

SOCIAL ITEMS.

Miss Meta Neal arrived from "Stonington" early in the week where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Forster. She spent a few days with the Misses Stapleton before re-joining the staff of the District Hospital.

Miss Georgina Leach leaves for England by the White Star liner, *Medic*, leaving Sydney this morning. She will be a fellow passenger of Mr. and Mrs. D. Rollston, "Yelvertoft."

On Saturday afternoon last, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Miller, Racecourse Road, gave a tennis party in honour of Miss Armema Plant, when a very pleasant afternoon eventuated.

Miss Fitzharding, Sydney, was the guest of Mrs. J. Marsland for a few days. Yesterday her brother Dr. Fitzharding arrived from Winton, where he has been acting as local teacher, and together with his sister, went on to Townsville, and intend visiting the North before returning South.

Mr. G. J. Saunders, School of Mines, leaves next Monday to attend a conference in Rockhampton.

Mrs. Stuart Thompson, who has been the guest of the Hon. E. H. T. Plant and Mrs. Plant, Thornburgh left by last night's train for Hughenden, en route for Tabrax. She meets Mr. Thompson at Hughenden.

Miss Armema Plant, left by yesterday morning's early train for Townsville, where she joins the Wyroona and journeys to Rockhampton. She will be the guest of her uncle, Mr. G. J. Lever for a time, before going on to Sydney.

Miss May Wilson returned on Saturday from Pajingo, where she spent the past two months. Miss Violet Black came into town with her, and is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wilson.

Miss Elsie Prowse left yesterday morning en route for Rockhampton.

Miss Maud Williams left yesterday morning to catch the Wyroona in Townsville, and journey to Brisbane.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zillman left yesterday for Palm Islands.

Mr. William White leaves at the end of the week to attend a conference in Rockhampton.

Miss Mabel Estelle Ward, who is well known in Charters Towers as the daughter of Mr. E. Ward, left on Saturday by the Orvieto for London, where she intends to take up life as a singer. Her contralto voice will be remembered by those who heard her sing a little over a year ago at a concert given by her in this town. Before leaving Sydney, she was given a well "At Home" by Mrs. Usher, Waverley, when a number of the leading artists of Sydney were present, including Mrs. Constance Brandon, Usher, Cadogan, Miss Madge Grace Miller Ward, and Miss Lissa. Miss Mabel Estelle delighted the sixty-five guests with lovely contralto songs.

Mrs. Huxtable and family left Monday for Palm Islands.

Miss Anderson, Sellheim, left a week end in town as the guest of a Negro.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Gill, are here from Castlemaine, being at the Court House Hotel.

Mr. Gerard Williams, inspector, is in town staying at the Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Black, Pajingo returned last evening from their Southern trip. They are staying at the Crown Hotel.

Mr. Lempriere is in town staying at the Crown Hotel.

Hon. A. A. Davey, Brisbane, is amongst the visitors in town.

Mr. Max Graham of Bluff Downs was here for a day, en route for Geraldton.

Mr. Warde, Sydney, is amongst the visitors in town.

Mr. Riley is here from Winton at the Crown Hotel.

Mr. Ditchburn arrived yesterday from the South. He is the newly appointed manager to the Mount Lyell Mining Company.

Mrs. R. B. Taylor, Brisbane, left Sydney last Saturday by the Orvieto for London.

Mr. F. Warburton, of the Railway Department, Hughenden, has been transferred to Charters Towers.

Mr. E. Gelling, senr., who has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. T. Nash, Monaleigh, Parkes, N.S.W., returned home by the Grantala.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Rollinson, of Trafalgar Station, returned from their Southern trip, and were the guests of Mrs. T. Aldridge, Racecourse Road, for a few days, then returned to their home.

Mr. W. C. Ellis (Carse and Co.), taking advantage of Mr. John Carse's presence on the Towers, left by the Wodonga last evening on a short trip to Sydney, and probably on to the Blue Mountains or Tasmania.

Miss Coles (Cloncurry), spent a few days in Townsville last week.

Mrs. Barker (Oaks Hills Station), returned from a visit to Melbourne by the Wodonga last week.

The Misses E. and K. Holloway (Herberton), are spending a fortnight in Townsville as the guests of Mrs. Frodsham, at Bishop's Lodge.

There was a very large gathering at Pinkenba on Saturday week to say good-bye to Miss Katie Willcocks, who left by R.M.S. Orvieto for England, where she will be married to Dr. Lucas. Miss Willcocks is accompanied by her mother.

Mrs. and Miss Taylor (Pentlands), were visitors to Ayr for the Show, and stayed at the Delta Hotel.

Mrs. Stewart of Culgrough, (Scotland), with her nephew, Mr. MacRae, have taken a suite of rooms at the Queen's Hotel, Townsville, and intend staying for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Foxlee and Miss Foxlee, arrived from the South by the Wodonga, after a long holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Denman (Cloncurry), who have been visiting Mackay, returned by the Wodonga.

Our Hughenden correspondent writes:—Miss Daisy was entertained by her girlfriends at an afternoon tea on Friday last at the Bank of New South Wales. Messrs. Hedges and Cox received the guests. The tables were prettily decorated with chrysanthemums and asparagus. During the afternoon Miss Pratt, on behalf of the girls, presented Miss Price with a handsome silver set, cherub pattern. Miss Price feelingly responded. Those in attendance were:—Misses Pratt (3), Faithful, Kinson, Oxenham, Suter, Pen Scholes, Gillespie (2), Yearwood, Smith, Wilson (2), Wriggles; Dr. Wills; Messrs Frost, Woodbine, Atkinson, Amies, Payne, McCheane, Hamilton. Miss Price and her father left for Townsville on Sunday night on route for Brisbane where they intend to visit their relatives and friends.

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