

NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

LONDON, July 23

Mrs. Wm. L. Turnbull, of Auckland, and her son, Mr. Henry L. Turnbull, have recently returned to London from a visit to Switzerland and Paris, and, after an interval in the metropolis, intend to go on to the West of England. They return to Auckland by the Orontes, sailing November 24th.

Captain J. Southern Maitlow, R.F.A., who has been selected by the War Office as Instructor in Artillery to the Dominion Forces, will leave for New Zealand with his wife and family by the s.s. Turakina at the end of August.

Among the new Licentiates of the Royal College of Physicians announced at the quarterly Comitia held on July 27th, were Miss Maysie A. M. Collie, who studied at Otago University and the Royal Free Hospital, and was admitted under the Medical Act of 1876, and Mr. J. G. Crawford, of New Zealand. Miss Collie was also admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons at the meeting of the Council held on the same day.

There died at Tunbridge Wells, last Monday evening, at the ripe old age of 92, one who many years ago served New Zealand in war and peace—Sir William James Tyrone Power, sometime Agent-General, and a veteran of the Maori War of 1846-7. Sir Wm. Power was the eldest son of Tyrone Power, in his day the leading Irish comedian of the London stage, who was drowned at the age of 44 in the ill-fated steamer President, while crossing from New York to Liverpool. Sir William entered the commissariat Department in 1841, became Assistant Commissary-General in 1855, Deputy Commissary-General in 1856, Commissary-General in 1863, and Commissary-General-in-Chief in the following year. He served in China, New Zealand, 1846 to 1847, in the Kafir War of 1851 to 1853, in the Eastern Campaign of 1854 to 1856, in the China War of 1857, and in Canada in 1862. Sir William served on the Board of Works in Ireland from 1849 to 1850, and was appointed a Commissioner for the settlement of frontier claims at the end of the Kafir War in 1853. From 1869 to 1871 he held the post of Director of Transport and Supply, and in 1870 was appointed Agent-General for New Zealand. He was created a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath in 1865, and was a Magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant for County Monaghan, serving the office of High Sheriff in 1874. Sir William, who was the author of several books of travel, married, in 1859, Martha, daughter of Dr. John Moorhead, of Armaghmakingrigg House, Co. Monaghan. His wife died in 1890.

Another veteran of the New Zealand War of 1863 has gone to his last rest. The death of Major Edward Brutton, late 57th Regiment, has taken place at the age of 74, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, where he held the appointment of Captain of Invalids. Major Brutton entered the Army in 1855, reached the rank of captain in 1870, and retired with the honorary rank of major in 1881. He fought in the Crimea and in the Indian Mutiny, and also saw active service in the China War in 1860, when he was mentioned in General Orders and awarded the medal with clasp, and in the New Zealand War of 1863, when he was three times mentioned in dispatches and given the medal.

Among the visitors to the High Commissioner's this week were:—Lieutenant-Colonel R. Logan (Otago), W. H. Collie (Wellington), A. Mafinton (Wellington), W. C. McKnight (Wellington), Mr. and Mrs. David (Crewe) (Wellington), A. J. Palmer (Otago), Mr. and Mrs. H. S. A. Clench (Otago), Miss Jean McKinley (Dunedin), Gordon Keesing (Auckland), H. R. Boyne (Wellington), H. G. Green (Wellington), H. W. E. J. and M. S. Jennings (Christchurch), R. P. Lempriere (Auckland), W. L. Falconer (Auckland), Wm. Parkinson (Auckland), Nurse Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. P. Moore, Captain J. S. Maitlow, R.F.A.

Mr. Martin Taylor, of Auckland, has been in England for the past two months and will be here for another four weeks on holiday. Mr. Taylor, who is a very keen bowler, played recently at the Crystal Palace, in the National Championship tournament—pitted against Ross, the champion of the Crystal Palace and Canada. The match was won by London. Mr. Taylor has travelled extensively in Scotland, Ireland, and the

HOME RULE.

WHAT DOES IRELAND WANT?

A NEW ZEALANDERS' IMPRESSION.

LONDON, July 23.

"I went to Ireland an ardent advocate of Home Rule. I've come away not knowing exactly where I am, and not at all sure that the majority of Irish people want it."

Thus Mr Wm. Davidson, the well-known educationalist of Dunedin, to me on his return this week, after a lengthy trip to Ireland.

Few New Zealanders have made better use of their holiday than Mr Davidson, who has spent a considerable space of time in the old cities of Italy, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and France, as well as journeying through Scotland and England. His tour of Ireland was made for a reason for which not many tourists would find leisure on a pleasure trip, viz., to investigate not only the desirability of Home Rule from his own point of view for the Irish, but their own ideas on the important subject. To do this effectively Mr Davidson mixed with all sorts and conditions of people in all sorts and conditions of ways, travelling first, second, and third class on the railways, stopping at good and at second-class hotels, and losing no opportunity of talking over the question with anyone interested.

His experiences, naturally, were varied. Some desired Home Rule ardently, some actually severance from England, and, startling though it sounds, a King of their own; many were indifferent, or prepared to follow wherever they were led; a great many appeared actually opposed to Home Rule and only too anxious to continue as they are to-day.

"In Dublin there is no doubt as to the general wish," Mr Davidson told me, "it is for Home Rule, and since Dublin would be the seat of government business men can see the many advantages that would accrue were the city strengthened in importance. On the other hand there is a large section of Irish people who told me quite frankly that England is doing more for them than they can hope to do for themselves. They recognise, in short, that she is doing a good deal more for Ireland than for some of her other children, a state of things that they think Ireland should consider carefully before despising."

On the question of education the New Zealander was, of course, in a position to be specially interested. "I had a conversation one day with a very sensible old peasant woman on the subject," he said, "and her views are probably more practical than those of a good many men who haven't given much thought to the question. She had no doubt in her mind but that it was infinitely better that England be allowed a hand in the question of education. 'I've got a girl at school,' she told me, 'that's learning how to cut out her own clothes and make them up, to make butter, dress poultry, and cook, and all this at school, and it's costing me nothing.' This she attributed to England's good management in the system of education. The very poor are much under the influence of the priests, and the priests are for Home Rule."

The M.C.C. team for Australia will be considerably weakened by the non-inclusion of C. B. Fry and Jessop. Fry has shown exceptionally fine form this season, and in the test trial he made 93 on a wicket that was all in favour of the bowler. He is always an interesting personality with his athletic figure and wide trousers, suggestive of "Jack Ashore." He is hardly ever still on the field, the abundant energy and vitality of the athlete keeps him, like a caged tiger, always on the move. Jessop, popularly known as the "Croucher," is renowned as a mighty hitter, and his appearance at the wicket causes the field to be spread wide to the boundaries. His reputation in the field is a by-word, and

North of England since his arrival. He is of the opinion, by the way, that New Zealand is insufficiently advertised in the United Kingdom, and thinks something should be done to improve matters in this direction. He intends to spend the rest of his time in London. Mr. Taylor, talking of bowls, says that he could pick out a team in New Zealand fit to compete against anything in England.

when in a match against Surrey he dropped a catch, and let a ball go by him the crowd could hardly believe their eyes. Never since the days of the celebrated Vernon Royle has there been a finer cover-point than Jessop. The clean grip of the ball and the lightning-like return are the very perfection of the fielder's art. But even with these two famous players left out, the team for Australia will be fairly strong, and we fully expect to see it give a good account of itself.

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