

**PERSONAL NOTES.**

Among visitors to the Star Hotel, who arrived by Saturday's train from the South are Mr. C. L. Low, of London, and Mr. W. Y. Brown, of Wellington.

The many friends of the Rev. Father Bowen will be pleased to learn that he is making steady progress towards recovery at Coromandel hospital.—(Own Correspondent.)

Mr. Wm. Coffey, secretary of the Wellington Boxing Association, and prominent in Rugby circles, is dangerously ill, and has been removed to a private hospital.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bauchop, C.M.G., officer commanding the Wellington military district, leaves for England shortly to undergo a two years' course of military training at the Camberly Staff College. Lieutenant-Colonel E. W. C. Chaytor is announced as his new successor of Lieutenant-Colonel Bauchop, in the command of the Wellington district.

Prior to their departure from Auckland on an extended tour to Europe, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Dudley on Thursday night entertained a number of their personal friends. In proposing the health of the host and hostess, Mr. A. J. Hall voiced the general regret at their departure, and wished them "Bon voyage" and a safe return to the fairest city in the Dominion of New Zealand. Mr. Dudley replied, and the function closed by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. T. N. Peek, of Ellerslie, was the recipient of a handsome presentation last week from members and ex-members of the Ellerslie School Committee, as a memento of his ten years' membership of the committee, and for his painstaking services as secretary and treasurer to it during the whole of that time. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman (Mr. C. McKinney), who is unwell, the presentation was made by Mr. F. Lawry, M.P., who eulogised the good work done by Mr. Peek, and the intelligent interest taken by him in educational matters at all times. Other members present supplemented the remarks of Mr. Lawry, which were suitably replied to by Mr. Peek.

Mr. Duncan McLennan, an old resident of Papakura, was a passenger by the Totara on a holiday trip to the Islands last week.

The Anglican Bishop of Auckland (Dr. Nelson), who is making good progress towards recovery from his attack of nervous breakdown, has gone for a change and rest to Rotorua, accompanied by Mrs. Nelson.

Mr. Boswick, postmaster at Te Aroha, has been transferred to Picton; Mr. Hollywood, postmaster at Russell, is promoted to Te Aroha; Mr. Coster, telegraphist at Masterton, is transferred to Russell as postmaster; Mr. Hunt, postmaster at Mangonui, is transferred to Methven. The vacancy at Mangonui has not yet been filled.

Mr. W. D. Lysnar, Mayor of Gisborne, left Wellington last week, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Lysnar, for Tahiti, where he joins the Mariposa for San Francisco, en route for Home. The mission of Mr. Lysnar is to endeavour to float a municipal loan of £175,000 on the English market. Yesterday afternoon he was presented with a travelling case by the citizens of Gisborne, and received another presentation from the borough employees.

Mr. J. B. Teasdale, who has been on a visit to Auckland for the past few days, returned to Te Awamutu on Wednesday.

Mr. George Laurenson is reported to be rather better in health, but his condition is still very far from satisfactory (wires our Christchurch correspondent).

Mr. W. H. Swanger, of the Wanganui Education Board's secretarial staff, has been appointed to the position of secretary of the Wanganui College Board of Trustees. There were 30 applicants from all parts of the Dominion.

Miss Rees, daughter of Mr W. L. Rees, received advice from the University authorities last week that she had passed the LL.B. examination. This, with her M.A. degree, entitles her to be called to the Bar.—(Gisborne Correspondent.)

Miss Gladys Montgomery, of Auckland, has passed her first examination in chemistry at Glasgow, with distinction.

Mr. J. Wensley Gray, of Waipi, left by the Victoria on Monday for Sydney, where he joins the P. and O. liner Persia for England.

Mr. Henry Winkelmann, who formed one of Mr. L. K. McClean's solar eclipse party to Port Davey, Tasmania, returned by the Wimmers to Auckland on Sunday.

Major McDonald, officer-commanding the New Zealand cadet force, was a

passenger by the mail train from Wellington on Sunday, and is staying at the Central Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan, of Hunterville, are on a visit to Auckland, staying at the Central Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Russell, of Dunedin, who have been on a visit to the Hot Lakes district and Auckland, left by the express on Monday for Taumarunui, en route for Home, via the Wanganui River.

Sir Joseph Ward, the Hon. J. A. Millar, and Hon. Geo. Fowlds, Mr. W. F. Massey, M.P., and a number of members of Parliament have signified their intention of being present at the Auckland Chamber of Commerce dinner on June 7.

The Ellwood trio and party, including Miss Winnie Nixon (soloist) and Miss Prouse (accompanist), who concluded a series of successful concerts in Auckland on Saturday night, left for Wanganui by the Main Trunk express on Monday.

Mr. Frank Beck, son of the Rev. Mr. Beck, who is now stationed at Devonport Methodist Church, was tendered a farewell social by the members of St. Paul's church choir, Cambridge, on Friday evening, and he was presented with a pair of gold sleeve links as a token of their respect. Mr. Beck will be greatly missed, for he was not only a prominent member of the church choir, but also an active member of the Town Band, he being a first-class cornet player. Last year he won first prize at the Waikato Musical Competition for his cornet solo, and this year he was second, being only four points behind the winner, a player of well-known repute. He is a jeweller by trade, and goes to work in Auckland. He is equally good in brass band or orchestra, and should prove an acquisition to those who secure him.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blundell, of Wairarapa, arrived from Rotorua last week, and are staying for a few days at the Central Hotel.

Mr. Alexander McDonald died at Wanganui on Thursday, at the age of 73. Deceased was connected with the police force for 33 years.

**"Father" of Post and Telegraphs.**

Mr. J. A. Hutton, Chief Postmaster, Wellington, whose retirement on pension has just been approved, has had a very long career as a postal officer. He received his first appointment in the month of October, 1861, personally from the hands of the then Postmaster-General of Victoria, Dr. McAdam, and served a term of two years and three months as junior at Warrnambool. This was shortly after the amalgamation of the post and telegraph services in that colony.

Towards the end of 1863 Mr. Hutton was offered and accepted an appointment with the Provincial Government of Southland in connection with the line of telegraph then being constructed between Invercargill and Bluff Harbour. Coming over to Invercargill in January, 1864, it fell to his lot to set up and open one of the earliest telegraph installations in the Dominion, the line being opened as near as he can remember on January 24th, 1864. His associate at the Bluff was Mr. J. W. Mason, late officer in charge, telegraph office, Christchurch.

Later on Mr. Hutton was in charge of the Bluff office, and in February, 1867, was appointed officer in charge, telegraph office, Christchurch, which position he held until the end of June, 1868, when indifferent health compelled his return to Australia. In the month of February, 1870, Mr. Hutton rejoined the New Zealand service, and held the appointment of postmaster at Patea until September, 1876, when he was appointed to the position of Chief Clerk in the General Post Office. In April of 1881 he became Chief Postmaster at Oamaru. In 1896 he went to Timaru, and in September of 1903 came up to take charge of the Wellington postal district.

Mr. Hutton's term of service, including his time in Victoria and his early service in New Zealand up to 1868, totals over 47 years. He was born at Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1816, and educated at George Watson's College, Edinburgh (gold medalist and Dugdale medalist, 1860). He was practically the "father" of the post and telegraph service, as well as one of its most popular officers. He gained a reputation in the service through the number of excellent officers he turned out. Mr. Hutton's period of leave expires on August 16th. He will settle in Greytown, Wairarapa. The name of his successor has not yet been announced. In the meantime, Mr. R. B. Morris will continue to act as Chief Postmaster at Wellington.

**NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 22.

Mr. Cecil Jameson, of Wellington, who came to this country to study art some four or five years ago, has recently come to London from Scotland, where most of his time has been spent.

Mr. Jameson after his arrival put in a year at the Royal Academy Schools, and then won a scholarship entitling him to a four years course of study under Mr. George Harcourt at the Allan Fraser Art College, Arbroath, Scotland. Nine months ago, however, Mr. Harcourt resigned, and after six months under his successor, Mr. Jameson, being dissatisfied with the teaching, severed his connection with the college along with the other two senior students although he had nine months of his course still to run.

Since leaving Arbroath he has had a portrait hung at the Royal Hibernian Academy's Exhibition at Dublin, and has also executed two or three portrait commissions in Montrose.

"I am in London now looking for more," he said to me this week, "and am coming to the conclusion that it will be necessary to procure a particularly powerful pair of spectacles to aid me in any search."

"I have been fortunate enough to secure an invitation to send to the New English Art Club's Exhibition, which opens in May, and in addition hope to have several things ready for the New Zealand Exhibition shortly."

"Although it is my intention to settle in London, I always expect to be away in the country landscaping during the summer months."

Miss Evangeline Deverell, of Wellington, arrived in London this week having spent some weeks in France after leaving the "Mantua" at Marseilles. She will make a short stay in London, then pay a lengthy visit to the United States.

Miss Deverell has just written a new book which will be brought out shortly. Her last novel, "Eve Stanley of New Zealand," is, she tells me, selling well in England.

Mr. H. W. Knight, of Christchurch, who arrived at the beginning of April by the Osterley, is on a pleasure trip, and will remain here till August or September. While in England he will look into the conditions of labour in town and country.

Mr. Harold E. Temple, of Birmingham, who has been appointed assistant engineer and manager to the Christchurch Gas Co., N.Z., is at present assistant works engineer at the Nechells Works of the Sutherland Meter Company, in the Midlands. Mr. Temple is 29 years of age. He was educated at the King Edward Grammar School, in Birmingham, and received his preliminary training in the gas profession at the Windsor street works of the Birmingham Gas Department under Mr. Charles Hunt, commencing there as assistant to Mr. P. C. Holmes Hunt (now of Melbourne) in the works laboratory, in 1896. He was promoted to the post of analyst at that works in 1902, serving in that capacity until February, 1905, when he was appointed by Mr. Henry Hack as works engineer's assistant at Windsor street, under Mr. John Foster. In November, 1906, he was again promoted to his present position as assistant works engineer at Nechells's works, under Mr. Walter Chaney. Mr. Temple is hon. secretary of the Midland Junior Gas Engineering Association.

The Rev. Harry D. Burton (Trin. Hall, Camb.), vicar-designate of St. Michael's, Christchurch, will leave England for New Zealand, via Sydney, on June 30, by the White Star liner Runic. Some notes on Mr. Burton's career will be of interest. He was ordained deacon in 1881, and priest in 1882, becoming curate of St. James', Wellesbury, Stafford, where he trained for mission work under Canon Bodington, missionary of the Lichfield diocese. In 1883 Mr. Burton became curate to the late Bishop of Colchester at Chelmsford, and in 1886 priest-in-charge of the Royal Small Arms Factory at Enfield Lock. In 1888 he went to Garstham, as curate of Lord Victor Seymour, until, in 1892, he was appointed first missionary of the St. Albans diocese. During the 19 years that he has been diocesan missionary and organising secretary, the work of the Mission Society has enormously developed under its organization. Some two hundred instructors are year by year supplied for Lent courses in all parts of Hertfordshire and Essex. Since Mr. Burton's appointment he has

arranged 116 parochial missions, 42 of them conducted by himself. In 1895, a district in the parish of Sandridge was handed over to Mr. Burton's cure, and it was entirely owing to his energy that the beautiful parish church of St. Saviour's, St. Albans, was erected, Mr. Burton collecting for the purpose £15,020 in fourteen years.

After serving the Church as a volunteer priest for ten years, Mr. Burton was appointed first vicar in 1905. He served in the Buer War as acting chaplain to the forces, attached to the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and also undertook the Reservists of the South African Mission of Help in the Grahamstown Diocese during the summer of 1907.

St. Michael's Church, Christchurch, is to be consecrated on Mr. Burton's appointment. I was told this week by one who knows him well. He is an able and experienced organiser, a magnificent preacher, and a devoted Parish priest.

A wedding of interest to New Zealanders was celebrated on April 12th, at the British Consulate at Alexandria, Egypt, and afterwards at All Saints' Church, Ramleh, by the Rev. E. H. Blyth, chaplain, when Robert Nimmo Watson, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., Lond., of Haregate, youngest son of the late Thomas Watson, of Invercargill, was married to Nora, third daughter of the late William Royse, of Dunedin.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown and Miss Ethel M. Brown, of Taranaki, who arrived by the Arawa on April 7, are spending six weeks in London before going to Folkestone to stay a few weeks with friends. Later they will visit Scotland and the English provinces, returning to New Zealand about the end of September.

him a vote of thanks for his services.

Sir John Dickson-Poynder, the Governor Designate of New Zealand, who has just been created a Peer, will meet the New Zealanders in London at a reception to be given by the High Commissioner and Mrs. Hall-Jones. The West Indian Club are giving him a dinner next week, at which Mr. Hall-Jones and Sir Charles Lucas will be present. Sir John has expressed his intention of visiting Bristol and going over the Avonmouth docks before his departure. Avonmouth is the nearest port to his Wiltshire home, and Bristol business men hope to enlist the new Governor's sympathy in the question of promoting direct trade between New Zealand and the western port. The Tory "Saturday Review" thinks Sir John Dickson-Poynder should do well in his new post in New Zealand. It describes him as "earrest and interested, hard-working and a glutton for detail. It will be interesting," adds the "Saturday Review," "to see whether colonial experience modifies the creed of the Manchester school. Perhaps in the Labour-Imperialistic policy of New Zealand the new Governor may find his political ideal at last."

Mary had a little ham  
A pound or so— with eggs,  
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