

Thursday, and are stopping at the Grand Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Atwill, of Burwood, Sydney, N.S.W., left Auckland last week for Rotorua, whence they will proceed to Wellington via the Waanganui.

Mr. E. B. Jackson and Dr. Gibb, of Nelson, and Herr J. Teisch, of Germany, arrived by Friday's train from the South, and are stopping at the Grand Hotel.

Messrs. W. Morton, of Wellington; Murgatroyd, of Christchurch; W. Gow, of Dunedin; and G. Stubbs, of Waitara; are at present in Auckland, stopping at the Star Hotel.

It has been arranged that Mr. W. R. Haselden, S.M., will temporarily take Mr. H. W. Northcroft's late district. Mr. C. G. Kettle, S.M., resumed his duties in Auckland on Monday.

Mr. C. E. Matthews, private secretary to the Hon. R. McKenzie, who has been on a holiday visit to Auckland with Mrs. Matthews, staying at the Star Hotel, left for the Thames on Friday, and proceeds back to Wellington overland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Schutt, of Melbourne, and Mr. and Mrs. Ley, of Christchurch, who have been staying at the Grand Hotel, left on Friday on a visit to Rotorua. Mr. Bickley, of Wellington, returned home by the South-bound train on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Sherriff, of Gisborne, are at present on a holiday visit to Auckland, stopping at the Central Hotel.

Messrs. J. B. Thompson, M.B., P. de la Perelle, and G. D. Baird, of Otago, are at present visiting Auckland, staying at the Central Hotel.

The Rev. Knowles Kempton, of the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle, is away on three weeks' holiday, and the Rev. Joseph Clark is occupying the pulpit during his absence.

Mr. M. Van Staveren, of Wellington, who has been on a holiday visit to Rotorua and Auckland, staying at the Central Hotel while in town, left by Friday's express on his return home.

Mr. David Mills, manager in Melbourne for the Union Steam Ship Company, has been elected chairman of the Australian Steamship Owners' Federation, states a Press Association cable from Sydney.

The Rev. P. and Mrs. Cleary arrived from Te Aroha last week, and have taken up their residence till the end of the month at the vicarage, Mt. Eden. Mr. Cleary having made a month's exchange of pulpits with the Rev. E. J. McFarland, who is taking up his residence at the vicarage of St. Mark's, Te Aroha.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Glaister were presented at the Church of Christ, Dominion-road, yast week, with a beautiful silver epergne from the Young Women's Bible Class as a token of their appreciation of Mr. Glaister's efforts as their teacher, the presentation being made by Mr. A. M. Bryden, who presided at a large gathering to welcome home the newly-married couple. A very pleasant evening was spent, in the course of which a number of complimentary speeches were made respecting the recipients.

On Friday afternoon at the Onehunga Courthouse, Mr. H. W. Northcroft was presented with a handsome piece of silver plate, the presentation being made by Inspector Cullen on behalf of the police of the district. Representatives from Otahuhu, Pukekohe, and Newmarket were also present. In making the presentation, Inspector Cullen said that the officers of the force desired him to express the great regret felt by them at

Mr. Northcroft's retirement from the bench. Mr. Northcroft had always shown himself fair and just towards members of the force, who wished him long life and happiness. Other speakers also testified to the cordial relations that had always existed between Mr. Northcroft and the police, and praised the manner in which he had carried out his work for the benefit of the community. Mr. Northcroft, in reply, said that he had been very fortunate in his experience of the police force. They had very arduous duties to perform, and the manner in which they carried them out was very creditable to them. He was sorry to leave them, but he had had 50 years of it now, and thought it was time he had a rest. He thanked them very much and wished them all a Happy New Year.

Following is the list of the principal visitors staying at Waiwera during Xmas and New Year:—Mr. and Mrs. Thorne-Galce, child, and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Nicol, Master and Miss Nicol, Mrs. Tois and family, Mrs. Scruby, Mrs. Montague and family, Mr. and Mrs. Whitson and child, Mrs. Stewart and Miss Clark, Lady Hay and maid, Mr. Sinclair and Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Steggall, Mrs. Paton and family, Mr. Mc-Masters and family, Mr. Elliott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Goodhue and family, Mr. and Mrs. Grierson, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Wright, Judge Denniston, Mr. A. J. Denniston and Miss Denniston, Canon and Mrs. Nelson, Misses Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Fotherington, Miss Bell, Misses Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Bartley, Mr. and Mrs. Gowan, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and party, Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart, Miss Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Morton, Miss Gladys Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Scholes, Miss Young, Mr. and Mrs. Goodison, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, Miss Aubin, Mr. Martin, Mr. Banks, Mr. Bankart, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Thos. Buddie, Mr. Woodrow, Mr. Mayon, Mr. Spooner, Mr. Hall, Mr. Chamberlain (Melbourne), Mr. Fletcher, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. W. R. Mowbray, Mr. Linton, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Jones, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Wright, Mr. Cumming, Mr. Beaumash, Mr. Walker, Mr. Farrell, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Plugge, Mr. Moses, Mr. G. H. T. George. All the above visitors stayed at the Hot Springs Hotel, under the management of Mr. C. B. Cave. Waiwera is fast becoming a popular holiday resort.

An Automatic Doctor.

The automatic doctor has made his appearance at last—in America, of course. There an ingenious inventor has patented a machine representing a man, having in the region of each organ a slot into which a coin may be dropped. The patient diagnoses his own complaint, drops the prescribed fee into the corresponding slot, and learns at once what means he should adopt to get rid of the trouble. The idea is excellent; but think of the reckless extravagance into which it must tempt the hypochondriac, of the unpleasantness that may occur when the careless man uses the wrong slot and is advised to take a sedlitz-powder as a cure for a sprained ankle, or of the disappointment of the thoughtless patron who mistakes it for an ordinary automatic machine and receives a recipe for making corn-plaster when he expects a cigarette or a bottle of scent!

The Wide World.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF.

IMPERIAL.

MR. BALFOUR created a sensation by a speech delivered on Thursday, in the course of which he said that statesmen and diplomats of the lesser Powers unanimously state that a struggle between Germany and Britain is inevitable. "I don't agree," he continued, "but they think we are not alive to a sense of our responsibilities, and therefore are predestined to succumb. This depreciation of British virility has gone so far that non-official Germans, men of position and character, engaged in great affairs, have actually the audacity to say, 'Do you suppose we should ever allow Britain to adopt tariff reform?' It is undesirable to press irresponsible conversations too far, but such audacity as to say that Britain should not settle its taxation according to its own ideas makes my blood boil. Tariff reform, reasonably carried out, will greatly increase employment." The speech was generally deprecated in Germany.

Sir Edward Grey (Foreign Secretary) made reference to the naval position in a speech at Craster, Northumberland, on January 3. "We have kept the navy up to the mark," he said, "building many ships, because abroad, especially in Germany, so many new ships are being built. It is quite true that there is competition in naval shipbuilding, but it is untrue that we have fallen behind. The navy is equal to all probable combinations against it."

The "Times," discussing the future of the House of Lords, says that Mr. Asquith has definitely disclaimed ending, and the party has sufficiently indicated its objection to mending, which means altering and improving the composition. There remains bending, which seems to mean curtailing of the powers while leaving the composition alone. This alternative, which jurists consider the worst, is chosen by the Government.

The South Africans won the first Test match at Johannesburg. England, wanting 100 runs to win and with three wickets to fall, resumed their second innings to the bowling of Faulkner and Vogler. When the last wicket fell the total for the innings was 224, South Africa thus winning by nineteen runs. Thompson, 63, made a great effort to save the game, and was the last man out. Faulkner was the hero of the match, scoring 79 and 143, and taking seven wickets for 100 runs. He and Vogler had all the wickets between them, the googly bowler capturing thirteen for 131.

During a dense fog the Ellerman liner Arcadian, bound from London to Glasgow and Basra (India), collided with the Federal-Houlder-Shire steamer Ayrshire, bound from Manchester to Durban and Australia, off the coast of County Wexford, Ireland. A great hole was torn in the Arcadian, which foundered within three minutes. Of her crew of 52 Lascars, 12 who went below to secure their money perished, the remainder being pick-

ed up by the Ayrshire, which had to be beached to save sinking.

COMMONWEALTH.

The principal item of interest to the Commonwealth during the week has been the visit of Field-Marshal Lord Kitchener, who has come out to advise the Federal Government as to the best means of establishing its military defences. It has been semi-officially announced that at none of the functions which he attends, unless they are of importance, must Lord Kitchener be expected to make speeches. While in Brisbane, he visited Lytton camp, where 1,000 troops held church parade. The local military authorities had prepared a ceremonial review for Monday, with carefully rehearsed effects, but Kitchener of Khartoum is not viewing things that way. He intimated that he would issue his orders at midnight for the work of the following day. He did not wish to have ceremonial reviews. He gave the troops a hard day's work over the surrounding country, the infantry covering 20 miles and the mounted forces 40 miles. In Sydney he said that Sydney must always be a naval base. He upset preparations for elaborate manoeuvres at Liverpool yesterday, issuing new orders at two o'clock in the morning. A sensational accident occurred in camp at the close of Thursday's operations. A Colt gun was being cleared when it discharged. The bullet, passing through a tent, killed a horse, and then struck Mr. Somerville, the "Daily Telegraph's" reporter, who was standing 100 yards away, in the leg, inflicting a bad flesh wound. He was removed to the hospital.

The Newcastle strike is apparently no nearer settlement, and the miners have expressed confidence in the new strike Congress, composed entirely of miners.

A yachting party of four, which left Ulvershore, Tasmania, on Monday, were all drowned.

Three Brisbane youths were rescued, after clinging to the bottom of their overturned boat for 18 hours, a fourth being drowned.

A couple named Power, living at Gurnedah, quarrelled. The wife went to friends at Tamworth. The husband followed, and failing to induce her to return, cut her throat, and then his own. Mrs. Power is dead, but the husband is recovering.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The German Navy League has issued a New Year manifesto, in which the League appeals to the people of Germany not to be diverted from naval expansion by any consideration whatever. Adverting to rumours of a reconciliation agreement, the manifesto declares that it is the duty of every patriot to suppress all endeavours that foreign countries could interpret as weakness.

King's College, Auckland.

Boarding & Day School for Boys

Visitor:

REV. WM. BRATTY, M.A.
(Vicar of St. Mark's).

Headmaster:

C. T. MAJOR, M.A., B.Sc.,
Senior Mathematical Scholar N.Z.

VISITING MASTERS FOR
PIANO, VIOLIN
SINGING, etc.

Assistant Masters:

Upper School—

F. STUCKEY, M.A.
J. U. COLLYNS, B.A.
H. T. REVKILL, M.A.
H. B. WALLACE, M.A.

Lower School—

R. H. BAYLY (C. Certif.)
J. E. FAGAN, B.A.
E. MOUSLEY (C. Certif.)
W. F. BALHAM (Univ. of N.Z.)
T. M. WILKES (Univ. of N.Z.)

The College, which is built in the highest part of Remuera, is an ideal spot for a BOARDING SCHOOL. The grounds are ten acres in extent, and laid out in playing fields, lawns and shrubberies. Boarders have the use of a good SCHOOL LIBRARY, GYMNASIUM, Dark Room for Photography, Carpenter's Shop. Their comfort and well-being is made the first consideration in the house.

TELEPHONE 308.

The Curriculum includes all the subjects required for the UNIVERSITY AND CIVIL SERVICE Examinations. There is, in connection with the College, a well-equipped Science Laboratory.

All boys, unless specially exempted, are required to play Cricket and Football, and to enter for Gymnastic and School Sports.

The Religious Instruction is under the direction of the Visitor.

Prospectus from Messrs. Upton & Co., or from the Headmaster.