

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

NATURAL LANDING PLACE AT WHANGAREI HEADS.

On the beach below Manaia, Whangarei Heads, almost opposite Marsden Point Wharf, there is one of those remarkable freaks of nature which it is hard to think are not the work of human hands. This is the natural landing place, which is so familiar to all visitors to this striking part of the Northern coast. As will be seen from the photograph we give, the blocks of stone are so regularly arranged that one hesitates before believing that this apparently carefully-built boat-pier is the result of chance. To add to the description, there is a well-defined pathway from end to end. Although the Maoris have used the spot for generations, it is hardly possible that their feet can have worn a path like that made by the prisoner of Chillon in his narrow cell. The natives themselves, however, say that the track is the result of countless comings and goings. Their account of the building of the pier is very characteristic. Once in the days when the world was wide, before the pakeha came from over the Great Ocean of Kiwa, Manaia, who now frowns from the top of the serrated range that runs down to the sea, began to build a roadway across the water. Versions differ as to his reason for starting this remarkable piece of civil engineering. Some accounts say that it was part of a comprehensive public works scheme to consolidate the unemployed, while others have it that he wanted the road to pursue his better half, who was, according to the legend, one of those "erring spouses" of whom we read in all ages, whether the people be black, brown or white. Whatever the cause, Manaia started his great task. Unfortunately the project had not the approval of the gods, and as regularly as Manaia toiled in the day, so regularly they demolished his work in the dark night. In spite of this opposition, Manaia apparently succeeded in getting back his wahine, for there she stands to-day, just behind him, with her pickaninny on her back, and if you get her profile at a certain angle you can see her smoking a cutty pipe. (This, however, must be an anachronism, because all those troublous incidents in the household of Manaia happened long before the advent of the white man, and the white man brought pipes with him. Perhaps Mrs Manaia was "in advance of the age.")

Geologists explain that the pier is the result of volcanic action, and is called a basaltic dike. Ages ago there was a flow of lava from some crack or fissure in the side of Manaia, and on meeting the sea it split up in the remarkable manner shown in the photograph. The formation is identical with that at the Giant's Causeway in Ireland, only the columns are perpendicular in the one instance and horizontal in the other.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI AT MANLY.

One of those impressive spectacles which are characteristic of the Roman Catholic Church took place on a recent Sunday afternoon at Manly, Sydney, in the presence of a very large assemblage of devotees and spectators. St. Patrick's College, which is such a prominent landmark on the highland above the Manly village, was dressed in tunting, and the grounds were looking at their best.

Special arrangements had been made with the ferry companies for the conveyance of the large number of participants from Sydney to Manly. On arrival at Manly a procession was formed, and headed by the Hibernian Band, marched to the college grounds, where several thousands of persons had gathered to witness the proceedings. The procession was made up of the Children of Mary and the various Roman Catholic schools, the Hibernian Guilds, the Sodality of the Sacred Heart, the Catholic Young Men's Associations, Foresters, and other societies. The different organisations were indicated by their respective banners and flags, while their members wore their distinctive regalia. The children were all attired in white, with red scarves or sashes, and several of the associations of young women wore variously coloured habiliments and flowing veils. When the procession got into swing on the upper terrace of the grounds, the effect of the waving banners and the moving figures in uniforms and regalia made up an impressive colour scene, while the singing of the hymns

by the choristers, and the chanting of the priests and college students, had a very pleasing influence on the ear.

The special ceremony of the day consisted in carrying the Sacrament in procession. Archbishop Kelly, supporting the Host, under a silken canopy, and accompanied by a large number of priests and students, marched through the grounds, chanting the Litany of the Saints. They were immediately preceded by a number of little girls, all dressed in white and carrying little baskets filled with flowers, with which they bestrewed the pathway of the clergy. A temporary altar was placed at the main entrance to the college, and as the processionists, led by the cross-bearers and acolytes, passed, all genuflected on both knees. Here, on the broad terrace facing the altar, the various organisations were massed, with the public behind, and as the canopy approached, all knelt down and remained in that position while the solemn ceremony of benediction was performed by Archbishop Kelly, who was assisted by the Rev. J. Lawless, deacon, and the Rev. S. Burchill, sub-deacon. During the ceremony the children, led by the band, sang "O Salutaris," "Tantum Ergo," "Laudate," "Adoremus," and "O Sanctissima."

FORTY YEARS' PROGRESS AT DEVONPORT.

Forty years ago a draughtsman sat on the eastern slopes of Mount Victoria, Devonport, sketching the landscape that lay between the mountain and the North Head. His sketch we reproduce on page 26 of this issue. Faithfully depicted in the drawing may be seen the homes of some of the pioneers of the marine suburb. Of these, first in interest is the Pilot Station, nestling at the foot of the North Head. This station comprised the house of the chief pilot (Capt. I. J. Burgess) and the cottages occupied by his men. The cottages were removed some two or three years ago; but to-day, after a long and honourable career of public service, Capt. Burgess still occupies his time-honoured home. On the inside of the Head is the bay where at that time flowed the splendid fresh water spring from which Devonport took its original name "Takapuna." Round the bay is pictured the Maori settlement, which flourished until the close of the Waikato war, when it became deserted, and was never again re-occupied. Of the remaining four buildings in the sketch, two still remain intact—one is still to be seen on the eastern side of Messrs Duder Bros.' store in Beach-road, and the other a few yards to the north of Holy Trinity Parsonage.

Beneath the picture of 1864 is presented the same landscape as it appears to-day. Forty years have wrought many changes. The North Head, then a sheep run and pilot's look-out post, is now Fort Caulley, with its cannon, its earthworks, its tunnels and barracks. The peaceful bay at Takapuna knows the Maori no more, but is the busy site of a great submarine mining station. A green and close-trimmed sward overlays the raupo and reed of the swamp which the artist saw four decades ago, and where the wild duck and the pukeko had their haunt, the footballer, the cricketer and the bowler now forgoeth. Road, street and path now traverse hill and foreshore, whilst church and cottage, villa and shop, have been raised on every side. A scene, then already beautiful, has by man's handwork been rendered still more beautiful, and though the area comprised in the view is but a small part of the square mile within Devonport's boundaries, yet the contrast marks an example of progress reflecting the highest credit upon our finest suburb.

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Personal Paragraphs.

Miss Hunter-Brown has gone back to Nelson after a stay in Wellington. Miss Rutherford, of the Wairarapa, is staying in Wanganui with friends. Mr P. M. Bewick (Liverpool) is on a visit to Wellington. Miss Wilding (Christchurch) is leaving for England via America shortly. Mrs Sandes has been paying a visit to Mrs Ring at Berkeley, Dunedin. Dr. Ulrich (Wellington) has gone South for a visit. Mr and Mrs Pitcaithly (Christchurch) are visiting Wellington. Miss Scott, of Gisborne, is staying in Wanganui with her sister, Mrs. Innes. Mrs. Arthur Sherriff, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Murton. Mrs. Fullerton-Smith, of Marton, is staying in Wanganui with friends. Mr A. Mcintosh Clark, of Auckland, is visiting Wellington. Miss Hill, of Rangitikei, is staying in Wanganui with Miss Jones. Mrs. Morton Jones (Wanganui) is the guest of Mrs. Hill (Rangitikei). Mrs. Wickstead, of Timaru, is spending the winter months in Wanganui. Miss Page, of Wanganui, is the guest of Mrs. Geo. Lettbridge, at Hauteville. Miss Diagan, of the Wairarapa, has been spending her holidays in Wanganui. The Rev. C. Dallaston (Wellington) has returned after some weeks spent in Auckland. Mrs Chatfield is back in Wellington after a stay with friends in Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs E. R. Corn (England), who are visiting New Zealand, were recently in Wellington. Mr. Egbert Fitzherbert, of "Birds' Grove, Wanganui, is visiting friends in Feilding. Mrs Le Cocq has returned to Picton from Waipukurau, where she has been visiting friends. Mr. Knowles, proprietor of the Napier "Daily Telegraph," arrived in Auckland by the East Coast steamer on Sunday. Mr and Mrs Herbert Stell (Yorkshire, England) are at present making a stay in Wellington. Mrs. Ward, of Palmerston North, is the guest of Mrs. H. Surjeant, in Wanganui. Mrs Antill, of Napier, who has been visiting Mrs Lowry, of Havelock for several weeks, has returned home. Mr and Mrs Joseph Palmer, "Woodford," Papanui, have gone to Sumner for the winter. Miss Bessie Ward, of Palmerston North, is staying with Miss Dodgshun, in Wanganui. Mr W. Bird, Inspector of Native Schools, has left Wellington on a tour of Northern schools. Miss McLachlan, of Auckland, is the guest of Mrs. D'Arcy, St. John's Hill, Wanganui. Mr Hatfield, a son of the proprietor of Coker's Hotel, Christchurch, left in the Morning as midshipman.

The appointment of Mr E. D'Arcy Hamilton as deputy-registrar of births, etc., at Kawhia is announced. Miss McBeth, of Christchurch, is at present in Wanganui with her brother, Mr. J. D. McBeth, Gonville. Mr. John Mason, of Wanganui, is on a visit to friends in Hawke's Bay and Wellington. A memorial window to Mrs. Suter, wife of Bishop Suter, has been unveiled in Bishopdale Chapel, Nelson. Mrs and Miss Carrick of Home Bay, Ponsonby, Auckland, have gone to Wanganui on a visit to Miss Parkes. Miss Royce, of Dunedin, is visiting Gisborne, and is staying with Mrs Sainsbury, Kaiti. Miss Abbot (Auckland) is staying with Mrs Swarbrick (Hamilton) for a holiday.

Mr W. M. Bankart spent a night in Hamilton last week on his way from Auckland to his home at Te Mata. Mr and Mrs (Mrs Hill) have returned to Christchurch from their wedding trip to Australia, and have settled in their home on Papanui-road. Mr W. Herries, M.H.R. for the Bay of Plenty, has just completed an extended pre-seasonal tour of his constituency. Mr J. R. Hamilton, who has been travelling about New Zealand, is making a stay in Wellington. Mr Hamilton is a resident of Buenos Ayres, Uruguay. Miss Barbara Pitman (Wellington) has gone to Hawera to make arrangements for the Carnival, which will be held in August. Mr Wrey Nolan, Judge Chapman's associate, has been staying with his parents at Gisborne during the sitting of the Arbitration Court in Gisborne. Bishop Ridley, of Canada, spent a few days in Wanganui last week, and gave a most interesting lecture on missions. Dr. W. C. W. McDowell, B.A., Ch.B., has been nominated as graduate's representative on the Auckland University Council. Mr and Mrs G. E. Rhodes (Ellesmere) have moved into Christchurch for a time, and are residing at Elmwood, Papanui. Mr M. McCallum is doing well at Cambridge, and hopes to be sufficiently recovered to return to Auckland in three weeks. Mr A. L. Pratt, of Wairoa, recently spent a few days in Wanganui on his way home from an enjoyable holiday in Christchurch. Mrs T. Cawte (Mahakipawa) is spending a few days with her sister (Mrs H. Greensill) in Picton, prior to going North for the winter months. Mr and Mrs J. H. Overton, of Canterbury, arrived in Auckland on Sunday by the Zealandia, and after staying at Papatotoko go on to Roturua. Mr and Mrs. Gilbert Robertson, of Kawhia, returned to their home last week after a four months' holiday in Wanganui. Mr H. A. Parker (Wellington) is to act as captain of the New Zealand representative lawn tennis team which will visit Australia in a few months. Captain M. Slattery, of Northcote, has been granted a pension of £50 a year by the British War Office for distinguished and meritorious services. Messrs. T. McLimes, T. Granger, J. W. White, E. Heath, and G. J. Sellwood, junior, have been appointed members of the Howick Domain Board. Miss Eleanor Bush, the Christchurch girl who went home to have her voice trained, has returned to New Zealand on account of the serious illness of her father. Miss Kingsford, who is shortly to be married, was presented by the teachers and scholars in the Cambridge District High School with a silver cake-stand and a purse on leaving the school. Lord Plunket has accepted the invitation on behalf of himself and Lady Plunket of the officers of the Wellington Garrison to the ball to be held on Tuesday, July 5. Mr. W. B. Cunningham, purser of the Hawea, has been transferred to a similar position on the Penguin. Mr. Gow, purser of the latter vessel, relieves him on the Hawea. News has been received by Miss N. M. Hodgkins, the well-known Wellington artist, formerly of Dunedin, that one of her pictures has been accepted for the Royal Academy this year. Mr. G. Whitty, M.H.R. for Riecenton, informed an audience which he addressed the other evening at Addington that he had come out to the colony in an emigrant ship with 2/- in his pockets. Mr. Leslie Reynolds, C.E., of Wellington, was in Wanganui last week on his way back from Patea. The Wanganui Harbour Board are talking of consulting him in connection with the proposed river improvement works. Mr. Charles Hatfield, son of Mr. J. Hatfield, of Coker's Hotel, Christchurch, has joined as a midshipman on board the Antarctic ship Morning. Until recently Mr. Hatfield was a student at Christ's College.

The Rev. W. R. Woolley, pastor of the Baptist Church at New Plymouth, who used to be the Thames pastor, is suffering from pleurisy, and his condi-