

Mr and Mrs Lane, of Tasmania, have returned home.

Mr G. N. Pierce, of Napier, who has been manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company there for several years, has been promoted to the management of the Auckland Branch of the Company, and leaves for that city very shortly.

Mr and Mrs Arthur Rolleston, (Christchurch), are the guests of Mr and Mrs Buckley, at "Tagmahar," Ashburton; Miss Buckley (Christchurch), also forming one of the same household party.

News has been received in Napier that Mr E. T. Sayers, formerly a resident there, has been very successful in theatrical circles in England, and is booked with several well known theatrical companies for the next year. Mr Sayers was a great favourite when in Napier, and his many friends will be delighted to hear of his success.

Captain Todd, of Napier, left by the "Muroran" for the North last week.

Miss O'Callaghan, from Dunedin, is visiting Mrs Standish, of New Plymouth.

Miss Eva Western, Mount Pleasant, Picton, who has been visiting Mrs H. C. Seymour, at "Fyatesfield," has returned home, having cycled most of the distance there and back.

Mr George Swan, son of the Mayor of Napier, left Hawke's Bay on Saturday last, and intends taking up his residence in Wanganui.

Miss Bendall, of Wellington, has been staying in Napier, and returned home last week.

Mr H. J. Blow, Under-Secretary for the Public Works Department, who recently went to England in connection with the Midland Railway Seizure Case, returned to New Zealand again by the Moana.

Mr S. J. Jago, the Napier Postmaster, has been promoted to Wellington. After 14 years' residence in Napier he will be greatly missed by his many friends.

At the meet of the Hawke's Bay Hounds at Springhill last week, Mr J. Ireland, the Whip, met with a nasty accident, as his horse, in jumping, put both feet in a hole and fell, throwing Mr Ireland and breaking his collar bone.

Mrs Arthur Farmer has returned home to Blenheim, from a most enjoyable visit to Nelson, where she was the guest of Mrs Preshaw.

On the arrival of Mr and Mrs Earnest White at Okburne station, after their honeymoon last week, they were met by the employees of the station, and presented with a handsome marble clock, as a token of the respect and goodwill in which they are held by the men.

Dr. Pennyfather (England) is spending a few weeks with friends in Dunedin.

Miss Chaytor, of "Marshlands," Marlborough, who is now in England, takes a great interest in our boys at the front, naturally as she has two brothers, Captain Edward Chaytor, and Lieut. Darcy Chaytor, at the front. Miss Chaytor, in conjunction with several old New Zealanders, interest themselves in procuring dainties and necessaries for the New Zealand contingents.

Dr. and Mrs Ronald, of Napier, have returned from a fortnight's visit to the South.

Canon St. Hill, of Havelock, and the Misses St. Hill have left on a long visit to England.

Mrs J. Bell, who has been detained in Nelson for several months, on account of the illness of her son, a Nelson College boy, has returned to Blenheim, bringing him with her, and driven out to "Billersden."

Miss Una Hitchings has returned to her home in Napier after a long visit to Wellington, and Miss Kate Hitchings is now staying in the latter city.

Mrs Hubert Morton, of Napier, has returned from Dunedin.

Mrs G. Pasley (Gisborne), is staying in Picton with her sister-in-law, Mrs H. F. Thompson.

Miss Alice Law, L.R.A.M., London, has issued invitations for a private pianoforte recital, for Friday evening in the Lecture Hall, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Auckland. As Miss Law is also a certificated pupil of Mr Phillip Halstead, and holds a diploma from Leipsic Conservatoire, lovers of music will have a treat in store. She is to be assisted by Mr Hamilton Hodges.

Mr John Duncan, "The Grove," Picton, has been elected Chairman of the Pelorus Road Board.

Miss Rees, of Gisborne, who has been paying a visit to her sister, Mrs Lusk, of Napier, returned last week.

Miss F. Sutton, of Napier, is spending her holidays in Wellington.

A PIONEER NEW ZEALANDER.

FIFTY YEARS EXPERIENCES.

Mr L. Morris, an old resident of Walkerie, has given for publication, some interesting experiences in the course of which he says:—

"It is now some fifty years since I first came to Walkerie, and I have watched the place gradually grow into a prosperous township. My own exertions have been well repaid, and hardship and exposure never seemed to tell on me till 23 years ago, when I began to suffer from rheumatism, which attacked me first in one knee and then in the other. Sometimes the pain was merely a dull ache, whilst at other times it was stinging and burning. The muscles were stiff and I had not the proper use of my legs, although under medical treatment. Noticing Dr. Williams' pink pills advertised as a cure for rheumatism, I procured some. After taking two boxes I felt greatly improved, and continued with them until quite cured. My knees are now as supple as they used to be, and I am perfectly free from pain. I know of several neighbours also who have used Dr. Williams' pink pills, and have been cured by them."

In almost every neighbourhood a similar case might be heard of, for there is hardly a town where there are not some people, once suffering invalids, who have been restored to health and strength by Dr. Williams' pink pills. The disorders they have cured include paralysis, consumption, bronchitis, rheumatism, sciatica, impoverishment of the blood, rickets, indigestion, palpitation, all forms of female weakness and hysteria. They are a tonic, not a purgative. While substitutes are offered by some few retailers, people are learning to refuse them, for there is no record of a substitute benefiting anyone. The genuine are sold by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Wellington, three shillings per box, 6 boxes sixteen and six, post free, and by chemists and storekeepers. But mind you ask for Dr. Williams'. The genuine are never sold loose or in bottles.

lace veil, and carried a beautiful bouquet.

The Rev. C. L. Tuke, of Waipukurau, performed the marriage rite.

On the conclusion of the service the bride and bridegroom and their friends adjourned to the dining-room, where the wedding breakfast was laid; and in the course of the afternoon the newly-married couple started on their way to Wellington and Wanganui.

M'KITTRICK—GEORGE.

Mr James M'Kittrick, of Grey-mouth, was married to Miss F. George, eldest daughter of Mr A. George, of Hastings, in St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, on Tuesday morning last. The wedding was a quiet one, and only the relations of both families were present. The Rev. J. Hobbs

officiated. After the ceremony Mr and Mrs M'Kittrick left for Wellington.

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ORANGE BLOSSOMS

DOUGLAS—FLETCHER.

A fashionable company met at the residence of Mrs Fletcher, Penule Hill, Wakarara, on Wednesday afternoon, for the wedding of Mr George Douglas, son of Mr Ralph Douglas, of Gwavas, Tikokino, with Sarah, daughter of the late Mr S. Fletcher, of Penule Hill, Wakarara.

The bridesmaids—seven in number—were the Misses Annie and Jane Fletcher, sisters of the bride, Nelly Alder, Sarah Cooke, Agnes and Ethel Nicol, nieces of the bride, and L. Doar. They were dressed in different coloured muslin frocks, yellow, white and blue, the full bodices being trimmed with lace and insertion and little bells edged the skirt. They wore white chrysanthemums in their hair, and carried (three) bouquets of white flowers, and (four) baskets filled with flowers and ferns.

Mr Douglas was accompanied by Mr B. Doar as best man.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr A. Fletcher, wore a dress of the finest white muslin, the bodice trimmed with white satin and narrow lace. She wore a spray of orange blossoms in her hair, and a