

Personal Paragraphs

AUCKLAND PROVINCE

Miss Rees (Gisborne) is spending a few weeks in Napier.

Miss Wylie (Gisborne) is on a visit to Auckland.

Mr. J. Clark and Mr. Gouldsmith (Gisborne) are in Wellington for a few days.

Bishop Lenihan returned last week from a visit to Wellington.

Mr. T. C. Williams arrived in Auckland from the South on Sunday.

Miss Graham has taken up the duties of matron at the Coromandel Hospital.

Mr. E. W. Payton, director of the Elam School of Art, went South by the Ngapuhi on Sunday.

Mr. Murdoch McLean was a passenger from the South by the Takapuna on Sunday.

Mrs D. F. T. Bruce was a passenger by the Manapouri for Suva, en route to Vancouver, where she joins her husband, Lieut. Bruce, R.N.R., of H.M.C.S. Iris.

Mr J. B. Massey, founder of the firm of Massey Bros., Ltd., was presented by the employees last week with a case of pipes and an umbrella, also a silver teapot for Mrs Massey. The occasion was the departure of Mr Massey on a two months' trip to America.

Among those on whom the Companionship of the Imperial Service Order has been bestowed is Mr. J. Langford, late Registrar of the Supreme Court, Fiji, Curator of Intestate Estates, and Chief Police Magistrate, who is at present residing in Hamilton.

Mr. J. R. Carlsen, who has been employed as dispenser at the Veterans' Home for the past three years, was presented last week with a handsome silver inkstand with the following inscription:—"Presented to Mr. J. R. Carlsen as a mark of esteem from Captain and Mrs. Archer and sons."

Last week Mr. R. H. Harrison, J.P., mine manager of the Kapanga South Mine, was presented by the employees with a silver-mounted umbrella as a token of their esteem, on the occasion of his severing his connection. Much regret was expressed at Mr. Harrison's resignation.

Colonel Fermaud, world's secretary of the Y.M.C.A., took his departure from Auckland last week by the s.s. Manapouri, en route for Vancouver. Accompanying him was Mr. R. L. Stewart, honorary treasurer of the local branch. Mr. J. J. Virgo, general secretary of the Sydney Association, joins them at Suva. All three will be present at the international conference to be held shortly in the United States.

The numerous friends of Dr. R. W. Allen, an old Auckland Grammar School boy, will hear with pleasure of his progress in his profession in London. He has just been delivering a series of lectures at the Royal Eye Hospital, in conjunction with such eminent men as Doctors Vernon Cargill, Wiloughby Lyle, G. T. Brookshank, and Arthur Osmond. Dr. Allen is in practice in Wimpole-street, in the West End, and is specialising in diseases of the eye.

Miss M. Street, who has relinquished the post of matron at the Coromandel Hospital, to take up a similar position at the Convalescent Home at Ellerslie, was last week presented with a silver-mounted toilet case by the chairman of the Hospital Trustees (Captain Swindley) on behalf of the public of Coromandel (says our Coromandel correspondent). Dr. Smith replied on behalf of the matron, and afterwards presented her with a silver manicure set from the hospital staff.

Last week members of the New Zealand Ironmasters' Association met at the secretary's office, Queen-street, for the purpose of saying good-bye to Messrs. J. B. Massey, of Massey Bros., Ltd., and R. B. Spinka, of W. A. Ryan and Co., who were about to leave for "Frisco" by the Manapouri. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to present each of the members with a greenstone "tiki," as a token of good fellowship, and the hope was expressed that they would have an enjoyable trip.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE

Miss Moorcroft, of Wellington, is in Napier for some weeks.

Mrs. R. Smith, of Dunedin, is in Napier for some weeks.

Miss Dewes, of Napier, has been spending a holiday in the country.

Miss Williams, of Dunedin, is on a visit to Napier.

Miss Smith, of Waipukurau, is on a visit to Napier.

Miss Vallance, of the Wairarapa, has been on a visit to Napier.

Mrs. Hartgill, of Dannevirke, has been spending a few days in Napier.

Miss Hodgson has returned to Hastings after a visit to Woodville.

Miss E. Hall, of Hastings, is on a visit to Woodville.

Mrs. Cunningham, of Dunedin, is in Napier for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Smart, of Tutira, have been in Napier for some weeks.

Miss Heath, of Wellington, is spending a holiday visit in Napier.

Mrs. Hadfield, of Wellington, is on a visit to Napier.

Mr. T. P. Russell, general manager of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency, has been on a visit to Napier.

Mr. W. Tonkin, son of Capt. in Tonkin, of Napier, has accepted an appointment as reporter on the "New Zealand Times."

WELLINGTON PROVINCE

Mrs. L. A. Abraham, Palmerston, visited Wanganui recently.

Mrs. Martin, Palmerston, is back from a visit to the Wairarapa.

The Rev. C. C. Harper, Palmerston, attended synod in Wellington last week.

Miss Maling has returned to Christchurch, after a stay in Wellington.

Mrs. Nivens (Wairarapa) has been visiting Wellington.

Miss Harding (Wellington) has been staying with Mrs. Beard in Masterton.

Mrs. Von Haast is back in Wellington, after a trip up North.

Miss Nancy Johnston (Hawke's Bay) has been visiting friends in Wellington.

Mrs. Baume (Auckland) is in Wellington for a part of the session.

Mrs. Taverner (Rangitikei) has gone to the South Island for a visit.

Mrs. Barton (Trentham) is in Wellington for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Heyes are back in Wellington, after a trip up North.

Mr. and Mrs. Tringham (Wellington) have gone across to Sydney for a visit.

Miss Hoggard (Wellington) is staying with friends in Napier.

Miss Hall-Jones has arrived in Wellington, to visit her sister for some time.

Lieut.-Col. Chaytor (Blenheim) is paying a visit to Wellington.

Mr. A. S. Biss (Wellington) has gone to the South Sea Islands for a trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Renell, Palmerston, are spending a holiday in Auckland.

Mrs. Trimble, of Wanganui, has been staying in Feilding with Mrs. Barton.

Miss Jackson, of Wanganui, has been staying with friends in Rangitikei.

Miss Wilford, of Wanganui, is staying in Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Palmerston, have returned home from a trip to Auckland.

Mr. E. J. Armstrong, Palmerston, is in Gisborne staying with his son, Mr. C. E. Armstrong.

Miss Bremner, of Wellington, who has been the guest of Mrs. Barnard Brown, in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

Miss Slack, of Palmerston North, is the guest of Mrs. Barnard Brown, Wanganui.

Mr. Gordon Williams, of Te Aute, Hawke's Bay, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Empson, Collegiate School, Wanganui.

Mrs. Webster, of Wellington, who has of her aunt, Mrs. Basil Taylor, in Wanganui, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Barton, of Feilding, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Basil Taylor, in Wanganui.

Mrs. Morice has returned to the West Coast, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Macarthy, of Wellington, are leaving for a cruise in the Islands in a few weeks time.

Mrs. Putnam (Palmerston) is staying with Mrs. Finch in Wellington for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Simpson (Wellington) are shortly going for a trip to the South Sea Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaisford (Hawke's Bay) have gone to the South Sea Islands for a trip.

Miss Marjorie Abraham (Palmerston) is in Wellington, staying with Miss Inghison.

Captain J. D. R. Hewitt has returned to Palmerston North, after a week or so in Wellington.

Miss Fulton (Wellington) is at present the guest of Miss Elder (Waikanae) for a week or so.

Mr. Justice Haselden and Mrs. Haselden are at present travelling on the West Coast.

Mrs. Leslie Gorton, of Feilding, is in Wellington, staying with Captain and Mrs. Edwin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Holmes have gone back to the Wairarapa, after a short stay in Wellington.

Mrs. McLean and the Misses McLean have arrived from Dunedin, and intend to spend several months in Wellington, where they have taken a house for the session.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodgkinson, "Rata," Rangitikei, have gone to England for a trip, travelling by way of Australia and the East.

Captain E. W. Lascelles, who is on his way out from England to take up an appointment in connection with military matters in the colony, is due to arrive in Wellington by the Ionic on July 16th.

Miss Mori, who has just returned to Australia, has been spending some months in New Zealand, having come over to take part in the golf tournament in connection with the Exhibition. She has recently been paying a series of visits in and near Wellington.

SOUTH ISLAND

Miss Gresson (Wanganui) is visiting friends in Christchurch.

Miss Freeman (Christchurch) is in Gisborne.

Miss E. Hill has just returned to Christchurch from England.

Mr. and Mrs. Quane are back in Christchurch after their visit to the North Island.

Mrs. Ranauld Macdonald (Christchurch) is spending a few weeks at Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Acland (Ashburton) have been staying in Christchurch for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacLean, who have been in Christchurch, have returned to Mount Hutt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wardrop (Christchurch) have taken a house at Clifton, Sumner, for the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wanklyn (Christchurch) are spending a holiday at Hanner Springs.

Mrs. Henry Wood (Christchurch) is staying with Mrs. D. Wood at Ashburton.

Miss K. Charlewood has arrived in Christchurch from England. She is the guest of Miss Humphreys, Fendalton, and her marriage to Mr. A. Quartley, of Napier, will take place early next month from Mr. Humphreys' house.

THE GUINIA POEM!

A CHECK FOR £1 1/2 has been sent to the writer of this verse, Miss K.O. Kaneri, Hokitika.

What makes washing day a joke—
Clothes all white with just a poke—
No more need to boil or rub—
Just put SAPON in the tub.

WIN A GUINEA! Prize Poem published every Saturday. Best four-SHORT-line verse about "SAPON" wins each week. SAPON wrapper must be enclosed. Address: "SAPON" (Oatmeal Washing Powder), P.O. Box 635, Wellington.

List of Prize-winners with FULL NAMES may be inspected on application.

New Health Clothes for Men.

The dress reformers have always been with us, ever since Alcibiades got into serious trouble for wearing the pants of the Persian, instead of the tunic of the Greek, writes Edgar Jepson, the novelist, in the "Daily Mail." The dress reformers of to-day are chiefly enthusiastic dreamers, who fail to take into account in their reforms the essential requirements of the modern man.

Always they propose to plaster him with the picturesque, which his ancestors long ago so sensibly discarded—to envelop him in graceful folds of voluminous drapery, or make him radiant in plum-coloured velvet.

Now, in an age when a man had the leisure to dispose gracefully round him fourteen yards of purple-hemmed toga, in a climate propitious to cold linen, this was all very pretty.

But the modern man of muddy towns has little use for the picturesque in dress. The keynote of modern life is strenuousness; the modern man is above all things a worker, and if his dress needs reforming it needs to be made more of a working dress.

Few will deny that it will not bear reforming, for it is not only ugly, but inconvenient. It has evolved from the dress of our more leisured ancestors, and it is still loaded up with the rudimentary tags of their picturesqueness, which make it a hampering thing of loose ends.

The tails of the frock-coat, the reengined uniform of the business man, are in exactly the same evolutionary position as its wearer's vermiform appendix, and just as useful to him. They flop when he walks, and crumple when he sits down. The short jacket is not so bad; but it, too, is a thing of loose ends, and they get in the way.

Again, there is the waste of time in getting into, in bracing or buttoning on three garments, when one will serve their purpose. Why add to the misery of buttons by having more than need be? Buttons, if only for their habit of wearing through the thread which holds them on and retiring grimly into the Ewigkeit, are enemies of the human race. Yet we go on encouraging them in their exasperating depravity by employing them lavishly; the modern man should thin them out. Suspenders, too, are not a dream of joy; let him away with them!

The foolishness of modern dress, with its redundancy of time-wasting garments, its multiplicity of buttons, and its aggravation of suspenders, had long given me to despair of the human intelligence, before it occurred that something should be done to find a working dress for the modern worker.

Then I saw that it was possible to strip our dress of its redundancy, banish suspenders, and baffle the button by the simple device of combining coat and pants into one garment. I had them combined, and now I save time and temper; buttons and suspenders hurry me no more. After many years I am comfortable and serene; I can look upon a button without a quail.

At last I am at ease as I work; I am not disturbed by the sudden knowledge that my jacket has got the stranglehold on me, or that my waistcoat is labouring under the impression that I am air and to be compressed. Nothing racks me. I am merely in an outer loose-fitting skin, which, since we wear it so much for purely climatic reasons, is what our dress ought to be.

It may not be more picturesque than a frock coat, but it certainly has a much better line of the figure from the armpit to the knee. At any rate, I do not flutter like my benighted fellows with ancestral tags.

I am not only more at ease in my work, but also in my play. There is no drag or suspenders to stiffen my swing at golf, no loose ends to get in the way bicycling or fishing. I keep this dress for work or play; for social observances I still use the approved uniform.

Ageed persons are peculiarly benefited by Stearns' Wine as it possesses the stimulating properties of yellow wine, in addition to its value as a body builder and strength tonic.