

trahisa, was for some years stationed in Wellington, where he took much interest in athletic matters, and was for a considerable period captain of the Star Boating Club.

Colonel Loveday, who commands the cadet regiment of the colony, is at present in Auckland, and proposes to inspect the State schools' cadets in this locality before the 11th inst. He commences with the Parnell school. Afterwards he goes to Waihi and Paeroa to complete the district inspection, and thence returns to Wellington.

Mr Oliver W. Peck, general manager of a firm of Sheffield steel goods manufacturers, is at present in Auckland. He arrived in the colony by the Gothic, and came on to Auckland. He goes to Rotorua for a few days on Tuesday. Thereafter he goes to the southern towns, across to Australia, thence to India and then Home.

Major Dunk (Palmerston North) has just been the recipient of a silver coffee service and a handsome fruit-stand, in recognition of his work in connection with the Manawatu Winter Show. Major Dunk has been many years resident in Palmerston North, and has filled a number of important public positions with success.

Mrs Dargaville and Miss Muriel Dargaville returned to Auckland on Sunday by the Zealandia, after a most enjoyable three months' visit to Melbourne and Sydney. As their house in Parnell is still occupied by Mr and Mrs Hamford, Mrs Dargaville will pay some visits in the country, and Miss Dargaville stays with Mrs Ware, Hemuera, for a while.

Sir John See, M.L.C., and ex-Premier of New South Wales, with his daughter and Miss Bryne, went to Rotorua by the express last week, and will probably remain there for a month before returning to Australia. Sir John is taking a political rest after 24 years of strenuous life in the service of the State, and it is probable that he will re-enter politics at a later date. Sir Joseph Ward sent Sir John a telegram of hearty welcome to New Zealand.

At a meeting of St. Matthew's choir, held last week, Mr A. Towsey, the late organist, introduced his successor, Mr R. Leslie Hunt. Mr R. Cameron, on behalf of the choir, presented Mr Towsey with a purse of sovereigns and spoke feelingly of the deep regard in which the recipient was held by all present, and wishing him long life and prosperity in his new sphere. A very handsome travelling bag was also presented to Miss Towsey.

The regard that country people come to have for their school-teacher was shown in the case of Mr Geisler, of Paradise (Northern Waikato), who has resigned from the school on account of ill-health. The residents assembled in force to present him with a Gladstone bag and a birthday-book containing the names of those who made the present. Mr Geisler has been teacher at Paradise for the past two years, and became very popular with the settlers and children.

Mr Arthur Towsey, who has been conductor of the Orphans' Club orchestra for a considerable time, was presented with a purse of sovereigns by the Club at its meeting on Saturday night. The president, Mr W. Coleman, on behalf of the Club, expressed to Mr Towsey the Club's appreciation of his ability and his services. Mr Towsey received an ovation as he rose to respond, and he briefly thanked members for their cordiality. He was very sorry to say goodbye. Before the concert concluded "Auld Lang Syne" was sung in Mr Towsey's honour.

On the 27th ult. the members of the Napier medical profession entertained Drs. Leahy and Wilson at dinner at the Masonic Hotel, to bid farewell to the former and welcome the latter as house surgeon to the Napier Hospital. Dr. De Lisle occupied the chair, and Dr. Ronald the vice-chair. During the evening the latter presented Dr. Leahy with a silver plate, which is to be fixed in a roll-top desk. On the plate was inscribed: "Presented to J. D. P. Leahy, M.B., D.P.H., by the past and present members of the honorary staff of the Napier Hospital."

Mr J. W. Hinton, who has been appointed general manager of Messrs. Kenphorne, Peasner, Co., Ltd.'s business, with headquarters in Dunedin, has been in the employ of the firm for the past 40 years, and for 22 years manager of the Auckland branch. On Monday

week the employees assembled to make him a presentation of a gold Albert and locket, a gold sovereign-purse, and a pair of gold sleeve links, as a parting gift. Mr C. J. Shaw, who with Mr William Taylor will share the management at Auckland, presented the gifts with an appropriate speech.

Private letters received in Auckland state that Mr John Wilkie, partner in the Wanganui firm of Wilkie Bros., which built the railway to Coolgardie, and thence on to Kalgoorlie—and made such a financial success of it also—has purchased a big tract of land in West Australia with the object of starting a stud farm. Mrs Wilkie and her family have let the well-known sheep-breeding farm, "Meadowbank," in Wanganui, and gone to West Australia to settle. Mr Wilkie has imported some of his best stud sheep to West Australia for breeding purposes. Mr A. Wilkie, his brother, was in Auckland in mid-summer last, and has now returned to the Western State.

It is stated that the Duke of Abruzzi, Prince Luigi, a cousin of the King of Italy, will arrive in Auckland shortly in the Italian third-class cruiser Liguria, which he commands. The Duke is a great traveller, and he has the honor of having fitted out and conducted an expedition which attempted to reach the North Pole. He is an enthusiastic sportsman. It is understood that the Duke will make an extended tour of the colony, as he takes a great interest in matters of social progress in the outlying parts of the world. The Duke holds the position of captain in the Italian Navy. In his efforts to reach the North Pole he penetrated nearer the Pole than any other explorer, reaching latitude 84 deg. 33 min. N. This beat Nansen's record in 1900. Another notable achievement was his ascent of Mt. St. Elias, on which he published a book in 1900.

Mr Daniel Connell, a veteran of the Maori wars, died last week in the Pariri nursing home, Auckland, at the age of 64 years. He had an interesting career. A cooper in came out to Australia about 1864, and was at once attracted to the Scotch settlement of Dunedin by the call for militia in the Maori war. He saw four years' active service in the militia and the Armed Constabulary under Whitmore, Pitt, George, and others in the North Island wars, chasing Te Kooiti and Titokowaru. In the early days of journalism in Auckland he was a reader on the "Southern Cross," and he used to do wood-engraving and similar work for the newspapers later on. Afterwards he was nine years storeman in the railway workshops. He married in 1873 Miss M. W. Ronaldson, an Edinburgh girl, who predeceased him by 14 years, and left him one son, who survives his parents. Mr Connell was for nearly 36 years continuously a resident of Auckland.

Mrs G. P. Donnelly (Arini Tonore), of Cruise, Hawke's Bay, who has been so much honoured at Home, is one of the most influential and aristocratic of the Maori chiefesses, and certainly the most widely known in New Zealand. On the occasion of her departure for England the natives from various parts of Hawke's Bay assembled to bid her farewell in native fashion, and asked her to convey to His Majesty a message from them, expressing the Maoris' great loyalty to their Sovereign. When the Prince and Princess of Wales (then the Duke and Duchess of York) visited New Zealand, Mrs Donnelly, as representative of various tribes in Hawke's Bay, arranged on their behalf at Rotorua special Maori tributes to the visitors. These included a valuable collection of Maori curios, the finest collection that has ever left this colony. The Duke personally expressed to Mrs Donnelly his thanks, and invited her to be the guest of the Duchess and himself should she ever visit England. The fulfilment of that invitation is the honour asked.

The members of the Dunedin Trinity Methodist Church assembled to bid farewell to Mr and Mrs C. E. Edgar, on the eve of their departure to Auckland, whether Mr Edgar has been promoted by Messrs. Sargood, Son, and Ewen, the Rev. C. H. Laws said that they had gathered there to say "Good-bye" to two of the most respected and beloved members of their congregation. Mr Edgar had for some time been one of the church trustees, and he was also for some years a faithful member of the choir. Mrs. Edgar had devoted long

and valued services to the church as a member of the choir and as a Sunday-school teacher. On behalf of the trustees of the church he had to present Mr and Mrs. Edgar with a silver hot water kettle, and, on behalf of the choir, to present Mrs. Edgar with a salad bowl and Mr. Edgar with a silver-mounted walking-stick, also Mr. E. Edgar with a silver penknife. Mr. Edgar has been a prominent member of the Dunedin Liedertafel for the past 12 years, and the members presented him with an inscribed chain pendant.

A reunion of old residents of the Eden Terrace district, Auckland, took place last week in the Public Hall, the main object of the gathering being to celebrate the golden wedding of the clerk of the district and his wife, Mr and Mrs W. O. Pocklington. Mesdames Garrett, Beedell, Wharton, Coles, Patterson, and other ladies, with several gentlemen, were the promoters, and a very pleasant evening was spent. About 60 persons, including the members of the Road Board, were present by invitation, and the hall was neatly decorated with flags, etc. Mr. J. H. Garrett, as chairman, in a few suitable words, presented Mr. and Mrs. Pocklington, on behalf of the subscribers, with an illuminated address, accompanied by two arm-chairs and a fancy coverlet, Messrs. A. C. Atkin, F. A. Cleveland, T. W. Freeman, G. A. Coles, and J. J. Jenkins briefly congratulated the recipients, and expressed best wishes for them in their remaining years. Mr. Pocklington feelingly responded, thanking the donors for their presents and the speakers for their congratulatory remarks. A tastefully-laid supper, provided by the ladies, and including the customary wedding cake, was then served, and the health of the "bride and bridegroom" duly toasted and acknowledged.

Our London correspondent writes:—

Mr H. W. Williams, Doctor of Philosophy, is spending a brief holiday in London. For the past few years Dr. Williams has been living in Germany, first at Dresden and Munich Universities, where he had a distinguished career, and latterly at Stuttgart, where he holds the position of correspondent for the London Times. Dr. Williams is the son of the Rev. W. J. Williams, a well-known Wesleyan clergyman in New Zealand.

Mr H. Soames, of Christchurch, who is home on a pleasure trip, travelled by way of Suez on the German steamer Geiser. He intends making a tour through Ireland and Scotland, returning Southwards through England and then, after a brief stay in London, travelling across the Continent to join an outward-going steamer in the Mediterranean about the middle of September.

Mr H. D. Bell, of Wellington, has come to London to argue several appeal cases before the Privy Council. Mr Bell travelled via San Francisco, and stayed a few days at St. Louis. He anticipates that the appeal cases will keep him in England for about six months.

Miss Elsie Hall, the Australian pianist, had the honour of playing before Princess Henry of Battenberg at Kensington Palace on Thursday evening last. The Princess expressed herself delighted with the playing of this accomplished pianist, who, it will be remembered, played before the Prince and Princess of Wales during their recent visit to Australia.

Mr and Mrs G. Tisch, of Tararaki, who travelled from Australia by the North German line, left the steamer at Genoa and spent five or six weeks on the Continent, visiting among other places Milan, Venice, Vienna, Dresden, Berlin, Paris, and Brussels, and having altogether a very enjoyable time. They arrived in London last week, and purpose staying in the Metropolis for some time before commencing another round trip, which will include the chief centres of interest in the three kingdoms, and a visit to Norway. Whilst on his travels Mr Tisch is studying the conduct of municipal affairs.

After a pleasant voyage by the Ionic and a week's rest in Plymouth, Mr C. H. Orchard, of Christchurch, who is accompanied by his wife and family, arrived in London a few days ago. His trip home is purely one of pleasure, and he proposes to spend the next three

months touring in the United Kingdom and on the Continent.

Mr Lewis W. Tosswill, of Christchurch, was amongst the arrivals from New Zealand by the Ionic last month. During his fortnight in London Mr Tosswill visited the Wool Exchange and stores and Smithfield Market, in addition to the usual sights. At present he is staying with relatives at Crowborough, in Sussex, whence he goes to Devonshire to another branch of his relations. While in this country he hopes to attend some of the best agricultural shows, and to visit various stud, sheep and cattle farms. Before leaving for New Zealand in October he will visit Scotland and Ireland. The return journey will be made by one of the Shaw, Savill boats. Mr Tosswill came home partly on account of his health, and he tells me he has consulted "the best man in England," with good results.

Mr William Broughton, of Waireka, since his arrival at the beginning of May, has been staying with relatives in Yorkshire and visiting various places of interest, and last week was in London for the May meetings and Christian Endeavour gatherings at Exeter Hall. He left this week for the Continent, intending to spend a fortnight or three weeks there, and on his return will visit Scotland and Ireland. He hopes to be present at the Christian Endeavour Convention to be held in July at Keswick. The return journey to New Zealand will be made via America. Mr Broughton leaves for New York by the Cedric on August 5th, and after visiting Niagara, the St. Louis Exhibition and Salt Lake City, will join the R.M.S. Sierra, leaving San Francisco on September 8th. Being a farmer, Mr Broughton has taken the opportunity while in London of studying the wool markets, and the methods of meat distribution. He has visited Smithfield, a number of the principal cold storage warehouses, and the wool sales, and he tells me that he was very much pleased with what he saw and heard.

Mr B. Spiller, of Christchurch, who is now in the employ of Debenham and Co., in London, succeeded in winning last Saturday the medal presented by the Mayor of Marylebone for the annual walking match promoted by the Cavendish House Association. The match was held in Wembley Park, over a ten-mile course, and there were 24 starters. Spiller and a competitor named Kinnaird took the lead from the start, and these two walked almost side by side for nine miles of the course. Over the last mile Spiller considerably increased his pace, and Kinnaird's weight preventing any effective response on his part, the New Zealander drew ahead and won the match, covering the ten miles in 31m 35s. Kinnaird arrived 55 seconds later, and the third man, in 33s behind the second. The winner's time was excellent for a man who had had no special preparation in the way of training. The Mayor of Marylebone (Rev. H. Russell Wakefield, M.A.), in presenting the prizes, rallied the English competitors on having allowed a colonial to beat them.

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