## PERSONAL NOTES.

Dr. J. M. Mason, late Chief Health Offieer, leaves for London with his family by the Tainui on June 17.

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The funeral of the late Mrs. G. P. Domnelly took place at Omahu cemetery, near Hastings, last week.

Mr. Kenneth Harre, of the Wellington mail-room staff of the Post Office, and Mr. W. E. Bailiffe, of the parcels branch in the same town, have both been transferred to Auckland.

Inspector Snowball of the Dungdin

Inspector Snowball, of the Dunedin City Council staff, is to be granted six months' leave of absence, in order to visit America, Great Britain, and the Continent, before the city corporations make improvements, which the Government insist on being carried out at the abattoirs.

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Mr. G. V. Shannon, who recently retired from the position of Chief Custems expert after 21 years' service, was presente last week by Mr. R. Carter (Secretary of Custons), on behalf of efficers of the Department throughout the Dominion, with an illuminated address for himself, and a silver tea-service for Mrs. Shannon.

Mr. F. Jelley (chief officer of the Warrimoo) has resigned from the Union Company's service to become chief stevedore at Wellington for the New Zealand Shipping Compnay.

Advice was received in Melbourne last week of the death in Sweden of General Booth-Hellberg, son-in-law of General Booth, and for many years one of the chief officers of the Salvation Army in Sweden.

Mr. P. A. McKellar (of the railway staff at Hampden, Otago) has been transferred to Auckland. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thomson (of

Remuera) left Auckland by the vua last wek on a two months' trip to the Islands.

Captain Bernard, who is on a fishing tour of New Zealand, returned to the Central Hotel on Saturday, after a few

Central Hotel on Saturday, after a few weeks' stay at Russell.

Mr. T. Beveridge (of Wellington) arrived in Auckland by the Main Trunk express last week on a brief holiday visit. He is staying at the Star Hotel.

Mr. J. Kirkcaldie, formerly chairman of the Wellington-Manawatu Railway Company, together with his wife and two daughters, leaves Auckland by the Tolua on June 22 on a trip to the Islands.

A tangi at Omahu (near Napier) for the late Mrs. G. P. Donnelly (Airini Karauria) drew a very large number of visitors last week, considerably over a thousand persons, exclusive of

over a thousand persons, exclusive of natives, being present.

The death is announced of a well-known resident of Auckland, in the person of Mrs. H. W. Heath, wife of Mr. H. W. Heath, of Princes-street. The deceased, who was 64 years of age, was the daughter of Alexander Marshall, one of the old New Zealand pioneers of the chirties, and was born in Auckland, being, indeed, one of the earliest white children born on the shores of the Wailemata.

Mr. and Mrs. Heath, who had been in California for 20 years, only returned to New Zealand about three years ago. The deceased was a sister of Mr. John Marshall, of Auckland, and of Mrs. J. M. Macdonald.

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Mr J. F. G. Foxton, Hon. Minister, has been selected to represent Australia at the Defence Conference. There will be no second representative.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Studholme (of

aur. and Mrs. F. R. Studholme (of Ruanui), who have been visiting Auckland, left on Saturday for Rotorus.

Mr. C. J. Armstrong (of Wellington) arrived at the Star Hotel on Priday, having come North by way of the Main Trunk line.

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Dr. and Mrs. Harty (of Wellington) arrived in Auckland by the Main Trunk express on Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. Wohlmann (of Rotorna) arrived in Auckland on Saturday from Wellington, after a visit to Christchurch and Hanmer.

Mr. Seigel, late purser of the Mosna, well-known throughout New Zealand, well-known throughout New Zealand, who went ashore at Wellington everal.

wen-known throughout New Zesiand, who went ashore at Wellington several weeks ago on sick leave, is still confined to his bed in a private hospital. Mr. H. I. Robjohns, R.Sc., who for a time was lay-curate at St. Matthew's

Church, was, on Trinity Sunday, in John's Church, Dannevirke, ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Waiapu, to serve in the parish of Havelock North,

Hawke's Ray.

Major A. B. Boyd-Wilson, formerly of the Inniskillen Dragoons, and who fought in the Boer war as accord in command of Thorneycroit's Home, arrived at Wallington from Auckland last week. Since

the Boer war Major Boyd-Wilson has seen service in the last Zulu war, when he was in the Natal Rangers. It is possible that he will settle in New Zealand Ex-soldiers of the First New Zealand Mounted Riffes, residing in Wellington, entertained Captain John Matson and Captain Harry Whyte, D.S.O., last week. Both were members of the First N.Z.M.S. Captain Matson is a Director of Farms in Captain Matson is a Director of Farms in the Indian Army, and is on special ser-vice in New Zealand. Captain Whyte, formerly district adjutant at Auckland, is one of four officers selected to proceed to England for training.

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An illuminated address is to be presented to Mr. Arthur M. Myers, on his return to New Zealand, by the Mayors of the suburban boroughs and the chairmen of Road Boards in the vicinity of Auckland, Mr Myers vacated the mayoral chair of Auckland city at the end of last term, after having held office for four years. When he announced his intention of retiring and taking a holiday his colleagues on the other local bodies thought fit to mark the occasion by some gift of the kind, and presented to him a draft copy of the address. The address has since been beautifully illuminated and handsomely framed, and will be given to Mr. Myers as soon as illumusated and nanusomery tramed, and will be given to Mr. Myers as soon as opportunity offers.

Dr. and Mrs. Going, of Hamilton, arrived in Auckland by the express train

on Saturday evening.

Mr. T. M'Donald, of Christchurch, is

Air. T. M'Donaid, of Christehureh, is at present on his way to Sydney by the s.a. Wimmera, which reached Auckland from the South last week. The Rev. I. T. Walton, of Marton, arrived in Auckland by the Main Trunk express last week, and took up his quar-ters at the Star Hotel for a few days.

days.

Captain Bernard Head, of England, who

Captain Bernard Head, of England, who has been on a fishing four of New Zeahand, left by the Waikare on Saturady for Wellington, to catch the Sydney steamer. Mr. E. W. Baxter, chief clerk at the Terrace Prison, has been transferred to Mount Eden, Auckland, in a similar capacity. Warder Leggett, of the Wellington Prison, has been promoted chief clerk at Wellington, vice Mr. Baxter. The following appointments are gazetted:—Messrs. J. W. Davis, chief draughtsman, head office, Wellington; M. C. Smith, chief draughtsman, district

draughtsman, head office, Wellington; M. C. Smith, chief draughtsman, district office, Wellington; D. W. Gillies, chief draughtsman, Nelson; F. A. Thompson, chief draughtsman, Nelson; F. A. Thompson, chief draughtsman, Hokitika; H. D. Huszard, chief draughtsman, Christchurch. A pleasing ceremony took place at Messrs. R. O. Clark's depot, Customstreet West, on asturday, when Mr. R. O. Clark, managing director, on behalf of the company's Auckland staff, presented Mr. W. Nolan, in view of his approaching marriage, with a handsome silver tea service. In making the presentation, Mr. R. O. Clark referred to the high esteem in which Mr. Nolan was held by all members of the staff.

Mr. H. T. Gorrie, of Auckland, leaves for Sydney by the Wimmera this afternoon.

noon.

The death occurred at Napier on Saturday of Captain Henry Kraeft, for many years in the service of the Napier Hariour Board.

Captain D. Watson, secretary of the Merchants' Service Guild, arrived in Auckland by the Main Trunk express yesterday from Wellington.

The Rev. Dean Harper, of Christchurch, who has been in indifferent health lately, proposes to take a trip to Mexico shortly,

proposes to take a trip to Mexico shortly, and will be away from New Zealand for

several months.

Mr. F. J. Kenderdine, of Auckland, accompanied by his wife and daughter, returned by the Main Trunk express to-day from Wellington after a visit to Austra-

Mr. August Nelson, senr., a very old resident of Samoa, died at Apia on the 19th ult, at the age of 71 years. The deceased had been engaged in the Island

deceased had been engaged in the Island trade aince 1868.

Mr. D. P. Youren, accountant at the Australian branch of the Union Bank of Australia, was on Saturday hat pre-sented by the staff with a silver cream and sugar set, on the occasion of his ap-proaching marriage.

Mrs. John Bett, one of the oldest rest-

Mrs. John Bett, one of the oldest residents of Wanganui, died suddenly yesterday afternoon, aged 76 years. She was in her usual health and spirits in the morning. The cause of death is supposed to be heart failure.

A private cable received at Opotiki amnounces the death at Ipohi, Federated Malay States, of the Hon. F. B. Sewell, on May 31, at the age of 57 years. The deceased was for many years engaged in survey work for the Government in West-

land, and in the Auckland district at Raglan and Opotiki, and was, at different times, engineer to the Whakatane and Opotiki County Council.

LONDON, May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bean, and Miss Bean, of Christchurch, arrived at Plymouth by the Orontes last Friday, after a very fine pases, and came on to London, where they are now engaged in a busy round of sight-seeing. Mr. Bean, junr., who has been at Oxford for the hast two and ahalf years, met his parents at Plymouth, and accompanied them to London, and next week they will go to to Oxford for eight weeks, beginning on May 20. This is Mr Bean's fourth visit to England, and his wife's second, whilst their daughter is visiting the Old Country for the first time. They intend touring in the midlands after leaving Oxford, visiting Birmingham and leaving Oxford, visiting Birmingham and Sheffield, and various places of historic interest in those localities. They hope interest in those localities. They hope to leave again for New Zealand by the Orient Company's new steamer Osterley. Mr. Bean is combining business with pleasure during his stay in England. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Thurlow, of Wanganui, who arrived by the Moidavia, will spend two months on holiday in England, and then proceed to the Transwall, where Mr. Thurlow takes no accommendation.

Mr. Thurlow takes up an appointment on one of the Rand mines. Regarding his impressions of London, Mr. Thurlow notes increasing evidences of poverty and distress as compared with the London he knew twelve years ago. He puts free trade and alien immigration among the "obvious causes." The strongest thing in London appears to him to be the power of the Press; after that, petrologically the strongest that the power of the Press; after that the pressure of the puts from the puts fr

power of the Press; after that, petrol fumes!

Dr. Clayton, of Christchurch, is revisiting London after a long absence. He came to England as surgeon of Federat Houlder liner Cornwall, which called at Punto Arenas, San Gregorio and Bahia Blanca, to load frozen meat, and arrived at Avonnouth on April 27, after a somewhat prolonged voyage, extenting over nine weeks. Dr. Clayton is leaving shortly for Paris and Berlin for special medical study in those centres. He expects to leave England on his return to the Dominion some time in July.

Amongst the dinners which the New Zealand High Commissioner has been attending during the past week was one at Lincoln's Inn on Wednesday night, when the Treasurer (the Master of the Rolls) and Benchers of the Inn entertained a distinguished company, including Lord Holsbury, Sir William Ramsay, Sir John Edge, and Sir Edward Clarke, K.i.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Haw tof

and Mrs. Charles W. Hay (of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hay (of Dunedin), who arrived by the Orontes, will spend part of their holiday in Scotland, mostly in the vicinity of Dundee. Mr. Hay will ottend the Dental Congress in Berlin in August, and will visit various dental schools in London and elsewhere. They propose to return to New Zealand by way of New York and Canada, probably about the middle of October.

October.

Mr. R. Morton, of Christchurch, who arrived here on Easter Sunday after a 53 days' voyage in the Papanui, intends to remain in this part of the world for two or three years, and will visit Scotland, Ireland, and the Continent, returning eventually to New Zealand via Suez.

Mr. George MacGregor, of Napier, who

arrived by the Ortona on April 17th, will remain in England until about September. He will spend six works in Scottand, and also visit the Continent.

Scotland, and also visit the Continent, Mr. MacGregor, combining business with pleasure, is picking up ideas in engineering while on tour.

Miss Astrid Brusewitz, of Nelson, who cause to England by the Ionio at Easter, intends studying singing and the plane-forte at the Royal College of Music, and will remain in London for two years, Mr Herbert S. Toms has been lecturing at the Art Gallery. Brighton, on the

ing at the Art Gallery, Brighton, on the marvels of Maori art. He was accorded an excellent reception at this, the last of a series of lectures on "Some Marvels

a series of lectures on "Some Marvels of Savago Art."

Miss Watkins and Misses S. E. M. and C. Watkins, of Dunedin, had a pleasant journey to England, via Colombo, Naples, Genoa, and Algiers, arriving at Southampton on May 3rd. They intend remaining in London about a month, themes proceeding to Ireland, Scotland, and the proceeding to Ireland, Scotland, and the Continent.

Continent.

The Rev. W. Saunders and Mrs Saunders, of Dunedin, arrived in London on May 1 by the Orontes. They will spend the summer in this part of the world, returning home by the new Orient liner Otranto, which sails on October 1. Mr Saunders is enjoying a holiday in the Old Country after 20 years in Dunedin as Minister of the Moray Place Church.



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