

Notes of Trip to Wellington and Wauganui  
River taken by C. H. and M. Wridge during  
December - January 1901-1902. M. Wridge

Hastings and I left Port by the Sarawera at 10.30  
p.m. on Monday Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 1901. We had a cabin  
to ourselves, but were not happy all the same.

Got to Wellington at noon <sup>on 24<sup>th</sup></sup> and went to the  
Occidental Hotel, Arthur to join us there <sup>next day</sup> ~~to remain~~.  
for Christmas. Miss Partridge, Mr. Mansfield  
and Selby, also Mr. & Miss Jacobs called. In the  
evening we went about to see the shops.

1901. Christmas Day Occidental Hotel  
Hastings went to St Pauls in morn-  
ing and heard Bishop Wallis preach - I met  
the Kotomohana with Arthur on board - also Mr. Mans-  
field, coming to spend Christmas with his family.  
She got in at eleven, a Christ's College Cricket Team  
came up to play with ~~Hawkes Bay~~ <sup>Wellington</sup> &  
a College Team. Young Mr. Basil Coddrell came to stay  
at our hotel, which was pleasant for Arthur.

After a sumptuous dinner we went to the Kasin  
Reserve, and saw the Christ's College innings Clie  
for 220, and had tea with the teams at the  
room back of the Pavilion. In the evening  
went to see the Kathmans, finding all at home but Selby,

who has lately sat for her M. A. degree and  
is now enjoying a holiday in Auckland among  
friends.

### Hosing Day -

Hastings and Arthur spent the day  
either playing tennis or watching cricket matches -  
Albert Trott playing for Hawkes Bay. I began  
reading "The Crisis", doing lace work. In afternoon  
called on Mr. Mason who has just returned from  
England and is staying with Mr. Mantell, senior.  
Went also to see Miss Ellen Greenwood. In  
the evening we <sup>then</sup> went to "Florodora" at Opera House -  
House packed - Opera very pretty, and the burlesque  
of the Cartos excellent. Finished packing  
and said goodbye to Arthur, as we leave before 7 in  
the morning - and he goes back to work and Ulaupowan  
by evening's steamer. We have had two happy days  
together.

Porters Hotel, Wauganui, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Arrived here soon after three,  
quite exhausted by the tough days' travelling -  
Saw Susie Mortimer, nee Hoyle at Aramohe Junction, and  
arranged to go and see them on Sunday afternoon.