

tired owing to advancing years. are two Collectors of Customs—Mr Heaps, of Nelson, and Mr Bedford, of New Plymouth. Mr Heaps is also Warden for the Nelson district, and has been for a great many years in the position. The successors are not yet known.

Mr B. C. Aston, late of Dunedin, chemist to the Department of Agriculture, has left Wellington for England on six months' leave of absence. His object is to improve his knowledge of analytical chemistry by studying the latest methods. He will probably return to the colony by way of America. Mr H. W. Lawrence has been appointed to the position during his absence.

Professor George Darwin, whose prophecy as to the future rotation of the earth is given in our cable columns, is, of course, a son of the great Charles Robert Darwin. He is the second son. Professor Francis Darwin, the Reader in Botany at Cambridge, is the third, and the fourth is Major Darwin, who has sat in the House of Commons, has also done much work in science, and was in the Transit of Venus expeditions of 1874 and 1882.

Mr W. J. Napier, who was senior member in the last Parliament for Auckland City, has retired from the directorate of the mercantile firm of E. W. Mills and Co., Ltd., of Wellington. Mr C. A. Briggs, who entered the firm's service as a junior, and has risen through the various Mr J. L. Mills, brother-in-law of Mr Napier, the position of joint manager and director.

Among New Zealanders who have grades of the concern, has been elected to fill the vacancy, and now occupies with distinguished themselves by obtaining appointments abroad are: Mr Adam Hay, assistant engineer to Abyssinia Prospecting Syndicate; Mr James McLaren, B.Sc., special mining geologist to the Indian Government; Mr W. S. Wait, director of the Zeehan School of Mines; Mr F. B. Allan, M.A., B.Sc., director of the West Australia School of Mines; and Mr A. Montgomery, M.A., State mining engineer for Western Australia. All these were educated at the Otago University School of Mines, which, in addition, has ex-pupils at the head of New Zealand institutions, notably at the Thames School of Mines (Mr O. Adams), and the Reefton School of Mines (Mr J. O. Bishop).

Mr S. W. Childs and Mr. O. Sloss, of Kalgoolie, West Australia, are touring this colony, and have left the Southern lakes on their way north. Mr Childs was constructing engineer for the Kalgoolie electric tramways, which have recently been completed. He also acted in a similar capacity in connection with the Perth electric tramways. Mr Sloss is a successful goldfields contractor. He has carried out a number of large water sup-

ply works, and has also sunk several large tanks for the West Australian Government. At present he is carrying out several large sanitary works for the municipalities of Coolgardie, Kalgoolie and the Boulder. Both gentlemen will spend about two months visiting different parts of New Zealand. They proceed from Wellington via the Wanganui River to Rotorua and Auckland. They will afterwards visit Japan and China, Mr Childs proceeding thence to America, and Mr Sloss returning to West Australia.

In a survey of "The Higher Schools of England" ("Saturday Review," April 11), complete justice is done to the marvellous manner in which the school without endowments, without traditions, answered triumphantly the question, "Can Modern England Make a Great Public School?" One name alone is omitted in the "Review" that helped to create The Great School, T. E. Brown, Scholar and Poet, the first Master of The Modern Side. Like Dr. Percival, a double first Oxford, he set the noblest example by his life and teaching to the boys. With two such giants in the scholastic world, well might Dr. Percival say in his farewell address to the school (1870): "To-day we may say without fear of contradiction that there are few schools more widely and favourably known throughout our kingdom and its dependencies; that there are few, if any, that possess a fuller, a more varied, more active life. Had our age been 100 instead of 916 years, I do not know that for all essential and highest purposes, it would have been very different with us." In 1802 we started with 70 boys, in 1870 400, and 1879 600 was reached. I was among the first boys to go in 1862, and I think my brother, S. J. Cox, was the first Old Cliftonian to settle in New Zealand, coming to Taranaki in 1867. My brother, G. V. Cox, a well-known Oxford athlete, was an assistant master in the Auckland Grammar School (1886). I think the first O.C. master in New Zealand, Mr James Allen, M.H.R., and Mr Atkinson, O.C., M.H.R., are Old Cliftonians. Other O.C.'s hold good positions in the colony. In memory of their old college several old Cliftonians intend making up an Old Cliftonian Bookshelf in the Auckland Free Library. The writer has donated a set of Byron and Shakespeare of rare editions. A scheme is also on foot to have an Old Cliftonian dinner some time early in 1904. This will be duly advertised.

There has been a large number of visitors at the Grand Hotel, Auckland, for the past week. The list is as under:—From Wellington: The Premier, the Right Hon. R. J. Seddon, Mrs Seddon, Miss Ruby Seddon, Captain Seddon, Mr Stuart Seddon, Messrs McAlester, Stevenson, Thomson, F. Franklin, Mr and Mrs H. M. Hayward, Mr John Duthie, M.H.R. From London: The Rev Dr F. W. Macdonald, the Rev H. A. Raynes, Miss F. Macdonald, Miss Alleyne, Mr T. Dickens, Mrs Hibbert and maid, Mr T. Whitehead, Mr and Mrs G. Andrea, family and maid, Mr Percy Smith, Miss A. Smith, Mr F. Stringer, Major J. Straker, Mr and Mrs Muggidge, from Edinburgh: Mr and Mrs Randal Noel Paton and maid. From Perthshire: Captain and Mrs Kilbee Stuart. From West Australia: Mr C. J. Moran, M.L.A. From Adelaide: Mr R. H. Crawford, Mr H. J. Crawford, Miss Crawford, Miss M. Crawford. From Melbourne: Mr and Mrs G. Musgrove, Miss Musgrove and maid, Mr and Mrs J. Clark, Mr and Mrs James Buttle, Mr G. R. Buttle, Mr G. Chapman. From Sydney: Mr and Mrs W. Rummell. From Bathurst, N.S.W.: Mr and Mrs J. Holmes, Miss Jessie Holmes, Miss Hilda Holmes. From New York: Mr T. R. Hartpence. From Calcutta: Mr J. E. Vallance. From Newcastle, N.S.W.: Mr and Mrs D. Anderson. From Christchurch: Mrs John Williams, Mrs H. B. Williams, Miss Williams, Mr E. Jollie, Mr F. W. Damer, Mr K. Neaves, Mr A. Adams. From Blenheim: Mr C. Griffiths, Mr Thomas Philpots. From Nelson: Mr Austin Bisle. From Wairarapa: Mr W. Buchanan, M.H.R. From Timaru: Mr and Mrs C. A. Wray. From Kawhia: Mr and Mrs W. D. Humpreys and child. From Karangahake: Mr D. C. Thompson. From Papakura: Mr J. Laney. From Cambridge, Waikato: Mr and Mrs W. Thornton, Master Thornton. Mr James McVitie, Captain and Mrs Worsp, Miss Worsp, Miss Blanche Worsp. From Whangarei: Mr T. Vallance. From Wanganui: Miss Drummond.

Amongst the visitors at the Central Hotel last week were:—From England: Mr and Mrs Carey Druce, Miss Washington, Mr D. McCaskill, Mr L. V. Joy, Mr W. Beattie. From Whangarei: Mr and Mrs Deitzmann, Mr and Mrs H. J. Durban. From Chicago, Ill.: Mr J. H. Purcell. From Buluwayo, S.A.: Mr C. F. Grainger (Administrator of Land). From Vancouver, Canada: Mr Chas. Lye. From Timaru: Mr and Mrs Burrie. From Te Aroha: Mr and Mrs O. F. Pilling, Mr J. Gordon. From Tahiti: Mr De Witt C. Lockwood. From Napier: Mr and Mrs B. Duncan, Mr R. J. Ellison, Mr and Mrs H. Williams, Misses Williams (2), Mr and Mrs Hallett, Mr Turner. From Paeroa: Mr T. A. Moresby, Mr F. Forster. From Dannevirke: Mr A. C. Knight. From Wanganui: Mr H. Cooper. From Gisborne: Mr R. Ludbrook, Mr T. Adair, Mr A. F. Matthews. From Waio-rangomai: Mr and Mrs and Miss Edwin Hardy. From Piako: Mr and Mrs Shepherd Allen, Mr R. C. Allen. From Dunedin: Mr and Mrs R. Wilkinson, Mr R. Young. From Rotorua: Mr T. T. Brent, Mr Malfroy, Miss Malfroy, Mr L. Speers. From Waipi: Mrs H. W. Hopkins, Miss Hopkins, Mr R. B. Cranwell. From Thames: Mr T. A. Dunlop, Mr J. H. S. Banks, Mr Warden Bush. From Wellington: Mr T. C. Williams, Miss E. Williams, Mr J. J. O'Brien, Mr E. C. Kirk, Mr John Hogg, Mr and Mrs C. Dickenson, Master Dickenson, Mr Chas. Haines, Dr. M. Pomare (health officer), Mr Albert Leny, Mrs S. Gilmer, Miss Gilmer. From Waipi: Mrs Gratian Guinness. From Blenheim: Mr G. Edwards. From Patea: Mr A. Palmer. From Sydney, N.S.W.: Mr J. Anderson, Mr Geo. Allanby, Mr F. H. Anderson, Mr and Mrs L. F. McCarthy, Mr Alex. Davidson, Mr G. Chisholm. From Walkato: Mr G. F. Edgecombe, Mr Joseph Gane, Mr H. J. Greenlade, Mr W. Thompson, Mr T. C. Blackett, Mr G. P. Ewing. From Mauku: Mr W. L. West. From Takapuna: Miss Moore. From New Plymouth: Mr and Mrs Oliver Samuel, Mr D. Svatt, Mr A.H. Bayley. From Opotiki: Mr and Mrs E. Withy, Mr Maibie, Mr W. J. Patterson, Miss Withy. From Camaruru: Mr J. W. Taylor, Mr C. Key, Mr Thos. Patterson, Mr R. T. Kay, Miss L. W. Eddie, Mr Wm. Waddell, Mr and Mrs J. M. Brown. From Lyttelton: Mr W. G. Taylor, Mr C. Ray. From Otaki: Mr W. H. Simeon. From Melbourne: Miss E. Greene. From Glasgow, Scotland: Mr and Mrs John Duff, Miss Agnes A. Anderson, Mr G. H. Boggs. From Rakaia: Mr G. Hardy, Miss Hardy. From Christchurch: Mr and Mrs Sandford Cox, Mr G. M. Hall, Mr E. W. Hulme Dr. Withers, Mr F. C. Binns, Mr W. J. Cresswell, Mr Geo. L. Henderson. Mr and Mrs Geo. Burrows, Mr G. H. Whitcombe.

There were a very large number of guests at the Star Hotel last week, among whom were:—From Sydney: Mr and Mrs Sydney Josephson, Mrs Bryant, Mr and Mrs Castner, Mr A. Castner, Mr and Mrs Leslie Davis, Miss A. Davis, Mr F. Leon, Mrs L. Peterson, Miss Alice Peterson, Mr Arthur L. Neild, Mr J. E. Withycombe, Mr L. E. Wynter, Dr. D. Cameron, Mr R. G. Gibbons, Mr W. M. Hopkins, Mr M. Vance, Mr Joseph Weiner, Mr and Mrs Best. From Melbourne: Dr. and Mrs Horsfall, Mr J. H. Broughton, Dr. G. Gracewood. From Bendigo: Mr and Mrs Laury, Mr F. Livingston. From St. Kilda: Dr. and Mrs Mullings. From West Australia: Mr C. A. Piessa, Mr V. F. Piessa, Mr A. T. Piessa. Mr and Mrs Molesworth, Mr Garvis Morley. From Brisbane: Mr H. Hyde, Mr and Mrs Sawkins, Mr and Mrs Martin. From Kalgoolie: Mr and Mrs Esdaile, Miss Esdaile, Master Esdaile and nurse. From Adelaide: Mr and Mrs G. Rutherford, Miss May Sinclair, Mr and Mrs Smythe. From London: Colonel Sir William and Lady Pollitt, Major and Mrs Pollitt, Mr Duncan Elliot Alves, Mr and Mrs Stevenson, Mr L. R. Flick, Miss Eva Friske, Mr E. W. Bell, Mr W. G. Stenson, Mr and Mrs Johnstone, Mr T. E. Plowright, Mr F. C. Lascelles, Mr L. Longhurst, Mrs Robinson, Mr and Mrs Saunders. From Edinburgh: Mr G. H. Sommerville McKay. From Leith: Mr James K. Davison, Mr and Mrs P. H. White. From Limerick: Miss K. White, Mr J. P. White. From Milan: Signor F. M. Marshall. From Kimberley: Mr and Mrs L. Atkinson. From Cape Town: Herr J. M. Van Jooste. From Singapore:

Mr J. M. Whetham. From Hamburg: Dr. Swarzbach, Mr R. Luuge, Mr and Mrs Eric Liebens. From Tornaveem, Aberdeenshire: Major and Mrs F. Frazer. From Ceylon: Mr Arthur E. Butt, Mr and Mrs Purdell. From Kent: Mr Ernest Trent, Miss Alice Datcher. From Sheffield, Mr and Mrs Leslie King. From England: Miss E. King, Master King and maid. From New York: Mr J. R. Mott, Mr E. C. Jenkins, Mr R. L. Durranee, Mr and Mrs Wheelwright, Mr A. Roundy, Mr L. McMillan, Miss Ella Johnstone, Mr W. J. Karnes, Mr T. Benton, Mr S. D. Poole, Mr and Mrs Dyer. From San Francisco: Mr Richard F. Lyons. From Philadelphia: Mr Thomas B. Reynolds. From Los Angeles: Mr and Mrs E. R. Kellan. From Boston: Mr John H. Burt. From St. Louis: Mr T. Sherwood. From Montreal: Mr and Mrs L. McBean, Miss U. McBean. From Hawke's Bay: Mr and Mrs Beamish. From Palmerston North: Mr Matthew Henry. From Gisborne: Mr and Mrs De Latour, Miss De Latour, Mr and Mrs J. Biddells, Mr A. R. Watson, Mr and Mrs A. L. Thompson. From Dunedin: Mr and Mrs T. Ross, Mr and Mrs Chambers, Mr A. B. Emanuel, Mr David Aiken, Captain and Mrs Thornton, Mr and Mrs Shorter. From Christchurch: Mr and Mrs J. Baseett, Mr J. C. C. Gibbie, Mr and Mrs H. Matthews, Mr J. M. Malcolm, Mr C. Heat, Mr and Mrs Alfred Simmonds. From Wellington: Hon. James Carroll, Hon. Hall-Jones, Mr K. W. Holmes, Mr T. C. Schmidt, Mr J. D. Hunter, Mr A. A. Bethune, Mr Bertram T. Mitford, Mr W. T. Morton, Mr T. Foulton, Mr James D. Mitchell, Mr W. Whyte Smith, Mr and Mrs H. Heath Craike, Mr L. Tulloch, Mrs F. Sutton. From New Plymouth: Mr V. Champion. Mr and Mrs Brisdon, Mr and Mrs H. Hay, Mr H. Hay, Mr and Mrs Swift. From Hokitika: Mr and Mrs Michel, Mr A. B. King. From Tauranga: Mr R. W. Westera. From Auckland: Mr Witheford. From Napier: Mr and Mrs A. L. Stevens, Mr Richard Udale. From Thames: Mr and Mrs L. Warren. From Hastings: Dr. and Mrs Wirt, Miss A. Scott. From Hohart: Mr and Mrs Hugh Nisbet, Mr L. E. Morrison. From Tahiti: Mr A. E. Lewis. From Suva: Mr and Mrs H. Harcourt. From Apia: Mr and Mrs Graceham, Miss Campbell.

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