

Personal Paragraphs.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Plunket are as energetic as ever in making themselves thoroughly acquainted with Wellington and its surroundings. One day recently a large party from Government House drove out to Wainuiomata, about 20 miles away, and inspected the city's reservoir. The fine scenery and the beautiful native bush called forth much admiration. Another day they went by invitation to the Skating Rink, and were initiated in the alluring pastime of rinking, the building being closed half-an-hour earlier than ordinary to avoid the usual crowd of skaters.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Davies (Woodville) are staying at Day's Bay, Wellington.

Mr and Mrs R. A. de Lantour, of Gisborne, are on a trip to Auckland.

Mr. J. Wallace (London) is spending a few days in Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney, New Plymouth, have gone to reside in Tauranga.

Mrs. Pain, New Plymouth, is on a visit to Auckland.

Miss Woodbine-Johnson (Gisborne) is in Wellington staying with relations.

Mr W. Fitzgerald (Wanganui) is on a short visit to Wellington.

Mrs. Neave has returned to Christchurch from a visit to Pelorus Sound.

Mr. G. Hunter (Palangata, H.B.) was recently in Wellington.

Mrs. Harden, of Kimbolton, has been staying in Wanganui for a short visit.

Mr. E. F. Lilley (Belfast, Ireland), is making a stay in Wellington.

Miss Page, of Wanganui, has returned from a visit to friends in Rangitikei.

Mrs. T. Rayson (Dunedin) has gone to Wellington to live.

Miss Moore, of Wanganui, has been staying at Bulls with Mrs. J. G. Wilson.

Mr. G. Fenwick has returned to Dunedin after a short stay in Wellington.

Mrs. Semes (Christchurch) has gone on a visit to her brother in Blenheim.

Messrs. Mandl and Murdoch (West Coast) are visiting Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell (Brunner) are in Wellington for a short time.

Messrs. E. and P. Hallenstein (Dunedin) are making a short stay in Wellington.

Mrs. Stanley Orbell, of Taranaki, is at present paying a visit to her mother, Mrs. Daere, in Park Avenue.

Miss Fodor, of Christchurch, is at present in Auckland, staying with Lady Campbell, "Kilbride," Parnell.

Mr. Winstanley, health officer, is at present in Coronandel on a visit of inspection.

Miss Tobias (Auckland) sang with much success at an At Home given by Mr. and Mrs. Atack (Wellington).

Miss Dalrymple, of Rangitikei, who has been the guest of Miss Izard in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

Miss Izard, of Wanganui, who has been in Christchurch for some months, has returned home.

Messrs. G. Fowlds and R. McNab, M.H.E.'s, returned to Wellington on Sunday.

Mrs. Ronalds (Christchurch), who has been on a short visit to her sister, Mrs. J. Mills, Dunedin, has returned home.

Mr. James Bittle, general manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company, went South on Sunday by the Barawa.

Madame Lillian Tree left Auckland on Sunday for Wanganui to fulfil a musical engagement.

The appointment of assistant engineer to the Feilding Borough has been accepted by Mr. H. Burmister.

Miss Claytor has returned to Marshlands (Mairangi) after some weeks in Wellington.

Mrs. H. C. Godfrey, Miss Hodgson and Miss A. Hodgson (Christchurch) have gone on a visit to Westport.

Mr. Joseph Mackay (Stratford), has been visiting Wellington after some weeks' absence.

Mrs. Hamner, of Christchurch, is the guest of Mrs. H. F. Christie, St. John's Hill, Wanganui.

Mrs. Horlase, of Taihape, is the guest of Mrs. Cecil Cornford, Bluff Hill, Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Johnston, Mrs. Watson and Miss Inglis are visiting Napier.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, of Rissington, have returned from a visit to Feilding, writes our Napier correspondent.

The firemen of the Waiwaka presented Mr. J. Sinclair, second engineer, with a gold Albert as a wedding gift.

Miss Cholmondeley (Christchurch) has gone to Timaru to stay with her sister (Mrs. G. A. U. Tapper).

Mr. Thomas Henderson, Hobart manager of the Union Company, goes to Vancouver on a health trip shortly.

Mr and Mrs Moss, of Wanganui, have returned from a long visit to Timaru, Dunedin, and Wairarapa.

Mrs. and Miss Montgomerie, of "Eaglesham," Wanganui, have gone to Wellington for a visit.

Mr. Aylmer Kenny, Government ranger for Marlborough, is in the Picton hospital suffering from typhoid fever.

Mr. C. V. Houghton, general manager of the N.Z. Shipping Company, returned to Auckland from the South last week.

The Misses Martin (Auckland), who have been visiting Mrs. Baird, of Hawera, have now returned home.

Miss Gardner succeeds Miss Bartleman on the senior nursing staff of the Wellington Hospital.

Mrs. Nicholas, of Wanganui, has returned from a visit to Mrs. Richmond, in Nelson.

Mr. J. Saunders has been elected president of the Wellington Rowing Club. Mr. A. G. Johnson is captain.

Mr. H. T. Lewis, of Wanganui, is at present in Auckland, visiting relatives and friends there.

Mrs. and Miss Montgomerie (Wanganui) are spending a few days in Wellington.

Mrs. E. Mitchellson and Miss Mitchellson, of Remuera, returned to Auckland by the Moura from a trip to the Islands.

Dr. Gove Gillon, consultant, has removed his residence to Admiralty House.

Engineer-Lieutenant Wood, R.N., and Mrs. Wood have left Wellington for Australia. They will afterwards go on to England.

A purse of sovereigns has been presented to Mr. T. P. Saxeby, who has resigned the managership of the Taratahi Dairy Factory.

Mr. J. Pelford, chairman of the Parnell School Committee, who has been confined to his home for the past few weeks, is now able to resume his duties.

Mrs. Minnitt, North Shore, returned from her trip to Wellington, where she has been staying with Mrs. Butt, on Thursday last.

A travelling rug and a Gladstone bag have been presented to Mr. H. B. Cooper (Wellington), who has just resigned from the staff of Stewart and Co.

Cable advice has been received in Auckland of the safe arrival in London of Mr. J. P. Hooton with his wife and daughter.

The appointment of Captain Hugh Boscawen as Hon. A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor (Lord Plunket), is gazetted.

Mr. H. J. Dickson (Wellington) is in Nelson, acting as clerk of the Court during the absence, on leave, of Mr. Webb-Bowen.

Mr. H. W. Wilson (Town Clerk of Auckland) has returned from Wellington, where he attended the Municipal Conference for the City Council.

Miss Maud Russell, of Christchurch, who has been staying in Wanganui with her sister, Mrs. Gifford Marshall, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins, who have been visiting Palmerston North, Feilding and New Plymouth, have now returned to their home at Mount Eden, Auckland.

Mr. J. D. Perrett, who has been on a tour of the South Island, held a very successful exhibition of his paintings while in Wellington.

Mr. Remell, of the Waipawa branch of the Bank of New Zealand, has been moved to Kimbolton. His place at Waipawa will be filled by Mr. Alexander Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. Haggitt, of Dunedin, are coming to reside in Christchurch, and have bought Mr. G. A. U. Tapper's new house, Carlton Mill road, writes our Christchurch correspondent.

Mr. M. Perkins, organist of St. Luke's Church (Remuera), was presented with a purse of sovereigns by the congregation at the annual meeting, in recognition of his services to the church.

Dr. Barraclough, who relieves Dr. Beattie at the Avondale Hospital for twelve months, was lauded by Pororua residents last week and presented with a dressing-case.

Sir Robert and Lady Lockhart, who are on their way to Scotland to assume possession of their property, which they recently inherited, left Auckland last week for Wellington.

Mr. W. G. Moneckton, M.A., honorary tutor at St. John's College, has resigned his position, in consequence of the governors' action in accepting the Warden's resignation.

Mr. W. A. Renall (Waipawa) goes to Kimbolton (Feilding) to relieve Mr. W. A. Todd, at the Bank of New Zealand, who has been transferred to Hawke's Bay.

Dr. Barraclough, who is to relieve Dr. Beattie while the latter goes home for a six-months' holiday, was entertained at a banquet by the people of the Porirua district last week.

Miss Kimbell, who has been connected with the Wellington Technical School for some time as one of its best pupils, has accepted a position on the teaching staff.

The Rev. M. Libenrood, D.D., of Sussex, England, arrived by the Sierra last week, and put up at the Central. After spending a few days in town he went on to visit the Hot Lakes district.

Mr. Jas. Hindman, for some years a member of the Thames Battalion Band, was presented with a silver crucifix by his friends last week, in recognition of his approaching marriage.

The officers of the Union S.S. Co.'s Waiwaka last week presented Mr. J. Sinclair, second engineer, with a silver tea and coffee service, on the occasion of his going to Sydney to be married.

Mrs. Dillingham, wife of the Consul-General for U.S.A., has returned to Auckland much better in health for her trip to America. She visited numerous friends and relations in the West and East of the States.

Mr. Clement Wragge, the well-known meteorologist, who is concluding a lecturing tour in Auckland, arrived on Sunday. He is leaving Australia for good, and goes home via the United States by the next boat.

Mr. A. T. Day, the well-known Auckland mine manager, returned from a business tour in the South by the Maopouka on Sunday. He was on the West Coast of the South Island for several weeks.

Mr. Gow, superintendent engineer of the Northern S.S. Co., left Auckland on Monday in the Westralia for Sydney en route to England, where he superintends the building of the company's new boats.

The Rev. W. J. Gow, the newly-appointed minister of the Presbyterian Church at Northcote, arrived in Auckland on Sunday by the s.s. Westralia from the South. He has brought his family with him.

Nurse Cogswell of the Hamilton Hospital, is taking a lengthy holiday for her health, and last week the Nurses' Home residents presented her with a gold-mounted greenstone brooch, and a number of other friends presented her with a writing companion.

Mr. Claud Sainsbury (Hawke's Bay) was in Wellington for a few days on his way back to the Argentine. He and his brother went to the latter country over two years ago, and are among the many young New Zealanders who are doing well on land there.

Mrs. C. Beauchamp has been spending a week in Picton and Blenheim on account of the illness of her son, Mr. R. Beauchamp, who is in the Blenheim hospital undergoing medical treatment for the results of a strain.

Mr. R. Villiers Surtree, a son-in-law of Mr. G. V. Stewart, who left Katikati about 20 years ago for England, is returning this month with his family to again take up his quarters at his old home in that district.

The Christchurch "Press" says that Captain Adams, of the steamer Whangape, is now making a good recovery from his recent severe illness. It is expected he will be well enough to return to his home in Wellington in the course of a few days.

A cable message to Sir Robert Stout intimates that his two sons, Duncean and Ibert, have been successful in passing the London matriculation, the former passing with distinction. The Messrs Stout went to England by the Gothie about April last, and are both to study medicine.

Before he left New Plymouth for Invercargill, where he is to take up the management of the local branch of the Bank of Australasia, Mr. A. J. McIntosh was the recipient of a souvenir from the bank's New Plymouth clients. Mr. Smith, from Marton, takes Mr. McIntosh's place in the New Plymouth branch.

Mr. Everard in Thuru, Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, who has been appointed Governor of Fiji, in succession to Sir Henry Jackson, has been in Ceylon about two and a half years. The new appointment carries with it a salary of £2700, as compared with £1900 attached to the Ceylon appointment.

It is stated that Mr. E. H. Carew, S.M., the well-known Otago Magistrate, is about to retire on account of ill-health, from which he has suffered a good deal of late years. He is the oldest magistrate in the colony, and his legal capacity has caused his judgments to be respected throughout the colony. It is probable that Mr. Cruickshank, elevated to the magistracy while in the Thames about two years ago, will be appointed to succeed him.

Mrs. Eliza J. Loughlin, one of the oldest residents of the Thames, died yesterday after a long illness at the age of 80 years. She was the widow of the late Mr. J. Loughlin, a Belfast man, who came here with his wife in the Chilli in 1866, and went to the Thames goldfield in '68. There are four daughters and three sons surviving her. The Hon. J. McGowan sent the bereaved family his condolences, and the Thames Council's flag was flown at half-mast in respect of the deceased, her youngest son being a member of the Council.

A fully representative meeting of the dentists of Auckland was held last week to consider the Dental Bill now before Parliament. Mr. A. W. Chatfield occupied the chair. Dr. Cox proposed the following resolution, which was carried unanimously:—"That this meeting of dentists is greatly in favour of the spirit and provisions of the Dentists Bill now before Parliament, and hopes to see it speedily made law." It was decided to telegraph this resolution to Mr. Siley, the member who has charge of the bill. A vote of thanks to Mr. Siley for his efforts to improve the dental education in this colony was proposed by Mr. C. H. Moses and carried.

A pleasing ceremony took place last week in the rooms of the Auckland Institute of Marine Engineers, on the occasion of the departure of Mr. G. Gow for England to execute commissions for the Northern Steamship Company. There was a large attendance of over fifty members of the institute. Mr. McIntyre occupied the chair, and after reading apologies for absence from several prominent members, proposed the toast, "The King and the Royal Family." The chairman, after a eulogistic speech, handed Mr. Gow a very handsome dressing case, and wished him success in the name of the institute. The health of Mr. Gow was then proposed and drunk with musical honours. The recipient responded and thanked the members for their handsome and useful present, and their expressions of regard and good wishes.

The Indraveli, which arrived from New York last week, brings two distinguished visitors to our shores—Mr. Bayard-Stevens, son of Colonel B. Stevens, well-known in Washington diplomatic circles, who was entrusted with a delicate mission to the German Court during the late trouble with China; and Mr. A. C. Kelway, who has been editor of several English papers, the last being the "Church Review," London. Mr. Kelway is a brother to the chief officer of the Indraveli. They will make an extensive tour of New Zealand with the object of acquiring information relative to the development of trade between the United States and this colony. Messrs Stevens and Kelway return to America by the R.M.S. Sierra on August 12.