

Mr and Mrs Ferry, Crisage, Hawke's Bay, and Mrs Donnelly were in Wellington for a few days before their departure for Christchurch.

Mrs Green and Miss Marjorie Green, who have been staying with Mrs Reid, Willis-street, Wellington, have returned to Timaru.

Mr Kenneth Webster, well known in New Plymouth, left last week for San Francisco, having decided to try his luck in America.

Mr H. C. Cameron, the Government Produce Commissioner, is going back to London by way of San Francisco. He was a passenger by the Ventura.

Mr J. A. Milne, secretary of the Wai-kato A. and P. Association, has been laid up with influenza, and was unable to attend the show. Mr R. J. Gwynne took up the duties.

Professor Brown has accepted his appointment to the Auckland Public Library Committee. The Mayor of Auckland (the Hon. E. Mitchellson) has been elected chairman of this committee.

Mr C. T. Niccol, of Auckland, was expected at Sydney last week by the Britannia from London, and is due here before the end of the month. He went to Europe by way of the United States.

Mrs Trotter and Miss Trotter, and Messrs Kearne and Strachan, are making the round trip from London by the Indradevi, which arrived at Auckland last week.

The Ven. Archdeacon Grace (Blenheim) and the Rev. A. H. Sedgwick (Picton) have returned home from Nelson, where they have been attending the Synod.

Mrs and Miss Lewin have returned to Christchurch from their visit to England and the Continent, where Miss Lewin has been studying music and painting.

The public will be pleased to learn that the health of ex-Justice Conolly, whose recent retirement was preceded by a serious seizure, is now completely satisfactory.

Mr Reynolds, general manager of the Pacific Cable Board, arrived in Auckland last week by the cable steamer Iris, and proceeded to Sydney in the American mailboat.

Mr R. Beetham, S.M., and Dr. Anderson, of Christchurch, who are in Auckland in connection with the Costley Home Inquiry, are staying at the Grand Hotel.

The Rev. J. Golden, of Kaikoura, arrived from America on Monday, and was present at the celebration of Bishop Lenihan's episcopacy in the evening.

A musician named Herr Mudroch was a through passenger by the Ventura. He is about to go to Prague via the States. He claims student-fellowship with Kubelik.

Mr Mestayer, the consulting engineer who is to report upon the water supply and drainage of Auckland, arrived last week, and put up at the Star Hotel. He is accompanied by Mrs Mestayer.

The Rev. S. J. Handover, of All Saints' Church, Palmerston North, has accepted the assistant curacy of St. Peter's, Wellington, and will take up his new duties after the New Year.

Mr T. F. Cheeseman, Curator of the Auckland Museum, has been suffering from gastric fever, but, we are pleased to hear, expects to be able to resume his duties in a few days.

Misses A. P. Murphy and Aimee Moore (English journalists), who are paying Rotorua a visit, were met on Monday by an officer of the Journalists' Institute and cordially received. They went to Rotorua this week.

After a short illness, Mrs French, wife of Mr Henry French, died on Saturday at her residence, Driving Creek. She had attained the ripe age of 77 years, and had resided in the district over 28 years.

All of the Presbyterian ministry who could possibly leave Marlborough, including the Revs. Robb and J. U. Spence, have gone South to attend the annual conference of the church delegates.

Captain W. P. Fishwick, late of the Niwaru, was recently presented with a purse of sovereigns by the representative business men of Napier and the port. The presentation took place at the Union

Mr Kendall, of the Public Trust Office, Wellington, was the recipient of a presentation from the staff of the office, the occasion being his departure for Greymouth, where his marriage will take place.

Mr A. E. White has been appointed secretary of the Wellington Racing Club, and will take up his new duties on the 1st December. Mr White was until lately in the service of the Bank of New Zealand.

Mr and Mrs J. Belcher, of Symonds-street, arrived by the Westralia last week from a trip to England. They went home by the Cape route in the White Star line from Sydney, and returned the same way.

Mr S. Williams, who has been promoted to the postmastership at Waitakauri, was presented with a set of photographs of Rotorua by the officers of the Rotorua post office, where he was second assistant.

The resignation of Mr W. Hill, town clerk at Te Aroha, was due to the fact that he is also employed by the Tourist Department in the Domain office, and the work has increased so much there that his whole attention is necessary.

At an afternoon tea given in her honour by Miss Hodge at Coromandel, Miss Inder, daughter of the retiring postmaster, was given by her friends a pretty purse and card case combined, and also a handkerchief sachet.

Mr E. W. Bonwick, manager of the Talisman Consolidated, Ltd., Karangahake, was feted by the employees on Friday week, and presented with a gold Albert and greenstone pendant as a farewell gift. The engraving on the gold centre of the pendant expressed the best wishes of the employees.

Mr Howard Christie, eldest son of Mr H. F. Christie, of Wanganui, and an ex-student of Wanganui College, passed with first-class honours in anatomy, and second-class honours in physiology, at the summer examination of the Edinburgh University. Mr Christie is only 19 years of age.

Mr F. C. Millward, accountant for Messrs Luke and Co., who is leaving Wellington to go into business at Wanganui, has been presented with a travelling bag and a cheque by the firm, who wished him success in his new venture.

On November 14 Mr R. Ward was presented with a set of drawing instruments in a handsome case from the departments of the "New Zealand Herald" on his severing his connection with that firm after 18 years' continuous service as engraver and draughtsman to engage in business on his own account.

Miss Banks, who has been transferred from the Worsley Bay (Wellington) school, was, prior to her departure, presented with a sapphire and diamond bangle and ring by the scholars and residents of the Bay. Miss Banks was entertained at a social, at which the presentation was made.

Mrs. Edwards, wife of Mr. Justice Edwards, arrived from Sydney by the Ventura last week, accompanied by her daughter. Mr Justice Edwards is staying at the Grand Hotel and it is understood that he will not take up his residence in Auckland for some time.

The Rev. C. H. Heather, of Derby, England, arrived last week by the Ventura from Sydney. He is accompanied by Mrs and Miss Heather. The Rev. Mr Heather is a son of Mr. Arthur Heather, and a member of the Anglican Church. He is out here on a holiday visit, and remains in Auckland a couple of months.

An interesting function took place on November 12, at the premises of Mr Thomas Miller, Victoria-street, Auckland, when Mr John Parry was presented, on the eve of his marriage, with a marble clock by Mr Thomas Miller, and a beautiful tea and coffee service by Mr W. H. Nagle, on behalf of the staff.

Mr Lockie Gannan, of the engineers' office, Auckland Harbour Board, who is taking the baths at Rotorua for an attack of rheumatism, is now able to get about with the aid of sticks. It will be some six weeks yet before he is able to resume his duties.

The Rev. Joseph Campbell, M.A., of Papanui (near Christchurch) announced to his congregation that he had been offered the rectorate and Archdeaconry of Cairns by the Bishop of North Queens-

land proffered appointment. Mr Campbell was stationed for some time at Te Aroha.

Professor Otto Klotz, Astronomer for the Dominion of Canada, who is engaged upon the task of girdling the earth astronomically, arrived in Wellington by the steamer Victoria last week from Sydney. The girde has been carried from Greenwich to Canada, thence across the Continent of America to Vancouver, from Vancouver Island to Fanning Island, from Fanning Island to Suva, from Suva on to Norfolk Island, and before leaving Australia he made the connection between Norfolk Island and Southport, the terminus of the Pacific cable. He is to continue his work at Doubtless Bay, and will then return to Australia.

Messrs Theo. Cook and Son advise us that His Highness Prince Bernhard von Sachsen Weimar will visit New Zea-

land early next year under the patronage of this firm. The local branch has been informed by the Hamburg Agency that the Prince intends to spend some time visiting the sights of this colony. His Highness is making a comprehensive tour of the world, and after visiting New Zealand he goes to South America, thence home.

The following have booked within the last few days at Theo. Cook and Son's office for tours to the thermal districts of Okoroire, Rotorua, Wairakei, Taupo and down the Wanganui River:—Mr F. W. Wittscheib (Bendigo), Mr J. J. Erskine (Middlesex), Mr Robert Pearce, Mrs Eliza Pearce, Miss E. F. Pearce (London), Mrs and Miss McCosh Clark (Remuera), Mr A. G. Trower (London), Mr A. Petrocokino (England), Rev. Wm. O'Brien, Mr and Mrs Bertram Armytage (Melbourne).

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