

Personal Paragraphs

AUCKLAND PROVINCE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. O'Rourke and family returned to Auckland on Sunday after a lengthy stay in the Old Country.

The following guests have been staying at Okoroire Hot Springs Hotel:—Mrs. J. M. Dargaville, Miss Dargaville, Mrs. W. J. Smith, Rev. Mr. Sutton, Mr. H. D. Hazard, Mr. A. Pittar, Miss Mace, Mr. Angus, Mr. McDonald, Mr. P. Ryan, Mr. A. Wilson, Mr. Galwey, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield, Miss Bloomfield, Master Trevor Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bloomfield, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. E. Towle, Miss M. Towle, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ferguson, Rev. Mr. Fergusson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fergusson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walker, Master Walker, Mrs. J. Knedean, Miss Grace Eudean, Mrs. T. Preece, Miss E. Aitkinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill, Mr. J. B. Macfarlane, Dr. and Mrs. Conter, Mr. A. Ross, Mr. J. Menzies, Master Menzies, Auckland; Dr. Seville, Master Seville, Morrisville; Major Robinson, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Coutts, Te Aroha; Mrs. C. Brown, Tararaki; Mr. T. Keenan, Melbourne; Mr. J. C. Smith, Hamilton.

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

Mrs. Nantes is absent from Napier on a visit to Christchurch.

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

Miss Kennedy has returned to Napier after a few weeks in the country.

Mr. T. Parker has returned to Napier after a visit to England.

Miss Crosbie, of Hastings, has been staying a few days in Napier.

Miss Monteith, of Woodville, is staying in Napier with Mrs. H. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. McVay, of Napier, have gone on a short visit to Taupo.

Miss Hamlin is absent from Napier on a visit to the Wairarapa district.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry have returned to Napier from Christchurch, where they have been present at the races.

Miss Rees, of Gisborne, is on a visit to Napier, and is staying with her sister, Mrs. H. B. Lusk.

Lady Ward, who has been the guest of Mrs. Coleman, has returned to her home in Wellington.

Mrs. Boys left Napier this week for Christchurch, where she is going to make her new home.

Miss Rutledge, who has been visiting friends in the country, has returned to Napier.

Miss Harman has returned to her home in Christchurch, after staying some weeks in Napier.

Mr. Frank Williams, who has been absent in England since the beginning of the year, returns to his home in Napier this week.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

Mrs. Atkinson (Wellington) is at present staying near Nelson.

Miss Harvey has returned to Wellington after a stay with friends in Timaru.

Mrs. Humphries, who has been away in Nelson, is back in Wellington again.

Miss Barker (Christchurch) is making a stay in Wellington.

Miss Simpson (Wellington) is paying a visit to Palmerston.

Miss Russell (Palmerston) is in Wellington for a few days.

Miss A. Edwin is visiting Mrs. Chaytor, "Manhlands," Blenheim.

Mrs. Alfred Brandon (Wellington) has gone to Rotoma for two or three weeks.

Miss Barton, of Wanganui, is on a visit to Auckland and Rotoma.

Mrs. Derriner, Feilding, was a visitor to Palmerston last week.

Miss Smith Martin is the guest of Mrs. Humphreys in Wanganui.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall, of Rangitikei, were in Wanganui last week.

Miss Inlay, of Wanganui, is at present on a visit to New Plymouth.

Miss Inglis, of Pahiatua, is staying with friends in Wanganui.

Mrs. Fulton has returned to Wellington from her visit to Dunedin.

Miss G. Reid (Wellington) is spending a few weeks in Palmerston.

Mrs. Cecil Kebell (Wairarapa) is visiting Wellington.

Dr. and Mrs. Young (Wellington) are staying at Trentham, where they have recently built a house.

Lady Ward has been spending a few days in Napier, staying with her sister, Mrs. Boyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt have left Timaru for Opoitiki, where they will remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleridge have taken a house at Karaka Bay, Wellington, for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolhurst are spending a week or two at Trentham before settling into their house in Wellington.

Professor and Mrs. Rankine Brown (Wellington) have gone to Nelson for some weeks.

Miss Sinclair, who has been making a stay in Wellington, has returned to Dunedin.

Miss Harecourt is back in Wellington after a trip to Christchurch for November week.

Mrs. Ballance, England, who has been staying in Wanganui with her sister, Mrs. Griffiths, has gone to Rotoma.

Professor and Mrs. Von Zedlitz, of Wellington, who have been staying in Wanganui, have returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bayley, of Wanganui, have returned from their visit to Palmerston North.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Waldegrave, Wellington, have been staying with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Waldegrave, Palmerston.

Mrs. Renell and Miss Bell, Palmerston, have returned from their visit to Kimbarton.

Miss Olive Kettle and Miss Phyllis Boyle (Christchurch) are in Wellington, staying for a few days at Government House.

Mrs. Tanner, who is leaving for England next week, is staying with Mrs. Brandon, Hobson-street, Wellington for a few days before the Rimutaka sails.

Mrs. Deans (Christchurch) was in Wellington lately for a few days before going to Auckland en route for the Hot Lakes.

Amongst the visitors in Wanganui for the show were Mrs. and Miss Riddiford (Marton), Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilde (Marton).

Mr. R. M. McKnight, manager of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency, Palmerston, spent a few days in Wellington last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Crawford, who have been away in England for the last two or three years are on their way back, and are expected in Wellington at the end of this month.

Mrs. H. D. Crawford, who has been away for a trip to England, is on her way out, and will arrive in Wellington early next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grace, who have been visiting about the South Island for the past month or two, are making a short stay in Wellington before going on to Pahiatua, where Mr. Grace recently bought a large run.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kennedy and the Misses Kennedy, who have been for a round-the-world trip, have reached Australia on their way home. They are expected back in Wellington at the end of this month.

SOUTH ISLAND.

Mrs. Beswick and Mrs. Wigram (Christchurch) have returned from their visit to Hamner Springs.

Miss Tripp ("Woodbury") is the guest of Mrs. Wigram at Park Terrace, Christchurch.

Miss Muriel Anderson, who has been in the North Island for several months, has returned to Christchurch.

Miss Esther Barker (Geraldine) is the guest of Mrs. Ronald Macdonald, "Hau-linden."

Miss Kettle and Miss Boyle, of Christchurch, have gone to Wellington, where they will for a short time be the guests of Lady Plunket at Government House.

Why Costly Laces Are a Good Investment.

When hearing or reading of a society lady spending an allowance of two thousand pounds in twelve months on dress and its various accessories, the uninitiated are apt to wonder how an outfit can be found for such expenditure. To an indifferent mind the idea suggests a new dress for every other day in the year, and, with a shrug of the shoulders for such wilful extravagance, there the matter ends. But anyone happening to be behind the scenes, in the channels through which a social leader's money circulates, has often cause to be amazed that even these amounts can cover all the expenses that are the penalty of high position.

In a small way we are aware that the accumulation of eteteras drains our resources quite as much, in comparison, as the important purchases which are made as an outcome of thought and care. So, on totalling up a social butterfly's bills, we discover that a remarkable portion of her pin money has been swallowed up in paying for odds and ends in general, which include one item in particular—apt to be overlooked—that of keeping her lace in order.

To appear well dressed in public is one thing; to be looked upon as an ornament of distinction and good taste is another. In order to cultivate the latter opinion, nothing can lend a lady better aid than the introduction of beautiful lace to all her smart gowns. It is the one trimming which does not vulgarize, but always lifts her above the crowd.

Recognizing this, many of the "upper ten" indulge in the luxury of purchasing old and valuable specimens of exquisite dentelle for decorating, not only their gowns, but also their coats and opera cloaks.

The outlay in the first place is considerable. Modern lace of good quality is not procurable at a low figure, and when the preserved workmanship of bygone centuries prove irresistible, the trimming for one frock can easily reach £250. Admirers of the delicate fabric make a point of setting aside a certain sum every year for the purpose of increasing their collection. A financial magnate's wife, celebrated for the magnificent pieces of "Point de Venise" which she has gathered round her, spends £300 a year on adding to the contents of her lace-box.

The amount of money required to keep it in good order when in constant use makes a big hole in a society woman's bank account, particularly if she is sensible enough to trust the overhauling to the hands of a high-class firm.

Immediately a dress is cast aside, the maid has instructions to carefully remove the lace. Examination discloses signs of wear—not much, perhaps, but sufficient to deteriorate both value and appearance. Away to the lace doctor's it is dispatched to be thoroughly repaired and probably cleaned.

Then, many ladies will not wear even a collar-band of lace if it has become slightly soiled, and during the reign of one gown, perhaps, the removable trimmings find their way to the cleaners two or three times. On the other hand, those knowing soiled real lace to be permissible will take advantage of the fact, and absolutely ruin their possessions by wearing them beyond the possibility of restoration.

THE GUINEA POEM.

A CHECK FOR £1 1/ has been sent to the writer of this verse, Miss K.S., 13, Holborn-st., Wellington.

Mother at the washing tub—tired and cross and
sore;
Father banished to the pub—Baby starved and
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YACHTING.

"It's a very prominent member of our yacht club."
"Indeed! What is his official capacity?"
"Four gallons."

'Bus Humour.

Your London 'bus-driver, says Lord Madox Huefer in "England and the English," takes his day off sitting on the front seat of an omnibus with his head close to that of the driver at work, just as the sailor lounges round harbours, glances along ropes with quietened but still professional eyes. He gets in this way the feeling of leisure "rubbed in" and, without anxieties, his mind is kept employed by the things he best understands. And it is because in London there are so many things to see, so many anecdotes to be retailed, such a constant passing of material and human objects, that London aoids us.

I do not know that it really sharpens our wits. I fancy that it merely gives us more accidental matters on which to display them, more occurrences to which to attach morals that have been for years crystallized in our minds. I was listening to the observations of two such 'bus-drivers. They were like those of a red-nosed four-wheel driver: "Now then, old danger signal!" To a driver of a very magnificent state carriage: "Where are you going with that glass hearse?" Of a very small man conducting a very tall lady across the road: "I reckon he wants a stop-ladder when he kisses her good-night!"

Whereupon the driver who hadn't made the remark muttered: "Just what I was going to say, Bill. You took the very words out of my mouth." Thus these famous witticisms of the London streets are largely traditional and common property. No doubt London breeds a certain cast of mind by applying men's thoughts to a similar class of occurrences, but the actual comments float in the air in class and class.

The Hon. Archie (it would be a shame to identify him further) recently left college. He had lived at a good pace, and would have left a good many debts behind him and several things in pawn, when an old aunt who loved him as her own son, came to the rescue on a solemn promise at reform. So he paid up and redeemed the many articles of clothing he had left with his uncle in the days of his necessity. By sad mishaps, however, that obliging relative forgot to remove the tickets. Full of kindness and pride in her dear boy, his mother, on his return home, insisted on unpacking his boxes. In doing so she first discovered an overcoat with an ominous-looking label upon it. "What a nuisance," said the Hon. Archie, in answer to her expression of surprise. "They must have forgotten to take off the ticket at the ball at Daneway's when I left my overcoat in the cloakroom." Mamma was satisfied; but when, shortly afterwards she found a pair of trousers bearing a similar label, imagine the puzzled note of interrogation with which she exclaimed, "But surely, my darling, you didn't leave these in the cloakroom, too!"

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