

Mr. Heathcote Williams, of Napier, in his way home after an extended visit to England and the Continent.

Auckland visitors at the Geyser Hotel, Rotorua, this week are Mrs. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Moss Davis, and Messrs. Marks, Howard, Murray, Arnold, Kollo and Meddings.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Honolulu, are living at the Grand Hotel, Rotorua, at present, where Mr. and Mrs. Kissling, of Tasmania, are also.

Mr. Alex. Stewart, of Dundee, has been touring the colonies, and returns to the Old Country on Saturday next via San Francisco.

Among the visitors staying at the Grand Hotel, Rotorua, this week are Messrs. Martin, Black, Davies, Matthews, J. Paterson, Thomson, Davy, Bellhouse, and Bryden, of Auckland.

Mr. C. D. Greenwood (Teviotdale), Mr. H. Roberts, and Mrs. Mitchellson (Christchurch) returned from England by the Tongariro.

Colonel Babington has quite recovered from his recent severe illness and is back in his home, "The Bungalow," Strouan.

Australian visitors of Rotorua just now include Messrs. Fletcher (Sydney), Bigler and Thomson (Victoria), Ellis (Coolgardie), Withers (Perth), Hyndes and Bray (Maitland, N.S.W.), and Hutton (Melbourne).

Mrs. Clifford and her two daughters, after spending a few days in Auckland on their return from the Old Country, have left for their home in New Plymouth.

Mr. J. B. Mrs. and Miss Way, who have been at Rotorua recently, returned to Christchurch greatly benefited by the change.

Trooper A. Turnbull, of Napier, is on his way home in the Delphic. His many friends will be delighted to see him again, after eighteen months in South Africa and England.

Captain Davidson, of India, who is spending his long leave in New Zealand, is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn, Boys' College, Nelson.

Professor and Mrs. Dendy left Christchurch for a trip to England last week, and the Hon. W. C. Mrs. Walker, and family have removed to Dr. Dendy's house on the Port Hills during their absence.

Mr. M. A. Phillips, a well-known young Auckland, is now the N.Z. representative for Henry W. Peabody and Co., a very influential New York and London firm, and comes to Auckland from Sydney shortly to start a New Zealand business tour.

Our London correspondent writes: Dr. Prendergast Knight has booked his return passage by the Ormuz, which leaves London on November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Meadows (Dunedin), who came home by the Waiwera on family business, and who are making Balham their headquarters, propose to pay visits to Paris, Nottingham, and Southampton, and to leave for New Zealand, via Sydney, about the middle of January.

Messrs. A. W. Thompson and C. H. Withers, of Christchurch, who were passengers by the Papanui, are temporarily resident in Lambeth, but have not yet decided upon their future movements.

Mr. John Anderson, jun. (Christchurch), has entered Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he will study engineering for three years, at the end of which time he will probably go into works in Glasgow to make himself acquainted with the practical side of engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baker have, since their return from France and Switzerland, been staying at Southend-on-Sea. From there they go to Manchester to attend the meetings of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, which this year is to be joined by the Unions of Ireland and Scotland. The gathering is to be presided over by Dr. Parker, and over 12,000 delegates are expected to be present. Mr. and Mrs. Baker then go on to Scotland and several of the provincial towns.

Dr. Jas. H. Neil (Dunedin) spent the greater part of September at Braemar, and in the keen air completely threw off the effects of the enteric fever, only to become infected with

golfing fever, which is endemic on the Deeside. After a day or two at the Glasgow Exhibition he went to Netley Hospital, where, at the instance of the N.Z. Government, he has been going through the course of instruction for the Army and Indian Medical Services, practically a post-graduate course in public health and tropical diseases. He will remain at Netley until the end of January, returning to the colony shortly afterwards.

Mr. David Thomas and his family are back in London again looking none the worse for their experiences in the merry motor, although it nearly proved Juggernaut for the genial and adventurous Ashburtonian. The family started out in their Daimler early in August, and whirled along through Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, Peterborough, Sheffield and Bradford to Carlisle. In the neighbourhood of Sheffield, while the motor was climbing a hill, Mr. Thomas got down to ask a policeman the way. Seizing the standards, he tried to get in while the motor was in motion, but was dragged under the car, the back wheels of which passed over his feet and left thigh and arm. Though suffering considerable pain, he continued his journey to Carlisle, where the motor, which was rather out of order, broke down. The party therefore travelled by train to Glasgow, where Mr. Thomas was induced to put his feet in the hands of Dr. Guthrie. The doctor pronounced the right foot broken, but after it had been bandaged up in plaster of Paris, the motor once more made its appearance, and was safely manoeuvred by Mr. Thomas and party to Loch Lomond and back. Another break-down, however, finally rendered it hors de combat, and Mr. Thomas henceforward entrusted himself and his family to a less exciting but somewhat surer means of locomotion. After journeying, via Stirling, to Inverness and back by the canals and the Clyde to Glasgow, and after a brief stay in Edinburgh, they crossed to Belfast, and went down to Killarney. After another visit to Stirling they made their way down the East Coast as far as York, and then across to Manchester, Liverpool and the Isle of Man. After touring in Wales they made for Bath, and then to Southampton, intending to cross to the Isle of Wight. Rain, however, set in, and they returned to London, where Mr. Thomas has been studying the ways of Smithfield ever since. Before they leave on the 9th of next month by the Oroya they intend to visit Maidstone, Mrs. Thomas' birthplace, Worcester and Derby, and to take a look at Brussels and Paris on their way down to Marseilles.



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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Una Hitchings, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Hitchings, of Hitchings' Gully, Napier, and Dr. Edgar, of Tennyson-street, Napier.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

WALL.—CURNOW.

A very pretty but quiet wedding took place at St. Luke's Church, Christchurch, on Wednesday last, when Professor Wall, of Canterbury College, was married to Miss Gipsy Curnow, the Venerable Archdeacon Lingard officiating. The church was prettily decorated with white flowers and foliage by the bride's girl friends, and a lovely day greeted the bride, who looked exceedingly well in a long trained gown of ivory white satin, transparent yoke, and sleeves of tucked chiffon, and tucked bolero of the satin. A lovely old lace veil covered all, and an exquisite bridal shower bouquet completed the costume. Four bridesmaids were in attendance—Miss Wall, the Misses Cracroft Wilson, and Miss Symes, who wore white muslin gowns, two had picture hats of violet velvet with white ostrich feathers and violets, and the two others pale blue chiffon hats. They carried lovely white shower bouquets, and wore opal brooches the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was given away by her grandfather, Judge Munro, of Auckland, and Mr. O. T. J. Alpers acted as best man. After the ceremony Mrs. Curnow held a reception at her house, Cambridge Terrace, which took the form of a garden party, the day fortunately being fine. She wore a pale fawn costume with stitched bands and becoming toque. Among the guests were:—Mesdames Cracroft Wilson, Wilding, Denniston, Symes, Anderson, Blunt, Cook, Izard, Haslam, Ollivier, Bevan-Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Condel, Mr. and Mrs. Lewin, Professor Blunt, Mrs. and Miss Mills, Misses Denniston, Archdeacon and Miss Lingard, Misses Cook, Lean, Izard, Julius, and others. The bride's going away gown was pale grey cloth with white vest, turquoise blue toque with black feathers. The honeymoon is to be spent in the North Island, and their future home at Fendalton. Many useful and handsome presents were received by both bride and bridegroom and duly admired by the guests during the afternoon.

EDMUNDSON—DOLBEL.

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., at the residence of Mr. C. Dolbel, Mr. P. H. Edmundson, of Napier, was married to Miss Annie Dolbel, daughter of Mr. C. Dolbel, Barrack Hill, Napier. Mr. T. A. Edmundson acted as the bridegroom's best man, and Miss Hilda Dolbel, a sister of the bride, attended as bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by

the Rev. J. A. Asher, and in the course of the afternoon the newly-wedded pair left en route for the South, where the honeymoon will be spent.

FRASER—BISHOP.

The neighbourhood of the Napier Cathedral presented a gay appearance on Wednesday last week, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Annie Bishop, second daughter of Mr. R. Bishop, Napier, manager for Messrs Sargood, Sen and Ewen, to Mr. William Fraser, third son of Mr. Alexander Fraser, on the staff of the "Daily Telegraph," Napier. The ceremony took place at 2.30 p.m. at which time the church was filled with guests and onlookers.

The bride wore a grey silk gown and dainty hat of tucked white chiffon. The two bridesmaids, Miss Knowles and Miss Mabel Bishop, wore dresses of Japanese silk, tastefully arranged with cream coloured trimmings of lace and ribbon.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. De Berdt Howell, Dean of Waiapu.

The "At Home" at the residence of the bride's parents was largely attended, and the bride and bridegroom left by the 4.7 p.m. train en route for the South for the honeymoon, amid the hearty congratulations and good wishes of a host of friends.

WALWORTH—CROUCHER.

On the 20th inst., Miss Kitty Croucher, of Napier, was married at St. John's Cathedral, Napier, to Mr. A. Walworth, of Wanganui.

The bride had two bridesmaids, Miss Ada Croucher and Miss Dulce Rogers, who wore white muslin dresses, the skirts being edged with a deep frill; the bodices were made with puffed sleeves and sashes, white lace being arranged as fichus round the shoulders. Their large white picture hats were trimmed with ostrich plumes and lace. They carried bouquets of cream roses tied with broad satin streamers, and wore gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bride wore an Eton costume of blue cloth, with satin vest, and large black picture hat.

Mr. Walworth was attended by his brother, Mr. Arthur Walworth, as best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. De Berdt Howell, Dean of Waiapu. The newly-wedded pair left later for Wanganui.

Australasian papers are asked to note the wedding last Wednesday of Mr. Charles Edgar Williams, youngest son of the late Mr. J. J. Williams, of Sutton, and Mrs. Williams, of West End, Southampton, to Miss Elizabeth Josselyn Ledger, youngest daughter of Mr. Robert G. Ledger, of Blackheath. The ceremony was performed at St. John's, Blackheath, by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Marshall, assisted by the bride's cousin, Rev. A. E. B. Wale, Vicar of Bentley, Dorchester.

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