

Personal Paragraphs

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

Mr and Mrs Walter Barker (Gisborne) returned from Auckland last week.

Miss Hunter (Hamilton) is on a visit to Gisborne.

Mrs James (Wanganui) is on a visit to Gisborne.

Mr and Mrs F. Kennedy (Gisborne) returned from Christchurch last week.

Mrs Houdy Elliott (Wellington) returned home last week.

Mr. R. L. Ziman has passed his final for the LL.B. examination.

Mr. Alfred Kidd, M.H.R., returned on Sunday from a visit to Wanganui.

Mr. R. W. de Montalk returned to Auckland from Christchurch on Sunday.

Mr. Mrs and Miss Pyke (Gisborne) left on a visit to Christchurch and Invercargill last week.

Mr. Samuel Bradley returned to Onehunga from Rotorua last week, much benefited by the change.

Mr W. S. La Trobe, director of the Wellington Technical School, is in Auckland on a holiday visit.

The Hon. W. Beelan, M.L.C., was a passenger this afternoon by the Waikare for Gisborne.

Mr. Harry Pittar, who has been touring through Rotorua and Okoroire in his motor car, has returned to Auckland.

Mrs. Hughes and Miss Brigham, who have been on a visit to Fiji for some months, returned to Auckland last week.

Mr T. E. Donne, chief of the Tourist Department, after a flying visit to Te Aroha, went on to Rotorua last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. A. Morrison left Auckland last week on a short visit to Nelson.

Mr. J. B. McKinney, of the clerical staff of Messrs. J. Bycroft, Ltd., has been appointed general secretary of the Invercargill Y.M.C.A.

Mr D. Ross, the newly-appointed stock inspector for Hawke's Bay, is said to be one of the brightest story writers in the colony.

Mr C. Hall, M.H.R. for Waipawa, is on a visit to Hamilton. His intention is to spend two or three weeks at Rotorua, as he has been unwell of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, Gladstone-road, Parnell, leave on Saturday for Okoroire, where they will spend the Christmas and New Year vacation.

Miss Forbes Shepherd, of Auckland, who met with a painful accident to her arm some weeks ago, is now recovering, and able to be about.

Miss Violet Macdonald, of Kaipara, arrived in Auckland last week, and left on Thursday to visit relatives in Wanganui.

Mrs. and the Misses Ruddock, Parnell, leave Auckland on Saturday for Waiwera to spend Christmas and New Year at that charming holiday resort.

Mrs. and the Misses Ireland arrived in Auckland from Rotorua last week, and are now settled in their own home, Hulme Court, Parnell, for Christmas.

Mrs. George Edgecombe and family left Auckland last week to join Mr. Edgecombe at Palmerston North, where their future home is to be.

Miss Esther Beale, Cleveland-road, Parnell, intends spending a short holiday at Waiwera, and leaves for that place next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mearsack, St. George's Bay-road, Parnell, returned from New Plymouth last week, and left on Monday for Waiwera, where they intend to spend Christmas.

Mr. H. M. Watt, architect, for the Auckland Board of Education, left for Wellington on Sunday to attend the New Zealand Conference of Architects, to be held this week.

A Press Association telegram states that it is proposed Mr. H. Dunbar Johnson, late Judge of the Native Land Court, will succeed Capt. Mair as Native Land Purchase Agent for Wanganui and Taranaki.

Mrs. J. B. Hay and Miss Pearl Hay, Auckland, left by the Karawa on Saturday last en route for Wellington to catch the steamer for England. They intend to be away from Auckland for about a year.

Mr. R. Hobbs left by the Wakatere last week via the Thames and Te Aroha for Rotorua, where on Sunday last the new Methodist Church was opened by the Rev. Geo. Bond, of St. John's, Ponsonby-road.

Mr. Somerville, Mauroa, King Country, passed through Auckland last week on his return home. He has spent the last few weeks at the Christchurch Exhibition and visiting relations in Dunedin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Whakapirau, Kaipara, passed through Auckland last week on their way to Rotorua. They will spend a few days there and will then go down the Wanganui River, returning to Auckland for the New Year races.

Mr D. S. Chisholm, of Nelson College, has been appointed third assistant at the Waikato Boys' High School, and Miss Alice Watt, of Dunedin, junior assistant of the Waikato Girls' High School.

Rev. Bro. John, assistant general of the Marxist Brothers' order, and the Rev. Bro. Stratonique, also assistant-general, have arrived in Auckland. The Brothers are of a body of eight assistant-generals of the Order. Rev. Bro. Victor, provincial for Australasia and Oceania, is to arrive shortly.

Cambridge lost a very useful member of its community last week, when Mr. John H. Edwards left by train, en route for Gisborne, where he has received an appointment. He resided in Cambridge for about eight years, and during that time he has always been to the fore in matters musical, and in most social functions.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Ambury, and Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Jones, who recently returned from a nine months' tour of Europe, were last week the guests of a reception meeting held at the Pitt-street Methodist Church. A very large gathering welcomed them back, and a most enjoyable evening was spent with speeches, music, etc.

Mr. G. W. Allsopp, A.R.I.B.A., left for Australia by the Victoria on Monday, the object of his visit being the special study of public and private hospitals in Australia and Tasmania. He expects to be absent about six weeks, and will return via the South, visiting the hospitals in the various Southern centres on his way up to Auckland.

Mr. E. V. Sem, who has been chief clerk at the Auckland Post Office for about seven years, has been promoted to the position of Assistant-Inspector of the Midland Section, which comprises the postal districts of Christchurch, Timaru, Blenheim, Nelson, Westport, Greymouth, and Hokitika, with headquarters at Christchurch. Mr. Sem leaves Auckland about the third week in January. Mr. Sem's promotion is well deserved, as he is a most courteous and capable officer.

The Rev. W. R. Woodley, who has resigned the pastorate of the New Plymouth Baptist Church, and proceeds to Auckland towards the end of the present month, has been about five years in New Plymouth, and, in addition to his other duties, has been secretary of the Ministers' Association from its inception, as well as active in all inter-denominational evangelistic work.

Mr. Vincent E. Rice has completed thirty years' service in the capacity of secretary of the Auckland Board of Education. Mr. Rice, for a previous ten years, occupied the position of chief clerk of the Provincial Superintendent's Department. The members of the Board last week recorded their appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered by Mr. Rice during his "regard reign."

The Rev. W. Gray-Dixon, M.A., will leave at the end of February with Mrs. Gray Dixon, on a visit to the Old Country by the steamer Gothic. Mr. Gray Dixon, who has now been out in Australasia for some 22 years, is going

home to renew acquaintance with old friends and places, and expects to be absent from the colony for about seven months. It is probable that the Rev. T. Gothic, M.A., of Mountain Cross, Peebleshire, Scotland, will act as locum tenens during his absence.

Overseas visitors at the Auckland Tourist Office last week included Mr. Chas. Wright, of Kirribilli, N.S.W., Mr. A. A. Wright, Gungahai, N.S.W., Mr. Alex. Dore, Vancouver, B.C., Mr. H. B. Freeman, Natal, S.A., Mr. J. Rose, Milwaukee, Miss. U.S.A., Dr. M. Moses, New York, Mr. Chas. Kokler, Budapest, Hungary, Miss M. C. Rich, Boston, Mass., Messrs. D. R. Lovely, and R. M. Hall, of Semaphore, S., Misses A. and J. Ronkeage and M. Brown, Hamilton, N.Y.

It has been definitely ascertained that the late Captain Makgill was entitled to call himself Sir John Makgill, in virtue of a baronetcy granted by James I. Since his death documents have come into the possession of the family from the College of Heraldry establishing his right to the baronetcy. Sir John Makgill's eldest son has assumed the title, and is now Sir George Makgill. For many years he lived in New Zealand, and attended both Auckland and Dunedin University. He married Miss Frances Grant, daughter of Mrs. Grant, formerly of Laureston, Wellington, and now of Cambridge, England. Sir George and Lady Makgill are at present residing on the Continent for the education of their son and daughters. Sir John Makgill was the father of Dr. Makgill, of the Health Department of New Zealand.

TARANAKI PROVINCE.

Miss Godfrey, New Plymouth, is on a visit to her friends in Christchurch.

Mrs. Halecombe, of Uruui, who has been on a visit to Auckland, has now returned to New Plymouth.

Miss Nellie Carruth passed through New Plymouth from Wanganui College, on her way home to Whangarei.

Mr. Alexander, who has been visiting Mrs. Amitage, of New Plymouth, has returned to his home in Auckland.

Mrs. Fitzherbert, New Plymouth, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hankins, of Palmerston North.

Miss Ada Macklow, who has been visiting her relatives in New Plymouth, has returned to her home in Auckland.

Rev. Mr. Larkins and Miss Larkins, Auckland, are on a visit to New Plymouth for a few months.

Mr. McKellar and Miss McKellar have returned to their home in Wellington, after their pleasant visit to their relations in New Plymouth.

Mr. N. Ballharry, of the Bank of Australasia, New Plymouth, left last week for Wellington, where he has been transferred.

Mr. W. E. Spencer, chief inspector to the Taranaki Education Board, has been made sub-inspector of the Hawke's Bay Board.

Mr. F. Simpson, Commissioner of Crown Lands for Taranaki, returned to New Plymouth last week after his pleasant trip to Wellington.

Rev. W. R. Woolley, of the Baptist Church, New Plymouth, has resigned his position, and proceeds to Auckland at the end of the month.

Mr. E. T. Bundeil, manager of the Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth, has gone on a holiday to Rotorua. Mr. F. J. Dignan, of Masterton, takes his place.

Mr. Honan, late of the Victoria Insurance Company, Auckland, is now in charge of the Phoenix Insurance Company's business in Mr. Newton King's office.

Mr. W. P. Aldridge, of the New Plymouth telegraph staff, has been transferred to the cable station at Whakapuka, and Mr. Morton, of the Whakapuka office, takes his place.

Dr. Leatham, who left New Plymouth some months ago with his family for a trip to the Old Country, intends to leave England about Christmas time, and will be back in New Plymouth about the third week in February.

The following New Plymouth candidates have passed the solicitor's final examination:—Mr. Mervyn Wilson (of Studdish and Kerr), Mr. J. Strang (Malone, Anderson, and Johnstone), Mr. Austen Bewley (late of Roy and Wilson) now with Mr. W. G. Board, Masterton, passed his intermediate. Mr. Nicholson (Roy and Wilson).

HAWKE'S BAY.

Mr. and Mrs. Young, of Invercargill, are in Napier for some months.

Miss Glendinning, Wairoa, is in Napier for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Laing, of London, are spending some weeks in Napier.

Miss Louie Hoadley is spending some weeks in Wellington.

Mrs. Wilson, of Napier, is spending a holiday in the country.

Miss King, of Napier, is in Christchurch for a week.

Miss Hamlin is spending some weeks in the Wairarapa.

Miss Oakden, of Napier, is spending some months in Dunedin.

Miss Gillam, of Napier, is spending a holiday in Christchurch.

Mrs. Norris, of Feilding, is in Napier for a few days.

Miss Burden is spending a holiday in Keumeroa.

Mrs. and the Misses Luak, Napier, left for Gisborne last week, and intend to spend some weeks there.

Mrs. Nevill has returned to Napier after spending some months in Auckland.

Miss Ida Locking, of Napier, a London correspondent writes, intends to remain in England for the winter.

Mrs. Alec Williams has returned to Napier, after spending a holiday in Gisborne.

Mrs. Berrington Waters, the New Zealand pianist, as gone to Dresden to study under Emil Paner. Mrs. Waters will make her debut in Dresden shortly at a concert which she is arranging.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Mr Lyons, of Wanganui, is on a visit to the South Island.

Mrs John Marshall, of Rangitikei, is on a visit to friends in Wanganui.

Mr S. T. Fitzherbert, of Wanganui, is on a visit to Wellington.

Mr and Mrs Earle, of Wanganui, are staying in Wellington.

The Misses Lifiton, of Wanganui, have gone to Christchurch and Dunedin.

Mrs. Renall, Palmerston North, has returned from a visit to Hawera.

Mrs. Goldingham, Palmerston North, has gone to Christchurch for two months.

Miss Whitem is back in Wellington after a visit to Australia.

Miss Butts (Wellington) is visiting friends in Napier.

Mrs. Elgar (Wairarapa) is making a stay in Wellington.

Miss Tolhurst has returned to Wellington after a visit to Melbourne and Sydney.

Mrs. R. Leary, Palmerston North, has returned from the Christchurch Exhibition.

Mrs. Levett (Bulls) and Mrs. Dan Riddford (Marton) were visitors to Palmerston during the week.

Mrs. A. Atkinson (Wellington) has been spending some weeks with Mrs. Chaytor (Blenheim).

Miss Hewitt, Palmerston North, has returned from her trip to Wellington and the Christchurch Exhibition.

Dr. and Mrs. Porritt, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to the Christchurch Exhibition.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hemerson (Auckland) are visiting friends in Dannevirke.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Balcombe Brown, are leaving Wellington early in February for a trip to the Old Country.

Mrs. Bunny and Miss Phillips have gone to spend Xmas with their mother in Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Abraham (Palmerston) are returning from their visit to the Old Country by the Ruapehu.

Mr. and Miss Kennedy (Wellington) will be passengers to England by the Gothic early next year.

Miss Moore, who has been on sick leave, has returned and resumed her duties at the North School.

Mr and Mrs H. F. Christie, of Wanganui, who have been for a trip to England and the Continent, have returned to New Zealand.

Mrs Wood, of Auckland, is at present on a visit to Miss Fraser at the Girls' College, Wanganui. She is on her way to Wellington and Nelson.

