

facilitate the wonderful expansion of the telegraphic service, and the great increase in its usefulness by bringing the rates down

have only been playing with the thing. You are going to work now in earnest." The degree of Doctor of Philosophy was

conferred on him by the United States Hamilton College for the valuable assistance he rendered to the party of scientists who visited New Zealand during the Transit of Venus. His prompt action in apprising Sir John Hall of the intention of the promoters of the telephone system in Melbourne to start operations in New Zealand, and advice to secure to the Government, by a clause in the Electric Lines Bill, the sole right of using the telephone in this colony, was the means of securing this valuable monopoly. The Government has had few if any more faithful servants than the late Dr. Lemon, and it is men of his stamp, who carry out so faithfully the administration of their departments, that the colony owes much of its substantial progress. Dr.



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to a price at which it could be much more generally taken advantage of by the public. He saw between 1867 and 1894 the length of line increased from 737 miles to 5,513, the stations from 21 to 640, and the messages from 70,952 to 2,069,961. The postal increase was also enormous during the term this department was in his charge. His well-known words to his telegraph staff when, on a reduction being made in rates, they declared the wires would never carry the increased messages, proved his foresight, and also what manner of man he was. They were: "You do not know, yourselves, how it will work. You

Lemon will be much missed in the social circle. He was possessed of a vast fund of information on scientific subjects generally, and consequently was a man whom it was a pleasure to meet.

GREAT preparations are being made throughout the Colony for the proper reception of our Royal Visitors, who will be very much "In the Public Eye" before another issue of this MAGAZINE reaches our readers, and we shall have wished them a hearty "God Speed" on their return journey.

THE ROYAL VISIT.