

TOURIST AND TRAVELLER.

(Continued.)

The South Canterbury Acclimatisation Society decided at its last meeting to proceed against a well-known angler for refusing to produce his fishing license when asked to do so by the ranger. It was decided to take proceedings against two men who had no licenses, but who were found with seven trout in their possession. The financial position of the society was considered very good, and it was expected to close the year with a credit balance of a hundred pounds.

J. M. Barrie has stated that the best beloved initials in the English language are R.L.S., and certainly they are world-famous and greatly beloved. One of the world's travellers, whose travels are drops of their heart's blood; Robert Louis Stevenson's pursuit of health was a sad and weary road only made endurable by his bright and ever joyous spirit. The yacht in which his last great wanderlust took place is at present being fitted up to be exhibited at the San Francisco Exhibition. The Casco is the ship for which Robert Louis Stevenson paid £2000 in 1888, and sailed on June 28 from San Francisco to the South Seas, with his wife and step-son, Mr. Lloyd Osbourne, his

mother, and a servant named Valentine Roebe. Many of the letters printed "In the South Seas" were written on board, also part of "The Master of Ballantrae." Stevenson called his vessel a small schooner, over-rigged and over-sparred, and, like many American yachts, on a very dangerous sail plan. It was dismissed to San Francisco after the arrival of the party at Honolulu, at Christmas, 1888. In the schooner Equator they afterwards visited other islands in the South Seas, and landed in Samoa, which was the home of the exile till his death, December 3, 1894. The old salt who showed the Casco to a visitor, said that many tourists and such like people had examined her staterooms, cabins, and saloon, "though," he added, "for the life of me I cannot see what they find so olame curious about her. She's been a rare old tub, cost nearly seventy thousand dollars to build, she did, sir, her with nuthin' but mahogany and teak and sichte in her make-up, and a blame sight better than many a one they builds nowadays. . . . There was a litry chap named Stevens, Louis Stevens, if I remember right, as took her down into the South Seas in '88; wrote books he did—novels, they calls them, and I have heard as he wrote poetry." And such is fame amidst the masses to the greatest of modern English stylists and sweet master of song.



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