

Personal Notes

MR ERNEST A. BELCHER, B.A., of Lincoln College, Oxford, at present assistant master and house-tutor at Clifton College, Bristol, who has been appointed headmaster of Christ's College, Christchurch, out of sixty-six applicants, is expected to reach Christchurch before December 15th. The new headmaster is a bachelor. He is an exhibitioner of Lincoln College, Oxford, and graduated in the Honors School of Modern History in 1907. After some years at a well-known English preparatory school, he was appointed in 1902 to an assistant-mastership at Durban High School, Natal. Six months after arriving at Durban he became second master, and during the six years that followed he was on two or three occasions the acting headmaster. In 1908 Mr Belcher resigned his post in Natal on being offered by Mr David (now headmaster of Rugby, but then of Clifton) a mastership at Clifton College. That position he has now held for nearly five years. Mr Belcher takes a keen interest in every kind of sport, and he is a Major in the Territorial Forces.

The Board of Governors of Canterbury College last week confirmed the appointment of Mr Hugh Stewart, B.A., Cambridge, as Professor of Classics at Canterbury College, where he takes up his duties at the beginning of next year. Mr Stewart is a single man, twenty-eight years of age, and has had three years and a-half's experience of teaching Latin and Greek, and at the time he applied he was assistant lecturer in Latin and Greek in the University of Liverpool. He is a foundation scholar at Fettes College, Edinburgh, a Fettes exhibitioner, and a John Welsh classical bursar. Mr Stewart gained the university prize for Latin verse. He is a foundation scholar at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he obtained first-class honours in classics.

The following received invitations to a dinner party at Government House, Wellington, last week: Messrs A. E. Glover, T. W. Rhodes, J. A. Young, Dr Newman, J. Robertson, Hon. R. McKenzie, J. Craigie, G. W. Witty, E. P. Lee, Hon. J. A. Millar, R. Scott, F. H. Smith, and Te Rangihira, M.P.'s; Hons. J. Barr, W. Beehan, W. C. F. Carncross, C. Johnston, T. Kelly, R. A. Loughnan, C. M. Luke, W. W. McCordle, E. C. J. Stevens, and W. H. Tucker, M.L.C.'s.

Mr Edward Treise Morshead died suddenly at New Plymouth. Deceased was a septuagenarian, and had been under treatment for acute heart disease. The late Mr Morshead, who was the son of Captain Edward Morshead, was born at Calstock, Cornwall, in 1840. Eighteen months later he emigrated to New Plymouth in company with his father and family. He joined the services of the Postal Department at New Plymouth in 1865, and was afterwards located in various towns in the Dominion. He last saw service in Wellington, where he retired about ten years ago. Upon his retirement he went to New Plymouth, where he has ever since resided. As one of the original members of the Taranaki Rifle Volunteers, he took part in the Maori War. The deceased gentleman was married to Miss Ellen C. Parris, a daughter of the late Major Parris, who survives him with two sons, Mr H. E. Morshead, of Wanganui, Mr Leslie Morshead, a civil engineer, of London, and two daughters, Mrs Percy Blundell, of Wellington, and Miss Morshead, of New Plymouth. Mr Morshead was passionately devoted to music, and frequently relieved as organist at St. Mary's Church. He was respected and esteemed by a large circle of friends.

The death occurred at Kaponga last week of Mr A. Buchler, schoolmaster at Te Kiri. He was proceeding to the Hawera Hospital in a cab at the time of his death. Deceased had a long and successful career as a teacher. A son (Mr Owen Buchler) is headmaster at Ashhurst, and another son (Mr L. Buchler) is in Stratford on the staff of the local school.

A welcome home was extended to the Mayor of Pahiatua (Mr W. W. McCordle) by the citizens last week upon the occasion of his return from Australia after having undergone a successful operation. The welcome took the form of a social, when the Mayor was presented with an illuminated address and

Mrs McCordle with a handsome silver tea service and a purse of sovereigns. Mr McCordle has been identified with borough affairs for the past twenty years, having served seventeen years as councillor and three years as mayor.

A special meeting of the Otago Education Board was held last week to appoint a principal of the Training College, in succession to Professor White. Nine applications had been received from various parts of the Dominion. The Board decided to appoint Mr E. Pinder, at present headmaster of the Normal School.

Mr J. A. Young, M.P. for Waikato and chairman of the Native Affairs Committee, was last week the recipient of a handsome gold-mounted greenstone watchchain pendant from members of the committee, on the occasion of his recent marriage. In making the presentation, the Hon. W. H. Herries (Native Minister) felicitated the committee on its freedom from party strife and remarked that the members were a happy family, and the chairman was their guide and philosopher. Sir James Carroll also made some happy personal references to the recipient, who suitably responded.

At a meeting of the Canterbury College Students' Association, it was decided to nominate Mr L. S. Jennings, of Christchurch, as the Canterbury College candidate for the Rhodes scholarship of 1912. Mr Jennings received his early education at Nelson College. He obtained a junior university scholarship and proceeded to Canterbury College, where he graduated Master of Science, with second-class honors in mathematics and mathematical physics. He also holds the B.A. degree. He was nominated by the college last year, but was unsuccessful.

The following have been appointed Immigration Officers for the different parts of New Zealand:—Wellington: Mr E. R. Brabazon (vice Mrs C. S. Nixon, deceased); Dunedin, Mr T. M. Cullen (vice Mr E. R. Brabazon); Invercargill, Mr W. J. Wratt (vice Mr H. R. Spence); Nelson, Mr W. Devenish (vice Mr T. M. Cullen); Greymouth, Mr W. Howarth (vice Mr W. Devenish, Hokitika); Mr P. C. Fantham (vice Mrs R. G. Ecclesfield).

A very old resident of Poverty Bay, Mr William Matthew Kirk, died last week, after a long and painful illness. Mr Kirk fought throughout the Maori war, taking part in engagements at Whakatane and in the Waikato, and later was a member of the force which opposed the Hauliaus in Poverty Bay. Deceased was widely respected. For the past 25 years he kept a general store at Te Arai. He leaves a widow, five sons, and two daughters.

The Rev. Father M'Menamin succeeds the Rev. Father Maples as parish priest at Petone, and took up his new duties this week.

The following lieutenants of the New Zealand Staff Corps, at present ranking as temporary captains, have been gazetted to captaincies:—C. H. J. Brown, W. H. Meddings, C. W. Melville, C. E. Andrews, C. G. Powles, W. C. Morrison, H. C. Nutford, J. T. Bosworth.

Mr G. W. King has been appointed an assistant engineer in the Public Works Department.

Mr R. C. Kirk has resigned membership of the Wellington Hospital Board, a step necessitated by business considerations. Mr Kirk was a valuable member of the Board.

An old colonist, Mrs. A. Lamb, died suddenly at her residence in Paget Street, Ponsonby. Mrs. Lamb arrived in New Zealand in 1857, and since the death of her husband, who was a partner in the firm of Lamb Bros., Thames, had resided in Auckland. The deceased was highly respected by a large circle of friends, and leaves three sons and four daughters, namely, Mr Herbert Lamb and Mr. C. A. Lamb (H. and A. Lamb, Karangahape Road), Mr. Albert Lamb (chemist), Mrs. R. W. Bagnall (of Turua), Mrs. W. R. Woodley, Mrs. R. J. Enticran, and Mrs. Joseph Ambury (who, with her husband, is away on a trip to England).

Mr A. C. Correy, assistant manager of the Wellington office of the Huddart-Parker Company, arrived in Auckland last week on a month's holiday.

Mr J. W. Gossett, a very popular and highly-esteemed member of the staff of the Bank of New Zealand, at Auckland

was last week the recipient of a handsome presentation from his colleagues in the bank, on the occasion of his retiring on pension from active service after 35 years in its employ.

Mr. R. N. Moody returned from Nukunua last week by the Tofua.

Mr. W. H. Coombe, who has been promoted to the position of postmaster at Onehunga, took up his duties last week. Mr. Coombe was previously chief clerk in the Nelson office.

The Rev. B. L. Thomas, who for the past six years has been the minister of the Nelson Congregational Church, has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Congregational Church at Masterton.

Mr. H. M. Campbell, M.P. for Hawke's Bay, who is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, was on Thursday reported to be improving.

Mr. Martin Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy and daughters leave for a trip to Europe next December. They are booked to leave by the *Orama* sailing from Sydney on December 21st.

The Rev. J. J. North, who for the past eight years has been minister of the Wellington Baptist Church, has been called to succeed the Rev. R. S. Gray, of the Oxford Terrace Church, Christchurch. Mr. North is taking time to think over the matter.

The Bishop of Waiapu (Dr Averill) returned to Napier on Friday morning for a visit to Gisborne, where he had been spending a few days. On Sunday afternoon last he opened a large church hall at Kaiti, a suburb of Gisborne. This is the second church hall opened in the parish within twelve months—the last one being at Mangapapa, which the Bishop opened on his last visit. The new brick church in Gisborne, the foundation stone of which was laid by his Excellency the Governor in February last will be completed by the New Year, and is an imposing structure. On Wednesday last the Bishop opened a large Oriental carnival in the Garrison Hall, the proceeds being in aid of the building fund of the new church. Before the opening he received a civic welcome from the Mayor, supported by representatives of the various public bodies of the borough and county. The Mayor, on behalf of the Church-people of Gisborne, presented to the Bishop and Mrs Averill an illuminated, framed address of welcome upon their safe return to the diocese.

Mr J. H. Owen, who has resigned the managership of Sharland and Co., Ltd., Wellington, to accept a seat on the board of the company, was entertained at Godber's Rooms last week by the combined office and warehouse staffs, and was made the recipient of an illuminated address. Mr Owen has been connected with Sharland's for about 28 years.

NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

LONDON, August 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Pailser, of Wellington, and their two daughters, who have been over on this side of the world for about 18 months, and have recently paid a visit to Ireland, will return to New Zealand for Christmas.

Mr. Mrs., and Miss Robinson, of Christchurch, who have been in London since May, expect to return to New

Zealand, via the Continent, shortly.

Mrs. Ulric Collins leaves on her return to New Zealand by the *Oranito* on September 27th.

Mrs. and Miss Gertrude Browne, of Invercargill, shortly go to Ireland, and do not return to London till November.

Miss Ann Robertson arrived in England by the *Moldavia* on May 4th, and hopes to return on October 10th by the *Mantua*, visiting the Holy Land en route. She came to England in order to visit relatives and friends in England and Scotland, and is at present seeing places of interest in and around London. She also paid a short visit to Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. Kernot, of Wellington, who have toured most parts of England and Wales in the past few months by motor car, intend to thoroughly "do" Ireland after the Horse Show. They are now in Dublin. Later they go to the South of France or Algiers—it is not decided which.

Miss Grou Witt, late of Dunedin, is spending a holiday at Broughty Ferry,

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