

Bright's disease, after a very short illness.

Mr Henry J. Lepper, a prominent Wellingtonian, died last week. He had only been ill for two days. He was District President of the Wellington district.

Mr C. Wallmatt, officer-in-charge of the Auckland tourist bureau, has resumed duty after three weeks' holiday. Mr. C. Freyberg, who has been relieving in Auckland, returns to Wellington.

Mr. C. H. Macdonald, of the Public Trust Office, Christchurch, who is leaving for Queensland, where he intends to take up farming, was presented with a pair of field glasses by the staff.

The death occurred at the Napier Hospital recently of Mr John Michael Ryan, proprietor of the Temperance Private Hotel, Clive-square. Deceased was 47 years of age.

About fifty members and friends of the Silverstream (Wellington) Cricket Club recently assembled at Menzies' Hall to bid adieu to Mr Chas. P. Cotter, their late president, who is on the eve of his departure for Otaia.

Mr James Currie, senr., who has retired from the Wellington and Manawatu railway workshops on superannuation after twenty-three years' service, was the recipient of a valuable present from his shipmates.

Mr P. McColl, on the Parliamentary library staff, Wellington, and well-known in athletic circles, was presented on the eve of his marriage with a handsome marble clock by fellow-members of the staff.

Mr A. D. Riggs, of the counting-house staff of Messrs. Sargood, Son and Ewen, Wellington, received a presentation from his fellow employees, the occasion being his departure for Canada, via the Old Country.

Mr Geo. Schmidt, who has been for some years private secretary to the Hon. W. Hall-Jones, will not go to London with the High Commissioner, preferring to continue in the public service in New Zealand.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin, recently the Brotherhood of St. Andrew presented the Ven. Archdeacon Gould with a surplice, in recognition of his valuable sympathy and encouragement with the young men of his parish.

Mr Hector N. Simson, an old Auckland boy, arrived by the Mokoia on Monday on a visit to New Zealand, after an absence in South Africa of seven years. Mr. Simson is accompanied by Mrs. Simson and their infant son.

Mr James M. Skinner, formerly of Wellington, and a member of the Eighth Contingent, was married at Durban recently to Miss Grace B. Burness, late of Edinburgh. Mr Skinner is a member of the staff of the Criminal Investigation Department of Natal.

At Messrs. R. O. Clark's yard, Auckland, on Saturday, Mr. Geo. Lloyd was presented by his fellow employees with a handsome travelling bag, suitably inscribed, on the occasion of his promotion to the charge of the company's branch depot at Wellington.

The committee of the Rhodes Convalescent Home, Christchurch, has appointed Miss Lena Wood matron of the home. She has been for the past five years matron of the Warracknabeal Hospital, Victoria, and has won a high reputation as a matron and a nurse.

From Australia comes news of the marriage of Mr. Reynolds Denniston, of the Julius Knight Co., to Miss Valentine Radney, formerly of the "Peter Pan" Company. Mr. Denniston comes from Dunedin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Godber, who have just returned to Wellington from a trip round the world, were entertained last week, by the employees of Godber's, Ltd., at their rooms in Cuba-street, and presented with an illuminated address and photograph of the staff.

An old resident of Parnell, in the person of Mr James Gannon, passed away last week at his residence, Park-road. The deceased was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in the year 1847. He is survived by a widow, two sons and one daughter. He had resided in Auckland 35 years.

At a business meeting of the Dunedin Operatic Society, Miss May Black, to whose services the society were greatly indebted in connection with the production of "The Mikado," was the recipient of a purse of sovereigns, subscribed by the members and committee of the society.

The Ven. Archdeacon Calder, of Auckland, arrived in Wellington by the Arawa from London on Sunday, after attending the Pan-Anglican Congress. The Archdeacon is in excellent health, and had a

most enjoyable voyage. He returned to Auckland by the Main Trunk express on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Willeby, wife of the well-known London composer, and sister of Fergus Hume, author, is spending a few weeks in New Zealand, and is at present staying in Auckland at "Glenalvon." Some of Mrs. Willeby's friends are endeavouring to induce her to give a recital, introducing some of her husband's latest songs.

A farewell social was given at Taumarunui on Wednesday last to Mr. M. Hickey, who is leaving Taumarunui. Mr Hickey has been in charge of the railway works on the Main Trunk line in the neighbourhood of Taumarunui for about seven years, and is being transferred to the North Auckland section.

Mr G. H. F. Rolleston, the recently appointed British Trade Commissioner for New Zealand, is at present on a visit to Auckland, and is stopping at the Grand Hotel. Mr. Rolleston's headquarters will be in Wellington, but he is at present touring the Dominion in order to make himself thoroughly acquainted with local conditions.

Dr. P. F. McEvedy, one of the most prominent members of the Anglo-Welsh football team which toured the Dominion last winter, was one of the twenty-eight applicants for the position of medical superintendent of Wellington Hospital. Dr. McEvedy is a New Zealander, and remained in the Dominion at the conclusion of the team's tour.

Mr O. E. Stout, son of Sir Robert Stout, Chief Justice of New Zealand, has arrived in London, and will shortly proceed to Cambridge University to go into residence there. Sir Robert Stout now has four sons studying in the Old Country, two of them being medical students in Guy's Hospital.

At Hamilton last week Mr C. L. Hooper was presented with a travelling bag, a Mossiel rug, and a set of pipes by the members of the Waikato Hockey Association on the eve of his departure for America. Mr A. W. Green, horticulturist at the Government farm, was presented by the club with an easy chair and a pair of vases on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

Mr A. T. Ngata, M.P., arrived in Auckland on Saturday, after completing a very extensive tour of his very big electorate. The leader of the Young Maori party goes into Mount Pleasant private hospital for the purpose of undergoing an operation. Though painful, it is not anticipated that the operation will be of a serious nature, or that Mr Ngata will be long indisposed.

Mr George Washington Schwartz died suddenly at Palmerston North recently, in his 76th year. Mr. Schwartz was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1832, and arrived in Wellington in the early fifties, where for eighteen years he was confidential clerk to the Hon. John Martin. Later, he was a resident at the Hut for many years, and for the last eighteen months resided in Palmerston North. Deceased leaves a wife and two grown-up daughters.

Ramour is busy with the names of possible Conciliation Commissioners under the new Industrial Conciliation and Arbitration Act (says a Southern paper). The consensus of opinion seems to be that Dr. McArthur, S.M., will be appointed for the North Island, and Mr J. R. Trigg, ex-chairman of the Canterbury Conciliation Board, for the South Island.

At the Auckland Fire Underwriters' rooms on Friday the chief clerks of the various fire insurance companies in Auckland assembled to bid farewell to Mr. H. Marshall, of the New Zealand Insurance Company, who has been promoted to the position of manager of that company's Napier branch. Mr. A. C. Baker, on behalf of the subscribers, presented Mr. Marshall with a case of silver-mounted pipes, at the same time wishing him every success in his new position.

LONDON, October 30.

Bishop Leman, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland, is on a visit to Rome. He accompanied the English Pilgrimage from London, and was present at the Vatican last Monday, when the pilgrims were received by the Pope. His Holiness, dressed all in white, was attended by his domestic prelates, and escorted by the Noble Guards, while the Swiss Guards rendered military honours. The pilgrims, who had carried with them many religious objects to be blessed, kept forming a line, along which the Pope passed, smiling benevolently, giving to each his hand to kiss. On one

side of the hall were ranged the chalices and other church vessels forming the jubilee present, bought with subscriptions collected by the ladies of England.

Archbishop Bourne read an address, signed by the whole English episcopacy, in which he said that, to take part in this common joy for the jubilee of the Pope's priesthood, which the Divine goodness had granted him, English people of every station in life had come to Rome to place at his feet their homage and good wishes. Father Danford next presented to the Pope, on behalf of the pilgrims, £121, independently of the offerings presented by Archbishop Bourne and the other bishops present, for their respective dioceses. Archbishop Bourne's offering amounted to £6000.

The Pope answered the address in Italian, thanking the Pilgrims most warmly for their greetings and the offering, and expressing his appreciation of the loyalty of the faithful of Great Britain. His Holiness then imparted to the pilgrims and their families the Apostolic Benediction.

Miss Muriel Matters, the young suffragette who chained herself to the trellis work in front of the ladies' gallery in Parliament, and then harangued the House, is a South Australian. This fact was mentioned in the Police Court the day after the "raid," when Miss Matters was tried for attempting to re-enter the House, and refusing to go away when moved on by the police. The following dialogue ensued when she was ushered into the dock.

"Yes?" said the magistrate, looking up.

"I beg your pardon?" responded the lady.

"Have you anything to say?"—"I should like to ask for a remand, to enable me to prepare my case."

"I will grant a remand if you think you can bring any evidence to bear on the charge, but not to prepare a speech only."—"I think I ought to be allowed to prepare my defence."

The magistrate: I should be glad to hear an expression of regret from an Australian lady, and an assurance that she will respect the laws of this country while she is here, and go back to Australia, where she can vote.

Defendant: No, sir. While I am here I must do my absolute best to get the conditions altered.

The magistrate: Five pounds!

Defendant: No option!

The magistrate: A month's imprisonment.

This means that Miss Matters, who refused to pay the fine, will have to serve a month in gaol in the third division, wear prison dress, and eat prison fare, and work from six to eight hours a day at prison labour. The Government evidently think that by increasing the severity of the punishment—it used to be imprisonment in the first division—they can overawe the suffragettes. If that is their idea, they are making the worst possible mistake. The spirit of revolt which animates these champions of woman's suffrage will not be crushed by coercion. On the contrary, punishment only serves to fan the flame.

A page of the "Spectator" is devoted this week to a review, highly eulogistic in tone, of Mr W. P. Reeves's new book on New Zealand, recently published by Messrs A. and C. Black, with illustrations by the brothers Wright, of Auckland.

"Mr W. P. Reeves," says the "Spectator," signals his retirement from the office of High Commissioner for New Zealand by writing as charming a book as we ever hope to read about the country he has so well represented. The authorship of it, even though it be unofficial, we think, one of the most considerable services he has rendered to New Zealand. It is written with enthusiasm; it does not pretend to be either a guide-book or an exhaustive treatise; it describes what is in the heart of one who dearly loves his country; and it touches nothing without illuminating it with some learning, humour, or curious observation. Mr Reeves, in fact, has written the book in his own way, and a very good way it is. The text is more than worthy of the numerous illustrations, which are a true pleasure to the eye, and are by far the best pictures of New Zealand we have ever seen in a book.

"We unreservedly commend this book," concludes the "Spectator." It is romantic because Mr Reeves is a poet, yet it nowhere exaggerates. New Zealanders will behold here the lineaments of their land glorified yet truthful; those who have never seen New Zealand will not die happy unless they do so after reading this book."

The Rev. F. Stubbs is at present lecturing in London upon New Zealand, and leaves next week for Leeds, Liverpool, etc., which will occupy him for about four months. Next spring he hopes to visit Europe, and spend several months in France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.

Mrs and Miss Binney, of Auckland, left London for the winter and are staying in Brighton. Mr Binney is on a visit to France.

Recent arrivals at the High Commissioner's office:—Mr Robt. Johnstone and the Misses Johnstone (Hawke's Bay), Miss J. E. McLeod (Invercargill), Mr Wm. Eagle, Mr F. C. Tattle (Wellington), Mr Percy C. Bridgeman (Dunedin), Mr W. G. Hendle (Rai Warra), Miss Agnes M. Herbert (Kelson), Miss Jessie Bannatyne (Dunedin), Mrs C. E. R. Mackey (Auckland), Mr Albert T. Board (King Country), Mrs A. G. Hume (Wellington), Mr and Mrs Robt. Buchanan (Christchurch), Mr F. F. Maynard (Ponsonby), Mr C. H. E. Maynard (Christchurch), Mr G. E. Benson Mickle (Wellington), Mr and Mrs E. J. Hylton (Wellington), Mrs A. J. Crawford (Wanganui), Dr Arthur de Renzi (Christchurch).

Among recent arrivals in London is Mr Maxwell Walker, of Auckland, who travelled to Europe, via Suez, by the Messageries Maritimes route. Mr Walker, after a spell of sight-seeing in London, intends going to Paris for the winter, to study French and German at the Sorbonne (University of Paris).

Tourist Paths Made Easy.

Tourists who visit Switzerland need no longer risk their limbs and lives in perilous climbs up mountains which they can now ascend comfortably seated in a carriage to a height of from three to ten thousand feet amid the snow.

It is estimated that during the summer season of 1907 about 400,000 visitors made trips on the Swiss funicular line, while the total this season so far amounts to 250,000.

There are twenty-five mountains—and Alpine resorts—which have already been "conquered" by the railway engineers, and the following lines are the twelve most notable in Switzerland and the most patronised by tourists:—

Mountain Lines.	Length in miles.	Height in feet.
Brienz Rothorn	5	7,713
Glion Naye	5½	6,608
Mont Geneser	5	5,409
Pilatus	3	6,988
Stanserhorn	2½	6,236
Rorschach Helden	4½	2,645
Yrznau Right	4	5,903
Art Right	7	5,905
Gorner Grat	6	9,312
Schwinig Photo	4	6,180
Wengernalp	4½	6,768
Jungfrau	5	10,273

Another line of entirely novel form was completed last month up the Wetterhorn. It is an elevated "Alpine lift" which starts near Grindelwald, and by means of perpendicular cables climbs directly up the side of the mountain.

Several new mountain lines are projected, among the most important being to the summits of Mont Blanc and the Matterhorn. In the near future, at the present rate of "progress," every Swiss peak will have its railway and its hotels.

Early Rising Record.

John Brett, a resident of Shanklin, Isle of Wight, has seen the sun rise every day for the past fifty-three years.

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