

# THE TOURIST and TRAVELLER

## CHRISTMASTIDE PHILANTHROPY. COMFORTS FOR THE BELGIANS. MR. JAMES ROLLESTON'S APPEAL.

Once more the New Year celebrations which were a feature of the Grand Hotel, Auckland, for many seasons past, gave way, at the suggestion of Mr. J. Rolleston, to the more pressing claims of philanthropy, the guests falling in readily with the proprietor's appeal for funds for the needy Belgians. So enthusiastic was the response that the substantial sum of £1254 11s. was collected, on the understanding that the money was given by way of extra assistance to a worthy cause, and that it would be treated as supplementary to the usual monthly quota sent through the Government by the Belgian Association. Efforts were made to secure the Government subsidy of £ for £, but unfortunately the Government cannot see its way to give the grant for contributions outside the quota, and has replied to that effect. However, the amount is a handsome one as it stands, and it will be some time at once, a noteworthy testimony to the humanitarian energies of Mr. Rolleston and his guests. Following is a list of the subscriptions:—

|   | £   | s. | d. |
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| The Grand Hotel, Auckland—                                      |     |    |    |
| Mr. Eric Riddiford  | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. A. B. Williams  | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. H. B. Williams  | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. and Mrs. V. Riddiford                                       | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. J. R. Murphy  | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. H. E. Troutbeck   | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. G. L. Stead   | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. T. H. Lowry   | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mrs. T. H. Lowry  | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Proprietors Grand Hotel,<br>Messrs. Hancock & Co.,<br>and Staff | 100 | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. W. G. Stead   | 50  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. and Mrs. R. Allen   | 25  | 0  | 0  |
| A Friend  | 25  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Hugh Friedlander  | 20  | 0  | 0  |
| Hon. Mr. Fraser   | 10  | 10 | 0  |
| Mr. A. B. Carmichael  | 10  | 10 | 0  |
| Mr. Freedy  | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Turnbull  | 10  | 0  | 0  |
| Mrs. H. Friedlander   | 5   | 5  | 0  |
| Mr. W. Higgins  | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. K. S. Williams  | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. S. Merrikin   | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. H. Evans  | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. J. Bishop   | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. M. J. Friedlander   | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. M. A. Carr  | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Justice Stringer  | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Arthur Cleave   | 5   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. L. Whitcombe  | 4   | 3  | 0  |
| Mr. Jeffery   | 3   | 3  | 0  |
| Mr. A. C. Johnson   | 3   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. R. Young  | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| Mr. Whittingham   | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| Mrs. J. Mandel  | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| Mr. J. G. Rutherford  | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| Dr. Stevenson   | 2   | 2  | 0  |
| Dr. Palmer  | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Mr. C. A. Jeffery   | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Mr. and Mrs. Crow   | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Mr. Percy Nathan  | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Mrs. Percy Nathan   | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Mr. F. Diddams  | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Miss Mandel   | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Dr. Horton  | 1   | 1  | 0  |
| Mrs. Lakeman  | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Oxley   | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| Mr. Robinson  | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| (Total, £1254 11s.)   |     |    |    |

It will be remembered that last year Mr. Rolleston made a similar patriotic plea, urging that the money hitherto spent on the New Year festivities be expended in comforts for our soldiers at the front. The suggestion was spiritedly followed up, and £400 was immediately subscribed in the room, and later forwarded to General Godley, Cairo, for the benefit of our boys, the communication being gratefully acknowledged.

## HERE AND THERE.

Sir Thomas T. Ewing, a prominent Australian politician, is spending a holiday in the Dominion. He is accompanied by Lady Ewing and his daughter.

Mr D'Arcy Reid, contract manager for Australasia for the William Fox Film Company, is at present in New Zealand making arrangements for the release of several important William Fox Company films. After visiting the principal towns of the Dominion in this connection Mr Reid leaves for China, Japan, India and Java in the interests of the company he represents.

Corporal E. Douglas Duthie, son of Mr E. F. Duthie, of Dunedin, has received the Military Medal for gallantry in the field.

Mr J. Allan Macdonald, who is well known in theatrical circles in New Zealand, has been appointed general manager of the South Taranaki Amusement Company.

A request is to be made to the Minister by the Wanganui Acclimatisation Society to declare from May 1 to July 31, 1917, an open season for shooting imported game (cock pheasants, Californian quail and hares), and native game (grey duck, teal duck and pigeons), also fallow deer. The society will also ask the Government to declare Hipango Park and Matipo Park sanctuaries for the protection of avifauna, native and imported game, including deer. The society has expended practically all its last year's revenue in purchasing and distributing pairs of pheasants and many yearling trout within the district, and the results were reported to be satisfactory. The deer licenses for the Wanganui district this year will be limited in number, it is stated in an exchange.

The Union Steamship Company has arranged for the Paloona to run the San Francisco service, replacing the Maitai, which was wrecked at Rarotonga.

Mr. J. B. Clarkson, managing director of Hope Gibbons, Sons and J. B. Clarkson, Ltd., has returned to Wellington after a business trip to the Australian States.

very cold, and a fierce wind prevailed. He previously had often followed parties to Humphries' Castle.

Following upon his recent tour of the Dominion, Mr. A. Winslow, American Consul, has prepared and forwarded to the Department of State at Washington 13 reports. These deal with such matters as the fruit, wool, coal, and timber industries, and special reports have also been sent in connection with the Ruakura State Farm, the State timber plantations at Rotorua, with which Mr. Winslow was particularly impressed.

Included in the guests at the Central Hotel, Auckland, last week were the following:—Mr. J. W. Fowler, Sydney; Mr. A. Allen, Sydney; Misses McClure, Dannevirke; Mr. F. Boyd, Melbourne; Mr. C. W. Broad, Feilding; Mr. J. J. Stevenson, Sydney; Mr. G. Hayley, Christchurch; Mrs. J. J. Stevenson, Sydney; Mr. O. M. Coverdale, Kaiwaka; Mr. and Mrs. Shrivies, Sydney; Mrs. Tweedale, Haines, Rotorua; Miss Mitchell, Sydney; Mrs. and Miss Edwards, Patea; Miss N. G. Hogan, Melbourne; Mr. C. B. Hallims, Wellington; Miss H. Selle, Sydney; Mr. A. C. Foddy, Christ-

The following were among the arrivals at the Grosvenor Hotel, Timaru, during the week:—Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Finemore, Christchurch; Mr. H. Halligan, Dunedin; Mr. P. Evans, Melbourne; Mr. J. G. Longuet, Christchurch; Mr. W. S. Green, Sydney; Mr. J. C. H. Somerville, Dunedin; Mr. E. G. F. Matthews, Wellington; Mr. F. M. Oldham, Dunedin; Mr. H. Anderson, Christchurch; Mr. B. B. Grange, Christchurch; Mr. Cyril Hill, Sydney; Mr. James Payne, Wellington; Mr. J. C. Rutherford, Dunedin; Mr. F. Laing, Melbourne; Mr. W. Scales, Christchurch; Mr. M. A. Powrie, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. G. Iles, Christchurch; Miss J. Iles, Christchurch; Mr. F. Eller, Wellington; Mr. G. H. Holford, Christchurch; Mr. W. Thomson, Dunedin; Mr. F. V. Lysaght, Geraldine; Mr. S. T. Hinckman, Christchurch; Mr. H. P. Dobbs, Christchurch; Mrs. J. M. Gorton, Christchurch; Miss Gorton, Christchurch; Mr. T. H. Duncan, Christchurch; Mr. O. M. Parsons, Melbourne; Mrs. M. B. Honeywood, and Master Honeywood, Lumsden; Miss Adamson, Lumsden; Mr. J. Pearson, Christchurch; Mr. J. Shaw, Dunedin; Mr. A. W. Cramp, Christchurch; Mr. James Amess, Opawa; Mr. Leonard Prebble, Christchurch; Mr. E. E.



DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES IN AN ALSATIAN SCHOOL IN A TOWN RECENTLY RECAPTURED BY THE FRENCH FROM THE GERMANS.

Mr. H. C. Stoddart, manager in New Zealand for the British Dominions General Insurance Company, is making a visit to the company's head office in London. He expects to return next June.

The death occurred at Dannevirke recently of Mr Henry Gasford, aged 75 years. Deceased who was a large landowner at Orangi, and a well-known sportsman, was one of the earliest residents of Hawke's Bay.

Mr. J. A. Roberts, who has come from the United States to enquire into the prospects of farming in New Zealand, is in Christchurch. He will spend several months in the Dominion before returning to his home in San Joaquin Valley, California.

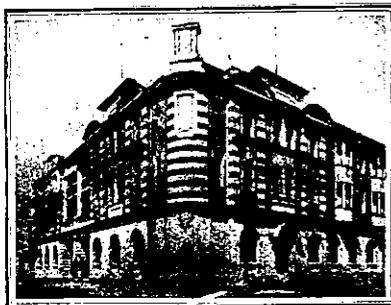
Efforts are being made to provide a room at the Rotorua Sanatorium to be used as a workshop by returned soldiers in carrying on basket-making, wood-carving, and other work. The Hon. G. W. Russell, Minister for Internal Affairs, paid a brief visit to Rotorua, and visited the institution to see a proposed site for the room. He requested that an estimate of the cost might be forwarded.

A pet kitten, from the Mountain House at Mount Egmont, Taranaki, followed a party of tourists to the summit last week, after scrambling for 2000ft through snow. "Ginger" had his photo taken on the summit, and was carried back to the hostel by Mr. Williams. He is now to have a first class collar and a silver medal affixed by his many admirers. The trip was

church; Mr. F. W. and Miss Mackwood, Colombo; Mr. R. F. Christie, Sydney; Mr. F. Marshall, Melbourne; Mr. J. Adair, Gisborne; Miss Jean Gardner, Ceylon; Mr. and Mrs. R. McMillan, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Haylock, England; Mr. and Mrs. W. Blackmor, Christchurch; Mr. J. Ross, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, California; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Russell, Bay of Islands; Mr. Randal-Martin, Melbourne; Dr. and Mrs. Crosby, Te Awamutu; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, Sydney; Mr. and Miss Heaton, Nelson; Mr. Ikehara, Yokohama, Japan; Mr. Dufaur, Hawke's Bay; Mr. S. Matsumara, Osaka, Japan; Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, Tauranga; Mr. P. A. Phillips, Melbourne; Mr. G. Duncaff, Whangarei; Mr. R. Young, Melbourne; Dr. P. Noonan, Hamilton; Mr. W. Milner, Otago; Mr. Henry Smith, Milton; Mr. E. Thompson, Sydney; Mr. W. Holmes, Otago; Mr. E. Thompson, Sydney.

Cayzer, Dunedin; Major-General Skerman, R.A.M.C., Marton; Lieut.-Col. Barcroft, R.A.M.C., Hastings; Mr. E. Cross, R.A.M.C.; Mr. E. C. Armistage, Christchurch; Mr. J. H. Browne, Dunedin; Mr. D. V. Gain, Dunedin; Mr. S. Jacobs, Christchurch; Mr. H. H. Foley, Christchurch; Mr. W. B. MacKenzie, Christchurch; Mr. Hillier, Wellington; Mr. E. H. Lund, Wellington; Mr. Charles B. Buxton, Wellington; Mr. G. S. Harrop, Dunedin; Mr. R. Fields, Wellington; Mr. H. Fenn, Cave; Mr. A. A. Fairbairn, Dunedin; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ford, Foxdown; Mrs. Brinsley, Dunedin; Mr. A. Gough, Sydney; Mr. R. L. Stewart, Auckland; Mr. John Rennie, Invercargill; Mr. A. Gilchrist, Dunedin; Mr. L. F. Browning, Christchurch; Mr. and Mrs. Sant and child, Paris; Col. Fulton, Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. M. McGillivray, Brisbane; Miss McGillivray, Brisbane; Masters McGillivray (2), Brisbane.

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