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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Maggie Graham, daughter of Mr J. B. Graham, of Devonport, Auckland, to Captain Wall, late of Fort Cauteley, Devonport, and now in command of the Permanent Force Lyttelton.

Orange Blossoms.

WILLIAMS—CLARKE.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated on Tuesday, May 31, at the Unitarian Church, by the Rev. Jellie, when Mr Robert Williams, of the Customs Department, Christchurch, was united in matrimony to Miss Edith R. Clarke, daughter of Mr S. T. Clarke, of this city. The bride was attended by Miss Flo Clark, the bridegroom by Mr G. Fordham, the "Wedding March" being beautifully performed by Madame Wigmore. After the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the house of the bride's parents, where a luncheon party was held, the bride and bridegroom leaving the same day to take up their residence in the South.

BRADY—HODSON.

The marriage of Mr Paul Joseph Brady, fifth son of the late Mr James Brady, of Seaview, Otahuhu, and Miss Kate Clara Ellen Adela Munro Hodson, eldest daughter of Mr Thomas Hodson, late of Epsom, took place at St. Joseph's Church, Otahuhu, on June 1 in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The Rev. Father John O'Hara officiated. The bride was given away by Mr J. B. Litherland, and looked pretty and winsome in a cream moire silk with long tulle veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She was attended by her aunt, Miss Hilda Dan, as bridesmaid, who was attired in cream silk, trimmed with insertion and a large black picture hat. The bride and bridesmaid both wore gold brooches, and carried large shower bouquets, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr John Brady was best man. After the ceremony, afternoon tea was served at the residence of the bride's grandmother, Mrs Dan, and in the evening a social was held in the Otahuhu Public Hall, at which a large number of friends and relatives were entertained. Congratulations poured in from all parts of the colony, and presents too numerous to mention were received.

FAULKNER—HODSON.

A pretty wedding took place at St. Benedict's Church, Auckland, on the 19th of May, when Miss Roberta Hilda Hodson, youngest daughter of Mr Thomas Hodson, late of Epsom, was married to Mr Wm. Faulkner, only son of the late Mr Jas. Faulkner, South Frankton, Huon, Tasmania. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Furlong. The bride was prettily dressed in cream moire silk and long tulle veil, and wore a wreath of orange blossoms. She was given away by Mr J. B. Litherland. The bridesmaid was Miss Clara Hodson (sister of the bride) who wore a dress of white and heliotrope delicate and chiffon hat, the bridegroom's gift being a gold bracelet set with amethyst. The best man was Mr Pollock. After the ceremony a breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's mother, "Blackheath," where a number of friends were welcomed by Mrs Hodson. The presents were both numerous and useful.

FRASER—McDONALD.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated on June 1, at the Presbyterian Church, Edenvale, Auckland, the bride being Miss Margaret Mary McDonald,

third daughter of Mr Wm. McDonald, Ponsonby, late of Waipua, and the bridegroom Mr Donald John Fraser, Whangarei, third son of Mr Hugh Fraser, late of Waipua. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. M. Fraser, uncle of the bride. The bride was given away by her father, and she was attended by her sister, Miss Flora McDonald, as bridesmaid. Mr Fred, Ryan, of Whangarei, acted as best man. Miss Crawford presided at the organ, and, as the bridal party left the vestry, played the "Wedding March." The honeymoon is being spent in the South. The wedding presents were very numerous.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

[The charge for inserting announcements of Births, marriages, or deaths in the "Graphic" is 2/6 for the first 14 words, and 6d for every additional 7 words.]

BIRTHS.

- BURNS.**—May 26, at 5, Hawkestone-st., Wellington, the wife of J. H. N. A. Burns, a daughter.
- BOUTPELL.**—On June 4, at the residence of Mrs. Stimpkin, Newton-road, the wife of William Boutpell of a son.
- BUCKLEY.**—At Union-st., on June 1st, the wife of Joseph Buckley of a son; both doing well.
- CHATER.**—On May 27, at her residence, Wharfe-street, Mercer, the wife of Sergeant-Major Chater of a daughter.
- KEWING.**—On May 27, at Arch Hill, the wife of T. H. Kewing of a son; both doing well.
- WATERSON.**—On May 25, at Wharf road, Bayfield, to Mr and Mrs C. H. Waterston, twlu son and daughter.
- WHITFORD.**—On June 2nd, 1904, at Loriest., the wife of Thomas Whitford of a daughter; both doing well.

MARRIAGES.

- BARNETT—BAXTER.**—May 19, at Christchurch, Ernest Sidney, son of Rev. W. Barnett, Riverside Station, Musterside, late of Le Mans, to Emma Baxter, eldest daughter of the late J. Baxter, of Christchurch.
- BIADY—HODSON.**—On 1st June, 1904, at St. Joseph's Church by Rev. Father John O'Hara, Joseph Paul, fifth son of late James Brady, Seaview, Otahuhu, to Kate Clara Ellen Adela Munro, eldest daughter of Thomas Hodson, late of Epsom, Onehunga.
- BROWN—ROSS.**—On June 6th, 1903, at St. Michael's (Church of England), Sydney, by the Rev. Dr. Manning, Percy Claude, seventh son of the late Arthur Brown, Wellington, to Ethel Massey, third daughter of the late Henry James Ross, Auckland.
- COX—KEELING.**—May 24, at Palmerston North, Cecil Cleve (son of Masterton, fourth son of C. Percy Cox, Christchurch, to Eleanor May Keeling, second daughter of Robert N. Keeling, Palmerston North.
- FAULKNER—HODSON.**—On 19th May, 1904, at St. Benedict's Church, by Rev. Father Furlong, William Faulkner, only son of late James Faulkner, South Frankton, Huon, Tasmania, to Roberta Hilda Margaret Munro Hodson, youngest daughter of Thomas Hodson, late of Epsom, Onehunga.
- JOHNSON—HOLMES.**—On May 4th, 1904 at the residence of the bridegroom's mother, Cecil Cleve (son of Masterton, fourth son of C. Percy Cox, Christchurch, to Clara Rose, third daughter of the late Albert James Holmes, of Karori, Wairua.
- PASSAN—MURDOCH.**—On the 19th of May, at St. Benedict's, Auckland, Arthur Bernard Passan, of Wellington, to Matilda (Sisic) Murdoch, of Onehunga.
- WRIGLEY WRIGHT.**—At Devonport, Auckland, on April 28, by the Rev. Bishop, Ellis Wrigley, youngest son of the late T. D. Wrigley, of Tamanga, to Marie Harston Wright, Hillside, Tarananga. Southport (England) papers please copy.

DEATHS.

- BAILEY.**—On the 4th June, at the residence of his sister in law, Mrs Bailey, Russell-st., Ponsonby, Thomas Bailey, aged 70 years. They will be done.
- BUCKLY.**—On June 4th, at his parents' residence, Crummer Rd., Grey Lynn, Frank Aylmer, only son of Alfred Joseph and Mary Jane Buckly; aged 2 months. Safe in the arms of Jesus.
- BURKE.**—On May 30, at his residence, Cook street West, James Burke, labourer; aged 83 years. R.I.P.
- BROADHEAD.**—On June 1, 1904, at the Auckland Hospital, Alfred William Broadhead, tram inspector, and beloved husband of Currie Broadhead; aged 54 years.
- CALDER.**—On June 2, at the District Hospital, Annie May, the dearly beloved wife of Alexander Calder, of Ponsonby, in her 25th year. Deeply regretted.

- CHING YON.**—On June 2nd, 1904, at City Rd., Auckland, Ching Yon; aged 65 years.
- DAVIS.**—On May 30, 1904, at her late residence, City road, Mary Anne Davis, widow of the late John Davis, chief draughtsman, Beeds Registration Office, Auckland; aged 83 years.
- DIGMAN.**—On May 30th, 1904, Mary, the widow of the late John D. Digman, at her late residence, Hobson-st., R.I.P.
- FERGUS.**—On June 2nd, 1904, at the residence of his son in law (Loak Armstrong), Heppburn-st., William Fergus; aged 68 years.
- FRANK.**—On June 1st, at his residence, Okahu, Bay of Islands, of pneumonia. Robertick Hector, dearly beloved son of Hector and Dolina Fraser, of Kewiti, Kaipara; aged 32 years. Deeply regretted.
- FRENCH.**—On May 30th, 1904, Bridget, the beloved wife of Charles French, late of Jersey, Channel Islands; aged 72. R.I.P.
- GARDNER.**—On May 21st, at his late residence, Otahuhu, John, beloved husband of Agnes Gardner, in his 72nd year, late of Linn Clieve, near Paisley, Scotland.
- GOLD.**—On June 5th, 1904, at her late residence, Grey-st., Jane, the dearly beloved wife of James Gold, in her 45th year.
- GROGAN.**—At the District Hospital, Auckland, Vera Josephine, dearly beloved infant daughter of John and Alice Grogan; aged 3 months. R.I.P.—Sydney papers please copy.
- KING.**—On May 31st, 1904, suddenly, at Tangiterora, John, the dearly beloved husband of Laetitia King; aged 63 years. R.I.P.
- LORD.**—On May 25th, at Cambridge, Frederick Kemp Lord, the dearly loved son of M. A. and E. J. Lord, of Ebitam, Taranaki; aged 27 years.
- MARSHALL.**—May 22, at Whatnupo, Otago, Thomas, dearly beloved husband of Alice Marshall; aged 28 years. (Late of Cambridge.)
- PATON.**—On June 6th, at the residence of his son in law, F. Avery, Chamberlain's Avenue, Mt. Eden, Invercort Innes, late of Mt. Rosskill; age 65 years.
- PAYNE.**—On 1st June, at her residence, Jervois Rd., Ponsonby, Mary Anne, relict of the late R. J. Payne, formerly of Three Lamps; aged 62 years. Deeply regretted.
- PHILPOTT.**—On June 5th, at her late residence, Jervois Rd., Ponsonby, Mary Ann, dearly beloved wife of John Philpott, in her 74th year. "Peace, perfect peace."

OBITUARY.

MR JOHN KING.

The death of Mr King not only removes from our midst a well known street figure, but a man who, during a period of more than four decades, has filled so many public appointments that it would be difficult to enumerate them in precise chronological order. The late Mr John King was born at Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1841. He came to the colony in the late fifties of last century. He was then quite a youth, and in the early sixties joined the Auckland municipal police force under the late Commissioner Naughton. Mr King was early stationed at Papakura, and besides doing police duty acted as hon. secretary of the Papakura Agricultural Association. About the time Mr King returned from Papakura, near the close of 1864, a wholesale robbery of valuable gold jewellery took place from Mr R. Beck's premises, near the Savings Bank, in Queen-street. The haul the burglars secured amounted to nearly £600. As neither trace of the plunder nor the perpetrators could be found here, Mr King assumed the role of a detective, and was despatched to Brisbane, where he arrested both a male and female prisoner and secured a portion of the stolen goods. He proceeded from thence to Melbourne, where, with the assistance of the Victorian police, he arrested another prisoner and recovered more of the stolen property amounting in all to between £350 and £400. The prisoners were brought here some time in March, 1865, and duly convicted. On his return from Australia Mr King was appointed Provincial Relieving Officer, and during the quasi-famine that followed the native war, and the slump that followed the removal of the seat of Government from Auckland, he, in conjunction with the Mr Chas. Haselden, opened a temporary soup kitchen in the premises known as the "Old Mill," in Official Bay, where the poor received relief in the shape of soup gratis. He was about this time appointed Inspector of Weights and Measures, which position he relinquished to become Inspector of Lunatic Asylums under the statute of 1868. In the early seventies Mr King took himself to Coronanield, where he acted as agent

for the "Daily Southern Cross" and "Weekly News" newspapers. He was here also instrumental in establishing a local newspaper. Returning to Auckland in the late seventies, Mr King became secretary to Sir George Grey's Central Committee, which at that time manifested considerable political vigour. He was for some time in partnership with Mr T. Whewell, and pursued the calling of a financial agent. He was several times appointed chief census enumerator and collector of agricultural statistics for the Auckland Provincial District. He was for a brief period a sub-agent for the Government Life Insurance Department, and has more recently been engaged as Registrar of Electors and Returning Officer, combined with Deputy-Registrar of Old Age Pensions. When in the capacity of a constable he was instrumental in apprehending two different notorious gaol-breaking prisoners—Isaac Robinson and Fred. Plumber. The latter he took single-handed. Although in the execution of his duties as a member of the force he could be both bold, grim, and rigorous, there was another, and much more admirable, side to his character, as in the capacity of Relieving Officer and Deputy-Registrar of Old Age Pensions he exercised many little disinterested acts of kindness to a class of the community from whom no possible favour could have been expected in return. The late Mr King was both a kind and considerate husband and an indulgent father, on account of which his death is all the more sincerely regretted. His remains were interred at Waiokaraka (Onehunga) on Thursday, and although the weather was in the superlative degree inclement, a considerable number of friends followed his funeral cortege to the grave.

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