

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

CLEAL. - On Wednesday, May 24, at Prospect Street, Ponsonby, to Mr and Mrs H. J. Cleal, a daughter.
CONWAY. - On May 9, at Hepburn street, the wife of Mr P. Conway of a daughter.
FOLEY. - On 29th April, at her residence, Parnell, the wife of T. J. Foley of a son.
GALLEY. - On May 27, at their residence, Mount Albert, to Mr and Mrs J. Galley, a daughter.
GEE. - On May 22, at Melrose, Devonport, the wife of E. A. Gee of a daughter.
HOOPER. - At their residence, Herne Bay-road, Ponsonby, on May 17th, to Mr and Mrs C. H. Hooper, a son.
SKEATES. - On May 20th, at her residence, Birkenhead, the wife of Ernest G. Skeates, of a son (stillborn).
SINCLAIR. - On May 25th, at her residence, Lincoln-street, Ponsonby, the wife of W. Sinclair of a son.
SUTCLIFFE. - On May 23rd, at Hobson-st., the wife of E. J. Sutcliffe of a son.
SYMONS. - On May 19, at "Ardunear," Monkstone, Cork, Ireland, the wife of J. J. Symons of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CURROY-COLLINS. - On April 29, at St. John's, Kilmahilly, by the Rev. Father Twomey, John Francis, second son of the late W. Corley, of Kilmahilly, to Nora Mary (Aunt), eldest daughter of the late J. Collins, Rosscarbery, Cork, Ireland. - Home papers please copy.
CROFT-JACKELL. - On April 24th, at St. Paul's Church, Auckland, by the Rev. Canon Nelson, M.A., George, eldest son of Mr G. T. Croft, of Petone, Wellington, to Isabel (Kitty), second daughter of Mr J. A. Jackell, Parnell.
ELLIOT-GLASSON. - On January 3, 1905, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Parnell, by Rev. Canon MacMurray, Thord, the eldest son of Thomas Elliot, of Maori, the daughter of Charles Glasson, both of Auckland.
FICKER - RUSSELL. - On Wednesday, April 26th, at All Saints' Church, by the Rev. Archdeacon Calder, Frederick William, fourth son of W. Ficker, Ponsonby, to Elizabeth Knox, second daughter of G. Russell, Ponsonby.
GILMOUR-NEAL. - On May 11th, at the residence of the bride's mother-in-law, Wesley Spragg, Esq., "Taranga," Mt. Albert, by the Rev. W. Skide, Charles, second son of the late Robert Gilmore, of Raglan, to Edith, youngest daughter of the late Robert Neal, of Epsom, Auckland.
HARE-MURRAY SMITH. - On April 24, at the residence of bride's mother, Belle Vue, Borsford street, by the Rev. Father Holbrook, Wilfred J., second son of Mr Wesley Hare, Reservoir, Whangarei, to Ada Evelyn, younger daughter of the late Samuel Murray Smith, of this city.
JOHNSON-MACNAMARA. - On May 17th, at the residence of the bride's father, John H. Johnson, M.E., of West Australia, formerly of Whangarei, to Annie H. R. Macnamara, eldest daughter of J. J. Macnamara, of Auckland.
MITCHELSON-MORRIS. - On April 23rd, at the residence of Mrs S. Morrish, by the Rev. G. R. Moura, Alexander James Mitchelson to Edith Harriett (Lizzie) Morrish.
BULLIVAN CONNELL. - On April 5, at St. Sepulchre's Church, Auckland, by the Vicar, Rev. G. A. Carter, Dennis Sullivan to Ellen Connell, both of Auckland.

DEATHS.

BRACHAM. - On 27th May, at his parents' residence, Alma-road, Ponsonby, Charles Reuben, the dearly beloved son of James and Ada Bracham; aged 5 months.
BIRFOPE. - On May 22nd, at Gray Lynn, Arthur Henry, the dearly beloved second son of Arthur and Elizabeth Burdett; aged 22 years.
BURKE. - On May 28, 1905, at his late residence, York-st., (Highbury) James, the beloved husband of Mary Burke (late of Newmarket); aged 75 years. R.I.P.
COMINO. - On May 26, accidentally killed in Albert street, Carlotta Melita (Curly), youngest daughter of Etna Neva Comino, aged 19 years and 3 months. Spiders poisoning her.
CONWAY. - At Auckland Hospital, on May 24th, Francis Henry Conway, the beloved husband of Sarah Ann Conway, of Wakefield-st.; aged 78. His end was peace.
DEBRIK. - On May 26th, James F., beloved son of Joseph F. and the late Charlotte A. Debrik, aged 14 years and 8 months. Private Interment.
DONAGHEY. - On May 28, 1905, at Auckland, James Donaghey; aged 73 years. R.I.P.
HALL. - On May 22nd, at Pakietutu Island, Mayores, Thelma Lindsay, infant daughter of James and E. H. Hall; aged 8 months.
HARRISON. - On May 27 (suddenly), at Oranmouli, Jessie, the beloved wife of R. H. Harrison, Esq., J.P.
JEFFERY. - On May 24th, at Epsom, John Jeffrey, aged 84 years; after 62 years residence in Auckland.

KNIGGE. - On May 26, at her parents' residence, Sumner-st., Ponsonby, Ivy Alicia Knigge, the dearly beloved daughter of Herman and Ethel Knigge. Wellington papers please copy.
METCALFE. - On May 27, at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Mt. Eden, Arthur William, dearly beloved husband of Emily Metcalfe; aged 33 years.
MOYES. - On May 28, 1905, at her late residence, Cardwell-st., (Highbury) after a short illness, Agnes, the beloved widow of the late W. A. Moyes, Hamarano; aged 78 years. Deeply regretted.
SAMPSON. - On May 31st, at her parents' residence, Birkenhead, Gladys, dearly beloved infant daughter of William and Sarah Sampson, R.I.P.
SIMMONS. - On May 24th, 1905, at his late residence, Upper Pitt-street, Henry Simmons; aged 60 years. R.I.P.
WALKER. - On May 24th, at his late residence, Upper Pitt-st., Stewart, the beloved husband of Mary Walker, in his 72nd year.
WILLIAMS. - On May 25th, at her late residence, Richmond Rd., Laura Ann, beloved wife of Evan Samuel Williams; after a long and painful illness; aged 38 years.

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Society Gossip ROTORUA. Dear Rec, May 29.

THE FIRST BALL of the lately-formed Rotorua Yacht Club was held in the Assembly Hall on the 19th. Judging by the success of this venture, the ball is likely to become an annual affair. The greatest credit is due to the committee for their successful efforts. The hall was very artistically decorated with flags, and handsome curtains covered the windows, so that the effect was quite cosy and bright. The small yacht Kangaroo, fully rigged, occupied the centre of the stage, which was decorated with handsome pupas and strings of gaily-coloured flags. The effect was most happy. The supper was supplied by Gillespie, and arranged in the large banquet room lately added to the main hall. Before nine o'clock the gallery was packed to its utmost with onlookers, and the dancing floor presented a very gay appearance. Quite 73 couples joined in the grand march, and the many fancy costumes were seen to advantage. The music was very kindly supplied gratuitously by the Town Band, and extras were played by Miss Empson, Miss Landon, and Mr Munro. Amongst those most conspicuous in fancy dress I noticed Mrs Batten, who looked very handsome as a Sergeant of the 17th Lancers, her tall, upright figure being particularly well suited to the costume; Miss Crosswell as Topsy certainly deserved the palm for originality; Mrs Maxwell looked very nice as Carmen; Mr C. B. Turner, Pompadour; Miss Landon, the First of May; Miss M. Landon looked nice in a quaint costume entitled Peter's Milk Chocolate; Miss Corbett was striking as the Rose of the Riviera; Miss Murriah, who looked very well as Mimosa Nan, was the only Japanese lady in the room, strange to say;

Miss Webster looked very nice as Bluebell; Miss Scott made a striking Maori Chieftainess; Miss Webster, Ping Pong. A number of ladies were in evening dress, and amongst them I noticed Mrs Barrow in white; Mrs Walker, dark skirt, pale blue evening blouse; Mrs Hanna, black; Mrs Gardner, black; Mrs Williams, black evening gown; Mrs Peace, grey; Miss Empson, pale green silk; Miss Stella Empson, pretty white silk trimmed on corsage with narrow ruchings of white satin ribbon; Miss Maffroy, black gown; Miss Gardner, white; Miss Jenn Gardner, white. There were some very good representations amongst the dresses worn by the gentlemen present, the most conspicuous being Rangitira, as represented to the life by Mr A. Maxwell; Maori Chief, Mr Hall; Pierrot, Mr Urquhart; Henry VIII., Mr C. Brebner; "Abraham," Mr B. Crowhurst; Tea Planter, Mr C. B. Turner; Little Lord Fauntleroy, Mr Carver; Court Gentleman, Mr Redwood; Japanese Student, Mr Reeves; Toreador, Mr J. George; Yachtsman, Mr Ross; Old Salt, Mr R. A. Gardner. An Indian Chief was very conspicuous, and other gentlemen present were Messrs. Empson, D. J. Bayron, Mackay (Auckland), Hawkins, Miller, Desborough, Moore (Wellington), Batten, Wiggs, Ellis, Howden, and quite a number of strangers. The committee, in whose hands were all the arrangements connected with the ball, consisted of Messrs. Desborough, Howden, McIntosh, Caisley, Satch, and R. Gardner, who undertook the onerous duties of secretary. During the evening the commodore of the Yacht Club, Mr Howden, took the opportunity to present the prizes won by the different yachts during the season. Mr R. A. Gardner, hon. sec., assisted. The list of prize-winners was as follows: Karrakatta, first prize; Florence, second prize; Gertie, first; Kangaroo, first; Jap., first; Gertie, second; Jap., second; Lark, first. For the oil launch race the Sunbeam received first prize, and the Moura second. Mr A. Shepherd received first prizes for two novel races. The ball concluded at about 2.30 a.m., and was unanimously voted a success by all who attended.

THE FOURTH BATTALION of the Auckland Mounted Rifles, which has been encamped at the racecourse, has been most unfortunate as regards weather. Rain has fallen each day, and everything in connection with the camp has been carried on under adverse conditions. A programme of military sports had been arranged for Wednesday afternoon, and in spite of the rain quite a number of people turned out. In spite of the weather and the sloppy condition of the ground several of the events were carried out quite successfully. One event, a set of lancers on horseback, by several members of the Battalion and their lady friends, was much admired. On Wednesday evening a large concert and dance in behalf of the Rotorua Town Band, arranged by Mr Munro, was attended by most of the officers and the majority of the camp. One of the items on the programme was a bayonet drill by a section of the Battalion. On Friday evening an impromptu dance was arranged by a small committee of Rotorua ladies, and held in the Assembly Hall. The officers of the 4th Battalion were invited, but many of them were unable to attend.

HIWEMOA. AUCKLAND. Dear Rec, May 30. BOOK TEA.

A very pleasant "book tea" was given by Mrs Masfen, at her pretty residence at Lake Takapuna, last Thursday afternoon to the members of the Takapuna Croquet Club. Everybody enjoyed the fun of interpreting her neighbour's metaphysical suggestion or humorous design. Miss Berry won the prize for the most original "Dodo" by wearing two pieces of dough, Mrs H. Lloyd Brett being a good second. Miss Berry also carried off the prize for the greatest number of correct guesses. These social meetings are to take place at the homes of the different members of the Croquet Club during the winter months to keep them in touch with each other until they meet in summer on the croquet lawn. The hostess was assisted in the hospitalities by her sister, Miss Courtenay. Among those present were—Mrs Edalide, Mrs Brett, Miss Moon, Mrs Laing, Misses Houchan

(2), Mrs A. Brett, Miss Kirk, Mrs H. L. Brett, Mrs Weston, Mrs E. T. Hart, Miss Alison, Misses Berry (2), Mrs Sharland, Mrs Boak, Mrs W. J. Geddia.

KING'S COLLEGE BALL.

The "old boys" of King's College, who are not so very old after all, maintain an interest in their association which speaks well for the good-feeling which prevails in that well-known and flourishing collegiate institution. Their annual ball has become one of the most enjoyable events of the season, and is looked forward to with pleasurable anticipations by a great many ladies, who can certainly not be truthfully described as "old girls." The scene in the Federal Hall on Wednesday night was indeed conspicuous for the brightness, freshness, gaiety, and animation of the large number of young people who had assembled to do honour to this social function. The building itself was transformed into an ideal ballroom, gay with nikau palms and flags, with bunting festooned across the ceiling. The sitting-out room was converted into a drawing-room, being covered with a crimson carpet and furnished with rattan lounges and chairs. Some beautiful foliage plants in pots draped with silk increased the pleasing effect. Equal pains had been taken with the stage, which was similarly furnished, and from whence a good view of the ballroom could be obtained. The supper was spread in the spacious supper room attached to the hall, and here also there was evidence of the immense pains taken by the committees who undertook the work of preparing for the event. The scheme of colour followed in the table decorations was maroon and gold, the College colours, carried out in chrysanthemums, dahlias, gailardias, sunflowers, and autumn leaves, interspersed with lycopodium and coloured ribbons. Credit is due to the Misses Thorpe (2), and Bruce, who had supervised this part of the decorations. The following are the ladies who assisted with the supper: Mesdames Ashton Bruce, Duncan E. Clerk, Henry Walker, Jobson, J. Stuart Reid, Hudson Williams, Ranson, and Murray; Misses Prater (2), Muir, Douglas, Owen, J. Walker, May Hesketh, Myra Reid, K. Shera, Hudson, R. Skeet, Dawson, K. Hume. Very great credit is due to the gentlemen's committee for the perfection which distinguished not only the hall decorations and artistic furnishing, but also the general arrangements for the ball. This committee consisted of Messrs. H. Morpeth (president), E. A. Cox and L. G. Murray (vice-presidents), C. V. Robertson (hon. sec.), Graham Reid (hon. treasurer), H. Dawson, C. Dickeson, O. Farrer, G. Shera. Amongst those present were Mr C. T. Major (headmaster King's College) and Mrs Major, Mrs Beatty, Messrs. Chas. Ranson, W. W. Bruce, Henry Walker (Advisory Board). Music was supplied by Marriage's excellent band, and a choice dance programme was gone through. Mrs J. Stuart Reid, was handsomely gowned in black lace embroidered with sequins over silk, and black velvet bow

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