

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

MRS R. HELLABY AND FAMILY desire to express their sincere thanks to the numerous friends for the many beautiful floral gifts and kind expressions of sympathy accorded them in their sad bereavement, especially as to those country friends who came so far to pay their last respects to the dear departed.

Personal Paragraphs.

There were no vice-regal movements of importance last week, all Government House engagements in connection with the Coronation being cancelled in consequence of the illness of His Majesty the King. On Tuesday His Excellency opened Parliament in customary form. The Governor is still exceedingly busy over the proposed Veterans' Home, which he is determined to carry through.

A very large number of the multitudinous friends of Sir John and Lady Campbell called on them at their beautiful residence, Barnell, on Sunday afternoon, to tender their congratulations on the honours so recently bestowed by His Majesty King Edward VII. Sir John was in the very best of health and spirits, and Lady Campbell, though not yet completely recovered from an attack of influenza, was well enough to receive her callers and their warm congratulations.

Mrs. Jones, of Wanganui, is staying at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Miss Reed is staying with Miss Cotterill, Fitz-Roy Road, Napier.

Miss Fraser, of New Plymouth, is on a visit to Wellington.

Miss Glendinning, of Wairoa, is staying in Napier.

Mr F. W. Butement is on a visit to Masterton, having sold his interest in the Apiti Hotel.

Mrs Kendal, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fenton, of New Plymouth, has returned to Ponsonby.

Mr and Mrs J. Mowlem, of Masterton, leave for South Africa early next month.

Mr. Fred. Weston, of the Wellington "Post," has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Hansard staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills, of Dunedin, are staying at the Masonic Hotel, Napier.

Mr D. Scanlon, who is well known in Masterton, successfully passed at the recent dental examination held in Wellington.

Lieutenant George Cotterill, who left Napier with the Eighth Contingent, is now in London.

Misses E. and M. Abbott, who have been visiting the Wanganui district, have returned to their home in Parnell.

Miss Day, of New Plymouth, is on a short visit to Wanganui. She is accompanied by Miss Wilson, of the Clutha, Dunedin.

Captain Rich, of H.M.S. Ringarooma, is staying at Government House, Wellington, during the warship's stay in port.

Hon. and Mrs Scotland have been staying at the Albert Hotel, Auckland, for several days, and went to Wellington yesterday.

On the occasion of Mr T. M. Wilford's thirty-second birthday, some of his constituents presented Mrs Wilford with a handsome service of plate, as a recognition of his useful work as member for Wellington Suburbs.

The Hon. G. and Mrs Maclean (Dunedin) have come to Wellington for the session, and have taken Miss Holmes' house in Hawkestone street.

Mr and Miss Hiorus left Wellington by the Warrimoo last week for Sydney, where they will join the F. and O. Co.'s India, and proceed to London for a trip before returning to the colony.

Mrs. H. A. Cornford, of Napier, has been to Wellington to meet her son, Mr. E. Cornford, who is returning from South Africa with the Seventh Contingent.

Mr and Mrs Tobin, of San Francisco, have been staying at the Albert for a week or so. Mr Tobin was at Rotorua for several weeks for his health.

During the absence of Dr. Makgill in Sydney, where he has gone to study plague, the duties of Health Officer for Auckland will be taken by Dr. Frenzel, of Christchurch.

A very successful ball was given by members of the New Zealand Farmers' Union at the Upper Hutt, Wellington. Mr Field, M.H.R. for the district, and the Minister for Lands were present.

Dean Mahoney.—The many friends of the Very Rev. Dean Mahoney will be glad to learn that the Rev. Father George Mahony, Nelson, has received word through the cable that the Dean had arrived in London, and in excellent health.

Mr Bernhard Walther, the well-known Belgian violinist, arrived with his manager, Mr Alex. B. Giesen, by the s.s. Mararoa from Sydney yesterday. He is at present staying at the Star Hotel.

Mrs Malcolm Niccol, late of Auckland, has been presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal for saving life in Auckland Harbour in February last.

Very many hearty congratulations were offered to Captain Russell on the receipt of a telegram from the Governor announcing that he had been knighted, which telegram was handed to him last Thursday on the Hastings racecourse.

The employees of the D.S.C. met on Thursday evening for the purpose of presenting Mr Maurice Ferguson, their late fellow-employee, who is leaving for the South at an early date, with a handsome silver-mounted pipe. They bade him a hearty farewell and expressed best wishes for his future success and prosperity.

Mr Lachlan Fraser, after nine years' service on the Southland County Council, is about to retire. We learn that a well-known resident of Waianui, Mr W. Ronald, is likely to offer his services to the ratepayers of Wallace town riding as their representative on the Council.

Dr. E. J. Roberts, who has been in partnership with Dra. Hudson and Andrew for some years past, is about to leave Nelson to take up his residence in South Africa. Dr. S. A. Lucas, of Takaka, will join the firm in succession to Dr. Roberts. During his stay in Nelson Dr. Roberts has made many friends, who will wish him every success.

Miss E. Ashby, mistress of Komata School, who has severed her connection with the Board of Education, has received several practical tokens of the esteem and regard in which she is held at Komata. The pupils attending the school presented her with a handsome marble clock, silver toast rack, set of flat irons, and a mincer, the presentation being made by Master Fred Miles, on behalf of the scholars and parents. A nicely worded letter accompanied the gifts, which were appropriately acknowledged by the recipient.

Among visitors who have arrived in Wellington for the Coronation festivities are Miss Bell and Miss C. Maclean (Dunedin), who are staying with Lady Ranfurly; Mr and Mrs J. Mills, Mrs and Miss Gibson (who intend staying for the winter), and Miss Roberts, all of Dunedin; Miss Julius and Miss Elworthy, from Christchurch; Mrs Strang, Palmerston North; Miss Stoddart, Christchurch; and Miss Cox, Sir Maurice O'Rourke, and Major Shepherd, Auckland, who have come down in readiness for the opening of Parliament; Misses Campbell, Christchurch; Mr and Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, Christchurch, who are the guests of His Excellency and Lady Ranfurly at Government House.

One of the most interesting functions which have occurred lately was the opening of the new office of "New Zealand Times" at Wellington. All day long a stream of visitors flocked through the building, a general invitation having been issued to the public. In the evening a grand social was held, to which all the leading people were invited. An excellent musical programme was gone through by such artists as Miss Murphy (Dunedin), Miss A. Syme, Miss Jeanne Ramsay, and Messrs E. J. Hill, Ballance, Harry Smith, etc. The biggest room was cleared for dancing, and in adjoining rooms a ping-pong tournament and a progressive euchre party were very keenly contested by the non-dancing guests. A recherche supper was provided, and proceedings were kept up with the greatest spirit till a very early hour.

Amongst the guests at the Central Hotel have been—Miss Williams, Wellington; Ben Jehu, Sydney; Captain Bird, Sydney; Mrs and Miss Smith, Sydney; Davis, Melbourne; Mr and Mrs Smart, Napier; Lamb; McCosachie, Glasgow; Cox, Thames; Stevens; Erskine, Sydney; Riley, Haslem, Roach, Fiji; Mrs McAndrew, Best, Mr and Miss Kennedy; Mr and Mrs Hayman, Christchurch; Joly, Dunedin; Duffy, Dunedin; Handcock, Sydney; Phillips, England; Dymock, McNeill; McEwen, Keep, Captain and Mrs Stenhouse; Close, Christchurch; Robertson, Sydney; Dr and Mrs Forbes; Lamande, Sydney.

Among the numerous visitors to the Star Hotel during the past week were H. J. King, Herbert Price, P. Mathers, Hong Kong; Mr B. Osborne and party, Australia; A. Gaffney, A. Grierson, E. C. Browne, J. Masters, W. Karquhar, Sydney; J. Williams, F. Anderson, B. Gleeson, Melbourne; H. Hunt, S. Mahood and party, F. Cox, London; J. Ferris, Count Kuth and valet, Copenhagen; Mr and Mrs Jones and family, J. D. Davidson, Edinburgh; Dr. McMasters and J. White, Outrim, Ireland; J. Walters, A. Street, B. Branson, San Francisco; Mr and Mrs Milne, Akaroa; Mr and Mrs Murdoch, London; Miss Ferguson, C. Ziele, O. Granville, Wellington; Mr and Mrs Pearson, Mr and Mrs Benstead and maid, England; W. Guthrie, Colombo; Mrs Wightman, Melbourne; Mrs Beddard, Suva; G. E. Borella and valet, Italy; Dr. Blanchard, Ireland.

Miss Fodor, of Christchurch, who has been the guest of Sir John and Lady Campbell for some weeks past, returned home on Tuesday.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT WRITES:—

Dr. T. Hope Lewis and Mr. W. Miller Lewis have been elected Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bealey (Canterbury) arrived at the beginning of the week, having spent some time en route in South California with Mr. Bealey's brother, and in North-west Canada. They are staying at Hampstead.

Mr. George Jones (Petone) arrived by the Orizaba last Saturday for the purpose of inspecting machinery for the local water works. With this object he will shortly proceed to Leeds and Glasgow, and return next August.

Mr and Mrs Underwood, with their son and daughter (Wellington) had a first rate trip in Canada and U.S.A., visiting Toronto, Niagara, Montreal, and New York. They will visit Paris, tour through the Midlands, Scotland, and Ireland, and only set their faces homewards when tired of sightseeing.

Mr W. B. Cocks (Christchurch) has obtained employment in the well-known firm of furnishers, Mapie and Co., where he should gain experience that will hereafter be of great service to him in the colony.

Mr J. Graham Gow, your trade representative, left London last Thursday. After a day with his brother at Manchester he will sail from Liverpool on Saturday for America, en route for Japan, China and India, where he will endeavour to open up fresh markets for your trade.

Dr. Parkinson, after his world wanderings, has established himself in London. He has taken No. 77, Sloane-street, Chelsea. Mr Beerbohm Tree's house, and will in the course of the next fortnight commence practice in that fashionable locality.

Mr J. W. Graham (Sumner), who arrived by the Oceana, has been up in the Midlands. After the Coronation he will tour England and Scotland, spend the end of July at Oban, and afterwards go to Holland, Switzerland, and other parts of the Continent.

Mr and Mrs Geo. Cliff are at present seeing their friends and relations in Staffordshire. They will come to London for the Coronation. After that their plans are uncertain, but they will return by the N.D.L. Rhein, leaving on September 8th.

Mr and Mrs J. H. Cocks and family, of Nelson, who arrived per s.s. Gothic on the 8th May, are at present at Bromley, in Kent. After the Coronation they will pay visits to friends in Devon and Cornwall, and later on intend making a lengthened tour and stay on the Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown (Wellington), after "coronating," will cycle round England, spend the winter in Switzerland, see Italy the following spring, return on their cycles through France, spend the summer of 1903 in England again, and leave for New Zealand the following autumn.

Mr F. G. Gibson, who has just passed his M.B. examination, and has in the course of the last 15 months been Assistant House Surgeon, Assistant House Physician and House Physician at Guy's, leaves to-day with his cousin, who is an invalid, for a six months' tour of Canada, China and Japan, and Australasia, in the course of which he will pay a visit to his own colony.

Mr Begg leaves on Monday for a tour in Scotland and Ireland. After the Coronation he too has America and the Continent in view, and has booked his return passage by the Omrah, leaving 29th August.

I am glad to report that the health of Miss N. W. Thomsson (Invercargill) has been much improved. She and Miss Thomsson will spend the summer in the country in England, and the autumn in Scotland, before returning to New Zealand.

The Misses Henry (Wellington and Christchurch) have begun their year's holiday by visits to their relations in Southsea and Cheltenham and friends in Ealing, and have now taken quarters in Earl's Court until the Coronation, after which they will proceed to Scotland.

Mrs Heaton Rhodes (Christchurch) and Mr and Mrs G. H. Rhodes, who came by the Canadian Pacific route, reached London early this month. Mrs Rhodes is staying with Mr W. A. Clark, at 12, Onslow Square, and her plans are entirely dependent on the movements of Captain Heaton Rhodes and the Eighth Contingent.

Miss Rachel Richmond (Wellington) is attending lectures at the Froebel Educational Institute Training College, and means to visit the most advanced kindergarten schools in London and spend some time on the Continent studying the latest methods of teaching French to young children. She expects to leave England early in November.

Mr and Mrs W. Searle (Queenstown) are renewing their acquaintance with the friends of his youth at Southampton, will come up to London for the Coronation and spend a month in the metropolis, then stay for another month with Mrs Searle's family and friends in Devon and Yorkshire. After another sojourn in Hampshire and a few weeks on the Continent, they will leave again at the beginning of November.

Mrs R. W. England's (Christchurch) health has kept herself and her husband and daughter in Leamington until this week. They are going next week to Bournemouth, and their future movements will depend very much on the improvement in Mrs England's condition. They will probably come up for a few days for the Coronation, and Mr England will attend the New Zealand dinner.

Mr George Wilson (Wellington) had a pleasant trip with his wife and daughter across the Rocky Mountains and visit to Toronto and Niagara, but his arrival in England was saddened by the news that his mother had died three weeks previously in Edinburgh. They left last Saturday for the North of England and Scotland, where they will spend three months with their relations. After a short trip on the Continent they will probably leave by the P. and O. Co.'s China on 5th September.

I regret to hear that Mr. G. A. M. Buckley, of Lagmor, Ashburton, who has been staying at the Isle of Wight, and has purchased a beautiful yacht, is lying at a nursing hospital in London seriously ill with ulceration of the stomach, attributed to eating putrid meat during his travels in Patagonia. Mr. Buckley is under the care of Sir Thomas Lauder Brunton. The great authority on the disorders of digestion, and there is some talk of an operation before long.

The annual New Zealand dinner on June 17 promises to be quite the best yet held. The big hall of the Holborn restaurant has been secured, a band