

ENGAGEMENTS.

Assigned 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 The name and address of senders must be attached, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.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 marriage of Miss Elsie Laishley, daughter of Dr. Laishley, Auckland, to Mr Roberts, of Sydney, takes place in St. Mary's Church, Parnell, on Friday, December the 8th, at half-past three o'clock.

The engagement of Miss Alys Windsor, only daughter of H. F. Windsor, Esq., Haxter House, Pongsonby, Auckland, to Lieut. S. Fox Kirk, C.C., only son of Alfred Kirk, of the Bank House, Gainsboro' Lines and Lindum House, Bedlington, Yorks, England.

Personal Paragraphs.

Mr and Mrs H. P. Wynn-Williams, "Dolerau," Pelorus Sound, are in Blenheim, spending a week with Mrs Waddy.

Mrs Worthington, of Invercargill, is spending a week in Blenheim with her sister-in-law, Mrs Arthur Farmer, on her way home from Nelson, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs Preshaw.

Mr Burford (Glasgow), who is travelling all over New Zealand, is at present in Blenheim, where he is the guest of the Misses Smith and Anderson.

Mrs Howard is at home again in Blenheim, after a lengthy sojourn in Picton, whither she went for a change after her illness. Her sister, Miss M. Speed, is spending a week or two with her.

Mrs R. McCallum, Blenheim, made a short visit to Wellington lately to meet her parents, Mr and Mrs Grady, who with Miss Grady had just returned from a trip to Europe.

The promptitude with which the Australasian Colonies (N.Z. in particular) have dispatched their contingents to South Africa has excited universal commendation. It only remains for your boys to show that like Fuzzy Wuzzy they are "first-rate fighting men," and that their ambulance and commissariat arrangements will stand pressure. There are already sad private growls from private sources against the Imperial Ambulance Corps. They seem to have been hopelessly demoralised by the unexpected number of wounded at Glencoe, and owing to their dilatoriness at Elandslaagte numbers of poor writhing wretches, English as well as Boers, lay out on the wind-swept veldt in joy rain all night. Captain Peyton, of the Manchester, relates that one faithful trooper of his regiment "remained throughout the bitterly cold night with his arms round him to give him such warmth as possible from his own body, both having been drenched by the heavy rain just before assaulting the position, with no better covering than their wet khaki uniforms." Another poor wretch, hidden in the darkness behind a rock left off his rifle fruitlessly again and again to attract attention of his comrades to his whereabouts. But he had to lie where he was till dawn. Doctors appear to be badly wanted at all the points of active fighting, and if you wish to back up your corps even more effectively than at present you can't do better than send a few well supplied with medical stores. I can never forget Berleight's account of the hospital in the Soudan after Tel-el-Kebir (I think it was) when the mortally wounded had to die in untold torments because through some one's blundering there was no morphia. It had been sent to the front and cartridges to the hospital.

Sir Robert Stout has contributed a very interesting and well written article on New Zealand to the "Contemporary Review," which has excited very favourable notice from English reviewers.

Captain and Mrs Rose, with their daughters, who recently arrived in Ennals from Wellington, are at present residing at St. Leonards, near Hastings.

I hear the Agent-General is experiencing some difficulty in finding a suitable man to take charge of the colony's railway signalling department, as good men in this line are scarce even for Home use.

The Agent-General is considering several applications for the position of Curator of the Wellington Fish Hatchery at Masterton, and is in communication with those well-known experts, Mr Fryer of the Fishery Department of the Board of Trade, and Mr Arncliffe of the Solway Fisheries.

Mrs C. W. Adams and Miss Adams are about to visit Sydney, in order to see Mr Arthur Adams, before he leaves for other parts of Australia.

The Rev. Lambert has returned to Nelson from the West Coast.

Mr and Mrs C. H. Inglis have shifted their quarters to 27 Belsize Crescent, Hamstead.

Mrs C. Fendall, of the Wairarapa, is visiting her people in Nelson.

Dr. Acton has been appointed a House Surgeon at St. Thomas's Hospital.

Mr and Mrs Browne Wood, of Nelson, have gone to visit their son and daughter, Mr and Mrs James Wood, of Christchurch.

Mr F. A. Anson has taken a house for a year at Oxford, so that he will not be seen in the Akaroa district again for some time to come.

Mr William Courtney, who this visit has an office in Leadenhall Street, does not seem quite so successful in attracting settlers to New Plymouth as on previous occasions. He attributes this largely to the attention attracted at the present time by South Africa, to which the youthful agriculturist of the English family intends to wend his way when peace is once more restored. At the same time Mr Courtney considers that the Government might do more to advertise the colony, especially by exhibiting photographs in thousands of railway stations.

Mrs Richmond has returned to her home in Nelson from Wellington. Her brother, Mr E. Stundell, whom she went to see in the Wellington Hospital, is now much stronger, and was able to return to his home in Feilding last week.

Dr. and Mrs Chilton after their departure from Edinburgh at the end of last month spent a few days in Radnorshire and Hereford, and then proceeded up the Rhine to Heidelberg, where they have settled down for about three months, which time Dr. Chilton intends devoting to the study of diseases of the eye.

Mr C. A. Williams, son of Mr James Williams, of "Frimley," Hawke's Bay, has received a commission in the Imperial Army, and leaves with his regiment for the Transvaal.

Bishop Julius, Christchurch, is paying a short visit to Wellington.

A New Zealand student who is living at Heidelberg was of great assistance in helping his fellow-countrymen to procure suitable quarters. Dr. Chilton intends at the close of his sojourn in Heidelberg to do a little more travelling on the Continent and to return to London next April.

Mr J. Glasgow, a student at the Christchurch University, has arrived in Nelson, where he is spending his vacation with his brother.

The Earl and Countess of Seaford are still at Bellaggio, but intend going to Florence for the winter.

Mr Patterson, of Messrs Sclanders and Co., Nelson, left last week for London, where business will detain him several months.

Mr Arthur Appleby is appearing this week at the Coronet Theatre, Notting Hill Gate, as Diomed in "The Greek Slave."

Sad news was received last week by cable of the death of Mr Alexander Sclanders, brother of Mr James Sclanders, of Nelson, and father of Mr A. Sclanders, who for the last few months has resided in the same city. The latter, with his wife, will return to London as soon as possible.

As illustrating the keenness of New Zealanders for active service, I may mention that a well-known officer of a volunteer corps in the North Island, who is in London at the present time, is moving heaven and earth to obtain permission to be allowed to go out to the Cape at his own expense and join the New Zealand contingent there. It is not naturally a subject for congratulation among the Anglo-New Zealanders that their colony has been the first to despatch her contingent for South Africa, and it is the general opinion that the experience of its members in hill and bush work should make them of the greatest service in the present campaign.

Mr and Mrs W. B. Common and Mrs Mackie came up by Tuesday's express from Dunedin, having been on a visit to the Southern Lakes.

A further illustration of the Imperial spirit which dominates colonialists at Home during the present crisis is to be found in the fact that Colonel Gordon, of South Australia, who for the past fifteen months has been acting as Inspector of Wurlike Stores in England for the colonies of S.A., N.S.W., Victoria and Tasmania, offered if his Government (which had just recalled him) would allow him to proceed to the South Africa to take command of the South Australian contingent to provide the contingent at his own cost with two of the new pattern Colt Automatic machine guns. The S.A. Government, however, wanted Colonel Gordon at Home and brusquely refused his offer.

Mr and Mrs Roland Patuiret, of Christchurch, returned from England last week, and are staying at Coker's Hotel. Mr Patuiret intends to dispose of his property in and around Christchurch, and then make his home in England, so they will probably be with us only a few months.

Bishop Julius addressed a large meeting previous to his departure for Sydney and Norfolk Island on the "no-license" question, though in the throes of that fiend influenza. The temperance party feel deadfully hurt that Bishop Julius should leave Christchurch before the election, even to fulfil a prior engagement, and no doubt some very hard things will be said of him.

You will very likely have a visit from Mrs Besant shortly. This energetic lady is at present lecturing in India, but she means to take Australia on the way home, and to open your blind eyes to "The Truth," i.e., her very newest thing in religions. I understand this is a tasty novelty, blend-theosophy and Buddhism with various Eastern mysteries. Mrs Besant's most popular new lectures are on "Dreams" and "The Ascend of Man."

Miss Ella Julius is on a visit to Mrs Elworthy, Pareora.

The Misses Ada and Bertha Julius are the guests of Mrs Embling, Bligh's Road, Papanui. Christchurch people are soon to lose Mrs Embling, as she joins Mr Embling very shortly in Wellington, where his official duties of the bank compel him to reside.

Mr John Wauchope has returned to London after an extended visit to the mining districts of Colorado and Utah. Mr Wauchope by the way is a near relative of Major General Wauchope, who distinguished himself at Omdurman, and is now engaged with the Natal Field Force against the Boers.

Mrs de R. Newton gave an "At Home" on Friday in the Art Gallery, (Christchurch), where there was a large gathering of temperance advocates.

Mr and Mrs J. Schofield and little daughter, who came out from England about three months ago to visit Mrs Schofield's mother and other relations in Christchurch, left by the Mokoia for Sydney, to join the India on the return journey. Mrs Schofield takes a nice back with her, and Mrs Pritchard (her mother) went up to Wellington to see them off.

Miss Celia Dampier is, I hear, arranging to give a public recital in London before proceeding to Brussels to continue her studies.

Mr and Mrs A. Boyle have taken up their residence at Bishopscourt for the next two months.

News from Mr F. M. Wallace, of Christchurch, by the last "Frisco" mail, gives the date of his departure from London. He was in excellent health, and with Mrs Wallace would leave for Paris this month, joining the Orizaba at Naples, due in Sydney about the middle of January, whence he comes out to Christchurch.

Miss Murray-Aynsley, of Christchurch who is living at West Norwood has, I understand, obtained employment in Miss Ashworth's typewriting establishment at Westminster.

Mr G. Kettlewell returned to Christchurch last week from a business trip to Sydney.

Professor and Mrs Michel Clarke, Christchurch, are at Stonehurst at present, staying with Sir George and Lady Clifford.

Mr and Mrs Andrew Anderson returned to Christchurch by the last "Frisco" mail, after an absence of about eight months in England, Scotland, and America, having greatly enjoyed the trip.

Mrs and Miss Williams, of "Frimley," Hawke's Bay, are the guests of Mrs T. C. Williams in Wellington.

Mr and Mrs Cranstone Wrigley, Christchurch, are spending some weeks with their aunt, Mrs S. A. Rhodes, at the Grange, Wellington.

Lady Buckley, Wellington, leaves for England by the Gothic in about ten days, and will be absent from New Zealand for some time.

Mrs Charles Izard and her son returned to Wellington this week from their visit to Mrs Izard's relatives in England.

Mrs J. Gray, of Wellington, is at present on a visit to her relatives in Auckland.

Mrs Mententh, Wellington, is paying a visit to Christchurch friends with Miss K. Mententh.

Mrs Stratton Izard, Wairarapa, leaves for a trip to England in March next.

Mrs Abbott, Balgownie, is staying in Wellington with her daughter, Mrs Butler, in Hill street.

Miss May Whitelaw returned to Auckland from Wellington last Friday.

Mr Parfitt, formerly manager of the Bank of New Zealand in Wellington, and latterly Inspector of the Bank of New Zealand in Sydney, has been appointed Inspector for the Middle district, in succession to Mr Lichfield, and is at present on a holiday trip up the Wanganui River with Mrs Parfitt.

H.M.S. Mildura is paying a visit to Wellington, where her arrival is always welcomed, as Captain Leah and the officers are exceedingly popular socially.

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