

**PERSONAL NOTES FROM LONDON.**

(Given Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, June 20.

The *Stow Savill R.M.S. Athenic* left London yesterday for New Zealand, via Plymouth, Capetown and Helbert, with the following passengers:—Miss A. Almond, Mr. L. and Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. M. Barlow, Mr. M. Bower, Mr. T. Brydson, Miss M. E. Burn, Miss J. B. Cameron, Dr. E. Cochran-Brown, Mr. D. Fleming, Mr. W. G. Gordon, Miss A. Harrison, Mr. W. Haybittle, Mr. W. and Mrs. Houghton, Misses Houghton (3), Mrs. C. J. Lewis, Miss P. Lewis, Mr. H. J. Moore, Mr. W. and Mrs. C. Bryan, Miss L. O'Bryan, Mrs. A. M. Pollock, Miss D. K. Pollock, Miss J. D. Reid, Miss J. M. Reid, Mr. J. and Mrs. Ross, Sir Wm. Russell, Lady Russell, Mrs. F. Soutar, Misses Soutar (6), Mr. J. Carmon, Mrs. H. Williams, Mr. S. and Mrs. Winn, Miss Winn, Miss M. Winn, Mr. B. M. Woodard, and about 250 third-class passengers.

Mr. A. Boyin, of Auckland, is in England on business connected with N.Z. produce, and intends to visit all the principal centres. He travelled home by the Sierra to San Francisco, and across America to New York, arriving in London on the 1st June. He does not purpose making a very long stay. Mr. Boyin will return to New Zealand by the same route, spending a little time in America.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sibbald, of Auckland and a pleasant voyage to England in the *Kimora*. Mr. Sibbald is travelling chiefly for the benefit of his health, which has suffered after thirty-five years of office work in the Civil Service. His wife and he intend to visit Edinburgh to see their son receive the diploma of M.B. and Ch.M., and they will also visit various places of interest in England and on the Continent. They expect to be about three months in this country. At present they are sight-seeing.

Appropos of Harry Parker's match against W. A. Larned, the American, at the tennis internationals on Wednesday, the "Daily Telegraph" remarks:—"The Australian has a very tricky back-break service, and a wrist-drive on his forehand which must delight the heart of Mr. P. A. Vaile, for no Englishman has yet attempted it. Against anyone but a first-rate player of Larned's great abilities Parker would prove a most effective adversary." Parker was put out by Larned in the fourth round of the singles championship.

A new club for women which should be of advantage to colonial girls in London is the London County Club, well situated at 81 and 82 Holland Park. From its pretty white and green drawing-room to the topmost bedroom it is decorated and furnished with an eye to taste and comfort. There are pleasant reading and writing rooms, while many of the bedrooms are luxurious, both in size and fittings. The bedrooms can be taken by the night, week or year, as necessity dictates, and a fixed sum paid for board or meals taken a la carte, in accordance with the day's menu. The prices, I understand, are very moderate.

"There are, of course, some of us who hope to live to see the day when New Zealand will turn out something beyond a fine, sturdy race of farmers, keen men of business, and fine athletes—when it will distinguish itself in the walks of literature, art, architecture and science—when New Zealand books, New Zealand pictures, New Zealand statues and buildings, will gain some repute and note in the civilised world. (Cheers.) That is our hope, but we have to remember that the energies of the generation which is doing the first work in a young country are naturally turned to solid and material matters. It was the business of the pioneers to be the foundations. It is our business, the business of their children, to erect the walls, to rear the building; it will be the business of those who come after us to adorn and to decorate the interior."—From Mr. Reeves' speech at the New Zealand dinner.

Although the National Bank of New Zealand has not done quite so well during the past year, it has made a profit of £125,848, and the shareholders—who will meet on Tuesday next—will receive the usual dividend of 10 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent.—the same as

last year. The present capital is £1,750,000, divided into 100,000 shares of £7 10/ each, and 100,000 shares of £10 each. None of the latter have been issued, but the directors have had under consideration for some time past the desirability of adopting some plan whereby the unissued shares should be conformable in denomination with the issued shares. They have accordingly decided to recommend that the unissued shares of £10 each should be subdivided into 100,000 £7 10/ shares and 100,000 £2 10/ shares. Should the resolution be passed, the shareholders will be asked to pass a further extraordinary resolution whereby of the 100,000 £2 10/ shares 90,000 shares, part thereof, shall be consolidated into 30,000 £7 10/ shares, and the remainder cancelled.

Mr. G. E. Court, of Auckland, who is on a trip round the world, has arrived in London. He left Auckland on April 3rd by the *Manuka*, and his sister accompanying him to Sydney, they spent a week at the Blue Mountains before Mr. Court joined the *Ophir* on April 19th. The voyage through the Red Sea proved very trying on account of the heat, and one of the passengers succumbed. Mr. Court left the vessel at Naples, and came across the Continent, spending a few days at Naples, Rome, Milan, Lucerne, and Paris en route. Since reaching England he has been spending a few weeks in Yorkshire, visiting, amongst other places, the mills at Bradford, and he intends to visit Leeds, Manchester and other centres of business. He hopes to spend a few weeks in Scotland before returning, via America, to the colony. Mr. Court is especially delighted with London in the height of summer. "I came here," he said, "expecting to see nothing but rain, snow and frost, and no sun for days at a stretch, and find instead this brilliant sunshine. London is a fascinating city, and I am in no hurry to leave it."

A colonial view of London, in the "Pall Mall Gazette":—"A sunny climate, a free life, and close contact with nature, all foster the artistic spirit in Australia, but, alas! in many cases it languishes through want of attention. Out there we hunger for the intellectual flesh-pots; here, I can listen to Mark Hambourg or be ravished by Duse's art for the outlay of a shilling, and gaze at the masterpieces of Watts at the cost of merely a little physical and mental exercise; and if I have any talent myself there are hundreds of schools and colleges to develop it. Yes, London is surely the goal of the ambitious. Londoners themselves do not always realise this, and there exists what I may call the provincialism of the Londoner—that is, intimate knowledge of the geography of the city, coupled with profound ignorance of the life currents flowing through it. The provincial Londoner reads his daily paper, but has no library. He will take you to Earl's Court, but has never been inside the House of Commons, and he will show you where to get the best dinner at a moderate fee, but is supremely indifferent to the Wallace collection. But, then, he exists everywhere, after all, and his outlook is merely a matter of locality. In London it is a bigger locality than anywhere else—that is the whole difference between him and his brother elsewhere. How often I find it difficult to realise that I am within a network of stone. These spacious parks, with their glistening swards, green-feathered trees, and wide paths, are truly a pleasing deception. I can hear the birds twitter, watch the deer at play, and catch the perfume of the sweetest English flowers, with an unseen London all around me. I would not change it for the weird monotony of the sun-scathed bush anywhere. In the bush one tastes the fascination of the primitive. This London cannot offer me, but what else is there which she cannot yield? Peace to the weary, and triumph to the ambitious; hope through great exemplars, and inspiration through splendid achievements, and love through the presence of countless objects of desire; while through all there runs the impetus of a myriad interests. Verily, London to the colonial is a view of the Promised Land."

Mr. P. A. Vaile, of Auckland, is writing special notes for the "Morning Leader" on the international tennis championships at Wimbledon.

Mr. J. M. Keldell, who arrived by the *Tongariro* a few weeks back on a pleasure trip, intends remaining in this country until the end of October.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Sherratt, of Gisborne, and their daughters arrived by the *Moldavia* on May 27, and have made London their headquarters during the present month. They intend to spend July in various parts of Scotland, and will leave for New Zealand from Marseilles in the *Mongolia* about September 7. Mr. Sherratt has been to Epsom and Ascot, and was struck by the fact that the arrangements there for the accommodation of the public were in some respects not to be compared with the appointments at Fleington, Randwick and the leading New Zealand racecourses. He has also visited the Northampton agricultural show and the Richmond horse show, but expects to get a better idea of high-class stock in England after seeing the Royal agricultural show this week.

Mr. T. E. Donne, Superintendent of the New Zealand Tourist Department, leaves London tomorrow for the Continent, with the intention of joining the P. & O. liner *Victoria* at Marseilles on July 17. He will visit Wiesbaden and other of the Continental spas to pick up hints in regard to their management. Mr. Donne has now been absent fourteen months from the colony, during which time he has gained a good insight into American and English life and methods. He has succeeded in arousing a good deal of interest amongst manufacturers in regard to the New Zealand exhibition to be held at Christchurch next year. His efforts here, he tells me, have met with a very gratifying response, and every day brings fresh inquiries from manufacturers desirous of being represented at the exhibition. After his departure the work which Mr. Donne has begun will be carried on by the High Commissioner's department, and there seems every prospect of a strong representation of British industries at Christchurch next year.

Mr. Frederick A. Anson, M.A., of New Zealand, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Colonial Institute at a meeting of the Council this week.

Sir William Russell and Lady Russell left by the *Athenic* yesterday on their return to New Zealand.

Mr. Reeves told the story of an omen at the New Zealand dinner the other night. A fortnight ago, he said, he was ascending the staircase of the New Zealand Government Offices, when he was confronted with a startling notice, "Beware of the high step." On entering the office his old friend Mr. Kennerway met him with a smiling face and handed him a telegram notifying his appointment as High Commissioner. "Lucky," said Mr. Reeves, "we do not live in the middle ages, and we do not all believe in omens. I am not yet in prison, and have not been run over by a motor-car, and inasmuch as the official telegram was Antipodean, I hope it may turn the omen upside down." Neatly put!

Callers at the High Commissioner's office this week:—Mr. G. W. Clarkson (Christchurch), Mr. G. E. Court (Auckland), Mr. John Joshua (New South Wales), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lesneur (Wellington), Mr. Alex. McFaggart (Wellington), Dr. A. E. and Mrs. Mieke (Christchurch), Miss Neils, Miss Parker (Wellington), Mrs. Arthur Rawson (Wellington), Mr. J. M. Rolfe (Auckland), Mr. B. B. Swinburn (Wellington), Mr. S. A. Shaw (Auckland), Mrs. and Miss Wilford (Wellington), Mr. Robert Young (Auckland), Miss McLutcheon (Whakatane), Mr. F. Peate (Wellington), Mr. Llew. B. Evans (Kaiaipo), Major D. A. Clayton (Blenheim), Mr. J. Charlesworth (Wellington), Mr. Frank Grady (Wellington), Mr. R. Guidings (Greendale, Canterbury), Mr. and Mrs. J. Pickinler (Christchurch), Mr. Herbert T. Richardson (Wellington), Mr. Cyril Bundell (Wellington), Mr. W. D. Mathieson (Invercargill), Mr. James Wilson and Miss Wilson (Fairlie), Mr. Edward A. Shaw (Auckland), Mr. G. H. V. Kuhnner (Bangora), Mr. George Graham (Marlborough), Mr. J. Brown (Taranaki), Mr. John Roberts (Dunedin), Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sibbald (Auckland), Mrs. M. E. Skelton (Christchurch), Mr. A. C. Fookes (New Plymouth), Mr. Henry C. Wicks (Dunedin), Mr. R. A. Welsh (Napier), Miss Tui Rony (Christchurch), Mrs. Nicholls (Christchurch).

**ENGAGEMENTS.**

The engagement is announced of Miss Julius, daughter of the Bishop of Christchurch, to the Rev. A. L. Hansell, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's, Karori, Wellington.



**RITCHIE—McQUARRIE.**

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at Knox Church, Parnell, Auckland, recently, when Miss McQuarrie, daughter of Mr. John McQuarrie, of Parnell, was married to Mr. W. Ritchie, of Glasgow. The Rev. J. B. Russell, who officiated, was assisted by the Rev. G. B. Monro, of Remuera. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a dainty dress of cream silk and wool crepeoline, trimmed with ruffled ribbon, and true lovers' knots. She wore the customary wreath of orange blossoms, and handsome Limerick lace veil, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet. Misses Phenix and Rhoda McQuarrie were the bridesmaids, both wearing prettily trimmed cream voile dresses, and picture hats. Mr. A. Templeton acted as best man, and Mr. J. Gardiner as groomsmen. The "Wedding March" was played at the conclusion of the service by Miss P. Ahlert. The bridegroom's gifts to the bridesmaids were respectively a gold bee brooch, and gold necklet with turquoise and pearl heart attached. After the wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie left by the *Marara* for Sydney, en route for Scotland for their honeymoon trip. Many beautiful presents were received.

**WHITELEW—ARROW.**

A pretty wedding was celebrated at Avonside Church, Christchurch, on July 5, when Miss Maude Arrow and Mr. W. Rutton Whitelew, of Dunnevirke, were married. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Pascoe. The bride, who was given away by her brother, looked charming in a white ivory silk costume, with spray of orange blossoms, hat of white fur, and beaver trimmed with guipure and white wings. She wore a beautiful gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Her bridesmaid was her niece, Miss Eileen Arrow, who wore a sapphire blue coat and skirt, with cream vest and large red shirred silk hat. After the ceremony the party drove to Cremona, the residence of the bride's brother, where afternoon tea was served. The happy couple subsequently left for Wellington en route to Dunnevirke, their future home, amid good wishes and showers of rice. The wedding presents were numerous and valuable.

**PORTER—DERMER.**

On Thursday, the 3rd August, at Palmerston North, Miss Christie Porter, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Porter, was married to Mr. Cyril Derner, of Feilding. The wedding was very quiet, only the near relatives of the bride and bridegroom being present. The bride, who was given away by her mother, looked very pretty in a beautiful white satin dress with frills of white accordion-pleated chiffon; she also wore the usual veil and orange blossoms, and carried a lovely shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were her two sisters (Misses Helen and Dillie Porter) and Miss Curtis (a cousin of the bridegroom). The little girls looked very dainty in white muslin and insertion frocks, and white lace floor hats with white tulle strings. Mrs. Porter (mother of the bride) wore a biscuit-coloured costume with Paris-tinted lace vest, brown hat with pink roses; Miss R. Porter, white muslin and lace, large white hat with wreath of pale pink roses; Mrs. Derner (mother of the bridegroom), a dark brown costume with touches of brown velvet, brown hat; Miss Derner, red voile and red hat.

Bear this in mind wherever you go.  
The funny part of life is,  
That though your pocket's empty be  
Your heart be light as light can be.  
Provided that from colds you're free,  
From coughing and bronchitis.  
To make that pleasant state endure  
Use WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT  
CURE.