

Personal Paragraphs

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

Mrs W. R. Blomfield (Auckland) is staying at Waiwera House, Rotorua.

Mr. H. S. Rosenthal was a passenger to Auckland by the Sierra.

Dr. Guinness has returned to Waiti after an extended trip to Ireland.

Miss Grace (Wellington) is staying at Rotorua.

Mrs Jagger (Auckland) is visiting Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. Dustin, of Wanganui, were among the inward passengers by the Atapehu.

Mr. Jno. Chambers (Auckland), who is visiting Rotorua, is staying at Waiwera House.

Mr. Hosking, who hails from Hong Kong, has just spent a fortnight in Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, who have been for a trip to England, have returned to Gisborne.

Mrs de Clive Lowe, who has been staying at Kia Ora House, Rotorua, has returned to Auckland.

Mr A. T. Crosher has been appointed borough electrical engineer at Te Aroha out of 17 applicants.

Mrs and Miss Martin Kennedy (Wellington) are visiting Rotorua at present.

Dr. Herbert Goldstein is at present acting house surgeon at the Auckland Hospital in the absence of Dr. Craig.

Dr. Aubin, medical officer at the Thames Hospital, returned last week by the Sierra from his trip round the world. Mrs. Aubin was with him.

Mr Richard Hobbs, who went to the South Seas for the benefit of his health, returned to Auckland by the Taviuni. He has recovered his health to a great degree.

Dr. J. Hardie Neil has been succeeded as honorary medical officer of the Veterans' Home by Dr. B. J. Dudley, the former's term having expired.

Dr. Lanthorn, R.C. Bishop of Auckland, went to Whangarei last week in the Ngapuhi to lay the foundation-stone of the new Convent School.

The Rev. Stinson and Mrs Stinson, of Timaru, are staying at the Bungalow, Rotorua. It is their intention to visit Tauranga also, before they return to Timaru.

Mr W. J. Phillips, brother of Mr F. W. Phillips, of Ararat, formerly a well-known resident of Northern Wairoa, has succeeded in gaining a gold medal at a large musical competition in Sydney, for the best tenor solo.

Dr. and Mrs North, who left Wellington last week for India, via Australia, were entertained at a farewell meeting held in the Vivian-street Baptist Church. Mr A. Holy presided, and Mr J. G. W. Aitken, M.I.R., was present.

Dr. Herz, the eminent surgeon, who came from Germany with Mr H. Friedlander a couple of years ago, has arrived in Auckland, and has started practice here. He has gained some fame in the practice of what is popularly known as "bloodless surgery."

Amongst the visitors at Rotorua last week were Mr and Mrs Herepath (London). Mr and Mrs Wilkie (Auckland), Mr Upton (Paeroa), Mr and Mrs Papps (Christchurch), Mr T. Lewis (Auckland), Dr. Raynor, Mr J. D. Roberts, and Mr Newton (Auckland).

Mr J. Chadwick left Auckland last week for Palmerston North by the Takapuna to act as judge of the light horse class and the jumping contests at the forthcoming show. Mr Norman Banks, of the Waikato, also went to Palmerston to judge the hunters and colts, and Mr W. Tapp, jun., of Onehunga, went to judge cattle.

At the Parawai School last week a presentation was made to Capt. Fargher of a framed enlargement of the children whom he has trained, with the genial captain and the headmaster in the centre. Miss I. Gordon and Master A. McKeown made the presentation

through Mr. E. H. Taylor as a token of their appreciation and recognition of his untiring efforts.

Mr James Mackintosh Bell, Director of the Geological Survey Department of New Zealand, arrived in Auckland on Monday last to meet the mail steamer, on which his sister is visiting the colony. Mr Bell returns to Wellington after the arrival of the mail steamer, but will shortly make a prolonged stay in the Auckland province on business.

The Very Rev. Father Hays, who has been for some weeks in Wellington, arrived in Auckland last week by the Manuka, and is the guest of the Hon. J. A. Fole. He will return to Wellington in about six weeks prior to his departure for Sydney en route for England. The rev. gentleman's health has improved considerably, but he is still forbidden to speak in public, or to engage in arduous work of any kind.

The Rev. John Jones, who has for the past four years represented the London Missionary Society at Aitutaki, has been obliged through ill-health to resign his position, and was a passenger to Sydney via Auckland by Monday's steamer. The Rev. J. Jones has been connected with the society for nearly 50 years, and was at one time nearly the cause of international trouble between England and France, having been, as alleged, unjustly deported from the French island of Mare, near New Caledonia, where he acted as Protestant missionary.

Mr R. J. Paull, general manager of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, who has spent some weeks in New Zealand on official business, returned to Sydney by Saturday's steamer from Wellington. One result of his visit will be the strengthening of the local board, which will now consist of Messrs. Harold Beauchamp, (Bannatyne and Co.), Guy Johnston (Johnston and Co.), Arthur E. Pearce (Levin and Co.), and the Hon. Sir J. G. Ward. Mr Beauchamp will be chairman of the Board.

Mr. H. Paltridge, who is an old Thames boy, and is now manager of the Malay Pakaing mines, which are the possession of a company owning 25,000 acres of a concession. He has held the position for the last three years, and has been spending two months' furlough in his native province. He is to leave on his return to the mines by the incoming mailboat, but he will leave Mrs. Paltridge and their young family behind in New Zealand this time for the benefit of Mrs. Paltridge and the education of the children. They have got a nice home at Mount Roskill.

In a letter from Brussels Miss Doris Boulton says: "I played to Caesar Thomson yesterday. I went to him at 8.30 a.m. with Mademoiselle Ruegger, one of his monitors, and one of the first teachers of violin in Brussels. The old man asked for part of the Scandens Romance and part of the Violin Concerto. There was no piano, and he and Mademoiselle sat and looked at me. They think I have feeling and good power of interpretation, but no technique. Thomson advises strongly against the conservatoire. He says: 'Study with Mdlle. Ruegger, and go with her to him every month or two, and he will hear how I improve.' Mdlle says in a few months' time I may take a lesson from the great man himself at intervals. If I work hard and make good progress, he will probably admit me into his class at the conservatoire next year. Thomson thinks the work at the conservatoire would be too much for me."

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

Miss Duncan is the guest of Mrs R. Duncan, Napier.

Mrs and Miss Swift (London) are staying at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Miss Bullock (Auckland), who is spending a few weeks in Napier, is the guest of Mrs Todd, Bluff Hill, Napier.

Miss M. Burke (Napier) is at present in Gisborne staying with Mrs Wallis.

Miss Thompson (Christchurch) is spending a few weeks in Napier, and is staying with Mrs Pasley, Bluff Hill.

Miss Maud Wallis, who has been for a trip to Hawke's Bay, has returned to Gisborne.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

Miss Hair, Mania, is visiting Mrs Home, New Plymouth.

Mrs Cornwall, New Plymouth, is visiting her daughter, Mrs Davies, North Shore, Auckland.

Mrs Jim Noble, Auckland, is visiting her mother, Mrs William Bayly, Bell Block, New Plymouth.

Mrs Matheson, Whangarei, is visiting her sister, Mrs W. Kerr, New Plymouth.

Mrs R. C. Hughes, after spending some months in Dunedin, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr Robert Woodhouse, New Plymouth, has been appointed town clerk of Merton.

Mr Frank Roberts and family have left New Plymouth en route for the Old Country.

Mr D. Hutcheon, New Plymouth, has been elected to the vacancy on the Borough Council.

Mr Morshead, New Plymouth, who has been visiting Auckland, has returned to New Plymouth.

Mr C. Abier and Miss Abier (New Plymouth), who have been visiting Auckland, have returned home.

Rev. Mr and Mrs Evans, who have been visiting Auckland and Tauranga, have returned to New Plymouth.

Mr Buckleton, manager Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth, who has been on a short visit to Auckland, has now returned.

Mr Simpson, Commissioner of Crown Lands, New Plymouth, has gone on an extended tour of inspection of the Totoro-Ohura district, and he expects to be away a month.

Mrs M. Fraser has returned to New Plymouth after her pleasant holiday in Dunedin. Mr Jack Fraser accompanied her, and then left to join the Rotomahana as assistant purser.

Mr E. F. Blundell (Feilding) has been promoted to be manager of the Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth. He takes Mr Buckleton's place, the latter being transferred to Wellington.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Mrs Phatts Mills, Wellington, has been spending a holiday in Sydney.

Miss Didiams (Wairarapa) is staying with Mrs Fulton, Wellington.

Miss Fitzherbert (Wellington) is staying with friends in Dunedin.

Mrs Kobbell (Pahiatua) is on a short visit to Wellington.

Miss Tronman (Sydney) is the guest of Mrs Beauchamp, Wellington.

Mrs Kirkealdy (Dunedin) was in Wellington for a few days last week.

Madame Chambers (Auckland) is at present in Wellington.

Mrs Lockett (Wellington) is staying with friends in Hawke's Bay.

Mr Egbert Fitzherbert, of Wanganui, has gone to Wellington for a short visit.

Mrs Saunders, of Wanganui, has returned from her visit to Dannevirke.

Mrs McCarthy and Miss Fitzsimmons, who have been spending the winter in Nelson, have returned to Wellington.

Mrs and Miss Rutherford, who have been in Wellington for the session, have gone back to their home in Canterbury.

Miss Seal has returned to Wellington from Napier, where she has been spending some days.

Mrs Maunsell and Miss Barry (Tenni) were in Wellington for a few days last week.

Dr. Alec Macintosh (Sydney) is spending a holiday with his relations in Holborn-street, Wellington.

Mrs C. Cooper, who has been visiting friends in Wellington, has returned to Christchurch.

Mr Justice and Mrs Donistoun (Christchurch) have gone to Palmerston North for a few days.

Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Pharozy, who have been visiting friends in Wellington, have returned to Feilding.

Mrs Bohnden (Bulle) is staying with her daughter, Mrs Webb, Kellburne, Wellington.

Mrs Napier (Auckland), who has been paying visits in Wellington, has returned home.

Mrs and Miss Knight (Dannevirke) were in Wellington for a few days recently.

Miss Branden, Wellington, has gone to Christchurch for the Cup week, and is the guest of Mrs Deans, Riccarton.

Mrs Leslie Reynolds, who has been away for some weeks, has returned to Wellington.

Mrs C. Bull, of Wanganui, has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs A. Fitzherbert, in Feilding.

Mr and Mrs Elgar, who have been in Wellington for the session, have returned to Featherston.

Miss Johansen (Nelson), who has been staying with Miss Miles, Wellington, has returned home.

Mrs Von Seiffitz, of Wellington, who has been visiting friends in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

Miss Moore, of Wanganui, is spending a short holiday in Christchurch and Wellington.

Miss Arkwright, of Rangitikei, has been the guest of Mrs W. Empson, in Wanganui.

Mr F. L. Jackson, of Dannevirke, has been staying in Wanganui for a short visit.

Mrs G. Scott (Wellington), who has just returned from a trip to America and England, is staying with her parents, Mr and Mrs G. Innes (Palmerston North).

Mrs Barelay (Dunedin) is making a short stay in Wellington, having returned with her father, Sir Edward Gibbs.

Mr Dundas Walker, son of the late Hon. W. C. Walker, Speaker of the Legislative Council, is touring with the Brough Co.

Mr W. Pearce, Wellington, is going home for a six months' trip, and will visit his father, Mr Edward Pearce, at Cheltenham.

Miss D. Acland, of "Mt. Peel," Canterbury, who has been staying in Wanganui with her sister, Mrs W. Empson, has returned to Christchurch.

Miss Jessie Hunter (Brisbane), who has been spending some months with Mrs Macintosh, Wellington, left for her home on Saturday last.

Mr and Mrs W. Humphreys, of "Kahia," who have been staying with relations in Wanganui, have gone to Palmerston North for the agricultural show.

Mrs S. Atkinson (Hawera), who came down for her sister's wedding, and has been spending a few days here, returned home last week, writes our Wellington correspondent.

Mr T. H. Hamer, who is at present private secretary to the Premier, will succeed Mr H. Elliott as Under-Secretary for Mines on the latter's retirement at the end of the year. He has held the rank of chief clerk of the Mines Department for several years past. Mr Hamer was born in Auckland in 1855, his father being a Congregational minister, and in 1872 he joined the service of the Provincial Government, remaining in the Superintendent's Department till the abolition of the Provincial Council, when he joined the Bank of New Zealand, and two years later the Mines Department. In 1891 he was appointed secretary to the Premier, then Minister for Mines, and has been associated with Mr Seddon ever since, earning a wide popularity with all who had dealings with him.

SOUTH ISLAND.

The Misses Geard have returned to Christchurch from Auckland.

Mr and Mrs F. Burns, Orange, are the guests of Mr and Mrs Burns, Chester-street, Christchurch.

The Misses Meares (Christchurch) are spending a few weeks at Mrs Curgill's, "The Grange," Timaru.

Mr and Mrs Walter Moore have returned to Christchurch from a delightful tour of two months in Australia.

Mrs Gould has returned to her residence in Colombo-street, Christchurch, after spending a few weeks at Sumner.

Mrs Mounhouse, who has been visiting in Waimate and Timaru, has returned to Christchurch.

Miss Scott (Dunedin) is the guest of Mrs Michael Campbell, Avonside, Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs Gaddy, with their family, are expected to arrive in Christchurch this week from England. They are going to stay with Mr and Mrs Arthur Rhodes.