

ENGAGEMENTS.

Unassigned engagement notices cannot be inserted in the "Graphic." The name and address of senders must be attached, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

The engagement is announced of Miss Kate Fraser, second daughter of Mr Fraser, of New Plymouth, to Mr Walter Symes, of Hawera.

The engagement is announced of Miss Talbot, of Christchurch, to Mr Hanly Thomas, of Burwood, Christchurch.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

LEDGER—DENNY.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, by the Rev. Canon King, when Mr Arthur L. F. Ledger, eldest son of H. P. Ledger, "Waltons," Nelson, was married to Meta C. Denny, second daughter of Mrs J. H. Haskell, St. Clair. The bride, who was given away by her stepfather, Mr J. H. Kell, looked very sweet in a charming gown of white muslin with Valenciennes lace and insertion over a pink gilet slip, the bodice having a fichu of muslin and Valenciennes lace, her pretty hat was of pink chiffon, with chiffon and pink roses, and she carried a shower bouquet of narcissi, lilies of the valley and maidenhair fern, which, together with a handsome gold and enamel watch and chain, were the bridegroom's gift. Miss Ledger (the bridegroom's sister) was the only bridesmaid, and she looked very pretty in a lemon coloured muslin with white Valenciennes insertion and chiffon over a buttercup gilet slip, with long chiffon sash; her styfished hat was of black chiffon embroidered with sequins, plumes, and yellow roses, with soft tulle strings and shower bouquet to match. The bridegroom's gift to her was a gold buckle brooch. The bride's mother, Mrs Haskell, looked very handsome in black velvet and charming bonnet of pink and green, and shower bouquet, also the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs Ledger, the bridegroom's mother, looked charming in a dark green silk with cream chiffon vest and becoming bonnet of hellebore and green, and shower bouquet with streamers to match. Mrs Martin (the bride's sister) wore black mervilleux, with white chiffon and pale grey feather boa, and stylish black and white hat. Mrs Brown (also the bride's sister) had a pretty heliotrope and brown dress with large white hat. Mr Bewes officiated as best man.

After the ceremony the bridal party returned to Mrs Haskell's residence, "The Mount," St. Clair, where light refreshments were partaken of. Later on in the day Mr and Mrs Arthur Ledger left by train on their way to Nelson, the bride travelling in a pretty light brown tailor-made coat and skirt, with sailor hat. The presents, which numbered over 150, were both handsome and useful, and included several handsome cheques.

SIMSON KARAITIANA.

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place at St. Paul's Church on Tuesday, the 21st inst., when Mr Horace Simson, third son of Mr Hector Simson, of Hensonby, was married to Mrs Karaitiana, of Napier. The bride was accompanied to the church by Mr R. H. Abbott, who gave her away, and was attended by Miss Hardy, of Napier, and Miss Simson, as bridesmaids. The bride looked charming in an elegant dress of royal blue silk voile embroidered with white flowers, trimmed with white chiffon and lace applique, a toque of maize tulle and black tips completed the costume. She also carried an exquisite shower bouquet. Miss Hardy wore a dainty lace trimmed muslin dress, threaded with pink ribbons, black hat, trimmed with pink. Miss Simson wore a goblin robe, trimmed handsomely with black lace applique, blue chiffon and white satin, a black and white tulle hat completed this costume. Both ladies carried handsome bouquets. The officiating clergy were the Rev. Canon Nelson, assisted by the Rev. Wilson. Mr Hector Simson attended his brother as best man.

IREDALE—CHURTON.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Auckland, last Sunday, at 9 a.m., when Mr John Iredale, only son of Mr

J. W. Iredale, of Greenfield, Yorkshire, was married to Miss Edith Florence Churton, eldest daughter of Mr W. H. Churton, and grand-daughter of the late Rev. J. F. Churton, LL.B., Colonial Chaplain. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming and graceful in a white voile profusely trimmed with tulle tuques and white insertion. In place of the orthodox wreath and veil she wore a pretty black Chiton Marquise hat with a cluster of cerise roses resting on her hair, and carried a lovely shower bouquet composed of natural orange flowers, white sweet pea, lilies, and maidenhair fern (the gift of the bridegroom). The maid of honour was Miss Mabel Churton, who looked pretty in an ecru muslin frock adorned with fascinating little frills; the bodice was finished with a deep turned-down collar, which was a marvel of tiny frills of lace, and a cherry-coloured satin belt, large black hat with feathers. Her bouquet was composed of red carnations. Mr Charles Churton acted as best man. The Rev. Canon Nelson, M.A., was the officiating clergyman on the occasion. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to Eden Crescent, where light refreshments were partaken of, and the bride and bridegroom left on their honeymoon trip, which is to be spent in the South and Australia. The bride's travelling costume was a dark grey coat and skirt, white sailor hat.

A GARDENER'S GRATITUDE.

Mr Thomas Henry Ames, of George Street, Parkside, Adelaide, is showing his gratitude to the proprietors of Bile Beans by telling everyone he meets what that wonderful medicine has done for him, and when interviewed by a reporter of the Adelaide "Advertiser" as to his marvellous recovery by Bile Beans, said:—"By occupation I am a gardener. About ten years ago I contracted a severe attack of yellow jaundice, and went into the Adelaide Hospital for treatment. The hospital doctors treated me well, and at the end of six months I left the institution, and was in a terrible weak state of health. My food did me little good, and I had a bad taste in my mouth, suffered with severe headaches, and had pains between the shoulders. My rest was also broken, and some nights I used to toss about in bed, longing for sleep, but was unable to obtain it. My urinary organs were very weak, and I occasionally had fits of retching; and once or twice bringing up blood. I took large quantities of different medicines, which I obtained from the doctors and the chemists, but the relief the physic afforded me was only temporary, and in a day or two all my troublesome symptoms would return. I gave up all hopes of ever being well again. About twelve months ago I noticed a testimonial in the "Advertiser" concerning a wonderful cure through the use of Bile Beans for Biliousness. I bought a box at Mr Parker's, a chemist in King William Street, and took two of the beans for the first dose and continued this dose every three days for a fortnight, after I had taken a box and a half I felt greatly relieved, the weakness of the bowels, which was an after-effect of the jaundice, disappearing entirely. My other organs began to perform their proper functions; the pains between the shoulders, the retching, and the sleeplessness also disappeared within a couple of months. My appetite returned, and I was quite restored to health. Bile Beans are an undoubted specific for Biliousness, Headache, Indigestion, Debility, Female Ailment, Liver Trouble, Costiveness, Piles, that tired feeling, etc. Obtainable from all chemists or direct from the Australian Depot, 39 Pitt Street, Sydney, who will forward one box for 1/4, post paid on receipt of stamps or post order.

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Personal Paragraphs.

Miss Elythe Horne, who has been away for a considerable time in Nelson and Wellington, is once again in Blenheim, where she is staying with her mother.

Mrs Johnston arrived in Blenheim from Christchurch last week, and has gone on to Birch Hill to stay with Mrs Lambie.

Mr Mervyn Horton left Blenheim last week to take the position of assistant pursar on the Te Anau, to which he was promoted from the office of the Union S.S. Company in Blenheim.

Mr Fish, of the Bank of N.Z.W. in Blenheim, has a month's leave of absence, which he will spend in Christchurch. His locum tenens, Mr Burnes, came from Wellington.

Mrs McIntosh (Grey-mouth), who has been visiting her daughter-in-law, Mrs G. W. McIntosh, in Blenheim, left for Wellington at the end of last week.

Mr and Mrs B. Wynn-Williams left Blenheim last Wednesday to make a short visit to Wellington.

Miss Mary Christophers, of Grey-mouth, is at present on a visit to Mrs Chaytor, "Marshlands," Blenheim.

Mr and Mrs Vavasour, of "Ugbrooke," Blenheim, left for Wellington last Wednesday.

Miss L. Adams returned to Blenheim on Saturday night after a visit of several months to Wellington.

Mr and Mrs Masfield, "Manarua," Pelorus Sound, were staying in Picton for a few days last week.

Mr Roy Robertshaw has obtained an appointment in the Bank of N.Z. at Daneyville, and left Picton on Wednesday last.

Mrs Clark, North Island, is staying with her brother and sister, Mr and Mrs Bowles, in Picton.

Mrs Allen and Mrs Riddell, Picton, spent a day in Blenheim last week shopping.

Miss Nina Greensill, Picton, has won an exhibition of £20 per year for two years at the Canterbury University College.

Miss Millington, Grey-mouth, is visiting her sister Mrs E. Kenay, in Picton.

Mrs Henry Harris, "Ketu Bay," Pelorus Sound, is in Picton staying with her mother, Mrs T. Philpotts.

Mrs Renwick and her sister, Mrs Robertson, of Nelson, have gone to the Rai Valley for a short visit, which it is hoped will prove beneficial to the former lady's health.

Miss Haselden, of Wellington, is visiting Mrs Webb-Bowen, of Nelson.

Mr Percy Adams has returned to Nelson from Christchurch, whither he went to attend the race meeting and other festivities.

Mrs Colt, of Brightwater, Nelson, has gone for a short trip to Blenheim and Wellington.

Miss Greenwood, of Wellington, is staying with Mrs Holloway, Nelson.

Mr C. G. Fell, of Nelson, spent a few days in Wellington last week.

Miss Mary Christophers, of Grey-mouth, is visiting Nelson.

Mr and Mrs Wood have given up their residence at "Brooklands," and are at present staying with their daughter, Mrs P. Andrew, Hardy-street, Nelson.

Mr J. K. Warburton, Comptroller and Auditor General, Wellington, has been seriously ill with influenza at his residence, but is now rapidly approaching convalescence.

The Hon. B. D. Ormond, Hawke's Bay, and Mr George Donnelly, of "Crissage" were among the visitors to Wellington for the races there last week.

Colonel Pole-Penton, Commandant of the Forces, is absent from Wellington, being engaged on a tour of inspection of the volunteers in the Otago district.

The Hon. John McKenzie, Minister of Lands, and the Hon. Hall-Jones, were present at the Dunedin Show last week.

Dr. Walter Bishop, son of the Hon. T. W. Bishop, Wellington, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, England.

The Minister of Lands, Hon. J. McKenzie, left Wellington for the Rotomahana on Friday last for Lyttelton, on route for his home at Skye Valley.

Upon his departure from Wanganui, the Rev. Father Symons was presented with a very handsome gold watch by his parishioners, as a farewell souvenir. The Rev. Father has been transferred to Pahuerston North and has already assumed his duties of parish priest there.

Sir George Dibbs, ex-Premier of New South Wales, is spending a short holiday visit to New Zealand, and is at present in Rotorua.

Influenza in Wellington seems to have specially singled out the members of the police force as its victims, as no fewer than six constables and a sub-inspector have been prostrated with it this week.

Mr Guy Williams, Bay of Islands, is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs T. C. Williams, in Wellington.

Mrs Brohm, Christchurch, passed through Wellington last week on her way to New Plymouth to see her father, Archdeacon Govett, who has been seriously ill there.

The Hon. Mr and Mrs Charles Johnston, Wellington, returned home from their visit to Christchurch this week, with Mr Harold Johnston.

The former hermit of Island Bay has returned to New Zealand in a destitute condition, and is now an inmate of the Benevolent Home in Wellington, his English relatives declining to help him any further.

The Rev. Mr Masters, curate of St. Paul's Church, Wellington, is about to leave for Adelaide, and his departure will be greatly regretted, as Mr Masters has been indefatigable in his work in the parish, and is exceedingly popular among the parishioners.

Mrs Richmond, of the "Cliffs," Nelson, is visiting her relatives in Wellington.

The Rev. C. S. Ogg, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, returned to New Zealand by the Gothic from a visit to the Old Country, having greatly benefited by and enjoyed his visit to Scotland. Upon his return several ladies of his congregation presented him with a new pulpit gown and cassock, the presentation being made at the Manse on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Rose Tabart, Christchurch, is staying with Mrs Rhodes, at the Grange, in Wellington.

Mr Kane has been appointed manager of the Bank of New Zealand at Wellington in succession to the late Mr Sommerville.

Mrs Arthur Bell (Australia) is paying a visit to New Zealand, and is at present the guest of Mrs H. D. Bell, Wellington.

Miss Bewick, of Christchurch, is staying with friends in Wellington.

Mr and Mrs C. Bidwell, Mr and Mrs L. Pharaoh, Mr and Mrs Bunny, and Mrs Still are among those who are in Wellington for race week.

Captain Russell, who has been laid up in Wellington since October, returned to Hawke's Bay last Monday, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs Naira, who has been with him for some time past.

Miss Nellie Cotterill, of Napier, is visiting Christchurch and Dunedin.

Mr and Mrs Gordon, of Clifton, Hawke's Bay, have returned after a visit to England. As their residence at Clifton was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago they intend to take up their residence at Riverside.

Lady Campbell, of Kaikora, who has been paying a visit to Napier, has returned home.

Major Shepherd of Auckland is on a visit to Sydney.

Mrs Coleman and Miss Florence Watt, of Napier, have returned to "Waititirau," after an enjoyable visit to Christchurch for the November race week.

Dr. Moore, of Napier, has returned from a fortnight's visit to Wellington.

By the last mail news was received from Mr F. M. Wallace, and the date of his departure from England fixed for the 9th December, arriving in Christchurch the end of January, where he may rest assured he will receive a hearty welcome.

The Students' Club, conducted by Miss Moor, will give an At Home at their studio, Canning's Buildings, Queen-street, on Monday next, December 4th.

Mrs and Miss Kinsey, Christchurch, returned from Timaru on Tuesday night, after a long and very enjoyable holiday, both having benefited much by the change.

Mrs H. H. Loughnan, "Risingholme," Opawa, gave a charming afternoon tea to some of her friends last Wednesday. Tennis, croquet, tea, and music were all to be had, and one is always sure of good music there.