

The Rev. Mr Davidson and Dr. Bachmann, of Scotland, have been seeing the sights of the Hot Lakes, stopping at Mr Nelson's house, Whakapoua.

Commander Orms Webb, R.N., has been paying Whakarewarewa and the Thermal district a visit, stopping at the Tiesler Hotel.

Mr and Mrs Birdall and Mr and Mrs Chandler, and Mr Girl are amongst our visitors from the United States. They are this week in Auckland, and stopping at the Star.

Mrs Hudson Williamson, of Auckland, is giving her dancing class pupils a plain and fancy dress ball in St. Benedict's Hall on September 26th. The committee include Messrs James, Banks, Dawson, Nelson, Goodall, etc.

Mrs H. C. M. Watson, who has been through so much sorrow and trouble since she left Christchurch a few weeks ago, returned last Friday from Ballarat, where Mr Watson died. At present she is staying with her sister, Mrs Munro, Linwood.

Mr C. H. Ambridge, of Gisborne, is visiting Dunedin. Mr H. Trigg, relieving manager of the N.Z. Clothing Factory, is acting as his locum tenens during Mr Ambridge's absence.

Mr George Gracewood, of the well-known firm of Thomas Hubbuck and Sons (Limited), London, will visit New Zealand shortly, and hopes to meet many of his friends in this colony.

Mr T. E. Hamerton has purchased the Inglewood "Record," and has already taken over the business. Mr Hamerton is an old pressman, and will be wished success by many confreres.

Mrs and Miss Thompson, Balmoral, were in Christchurch last week, and paid several visits to the opera; also Mr and Mrs A. Macfarlane, Mr and Mrs D. Macfarlane, Mrs J. N. Grigg, Miss Grigg, Mr and Mrs H. Lance (Horsley Downs), and Mrs F. Lance.

Miss A. Thomson, lately matron of the Sanatorium, Rotorua, left Rotorua last week greatly to the regret of the Rotorua people. She was presented with a beautiful gold watch at a social. Miss Ferguson arrived from Wellington on Saturday to take her position as matron of the Sanatorium in Miss Thomson's place.

Mrs Hugh Lusk, of Napier, who has been stopping with her people in Gisborne, came up to Auckland on Sunday, intending to go on a pleasure trip to the Islands. Unfortunately, Mrs Lusk was taken ill on the way up, and on arrival in Auckland went to the Star Hotel, whence she afterwards removed to a nursing home.

Mr P. Palmer, of Dunedin, was last week presented with a gold Albert and handsome pendant by the employees of the Glendinning Clothing factory. Mr Davies made the presentation, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the manager's tact and consideration for all those under his supervision.

\*Cowes week was spent by Mr Roskrugge cruising about the Isle of Wight in a private yacht. Wales and the English lakes are next to receive his attention, and on his way to N.Z. he intends with the kind permission of Botha, De Wet and Co. to visit most of the principal places in South Africa.

Mr. Gatling, the manufacturer of the well-known guns, has just completed the construction of a new motor-plough which is expected to revolutionise the methods of land culture. A company with a capital of £200,000 is being formed to work the patent. It is asserted that with this machine a single man will be able to cultivate thirty acres daily. This is the article for New Zealand.

Mr and Mrs James Day, of Masterton, with their daughter, who left the Wairarapa the other day en route for South Africa, had rather an unpleasant experience at Wellington. They were aboard the steamer, and about to sail, when the daughter's child was taken ill. The Health Officer refused to allow the child to proceed, and the whole party, with their luggage, were put ashore.

Mr A. J. Newbould (Napier), who spent a week in Paris on the way over, has an extensive programme, which includes wanderings in England, Scotland, and Ireland, Antwerp,

Brussels, a tour up the Rhine, visits to the German and Austrian capitals, the Tyrol, Switzerland, and Italy, a voyage from Vienna to the U.S.A., by the N.D.L., a sojourn with friends in the Southern States, and a return to N.Z. via Niagara, the C.P.R., and Vancouver.

Mrs F. J. Townsend and her son (Dunedin) have spent most of their four months in England in the provinces. After a visit to Mrs Townsend's home in Staffordshire, they proceeded to Warwickshire and Yorkshire. Having satisfied themselves with the sights of London they are now staying with Mrs Townsend's sister at Grandport, Oxford. Her brother in Northampton will be the next relative visited, and Cheshire and Hull will thereafter witness the travellers' trail. They hope to be back in Dunedin in time for Christmas.

Mr J. Reid, B.A., who has left his departure for Dunroon, the re-Union School, Dunedin, was, prior to receipt of several souvenirs from the scholars. The gift of the Seventh Standard was a biscuit barrel, suitably engraved, and that of the other scholars was an easy chair and an inkstand; while a marble clock formed the teachers' keepsake to their esteemed and energetic colleague. Mr Stewart, the headmaster, expressed his keen regret at losing so able a teacher, as also did Mr G. C. Israel, the chairman, and Mr W. Bull, of the School Committee, all wishing him success in his new sphere of action.

Mr Newton King, the Taranaki "god in the car," is to be tendered a banquet by the farmers of the great dairy province. It will take place in the Theatre Royal, New Plymouth, on Friday, 27th September. Mr John Elliott will be asked to take the chair on the occasion, and the vice-chairs will be filled by farmers from different parts of the districts. Considerable enthusiasm is being shown, and there is little doubt that the occasion will see the largest gathering of farmers ever assembled under one roof in Taranaki. The "Graphic" may add for the benefit of those who do not know what Mr King has done for Taranaki that it is practically owing to his enterprise that the butter industry has made such gigantic strides of late years.

Mr Thomas Roskrugge (Wellington) was one of the bowlers who have just completed their tour. After leaving the Omrah he had a pleasant journey with a party of N.Z. friends through Italy and via the Riviera and Paris to the Metropolis. With the bowlers he journeyed via the Canals to Inverness, and down the East Coast by way of Aberdeen and Dundee to Edinburgh. After the Irish tour the team journeyed through the Midland Counties, and after a match at Southampton, and several in the neighbourhood of

London, disbanded with a glow of enthusiastic recollection of the splendid hospitality shown them, and the hope that they will be able to return the compliment before long to Scotch and Irish teams in N.Z. The net result of the matches was 14 wins, 13 losses. In the long run the separation of the Australians and the New Zealanders turned out to be a good thing. A team of 40 would have proved too unwieldy for most of the opposing clubs to tackle, and two score Antipodeans, with their ample storage capacity coming down like wolves on the fold at one fell swoop would have been a serious drain on even Scottish hospitality. As it was, even the smallest clubs could find a couple of rinks to oppose the 10 New Zealanders, and could do their visitors well. Even teams of 15 or 16, forming three rinks, could have been comfortably accommodated.

Mr Roskrugge was much impressed with the beautiful greens and the excellence of the play in Scotland, both far ahead of anything experienced in England, where the greens are distinctly inferior to those in N.Z. In Scotland, indeed, when a bowling club has to relinquish a site say for building purposes, it transplants not only itself, but its turf to its new locale.

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### ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Evelyn Brown, of Wanganui, to Mr Arthur Bridgewater, of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile, of that town.

The engagement of Miss Storey, of Te Awamutu, to Mr Morton Gorrie, son of Mr William Gorrie, of Auckland.

### ORANGE BLOSSOMS

WILSON-HARLEY.

A quiet wedding was celebrated on Wednesday at St. Michael's Church, when Rossmore Wilson, of Cheviot, was married to Miss Harley, daughter of the late Mr E. S. Harley, of Christchurch. The wedding party consisted only of the immediate relatives of the bride and bridegroom, owing to recent bereavement in the bride's family. Mr R. Harley, brother of the bride, gave her away, and she looked extremely well in her long white satin bridal gown trimmed with lace, transparent yoke and sleeves, with wreath and veil and exquisite shower bouquet completing the costume. Miss Pearl Harley was the only bridesmaid, and was in soft plumes, and carried a primrose bouquet. Mr Fred Harley accompanied the bridegroom.

After the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the bride's mother, the bride and bridegroom leaving shortly afterwards for Akaroa, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

Mrs Harley wore grey brocade, black bonnet with violets; Mrs Wilson, mother of the bridegroom, handsome black toilette, the bonnet relieved with white; Mrs J. Milton (Birch Hill), blue foulard trimmed with lace, pretty pink toque; Mrs L. Harley, navy gown relieved with white, red trimmed hat; Mrs C. Wilson, brown coat and skirt, toque to match; Mrs Woodhouse, black gown and white vest, black plumed hat; Messrs J. Milton and C. Wilson were also present.

### FIRTH-HARROWELL.

The marriage of Miss K. Harrowell, eldest daughter of Mr Henry Harrowell, of Papakura Valley, Manurewa, to Mr Wm. Thornton Firth, eldest surviving son of the late Mr J. C. Firth, was solemnized at the Anglican Church, on Wednesday, September 18th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. O. Hewlett, vicar of the parish, in the presence of a large number of friends of the bride and bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Misses Gladys and Marjorie Harrowell (sisters of the bride). Mr Edward Firth (brother of the bridegroom) acted as groomsmen. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party drove to the pretty residence of the bride's father, where they were entertained at a recherche wedding breakfast. Later in the day Mr and Mrs Firth departed for Rotorua, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The bride was the recipient of numerous presents, both useful and handsome.

### SHAND-EAST.

A pretty wedding took place at the Beach Church, New Brighton, on Wednesday, 11th, when Mr. Harry J. Shand, third son of Mr. James Shand, St. Albans, was married to Miss Alice M. East, eldest daughter of Mr. Enslin, of New Brighton. The church was prettily decorated by friends of the bride with spring flowers and a daffodil.



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