## ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Jameson, of Christchurch, to Mr We-Aun-Asch, of Waitotara.

The wedding of Dr. Crosby and Dr. Isabel Watson will be celebrated at St. John's Church, Wellington this week.

The engagement is announced of Miss Nellie Skerrett, sister of Mr. C. P. Skerrett (Wellington), to Lieut. Callaghan, R.N., (H.M.s. Challenger).

The engagement is announced of Miss Raphael (Christchurch) to Mr. Lesser (Auckland). The wedding will take place in October.

The engagement is announced of Miss M. Price (Papanui) to Mr. G. Morton-Williams, of "Cefin," Swansea, South Wales, England.

The engagement is announced of Miss Aird, who came out from England as governess to Lady Plunket's children, to Mr. Dunn, of the staff of the Collegiate School, Wanganui.

The engagement is announced of Miss Frances Hayes, eldest daughter of Mrs Hayes, Havelock-road, Hastings, to Mr O. N. Firth, travelling representative of the Westport Coal Company, Wanganui.

The engagement is announced of Miss Amie Harris, eldest daughter of Mr A. R. Harris, "Huntingdon," East Tamaki, Auckland, to Mr A. W. Short, First Assistant Master, Te Aute Native College, Hawke's Bay.

By the last English mail news arrived of the engagement of Miss Maggie Douglas to Lieut. Popham, R.N. (writes our Wellington correspondent). Since they left New Zealand Sir Arthur and Lady Douglas and their daughters have been living in London. Mr Popham was out here a few years ago on one of the warships attached to the Australian station.

## Orange Blossoms

### BEGG—WILLIS.

By last mail I sent word of the marriage of Dr. Alexander Clarke Begg, M.B., of Dunedin and Swansea, and Miss Catherine Willis, youngest daughter of Mr C. A. Ainslie, J.P., Swinton Bank, Peebles (writes our London correspondent under date June 23). This item of news I am now able to supplement with a detailed account of the ceremony, which was the occasion of a very large and fashionable gathering. The wedding took place at the Church of St. Peters, Peebles, which was prettily decorated with palms and flowers. Those present included Mr and Mrs Begg, Dunedin, father and mother of the bridegroom; Miss Begg, Dr. Charles Begg, Mr and Mrs Ainslie, Lord Overtoun, Lord and Lady Elibank, Lord and Lady Ardwall, Sir Walter Thorburn, M.P., and the Misses Thorburn, and many others. The service was that of the Scottish Episcopal Church, the officiating clergymen being the Lord Bishop of Edinburgh, and the Rev. J. L. Evans, Rector of St. Peter's. The surpliced choir preceded the bridal party singing the hymn, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden," and the bride entered leaning upon her father's arm. She wore a white satin dress, made with a full Court train, the front panel of pleated chiffon, and flounces of exquisite old Brussels applique lace, a swathed bodice, and transparent mousseline yoke. She wore her mother's bridal veil, over a wreath of orange blossom. Her ornaments were a moonstone and diamond pendant, the gift of the bridegroom, a moonstone and diamond brooch, the gift of the best man, and a diamond and sapphire brooch, and she carried a bouquet of lily of the valley. She was attended by four bridesmaids—Miss Ainslie (her sister), Miss Fanny and Miss Helen Begg (sisters of the bridegroom), and Miss Margaret Broadfoot (her niece), and two little train-bearers. The bridesmaids' dresses were of white Oriental satin with tucked flounces, swathed bodices and tucked yokes of mousseline, and embroidered mousseline fichus. Their hats were white straw and chiffon, with pink La France roses and satin ribbons. Their bouquets were of pale pink La France roses. Miss Ainslie wore a heart-shaped pearl locket with gold chain, and the other bridesmaids heart-shaped gold lockets set with turquoises, also gifts from the bridegroom. The train-bearers were dressed in satin frocks reaching to the ground, and Victorian bonnets. They carried stalks of Madonna lilies tied with chiffon, and wore heart-shaped gold lockets with single pearl in centre. The best man was Mr James Begg, brother of the bridegroom. Mrs Begg, mother of the bridegroom, wore a black Ninon dress over white taffeta. The full bodice had revers of pink panne. Her toque was of black and white tulle, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Miss Begg wore a cornflower eolienne dress, and hat of cream guipure, with a shaded blue feather, and she carried a bouquet of blue sweet peas.

In the afternoon a reception was held at Swinton Bank, and later Dr. and Mrs Begg left for the English Lakes, where the honeymoon will be spent. Mrs Begg's going-away dress was of white cloth, trimmed with grey panne embroidery, and Indian filagree buttons, a grey tulle hat with grey feather shaded to white; and a travelling coat of navy blue with beaver collar.

The bridegroom's present to the bride was a moonstone and diamond pendant, and her gift to him was a smoker's cabinet of carved oak. The other wedding gifts were very numerous. The father of the bride presented the young couple with a house and napery, at the same time giving his daughter a pearl ring and the bridegroom a suit case. The father and mother of the bridegroom presented him with a cheque and the bride with a cheque and diamond ring. Lord and Lady Overtoun's present was a cheque and a turquoise and diamond ring, while Lord and Lady Ardwall gave a gold and turquoise bangle and an oak and silver tea tray.

### ATKINSON—WALDEGRAVE.

A wedding of unusual interest was that of Miss Mary Frances Waldegrave and Mr. Harry Atkinson (son of the late Sir Harry Atkinson), which was celebrated at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington, on July 2. The church was decorated with palms and bamboos, and there was a large attendance of friends and relations. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. Waldegrave, looked charming in a lovely gown of ivory satin, delicately embroidered and flounced with lace. The cross-over bodice disclosed a transparent yoke of lace, and the sleeves were ruffled with lace. She wore a wreath of orange blossom under the flowing tulle veil, and carried a bouquet of white violets and narcissus. The two elder bridesmaids—Miss Muriel Waldegrave (sister of the bride) and Miss Lucy Atkinson (sister of the bridegroom)—wore pretty dresses of white muslin worked in broderie Anglaise, the short elbow sleeves finished with ruffles. The deep Empire belts were of pale blue taffeta, and their smart white hats were garlanded with green. The two younger maids, Misses C. and S. Waldegrave (Palmerston North), were in white muslin, made with many flounces, and worn with big frilly white hats, pale blue sashes and rosettes gave a pretty touch of colour. The small page, Master T. Waldegrave, had a pale blue satin suit and a picturesque hat. Mr. S. Fitzherbert (Palmerston North) acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, Pipitea-street. The bride's travelling dress was of white cloth, with cravat and ruffles of lace. Her hat was of golden straw, wreathed with pink and white daisies, and her travelling coat of grey cloth was lined with pale pink. The honeymoon is being spent in the country, after which Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atkinson will take up their residence at Hawera, where Mr. Atkinson is in legal practice. Mrs. Waldegrave (mother of the bride) wore a dress of champagne crepe de chine, richly embroidered, and finished with lace, smart toque of black tulle with ostrich tips. Lady Atkinson was in black silk, with a black jetted bonnet; Mrs. Amelius Smith, navy tailor-made, and white velvet toque; Mrs. Warburton (Palmerston North), black taffeta, corded and trimmed with puffings and quillings of silk; Miss Warburton, pale blue cloth, tucked and much frilled with lace, white velvet hat with black bows; Mrs. Fell, bronze glace, and black toque; Miss Erica Fell, pale grey cloth, white coat, and white beaver hat with ostrich plume; Mrs. Richmond, black velvet; Miss Richmond, pale blue canvas, white picture hat; Mrs. Arnold Atkinson, navy tailor-made, and black hat; Mrs. M. Richmond, black voile, with white revers and collar; Mrs. Shand, pale blue cloth, with touches of mauve; Mrs. Hislop, brown canvas, with dark green velvet vest and lace ruffles; Miss Hislop, blue voile, with white collar; Mrs. Seddon, navy tailor-made, and black bonnet; Miss Seddon, blue cloth, and toque with violets; Mrs. Fulton, dark green dress, and mauve toque; Miss Fulton white voile, and white furs; Lady Ward, black taffeta lace ruffles and vest, smart black toque. Others present were: Misses Mactavish, Fell, Edwin, Harcourt, Fitzgerald, Macintosh, Butt, Riley, Stafford, Ewen, McGregor.


## SICK HEADACHES & STOMACH TROUBLES.

### Dunedin Praise for Bile Beans.

"For the past four years," says Mrs J. Bennett, of 274, Castle-street, Dunedin, New Zealand, "I have been a constant sufferer with sick headaches, accompanied by fits of dizziness, which handicapped me greatly in my household duties. On the recommendation of a friend I underwent a course of Bile Beans, and are pleased to say they effected a prompt cure, and I am now in good health. My daughter was also a great sufferer with windy spasms, which caused her considerable inconvenience, but the Beans effected a perfect cure in her case also. I never fail to recommend Bile Beans as an invaluable family medicine." Bile Beans are a safe family medicine and a proved cure for Biliousness, Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Piles, Debility, Female Weaknesses, Nervousness Bad Blood, Bad Breath, Anæmia, Disturbed Sleep, Loss of Appetite, Pimples and all skin eruptions, Rheumatism, and are an unequalled cure for the after-effects of Influenza. Bile-Beans are obtainable generally throughout New Zealand.


We have received from the Equitable Life Assurance Society an extremely well got-up booklet, which shows the really remarkable figures of this leviathan institution. A very interesting feature in the publication is the series of illustrations of some of the principal buildings of the society. The ones depicted are at New York, Boston, Denver, St. Louis, Memphis, Des Moines, Paris, Madrid, Berlin, Vienna, Sydney, and Melbourne. Many of our readers have visited the two latter fine buildings, so that when it is stated that they are far smaller than any of the others mentioned it will be readily recognised what palatial buildings the society possesses in the chief cities of the world. The booklet also gives condensed particulars, clearly stating the position, a really brilliant one, of the society, and therefore should be of great interest to policy holders. From these it will be seen that whereas in 1859 the assets were £24,396 last year, 1904, they amounted to over 85 million pounds sterling; a result which can be said to be little less than phenomenal.

Says London "Pelican":—Quite a number of actors and actresses have found it necessary to "strike" against the cool way in which they are asked to give their services on behalf of charities. At one time, when charity concerts were few and far between, invitations were couched in the most courteous of terms. Now, when these entertainments have become so common as to be a positive nuisance, actors and actresses are asked to take part in them in the most off-hand fashion, just as if they had nothing else to do to occupy their leisure. It would seem that this cool way of doing things is being meted out to artists who are invited to contribute sketches and drawings for sale at bazaars or for inclusion in souvenirs to be sold at high prices. Recently a well-known artist was desired to send a contribution. He is a busy man, but, not wishing to be discourteous, he went through his portfolios, unearthed a drawing and sent it along. By return of post it came back to him, with a little note pointing out that the recipient did not consider it good enough, and that a specimen of his recent work would be more acceptable." The same nuisance is growing to a large extent in Australia and New Zealand.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, 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.

BROOK. — On July 12th, at Methven Nursing Home, the wife of Julian Brook of a son; both doing well.

CATTREN. — At her residence, Epsom, on the 20th July, the wife of A. H. Cattren, of a son.

DENNY. — On 1st July, at Nukualofa, Tonga, Friendly Islands, the wife of Robert G. M. Denny, a daughter.

EADIE.—On July 18, at the Residency, Herschel, South Africa, the wife of David Eadie, a son.

FLANAGAN.—On July 14, 1905, at her residence, Howe street, Newton, to Mr and Mrs Flanagan, a daughter.

GLASS.—On July 27th, 1905, at Fallon's Buildings, Cook-st., the wife of Alfred Glass (late of Devonport), of a son; both doing well.

KNIGHT.—On July 22nd, at Second Avenue, Kingsland, the wife of H. W. Knight, of a son.

MARTIN. — On July 28th, at Keppel-st., Arch Hill, Auckland, the wife of A. F. Martin of a son. Both doing well. Taranaki and Canterbury papers please copy.

MARKWICK.—On July 16th, at Collingwood st., Ponsonby, to Mr and Mrs Tom Markwick, a daughter.

MILLS.—July 10, at "Melloua" Nursing Home, Rose rd., Ponsonby, to Mr and Mrs James Mills, Helensville—a son.

BUSH.—On July 18, at her residence, Ardmore-road, Ponsonby, the wife of Mark Bush of a son.

SEAGAR.—On July 25th, at their residence, Upper Queen-street, the wife of W. B. Seagar of a son.

SMITH. — On July, 28th, 1905, at her residence, "Kirriemuir," Albany Rd., Ponsonby, the wife of David Smith of a son.

THOMAS.—On July 19, at her residence, Napier street, Mrs W. Thomas — a daughter.

WATSON.—On July 23, at her residence, Mount street, Auckland, the wife of Alfred Watson of a daughter.

WILSON SMITH.—At Bleazard's road, Mt. Eden, on the 21st July, 1905, the wife of F. Wilson Smith of a daughter.

### MARRIAGES.

GERRARD — COWLEY. — On July 12th, 1905, at Beresford-st. Congregational Church, Auckland, by Rev. John Wilkin, Walter, youngest son of the late Thomas Gerrard, of Hindley, Lancashire, England, to Jattie, eldest daughter of John Cowley, of "Druidell," Ballaugh, Isle of Man.

JUDD—HUNT.—On July 12, at St. Mary's Cathedral, by the Rev. Canon MacMurray, William Joseph, third son of the late George Judd, Victoria Crescent, Newmarket, to Annie Louisa, eldest daughter of Thomas Hunt, Macaulay-street, Newton.

PARK — SMITH. — On June 13th, at Kingsland, by the Rev. Gray Dixon, Thomas Park, second son of the late John Park, Galashiels, Scotland, to Elizabeth McDonald Smith, eldest daughter of James Smith, of this city.

SMITH—FRENCH.—On July 4, 1905, at the Methodist Church, Otahuhu, by the Rev. W. Slade, George William, eldest son of G. E. Smith, Aratapu, Northern Wairoa, to Catherine (Katie), eldest daughter of George French, Otahuhu.

TEBBS—OSGOOD.—On the 14th June, at the Church of St. John the Divine, Bedford-hill, S.W., by the Reverend Edgar Sheppard, D.D., C.V.O., Sub-Dean of His Majesty's Chapels Royal, and the Reverend Booth H. Lynes, M.A., vicar, Basil Nelson-Tebbs, M.A., M.D., B.C., Cantab., of 144, Portswood-road, Southampton, second son of the late Reverend William Tebbs, M.A., vicar of St. Matthew's, Auckland, N.Z., and of Mrs Tebbs, of Bedford-hill, S.W., to Constance Marguerite (Daisy), only daughter of William Henry Osgood, of Streatbourne House, Balham High-road, S.W.

WHITELAW — ARROW. — On July 5th, at Avonside Church, Christchurch, by the Rev. Canon Pascoe, William Hutton, second son of late George Whitelaw, Bank of N.Z., to Maude Lilian, youngest daughter of the late Henry Arrow, of Waipawa.

## The Peaches Vanished.

At a garden party to which a friend of mine was invited a few summers back the host, thinking he would improve the occasion, arranged a table covered with tracts near a shady part in the grounds where he knew the guests would pass. In order to draw their attention to the tracts he hung up in a conspicuous place just over the table a placard, on which he had written in large letters:—"Please take one. They may do good, and cannot possibly do any harm."

The first guest to come along that way was a young man whose sense of fun was somewhat largely developed. Seeing a wall covered with fine peaches in the neighbourhood, he took away the placard, and stuck it up there instead, in the very midst of the ripe fruit.

When the guests had all departed the host came round by his shady walk to see how many tracts had been taken. Alas! they were all there, and a single one gone; but, on glancing at his favourite peach tree, great was his consternation to see it entirely denuded of its delicious fruit, in which he had taken so much pride and pleasure.