

Personal Paragraphs.

His Excellency the Governor was to have left Wellington on the outlying islands cruise in the Hinesona on Wednesday last, but the heavy southerly gale and boisterous weather which prevailed prevented the vessel leaving until Thursday evening.

Miss Fairchild (Wellington) left for England last week, on a visit to Mrs. Holworthy (see Lady Buckley).

Captain Thorpe, of the Westralia, has been appointed assistant pilot at Lyttelton, and takes up his new duties in January.

The Premier and Mrs. and Miss Seddon left Wellington by the Mokoia on Wednesday for Sydney, and Sir Robert and Lady Stout were also passengers by the same boat.

Downpours of rain and a bitterly cold southerly gale completely spoilt the Christmas holidays in Wellington, and the carol singers had a most novel experience, having to sing their carols in a biting cold wind and heavy rain, more in keeping with wintry Christmas eve in England.

Mr. Charles Wilson, Editor of "The New Zealand Mail," has been appointed Librarian of the Parliament Library by the Government.

Miss Bendall (Wellington) is visiting Mrs. Cornford in Napier.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin, and Miss Rose (Wellington), are spending some weeks at the Southern Lakes.

Mrs. J. G. Wilson, and Mrs. N. Wilson (Bulls), are spending a few days in Wellington with Mrs. A. K. Newman this week.

Miss N. Riddiford (Masterford) is staying with Mrs. E. J. Riddiford, at the Lower Hut, Wellington.

Miss Brigham (Auckland) and her brother have returned home to "Marino" from their visit to Australia.

Quite an exodus of Wellingtonians took place last week for the Tauhaurikan (Fetherston) races, and both Mrs. W. Barton and Mrs. W. Bidwell have large house parties there for the occasion.

The Misses Henry (Wellington) are spending the Christmas holidays at Wallaceville.

Mrs. Wilson (Wanganui) has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilford in Wellington.

Miss Gordon (Marton) has been appointed assistant mistress of the Girls' High School at Napier.

Mr. Field, M.H.L., and Mrs. Field, left Wellington by the Mokoia this week for Sydney, in order to attend the Commonwealth celebrations there.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McCullam (Blenheim) passed through Wellington this week, en route for Sydney, and left their family there with Mrs. Grady during their absence.

Mrs. Levi (Wellington) is visiting the Hamner Springs, in the South Island.

We learn by advertisement that Miss Brennan, late head dressmaker at Irene's, together with her experienced staff of assistants, have been engaged by Messrs. Milne and Choyce. Some idea of the enormous amount of dress-making trade entrusted to this firm is gathered from the fact that they keep three head dressmakers in constant employment, and the beautiful gowns manufactured by them win admiration everywhere.

Miss Irene Goldwater has returned from school in Auckland to spend her holidays with her parents in New Plymouth; she was accompanied by her cousin, Miss K. Hart.

Mr. MacDiarmid, manager of the Bank of New South Wales, New Plymouth, has gone to Sydney, to witness the Commonwealth inauguration.

Miss G. Brook, who has been spending a few weeks with her uncle, the Rev. F. H. Evans, New Plymouth, has now returned to her home in Cambridge, taking with her Miss Mabel Evans.

Miss Grant, of the High School, New Plymouth, is spending her holiday with her relatives in Auckland.

Miss C. Woodhouse, of New Plymouth, has gone for a trip to Auckland.

Miss Holmes, from Wellington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Stanley Shaw, of New Plymouth.

Mrs. J. Avery, with her two daughters, Misses F. and A. Avery, and her niece, Miss G. Avery, have returned to New Plymouth after their pleasant trip to the Old Country and Paris.

Mr. W. Allen, who has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. Hempton, of New Plymouth, has returned to Auckland.

Miss E. Holdsworth, and Miss B. Bayly, of New Plymouth, are visiting Mrs. Sellers, of Mount Albert, Auckland.

Mr. A. Cowie, who has been visiting New Plymouth, on account of his clerical examinations, has returned to Auckland.

Miss R. Stuart, of Wellington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hollo, of New Plymouth.

Mr. N. Miller, of New Plymouth, has gone for a short trip to Rotorua.

Miss Blundell, of Wellington, is paying a short visit to Mrs. Thomson, of New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harden, of the Bank of New South Wales, Wellington, are visiting Mrs. MacDiarmid, of New Plymouth.

Mr. Kerr, of New Plymouth, has gone for a trip to Dunedin to visit his mother, who resides there.

Masters F. and V. Innes, of the Nelson College, are spending their holidays with their mother in Auckland, and Master Rex Brewster, of the same College, has returned to his home in New Plymouth.

Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. and Miss Jolly, of New Plymouth, have gone for a trip to Rotorua.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hughes, of New Plymouth, have gone for a trip to Dunedin.

Colonel and Miss Pitt, of Nelson, have gone for a short trip to Christchurch and Hanmer Springs.

Mr. J. Graham, M. H. E., and Miss Graham left Nelson last week for Sydney, to be present at the Commonwealth celebrations.

Lieut. Arthur Trask, Sergeant Sydney Trask, and Surgeon-Captain Roberts, of Nelson, have gone with the New Zealand Mounted Contingent to the Federal celebrations in Sydney.

Mrs. Arthur Trask, of Nelson, has gone for a trip to Sydney.

Mr. Greenfield, of Palmerston North, is spending his Christmas holidays in Nelson.

Mrs. Hudson and family, of Nelson, are spending a few weeks in the Wairarapa with the Rev. J. C. and Mrs. Andrew.

Miss J. Ledger returned to Nelson last week after a pleasant trip to Wellington.

Mrs. W. Walker, who has been spending several weeks in Christchurch, returned to Nelson last week.

Mr. C. W. Wright, of Sydney, is visiting his people in Nelson. He is advance agent for Miss Alice Hollander, a Sydney contralto who will make her debut on the New Zealand concert platform in Nelson on New Year's night.

Mr. G. Stubbs, who has been in the Blenheim branch of the Loan and Mercantile for several years, has been promoted to Napier, and left for that place on Tuesday. He is very popular, and though his friends are pleased that he has received promotion they regret that it necessitates his departure from Blenheim.

Miss Clara Farmer left Blenheim for Wellington at the end of last week and will go with Mrs. McCallum to Sydney and from there to Melbourne to meet Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, who are expected there in a week or two on their return from England.

Mrs. E. McCullum left Blenheim a few days ago to take her children to Wellington to put them in her mother's care while she and Mr. McCullum are absent in Sydney.

Mrs. Monro, of Bush House, Waihopai, Blenheim, returned on Saturday evening from Wellington, where she went to meet Dr. and Mrs. Cleghorn, who arrived from England in the Waiwera a few days ago.

Mr. M. A. Cheek, a well known musician of Blenheim, has gone to spend the Christmas vacation in Auckland.

Mr. S. Griffiths, Stratford, has gone to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, "The Barton," Blenheim.

Miss J. Browne, of Napier, is visiting her father and sisters in Blenheim.

Mr. W. Groome and Miss C. Groome are returning to their home in Hawke's Bay, after a long visit to England.

Miss Marjorie Giblin has returned to Rimington, Hawke's Bay. She has been for the past three years finishing her education in England.

Mrs. J. Williams, of "Frimley," Hawke's Bay, has left for Wanganui, for the benefit of her health.

Mrs. Von Ladsen, of Napier, has returned from a visit to the country.

Miss Matthews, who for many years occupied the position of lady principal of the Girls' High School, Napier, but who has recently resigned that position, was, prior to her leaving the school, the recipient of several presentations, which marked the esteem and respect in which she was held by all. A representative gathering took place in the Athenaeum, and amongst those present were Lady Whitmore, Mrs. A. Davidson, Mrs. J. McLean, Mrs. de Beritt Howell, Mrs. J. W. Carlie, Mrs. J. D. Ormond, Mrs. Regg, Mrs. W. Wood, Mrs. J. Hindmarsh, Mrs. J. D. Canning, Mrs. A. Turnbull, Mrs. R. C. Pasley, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. E. Goldsmith, Mrs. H. A. P. Batherford, Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. E. Kennedy, Mrs. Bree, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Griffin and others. The Very Rev. Dean Howell made the presentation, which consisted of a set of solid and costly silver-backed toilet requisites. The pupils also held a valedictory gathering, at which they presented a silver tea kettle, handsome silver and cut glass flower vases, and a handsomely mounted scent bottle.



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Society Gossip

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Dear Rec, The weather for the holidays has been very fine up to the present, though the wind has been somewhat too cool, not to say chilly, for the perfect enjoyment of those of us who had invested in muslins and other light summer draperies. Racing is, as usual at this time of the year, the fashionable amusement of the hour. CUP DAY AT ELLERSLIE was as usual a very brilliant affair. There was an enormous crowd present; in fact, so far as the lawn was concerned, it was the largest I remember to have seen. The dresses were, however, neither so bright nor so smart as on some previous years. Amongst those present were Mrs. McLaughlin, black moire, white silk lot in at neck, black bonnet; Mrs. E. Anderson, cream muslin costume with a large blue floral design, blue empire waistband, tope awashed with tulle cauffe; Mrs. Atkinson, black silk; Miss Atkinson, pretty pink costume relieved with twice coloured lace; and her sister, white China silk, white hat; Mrs. Assenew, navy foulard handsomely trimmed with white bands, black hat with plumes; Mrs. Alison, very handsome mauve silk veiled in muslin of the same hue and trimmed with such white beche ribbon and embroidery pattern, black toque smartly turned up in front with rosettes of mauve; Miss Alison, canary coloured silk veiled in net, hat with flowers; Mrs. Alfred Nathan, grey crepe de chine, the skirt was pleated on hips, and the bodice was thickly laced, with satin bands, blue and twice coloured lace left in vest, boat-shaped hat of grey, trimmed with black ribbon bows and blue rosettes; Mrs. C. F. Biddle, pink flowered muslin, black hat; Mrs. Read Bloomfield, black silk with mauve passementerie trimming; Mrs. G. R. Bloomfield, lavender flowered muslin costume, hat with flowers; Mrs. Grierson, navy foulard, white vest, black bonnet; Mrs. Harry Whitfield, cornflower blue foulard, the bodice was gracefully draped like a fichu and fastened by a rosette at waist, toque on side; Miss Henry, mouse grey silk, the skirt had a deep pleated flounce edged with canary bands of silk, frills on carriage of bodice edged with canary bands, boat shaped hat trimmed with rosettes of grey tulle and white feathers; Mrs. Sharland, fawn coat and skirt; Mrs. Cox, blue costume, white hat; Miss Rinney, biscuit coloured tussore silk, white chemisette, black hat; Mrs. Alfred Becklund, greenery grey costume, black bonnet; Misses Becklund, (2) were attired in white China silks; Miss Olive Rockland, white gown; Mrs. L. Benjamin, black moire, white chemisette, black bonnet with blue; Mrs. Basley, black silk; Miss Basley, handsome green and white striped; and her sister wore a canary striped costume, both wore Rubens hats trimmed with white tulle and feathers; Mrs. Thos. Ching, china blue figured silk, turban shaped toque with wreath of pink, yellow, white and blue roses; Mrs. W. B. Colbeck, forget-me-not blue muslin, unique toque twisted with lace and wreath of roses; Mrs. Bodie, very handsome stone grey costume with bead passementerie outlining the white chemisette, black hat turned off the face with black tulle and plumes; Miss Millie Cotter, buttercup costume; Miss Winnie Cotter, emerald green with fawn lace flounce and trimming, black plumed hat; Mrs. Caldwell, black satin, white chemisette, black hat with red roses; Mrs. J. M. Dargaville, black silk relieved with white; Misses Dargaville, (2), white costumes; Mrs. Robert Dargaville, lavender flowered muslin, black hat; Mrs. Bamford, dark blue silk, the bodice was laced and finished with black bows, black lace toque with wreath of flowers and rosettes to match costume; Mrs. Moss Davis, dark pine green coat and skirt with white satin facings, black and grey toque; Miss Moss Davis, blue costume, black hat turned off the face with black plumes; and her sister wore a fawn costume, white hat turned off the face with white plumes; Mrs. Ernest Moss Davis, dark skirt, fawn jacket, white hat with red trimmings; Mrs. Devore, black broche, with white silk plastron and revers, floral bonnet of two shades of primrose, black plumes and white ospreys; Mrs. Collins, periwinkle lavender Ottoman silk, with front-frou of cream Maltess lace over white front, black picture hat; Miss Lillian Devore wore a soft white silk made with numberless little tufts and insertion of Valenciennes lace, white erinoline picture hat trimmed with white chiffon and white ostrich feathers; Mrs. Dufaur, mode grey trimmed with black velvet; Mrs. Donald, blue-grey crepe trimmed with black velvet, black bonnet trimmed with pink; Miss Donald, grey costume trimmed with pink, veiled in fawn lace, white hat with tulle trimmings and wreath of pink roses, beneath brim; Mrs. Duthie, white muslin, black hat; Mrs. Crowe, black grenadine, white muslin fichu; Mrs. Davey, blue muslin; Miss Dunne, royal blue, relieved with twice coloured lace; Mrs. Loveridge, black satin with white chemisette, black hat with pink roses; Miss Dawson (2), white muslins; Miss Deane, azure blue muslin, the bodice was thickly tucked, skirt tucked half way on hips, blue fichu, straw hat trimmed with