

# THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

## HERE AND THERE.

Cable advice has been received in Ashburton that Lieutenant-Colonel John Findlay, C.B., and Mrs. Findlay were at Harrowgate, and in good health.

Dr. Hatherley has returned to Wanganui after an extended trip to the Old Land.

Mr. G. A. Tapper, for some years one of the Bank of New Zealand's inspectors, is to become manager of the Christchurch branch of the bank.

Mr. H. Salmon, from Brisbane, who is well known in insurance circles in New Zealand, and especially in Dunedin, has arrived on a holiday visit to New Zealand.

A letter received in the Pahiatua district from a non-com. at Gallipoli stated that General Godley had informed the men on parade that there was no chance of the war ending for at least two years.

The president of the Sydney Operative Bakers' Society, Mr. J. Wardley, was 100 years of age on October 20, and is still in good health—physically and mentally. At the annual meeting, when he was re-elected president, he was presented with a purse of sovereigns.

Lieutenant G. Edmund Parsons, who is at present in command of the Kaitiaki Squadron of the 10th Mounted Regiment, Nelson, has been instructed to report himself in Christchurch for medical examination for a commission in the Expeditionary Forces.

Mr. Colin Campbell, late of Devonport, consulting engineer, who represented a number of English companies in Salisbury, Rhodesia, has arrived in England to join the forces. He hopes to obtain a commission in the 17th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, with Major Frank Johnson, one of his directors.

Miss Agnes Cawthron O'Brian, of Blenheim, and Miss Margaret Cheyne, of Woodville, Hawke's Bay, left New Zealand early last year and travelled to England, via America. Since their arrival they have toured in Ireland and Scotland, and are now in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Vavasour and the Misses Vavasour have just returned to Blenheim, after spending some months in England.

Mr. George Loveridge, the well-known Taranaki footballer, who has represented the Dominion in Australia and California, has been selected as a field telegraphist, and will be attached to the 12th Reinforcements.

Mr. Fred H. House, representative of the "Hawera Star" and the "Wanganui Chronicle," has arrived in England, accompanied by Mrs. House. Mr. House has a brother, who is a captain, in France with the London Regiment, a sister who has been a nurse at the Southmead Hospital since the outbreak of war, and a brother in the Hussars at the Dardanelles.

Ruben Hilton, son of Mr. G. R. Hilton, of South Invercargill, is at present employed on H.M.S. Montagu, which is engaged submarine hunting. The Montagu is one of a large fleet of war vessels scouring the North Sea between Norway and the English coast in the hazardous work of trapping the enemy's under sea craft, and seizing vessels carrying contraband. Writing to his father he gives an interesting account of the discomforts and dangers attendant on this work, which the world now knows has been accomplished with conspicuous success and at comparatively trifling loss to the Navy.

Mr. Bracken, chief officer of the Victoria, who is on holiday leave, sailed last week for Sydney.

Captain J. Pennington, of the Union Company's service, left by the Riverina for Sydney last week.

Mrs. L. Bruck, of Sydney, accompanied by Miss K. Smyth, are at present in the Rotorua district, en route to Wellington, via the Wanganui River. The tourists will also include the South Island in their tour.

Mr. H. A. Tilley, of the firm of Messrs. Walker, Hall and Co., left by the Riverina en route to Sydney.

Mr. Albert Kaye, of Christchurch, left by the Riverina last week for Sydney.

Mr. F. H. Snow, of Adelaide, is at present in the Hot Lakes District.

Dr. Rentoul, of Ormond College, and Dr. J. H. MacFarland, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, have arrived in New Zealand on their annual angling tour in the trout rivers of Southland.

The clapper of Big Ben, the famous bell in the Houses of Parliament, weighs 6cwt.

Dr. Gordon, formerly of Christchurch, who has been for seven years in London and Glasgow, has arrived back in New Zealand. He intends to practice in Masterton.

## COMFORTS FOR OUR SOLDIERS.

At the time of the New Year, Mr. J. Rolleston, proprietor of the Grand Hotel, Auckland, made the suggestion to his guests that instead of giving the usual New Year celebrations for which the Grand is so well known

conveying General Godley's telegram to you, and in asking you to accept and convey to the guests in your hotel who contributed to your New Year Comforts Fund this appreciation of the generous gift, which I had great pleasure in forwarding to General Godley on your and their behalf."

The following is the list of subscriptions paid or promised to the fund:—  
Mr. E. W. Groome, £100; Grand Hotel, £50; Hon. A. M. Myers, £25; Mrs. V. Riddiford and Mr. G. L. Stead, each £20; Mr. W. G. Stead, Mr. V. Riddiford, Mr. A. E. Whyte, Mr. H. Gillies, Mr. Austin (Sydney), Mr. Burnett Cohen (Sydney), Mr. J. B. Harcourt, Mr. E. J. Watt and Mr. Troutbeck, each £10; Mrs. Thorne George, £8; Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey and Mr. G. P. Donnelly, each £5 5s.; Mr. S. Thorne George, Mr. J. W. Abbott, Dr. Palmer, Mr. J. B. McEwen, Mr. A. Duncan, Sir George Clifford, Hon. A. H. Whittingham (Queensland), and Mr. A. Cleave, each £5; H.H.G. and G.L.F., each £3 3s.; Mr. Rothenberg, £2 2s.; Mr. L. J. Denniston, Mr. F. D. Thomson, and Mr. Jeffery, each £1 1s.; Mr. D. W. Duthie, Miss Marsden and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sinclair, each £1; Mr. Gordon, 10s.; total, £376 11s.

Word has been received that Mr. George Cecil Russell, a former well-known resident of Wanganui, died recently in Melbourne.

Amongst the guests who arrived in Auckland last week and are staying at the Grand Hotel are the following:—Mr. R. Thorn, Christchurch; Mr. F. Dyer, Rotorua; Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Wellington; Mr. R. Cunningham, Takapuna; Mr. F. G. Mathews, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. A. Maysmor, Wellington; Mr. E. Friedlander, Pokeno; Mr. E. J. Arlow, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. H. Friedlander, Ashburton; Dr. Pearson, Christchurch; Mr. G. Nordon, Christchurch; Mr. N. W. Stephenson, Vancouver; Mr. C. Maudsley, Wellington; Mr. Vernon Reed, Bay of Islands; Mr. G. Walker, Whangarei; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McEwen, Wellington; Mr. R. D. Hanlon, Wellington; Mrs. A. M. Jamieson, Timaru; Mr. G. Booth, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller, King Country; Mr. A. Grose, Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. McKay, Napier; Mr. H. A. Smith, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. C. Campbell, Sydney; Mr. J. A. Latimer, Sydney; Mr. O. Gordon, Sydney; Mr. R. Young, Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Jack, Wellington; Mr. A. B. Williams, Wellington; Master Williams, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Drury, Wellington; Mr. Pearshouse, Wellington; Mr. A. S. Elworthy, Timaru; Mr. J. Hogarth, Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Sydney.

The guests who were staying at the Central Hotel last week were: Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, Melbourne; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Sydney; Mr. J. D. Kibby, Sydney; Mr. C. F. Smuts, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Herman, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. Grainger, Sydney; Mr. Geo. Fleetwood, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart, New Plymouth; Mr. A. Smith, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Charnock, Raetihi; Misses Wise, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Matamata; Mr. T. M. Burt, Matamata; Father Finn, Te Kuiti; Mr. W. Richmond, Wellington; Mr. D. W. Dorrington, Dannevirke; Mr. R. Leslie Smith, Dannevirke; Mr. R. Fraser, Dannevirke; Mr. G. Beatson, Gisborne; Mr. T. G. Roulston, Hastings; Mr. M. B. Grimstone, Hastings; Mr. A. D. Crisp, Gisborne; Mr. P. B. Bonsfield, Gisborne; Mr. C. A. Crisp, Gisborne; Dr. Hyde, Waihi; Mr. Corry, Hnuera; Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, Opotiki; Miss M. Lucas, Australia; Mr. M. Wells, Cambridge; Mr. N. Banks, Cambridge; Mr. Simms, Wellington; Mr. and Mrs. Steadman, Whangarei; Mr. J. G. Gow, Hamilton; Mrs. Rogerson, Sydney.



A LITTLE DIVERSION FROM THE MONOTONY OF SHELL FIRE.  
A British officer in France trying his luck catching butterflies.

Miss M. Pratt and Miss J. M. Brown, of Melbourne, are at present in Rotorua, and proceed down the Wanganui River and to the Southern Lakes.

Mrs. Marshall, a well-known Melbourne resident, left this week for Wellington via the Wanganui River, and will proceed to Melbourne again by way of the South.

Archbishop Carr, of Melbourne, accompanied by Bishops Phelan and Reville and the Rev. Father Ganby, arrived by the Riverina and proceeded straight to Te Aroha for a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rogerson, of Sydney, are at present in the Hot Lakes District, and proceed to Wellington via the Wanganui River before going across to Christchurch.

The Rev. E. H. Gallop, of Taumarunui, left by the Riverina last week to catch the P. and O. Arabia, en route to England via Suez. Mr. Gallop is taking up work in London.

it would be better in these dolorous times if the money were expended in comforts for our soldiers at the front, and the guests heartily fell in with the suggestions, and contributions in the room were made to the sum given by Mr. Rolleston, which soon reached £376, and before the fund is finally closed it is expected that quite £400 will be in hand. Of this sum £300 has been forwarded to General Godley to use for the benefit of our boys who are fighting under hard conditions in the trenches. In connection with this sum Mr. Rolleston has received from the Prime Minister the following telegram, saying:—"I have this morning received the following telegram from General Godley, Cairo: 'Prime Minister, Wellington. I acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of December 30. Will you please thank, in suitable terms, the proprietor and guests of the Grand Hotel, Auckland, for their generous gift, which will be disposed of in such manner as desired.'" Mr. Massey added:—"I have much pleasure in

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