All Who Were Left.

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Mrs. Hazard's eldest daughter was afterwards appointed to the charge of the native school at Waotu, near Putaruru. She married later on, but has since died, and her children have thus far been cared for by Mrs. Hazard, The second daughter who survived is now second daughter who survived is now Mrs. A. E. Hobbs, of Jervois-road. In parting, Mrs. Hazard remarked that she had not had more than two days' sick-ness since the eruption, although she had not been of a constitution which might be termed robust.

A Sleeping Fish.

Some curious habits in a fish have been observed by the French zoologist, B. Romeis. The fish in question, which bears the name Paratilapia multicolour, was kept in an aquarium containing suit-able seaweed, and observed through sev-eral seasons. The female fish places the eggs in the pockets in her mouth, and keeps them there until they hatch. After hatching, the fry is thrown out into the water in the morning, but towards even-ing the young fish come back to the mother's mouth, inside of which they

spend the night. A resting condition resembling sleep was also observed. Ordinarily these fish rest near the bottom of the water. But after the eggs are laid the female seeks the surface of the water, so that at times her back fins were actually out in the air. When at the surface she pressed her side fins close against the body, and remained quite motionless for as much as two hours at a stretch. With the exception of very slight movements of the gill-covers there was nothing to indicate that the animal was still alive. Dr. Romeis suppose that the advantage in this habit lies in the fact that the female, having eaten no food for a long time (during the breeding senson) and being obliged to economise the reserve fats in her body, avoids mo-tion as much as possible. Floating near narily these fish rest near the bottom of

the surface is perhaps connected with the fact that here the fi≤h can get sufficient oxygen with the least amount of exercise.

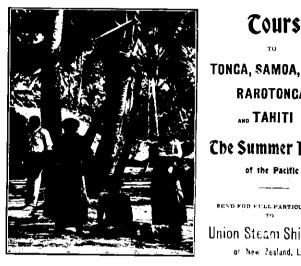
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THE LATE MR. BLYTHE, Who survived the disaster, but has since passed away.





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