

GRAPHOLOGY

JULIET.—Your handwriting, although so clear and legible, is most difficult to delineate, nevertheless I detect no traces of a desire to dissimulate on your part. You are, on the contrary, very sincere, and, to a certain extent, candid and ingenuous, but there are so many signs of prudence and reticence that you never commit yourself by making rash promises, or stand in danger of saying more than you intend, although you speak without hesitation and straight to the point, and sometimes with a tinge of sarcasm. You are self-reliant, independent, and severely practical. Imaginative caprice you regard with strong dislike and contempt. Your own will is resolute and determined. You are impatient of restraint, and freedom in thought and action are essential to your happiness. Your affection is very warm, but no secondary position will content you. Self-sacrificing love, which gives all and expects no return, does not find favour in your eyes, you do not understand it, and you are suspicious of anything which contains a mystery.

MARGARET.—The resemblance between your handwriting and the calligraphy of Juliet is so very marked that my delineations must necessarily contain much recapitulation. Your will is also powerful, even to the verge of obstinacy, and, like Juliet, you are practical and unimaginative, although your mind is strong and active. You are observant, too, cautious, and if your decisions be changeless, you do not form them with undue haste. Your temper is quick, and there are indications of some possibly latent indisposition, which causes depression of spirits and energy for the time being. Your sensibilities are keen, but you are not impressionable. Your conclusions are drawn from facts, and to the opinion of the world you are generally indifferent. You place confidence in few, but you never betray a secret confided to you, nor do you either speak much of your own affairs or interfere with those of others. You resent injustice, and while you delight in performing a kind action, you find it difficult to forget an injury.

MARCELLA.



The engagement is announced in Wellington of Miss Izard, eldest daughter of Mr Izard, Hobson-street, to Mr C. Pharazyn, second son of Mr Pharazyn, of Longwood, Featherston.

In Wellington the engagement is announced of Miss Chatfield, eldest daughter of Mr W. C. Chatfield, architect, to Mr Charles Torlesse, of the Union Bank, and youngest son of the late Rev. Henry Torlesse, of Rangiora.

Miss Florence Clapcott, of Auckland, is engaged to Mr Charles Otway, surveyor, of Epsom.

Miss Maud Sellers, of Mount Albert, is engaged to Mr Claude Motion, of Waiuku.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR SIMPSON TO MISS TURNER.

A very quiet wedding was celebrated lately at 'Ravenscliffe,' Queen Charlotte Sound, Miss Florence Turner, second daughter of Mr C. H. Turner, and Mr Arthur Simpson, of the Government Survey Department, Blenheim, being the contracting parties.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ernest Ensor, of Spring Creek.

The bride wore a pretty white muslin frock, trimmed with lace, a veil, and orange blossoms, and was given away by her brother, Mr Harvey Turner, Mr Percy Turner being best man.

Miss Edith Turner was the only bridesmaid, and wore white, trimmed with heliotrope.

Except Mrs (Dr.) Scott, of Picton, only the bride's family were present. Mrs Turner, who is an invalid, wore a handsome tea gown, and Mrs Scott, black, with white chiffon.

An elegant breakfast was laid out in the dining-room, the table and house being profusely decorated with flowers. In the afternoon the party proceeded to Picton by steam launch, where they were met by some old friends with showers of rice.

Mr and Mrs Simpson are to reside in Blenheim.

MR SPEIGHT TO MISS SEAGER.

A quiet little wedding took place at St. Michael's Church, Christchurch, on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. A. W. Averill officiating, when Miss May Seager, youngest daughter of Mr E. W. Seager, Christchurch, was married to Mr Speight, one of the masters at the Boys' High School.

The bride wore a charmingly simple gown of white muslin, the bodice and sleeves composed entirely of fine tucks and Valenciennes insertion; a handsome wide white satin sash finished the costume. She wore a pretty chip hat, trimmed with tulle and ostrich tips, and carried a posy of lovely white flowers.

Miss M. Seager and Miss Speight, sisters of the bride and bridegroom respectively, acted as bridesmaids, and wore pretty cream costumes, and two little nieces, the Misses Iris and Aileen Seager, looked sweet in cream Kate Greenaway frocks and rose pink Dutch bonnets, with Maltese lace, and carrying baskets of pink carnations and maidenhair fern.

As the bridal party left the church Miss Jennie West played the Wedding March.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Dunedin and the Lakes.

MR WILSON TO MISS MAINS.

On Monday afternoon the Lower Remuera Mission Hall, Auckland, was the gay scene of a wedding. The bride was Miss Janet E. Mains, daughter of Mr Duncan Mains, of Ellerslie House, Remuera, and the bridegroom Mr A. L. Wilson, the eldest son of the well-known Mr J. L. Wilson, of the 'New Zealand Herald.'

There were three bridesmaids and two pages. Miss Kitty Lennox and Misses Mary and Amy Sibbald acted in the former capacity, whilst Masters Chisholm and Jock Whitney played the parts of pages.

The bride looked very bonnie in her rich brocaded silk of milk-white hue, the long train adding grace to the wearer. Veil and wreath and bouquet finished her toilet.

The bridesmaids were also very prettily dressed.

The Rev. G. B. Monro was the officiating minister, whilst Mr R. M. Wilson was best man.

The Mission Hall was effectively trimmed with flowers and greenery.

Mrs Mains gave a sumptuous afternoon tea at Ellerslie House, to which numerous guests were invited, when the wedding cake was tasted, the handsome presents duly admired, and the happy pair properly congratulated.

SOCIETY ON DITS.

That the Blind Musicians held concerts in the Theatre Royal, New Plymouth, on Sunday and Monday evening, and were well patronised.

That two prominent Blenheim citizens were in Picton on Saturday last canvassing for a new paper which they are starting in Blenheim, and which is to eclipse all other papers in Marlborough, if not in New Zealand.

That the Mountain House is now opened to visitors and it has been thoroughly renovated, Mr Lewis has taken the place of Mr Peters as caretaker. Several ladies of New Plymouth are collecting money for a piano for the House, and by the way people are responding to the request it is probable they will soon have it.

That one noticeable feature of the New Year's Day excursion from Wellington to Picton was the fact that so many of the Wellington young women had resorted to art for their complexion. Some had confined themselves to the legitimate spot for roses to bloom on the human face divine, and others were got up so as to defy sea-sickness, and even tears. Some painting was evidently done by amateurs, but others were finished by a master hand. Even then they did not reach by any means the perfection of the natural.

NEWS JOTTINGS.

Fears are entertained in South Africa that the bubonic plague may be introduced there. A gentleman writing from Johannesburg states that one case had been brought into the country, and the consequences were more fearful than small pox, or almost any other disease.

It is said that the Earl and Countess of Seafield intend to settle in Sydney after another month or so in New Zealand.

The many friends of Mrs Albert Kaye will regret to hear of the death of her sister (Mrs Hall), who a little more than three years ago came over from Adelaide on a long visit for her health and received benefit for a time.

A handsome plain marble tombstone has been placed over the grave of the late Mr Charles Hulke, in the Karori Cemetery, Wellington, by the children of the Newtown school and some of his old friends. A simple inscription testifies that the stone has been erected to his memory 'by a few friends.'

A very pleasant gathering of a few members of the Girls' Boating Club took place at the residence of Mrs J. C. Palmer, Gloucester-street, Christchurch, on Friday afternoon for tea.

A novelty in Christchurch will be the course of lectures to be delivered by Mrs Cunningham, the first to be given the first week in next month. 'The Leading Men of Leading Nations' will be the subject, and anyone attending may expect to hear many interesting items condensed into a couple of hours which some of us are far too indolent to seek out for ourselves.

After all the fuss over the diminished amount of the Auckland Military Tournament Funds the money has been eventually handed over to the Queen's Statue Committee, who are, consequently, jubilant over the result. Surgeon-Lieut. Colonel Dawson proposed that the money be thus disposed of, and though half the meeting supported the needs of the furnishing of the Children's Hospital, the Chairman (Lieut.-Colonel Banks) gave his casting vote in favour of the statue. The latter has received most liberal treatment, being carried free in the steamer from England in five cases, and allowed free storage by the Harbour Board until the due time comes for its erection, the Board also remitting wharf charges. Such loyalty deserves notice.

Fruct farmers are complaining of the low prices they are getting for fresh fruit and poultry.

The extraordinary and most unwarranted statement of Rev. Dr. Hosking at the meeting of the Temperance Convention of the Auckland Prohibition Council held last week has caused many people to make some severe strictures about the intemperate remarks of this class of lecturers and speakers. Dr. Hosking said: 'If there are any Anglians present, I would like them to remember what I am going to say now if they forget the rest. If the Bishops of the Church of England are like some of their Curates they are a drunken lot. We have, not a thousand miles from Auckland, clergymen of the Church of England who are picked up drunk and carried home by their parishioners.' Dr. Hosking said further that these men were given another chance, and allowed to preach. If such a thing happened in the Methodist Church the minister would not be allowed to occupy the pulpit the next Sunday.

Two cyclists rode from Invercargill to Picton last week. They found the roads so bad in places that they were forced to tramp for many weary miles.

The Mayor of Picton proclaimed Tuesday afternoon, the 10th January, a public holiday in honour of the visit of His Excellency the Governor to the port.

The members of the Napier Wanderers' Bicycle Club have decided to postpone their sports and gymkhana, which were to have been held on January 28th, until the 1st of March.

It is now quite possible that Devonport and Lake Takapuna will have the benefit of an electric tramway service almost as soon as Auckland. Mr Paul Hansen has written to Mr W. J. Napier from London stating he is satisfactorily proceeding with arrangements for proceeding with his arrangements for the underwriting of the necessary capital (£25,000). It is said, however, that Messrs Hansen and Napier have in view a much larger enterprise, the capital whereof will be £40,000.

Though the Picton Cricket Club has lost some of its best cricketers in the persons of Mr Riddell, Mr Andrews and others, it is still to the fore in a winning game. A match played on Nelson Square on Saturday between the Koromiko and Picton clubs resulted in a win for the latter.

Next Saturday, in Wellington, the first General Synod of the Roman Catholic Church in New Zealand will be held. Archbishop Redwood will preside. Bishop Verdon, Dean Burke, of Invercargill, and Father Murphy represent Otago, whilst from Auckland are His Lordship Dr. Lenihan, the Very Rev. Deun O'Reilly (the Bishop's nominee), the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B. (representing his Order), the Very Rev. Father Lightner (representing the Fathers of St. Joseph), and Father Gillan, of the Sacred Heart, Ponsby (representing the priests of the Auckland diocese).

It is sincerely hoped that the New Zealand Government will be able to secure the complete man's egg which was found last month in the well-hole of the dredge on the Molyneux. At present it has been bought by one of



There was a very large attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs Tonkin, of Napier, and the flags at the Spit and on the vessels in harbour were half-mast high. Mrs Tonkin, who was the wife of Captain Tonkin, had resided in Napier for many years, and was well known and much esteemed. A great number of exquisite wreaths were sent from sorrowing friends and relatives.

THE MODERN OFFICE BOY.

This is a true story of an office boy who asked for an increase in his salary, and got it. He is employed in one of Lipton's shops in Glasgow.

He was getting eight shillings a week, and he thought he ought to have more. So he asked his superintendent, and the superintendent referred him to the manager, and the manager leaned back in his chair, and said, 'You must see Mr Lipton himself. He regulates all rises in salary.'

After a week of disappointments the boy succeeded in gaining admittance to Mr Lipton's office. With shaky voice he asked for a rise in salary.

'How long have you worked here?' asked Mr Lipton. 'Four years.' 'And how much are you getting?' 'Eight shillings a week.' 'How old are you?' 'Fifteen years old.'

'Why,' returned Mr Lipton, 'when I was your age I was working for four and sixpence a week, and I thought I was well paid. What do you think of that?'

'Perhaps you weren't as valuable a boy as I am,' was the respectful reply. The boy got his rise.

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