

NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, June 17.

Miss Christina Kirk, of Christchurch, is now in England on a pleasure trip, accompanied by a friend, Miss Rennie. Their present intention is to remain for some weeks in London, going, later on, to Scotland and the Continent.

Mr. Arthur Bayley Potter, who is a member of the Reform Club in London, intends leaving shortly for an extended tour in New Zealand, where he will probably spend a year.

Mrs. Mathews, widow of the late Chief Forester in New Zealand, arrived in London this week from Wellington, on a visit to the Old Country.

Messrs Sisson and Bremford, of Christchurch, who arrived this week by the Omrah, will spend about six weeks in England, and then visit America, returning to New Zealand via Vancouver. They are combining business with pleasure, and will be absent from the Dominion about six months.

Mr. Percy C. Olliver, of Christchurch, left the Orient liner Otway at Naples, and spent three weeks on the Continent before coming to London. After seeing something of London, he will spend six or seven weeks in Wiltshire and Devon, and then visit Scotland. Mr. Olliver is combining business and pleasure, and will make an extended stay in this country.

Mr. George Watts, of Timaru, who arrived recently by the Otway, is revisiting the Old Country after 36 years' absence. He went down to Oxfordshire to-day to see his birthplace. Mr. Watts is on a pleasure trip, extending over seven months.

Mrs. Tooman, of Auckland, and her two daughters have been visiting Ireland and Scotland since their arrival on May 7 by the Mongolia. They will leave on Monday for the Continent, where they propose to spend a month. They return to New Zealand, via Suez, about October.

List of New Zealand visitors at the New Zealand pavilion at the White City for the week ending June 16th:— Misses E. and F. Jones (Sumner), W. B. Warren (Timaru), Miss E. van Asch (Sumner), M. Hoarne (Dunedin), H. W. Kennedy (Dunedin), Misses Colbeck (Auckland), Miss M. Davidson (Christchurch), E. R. Booth (Christchurch), Mr. and Mrs. T. Kaku (Auckland), E. Young (Petone), Mrs. and Miss Livingstone (Pipi), W. Smart (Dennistown), Miss Vallance (Masterton), Miss N. Bennett (Masterton), Miss Chalmers (Wellington), E. and J. Dignan (Ashburton), G. and E. Yearbury (Wayby), C. I. Pincock (Towai), Miss M. Green Shields (Auckland), H. Rowe (Auckland), A. C. Tonkin (Auckland), H. T. B. Drew (Wellington), A. E. West (Dunedin), Mr. Mrs. and Miss Louis (Auckland), Miss A. A. Hayhurst (Tonaka), Mrs. F. Hayhurst (Christchurch), Mr. Mrs. and Misses Forrester (Dunedin), Mrs. and Miss Harvey (Dunedin), Miss May Davidson (Kimara), Miss Mabel Hurton (Auckland), H. Hibbs (Auckland), M. Goldingham (Palmerston North), Mr. Mrs. and Miss Upton (Auckland), Dr. J. M. Mason (Wellington), Mrs. H. Cooper (Waikato), Mr. and Mrs. A. Rowe (Oamaru), Mrs. and the Misses Tooman (Auckland), R. S. Macdonald (Wellington), K. R. Dennison (Oamaru), Mrs. Cornwall (New Plymouth), I. G. Skeet (New Plymouth), E. C. Hardwicke (Wanganui), Mr. F. and Miss R. Ford (Auckland), A. M. Thomson (New Plymouth), Mrs. and Miss Millar (Invercargill), A. W. Jagers (Gisborne), Mrs. and Miss Ballantyne (Christchurch), Mrs. Haynes (Dunedin), Mrs. and Master Mill (Dunedin), Mr. and Mrs. Allport (Tuaikau), F. W. Mansell (Masterton), G. Bennett (Hastings), F. Lanester (Kaikoura), W. G. Prosser (Opawa), E. L.

days, and among her guests at that period were Lord Cecil (the late Marquis of Salisbury) and Sir George Grey. At a meeting of hockeyists, held in the Choral Hall last week, Mr. H. Ross George (vice-president of the Auckland Hockey Association), on behalf of the Executive and hockeyists of Auckland, presented, in a few well-chosen remarks, Mr. H. D. Hill (chairman of the Association) with a handsome gold watch as a slight token of esteem and appreciation of his services to local hockey.

Norman (Mangorei), C. D. Spence Hokitika, Mrs. D. McLennan (Christchurch), Mrs. J. Drew Morrison (Wellington), C. Kidson (Nelson), Geo. Page (Nelson), Miss Matthews (Hawke's Bay), Dr. G. Uscher and Miss Uscher (Dunedin), Mr. and Mrs. F. Bates (Wellington), H. E. Windle (Palmerston North), J. McLaren (Reefton), V. J. Plummer (Auckland), H. Wilson (Stratford), E. G. Essex (Dunedin), J. Hall (Christchurch), Mrs. G. Back (Dunedin), T. Stone (Harewood), Mrs. C. Bennett (Hastings), R. Ellison (Rongotea), Mrs. A. J. Houghton, Rev. T. Flavell (Christchurch), A. W. Manning (Wellington), Mrs. Anderson (Tapanui), Miss M. T. Symon (Auckland), P. C. Olliver (Christchurch), G. Watt (Timaru), A. E. Mabini (Wellington), P. Adams (Nelson), W. A. Adams (Tipapa), J. Knight (Auckland).

Colonel and Mrs. R. Snow, of Christchurch, and their family have settled down in rooms at Kensington, and are seeing everything they can. One day recently Colonel Snow and his eldest daughter journeyed to Colchester for the purpose of visiting his cousin, Major-General T. D'Oyley Snow, who commands the Military District. Among the regiments they visited during the afternoon was the Northamptonshire Regiment, which bears the proud sobriquet of "The Heroes of Talavera." The 2nd Battalion, the 58th, served in New Zealand during the Maori wars. The commanding officer showed Col. Snow some paintings of Maori chiefs who were prominent in those days and a most valuable old book published in 1858, giving a history of New Zealand, to which are attached many good sketches of Auckland and Wellington in those old days. Col. Snow was also shown an account of the ceremony of removing the colours of the 58th from the Supreme Court to the Art Gallery in Auckland, an event in which all the officers were greatly interested. Captain Russell, son of Sir William Russell, of Napier, serves in this Regiment.

Mr. H. T. B. Drew, of Wellington, has an article in the "Morning Leader" of June 14th on "Land Valuation: How New Zealand Solved the Problem." "The directions which are laid down in the British Budget," says Mr. Drew, "suggest that, in essential particulars, at least, the system to be adopted here will follow closely the one in operation in New Zealand."

Mrs. F. M. Young, of Winchester, Canterbury, arrived in London by the Otway on May 28th, via Suez, on a pleasure trip, and, after spending a fortnight in and around the city, has gone to stay in Essex, whence she goes to Wales, Liverpool, Scotland and Ireland, returning to London later for a few weeks before setting out for the Continent. Mrs. Young will probably return to New Zealand at the end of the year.

Mr and Mrs Edwin T. Taylor, of Wellington, who arrived by the Otway on May 28th, are staying in London at present, but intend leaving shortly for White Hall, the residence of Miss Taylor, at Sydstone, Norfolk, where they will stay for a few days, and then return to London. On 1st July they propose journeying to Scotland, first to Glasgow to interview business connections, and subsequently Edinburgh and other centres. Afterwards they proceed to Ireland. They intend to return to New Zealand via Australia by the Orontes on September 2, embarking at Naples.

Captain P. Palleson, of Timaru, is at present in this country with his wife and daughter for a trip of business and pleasure combined. Before coming to England the visitors spent some little time in Denmark where, on May 29th and the two following days, Captain Palleson's sister celebrated her silver wedding. From London the New Zealanders go to Manchester, Waterford, Liverpool, Leicester, Scotland, Norway and Sweden, finishing their trip with a second visit to Denmark. They leave for New Zealand by the Otway on October 14th.

Mr W. Cecil Leys, of Auckland, is travelling overland from China to Moscow, by the Trans-Siberian railway, and is due in London at the beginning of July. He spent a month in Japan, and after a glimpse at Korea and Southern Manchuria, went on to Peking, and stayed a week in that most fascinating of eastern cities. A trip some hundreds of miles inland to Hankow followed, after which Mr Leys went down the Yangtze river to Shanghai, and from there went north to join the Siberian express.

Mr and Mrs James Forrest, of Auckland, arrived in London by the Mores, on a holiday trip, and intend visiting Jersey, Cornwall, and Ireland, while on this side of the world.

The Wide World.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF.

IMPERIAL.

THE Imperial Parliament is now finished its brief session, and will go into recess until the autumn.

On the second reading of the Appropriation Bill Mr Balfour warned Mr Asquith that Canada was negotiating with other countries and was compelled gradually to diminish her preferential advantage to the Motherland. Mr Asquith said the Government would welcome intra-imperial freetrade, but that was impossible while the dominions protected their own industries. Cheap food and raw material were essential to Britain.

The usual mission to the Powers announcing the accession of King George has been dispatched from London, Lord Northampton being at its head. To the French Republic King George, through Lord Northampton, intimated that he would never forget the numerous proofs of friendship and affection his father had received from the French, for whom he had so much sympathy. He added that he himself was animated by the same feelings, and it would be a keen satisfaction to him to see the entente cordiale continued and increased. President Fallieres replied that no effort would be spared to maintain and strengthen the entente.

As was anticipated, Mr Asquith's proposed amendment has aroused some opposition, the Scottish M.P.'s in particular objecting to any alteration which will alter the sense of the existing oath however desirous of removing words which give offence to Catholics. The Nonconformist Committee in the House have resolved not to support the declaration unless the words "as by law established" are deleted.

The naval manoeuvres have ended. After a huge cordon had surrounded the "enemy" the latter were defeated, losing sixteen battleships. All the cruisers were destroyed, together with several transports. The British loss was thirteen battleships and several destroyers.

At Bisley the King's Prize, the rifle championship of the Empire was won by Corporal F. Radice, an undergraduate of Oxford University. He had won the silver medal for the highest score in the second stage of the match, and he now shares with Major Pollock the honour of being the only competitors to win both gold and silver medals.

An extraordinary wave of crime is reported from England, with several Continental emulators.

A youth named Harold Eastbury, living at Newcastle-on-Tyne, cut his sister's throat, and then shot his father. The wound to his sister was fatal, but his father was not seriously injured, and is now recovering. The murderer has been arrested. A man named Salisbury, residing at Galgate, near Lancaster, attempted to strangle a woman named Mrs Bainbridge. Failing in this, he forced her to swallow poison, and then committed suicide by drowning himself in a canal. Mrs Bainbridge recovered. Wildon Anderson, a London actor, was shot dead in his flat at Battersea. The murderer escaped by scaling a garden wall. The bodies of Albert Edward Gunn, a London contractor, and his wife, were found shot in a bedroom in the Cromer hotel. A revolver was in Mrs Gunn's right hand, and the indications were that she had shot her husband while he was sleeping. A man named Wm. Broome has been committed for trial at Slough on the charge of murdering a neighbour, Mrs Wilson, whom he suffocated. The pursuit of Hawley Crippen, the Camdentown murderer, is still resultless. The Moros at Walawan attempted to assassinate Mr Worcester, Secretary of the Interior, at the Philippines, but were prevented by his body-guard, who shot three of the natives dead. Vincenzo Nicari, a well-known Sicilian professor, was fatally stabbed in broad daylight in a crowded street in Palermo. The murderer escaped in the crowd. Professor Fiore, of Turin, and his sister were murdered after a struggle in a lonely country house in the vicinity of Turin. The murderers escaped. A case of gelignite, used in the East Deep Mine, Trondheim, for blasting purposes, suddenly exploded, when fifteen natives

World Policy in the Pacific.

TRUE CENTRE OF INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY.

EXPERT'S PLAIN TALK.

LONDON, June 17.

Dr. T. Miller Maguire, the well-known authority on strategy, has kindly furnished me with a copy of an interesting paper which he has written on "The New Pacific." He regards the Pacific as the true centre of the world's strategic gravity.

"There has been Press and Imperial Conferences lately," says this outspoken critic, "which have been the very acme of absurdity. As an eloquent Canadian said, they were mountains of labour, and only brought forth mice. Indeed the Bluebook reporting the proceedings of the Imperial Conference is a masterpiece of the inane, and its authors seem utterly unaware of the present state of international strategy. They assume that it is quite impossible that Japan or America should ever be against us. They ignore the future of China.

"Look at the map of the Empire. The wisacres in London discussed strategy without reflecting that, even as after the discovery of America, the centre of world policy shifted from the Mediter-

were killed on the spot, while eighty-nine others, including thirteen whites, were so badly injured that they had to be conveyed to the hospital. Another explosion occurred in the breach of a twelve-inch gun at the shore batteries, Fort Monroe, Virginia. The charge ignited prematurely, and ten were killed outright, two others were so seriously injured that there is little hope of their recovery, and five others were badly hurt.

FOREIGN.

Many German newspapers resent the attempt to saddle the public with the responsibility of rejecting the British overtures, and allege that the programme is enforced by war parties, whose ambition it is to hold supremacy on land and sea. Germany would resist dictation as to her armaments, but it is very different when the greatest sea Power extends her hand with a view to the limitation of armaments.

During a storm 12 workmen at Kollitwurtz, in Silesia, were struck by lightning and killed.

General Viscount Terachi, Minister for War, speaking at Tokio, said Japan did not intend to employ the mailed fist in Korea, or be antagonistic to the foreign Powers, but radical changes in the system of government in Korea were necessary.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

A dreadful railway disaster occurred at Richmond, a suburb of Melbourne, on Monday. The disaster was caused by a train from Brighton, which had been delayed owing to a dense fog, being run into by an Elsterwick train, just as the former was moving out of the station. The Elsterwick train, travelling at a considerable speed, smashed into the rear of the outgoing train, cutting through the guard's van into the first-class carriage next to it, and other carriages were telescoped. Nine passengers were killed and over a hundred injured, the sufferings of these being harrowing, while they were being cut out of the debris.

At a meeting of the City Bank, the chairman pointed out that if the Federal note issue became law the bank's fund would be diminished to the extent of the existing note issue, and they would also require a further amount of gold or Government notes, to replace the unissued notes. This would add considerably to the cost of upkeep and lessen profits.

A fierce south-easterly gale was experienced in New South Wales during the week. Heavy damage was done ashore, a number of buildings being unroofed, and wrecked. Two lives were lost in Sydney harbour.