wanganui, accompanied by his friend, Mr. Troup, of England, leave by the Ionic next week for an extended tour to Great Britain. They also intend to spend some time in Norway, both being keen fishermen.

The many friends of Mr. Karl Marris, formerly of Wanganui, and brother of Mr. W. S. Marris, of the I.C.S., will be glad to hear that he has been promoted to the command of one of the steamers of the Koc Guan line of Penang, Malay Peninsula.

Mrs. and Miss Waymouth and Miss Amy Garforth (Christchurch) have taken passages by the Ruapehu for England, leaving in a week or two. Miss Waymouth intends remaining in England for some time to continue her studies in painting.

News has been received by cable of the death of Mr. Alfred C. Garrick in London, one of the directors of the Loan and Mercantile Company and of the New Zealand Shipping Company. Mr. Alfred Garrick was a brother of the late Mr. J. F. Garrick (Garrick, Cowlishaw and Fisher), solicitor, Christchurch.

The Rev. W. Baumber and Mrs Baumber, of Christchurch, depart for England by the Ruapehu, which makes a direct passage, leaving Wellington on April 14. Mr Baumber hopes to visit Scotland and Ireland, and possibly the Continent. To a large extent the trip is being taken for the benefit of his health. Mr Baumber expects to be away for about ten months.

Mr. Jas. Kirker, general manager of the South British Insurance Company, returned to business for a few hours on Thursday after an absence of four weeks on account of serious illness. His reappearance in the city was warmly greeted by his numerous friends. Mr. Kirker goes to Rotorua to recuperate in a few days.

District Judge Kettle, who has just been appointed to the Auckland district, was at Nelson College in 1862-3. He passed the Law examinations in 1873, and after practising in his profession some years, was appointed district judge in 1880. It is a noteworthy fact that Mr Kettle was the first native of New Zealand to be appointed a Judge.

Mr. R. D. Stewart, manager of Mr. Williamson's Dramatic Company, left Auckland on Monday to meet the rest of the Dramatic Company joined the Zealandia on their way to Sydney. Its double tour of the colony has been one of the most successful theatrical ventures of recent days in our records.

Among recent tourists who have toured the Otago Lakes and Sounds districts are Miss D. Daniell, of Berkshire, and Miss Alice L. Appack, daughter of Mr George Francis Appack, of Camden Hall, Cranbrook, Kent. They intend now to tour the North Island, including a visit to Rotorua, and proceed from Auckland to England, via America.

Mr. Wallace, who was engaged in England as instructor in art and hand and eye work by the Board of Education, arrived by the Ruapehu at Wellington on Sunday, and came on to Auckland on Wednesday. Mr Wallace was present at the meeting of the Education Board on Wednesday afternoon, and was introduced to the members.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Saxby (Napier) have just returned after a delightful trip to England and Europe. They were absent about a year, and thoroughly enjoyed their travel, in spite of the bad weather so many New Zealanders have complained of in their sojourns in England for the last year or two.

The Rev. J. K. Elliott (Wellington), who is going to Australia for a holiday, has been presented by his parishioners with a purse of 70 sovereigns, with the request that he should spend the contents of the purse during his visit to Australia in pleasure and profit. Mr Elliott has been in charge of the Kent-terrace Church for 17 years without a holiday.

A notable wedding was solemnised at Oropi (Bay of Plenty) on March 17 between Miss S. Z. Blundell, youngest daughter of Mr. Arthur Blundell, one of the principal land-owners in the locality, to Mr. Gerard Lane, son of Mr. James Lane, of "The Ferns," Clevedon. The bride was attended by her small niece, Miss Ethel Alley, and the groomsmen was Mr. Louis Ludwig.

Lieut.-Col. Sir Donald Robertson and Lady Robertson leave for England by the Ionic. Other passengers by the same vessel are: Mr and Mrs J. B. Kennedy (Auckland), Mr and Mrs W. B. Kebbell (Wellington), Mr. Mrs. and the Misses Nathan (3) (Wellington), Col. Mrs. and Miss Pitcher, Major Maxwell (India), Mr E. P. Orna (Sydney), Mr and Mrs Brownlee (Havelock), Mrs Perkins and Miss Nisbett.

Mr J. L. Larke, Commissioner of Trade for Canada in Australasia, is at present visiting the colony in the interests of the Dominion. He addressed the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, and after the conclusion of his visit here goes South to the other principal cities and towns. Mr Larke is very hopeful of the prospects of reciprocal trade, and what he has to say on the matter is published in an interview in another column.

Mr Paul M. Hansen, managing director of the Auckland Electric Tramways Co., Ltd., has decided to make a visit to England, mainly on business, but partly on pleasure bent. He will be away for six months. His departure, however, will not be till after the Arbitration Court proceedings next month are over. Mr Hansen will have been working in the colony five years without a break or holiday on the 28th of this month, and he feels that he deserves a holiday.

Miss Alice L. Nicholson, second daughter of the late Mr. E. O. Nicholson, of Niue Island, was married on Wednesday at Wellington to Mr. F. J. Kirby, senior sub-editor of the "New Zealand Times." The bridesmaids were Miss Irene Kirby, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Flore Nicholson, sister of the bride. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Emil Schwabe. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. J. Reed Glasson at the residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. James Cowan.

At the Union Company's Dunedin office on Saturday the directors and executive officers met Captain Chatfield, to present him with a token of esteem on the occasion of his retirement from the Company's service. The Hon. G. McLean, in presenting a valuable timepiece, said Captain Chatfield had come into the Company's service with a high reputation, and he was leaving it after 25 years with his reputation unimpaired, and the knowledge he had never caused the directors a moment's uneasiness. Mr Jas. Mills, managing director, also spoke in eulogy of Captain Chatfield, who suitably replied.

Mrs Dillingham, of Gladstone-road, Parnell, Auckland, wife of Consul-General Dillingham, of the United States, has been seriously indisposed and confined to her bed for some weeks, but is now so far recovered that she hopes to be able to leave on a visit to her American home on April the 8th. Miss Julia Dillingham will accompany her mother, but the Consul-General's heavy duties in New Zealand preclude his taking a holiday. After a visit to her mother Mrs Dillingham and her daughter visit the St. Louis Exhibition, and will also do a considerable amount of travelling.

Mr. John Lowe, who died on Saturday last in the Palmerston Hospital, was an old soldier, who had served in the army for 21 years. He was discharged from the 8th Regiment in 1871, after he had served in the Crimea and received the medal and clasp, Turkish medal, long service and good conduct medal. He also served in India during the Mutiny, and had a good record. His eldest son is now serving in India with rank of sergeant.

"Christchurch Press" says that there are at least three gentlemen in New Zealand who were also with Admiral Togo as cadets in the old R.M.S. Worcester, their names being Captain Marciel, Superintendent of Mercantile Marine at Lyttelton, Captain Berryman, also of Lyttelton, and Captain East, who is Marine Superintendent in New Zealand for the Tysar Company. Still another of the old Worcester "boys" is Captain Sutcliffe, commander of the New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer Tongariro.

At the Paeroa Methodist Church last Wednesday was celebrated the marriage of Miss Maggie Hamilton, eldest daughter of Mr. M. Hamilton, at one time an Auckland resident, and Mr. John Tetley, of Paeroa, formerly a member of the First Contingent. Misses Lily Hamilton and Tetley were the bridesmaids, and Mr. W. Wallace the groomsmen. The Rev. W. Greenslade, of Devonport, solemnised the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Tetley are going to South Africa next week.

Dean Kirk's death has been received with great regret all over the colony. Born in Monaghan, he commenced his studies there, continued them in England, and finished his collegiate course in Dublin. He was ordained in November, 1870, in the pro-Cathedral in Dundalk. About a year later he was sent out to Sydney as curate of St. Patrick's. He remained in Sydney for three years, and then went to Wellington, in February, 1874, and shortly afterward was appointed to Wanganui, where he resided ever since. In Wanganui he did excellent work for his church, and at the same time endeared himself to every section of the community.

Among visitors to Wellington at present is Lord Monk-Bretton, C.B., who is on a holiday visit to New Zealand. After spending a few days at the seat of Government, Lord Monk-Bretton goes up the Wairarapa on a deer-stalking expedition; he hopes to visit the principal sights of the colony before returning to England in a few weeks time. Lord Monk-Bretton, who is the second Baron of that name, was formerly secretary to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, but his trip to the colonies is unconnected with politics.

A pleasing ceremony took place at the Thurms last Wednesday, when Mr William McCullough, president of the Lawn Tennis Club, on behalf of members, presented Mr C. V. Beckford, who is leaving for Auckland to conclude his professional studies, with a purse containing sovereigns, with a request that the recipient should purchase some memento. Mr McCullough referred to Mr Beckford's many good qualities, his willingness to oblige, and his energy as a worker whenever his services were requisitioned. Mr

Beckford carried with him the best wishes of his many friends, regret at his departure, and good wishes for his future success.

A pretty wedding was solemnised in St. Sepulchre's Church on Wednesday afternoon last, the contracting parties being Miss Maud Brerley, eldest daughter of Mr J. Brerley, and Mr A. Morris, son of Mr Morris, both of Avondale. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by four bridesmaids, two of whom were dressed in cream and two in lavender. At the conclusion of the ceremony the party drove to Avondale, where the wedding breakfast was served in a large marquee erected in the grounds of the couple's future residence. A large gathering of relatives and friends were entertained in the Victoria Hall in the evening.

Mr and Mrs C. A. Richardson returned from South Africa by the Ruapehu after an absence of some months. Mr Richardson had a good appointment in Rhodesia, but continued attacks of fever have undermined his health, and necessitated a return to New Zealand. While in South Africa, Mr and Mrs Richardson had the great misfortune to lose their only child, a boy of four years old; the deepest sympathy is felt with them on their sad loss.

The late Mrs Clark, widow of the Rev. James Clark, of Dunedin, who in her life was very beneficent, left at her death large sums to different religious and charitable bodies. She bequeathed £100 to each of the following schemes of the Presbyterian Church:—Maori Mission, Indian Mission, New Hebrides; £200 to China; £1500 to be funded for the mission work of the Church in India; and £250 to the Palmerston South congregation to be funded for the use of the Sunday school. For some years she used to give £20 per annum as a theological scholarship, and shortly before her death she donated £1000 to found a scholarship for divinity students in memory of her husband. She bequeathed £500 to the Presbyterian Church to form an endowment the income of which will be applied, under the direction of the assembly, without any denominational test, to promote sound learning on the part of the students at the Otago University; and she also bequeathed £250 to the Dunedin Hospital.

Mr J. H. Dalton, who, with his wife, is leaving on a holiday visit to England and the Continent, was on Friday presented by his employees with a travelling case, a similar presentation being made to Mrs Dalton. The employees, to the number of nearly 80, assembled in the factory, headed by Miss Smith, the forewoman, and the presentation was made by Mr Harry Levy, manager of the retail branch of the business. Mr Levy in a brief speech said they had assembled with the object of presenting Mr Dalton with a slight token of the great esteem in which he was held. In asking him to accept if they desired to say that he had been the best employer it was possible to have, and if any man deserved a holiday it was he. Since the speaker had joined the staff, some twelve years ago, they had worked as a united family, their employer giving them nothing of which they could complain. They had seen the business grow so rapidly that now it was a very large concern, and they all felt that, besides giving him a holiday, the trip would enable Mr Dalton to see the methods pursued in the up-to-date factories of the Old World and America. On behalf of the staff he desired to wish Mr and Mrs Dalton a happy and prosperous voyage and a safe return.

Mr Dalton, in the course of his reply, said that the presentation came to him as a genuine surprise. It was more than kind of them to think of him in the way they had done. He was going away for a holiday in full confidence that the factory under the direction of Miss Smith and the retail business under Mr Levy, assisted by Mr Stevens and Miss Moore, would go on as in the past. He hoped when he returned to meet an united gathering as he was leaving. The proceedings closed with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" by the whole of the staff. The dressings presented were very handsome, being of tan and black morocco, silver-mounted, the inscription setting forth the occasion of the presentation being the work of Messrs Kirkman and Dennistow.