

signature does not take effect for eight months.

Mr. James Langford died at Coromandel on Wednesday; formerly he lived at Parnell, and surveyed the old horse crams for Auckland. He was engaged at alluvial diggings at the Tiki some 40 years back, and was one of the first claim and battery owners at the Thames. In the very early days he was surveying in the South Island, and had to do with alluvial mining there. Mr. Langford patented the first process for successfully treating the black sands on the West Coast of the South Island. He was one of the syndicate to take up dredging at Coromandel. For some years Mr. Langford managed the Waihi Gladstone mine.

Mr. George George (Director of Technical Education) has been elected president of the Auckland Society of Arts in succession to the late Mr. E. W. G. Rathbone. At a meeting of the Committee last week, it was resolved to place a memorial tablet in the Society's Buildings recording the services rendered to art in Auckland by the late president. It was also decided to forward a letter of condolence to Mrs. Rathbone.

**Death of a Well-known Journalist.**  
—Mr. E. W. G. Rathbone.

It is with the very greatest regret that we record the death of Mr. E. W. G. Rathbone, who was for so many years the editor of this paper. He was educated at Clifton, under the present Bishop of Hereford, and he always took the keenest interest in the many old Cliftonians who have found a home in New Zealand. As a journalist, he possessed a light and humorous touch. He was perhaps at his best when gently and kindly satirising the foibles of society. He never wrote an unkind line in his life, and he was ever ready to advise any who were aspiring to literary fame. He was a keen critic, and one who quickly detected faults; but he had always a word of encouragement and praise for writing that shows any worth. He did a great deal to encourage art and music in Auckland. He was a great believer in the possibilities that lay before local artists. But those who knew him best, will not remember him only as a writer or art critic, they will remember him as the truest and best of friends; one who had a large and tender heart; one who was ever generous towards all. In the last sermon he preached in the school chapel, Dr. Percival said: "Our desire has been that all Clifton boys should grow to a character, liberal minded, sympathetic, tolerant, yet not indifferent, or wanting in earnestness or enthusiasm. We would fain see them distinguished by independence, by courage, and by their accompanying simplicity and naturalness, by freedom from affectation, either of fashion or so-called knowledge of the world, or conventional hardness. We trust to see them recognising and remembering that the only life of any worth is that which is distinguished by thoughtfulness, by the consciousness of surroundings and possibilities higher than ourselves, and a call to realise some of these in our own life here and hereafter, in boyhood, youth and manhood." In this ideal Mr. Rathbone lived; and we may well add in the memorable words of Tacitus: "Admiratio et potius quam temporalibus laudibus, et ad natura suppediet, emulatione decoramus. In verum honora."

The youngest son of the late Mr. Philip Rathbone, a prominent shipowner and merchant of Liverpool, and a brother of the late Mr. Philip Rathbone, a prominent shipowner and merchant of Liverpool, and a brother of the late Alfred R. Rathbone, who himself was for many years connected with journalism in Auckland, having founded the "New Zealand Observer," the late Mr. Wilfred Rathbone entered the ranks of journalism at an early age by joining the staff of the "London Star," previous to which he spent some time studying in South America, where his father had large interests. He arrived in Auckland in the year 1890, and joined the reporting staff of the "Auckland Star," with which paper and the "New Zealand Graphic" he had been associated ever since, holding the position of editor of the "Graphic" for a number of years. About two years ago indigent health decided him to resign the editorship, and after a visit to the Old Country he returned some months back greatly improved in his health and resumed his old office, taking up a position on the editorial staff of the "Auckland Star," on which paper he was engaged up to within a few days of his death. As a journalist he had a light

**NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.**

LONDON, March 31.

The High Commissioner for New Zealand will represent the Dominion at the Imperial Conference on Education, to be held in London from April 25th to April 28th. The conference will be attended by representatives of the India and colonial offices, and of all the Home education departments—English, Scotch, and Irish.

Captain Athelstone Moore, D.S.O., who left for New Zealand yesterday by the Ionic to take up regimental duties in the Dominion, is a keen soldier, who, although still a young man, has a very full and varied record of active service to his credit. He joined the Durham Light Infantry in 1897, at the age of 18, and two years later was gazetted to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, of which Major-General Godley, the present New Zealand Commandant, was in command. He served with the South African Field Force from 1899 till the end of the war, commanding a mounted infantry company for two years, and winning the Queen's Medal with six clasps, and the King's Medal with two clasps. After the South African war he joined the West African frontier force in 1902, and spent five years in that region. He took part in seven expeditions in West Africa between 1902 and 1907, and received a medal with six clasps, being also specially mentioned in despatches. In 1907-8 he served in Egypt. With his enthusiasm for soldiering, and his remarkable range of experience, Captain Moore should be a valuable acquisition to the defence force of New Zealand.

Mrs. Arthur Rawson entertained Sir William and Lady Russell last Tuesday at the Ladies' Imperial Club, 17, Dorset street, Piccadilly. The guests included

and graceful pen, and was well known for his intimate acquaintance with art and drama, while as a man none in Auckland could claim such popularity among the fellow-members of his profession.

The late Mr. Rathbone identified himself actively with a number of local institutions, taking an especial interest in the development of the Auckland Society of Arts. Both as member and president, which position he had held for the past two years, he was enthusiastic in furthering the welfare of the society, and was largely instrumental in the establishment of a fund which the society now administers for the purchase of works painted by New Zealand artists. For several years he was also president of the Auckland branch of the New Zealand Institute of Journalists, while he was a keen yachtsman and angler, and an enthusiastic supporter of rowing, having been a commodore of the St. George's Rowing Club. As a Mason he was a prominent member of Lodge Te Awamutu, Parnell, and at one time occupied a seat on the Parnell Borough Council. He was a member of the Auckland Club, the flag of which was flown at half-mast to-day as a mark of respect to the memory of its late member. But among those who will miss him none will feel greater regret than the many who have cause to remember his manifold acts of charity and kindness of heart. Each Christmas as it came round as surely visited the coats of the children at the Auckland Hospital with toys and good cheer, of which Mr. Rathbone was the Santa Claus, while his general disposition was such that never a case for help that came under his notice would be allowed to pass without what comfort he could render. Some years ago he married the second daughter of Major Lusk, his widow being left with two young daughters.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the cortege leaving his late residence, Gladstone-road, Parnell, for Purawa Cemetery shortly before three o'clock. Although it had been intended that the interment should be private, so many requests were received from friends and associates of the deceased for permission to be present at the obsequies that the original intention was abandoned, the result being that representatives were present from all the various clubs and societies with which Mr. Rathbone had been connected. The floral tributes to his memory were particularly numerous and beautiful, while telegraphic and other messages of sympathy with the bereaved widow and children were received from all over the Dominion. The Rev. Canon MacMurray conducted the funeral service, the pallbearers being supplied by Masonic Lodge Te Awamutu, of which Mr. Rathbone was an old member.

Lord and Lady Claud Hamilton, the Countess of Dunbligh, the Hon. Mr. Maxwell Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pharrays, Mr. de Golyar, K.C., and Mrs. George Eady. Sir William and Lady Russell are remaining in London for the season, having taken a furnished house in South Kensington.

Mr. W. J. Geddis, of the "Napier Telegraph," and his partner on the "Auckland Observer," Mr. W. Blomfield, left Rome last Tuesday for Florence. They had a most interesting time in Rome, and their experiences included the privilege of an interview with the Pope. His Holiness impressed the two journalists as a gentle-looking, kindly old gentleman with a most sympathetic and winning manner. He bestowed upon his visitors the Papal blessing. To-morrow the New Zealanders will leave Florence for Venice, Vienna, and Berlin, spending a few days in each city. They expect to reach London about April 17th.

The Dean of the London School of Clinical Medicine (Post-graduate) at the Seaman's Hospital, Greenwich, is an Auckland, Mr. C. O. Choyce, F.R.C.S. (England), and a high compliment was paid to his work at the annual dinner of the school at Prince's restaurant, last Friday. Sir William Bennett, the eminent surgeon, replying to the toast of the school, said an enormous amount of good work was being done by the London School of Clinical Medicine largely in consequence of the indefatigable labours of its Dean, Mr. Choyce. Lord Charles Beresford, who proposed the toast, said that forty-seven of his old comrades, the naval medical officers, had taken the post-graduate medical course at the school.

Captain A. W. Macarthur-Onslow, 16th Queen's Lancers, has been selected for employment under the New Zealand Government. This officer joined the Queen's Lancers, familiarly known as the "Scarlet Lancers," in February, 1900, and shortly afterwards went to the front, and served with them in South Africa. He took part in the operations in the Transvaal, including the action of Belfast, and the operations in Cape Colony and Orange River Colony (Queen's medal with three clasps and King's medal with two clasps).

A number of New Zealanders have gained honours in the class-merit lists of the winter session at Edinburgh University. Medals were won by Peter MacCallum, (for anatomy and also for physiology); Sydney A. Smith, of Roxburgh (materna medica and also diseases of the larynx, ear, and nose); R. M. Mackay, of Tokomaro (obstetrics physiology); and R. Campbell Begg, B.Sc. (diseases of the eye). First class honours were obtained by Peter MacCallum in five subjects, Sydney Smith in four, R. M. Mackay in three, B. E. Wright in two, G. V. Boyle in two, S. Harcourt Arthur, F. J. O'Reilly, R. Campbell Begg, C. Ilea, and H. W. Wilson, each in one subject. Second class honours were gained by A. F. Sinclair (two subjects), B. E. Wright (two), D. J. Max (two), T. H. Huxray, of Wellington (three), F. J. O'Reilly (three), A. G. Clark (three), and A. E. Moore, D. Watson, R. C. Begg, Louis Levy, A. L. Christie, H. P. White, S. H. Arthur, L. Jeffcoat, and G. Cromie in one subject each.

Miss Constance A. Barnicoat, the well-known New Zealand journalist and mountain-climber, was quietly married in London this week to another Alpinist, Mr. Julian Grandt. The ceremony was performed at the Presbyterian Church, Crown Court, Drury-lane. Miss Barnicoat is the only British woman who has undertaken a mountaineering expedition to the Caucasus, and she and her husband have together climbed the Great Shreekhorn in the Bernese Oberland—a very difficult and dangerous ascent. Miss Barnicoat was the first woman to climb the Shreekhorn. She is the youngest daughter of the late Hon. J. W. Barnicoat, M.L.C., of Nelson, New Zealand. The marriage ceremony was conducted by the Rev. James Strachan, assisted by the Rev. Alexander Macrae.

The Rev. F. W. Walker, F.R.S., and Miss Walker, of Auckland, were visiting London this week. They are making their headquarters at Handorg Vicarage, Stony Stratford, in Buckinghamshire.

Recent callers at the High Commissioner's Office—Mr. Thos. W. Arthur (Rakana), Mrs. and Miss Taylor (Dunaru), N. W. Bell (Christchurch), Miss Dargie (Auckland), Mrs. R. C. Fowler (Wellington), Miss Fully (Wellington), Miss W. A. Rowlands (Wellington), Mr. Hector McKenzie (Hokitika), S. S. Kronfeld (Auckland), G. M. Keble (Wellington), Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Walker (Auckland), Mr. John B. Nazer

**ANGLO-COLONIAL NOTES.**

LONDON, March 28.

**MAORIS AT THE EMPIRE FESTIVAL.**

I understand that, in view of representations made to them, the Colonial Office authorities are now unlikely to press their objection to the Maori troupe appearing at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace. The probability therefore is that Maggie Papakura and her troupe, who are now on their way to London, will take part in the New Zealand scene at the Pageant of Empire in the Palace Grounds. They will represent the Maori who took part in the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi, and will dance a haka at the close of the scene.

**EMPIRE CONCERTS IN LONDON.**

Dr. Charles Harris has arranged a series of Empire Concerts, to be held at the Crystal Palace in May, June, and July, in connection with the Festival of Empire. Dr. Harris has gone to Canada for the Sheffield Choir tour, but will return for the Festival concerts, leaving the Sheffield Choir to continue its world tour under Dr. Coward. The King and Queen will attend the opening concert at the Crystal Palace on May 12. Mme. Clara Butt will sing Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory" and Hatton's "Enchantress," and the choruses by the Imperial Choir will include "For Empire and for King," with which Mr. Fletcher has won the first prize of £50 in the competition for a new patriotic chorus organised by Dr. Harris. This concert will be followed by Canadian, English, Australian, Scotch, South African, Irish, Welsh and New Zealand concerts, in the order named. The New Zealand concert is fixed for July 18, but the programme has not yet been arranged. Miss Estla D'Arco, Mr. Peter Dawson, and Mr. Percy Grainger are the soloists engaged for the Australian concert on June 13.

**COLONIAL TROOPS AT THE CORONATION.**

Arrangements are already considerably advanced for the reception of the Colonial troops at the Duke of York's Schools on their arrival to take part in the Coronation festivities about the middle of June. To have the troops quartered in this central position is a great advance upon the arrangements at the last Coronation, when they were scattered—some being as far away as the Alexandra Palace, and at such a distance it was impossible for them to enjoy to its full extent their visit to London. The Entertainment Committee are organising polo matches, concerts, receptions, and other entertainments.

The mounted members of the contingents are to be invited to take part in the military tournaments and riding competitions at Olympia.

During their stay in London the visitors will be shown the Houses of Parliament, the Tower, and other public buildings of historic interest in London, and will attend a special service in either St. Paul's Cathedral or Westminster Abbey. They will also pay visits to Windsor Castle, Eton College, Woolwich Arsenal, Portsmouth Dockyard, and attend Ascot Races, Henley Regatta, the Pageant of Empire at the Crystal Palace, and the principal cricket matches at Lord's and the Oval. Among the many invitations received for the troops may be mentioned those from Lords Warwick and Pembroke to visit their country seats, the Lord Mayor of Manchester and several of the principal firms in Birmingham.

It will be seen that there is a continuous series of entertainments in view for our visitors from the time of their arrival to their departure, about the second week in July.

(Greymouth), Mr. and Mrs. D. W. King (Wellington); D. M. Bean (Wellington), S. Lumford (Wellington), T. H. Wayne, Mr. A. O. Knight (Auckland), Mrs. E. A. Georgetti (Wanganui), Mr. and Mrs. H. Dauce (Wellington).

He kissed her with might and main,  
She pleaded, "Don't do it again."  
For I have a cold, and I've often been told  
That people with colds should refrain."  
He chortled in frolicsome vein,  
"Those blessed old wives' tales against  
A remedy afore's Woods' Great Peppermint  
Cure."  
So he kissed her and missed the last train.