

Personal Paragraphs

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

Miss Eva Kinder has returned to Auckland after an extended visit to Sydney.

Miss Hilda Williams left Auckland by the Waikare on Christmas Day for Wellington, and Miss Una Williams arrived in Auckland this week and is staying at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. W. V. Dam, of Castlemaine, Victoria, son of the late Capt. Dam, of Auckland, is at present on a visit to Auckland with his wife and daughter.

The Hon. J. A. Millar, Minister for Labour, will take part in the Exhibition bowling tournament to be held at Christchurch next month. He will play for a Wellington Bowling Club team.

Mr. E. J. C. Clarke, a member of the local staff of the Survey Department, died at Devonport last week. The deceased was only 26 years of age, and had given great promise in his profession.

The Rev. W. M. Grant, who recently relinquished charge of Angoston Congregational Church (says the Adelaide "Register"), has accepted the pastorate of Port Chalmers Congregational Church, New Zealand. He will leave South Australia on January 19.

Mrs. Champatou and family, who have been associated with the Birkenhead Methodist Church for many years, and who intend taking up their residence in the Mt. Eden district, were the recipients of a silver cake dish, silver tea pot, serviette, and card case, at a social tendered by that church, Sunday school, and the Guild last week.

The many friends of the late Mr E. C. J. Clarke, of the Survey Department, will learn with great regret of his death, which took place at Devonport on the 26th inst., at the early age of 26 years. As a young man of exceptional attainments, as well as a kindly disposition, his death, at the outset of what promised to be a brilliant career, will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

The Hon. J. W. Evans, Premier of Tasmania, who with his wife and daughter have been touring New Zealand, arrived in Auckland last week. Mr. Evans came to New Zealand principally for the sake of his health, but also to study our legislation on the spot. The hon. gentleman speaks highly of the kindness and courtesy extended to him by everyone in the colony from the Premier downwards.

Mr. Dougald Crawford, who has been chief engineer at the Bruce Woollen Mills, Milton, Otago, for some years, has resigned that position, to enter into business on his own account. Mr Crawford was for many years in the service of the Union S.S. Co. On severing his connection with the Woollen Co., he was presented by the employees with a travelling rug, portmanteau, and handsome silver-mounted umbrella, as a token of esteem and respect.

Mr. C. H. Kilfoyle, so well known in connection with the handicapping of aquatic events, was the recipient of a pair of marine glasses at the R.N.Z.S. Rooms last week, as a mark of appreciation of the work done by him for the club. Mr. Alex. Alison, the vice-commander, in making the presentation, spoke of the general satisfaction that attended Mr. Kilfoyle's handicapping; and the recipient, in acknowledging the presentation, remarked on the courtesy and good feeling with which his efforts to bring the boats together were received. It was a future, he said, that made handicapping rather a pleasure than a labour.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

Mr G. Stead, of Christchurch, is in Napier for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs Moore, of Napier, are on a visit to Taupo.

Mrs Macfarlane, of Clive, is spending a holiday in the South.

Miss Fania, of Napier, is on a visit to Christchurch.

Mr. and Miss W. Dinwiddie, of Napier, is spending a week or two in Taupo.

Mrs Bowen, of Napier, is spending some weeks in Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs W. Barnicoat, of Wanganui, are in Napier for a week.

Mrs Claude Cato, of Napier, is spending some weeks in Poru.

Mrs Avis, of Clive, is spending a holiday in the South.

Mr and Mrs Bradley, of Napier, are spending some weeks in Feilding.

Mrs R. Davis, of Kumeroa, is in Napier for a few days.

Mr Frost, of Wellington, formerly of Napier, is on a visit to Napier.

Mr and Mrs Leven, of Napier are spending a holiday in Nelson.

Mr and Mrs R. Rodie have left Napier for a three weeks' tour of the South Island.

Miss Berry, of Auckland, returned to her home last week after spending a holiday in Napier.

Mr A. Turnbull, S.M., Mrs and Miss Turnbull, of Hawera, are on a visit to Napier.

Mr and Mrs W. Shipbald and family arrived from Auckland last week. Mr Sibbald comes to take up the duties of Collector of Customs of Napier, vice Mr Bowen.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Mr Bendall, Palmerston North, went to Wellington for the holidays.

Mr Spencer, Palmerston North, spent Christmas in Napier.

Miss Edith Wilson, Palmerston North, is visiting in Inglewood.

Mrs J. Hewitt, Pahiatu, was a visitor to Palmerston last week.

Mr and Mrs Cave, of Waverley, were in Wanganui last week.

Miss Biss, of Auckland, is the guest of Mr and Mrs Biss in Wanganui.

Mr and Mrs Gill-Carey, of Hawera, were in Wanganui for Christmas week.

Dr. Hay has returned to Wellington after a short stay at Rotorua.

Mr. Leslie Brown (Fiji) has been spending a few days in Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow (Wellington) are paying a holiday visit to Auckland.

Mr. James Macintosh (Wellington) is paying a short visit to Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Quick (Wellington) have gone to the Hot Lakes for a few weeks.

Professor and Mrs. Salmon (Wellington) have been spending the holidays at Rotorua and Auckland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnston (Wellington) are at Lowry Bay for the summer months.

Miss MacDonnell (Auckland) has been staying with friends in Wanganui on her way South.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor (Wellington) are staying at their house at Titahi Bay for some weeks.

Miss U. Williams has gone to Auckland for a visit. She will return to Wellington before long.

Colonel Collins (Wellington) is making a stay in Christchurch in connection with the military tournament.

Mrs. and Miss Knight have gone back to Dannevirke after a short stay in Wellington.

Mrs. Macrae (Auckland) has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fifth at the College, Wellington, for a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harvey are back in Wellington, and have taken a house at Kelburne for the summer.

Mrs. Faulke and Miss G. Faulke (Wellington) are going to England for a trip in a few weeks time.

Mrs. Kay (Wadestown, Wellington) has been visiting relations in Christchurch.

Mrs. Morice (West Coast) has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Seddon, at Wellington.

Mr and Mrs A. Izard, of Wanganui, have gone to Christchurch for the holidays, where they are visiting relations.

Miss Ethel Miles, Wellington, is the guest of Mrs. Handyside, Palmerston North.

Miss Ada Preece, Auckland, is staying with her parents, Captain and Mrs Preece, Palmerston North.

Mrs Waddy (Blenheim), is visiting her daughters, Mrs G. Sim and Mrs Broad, Palmerston North.

Mrs and Miss Amelius Smith (Wellington), are the guests of Mrs C. E. Waldegrave, Palmerston North.

Mrs McIae (Auckland), is visiting her son and daughter-in-law Mr and Mrs F. S. McIae (Palmerston North).

Miss Krull, of Wanganui, who has been staying in Auckland, has returned to her home.

Mr B. Ashcroft, of Wanganui, who has been in Australia for some years, is in Wanganui for a holiday.

Miss A. McDonald, of Auckland, who has been staying in Wanganui with her aunt, Mrs A. Lewis, has gone to Wellington.

Mrs T. Powell and Miss Tudor, of Raungitikei, were in Wanganui last week.

Mr Durion Warburton, of Christchurch, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr and Mrs Eliot Warburton, Palmerston.

Dr. and Mrs. Ewart (Wellington) are on their way back to New Zealand. They left the colony last March, travelling by way of Canada. They are returning by the Suez and Sydney route.

Miss Warburton has returned to Palmerston after a stay in Wellington with Mr. and Mrs. J. Fulton, who have recently returned from their trip round the world.

Dr. Napier McLean (Wellington) has taken the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Tollhurst during the latter's absence in England. Mr., Mrs., and Miss Tollhurst leave early in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kennedy and the Misses Kennedy are leaving Wellington shortly for a trip to England. Two of their daughters are now residing in that country, where they intend to devote themselves to a religious life, and it is in order to see them that Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are taking this trip.

Mr. A. Barclay, who has just been appointed sub-editor of the "Southland Times" at Invercargill, is a son of Capt. A. de R. Barclay (Wellington). He has been engaged in literary work for some time past in Wellington, and lately at Dunedin.

Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield (Christchurch) are coming to Wellington to live before long, as Mr. Litchfield's acceptance of the general managership of the Bank of New Zealand makes it necessary for him to reside in the capital of the colony. He has taken a lease of Mr. Kennedy's house in Salamanca Road for some time to come. Both Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield have formerly lived in Wellington, where they have many warm friends.

Visitors to the Palmerston races included Mrs D. Riddiford (Marton), Mrs and Miss A. Smith (Wellington), Mrs and Miss Loughnan (Wellington), Mr and Mrs (Godfrey) Balwin (Levin), Mrs Abbott (Wellington), Miss Miles (Wellington), Mrs Pharyzyn (Feilding), the Hon. and Mrs Walter Johnston (Awarua), Mrs A. McBeth (Kiwitea), Mr and Mrs W. Fitzherbert (New Plymouth), Mr H. Hyndside (Wellington), Mr A. Keeling (Wellington), Mrs Pat. Fitzherbert (Waihi), Mr K. Duncan (Wellington), Mrs and Miss Chase-Morris (Wellington).

The famous Italian chemist and drug expert, Dr. Frederigo Corboni, has created a sensation by openly acknowledging that he has never washed in the seventy-five years of his life. "My mother may have washed me while I was unconscious of her carryings on, but water never touched my body after I came to my senses," says the scientist. In defence of his anti-wash crusade he quotes De Corboni, the great war hero who, at one time, did not separate himself from his clothes for three long years. "When a boy," he continues, "I could never understand why people should bathe, unless they were sick. Now I know. It's a foolish habit, like the tooth-brush habit, the discarding of boots at bedtime, etc." Despite his seventy-five years, he is hale and hearty—never knew a day's sickness in his life. "Five years ago," he continues, "my landlady furnished me with three towels; they are still on the rack, old and yellow, but unused."

PERSONAL NOTES FROM LONDON.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
LONDON, November 23.

In the current issue of his journal, "John Bull," Mr. Horatio Bottomley, after much "anxious and sorrowful consideration," decides to lift the veil which he says has hidden the real truth concerning the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain's illness from the public. From his article I extract the following:—

"The Press throughout the country has, with unceasing monotony, daily proclaimed that 'Mr. Chamberlain is making satisfactory progress.' Why, this foolish conspiracy of silence? Do not Mr. Chamberlain's family and friends realise that when the truth is known the shock will be all the greater in proportion to the country's unpreparedness for it? . . . If we thought that anything we are about to say could by any possibility cause Mr. Chamberlain himself a moment's pain, we would cut off our right hand rather than pen these lines. We know too well, however, that such cannot be the case—for at this moment the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain—be, who a year ago was the most virile, active, and militant political protagonist of the day—is a nerveless, voiceless, and almost sightless paralytic. The original seizure occurred some four months ago, whilst the right hon. gentleman was absolutely alone. When he was discovered he had been lying in a critical condition for nearly two hours. He was subsequently removed from London surreptitiously, late at night, to his home at Highbury, where about twice a week and with the utmost difficulty, he is wheeled into his favourite orchid house. There is the bald and painful truth. Of course, it will be denied, but after this specific announcement, nothing short of actual demonstration will, we venture to think, satisfy the public."

There is, of course, another side to this picture of the ex-Colonial Secretary. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, who ought to know, flatly contradicts Mr. Bottomley's alarmist statements, and records the fact that his famous father was yesterday able to indulge in walking exercise in the grounds of his residence at Highbury, after many weeks of pain and enforced idleness caused by his old enemy gout.

It is freely admitted that Mr. Chamberlain's illness has pulled the veteran Tariff Reformer down very much, that his physical condition will preclude his accepting any political engagements for some time to come, and that he will not be fit to appear in the House of Commons again this year; but the suggestion that he is a mental as well as a physical wreck is poor-pooled, and it is pointed out that even during his enforced rest he has managed to get through a vast amount of correspondence, and to keep in close touch with the political and other organisations in which he is interested.

Amongst New Zealand artists now in London is Miss Marjorie Tempest, who hails from Auckland. Miss Tempest is a vocalist whose speciality is comic opera, but she also plays the harp, the violin and the piano professionally. She studied in Sydney for five years, and then was engaged by Mr. J. C. Williamson, and later by Mr. George Musgrave for Miss Nellie Stewart's "Zaza" Company, and at the conclusion of its run she joined Mr. Pollard's comedy company for a long tour in the Far East. After the company returned to Australia Miss Tempest took a second tour in the East, giving her own recitals, and met with much success. On May 15 she sailed from Calcutta for London, and since her arrival here she has been taking singing lessons under Madam Udin and latterly under Signor Pao's Tosti. Her present intention, she tells me, is to study in London for a year or so, and then go to Italy and to Paris for further study. Meanwhile she has taken the name of Tempest-Yuk, to avoid confusion, as there are a number of Tempests in the theatrical profession in London.

Mr. Duncan Steffox, one of the senior partners of the firm of Messrs. Onyon, Lake and Co., Manchester, leaves for the colony by the s.s. Rimutaka on the 29th November. Mr. Steffox will travel through New Zealand, will visit the International Exhibition at Christchurch, and while in the colony will take the opportunity of meeting all the leading producers and merchants with whom his firm is dealing in connection with direct shipments to London and the West Coast.

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