

A well-known traveller for a brewery firm is patenting a novel invention for clearing a hotel of customers who may be lingering against the wish of the publican after hours. The invention is not entirely his own, but it is so effective that he intends purchasing the patent rights.

Mr Harry Willacy, of Rotorua, met with a nasty accident when coming in from Okere Falls the other day. The horse he was driving becoming restive overturned the buggy, and threw Mr Willacy out on the road. He was thrown heavily and broke his arm. Putting the broken limb in his coat he walked to the Mourea bridge where he was picked up and brought to town. He is now on the road to complete recovery.

His numerous friends will be pleased to learn that Mr Harry Graham, one of the late students of the Otago Mining School, who was for some time employed in the Hartley and Riley Gold Dredging Company, and went to British Columbia under special engagement with the Cobbledeck Gold Dredging Company, on the Fraser River, has obtained the first, or "Grand Prix" at the Paris Exhibition for the best exhibit of gold specimens. Mr Graham has since been appointed general manager of the Fraser River Gold Dredging Company, which has taken over all the rights and privileges of the old company with which Mr Graham was connected.

A good many travelling New Zealanders must have either gone Home or returned to the colonies by the Orient liners Orient, Ormuz, or later Omrah. Perhaps they may remember Dr. Cater, who was for eleven years on the Ormuz, and who left for the Omrah in '99. No more popular ship's doctor ever breathed, and there will be more than one "Graphic" reader saddened at the news of his death. This occurred on the 7th inst., when the Omrah was on her voyage to Australia. Dr. Cater (ship's surgeon) had an apoplectic seizure. An hour later he regained

consciousness, but relapsed into a state of coma, which lasted until 8.40 a.m. on the 9th, when he died. Dr. Collin Simson, a saloon passenger, assisted by a trained nurse, was in constant attendance on him. The body was deposited in the sea the same afternoon, the last offices being conducted by the Rev. B. Winterbotham, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Marshall, in the presence of the whole ship's company and passengers. Dr. Rundle Cater was a cousin of Gen. Sir Leslie Rundle. He was 43 years of age. For the past sixteen years he had been in the service of the Orient Company, and was highly esteemed.

Mr James Aitken, head master of the Wanganui Boys' School, was with Mr Ernest Edwards, pupil teacher of the same school, the recipient of a very handsome presentation from the schools committee, parents and boys as a mark of their appreciation of the manner in which they looked after the School Cadet Corps on the recent trip to Christchurch. The Rev. Mr Maclean made the presentation, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Mr Aitken and Mr Edwards had carried out their duties. Mr Aitken received a beautifully framed, enlarged photo. of the cadets, and was informed that a sword of honour would also reach him in a few days. Mr Edwards was presented with a pair of binoculars and a silver-mounted stick. Three cheers were then given for Mr Aitken and Mr Edwards by 300 lusty throats. After Messrs Aitken and Edwards had briefly responded there was a considerable amount of cheering.

Dr. Whitelaw, of Kilmarnock, Scotland, brother-in-law of Mrs Whitelaw, senior, of Ponsonby, Auckland, and relative of a large number of the younger generation scattered over the colony, has arrived in Sydney to attend the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, now sitting in the New South Wales capital. Dr. Whitelaw, who comes on to New Zealand, is perhaps best known as a

writer on religious subjects. A commentary of his on Genesis, published in 1879, has run through ten editions, and his other works include commentaries on St. John and the Acts of the Apostles, the Divinity of Christ, the Patriarchal Times, besides numerous theological articles in the leading magazines and contributions to the Pulpit Commentary. Commencing his ministry in South Shields he received a call to Glasgow and then to Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, where for the last twenty-three years he has been in charge of the King-street Church. In 1883 the reverend gentleman was offered the degree of D.D. from two universities simultaneously. The visiting delegate was a member of the famous committee appointed to effect if possible the union of the Free Church and the United Churches of Scotland, and as he sat throughout its sittings he can speak with considerable authority on this great question to Presbyterians.

Amongst visitors to Rotorua the following are mentioned:—Mesdames Austin, Alexandra South; Bowles, Frankton; Bonor, Scotland; Daiper, England; Hattie, Palmerston North; Bainard-Browne, Manakau; Misses Crawford, Wellington; Bowles, Frankton; Fraser, Alexandra South; Rivington, Gorston, Honolulu; Messrs Cowie, Ceylon; Noble, Stowe, Lyndsay (2), Ward, Auckland; Bowles, Frankton; Daiper, England; Blackburne, Hewitt, Capt. Locke, Christchurch; Forsythe, Napier; Bayne, Canterbury; Austin, Alexandra South; Bainard-Browne, Manakau; Mitford, Fiji; McLaren, S. Australia; Parkyn, Brighton; Bromley, London; Law, Shannon. Dr. Close Erson, Onehunga.

Mr W. W. McCaule, who for many years past has represented Forty Mile Bush District on the Wellington Education Board, bade farewell to his colleagues. Many tributes were paid by the Board to Mr McCaule's abilities, and he was asked to retain his seat for a while longer, and in view of that request he would ask the

Board to allow him to withhold his resignation for the present, though it was possible he would not be able to attend again. He thanked the members for the kindly consideration they had always shown him. Mr McCaule was granted six months' leave of absence, the members of the Board joining in wishing him prosperity.

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