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**Personal Paragraphs.**  
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The Countess of Ranfurly has completely recovered from the sharp attack of influenza which confined her to the home recently. She is now about again.

Mr A. W. Rutherford was in Christchurch last week.

Mr H. Baxter, of Dunedin, was in Auckland last week.

Mr E. W. Alison has returned to Auckland from Wellington.

Miss Leven has returned to Nelson after a trip to Wellington.

Mr A. Hart, Collector of Customs at Tamaru, is retiring on a pension.

Mr and Mrs Isaac Gibbs, of Christchurch, are in Napier this week.

Miss B. Bayley, of New Plymouth, is staying in Rotorua at present.

Mr Israel, of the Masterton post office, has been moved to Napier.

Mr Chas. Ranson left on a well-earned holiday to Sydney by the mail boat from 'Frisco.

Mr and Mrs R. Struthers, Christchurch, are in Wellington prior to leaving.

The Rev. H. C. M. Watson and Mrs Watson, Christchurch, were passengers by the Monowai for Sydney.

Mr William Forsdick, of Mercury Bay, has been appointed justice of the peace.

Amongst recent visitors to Auckland is Mr G. B. Metford, who came up from Wellington last week.

The Rev. J. de B. Galwey is at present in Nelson, having spent the last few weeks at the West Coast.

Mrs Heaton Rhodes has left Wellington for a short trip to Sydney, for the benefit of her health.

Mrs C. Munro, who has been visiting friends in Nelson, has returned to her home in Palmerston North.

Mr Basil Lusk, who has spent several weeks' holiday in Auckland, has returned South.

Mr J. Chambers, of Napier, returned to New Zealand by the 'Frisco' mail boat Ventura on Tuesday.

Mr Chas. Ernest Stratham, of Dunedin, was last week admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court.

Mrs H. Keesing, of Auckland, and her daughter left the Northern city on a visit to Sydney last Monday.

Mr Chas. Gillies, Auckland, returned from Sydney by the mail steamer on Saturday.

Miss Rogers (Greymouth) is the guest of her sister, Mrs J. Duthie, jun., in Wellington.

Mr J. J. Kinsey, Christchurch, and Mr and Mrs A. E. Preece, Christchurch, have returned from Dunedin.

Mrs C. Griffiths, of Ponsonby, and her two daughters have just paid a visit to Rotorua.

Mr Harold Poole, of the Wairarapa, who has been on a holiday visit to his people in Nelson, has returned home.

Mr H. Box, of Victoria, was in Auckland last week. He is in New Zealand on a recuperative trip.

Mrs Bewley, of New Plymouth, is spending a few weeks in Blenheim with Mrs Griffiths, at "The Barton."

Mrs Laing Meason (Tamaru) is staying with her aunt, Mrs A. E. S. Rhodes, at "Te Koraha," in Christchurch.

Miss Queenie Nelson, Auckland, who has been spending some weeks with her aunt, Miss Cones, in Wellington, has returned home.

Dr. Rawson and Mrs and Miss Rawson have returned to Wellington by the Westralia from Sydney, having been some months in Europe.

Mr Walter Nathan, of the Arm of Bannatyne and Co., Raves Wellington on Saturday next for a trip to Sydney, for the benefit of his health.

Mr Napier Bell, of Christchurch, is seriously ill, but is being well looked after at Pope's Medical Home, Rotorua.

Mr and Mrs John Duncan have returned to Wellington from Sydney, Mrs Duncan spending a month at Tauranga on her way home.

Mr Robert Baxendell, of Messrs Hycroft and Sons, Auckland, left for the Islands by the Union Co.'s steamer Rotoiti last week.

Mrs Munro, of "Bank House," Waihopai, is spending a few weeks in Blenheim, where she is staying with Mrs Waddy.

Mr and Miss Brown, with Miss Blundell, of Wellington, who have been on a trip to the Islands, returned home to the Empire City by the Waikeke.

Mrs M. F. Watt, of Rotorua, who is seeking renewed health in warmer climes, reached Sydney last week. Unfortunately, she has not yet experienced the benefit expected.

Archbishop Redwood, who has concluded his mission at Napier, will visit other parts of Hawke's Bay, but should be back in the capital by the end of the week.

The new commander of H.M.S. Sparrow, of the Australian squadron, is Lieutenant-Commander O. W. Coates. The Sparrow has gone on a cruise to the Solomon Islands.

Amongst the Auckland passengers to Sydney on Monday was Mr E. Price, son of Mr. George Price, of Thames. He goes to gain further experience of the engineer's business.

Mrs. Mills, wife of the Minister for Customs, has been presented with a valuable silver tea and coffee service by a number of old schoolfellows and friends of her husband.

Mr T. Mowat (Mavton) and Mr Willis, (Rangitikei) arrived in Blenheim recently, and have gone to the Avatore, to visit Mrs Mowat, at "Altmarloch."

Mrs Carey has returned to Blenheim, having spent a few weeks with friends in Wellington, and in the Wairarapa.

Mr Moore Jones, who has left Papakura Valley, was prior to his departure entertained by his former pupils and friends at a social, and presented with a handsome writing desk.

The many friends of Cr. Kidd, of Auckland, will rejoice to hear that his son Frank, who has been lying dangerously ill in Wellington from typhoid fever, is now on the fair road to recovery, and with Mrs Kidd, who has been nursing him, will return home early this week.

The staff of Tonson Garlick and Co. met last week to present the manager with a service of plate as a token of their goodwill. Mr Culpan, who made the presentation, spoke in the warmest terms of the regard in which the staff held Mr Garlick.

Mr F. A. Bennett, of Auckland, is at present in Nelson. He preached at All Saints' Church on Sunday morning, and is to lecture during the week for the Victoria School for Girls at Auckland.

Mr M. O'Meara, for many years in Queenstown, has decided to try his fortune in new fields. Mr O'Meara's departure from the district will be regretted, by all. Mr O'Meara has filled many public offices and the district can ill afford to lose a man of his ability.

A wealthy native lady, Miniwa Hereina, who has just built a new residence in Greytown, had the misfortune to be visited by burglars last week. They ransacked the house, taking all the best of furniture and valuables, and carrying the things away in a cart.

At Paeroa on Sunday night Mrs Wilson, wife of the Rev. W. H. Wilson, was presented by the choir of St. Paul's Church with a beautiful hymn and prayer book as a slight recognition of the valuable services she has so cheerfully rendered to that department of church work. The presentation was made on behalf of the choir by Mr H. L. Barton, organist and choirmaster.

Tongia, the native King of Nine (Savage Islands), is to have one of the Duke of York's medals. It has been

handed to Captain Worsley, of the Government schooner 'Countess of Harfarily,' for presentation to the monarch.

To the regret of their numerous friends Mr and Mrs J. Black left Blenheim for Invercargill last week. So long a time had elapsed since they received their first notice of removal, that it was thought that they really might not go at all. However, not only have they gone, but Mr Black's successor in the National Bank (Mr Hulme) has arrived, and is with Mrs Hulme staying at the Criterion Hotel at present, but are shortly going to Mrs Waddy's, in Maxwell Road.

Great regret was felt in Napier at the death of Trooper L.J. McKechnie, of the Fifth Contingent, who died in Dunedin soon after getting back to New Zealand. He had done good work in South Africa, and his friends were all looking forward to welcoming him home, but unfortunately on the homeward voyage he became ill with enteric fever, and succumbed to it at Dunedin. His parents live at The Spit, Napier, and much sympathy is felt for them.

Mr. Eric Leggett, of the Eastern Extension Cable Company, is back in Nelson on leave after an absence of several years. His old friends are delighted to see him again.

Mr and Mrs Tom Wilford (Wellington) recently spent a week at "Altmarloch," Blenheim, with Mrs Mowat. Mr and Mrs Wilford spent most of their time shooting wild boars and rabbits, Mrs Wilford being, like her husband, a very good shot, and a keen sportswoman.

Captain "Barney" Todd, looking remarkably well, and as generally garrulous as of yore, was in Auckland last week for a few days. He was warmly welcomed by hundreds of old friends. Captain Todd is off back to South Africa at an early date.

The many friends of Mr Wilfred Stead, Christchurch, who recently met with a severe riding accident, will be glad to hear that he has so far recovered from its ill-effects as to be able to take outdoor exercise again.

Mrs T. Macarthy (Wellington) gave a very smart "At Home" at her residence in Boulcott-street on Wednesday last, "Ping Pong," fortune telling, and a charming string band providing her guests ample amusement.

Mr Elliott, who has for a long time resided in Hastings, but has now been transferred to Gisborne, was a member of the volunteer force, and before his departure a smoke concert was given in his honour by the members of the Hawke's Bay Mounted Rifles. Captain A. H. Russell presided, and the farewell entertainment passed off most successfully.

The Rev. W. Gillam, of St. Matthew's Anglican Parish, is making a short trip to the South Island. The Rev. E. R. Jocks, M.A., formerly of Durham, England, will take charge of St. Matthew's Parish during the Vicar's absence.

Mr and Mrs R. Struthers (Mason, Struthers and Co.) entertained the employees at a social gathering recently, when about a hundred were present, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

Captain Edwin Phillips, of the s.s. Waikare, remained behind in Sydney this trip owing to ill-health. Captain Robert Stewart, so well and popularly known by passengers of the Union Company's steamers, as late chief officer of the Mararoa, and more recently as chief of the Waikare, is now in charge of the steamer, which arrived from Sydney on Monday.

Captain Barenson, of the U.S. transport service, passed through Auckland, en route for 'Frisco' on Saturday. He spent an agreeable morning meeting the many acquaintances he made in Auckland.

Mr and Mrs L. D. Nathan are to leave London on August 14 for New York and Vancouver, on their way to Japan and the East. They intend returning to Auckland via Australia.

At Wanganui last week a party of 60 friends, assembled at Kingsland Villa to bid farewell to the Misses Simpson, who have since left for Christchurch. After the health of the young ladies were duly honoured, Miss Simpson was presented with a beau-

tifully illustrated book of poems. A flashlight photo was taken of the company assembled.

Mr A. Marshall, late first assistant in the Mosgiel school, was waited on at his residence last week by a party of friends and admirers (says the "Advocate"), when he was presented with a purse of sovereigns. The presentation was made by Mr Prentice, who made a few appropriate remarks, to which Mr Marshall suitably replied.

Mr W. Mout, who severed his connection with the Arm of Mr A. T. White, of Wanganui, last week was, prior to his departure, presented with a very handsomely mounted walking-stick.

Sister Mary Raphael Doyle and Sister Mary Michael O'Beirne, who have just come from Home, arrived in Masterton last week. They will at once assume teaching duties on the staff of St. Bride's Convent.

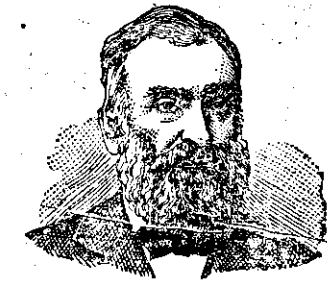
The efforts of Mr George Fisher, M.H.R., on behalf of the railway employees, of Wellington and Petone, met with substantial recognition on Wednesday last, when Sir Joseph Ward presented him with a silver mounted walking stick and handsome silver inkstand on their behalf. The presentation took place at the Parliamentary Buildings, and Mr W. Austen presided, and in a short speech eulogised Mr Fisher's efforts on behalf of the working man, stating that he was one of their best friends, and that it was through the efforts of men like Mr George Fisher that they had arrived at their present good position. Sir Joseph Ward, when making the presentation, also referred to Mr Fisher's strong, determined and vigorous advocacy of the rights of the workers of the colony. Mr Fisher made a feeling reply, stating that it was the first time in his whole public career that he had received a presentation, but it had always been sufficient for him that the people of Wellington had from time to time returned him to a place in the House, and he knew the working people were well aware how strongly and continuously, and he might say, fearlessly, he had always advocated the rights of the working man, independent of any newspaper support, or, other assistance. The inkstand bears the inscription: "Presented to George Fisher, Esq., M.H.R., by the Railway Employees of Wellington and Petone, 13th July, 1901."

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