

# ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIES of the ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

(Arrived too late for classification.)

**M**R. THOMAS AITCHISON is a native of Edinburgh, where he was born in 1860, and is the eldest son of Mr. Walter Aitchison, of that city. At an early age he entered the drapery house of Messrs. W. Renton & Co., Princes Street, where he served the usual term of apprenticeship. He then proceeded to London, and spent several years in the well-known house of Messrs. Marshall & Snelgrove. From there he wandered to Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, and ultimately found employment in King William's Town. Sixteen years ago he came to the Orange Free State, and was employed in general up-country stores, first in Bethulie and next in Vrede. Over nine years ago he started business in Thaba 'Nchu, and from a small beginning has worked up a business that is a leading feature of the town. Since Mr. Aitchison has been at Thaba 'Nchu he has always taken a great interest in the welfare of the town, and he has been for the past four years a prominent member of the Municipal Council.



MR. T. C. L. BERGSTEDT.

**M**R. JOHN BLAIR, Kroonstad, was born in Ayrshire, in 1875. He received a thorough classical training at the Ayr Grammar School, which enabled him on the termination of same to enter the National Bank of Scotland at Ayr as clerk. Here he remained for the following six years, when he was transferred to Glasgow, and two years later proceeded to London to

join the staff of the head office in Cannon Street. After six months in London he was sent to South Africa, landing at Cape Town in 1898, and becoming clerk in the head office there. Eighteen months later he proceeded to Kroonstad as accountant for fifteen months, when he returned to Cape Town. Fourteen months later, having received the appointment as manager to the bank's branch at Kroonstad, he proceeded thither, and at the present time still holds that appointment. Prior to Mr. Blair coming to South Africa, while in Scotland, he was successful in passing the Members and Associates Examinations of the Bankers' Institute of Scotland. He is a member of the Kroonstad Hospital Committee, and was for some time Chieftain of the Kroonstad Caledonian Society, of which he is still a member.

**M**R. JOHN GARDEN was born at Arbroath in the county of Fifeshire, Scotland, in the year 1869, and is the eldest son of the late John Garden, Rector of the Arbroath Academy, Scotland. Having completed his education at the public school in Murrayshire he first joined the Caledonian Banking Company of Rothes, in Scotland, and some three years later, in the year 1880, he came to South Africa to fill a position granted him in Scotland as clerk in the Port Elizabeth branch of the Bank of Africa, and for the subsequent four years held various positions in the branches of his bank, both in the Cape Colony, Free State and Natal. In the year 1890 he joined the National Bank of the Orange Free State as manager to the Winburg branch, and since that date has continued to hold such position, his connection with the banking business thus covering no less a period than twenty-four years.

Mr. Garden has for a considerable number of years been a Freemason, and for the past ten years has been a Past Master of the Lodge Unity of Winburg and still takes a keen interest in all masonic matters, and is a corresponding member of the *Ars Quatuor Coronati* Lodge, No. 2096 of London. Mr. Garden is an Associate of the Institute of Bankers in South Africa, and his club is the Winburg.

In the year 1888 he married Anna, second daughter of K. J. de Kok, Esq., of Johannesburg.

**T**HIS book would be incomplete without the inclusion of a short sketch of some of our principal farmers, and there can be no doubt that Mr. W. B. GRADWELL holds a premier position.

Son of Mr. William Gradwell, of Lighthall, Alverstone, Lancashire, he was born in Albany in 1841, came to the Free State in 1865, travelled through the Transvaal and beyond, hunting and trading, finally settling down to farming in the district of Bloemfontein.

Not only is "Farmer Will," as he is familiarly called, the leading farmer in the district, but he is also a great reader, especially on agricultural subjects. He is no mean exponent with the pen, and many interesting articles have appeared in the Press under the *nom de*

plume of "Pat Grum," "Farmer Will," and "Button Short." Among others a well thought out article on irrigation, advocating the use of the flood waters of the Caledon, Modder, and Vet Rivers up to the Vaal on to the intervening land by canals was warmly commented upon by the late editor of the "Bloemfontein Express," Mr. Carl Borkenhagen, who wrote *inter alia*, "Not only our thanks, but the thanks of every burgher of the State are due to Mr. Gradwell for the trouble he has taken in thinking out the scheme, by which his fellow men will be greatly benefited."

Mr. Gradwell owns about 20,000 morgen of the best land in the Bloemfontein district, he and his sons farming on an extensive scale, often 2,000 to 3,000 acres being under cultivation, and even in this terrible season over 3,000 bags of potatoes have already been gained. Ever in the van in introducing new seeds and up-to-date machinery, stock-breeding is also carefully watched, and the best bred horses, cattle and sheep can be seen on his farms. Cattle breeding with Frieslanders is Mr. Gradwell's favourite pursuit, and he has imported the best that money can buy from England, Holland, and the United States. He has won a great number of prizes, and intends exhibiting on a larger scale in future. Needless to say, Mr. Gradwell is a good judge of stock, and for many years he has acted as judge at the Port Elizabeth, Rosebank, and Durban Agricultural Shows, often judging singly.

Owing to a breakdown in health, Mr. Gradwell now resides partly at East London, but chatting with him a few days ago he declared that he loved this dry landscape still, and always longs to return to his farm from his beautiful home in the lovely suburbs of the coast, where old Free Staters always receive a warm welcome. His health has much improved lately. It may also be mentioned that in his time Mr. W. B. Gradwell was one of the best shots in the Orange Free State, and was for many years President of the Rifle Association.

Leading a strenuous life, Mr. Gradwell never sought political life, though he takes a keen interest in local and home politics.

Mr. Gradwell married Miss M. E. Usher, also a child of a British settler. They have five sons and three daughters; the eldest, Mr. B. J. Gradwell, now manages the farming operations, and they are all worthy sons of a worthy father.

FEW men in the O.R.C. can claim to have done more for the town of his adoption than the subject of our sketch, Mr. ROBERT GIBSON, J.P., of Harrismith. A South African by birth, being born in Natal in the year 1856, he is the fourth son of the late R. T. Gibson, Esq., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. He was educated at the Maritzburg College, and after the completion of his studies he entered the service of the Natal Bank there, and remained with that institution for some three years, when he went to Kimberley, but that place not suiting his health he came to Harrismith, which in those days was quite a small dorp, and was appointed manager for F. C. Mandy, general merchants, and remained with this firm till the year 1883, when he started in business in partnership with Mr. Payne. They traded together as general merchants until the retirement of Mr. Payne in the year 1897, since which date Mr. Gibson has carried on

the business on his own account. For the last twenty years he has been a member of the Council, and during all this period has been one of the most active members of that bodyguard. During the time he has served on the Council waterworks have been erected at a cost of some £20,000, and these can be considered second to none in South Africa. It was Mr. Gibson who conceived the idea of water storage on the top of the Plaatberg having a capacity of some 80,000,000 gallons, and his scheme was carried against much opposition. It was on his suggestion that the proposed town hall is about to be put in hand at a cost of £25,000. Another great improvement that has taken place in the town during the past five years is the installation of electric light, and the great sanitary improvements and street drainage. Mr. Gibson can justly lay claim to being one of the oldest residents in the town and we find him naturally vice-president of most of the local athletic clubs, and among the most popular members of the Harrismith Club. He is an excellent example of an all-round sportsman. In the year 1884 he married a daughter of the late Dudley Sadler, Esq., of Kimberley, and has issue five children.

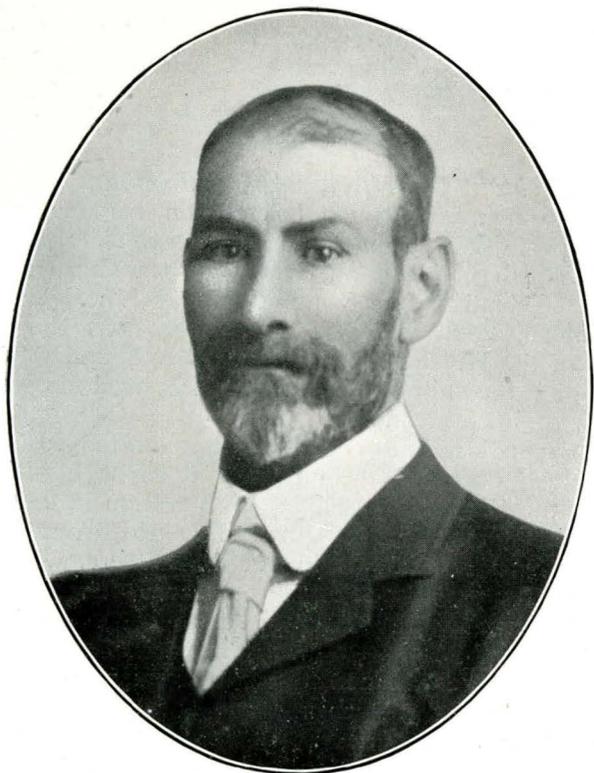
MR. RICHARD WESTERN HODGIN comes from the Garden County of Kent, England. He was born at Woolwich in the year 1868. He first launched out into life by entering the English Civil Service in the Admiralty Office in the year 1882, and was afterwards in the English Education Office. Four years later he received an appointment as second division clerk in the National Department Office, where he remained till the year 1897, when, owing to ill-health, he retired on a pension, and set sail for South Africa, where he entered the banking business as clerk to the Standard Bank of South Africa, at King William's Town. In January 1904 he proceeded to the Orange River Colony to take up the duties under his present appointment as manager of the bank's branch at Ladybrand, since which date he has continued to fill that position. Mr. Hodgin takes a keen interest in all forms of manly sport, and is the popular Chairman of the local Athletic Association, and being an enthusiastic golfer, has done much to keep up this branch of sport in the district.

In 1901 he married Annie, second daughter of the late George Sadler, Esq., of Lechlade, Gloucestershire.

MR. PETRUS JACOBUS KOLBE was born at Kaalspruit, in the Bloemfontein District, in the year 1852, and is the fourth son of the late J. G. Kolbe, Esq., of Cape Colony. Leaving school at an early age, he joined his father, with whom he carried on farming till the year 1886; he then bought a farm on the Mud River in the Bloemfontein District, and continued to work on it till the outbreak of the late Boer War, when he joined General Wessels, and later, under General Prinsloo, saw some of the heaviest fighting during that long campaign, being present at such fights as Belmont, Graspan, Magersfontein and Kimberley. Mr. Kolbe is evidently endowed with a charmed life, as during the whole time he was in the field he was only once wounded with a fragment of a shell. On the termination of hostilities he returned to his farm, only to find it barren, all his cattle and stock having been taken, and thus left, he decided

to sell his farm and return to live quietly in Brandfort. Mr. Kolbe is a keen member of the Municipal Council, and is also a member of the National School Committee.

In the year 1883 he married Margaret, fourth daughter of the late J. W. Louw, of Bloemfontein, and had issue five children.



MR. P. J. KOLBE.

**D**R. BERNHARD OTTO KELLNER, the oldest and highly respected practitioner in the Orange River Colony, was born in Charlottenburg, Germany, in 1836.

He passed the medical examinations of M.D. and C.M. in Berlin, and commenced practice in Bloemfontein in 1863; was Medical Officer to the Burgher forces during the Basuto War, and rendered good service to the sick and wounded.

The Doctor always took a leading part in the public institutions of the capital, and, to enumerate a few, represented Fauresmith, Hoopstad, and Ladybrand in the Free State Volksraad for many years; Town Councillor from the commencement, and nine years Mayor of the town; Medical Officer of the National (or "Volks") Hospital; Member of the Committee of the National Museum; and Curator of the Lunatic Asylum.

Dr. Kellner was German Consul for ten years, represented this Colony at the King's Coronation, met the Prince and Princess of Wales at Cape Town, and took part in almost all important Commissions on behalf of the Free State; was one of the signatories of the Agreement with the late Cecil Rhodes for the building of the main line of railway; and in order to prevent the destruction of Bloemfontein, was one of the three who drove Lord Roberts into that town on the 13th March 1900.

Dr. Kellner married Miss Oelrich, of Graaf Reinet, and has three sons and three daughters; one of the sons being a doctor practising in Bloemfontein, another an engineer, and the youngest a farmer in the district of Ladybrand.

The Doctor has taken a large share in working for the development and prosperity of Bloemfontein, and even to-day, although he has retired from practice, is always ready and willing to give his valuable advice and assistance whenever required, his latest noble action being the giving of free lectures on midwifery.

Dr. Kellner resides at his beautiful residence, No. 95, Aliwal Street, and although he has passed the allotted span, all residents of the capital, old and young, earnestly hope that he will yet be spared for many years to enjoy the fruits of his labour on behalf of the whole community.

**M**R. RYNHOLDT ANTONIE ERNEST KLERCK was born in Cape Town in the year 1861, and is the youngest son of the late Mr. W. Klerck, of Cape Town. He was educated at the well-known South African College, Cape Town, and on leaving that institution started life by entering the firm of Messrs. William Duncan & Co., where he remained for the following nine years, when he decided on the banking business, and accordingly became clerk in the Cape Town branch of the Bank of Africa. In the year 1888 he was transferred to the Johannesburg branch, remaining in that city till the year 1890, when he returned to Cape Town. Three years later he was promoted to accountant in the branch at Paarl, subsequently holding various positions at Cape Town, Fauresmith, and Johannesburg. His next promotion was to the position of manager to the Paarl branch, remaining three months before proceeding to Cradock as acting-manager. Six weeks later he received his present appointment as manager to the Ladybrand branch, and still retains his position there; his total services with the bank covering no less a period than nineteen years. Taking a keen interest in church matters, he is the treasurer of the Wesleyan Church.

In 1904 he married Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. P. J. Naude, of Ladybrand, and has one child.

**M**R. WILLIAM LAMBON, Town Councillor, was born at Burton-on-Trent, England, in 1867, and at an early age was appointed to the famous gunmakers, Messrs. W. W. Greener & Co., St. Mary's Square, Birmingham, and, later, C. G. Bonehill, Birmingham. In 1889 he sailed for South Africa, and immediately proceeded to Kimberley, and joined the well-known gunmaker, Mr. A. P. Walshe, where he stayed five years. Young and full of energy, Mr. Lambon determined to strike out for himself, and in 1895 established what is now a lucrative business in Bloemfontein, and occupies his present position through honest perseverance and sterling hard work. A keen sportsman, he was one of the founders of the Ramblers' Social Club, was instrumental in the formation of the Bloemfontein Cycling Club, and, previous to the war, was secretary of the Rifle Club.

As a Town Councillor he has taken up a thoroughly independent position, and sometimes puzzles those in authority by asking pertinent questions, and, what is more, does not rest until he receives a satisfactory reply.

Mr. Lambon enjoys the confidence of a large section of the ratepayers, and is familiarly known as the "People's William."

His flourishing business is on the Market Square.

**F**EW men have given up more time to the town of their adoption than Dr. PIETER de VILLIERS MOLL, of Kroonstad, for it was mainly due to the efforts of this gentleman that Kroonstad can boast of one of the best water schemes of any town in the Colony, which was carried out by Messrs. Harcombe Bros., of Cape Town, at a total cost of some £7,000. Dr. Moll is a South African by birth, being born at Paarl, Cape Colony, in the year 1856, and is the second son of the late P. D. Moll, Esq., of that town. He received his primary education at the Boys' Public School at Paarl, under the tutorship of the late Dr. Hoffmann, M.L.A. for Paarl, and later, in the year 1876, he matriculated at the Cape University. He then proceeded to Edinburgh University, which he entered as a medical student, and during the six years that he was there he took his degree as M.B., M.Ch. Edinburgh University. Owing to ill-health Dr. Moll was unable to remain in England long enough to take his degree there and returned to South Africa in 1883, and landed at Cape Town, where he acted as locum tenens for the late Dr. Hoffmann for a few months before proceeding to Kroonstad, where he set up in practice in April 1884 and has been ever since.

Dr. Moll has been a member of the Council since the year 1887, and under the late Government he was Mayor of the town for four years and is at the present time Deputy-Mayor, Vice-President of the Amateur Dramatic Society, Swimming Club, Cricket Club and a member of the Boating Club. Dr. Moll was in addition a foundation member of the Kroonstad Club.

In the year 1885 he married a daughter of the late Rev. Van de Wall, first Minister of the Dutch Reform Church, Bloemfontein and late of Paarl, Cape Colony, and has issue five children. Dr. Moll has been a resident in Kroonstad since 1884.

**M**R. HUGH McDONALD, one of the hard-working members of the Council of the rising town of Harrismith, is a son of the "Land o' Cakes," being born on the estate of Alexander Maclean, in Argyllshire, in the year 1855, and is the second son of the late Alexander McDonald. For three years after completing his studies he was with the firm of Messrs. Maclean, of Argyll, before he went as apprentice to the joiners' trade, to Glensburg, Dumbartonshire, and after serving for five years, he proceeded to Canada and was in Ottawa during the greater part of his time. Owing to ill-health, he was forced to return home, when he was appointed traveller for a large timber firm in Scotland, and remained with them till the year 1881, when he decided to come out to South Africa. He started business as joiner in Maritzburg, but remained there for only a short time, when he, in partnership with Mr. Forbes, bought a business in Ladysmith, and was there for some nine years before coming to Harrismith, in the year 1890, and starting as millers and timber merchants. During the late Anglo-Boer struggle, Mr. McDonald was confined in a cell by the Boers for refusing to serve. He is an ardent Mason, and was for two years W.M. of the Southern Cross Lodge, Harrismith; and during the British occupation of the

town had the honour of initiating many distinguished men in Freemasonry, amongst others, Colonel Lloyd, of the 2nd Grenadier Guards. He is one of the Chieftains of the Caledonian Society, Chairman of the Market Committee, and a member of the Waterworks Committee. In the year 1891 he married a daughter of the late Alexander Hardie, of Port William, Scotland, whose sad demise occurred in November 1905. Mr. McDonald has been a resident in Harrismith for the past sixteen years, and is greatly respected by all who have the pleasure of knowing him. He is a member of the Harrismith Club.

**M**R. HAY STEWART MACKINTOSH, who like so many Scotsmen has chosen banking as his profession, hails from the town of Abroath in the North of Scotland, where he was born in the year 1866, and is the youngest son of the late John Mackintosh, Esq., who for many years was the head master of the Hill School in Arbroath, and under whose able tuition the subject of these notes received the greater portion of his education.

His school training being a thing of the past, Mr. Mackintosh occupied the next five years of his life as clerk in the Clydesdale Banking Corporation in the town of his birth, subsequently proceeding to Inverkeithing as teller and accountant in the bank there, where he remained for the succeeding three years. He was then, in the year 1889, sent to South Africa in the employ of the Bank of Africa, and proceeding to Port Elizabeth joined the bank's branch there, subsequently receiving appointments at the Durban, Cape Town, Delagoa Bay, and Johannesburg branches. In the year 1895 he joined the National Bank of South Africa at Johannesburg, where he remained for some two years before being transferred to Klerksdorp, as manager to the branch establishment there. Whilst stationed in Klerksdorp, Mr. Mackintosh was a member of the Hospital Board, and being present during the period of the Anglo-Boer struggle, tells of the occasion when his bank was held up and how on many occasions great difficulty was experienced in safeguarding the bank's assets, comprising a very large amount. However, they were skilfully got away to a safe hiding place, to be taken back when the danger was past.

In 1901 he left Klerksdorp and took a deserved holiday to Scotland, and on his return some six months later proceeded to Zeerust, and there re-opened the bank and took up the reins of management. Some five months later he went to Bloemfontein and opened the first branch of his bank in the Orange River Colony, which has been a success and is now one of the most important branches in the service. Since then he has held the responsible position of manager.

Mr. Mackintosh is an Associate of the Institute of Banks in South Africa, and a member of the Bloemfontein Club.

In the year 1895 he married a daughter of J. Koller, Esq., of Cape Town and of the union has issue three children.

**M**R. HASTINGS FITZEDWARD PEET, the well-known City Engineer of Bloemfontein, is a native of Ireland, having been born at Arabella, County Kerry, in the year 1865, and is the eldest son of H. F. Peet, Esq., of that county. The early

days of his scholastic training were spent at the Midland College, in the County of Cork, but owing to a serious football accident he was unfortunately obliged to continue his studies under private tutorship. In 1886 he travelled to Australia, where he became employed on the engineering staff for the construction of the Horsham-Natamuck Railway, and afterwards on the construction of the Sandhurst and Heathcote Railway. Returning to Ireland in the year 1889, he became apprenticed to Mr. G. A. E. Hickson, a well-known Civil Engineer of Tralee, remaining with him for the following six years, and subsequently for a number of years was employed in drainage and waterwork schemes in various parts of Ireland. In 1897 he proceeded to South Africa, and on arriving in the new country received the appointment as resident engineer of the Burghersdorp Waterworks, where he remained for the subsequent twelve months. He was then appointed to the position of resident engineer on the Sanna's Post Waterworks, and on that scheme reaching completion he was appointed to his present responsible position as City Engineer for Bloemfontein, a position he has successfully filled since the year 1889.

Mr. Peet is a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers, member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, member of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and a member of the Incorporated Association of Municipal and County Engineers.

Since 1890 Mr. Peet has been a Freemason, and is a member of the Rising Star Lodge of Bloemfontein, holding the position of Royal Arch Mason.

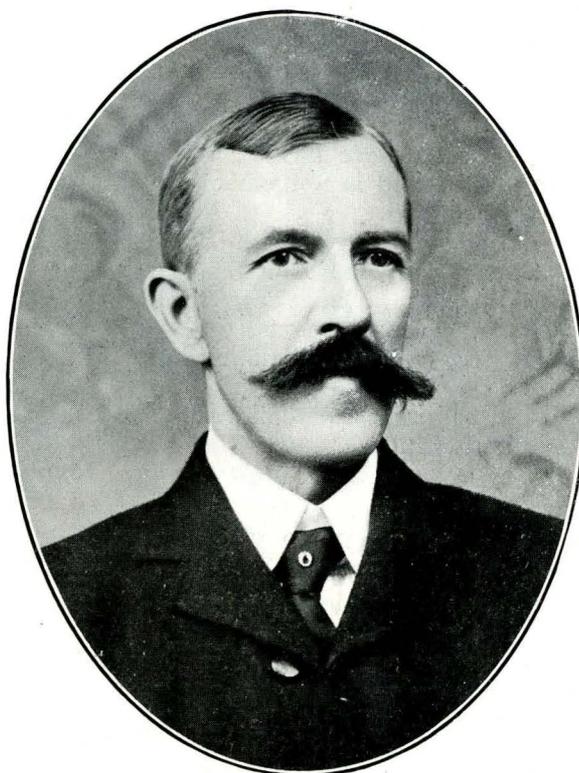
He is a member of both the Ramblers and Bloemfontein Clubs.

In the year 1886 he married a daughter of the late George Massy Hewson, Esq., of County Kerry, Ireland, and has issue five children.

**M**R. WILFRED ROGERS SANBEY hails from the Old Country, being born in Manchester, and was educated at Old Trafford School. On the completion of his studies he entered his father's firm as traveller for the Midlands until the year 1876, when he set out for South Africa, entering the firm of J. O. Smith & Co., general merchants, of Port Elizabeth, with which firm he remained for the following twelve years as salesman. On the liquidation of this firm, Mr. Sanbey was appointed to wind up the up-country branches for the firm, finally taking over the Ladybrand branch of the business on his own account, and since the year 1893 he has carried on a successful business there. For the past year Mr. Sanbey has represented the town on the Municipal Council. During the late Anglo-Boer War he was a member of the Town Guard at Ladybrand, and was captured by the Boers and fined £37 10s., or three months' imprisonment, for refusing to fight against the British forces, but was in the end released. He was one of the chief movers in supporting the scheme for bringing the railway from Modderport to Ladybrand, the Town Council guaranteeing half the interest on the loan in conjunction with the Orange River Colony Government.

**M**R. JAMES STRANG, the popular editor of the "Kroonstad Times," was born in Ayre, Scotland, but spent his early years on the banks of Loch Lomond. He commenced his career in Glasgow, but some sixteen years ago migrated to London, having then

already made his mark in the literary world as a writer of magazine articles and verse. During the time he spent in London he was for several years the London correspondent of the "Dumbarton and Lennox Herald," and later became a "London Letter" writer to the "Glasgow Herald" and "Edinburgh Evening News," and in addition has contributed in no small way to several of the leading London newspapers and magazines. He is the author of two volumes of verse and a novel entitled "A Lass of Lennox." During Lord Rosebery's administration Mr. Strang became private secretary to the Solicitor-General for Scotland. At the General Election of 1900 Mr. Strang was unanimously invited by the Liberals of Greenock to stand for Parliament, but declined. He, however, took an active platform part during the elections in the west of Scotland. In May 1902, on the advice of his doctor, he set sail for South Africa together with his family, and on landing he was offered and accepted the editorship of the "Cradock



MR. J. STRANG.

Observer," holding that position till July 1903, when he accepted the editorship of the "Kroonstad Times." He is the chief of the Caledonian Society in Kroonstad, chairman of the local Amateur Operatic Society, chairman of the Sick and Provident Society of Kroonstad, president of St. Andrew's Guild, and in addition is a member of the local Library Committee. In 1889 he married Ellen, daughter of the late Alexander Vallance, Esq., of Cumnock, in Ayrshire, Scotland. His club is the National Liberal, London.

**D**R. THOMAS CHRISTOPHER VISSER, M.D., comes from the town of Fauresmith, in the Orange River Colony, where he was born in the year 1871, and is the second son of the late G. P. Visser, Esq., who for many years was Chairman of the Orange Free State Volksraad during the Brand Presidency. His

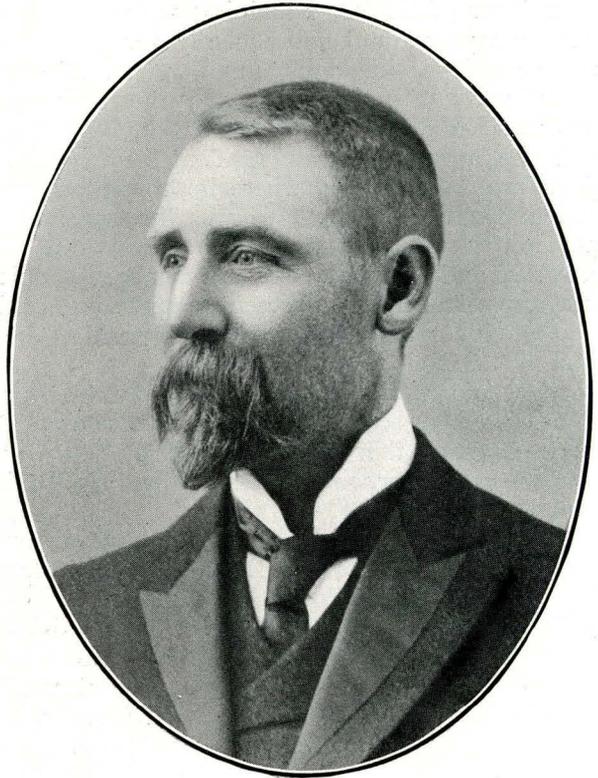
educational days were spent primarily at Graaf Reinet, and subsequently at the South African College at Cape Town, from which institution he successfully matriculated in the year 1888. He then proceeded to Europe and studied medicine at the Durham University, University College, London, and the Rotunda Hospital in Dublin. Having duly qualified in the year 1893, he returned to his native land, and proceeding to Johannesburg, there received the appointment as Medical Officer of Health, which position he retained until the British occupation in 1900. The following year Dr. Visser was sentenced by court-martial for alleged misprision of treason to fourteen years' penal servitude. This sentence, however, was commuted to two years' hard labour. On the occasion of the Coronation of King Edward VII., after a period of but six months' imprisonment he was released, principally through the exertions of his old friend General Louis Botha. After a short spell in Johannesburg Dr. Visser proceeded to the Orange River Colony, settling in the town of Winburg, where he has since carried on his professional duties.

In the year 1905 he was elected a member of the Municipal Council, and included among his various memberships are those of the Farmers' Association and the Orangia Union. He has been a Freemason for a number of years, and is a member of the De Villiers Lodge of England. During the late Anglo-Boer struggle Dr. Visser served with the Boer Forces as Medical Officer with the Ambulance Corps, and was present at Ladysmith, Elandsplaagte, Colenso, Spion Kop, and various other engagements.

In the year 1895 he married Christine, eldest daughter of the late Mr. J. C. Hatsall, of Birkenhead, England, and has issue two children. He is a member of the Winburg Club.

**M**R. ALBERT COOPER WOODWARD, J.P., the present Assistant Collector of Customs for the Orange River Colony, is from the Old Country, being born in the parish of Camberwell, in the year 1861, and is the second son of A. C. Woodward, Esq., of Streatham. His primary education was conducted privately, and subsequently at Dr. Yeats' High School, Peckham. Mr. Woodward, on the completion of his studies, entered the commercial world in the service of the Northern Assurance Company, London, in which he

continued for fourteen years, but at the end of this period resigned his position in consequence of ill-health. After a visit to Australia, he settled in South Africa, landing at Durban in the year 1890. In 1891 he entered the Government Service as statistical clerk at Harrismith, and remained there until, three years later, he was promoted to the position of chief clerk of the Customs Department and transferred to Bloemfontein. In 1903



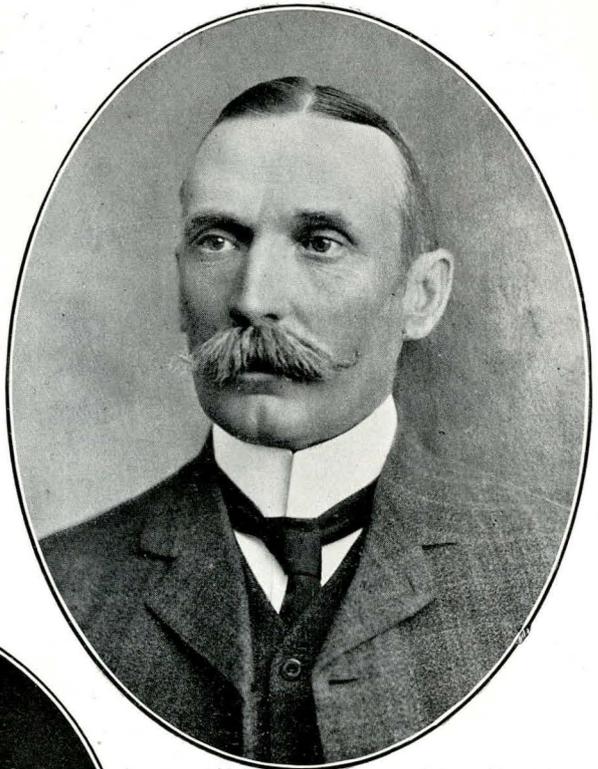
MR. A. C. WOODWARD.

he was promoted to his present position of Assistant Collector of Customs. Until recently he was on the executive of nearly all the sporting clubs of Bloemfontein, but pressure of work has compelled him to give up most of these. He is Vice-President of the Bloemfontein Golf Club, and was for seven years its popular Hon. Secretary. He is a member of the United Service Club, and Ramblers' and Tennis Clubs.

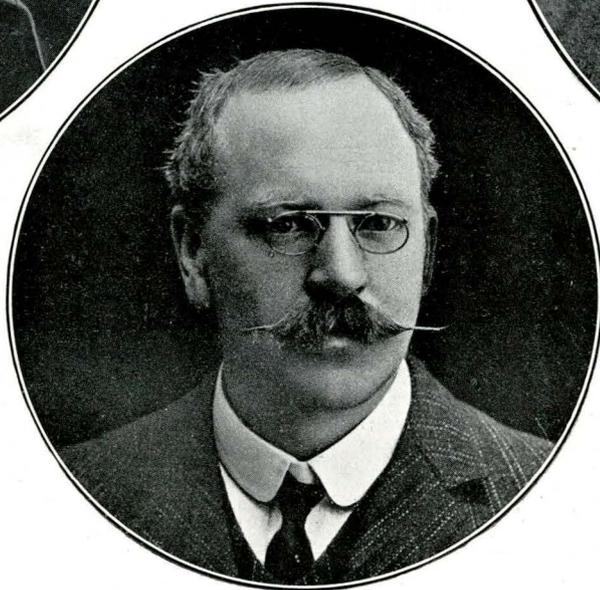




Mr. HUGH McDONALD  
Orange River Colony.



Mr. ROBERT GIBSON,  
Harrismith, O.R.C.



Mr. H. S. MACKINTOSH,  
Bloemfontein, O.R.C.

## General CHRISTIAN RUDOLF de WET.

GENERAL de WET, who has seen some fifty-five summers, is of Dutch extraction, and was born in the south-eastern district of the Orange River Colony. He belongs to the Boer farming class, and is of a rather silent disposition. In social intercourse, however, he is genial and good-humoured, and has the reputation of being a capital story-teller. A man of considerable local influence, he at one time represented Lydenburg in the Volksraad at Pretoria. He fought in the war of 1880-81, and was in the field from the commencement of hostilities till the proclamation of peace during the South African war of 1899-1902, entering the Heilbron Commando as an ordinary burgher, but being elected vice-commandant on the date the Ultimatum expired. The skill and boldness he displayed at Nicholson's Nek attracted President Steyn's attention, and shortly before the battle of Magersfontein he found himself second in command to General Cronje of the Orange Free State contingent, and was placed in command of the burghers investing Kimberley. His capture of the convoy at Waterval and his gallant attempt to relieve Cronje at Paardeberg were the prelude to his appointment as Commandant-General of the Free State

forces. His signal victory over Broadwood's command at Sanna's Post, and his capture of a force belonging to General Gatacre's division at Reddersburg, will long be remembered.

De Wet's familiarity with the topography of the country, excellent field intelligence, mobility, and daring, gave the greatest trouble to the British forces; and the proclamation of peace shortly after his capture of Colonel Firman's camp at Tweefontein relieved the British of one of the most resourceful, energetic and capable leaders that had opposed the British arms in South Africa.

Amongst other noteworthy engagements he fought may be mentioned those with Colonel Dartwell, Major Pitcher, Colonel Byng, Colonel Wilson, General Knox, and General Elliott, and those at Blaubank, Bothaville, Dewetsdorp, Ficksburg, Heilbron, Kroonstad, Ladybrand, Poplar's Grove, Waterfall Drift, and Wepener.

General de Wet will long be remembered in the annals of the South African war as a born leader and true patriot. He has written a book entitled "Three Years War," for which he received £10,000. He is the father of twelve children, and his two eldest sons fought with him in the war.

**M**R. HUGH GUNN was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, on the 20th May 1870, and educated at Aberdeen Grammar School, of which he was Dux, and at Aberdeen and Edinburgh Universities. During his school and university career he won many prizes and scholarships, being at the university first prizeman in



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English Literature, second in Latin, and third in Greek, &c. Also attended Gray's Inn, London, where he was Bacon Scholar in Constitutional and Legal History, and where he was also awarded a special prize for an essay on a subject of historical research.

In 1901 he volunteered to assist in the organisation of education in the new South African Colonies, and was sent out by the Colonial Office in the beginning of 1902. He had considerable experience of educational work in the refugee camps, living under canvas for about a year. Early in August 1902 he was asked to act as Assistant Director of Education, during the absence of the Assistant Director on leave, Mr. E. B. Sargent being at that time Director of Education for both the new Colonies. On the 1st of February 1904 he was appointed Director of Education for the Orange River Colony, with a seat in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Gunn played for the First Rugby Eleven of Aberdeen Grammar School, and was chairman of the Swimming Club; member of the Aberdeen University Shinty Club (first twelve); founder and captain of the Edinburgh University Shinty Club, and of various other clubs; captain of the Brora Golf Club; member of the Royal Dornoch, Tain, Bloemfontein and other Golf Clubs; runner-up for the South African Golf Championship in 1905 and 1906; holds the golf record of several courses, including Bloemfontein (Tempe and Town courses), 1905 and 1906, Brora (1905), &c.

Clubs: United Service and Bloemfontein.

**M**R. ARTHUR GODFREY BARLOW, one of the most promising young men this Colony has produced, is the second son of the late Mr. Alfred Barlow, and was born at Bloemfontein in 1876. Educated at St. Andrew's College, Grahamstown, in his early years he showed a fondness for literature, and when only a youth took his seat as a reporter for "The Friend" in the Volksraad Chamber, and at public meetings. On the republication of "The Friend" (which was stopped by order of Lord Roberts after the occupation), on the 11th of October 1902, Mr. Barlow edited and controlled that newspaper with conspicuous ability and pursued what he considered a wise policy under the new régime. On the formation of "The Friend Printing and Publishing Company, Limited," Mr. Barlow was prevailed upon to accept the post of General Manager, a position which he stills holds with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the directors. At the General Municipal Election, in 1904, Mr. Barlow was returned at the head of the poll, and was a straightforward and honest worker during his too short term of office. He was also a

member of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the School Board (appointed by the Government), Chairman of the O.R.C. Turf Club, and member of the Executive of the Jockey Club of South Africa, but owing to pressure of business he was compelled to resign all these positions a short time ago. Mr. Barlow is still a young man, but he will ere long (on the Colony receiving Responsible Government) be found in the foremost rank of our politicians. A great lover of manly sports, A. G. B. is always in the van in arranging football and cricket matches, and has lately become a fairly good hockey player. Mr. Barlow is married, and resides at Kelvedon, St. John's Street West.

**J**ACOBUS HENDRICK de la REY, ex-General of the Boer forces, served with great distinction through the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902. He represented the Lichtenburg district for three years in the Transvaal First Raad. During the war he defeated and captured Lord Methuen at Tweebosch in 1902, and afterwards took part in the peace negotiations.

**D**R. OTTO KRAUSE, medical practitioner at Bloemfontein, is the eldest son of the late Dr. C. J. G. Kraus, who practised at Bloemfontein for thirty-five years, and was physician to all the Presidents of the Orange Free State. Dr. Otto Krause was born at Bethany (at the time under the Orange River Sovereignty) in 1852, and first attended the Grey College. Thence he proceeded to Europe and completed his school education at Berlin. He studied medical science at the Berlin University and Vienna, and took the degree of M.D. in 1875. Since his return to the Orange Free State in 1877, Dr. Krause practised at Fauresmith and Philippolis, and for a short time at Edenburg. At the outbreak of the war the Doctor accompanied the Free State commandos to the district of Colesberg, and fitted up a complete ambulance, mostly at his own expense. He was present at the fight of the 6th of January 1900, when Colonel Watson was killed. Not only did Dr. Krause do excellent service to the wounded burghers, but treated the British wounded with such consideration that he received the following wire from General Clements (then in command of the British forces) on his return to Philippolis:—"From all I can gather, your treatment of British was all that could be desired." After the occupation he took up his abode at Bloemfontein, where he is now one of the leading physicians. The Doctor has always steered clear of politics, and devotes his time and energy solely to his profession. During twenty-nine years' practice in this Colony he has gained vast experience, especially in



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diseases peculiar to South Africa. In 1898 Dr. Krause wrote an essay on Rinderpest, which was published in the "South African Medical Journal," which has formed the basis upon which the treatment of that terrible disease is mostly conducted. Dr. Krause resides at his lovely villa at the foot of Naval Hill.

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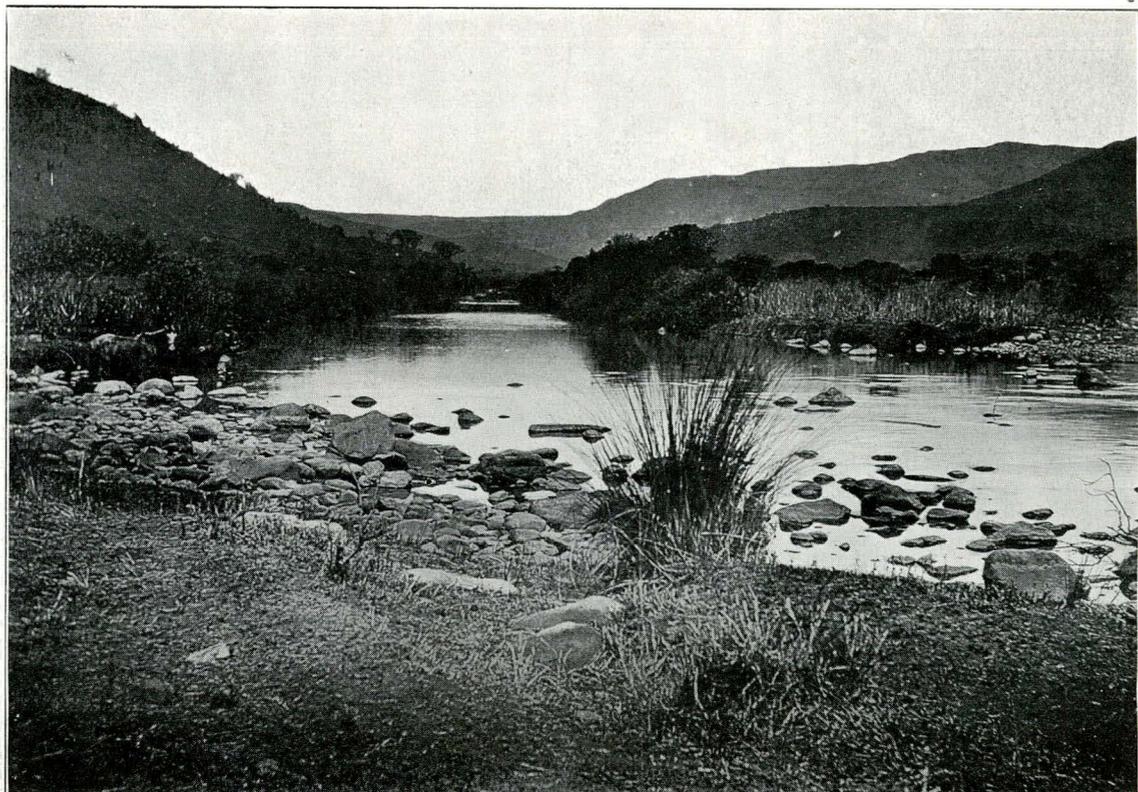
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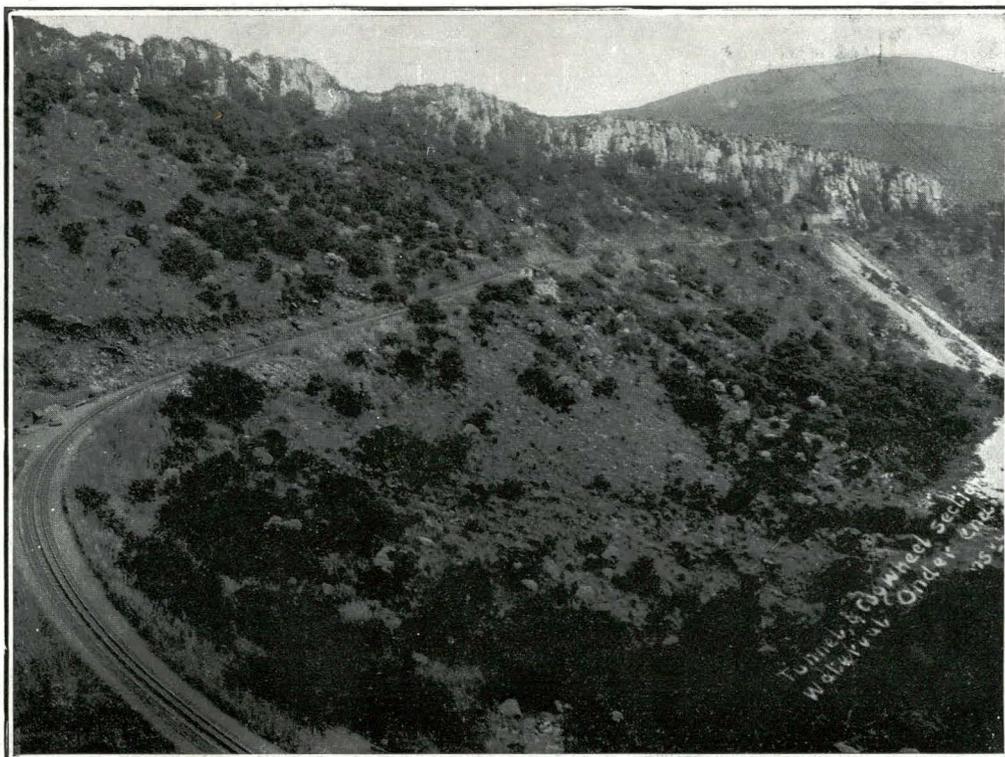
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SCENE IN JOHANNESBURG DURING DROUGHT, 1896.



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