

Personal Paragraphs.

General Babington arrived from the South by the Takapuna last week.

Colonel Messinger is back in Wellington, after a visit to Auckland.

The Hon. Mr. Scotland is on a visit to Rotorua.

Mr. and Miss McLean, of Dunedin, have been staying in Napier.

Mrs. Frank Perry (Napier) has been paying a visit to Wellington.

Mrs. Bartleman, Christchurch, is staying with Mrs. Buller, at Epsom.

Mr. Pollock, Auckland, left for Sydney last Monday.

Mr and Mrs W. Bidwill (Wairarapa) have been visiting Wellington.

A visitor from Buluwayo, Mr Grainger, is in Auckland at present.

The Rev. C. Coleridge Harper (Palmerston N.) is on a visit to Auckland.

Dr. F. Deamer (Christchurch) is in Wellington on a visit.

Mrs and Miss Martin are back in Napier after a week's visit to Wellington.

Mr Le Cren (Dunedin) has been visiting Wellington.

Mr and Mrs C. J. Johnston (Wellington) have gone to Sydney on a visit.

Mrs Guinness, Waihi, is at present on a short visit to Auckland.

Mr W. R. Haseldine will take up his duties as Stipendiary Magistrate at Christchurch on June 1st.

Sir William and Lady Pollitt and their party returned to Sydney by the Mararoa.

The Parliamentary party from the Islands expect to reach Auckland by June 1.

Mr Jackman, Whakapirau, Kaipara, came to Auckland last Friday on business.

Dr. Charles Hector, who has recently arrived from Home, has commenced practising at the Hutt, Wellington.

Dr. Roberts, of Cambridge, has decided to take a partner to assist him in his practice.

Mr. Bainford, Registrar of Deeds, who has been spending part of his holiday in Cambridge, has gone on to Rotorua.

The parishioners of St. Mary's are having an evening in the Parish Hall next Friday to welcome Bishop Neligan.

Mr. Alf Bayly, Stratford, who has been in Auckland on business, returned to Taranaki on Thursday last.

Mrs. Mounier, Auckland, has returned from her trip to Japan, and is living at the North Shore.

Captain Colbeck has returned to Auckland from Whakapirau, where he has been staying with Mr. Gibson.

Mrs. Friend, Parnell, has gone to the lake for a fortnight for the sake of her little daughter's health.

Mr. Arthur Kenderdine has sold his house in Crawford road to Mr. Laird, of the Harbour Board.

Mr. Donald Grant (Palmerston North) has gone on a trip to America, Japan and Scotland.

Col. Davis, C.B., and Major Holgate returned to Auckland from Whangarei last Thursday.

Captain Lucy, of the Isis, the new cable steamer, was formerly on the Great Eastern.

Miss Deane, who was staying in Auckland for some months a short time ago, is staying in Sydney at present.

Dr. Collins has again utterly condemned the proposed infectious hospital in the Auckland Hospital grounds.

Mr Seddon asks if it is fair that a Premier should receive £1000 a year and an inspector of asylums £1200.

The Sultan of Johore, now in Australia, will probably visit New Zealand before his return to India.

Mr Seddon, accompanied by Mrs Seddon and family, left Auckland by the Hinemoa for Kaitiaki last Friday.

Mr F. D. O'Rourke's Matawau is recovering from his bad fall at Sylvia Park, and will soon be fit to hunt again.

The Hon. G. MacLean and Miss MacLean, who have been some weeks in Wellington, have returned to Dunedin.

Miss Adams (Melbourne) is the guest of Mrs Adams (Wellington) for some weeks.

Miss Christine Simcox (Otago) is in Wellington, staying with Mrs Morrah, Willis-street.

Hon. W. and Mrs Baillie, formerly of "Para" (Blenheim), are in Wellington for the winter.

Mr Mitford, of the Bank of New Zealand staff (Auckland), has been transferred to headquarters at Wellington.

Mr Thomas Westwood succeeds Mr P. J. Hennessy as Mayor of Foxton (Manawatu).

The Rev. John Hall has resigned the charge of St. Andrew's Church at Westport. He intends to go to the Old Country.

Mr T. Mellor, bandmaster of the Waihi band, has gone to Timaru in connection with an offer he has received of the conductorship of that band.

Messrs J. E. Thomson and H. Muir have passed the full examination of the New Zealand and Australian Boards as surveyors.

Mr H. Humfrey, late of the Matatua, is now fourth officer on the Kumara. The chief steward, Mr C. J. Hobden, has also been transferred to the Matatua.

Messrs C. E. and A. Horton were passengers by the Waikare to Auckland, having returned from their trip to Europe.

Mr Cecil James Wray has been admitted a barrister of the Supreme Court of New Zealand at Wellington by His Honor Mr Justice Edwards.

A Press Association wire says that Mr Douglas, Inspector of Machinery at Wellington, has been transferred to Auckland.

Mr Nicholas, post master at Whangarei, was given a silver-mounted walking stick by the members of his staff before he left for his new station at Tauranga.

Bishop Williams, of Waiapu, was the guest of Mrs. Bennet, of Gibraltar Crescent, Parnell, during his stay in Auckland.

Mr Hansen showed the Hon. W. Hall-Jones over the plant and circuits of the Auckland Electric Tramway service last week.

Mrs Gordon, who, with her children has been staying for a few months at Devonport, returned to Fiji by the Mouora last Wednesday.

Mr Thos. Biddle welcomed the new Bishop on behalf of the Y.M.C.A., at the reception given to him at the Choral Hall last Saturday evening.

Mr and Mrs Manisty (Woodville) were in Wellington to meet Dr. and Mrs Neligan, the latter being Mrs Manisty's niece.

Mr Edward Page, who has taken over the legal practice of Mr Freeman Potts, Eketahuna, is a son of Mr J. E. Page, the Wellington City Treasurer.

Mr John Webster, Hokianga, was out at the meet of the Pakuranga Hounds last Saturday. He looked just as well and hearty as ever.

Miss Dora Whitson, Parnell, went to New Plymouth for a short holiday last Thursday, and is staying with Mrs. Paton.

Mr. W. R. Holmes, of Auckland, has bought Mrs. Barton Ireland's house in Gladstone road. He hopes to be settled in it in a fortnight.

Mrs. F. Perry, Hawke's Bay, has been staying in Wellington. Mr. Coates, who has been visiting "Orssooge," returned to Wellington with her.

Mr. J. H. Murdoch, of Napier, was admitted by the Chief Justice on the 16th inst. as a solicitor of the Supreme Court.

Miss Mary Buchanan, Parnell, has returned to Auckland after six weeks' holiday at Tikitere. She is greatly benefited by the change.

Mrs. H. Gould, of Dargaville, is at present in Auckland, and is staying with her sister, Mrs. Hunt, in St. George's Bay road.

As a token of the esteem in which he is held, Father Johnston, of Waipawa, was last week presented with a handsome gig by his parishioners.

Mr H. E. Dodd, Bank of New South Wales, Gisborne, is spending his three weeks' holiday in Auckland and is at present staying at the Royal Hotel.

Rev. Mr. Bennett, Taranaki, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Chatterton, of Nelson, are staying with Mrs. Kenderdine, near Manukau road, Parnell.

Four Bishops were passengers by the Rotoiti last Thursday to Onohunga—Bishops Neligan, Julius, Neville, and Mules.

Mr Martin and Mr Justly Hill, both of Kaipara, are in Auckland this week. They have both come to town to buy stock.

Mr L. H. B. Wilson (Wellington) has resigned the position of secretary to the New Zealand Academy of Arts. His successor is Mr H. M. Gore.

Mr James Mackay (Wellington) is leaving for a trip Home, after forty years' absence from the Old Country. He expects to be back in Wellington by December.

Mr George Paton, a visitor from South Africa, who is spending some weeks in New Zealand, was lately in Wellington. Mr Paton is traffic manager for the railways in Natal.

Mrs Cotter and the Misses Ethel and Winnie Cotter, of Remuera, Auckland, arrived on Sunday by the Westralia, after a pleasant two months' visit to Australia.

Lord Northland and the Hon. H. Butler were at the meet of the Pakuranga Hounds at Ihumata on Wednesday last, and afterwards at the afternoon tea given by Mrs Gorrie.

The Rev. Canon MacMurray made a touching reference to the late Archdeacon Dudley and the work done by him for the Maoris at the Maori Girls' School last Monday.

Too little is known of New Zealand. If properly known Rotoura could not accommodate those who would come to the Wonderland of the North.—Mr Seddon at Rotorua.

Bishop Lenihan was in Cambridge on Monday week, the parishioners of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church gave the Bishop a hearty reception, to which the public were invited.

Mrs Westley is shortly coming over from Australia on a short visit to Auckland. She is going to stay with her mother, Mrs Herbert Thompson, Remuera.

Mr T. Butler leaves New Zealand at the end of May for South Africa. He has been on a visit here for some months, and intends taking some racers back with him.

Mr. Herbert Andrews, at one time editor of the "Waimate Witness," Taranaki, and later on of the "Wrester Standard," South Africa, has been appointed editor of a paper in Bulawayo.

Mr A. Y. Ross and his two brothers have left Waihi for Gisborne to attend the funeral of their father, who died at his residence, Waimata River, the other day.

Miss Dora Brown, of Whangarei, who is staying at Ponsonby, fell off a tram while trying to get off whilst the tram was in motion. She was unconscious when picked up.

On Friday evening the Mayor of Grey-mouth presented Mr Bennis with the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal for saving the life of a boy named McGuinness.

Mr Albert Lyon, second branchman of the Whangarei Fire Brigade, was recently presented with a silver teapot by his fellow-fremen on the occasion of his marriage.

Mr Coleridge, of Wellington, is at present staying at Glenalvon, Symonds-street. He is here in connection with the building of the Veterans' Home, for which he is the architect.

Mr. O. J. Bainbridge, an English tourist, who is visiting the colony, has just spent six weeks in some interesting mountaineering work in the Mount Cook district.

Dr. J. Kemp, son of Dr. Kemp, formerly of Wellington, and now in England, has arrived in Wellington, and intends practising his profession in New Zealand. He is staying with his aunt, Mrs. Stowe.

Mrs. Swindley and the Misses Hagie-Smith (Thames) paid a flying visit to Auckland last week. They came up principally to see Neel, a Stewart in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury."

Mr Bendix Hallenstein has returned to Dunedin from a lengthy trip to Europe. Mr Hallenstein's friends will regret to learn that his health is anything but satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal returned to their home in Sydney on Monday. Mrs. Rosenthal has been staying in Auckland for the last two months with her mother, Mrs. Edmiston, Symonds street.

Mr and Mrs Sandford Cox are back in Wellington after their trip to Auckland and the Hot Lakes. They have taken a house in Timakori-road, and are busy settling down.

Mr Green-slade was presented with a handsome silver tea and coffee service by the Liberals of the Waikato, at Hamilton, last week. Mrs Green-slade was also presented with a pearl brooch. The Premier made the presentations.

Archdeacon Willis, of Cambridge, and his two eldest daughters were in Auckland to be present at the consecration of the Bishop. Mr. and Mrs. Wells also went to Auckland to witness the consecration.

Canon MacMurray has lent St. Mary's Parsonage to the Bishop of Auckland for a fortnight, Bishopscourt not being quite finished. Canon and Mrs. MacMurray are the guests of Mrs. Hugh Campbell, Domain road.

A cable has been received from the Rev. J. L. Dove (who lately went to England from the Rangitikei district), stating that he will not return to the colony, having accepted the principalship of Denstone College, Staffordshire.

The Governor has recognised the appointment of Mr George Francis Pearce as Acting-Consul for Sweden and Norway at Wellington during the absence of the Consul, Mr A. E. Pearce, who has left for England.

The Right Rev. Bishop Julius has returned to Christchurch by the Takapuna. He was accompanied on the trip to New Plymouth by Archdeacon Cole (New

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