

Personal Notes

LORD LIVERPOOL, who has been appointed to succeed Lord Islington as Governor of New Zealand, is to make the journey by the P. and O. Company's steamer Malwa, which is time-tabled to leave London on November 1, and to arrive in Sydney on December 12. It is not known yet if he will leave the mail boat at Adelaide, and journey on to Sydney by rail, or whether he will come right on to Auckland by the Malwa, which is due to arrive in Auckland on December 20 and would necessitate a few days' stay in Sydney. It is more than likely, however, that Lord and Lady Liverpool will leave the Malwa at Melbourne or Sydney, and pick up the steamer leaving that port direct for Wellington on December 7, which would mean that he would arrive here on December 11.

Sir James Mills, who is on his way out from England, is due in Auckland by the Marama on November 19.

The Rev. E. L. Thomas, of Nelson, has accepted the position of minister to the Masterton Congregational Church, rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. T. G. Butler.

Captain R. O. Chesney, R.N.Z.A., Assistant Adjutant-General at Headquarters, will shortly proceed to Cambridge, England, for a two years' course at the Staff College.

The death occurred last week of Mr. John Thomson, an old resident of Invercargill, in his 79th year. He arrived in 1862, and was in business as a sawmiller and builder in the early days of Invercargill.

Mr. A. W. Hogg, formerly M.P. for Masterton, was last week presented with a cheque for between £100 and £200, as a mark of appreciation of the services he had rendered the district. In acknowledging the gift Mr. Hogg said he could not say whether he would again enter the political arena.

The death of the Hon. J. Marshall, M.L.C. Westland, was announced in the Legislative Council last week, and the Hon. H. D. Bell referred to the unostentatious public work which had been done by the deceased, and moved that the Council adjourn as a mark of respect to their late colleague. The Hon. T. Thompson and W. C. Carnarross also paid a tribute to the late Mr. Marshall, and the Council adjourned.

Colonel G. C. B. Wolfe (Adjutant-General at headquarters), who has lately been indisposed, is now very much better. He returned to duty last week.

Mr. James Marchbanks, engineer to the Wellington Harbour Board, returned last week from a visit to Australia.

Mr. W. S. Bennett has been elected chairman of the Wellington Woolbrokers' Association for the current year.

The Rev. Cockrill, vicar of the Ormondville district, resigns his charge at the end of the year, and will take up the duties for twelve months of the Rev. H. P. Cox, vicar of Waipawa, during his absence in England.

One of the most familiar figures on the Auckland waterfront for many years past was that of Captain John Anton Sutritsky, and his many friends will learn with regret of his death last week. He

had been ailing for some time, and had reached the advanced age of 82 years. He was born at Warsaw (now Russian Poland), but his parents came from Germany. He went to the Australian goldfields in 1855, and was there for a couple of years. Subsequently he was master of a vessel in the Island trade. Eventually Captain Sutritsky came to New Zealand, and settled first at Houhora, and later at Awanui. Nine years ago he retired, and came to live in Auckland, his wife having passed away three years previously. The deceased was well-known as owner of the auxiliary schooner Greyhound, which is engaged in the northern coastal trade. He leaves a family of six sons and three daughters.

Mr Robert McNah, who has been engaged during the past two months in research work in connection with the early history of New Zealand, left Sydney on October 4 for Melbourne and Hobart, en route to the Dominion.

Mr Warwick Wilson, lately on the staff of Messrs Young and Tripe, Wellington, has taken up a position in the Auckland legal firm of Wynyard and Skelton.

The death of Mr Alexander Miller, formerly head teacher of the Onewhero school, was referred to at the last meeting of the Auckland Education Board by the chairman (Mr G. J. Garland). A resolution was carried directing the secretary to forward a letter of condolence to the relatives of the deceased.

Two presentations were made with much enthusiasm by members of the Orphans' Club at the final smoke night of their present season on Saturday night. The first was an unusually large photographic shield, handsomely framed, which the president (Mr Alf. Whitmore) handed to the club secretary (Mr "Jim" Crawford, as an appreciation of his services to the club, and his attentiveness during the recent visit of club members and their orchestra to Wellington. A second photographic shield of 'orchestra members' was presented to Mr. Colin Muston, in acknowledgment of his arduous and successful efforts as conductor. Both recipients suitably responded, and their appearance on the stage was greeted with deafening cheers.

Another old resident of New Plymouth has passed away, in the person of Mr. Wilfred Rennell, who died at Wanganui last week in his 80th year. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. Thomas Rennell, banker, London, and was educated at the Royal Philological College, London, and served his time at sea. He then joined his brother, Mr Clarence Rennell (late secretary of the New Plymouth Harbour Board) on the Victorian Goldfields, and in 1864 went to New Plymouth. Having joined the Native Department, under Major Porrie, Civil Commissioner, who was succeeded by Major Brown, on his retirement Mr. Rennell was appointed Native Officer for the district, and West Coast Settlement Reserves Trustee to administer under the Public Trustee the Native Reserves from Waitotara in the South to the north of the White Cliffs, and individualised the shares of the owners of most of the reserves. Mr. Rennell retired on a pension in 1895. He leaves a widow

—Mrs. Rennell, of Wanganui—two daughters (Mrs. Morton Lightfoot, of Carterton, and Mrs. Harry Bayly, of Wanganui), and one son (Mr. W. Allan Rennell), accountant in the Bank of New Zealand, Stratford.

People throughout South Taranaki will regret to know that Mr. Astbury, who was a candidate at the recent by-election for Egmont, has been confined to a bed of sickness since the day after the poll, on Tuesday, September 17. It appears that about eighteen months ago Mr. Astbury was operated on for appendicitis, and the new tissue has not been strong enough to stand the strain of the recent political campaign. In fact, inflammation developed and became acute early on the morning after the poll, and since then Mr. Astbury has been confined to his bed. It was feared that another operation would be necessary, but we are pleased to state that that danger is disappearing, and Mr. Astbury is progressing towards recovery.

NEW ZEALANDERS ABROAD.

LONDON, September 7.

The "London Gazette" issued last Friday evening contained a memorandum dated Downing Street, August 30, to the effect that the King has been pleased to approve of the retention of the title of "Honourable" by Thomas Mackenzie, who has served for more than three years as a member of the Executive Council of the Dominion of New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, of Auckland, arrived here after an extensive visit to America and Canada. They are now touring the United Kingdom.

Mr. W. H. Gummer, of Auckland, who came over to England four and a-half years ago with the object of acquiring architectural experience, has studied mainly in London and qualified as Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He has also spent a considerable time in the provinces, in France and Italy, and six months in America. Both in England and America he was fortunate in obtaining experience under leading architects in the two countries. Lately his sister, Miss G. L. Gummer, came over and having enjoyed a splendid tour round England and the Continent, is with her brother sailing for Auckland by the Marmora.

Mr. H. W. Beale, of Auckland, has been in Canada for nearly a year, making several trips to the United States during his stay there. He intends stopping in England from two to three months, and visiting Ireland and Scotland before going to Paris. He expects to be back in New Zealand some time before Christmas, after his tour of two and a-half years.

Miss G. Lodge, of Coromandel, arrived in England three months ago, and intends to enter a hospital in search of further experience in nursing.

Paragraphs have appeared in the London papers this week to the effect that the governors of Christ's College, New Zealand, have selected Mr. Ernest A. Belcher

to fill the vacant head mastership. Mr. Belcher, who was an exhibitor of Lincoln College, Oxford, has for the last five years filled the position of an assistant master at Clifton College, one of the very best schools of its kind in the United Kingdom.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robins and their family, after two and a-half months in Kent, have taken a house for three years at Wimbledon Park, and intend now to settle in England. Mr. Robins has been for 48 years in New Zealand, and, as he expresses it, desires "to end his days" in his home country.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wellings, of Wellington, arrived a week ago, and are now visiting friends in the Midlands. They go to Dublin, returning to London at the end of October and leaving for New Zealand about November 22.

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