

# Personal Notes

**M**R. C. N. HASLAM, first assistant at the Masterton District High School, who has been appointed to the headmaster-ship of the Island Bay School, has taken up his new position. Mr. D. E. Leslie, of Gisborne, who succeeds Mr. Haslam at Masterton, is expected to arrive during the first week in August.

Mr. C. Perry, for fifteen years secretary of the Oldfellows' Lodge at Masterton, was the recipient of a handsome fruit dish and silver inkstand last week as a mark of appreciation from members. He has resigned the position.

Mr. Albert Opie, until recently clerk to the Wairarapa South County Council, has been appointed engineer to the Akaroa County Council, at a salary of £600 per annum. The employers of the Council presented Mr. R. R. Dawson, the late engineer, with a purse of sovereigns, while Mrs. Dawson was the recipient of a travelling rug from the ladies of Pongaroa.

The death occurred at Upper Tutaeui (Fielding) last week of Mrs. Taylor, wife of Mr. John Taylor, aged ninety-two years. Deceased was one of the oldest settlers in Rangitikei.

Mr. James Wilson, one of Rangitikei's oldest settlers, died at Makino last week, aged eighty-three years. Deceased had an eventful career. Born in Ireland, he came sixty-seven years ago to New Zealand with the 65th Regiment, taking part in several campaigns. After he left the army he formed at Upper Hut for a number of years, and thirty years ago he settled in the Makino district. He had been ailing for the past five years. Mr. Wilson survives his husband, with six sons and five daughters. The sons are Messrs. W. H. and J. (Fielding), J. J. (Christchurch), A. E. (Levin), G. E. (Auckland), and David (Wellington). Mrs. McLeod (Makino) is the oldest daughter, and the others are unmarried.

The death occurred at Christchurch last week of Mr. W. Gordon Rich, a gentleman who took an active part in the early settlement of New Zealand, and experienced the hardships connected with pioneer work in a new country. Mr. Rich was born in 1839, and was the third son of the Rev. John Rich, vicar of Ivanhoe, Buckinghamshire. He was educated at Westminster, and, after a distinguished college career, came out to New Zealand, arriving at Auckland in the Joseph Fletcher in August, 1852. He brought letters to Colonel Wynyard, who was Administrator of New Zealand. Two or three years afterwards he went to Whangarei in a Maori cattle boat, and from there successively went to Wellington and Nelson. Later he engaged in sheep grazing, and subsequently became interested in large properties in Otago and Southland.

Mr. George Sherwood, who has been Clerk of the Court at Balclutha for a little over two years, exchanges positions with Mr. E. G. Hutton, the Clerk of the Court at Oamaru.

The Rev. Father O'Hara, who has occupied the position of curate to the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, at Ashburton, has left to take up his permanent residence in Christchurch.

The Auckland railway station staff last week presented Mr. Bowles, the retiring station-master, with a copper kettle and spirit lamp, as a token of esteem. The presentation was made by Mr. H. H. Wilson.

Mr. Henry Scott, A.M.I. Mech. E., recently in the service of the Christchurch Tramway Board, also connected with electrical matters in Christchurch for many years, has been selected from fifty-one applicants for the position of electrical engineer to the Incorporated Borough Council.

Mr. R. T. Sadt, Commissioner of Crown Lands at Napier, who was recently transferred from Nelson, was presented by the Chamber of Commerce at Nelson with an illuminated address expressing appreciation of his services to the district in advancing land settlement. The business community was well represented at the gathering, officers of the department presented Mr. Sadt with a roll-top desk, and he was also entertained by the Nelson branch of the Surveyors' Institute.

Lieutenant Evans, the second in command of the British Antarctic expedition,

has been promoted to the rank of commander in the Royal Navy.

Mr. E. H. Davis, postmaster at Reefton, has been transferred to Gore, occupying a similar position.

Mr. J. H. Fowler, Government auditor for the West Coast (South Island), has been promoted to the New Plymouth district.

Mr. W. J. Melville, the assistant clerk at the Dannevirke Magistrate's Court, who has been transferred to Greymouth, was farewelled at a large gathering, and presented with a travelling bag, suitcase and purse of sovereigns. Mr. Melville had been identified with all forms of sport, and had made many friends while resident in Dannevirke.

Mr. W. Martin, B.A., B.Sc., has been appointed instructor to the South Canterbury schools at a salary of £350 and travelling expenses.

The Rev. G. H. Andrews, who was an attendant at St. John's College, and was ordained in Auckland, died about eight weeks ago on the Melanesian Mission field from the effects of fever. A brother missionary visiting Auckland, expressed the opinion that deceased's life would have been saved had there been sufficient workers on the field. He had been on the field two years—the limit of effective service in that trying climate—and was completely run down.

The Rev. J. Laird, late of New Plymouth, has accepted an invitation to the pastorate of the Spreydon (Christchurch) Baptist Church, rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. J. Butler.

A Press Association telegram reports the death at Christchurch of Mr. G. F. Butler, aged 80, who formerly owned extensive properties in Kalkoura district, and leased the whole of Hundalee country from the Government.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Australasian Squadron will visit Auckland in his flag-ship, H.M.S. Drake, from 25th to 29th July. The visit is for the purpose of seeing the proposed sites for naval establishments, and on account of the shortness of its duration, the Commander-in-Chief's time will be so fully occupied that he will be unable to enter on any other engagements. The Commander-in-Chief will be visiting Auckland either in December or January next.

At a social gathering held in St. Alban's schoolroom, Dominion Road, last week, Mr. Grove, who has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for the last seven and a-half years, was presented by the teachers and scholars with a silver inkstand, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by all. The Rev. Wingfield, in making the presentation, referred to the thorough manner in which Mr. Grove had carried out the duties of superintendent, and the general regret of both teachers and scholars at his now leaving the school. He also announced that Mr. Grove had informed him that he wished to present an allotment of land to the church. Mr. Grove replied in a few well-chosen words.

Mr. M. Benny, who has for the past ten years been coaching foreman at Auckland, was recently transferred to Marton. Prior to his departure he was the recipient of a presentation of a tea and coffee service and an entree dish by his Auckland friends.

Steps are being taken at the Thames to erect a suitable memorial of the late Mr. James McEwan, who was so intimately and popularly associated with the public life of the goldfields from the earliest days.

Mr. F. W. Furkert, who has been recently promoted from the position of district engineer of the Otago public works to that of Inspecting Engineer for the Dominion, was presented by his late fellow officers at Dunedin with a roller-top writing desk. The ceremony was held at the Public Works Office, and the presentation was made by Mr. Park, on behalf of the staff. Mr. J. McKinnis, who succeeds Mr. Furkert, was present, and was welcomed to the district.

Mr. F. Garlick, son of Rev. S. J. Garlick, Lower Hutt, has received the appointment as second engineer on the Lyttelton Harbour Board's staff.

The Prime Minister (the Hon. W. F. Massey) took a run home on Saturday, and returned to Wellington by Sunday's dawn express.

Mr. Henry Field, a well-known worker

in connection with the Methodist Church in Auckland, left on Monday on an extended tour through the Australian Commonwealth.

Dr. Truby King, superintendent of Seachiff Asylum, is at present in Wellington. He has been given leave of absence to deliver a course of lectures throughout the Dominion on infant life, and will arrive in Auckland later.

Mr. F. J. Heatley has forwarded his resignation to the Taranaki Education Board as technical organiser, on account of his acceptance of a more lucrative position at Newcastle, under the New South Wales Education Department.

The death occurred on Saturday of Mrs. Edward Lewis, a very old and respected resident of Auckland. Mrs. Lewis, who came out to New Zealand from England in 1848, was 83 years of age. Her first husband, Mr. Chas. Davis, who was a well-known merchant and owner of the ship Mary Catherine, died in 1875, and some years later Mrs. Davis married Mr. Edward Lewis, a brother of Mr. Gabriel Lewis. Mr. Lewis died three years ago. The late Mrs. Lewis leaves a family of four—Mr. Adolphus Davis, Mrs. L. D. Nathan, Mrs. Arthur H. Nathan, and Mrs. W. Carminer, of Wellington.

The Rev. Cecil John Wood was consecrated Bishop of Melanesia in St. Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin, on Sunday morning by the Primate Bishop Nevill. The Bishops of Auckland (Dr. Crossley) and Wellington (Dr. Sprott) assisted the Primate. The consecration sermon was preached by Dean Fitchett, and there was a full choral service. The church was filled by a large congregation.

The Right Rev. C. J. Wood, M.A., fourth Bishop of Melanesia, was chosen for that office early in the present year by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other representatives appointed by the New Zealand General Synod. He is the only son of Charles Wood, Esq., barrister-at-law, and late legal adviser to the English Board of Agriculture. The new bishop was a foundation scholar at Peterhouse, Cambridge, when he obtained his degree in 1897, and was ordained the same year as curate of High Halden, Kent. He was successively curate at Marylebone Parish Church and St. Andrew's, Bethnal Green, and principal of the Wimbledon Clergy House. He was at one time a church school manager at Bethnal Green and a Poor Law guardian. His predecessors in the Diocese of Melanesia were Bishop J. C. Patteson (consecrated at old St. Paul's Church, Auckland, in 1861, and murdered on the island of Nukunono ten years later), Bishop John Richardson Selwyn, second son of Bishop Selwyn, of New Zealand, 1877-92, and Bishop Cecil Wilson, 1894-11. The Melanesian Mission was founded by Bishop Selwyn in 1849, and embraces the New Hebrides, Banks, Torres, and Solomon Islands, and the Santa Cruz group. Its headquarters were first at Kohnimaraia, near Auckland, but were subsequently removed to Norfolk Island. It has now been decided that they must be again removed to the Solomon Islands, which are nearer the centre of the diocese.

The new bishop will arrive in Auckland on Sunday next, and will be welcomed at a gathering in the Town Hall in the afternoon. He leaves for Sydney on Monday evening, in order to catch the steamer, which leaves for Norfolk Island on August 1.

## NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, June 4.

Mr. R. M. Simpson, of Wellington, and his two daughters, arrived in London a fortnight ago, and intend to make holiday for about three months. They leave in a fortnight for Lancaster—Mr. Simpson's birthplace—spending a few days there before going to Scotland. A trip to the Continent, it is hoped, will be worked in also.

Mr. G. F. J. Townsend, of Dunedin, who is at present in Birmingham has just obtained the diploma given by the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers. He holds the D.B.O.A. degree and has recently passed their highest examination and become a Fellow. Mr. Townsend is not sure upon this point, but thinks he is the first New Zealander to obtain this latter distinction. He is also a Fellow of the Institute of Ophthalmic Opticians. He remains in England, mak-

ing observation of the most modern methods in his work till about September, then goes to Germany, also on study bent.

The Rev. Arthur T. Boscawen, whose specimens of leptospermum scoparium Nicholii obtained so high an honour at the International Horticultural Exhibition of 1912, in reply to a request from your correspondent writes regretting that as, at the time of the show (save for the first day, when he was one of the pioneer guides of the King and Queen) he was unable to be in London, he had no opportunity of getting a photograph of his exhibit to send to the New Zealand papers.

"I have a good collection of New Zealand plants in my little garden here," Mr. Boscawen writes from Ludgvan Rectory, Long Rock (Cornwall). "In fact, I have made a speciality of New Zealand plants for some years. It is certainly a great achievement, a New Zealand plant receiving the highest award for the most meritorious novelty at such a show as the International."

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Berry, from Rangitikei, arrived in England by the R.M.S. Otranto on May 10th, and after making a short stay in Plymouth, went on to visit friends in Bristol. They are now in London, where they will stay a short time before going north.

Mr. F. Andersen, of Dunedin, is in England on a pleasure trip, and is visiting Manchester, Sheffield, Edinburgh and Belfast. He probably returns about the second week in August.

Mr. Joseph Butler, of Hokitika, intends to stay in London for a few weeks, after which he sets out on visits to friends in England. Then a short Irish and Scottish tour follows, after which he goes to the Continent for a few weeks, returning here about September, and leaving for New Zealand in November.

Mr. and Mrs. George France, of Dunedin, arrived via Suez, and, after travelling on the Continent, return to New Zealand via America.

Mr. S. Williamson, of Wellington, is at present an engineer on the s.s. Minnawaska a liner belonging to the Atlantic Transport Line, trading between London and New York. He intends returning to the Dominion after sitting for his final examination, which will take place at an early date.

Mr. Errol T. Tylee, of Napier, came to England last Sunday by the Indrapora, on which he was on the engineering staff. Mr. Tylee intends remaining several years at home, in order to gain further engineering experience in the shipbuilding yards on the Clyde, at Glasgow.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Beedie, of Wellington, are at present living at Hammersmith, to be near the West London Hospital, where Dr. Beedie is doing post-graduate work. Later on both go on visits to relatives in Scotland and Ireland. The length of their stay is at present indefinite.

Miss Edith Wybourne, of Christchurch, is in England just now on a pleasure trip, in which she is accompanying her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Andrews, of Wellington. Next month the party intends motoring through England, Scotland and Wales, and later will visit the Continent.

Dr. E. Teichmann, of Hokitika, left Wellington at the end of March, and travelled via Rarotonga and Tahiti to San Francisco, thence overland by the Santa Fe line, stopping en route to visit the Colorado Canyon. From Chicago he went to New York by the 20th century express, from New York to Dover by the Red Star Liner Kroonland, arriving early in May. After spending some time visiting old friends and relations, Dr. Teichmann intends to devote some time to professional work in the large hospitals of England, Berlin, Paris, and Vienna. He intends to return to New Zealand at the end of the year.

Mr. Charles C. Reade, late editor of the "N.Z. Graphic," who is at present in London, lately underwent an operation in a private nursing home. After being incapacitated for several weeks, he is now quite himself again. Since his arrival in London, Mr. Reade has been appointed assistant-secretary of the Garden Cities and Town-planning Association, the pioneer organisation which brought about the creation of Letchworth Garden City, and is now engaged in promoting similar projects in England. The Association, it is understood, proposes to presently send out to Australia and New Zealand an emissary to deliver lantern lectures on the subject of garden cities and town-planning, and it is just possible that Mr. Reade may find himself chosen for this task.