

Personal Notes

HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP REDWOOD last week celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his appointment as Archbishop. His Grace was ordained at Mynnooth in 1865, appointed Bishop of Wellington in 1874, and elevated to the dignity of Archbishop on May 13, 1887.

Bishop Grimes has been advised of the death of Father Giniesty, rector of St. Patrick's, Church Hill, Sydney. The late Father Giniesty was one of the Marist Fathers, and was held in affection and esteem by a very wide circle of friends in Australia and New Zealand. He had a most hospitable and sociable disposition, and delighted to entertain visitors from New Zealand and from the other States in the Commonwealth.

Mr M. G. C. Pasco, who for two years past has been manager of the Ashburton branch of the Bank of Australasia, has left to take over the management of the bank's branch in Gisborne. Prior to his departure, Mr Pasco was met by the executive of the Ashburton Centre of the Navy League, when Mr C. W. Nicoll presented him with a framed illuminated address as a token of appreciation of the valuable services Mr Pasco had rendered as secretary of the centre.

Mr H. J. Day, stationmaster in charge of the Gisborne railway section, who is retiring from the service, will be succeeded by Mr H. Williams, Audit Inspector of the Christchurch district.

Mr S. R. Kennedy, late manager of the Bank of New Zealand at Patea, who died last week, was the son of the late Mr. W. F. Kennedy, and came to Wellington from Ireland with his parents when about eleven years of age. On leaving school, he entered the service of the now extinct Colonial Bank, and subsequently was appointed assistant accountant in the head office of the Bank of New Zealand when that institution took over the business of the Colonial Bank. He continued in that position until about five years ago, when he was appointed manager of the bank's branch at Patea.

Mr. George Milner, aged 82 years, who died at Hautere-Cross last week, arrived in New Zealand by the ship Maritima Ridgway in 1840. He served in the militia, and worked on several goldfields. Deceased, who had been bedridden for 28 years, is survived by two sons and two daughters.

Sir James Mills will probably return to New Zealand in September. Lady Mills remaining in England while her children complete their education. The indisposition which prevented Miss Geraldine Mills from attending the Royal Court has turned out to be less serious than was expected.

The death is announced of Mr G. A. I. Pauling, district land registrar at Invercargill, who has been in a precarious state of health for some time past. The cause of death is said to have been heart failure, accentuated by an attack of pneumonia. Deceased entered the Government service at Wellington thirty years ago, when he was appointed to the Lands and Deeds Office. He remained in the Wellington office for fourteen years, during which time he was once a representative Rugby footballer. Later he went to Napier, and was transferred to Invercargill about twelve months ago. He was forty seven years of age at the time of his death, and leaves a widow, but no family.

The banquet at Invercargill to Sir Joseph Ward has been fixed for June 4.

Sir Joshua Williams on Saturday admitted as a solicitor Mr. Frank Boyd Adams, eldest son of Mr. A. S. Adams, who was admitted 19 years ago. Mr. F. B. Adams has had a bright career as a student. He was dux of Arthur Street School, dux of the High School, won the Chamber of Commerce gold medal, and was second in the whole Dominion for the University scholarship.

Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., left London for New York by the Baltic on April 25, and is due at Auckland on June 4. Mrs. Wilford and their daughter accompany him.

Mr. Charles Schilsky, who has been appointed examiner for Trinity College of Music for Canada, New Zealand, and Tasmania, will arrive in Auckland by the Vancouver steamer on July 30.

The funeral of the late Mr. Isaac Hill took place last week, the cortege which left his late residence at Bradford-street, Parnell, being a very lengthy one. Among the widely representative list of mourners were the Mayors of Parnell (Mr. R. S. Briggs)

and Onehunga (Mr. J. Rowe), representatives from the Auckland Master Saddlers' Association, Messrs W. F. Bines (chairman of the Parnell School Committee), J. L. Scott (headmaster of Parnell school), C. F. Mark (secretary), and all the members of the committee of the Auckland Trotting Club, representatives from the Auckland Racing Club, Avondale and Takapuna Jockey Clubs, Otahuhu Trotting Club, and a number of athletic associations, while there were also present a large number of representative business men, residents of Parnell, and a brakeload of employees from the various saddling firms in the city. The burial service at Purewa was conducted by the Rev. C. A. B. Watson, of St. Paul's, the pall bearers being Messrs. C. Bailey, senr., J. Morrison, Jas. Hill, J. S. Tansley, four of the oldest committeemen of the Auckland Trotting Club. The floral tributes were beautiful and very numerous, while letters and telegrams of sympathy have been received by the widow and family of the deceased from every part of the Dominion.

Mr. A. Clareburt, who was conductor of the Wellington Trainsways Band at the last Christchurch contest, has been appointed to the conductorship of the Dominion (Invercargill) Band.

Miss Helen Johnson, assistant matron at St. Mary's Home, Otahuhu, is leaving by the Zealandia next month on a holiday visit to Canada and England.

Mrs. Myers, wife of the Hon. Arthur M. Myers, Minister for Railways, made the journey between Rakaia and Ashburton in the cab of the engine drawing the first express the other day.

Mr. J. G. H. Mackay, formerly of Gore, who has been spending some time travelling abroad, including America, pursuing a wider study of dentistry, has decided to take up his residence in Auckland.

Prior to his departure for England, Dannevirke bowlers presented a gold fountain-pen and dressing-case to Mr. J. R. Russell, their president. Mr. Russell, who was part proprietor of the "Advocate" newspaper, lately merged in the "News," has been nine years in Dannevirke.

Mr. Herbert S. Cloughton, of Masterton, has been appointed organist to St. Andrew's Church, Wellington-terrace, and will undertake his duties on the first Sunday in June. Mr. Cloughton has held appointments as organist at St. James' Parish Church, London E., and Parish Church, Woodford, London N.

The well-known "All Black" footballer, Mr. Duncan McGregor, returned to New Zealand by the Arawa, after an absence of four years at Home.

Mr. Geoffrey Horton arrived at Wellington by the Arawa yesterday from Rhodesia, on a visit to his relatives at Henheim. He has been engaged for the last twelve years in the direction of mining enterprises in South Africa.

Sister Veronica, of the Hill-street Convent, died last week at an advanced age. The deceased lady, who came to Wellington from Auckland as far back as 1865, was a sister of Mr. James Walsh, of Tinakori-road.

The Pahiatua paper referred in a recent issue to the departure of Mr. S. Girdwood, a resident for over 20 years past, and who is removing with his family to the Waikato district, where he has purchased a big block of land. At a large gathering of his friends Mr. Girdwood was presented by the chairman, on behalf of the subscribers, with a gold watch and chain. The health of the recipient and his family was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Rev. G. Wainwright, of Pansobny-road, is leaving by the Maheno on June 3rd, in order to catch the Orient steamer Orsova for London.

Mr. H. J. Wernham, of Hamilton, was a passenger by the Corinthic, leaving Wellington last week, for London, on a combined holiday and business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beamish, of Pansobny, are leaving, with their family, at the end of the present month, to join the Orsova at Sydney for London.

Mr. Charles Wilson (Parliamentary Librarian) has been re-elected chairman of the Victoria College Council. Sir Robert Stout was re-elected the Council's representative on the University Senate.

The golden wedding was celebrated last week of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Watkinson, of Papakura. There was a large gathering of relatives and friends from far and near to do honour to the

interesting event. The "wedding banquet" was presided over by the Rev. H. Ford, who read the marriage certificate showing that Mr. and Mrs. Watkinson were united in the bonds of matrimony on the 15th day of May, in the year 1862, at the Methodist New Connexion Chapel, Scotland-street, Sheffield, Yorkshire, by Rev. Thomas Boycott. The newly-married couple set sail for New Zealand in the good ship Matilda Wattenbach on May 29th, 1862, and were numbered amongst the Albertland settlers. The various toasts submitted and duly honoured included "Mr. and Mrs. M. Watkinson," the "Children," and the "Grandchildren." Mr. Matthew Watkinson made suitable reply. The descendants of the venerable couple living include four sons and two daughters, and twenty-three grandchildren.

Mr. T. Williams was presented at Te Kuiti last week by a number of citizens, with a travelling rug, on the occasion of his departure for Whangarei. Mr. A. Scholes (chairman of the Waitomo County) presided.

Too Many Wives.

A writer in a French paper is very indignant because a man who married six wives without waiting for the death of any of them has been sent to prison for six years—a year for each wife. On the contrary, we are told, he ought to have received the highest decoration in the land. At any rate, the argument runs, if it is an excess of zeal to marry six wives almost at the same time, every man ought to be allowed to take at least two. In other words, bigamy ought to be legalised at once. Trigamy may come later on. Legislators, sociologists, moralists, and other old women are always complaining about the decadence of marriage, and here we have a good citizen offering his heart, his hand, and his name to several women, with the result that he is packed off to prison, perhaps even to penal servitude. Meanwhile, we have quite a number of young women who are condemned to endure the burden of celibacy all their lives; while, on the other hand, there are very many boys, young and old, who refuse to take a wife because one wife is either too much or too little. If we said to them: "You have the right to take two," perhaps they might make up their minds. After all, it is entirely my own concern if my appetite is sufficient to enable me to consume two portions at a restaurant. If the first of my wives knows in advance that there will be a second one, and if the second one is aware of the existence of the first, how on earth can bigamy be reprobated as immoral? Such Mormonism would have the happiest effects from the point of view of repopulation and the public welfare. No more matrimonial games of hide-and-seek, no more vaudeville complications.—This is all very fine, but would a multiplication of our own wives tend to check our admiration for those of other people?

Cook Graduates.

Examinations are now being held by the London County Council at the Westminster Technical Institute to sift out suitable winners of the eighteen half-time cookery scholarships offered to domestic servants, the fortunate ones afterwards being entitled to use the letters L.C.C.C.S. after their names if they wish. The scholarships entitle the winners to free instruction every afternoon and on Saturday mornings in superior household cookery under a qualified chef, and, in addition, a grant of £5 to cover travelling expenses and a meal during the hours of instruction.

The test occupies a couple of hours, and the candidate is required to have a thorough knowledge of plain cookery. One of the questions given asks the preparation of a breakfast for two people consisting of porridge, fried sausages, toast and coffee, and competitors are called on to prepare and cook such ordinary dishes as Irish stew, jam roly-poly, grilled chop, fruit in batter, boiled fish, parsley sauce, pancakes, fried liver and bacon, pig pudding, roast meat, gravy, Yorkshire pudding, baked potatoes, shepherd's pie, and apple pudding.

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