

Mrs. Ronald McLean, of Hawera, left New Zealand by the Gothic to join her husband at Buenos Ayres. Mr. McLean left early in the year for the Argentine.

Mrs. and the Misses Bishop ("Waimarie," Hobson-street) are back in Wellington. They have been spending the last six months in Australia, principally Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Lees, Wellington, have gone to Australia for a month or two's holiday. During their absence Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pike are occupying their house on Talavera Terrace.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. S. Cox have given up the house they occupied in Tinkari Road, and have moved to the new suburb of Northland (writes our Wellington correspondent).

Mr. J. R. Rutherford, M.A., of Dunedin (a Press Association telegram states), has been selected as assistant master of the Wanganui Boys' District High School.

Miss E. M. Allen, who has joined the staff of the Nelson Girls' College, was the recipient of several useful presents from her Picton friends.

Amongst the visitors at Kia Ora House, Rotorua last week, were Mr. Paul Hansen and Mr. Louis Nathan, of Auckland.

Messrs H. D. Vaynour and W. Pollard, of Blenheim, are paying a flying visit to Rotorua and the Bay of Plenty.

Mr. C. W. Hursthouse, Chief Engineer of Roads, who has been spending some time in the Marlborough district, has returned to Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thompson (Christchurch) have come up to Auckland for their daughter's marriage to Mr. Harry Clark, which takes place next week.

Mrs. Amphlett, who, accompanied by her daughter, has been on an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. Albyn Martin, of Ellerslie, returned to Sydney by the Moana on Monday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wood, who have been spending some weeks at Sumner, have gone to reside with Mrs. Wood, sen., on the Papamoa road (writes our Christchurch correspondent).

Mr. Hadfield, a member of the Christchurch City Council, will be a candidate for the Christchurch South seat at the coming election, standing in the Liberal interests.

Miss Mahon, who is leaving the Mercer School for Newton East, was presented by her scholars with a gold mounted brooch, and by the members of the Ladies' Cricket Club with a mahogany writing-desk.

Major and Mrs. Winter and Miss Horne have left Gidborne for Sydney and Tasmania. They will be in Tasmania until September, and will be present at the marriage of Mrs. Winter's sister.

Dr. McNair, of Glasgow, arrived in Auckland last week by the Nairnshire. He was in Auckland some years ago, and since then has been on a tour through several countries, including Central Africa.

Mr. G. W. McIntosh, who has been manager of the National Bank at Blenheim for the past 10 years, has been promoted to the Invercargill office. Both Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh will be a loss to Blenheim musical and social circles.

Mrs. D. T. Stuart and the Misses Stuart (Wellington) are contemplating a trip to Ceylon. They will probably start next spring. After a few weeks in Ceylon Miss N. Stuart is going on to spend a year or so in England before returning to New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. Miss Loring-McLellan (Timaru) spent a few days in Wellington before going to England in the Paparoa. After their return it is their intention to settle permanently in Wellington. They will probably return to the colony early next year.

Cable news was received from Melbourne announcing the illness of Mrs. Alistair Clark. The patient is, however, progressing favourably, and her numerous friends here hope soon to hear of her convalescence (writes our Christchurch correspondent).

Professor E. Rutherford, the eminent New Zealand scientist, who is now Professor of Physics at the Montreal University, is expected on a visit to New Zealand early this month. He is a brother of Mr. G. Rutherford, of Bagin.

The friends of Mr. William Conyers, formerly Commissioner of Railways, will regret to learn that he has fallen into a very low state of health, and is all but blind, in Melbourne, where he has been practising as a patent agent, etc., for some considerable time.

Mr. A. Barron, the well-known Canterbury cricketer, has been transferred to Wellington on relieving duty. There is a probability that he will be permanently stationed in that city. Mr. Howell, another Canterbury rep. cricketer, has left for Sydney en route for England.

Mr. Metel Mikaera, a Wairarapa Maori student, who went to Queen's College, Kingston, Ontario, has graduated as M.D. there. He made a specialty of electrical treatment in diseases, and is now going to study in the English hospitals before returning to New Zealand.

The Thames paper states that Mr. "Long Drive" Walker has gone to England in search of capital for Waikato operations. With the conclusion of the war and the progress of development in the Grand Junction he hopes to be on the spot at the right time, and to obtain at least sufficient money for permanent prospecting.

Mr. A. G. Holland has just been gazetted Deputy Registrar of the Auckland Native Lands Court. Mr. Holland, who is a son of Mr. J. J. Holland, of this city, is well-known in athletic circles as a "rep" cricketer and footballer, and he has been warmly congratulated by his many friends on his well-earned promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. Herapath (England) have come to Wellington for the winter months (writes our correspondent). They have taken rooms at Miss Malcolm's. Both Mr. and Mrs. Herapath are enthusiastic anglers, and since their return to the colony they have been devoting all their available time to the sport.

Miss Edith Bendall (Wellington) has returned to New Zealand. For several months past she has been studying art in Melbourne, where she has met with gratifying success. Her metier is depicting child-life, and already she has had commissions to illustrate several books. Wellington hopes to see an exhibition of her works before long.

A new arrival at Petone (Wellington) is Dr. Harding, who has taken over Dr. Hamilton's practice. For some years past he has been living at Inglewood, Taranaki, where he was very highly thought of. Dr. and Mrs. Harding have been spending a week or two in Wellington, staying with Mrs. Harding in Hobson-street, while they were getting their house at Petone ready for occupation.

Mr. Gillon, who has been transferred from the charge of the Whangarei railway to Greymouth as loco. engineer, was presented with a set of pipes, a cigar-holder, and a box of cigars by the Whakapara Football Club, and at a supper given in his honour by Mr. McKinstrey (manager of the K.T. Company at Whangarei) some of his friends presented him with a handsome rimu escritoire and an address.

Mr. A. E. Argall, who was well known at Thames as manager of Blagrove and other mines, is now in charge of the Sangli Gold Mines, Ltd., Gadag, Bombay Presidency, India. Since leaving New Zealand, he has been all over the world, having been in the Soudan for a year or two, and has been in his present location for about 18 months. Mrs. Argall (nee Miss Lymon) is also in India, and they are both enjoying the life immensely.

Mr. H. C. Wheeler, accountant for the Kauri Timber Co., Mercury Bay, and secretary for the local hospital, who is leaving to take up the position of accountant for the Taupo Totara Co.'s Mokia mill, was tendered a farewell social last week. During the evening Mr. F. W. Meikle, on behalf of the hospital trustees and contributors and the public of the surrounding districts, presented Mr. Wheeler with a valuable gold watch and gold Albert as a token of their appreciation and esteem.

The following visitors were in Wanganui for the winter race meeting: Mr. and Mrs. D. Riddiford (Marlton), Miss

N. Riddiford (Marlton), Miss E. Riddiford (Palmerston North), Miss Fitz-Gerald (Wellington), Messrs N. Wilson, H. Wilson (Rangitikei), H. Good (Mauau), Mr. and Mrs. A. Fitz-Herbert (Feilding), Major-General "Babington" (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. McGovern (Feilding), Mrs. Tripe (Palmerston North), Mrs. Bell (Palmerston North), Miss Durie (Sydney), Mr. and Mrs. Brewer (Hawera).

Dr. Newman has been successful beyond expectation in raising money for the Wellington Consumptive Home. He has thrown himself heart and soul into the cause, and his cheery enthusiasm has literally conjured money out of people's pockets (writes our correspondent). For many years Dr. Newman had a seat in Parliament, but he has not contested the last two elections. His only son, Frank, is an undergraduate at Oxford, and next year Dr. and Mrs. Newman are going home to see him.

Our Coromandel correspondent wires that a social was held in St. George's Hall last week to welcome Bishop Jenhnan. There was a large gathering of all denominations, and Mr. J. B. Rockliff presided. A good programme of vocal and instrumental music was submitted. Mr. Rockliff, on behalf of the Roman Catholic congregation, presented His Lordship with an address of welcome. The Bishop held a special service in St. Coleman's Church on Saturday, and yesterday he conducted a confirmation service, when about forty people were confirmed.

It will be learned with regret by playgoers that Miss Rose Musgrove, the bright little comedy actress who has been appearing with so much success in "The Cingalese" at Sydney, is somewhat seriously ill. She was seized with a sudden illness, which necessitated her removal by the Civil Ambulance to St. Kilda Private Hospital, where she is under the care of Dr. Sinclair Gillies. Mr. Julius Knight, of the Knight-Jeffries Company, who is also on a bed of sickness, is reported to be progressing as well as could be expected in view of the serious nature of his illness.

Under date of April 20 our London correspondent writes:—

So Australasia is not after all to see the famous violinist Kubelik yet awhile. The paragraphs announcing that Mr. Tait had obtained a contract from Kubelik for an Australian tour, and that the violinist would go to the Antipodes this year, were, according to Mr. Hugo Gorlitz, all wrong. And Mr. Gorlitz ought to know, seeing that he has recently been re-appointed Kubelik's manager and that his appointment as such includes the Australian colonies. Kubelik has signed no contract, says Mr. Gorlitz, and "there will be no question of Mr. Tait managing Kubelik's tour if it should come off during the time that I remain his manager."

Callers at the Agent-General's this week—Nurse Griffith (Auckland), Mrs. A. McKellar, Miss Campbell (Auckland), Mr. A. E. Baron (Dunedin), G. Booth (Christchurch), Mr. W. A. Ross (Palmerston North).

The following colonial candidates for cadetships in the Royal Navy has passed a qualifying examination:—H. F. Currie, E. G. Rhodes, C. N. E. Correy.

Mr. Arthur H. Adams is returning to New Zealand for a visit. It is stated that he is at work upon another volume of verse, and also a second novel of Australasian life.

At the annual meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers, held last Tuesday evening, Mr. C. Napier Bell, of Wellington, was elected a member of the Council.

The "Daily Mail" has received a large number of letters discussing Mr. P. A. Vaile's theories regarding swerve in bowling. The Aucklanders' statements are supported by some, and denied by others. "Tyke," a well-known Yorkshire cricketer, declares that all swerve bowlers, including Hirst, put the very spin on to check the swerve which Mr. Vaile contends is necessary to produce it. A Mr. A. T. Davies, on the other hand, who claims to have made a special study of bowling during many years, declares that Mr. Vaile is perfectly right in his facts; and Mr. S. A. Muscibini, a well-known authority on billiards, also supports the Aucklanders' conclusions regard the spin of the ball.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen Barnicoat, elder daughter of Mr. W. H. Barnicoat, of Wanganui, to Dr. Wall, of Wanganui.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hardy-Johnston, of Christchurch, to the Hon. Trever (Mrs.) Grant of Grant (Wellington), who is brother to the Earl of Seaford.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gussie Stephenson, second daughter of Mr. H. Stephenson (Ashburton) to Mr. Walter Raphael, well-known in Christchurch cricket and football circles.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lisa West, daughter of Mr. L. G. West, Palmerston North, to Mr. James Muir, of Wellington. The marriage takes place shortly.

Orange Blossoms

WILLIAMS—COCK.

An exceedingly pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Mary's, New Plymouth, when Miss Clarice Cock, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cock (Mayor and Mayoress) was married to Mr. Alex. M. Williams, third son of Mr. T. B. Williams, Wanganui. Rev. F. G. Evans performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very sweet in a becoming gown of silk mousseline de soie, the skirt trimmed with frills traced with ruching and finished with chiffon roses. The bodice had a berthe of point lace, with gathered chiffon yoke and sleeves. Her voluminous tulle veil was beautifully arranged with a coronet of orange blossoms, and instead of a shower bouquet she carried a white prayer book. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold flexible bracelet set with turquoise and pearls. The bride gave the bridegroom a signet ring. The three bridesmaids were Miss Vera Snowball (cousin to the bride) and Misses Verna and Olive Williams (sisters of the bridegroom). The first-named looked charming in a dainty frock of white silk inserted with lace, a tangerine empire belt, brown drawn silk hat with tangerine rosettes. She carried a bouquet of shaded autumn leaves, and chrysanthemums. The other two bridesmaids looked very pretty in the same sort of frocks, relieved with tangerine washes, white silk hats with chiffon trimming and ostrich plumes, and they carried baskets of shaded flowers. They wore gold heart pendants studded with sapphire and pearls (gifts of the bridegroom), while the chief bridesmaid had a gold chain with sapphire and pearl pendant. Mr. Eric Spencer Bayley acted as best man, and Messrs Len. Williams and Arthur Collins (Wanganui) as groomsmen.