

NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

LONDON, May 26.

Mrs. W. Buss, of Christchurch, and her two daughters were among the passengers from Sydney by the P. and O. Moldavia. They landed at Marseilles, and came to London by way of Paris, reaching the metropolis early in May. Mrs. Buss proposes to remain in Europe for some eighteen months. It is her first visit to Old England since, as a child, she accompanied her parents to New Zealand on the good ship Charlotte Jane in 1850, just 60 years ago. Then Christchurch was represented by a single house—that of Mr. J. Deanes.

Mr. F. Bull, of Napier, who, on his retirement from the New Zealand Government in the summer of 1908, came home with his wife intending to settle here, has decided to return to the Dominion this autumn, as the "glorious climate" does not agree with Mrs. Bull's health. Mr. Bull has just published through Messrs Cassell and Co., a collection of patriotic and pathetic poems, entitled "Dominion Ditties." Mr. Bull, by the way, is taking part in the New Zealand portion of the Pageant of Empire at the Crystal Palace.

Mr. A. E. Slatow, of Wellington, who arrived in England on a business mission just after Easter, has been visiting some of the great industrial centres in the North of England. He is now in London, and remains there till the Coronation period is overpast. He then proposes visiting Germany and France, ere setting his face towards the Dominion, which he hopes to reach during September.

Mr. Horace S. Cottrell, of Napier, who left the Dominion early in March last for Sydney, spent a delightful week in that city ere joining the Afric for the voyage home. His mission is a combination of business and pleasure. London and vicinity will claim his attention until the Coronation is done with, and then he will visit Paris, and make a round of some of the chief commercial centres in the United Kingdom. Later he proposes to tour through Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Italy, and will pick up an outward-bound steamer at Naples for the voyage back to New Zealand.

Miss E. Goldsbury, of Wanganui, who arrived in England early in April by the Athenic expects to remain in England for a couple of years. After seeing something of rural life in the Old Country, Miss Goldsbury will take up her residence in London in order to gain further experience in the drug trade before returning to the Dominion.

Mrs. E. H. Palmer, of Wellington, who came to the Old Country a couple of years ago, and will probably decide to settle permanently in England, has just returned to London after a lengthy and most interesting spell on the Continent. Most of her time was spent in Rome, but she visited many places of interest in Sicily, including Messina. Of that hapless town Mrs. Palmer said it was most interesting, but very depressing. So far nothing has been done to efface the effects of the earthquake. Everything is just as it was after that awful catastrophe. For five hours Mrs. Palmer walked about among the ruins, and, so far as she could see, not a load of debris had been removed or any attempt of any kind made to render the place habitable. During her spell on the Continent Mrs. Palmer also visited Bruges and Brussels, and some of the German cities and places of scenic interest.

Mrs. Stratford Hemiker, of Grey-mouth, and her niece, Miss Brett, arrived in England by the Orient liner "Orway" a few days ago. They are travelling purely for pleasure, and after the June festivities in London are over will spend a month motoring round the United Kingdom. They then intend to tour awhile in Norway, Denmark and Holland.

Mr. I. M. Ratham, of Wellington, is on a visit to England for the purpose of visiting his relatives and friends after a very long absence. He arrived by the s.s. Surrey on the 19th inst., and purposes returning to New Zealand in the early autumn.

Mr. C. Prebble, of Napier, who came home in mid-May by the "Ruahine," made the trip in search of pleasure only. He intends visiting most of our big seaside resorts, to tour in the North of England, and on the Continent, and will return to the Antipodes by the Orient liner "Grosser," which leaves London early in September. Mr. Prebble is accompanied by his mother and sister.

Mr. J. E. Smith, of Napier, arrived in London recently, and is now taking life very quietly with friends at Lambyth,

on the borders of Staffordshire and Warwickshire. Beyond having made up his mind to be in London for the Coronation week, Mr. Smith's plans for the future are at present quite undefined.

Mr. Herbert J. Babbage, the well-known New Zealand artist, arrived home by the "Ruahine" a few days ago. In the neighbourhood of the Horn, the "Ruahine" passed no less than 110 icebergs, but happily did not make too close an acquaintance with any of them. Mr. Babbage stays in London for the Coronation and will then go sketching and painting for a couple of months in the Netherlands. On his return to England he proposes to rent a studio near London for the winter months.

Mr. Geo. H. Whitcombe, the well-known New Zealand publisher, who arrived here with his family by the "Grosser Kurfürst," tells me that he intends to start a general publishing business in London. He is now on the look out for suitable offices, but he proposes to take a holiday before settling down to business. He visited his old school at Shoreham, in Sussex, last week, and placed his boy there. It was an interesting experience to revisit the scenes of his own boyhood after an absence of 35 years. Mr. Whitcombe has some interesting things to say about the reading tastes of various New Zealand centres. Dunedin, he said, went in for more solid literature than any of the other cities. Christchurch was more of a novel-reading public, and Wellington's taste in books was lighter still. I gathered also that the cheap reprints of good literature which are such a feature of present-day publishing, had a ready sale in New Zealand, as elsewhere.

Sergeant Haddrell (New Plymouth) and his wife and daughter arrived in London by the Ruahine, after a pleasant trip, in spite of ploughing through 1200 miles of icebergs! Sergeant Haddrell, who has been out in the Dominion for the last forty-five years, intends, after the Coronation is over, to pay a visit to Devonshire. There he will meet his son Charles, who has been in America for some years. The travellers expect to return to New Zealand next September.

Mr. H. Caplen, of Hawera, with Mrs. Caplen and two daughters, arrived in London by the Ruahine last week on a purely pleasure trip. It is, of course, their intention to see the Coronation, and explore London, but beyond that they have made no plans for the enjoyment of their holiday at home.

Mr. Andrew Rutherford, of Mendip Hills, who, with his family has been in England for some fifteen months, is leaving for New Zealand soon after the Coronation. It is his intention to make the return journey by way of the States and Canada.

Mr. A. H. McEwen, of Palmerston North, arrived in London a few days ago with his daughter, Miss McEwen, of the State School Department. Mr. McEwen, who is combining a modicum of business Motherland, proposes, after the Coronation, to tour in Scotland, whence his father went to New Zealand in the early forties of last century, the ancestral home being in "Bonnie Dundee." He expects to be absent from the Dominion for about six months all told, and will probably reach Palmerston North again some time in September.

Mr. W. C. Beaumont, of Christchurch, who arrived in England early in May, spent a week in the West Country ere coming to London. Whilst in Bristol he indulged in a little river work, and stroked a Redcliff R.C. racing four. As Mr. Beaumont's trip to the Old Country was taken primarily with a view to gaining experience in the soft goods trade, he has accepted a position in one of the leading wholesale West End houses. Before taking up that position, however, he will make holiday in London over the Coronation period, and will visit Glasgow, Manchester and other business centres in the North on business. During his residence in London he intends to participate in amateur raving on the Thames.

Mrs. Seddon and her two daughters, Misses Mary and Rubi Seddon, were among the guests at the Foreign Office reception on Monday evening, and Mrs. Seddon and her elder daughter attended the State Ball at Buckingham Palace on Friday evening last. On Monday they were also in the House of Lords to listen to the debate on the Constitutional question, and heard Lord Lansdowne speak in support of his bill for re-modelling the Upper House. On Tuesday they visited the Temple Flower Show and last evening Mrs. Seddon and both her daughters attended the Majesty's Court at Buckingham Palace. On Monday they will attend the garden party given by the Prince and Princess

Christian at Schomberg House, Pall Mall, and on Wednesday will be present at the "At Home" of the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk. Mrs. Seddon has taken a flat for the season in Artillery Mansions, Victoria street.

Mr. J. B. Morton, of Messrs. Morton and Co., of Onelunga, who recently arrived in England, has had "a real good time" since he left Auckland last October. At Kobe he was the guest of the Mayor, and at Yokohama the Chamber of Commerce took him under its wings. At Kobe he delivered an address on New Zealand to the teachers of the Kitano school, and was presented with a cup and a saucer made at the school by the little Jap scholars. From Japan Mr. Morton went to Vladivostok, and thence to Shaanghai, where he was very hospitably treated by the members of the Shanghai Club, the Hunt Club, the Racing Club, and the Master Mariners' Association. In New York he spent some time studying the liquor question, and inquiring into the methods of trusts and combines. From New York Mr. Morton came to Liverpool by the Mauretania, and, cruising over to Belfast, spent a few days with his uncle, Mr. James Balfour. He received the "Welcome to Belfast," and had the impress of the official seal impressed in his autograph book by the Lord Mayor, Mr. McMordie. From Belfast he repaired to Ballymore to visit his father's brother, Mr. John Morton, and thence on to Dublin, where he was entertained by Sir Lambert O'Riordan, and Mr. E. Bates, Solicitor-General for Ireland. Scotland next claimed Mr. Morton's attention, visits being paid to Edinburgh and Glasgow. He next travelled through the Midlands, where business occupied a fair share of his time, and arrived in London in time to attend the Premier's reception to the delegates to the Imperial Conference. After the Coronation Mr. Morton proposes to make a brief Continental tour, and will leave Europe early in July for America, en route for the Dominion. He will probably travel by way of Salt Lake.

Judge Palmer, of the Native Lands Court, has arrived in London, and is staying at the Strand Palace Hotel. Mrs. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kidd, of Auckland, are at present in Paris en route for London.

Lady Stout is to be one of the hostesses at the annual dinner of the United Empire Circle of the Lyceum Club, which is to be held on Monday next. A very brilliant and representative gathering of guests from all parts of the Empire is expected.

Dr. Thomas C. Savage, of Auckland, who, with Mrs. Savage and children to bear him company, arrived in London by the Corinthian early in May, proposes to remain in London for the next three months, seeing what is new at the chief hospitals, attending the debates on Mr. Lloyd George's new State insurance scheme in the House of Commons, and special meetings of the British Medical Association, which are to be held to discuss the probable effects of that far-reaching scheme. Dr. Savage will also attend the general meeting at Birmingham at the end of July. August he proposes to spend in a motor tour through England, and he will sail for New Zealand early in September.

The Misses Edith and Cora Feldwick, daughters of the late Colonel, the Hon. Henry Feldwick, M.L.C., who was for a period of thirty years a member of the Legislature of New Zealand, were among the debutantes presented to Their Majesties at the court, held at Buckingham Palace, last evening, May 25. Mrs. Henry Feldwick (inverecgith) accompanied by her daughter Mabel, are at present on a cruise in the P. and O. Co's s.s. Mantua to Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Madeira, Tenerife, the Canary Islands, and the Azores. They return to London in time for the Coronation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jarrett, of Auckland, after 32 years' absence in New Zealand, have returned to the land of their birth. They travelled by the "All Red" route, visiting Suva, Honolulu, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Niagara, New York, Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec, and stopping at each place in Canada four or five days. They crossed the Atlantic in the Empress of Ireland, arriving in Liverpool on the 12th May, and London on the 17th. Their visit is purely one of pleasure, and they expect to remain in Great Britain about five months, and will then go to France, Italy, Switzerland, and Germany for four months before returning once more to the Sunny South.

Miss M. Lovett, of Auckland, who came home by the Ruahine in mid-May, has been spending the interval in doing the sights of London. After the Coro-

nation she proposes spending some time visiting relatives in Kent and Cambridgeshire, and will then cross the Atlantic to visit friends in Toronto.

Mr. W. Watson (Auckland), with Mrs. Watson, Miss Watson, and Miss Bell Watson, arrived in London last week by the Ruahine. Although as a director of the Bank of New Zealand, Mr. Watson will find part of his time at home taken up with the affairs of the Bank, his visit to England is primarily one of pleasure. It is just 32 years since Mr. Watson left the Old Country. It is his intention to stay in London until the beginning of July, when his son (Mr. J. A. Watson), who is pursuing his medical studies at Guy's Hospital, will join the party on a trip to Scotland. Mr. Watson and his family will thereafter spend a few weeks in England ere going on to the Continent, where en route to Naples they will visit Paris, the chief centres of interest in Belgium, make a trip up the Rhine, see something of Switzerland, and Italy. On the way out to Australia Mr. Watson may break the journey at Ceylon to spend a fortnight amongst scenes familiar to him by reason of several years' residence on the island. He hopes, however, to reach New Zealand before the year is out.

Miss A. M. Williams, librarian of the Leys Institute in Auckland, who is on nine months' leave of absence, arrived in London this week, accompanied by Miss Mabel Leys, Miss Marie Williams, and Miss M. B. Bell, all of Auckland. They travelled by the Grosser Kurfürst, and spent a week or two on the Continent, including a week in Berlin, before coming on to London. They are on a holiday trip, and hope to get a good deal of sightseeing done during their stay in the Old Country. They will be in London, of course, for the Coronation.

Mr. A. J. Heighway, of the Otago "Daily Times," and Mr. Wilkinson, of the Dunedin Licensing Committee, who have just arrived here on a holiday trip to the Old Country, leave to-morrow for Birmingham, where they propose to begin a cycling tour which will take them to Land's End and back to London via the South Coast. They return here in time to see the Coronation festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Povey, of Auckland, arrived in London by the Ruahine, and intend staying in England three months. After seeing the Coronation, they hope to visit Glasgow Exhibition and the English Lakes.

Miss Ruby Mitford, of Auckland, who has been making holiday in the Old Country for the past two years, is now in London, and will remain in the metropolis till the Coronation festivities are at an end. A spell in Devonshire and a visit to friends at Bray in Ireland, will occupy her time till the end of August, after which a round of visits in the North of England will be undertaken. Miss Mitford proposes to spend the winter in Cornwall and will probably not set her face towards New Zealand again till the end of 1912.

Mr. J. S. Fox, of Okato, who with his wife and their three children left Auckland by the Moldavia in mid-March, is now on a visit to his native place, Arbroath, Scotland, having gone thither direct on leaving another month or so in Scotland. Mr. Fox will devote a few weeks to a business tour of the chief trade centres of the Old Country. He returns to Scotland for the balance of his holiday, which will end with the departure of the Macedonia for New Zealand on August 25th.

Miss Cora Chilcott, of Auckland, arrived in London last Saturday, having made the journey to England by the Karaman. Miss Chilcott has come home primarily to complete her musical studies, and has entered as a student at the Royal Academy of Music.

Major C. Dean-Pitt and Mrs. Dean-Pitt, of Auckland, arrived in London recently and have so far made no definite plans for their stay. They probably return to New Zealand in September or October.

The Misses Hopper, of Auckland, who arrived home early this month, expect to remain in these latitudes until the end of January, 1912. Their trip is purely one of pleasure. They will remain in London until the first week in July, and will then travel in Shropshire and spend a few weeks with friends in Scarborough and Liverpool. Beyond that their plans for future enjoyment are quite indefinite.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Auckland, disembarked from the Macedonia at Plymouth, and stayed there for a fortnight with friends before coming on to London.