

Principally About People

The Rolleston Statue.

The Rolleston statue which was unveiled recently at Christchurch, is of white marble and is 8ft high, standing on a pedestal of polished stone 10ft high, and is placed in front of the Museum, facing towards Canterbury College buildings.

At the ceremony Sir John Hall delivered a fine eulogy of his dead colleague and friend. He spoke of the foresight of Mr. Rolleston in the setting apart of public reserves and endowments in Canterbury, and referring to his Parliamentary work, extending over 20



years, said that though many differed from his opinions there was not one who did not acknowledge his single-minded and unselfish desire to promote the welfare of the colony. He had strong faith in the future greatness and prosperity of the colony, and was anxious that New Zealand should not only be prosperous, but that its people should be well educated, with a high sense of their political duties and responsibilities. From beginning to end of his career he acted up to a high standard of public duty, and he had left an example to younger men which should be of infinite value to the public life of the country.

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Maxim Gorky Exposed.

Maxim Gorky's much-heralded tour on behalf of his "suffering, poverty-stricken, enslaved countrymen in Russia" has come to an untimely end, engulfed in ridicule (writes the New York correspon-

dent of the London "Express"). When Gorky arrived in New York last week, he was accompanied by a lady who posed as his wife. She now proves to be Mme. Andreiva, a Russian actress, and the newspapers state that the real Mme. Gorky, with her two children, remains in Russia unsupported by her husband.

The exposure has completely upset the Revolutionary Committee. As soon as it became known that the woman with Gorky was not his wife the manager of the hotel where they were staying gave them notice to quit at once. They went to another hotel, where they were also turned out after their identity became known.

Mr. John Mitchell, the leader of the coal miners, who was to have stood sponsor for Gorky at a great mass meeting, has publicly repudiated him. Mr. H. G. Wilshire, who was Gorky's host in New York, has forgotten in his daily call. Mr. Wilshire states that he paid the Russian's hotel bill, and Gorky says it is not true—he paid it himself. This has created much amusement.

The wine bill of the champion of poverty-stricken Russia was £25 daily.

In the meantime Gorky is beginning to abuse the American people, and the newspapers are retaliating by calling him a humbug. Mme. Andreiva will possibly be deported under the Fraudulent Immigrant Act as an undesirable alien.

The public dinner to Gorky has been cancelled. The couple have taken refuge in lodgings.



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whose marriage to King Alfonso XIII. cements the friendship of two great nations.



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