

Miss Russell, of Christchurch, who has been staying in Wanganui with her sister Mrs Gifford Marshall, has returned to her home.

Mrs. C. Louison and Mrs. Davis (Palmerston North), with their little sons, have gone to Plimmerton for a few weeks.

Mrs. W. Keble (Wairarapa) has been spending a week or two in Wellington.

Mrs. T. C. Williams (Wellington) has been visiting friends in Christchurch.

Dr. and Mrs. Earle (Wanganui) are going to the Old Country for a visit. They leave by the Gothic in February, and will probably return in the spring.

Mrs. Jeffcoat, who had been away for a year's trip to England, came back to Wellington by the Maheno. She made the journey both ways by Sydney and Suez.

Sir Francis Price, Bart. (England), has arrived in Wellington, and is spending a few days in that city before going on to other places of interest in the colony.

Bishop Wallis, Wellington, conducted a confirmation service at All Saints' Church, Palmerston North, on Sunday, when ninety-seven candidates were presented.

Miss Elsie McDouall leaves Dunedin for Napier, and returns to her home in Napier, where she is shortly to be married to Mr Webber, of Hastings.

The Hon. F. Wilmot, Mrs. and Miss Wilmot, who have been in Wellington about a week, have gone on to the South Island. They recently arrived from South Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalzell, who have just returned from a trip to England, have taken a house temporarily in Pipitea-street (Wellington), until they make further arrangements.

Major Gordon, who has come out to New Zealand for a holiday trip, is at present in Wellington. His regiment is the 9th Lancers, with whom he saw a good deal of service during the last South African War.

His Worship the Mayor, Mr. Cohen, resumed control of municipal affairs in Palmerston on Monday morning, the reins of office being handed over to him by Cr. Abraham, who has occupied the post of Deputy Mayor during Mr. Cohen's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lang (England) and Miss Arber have come out to New Zealand for a visit of some months. They are at present in Napier, and after a stay of two or three weeks in that town go on to the South Island to view some of the fine scenery for which that part of the colony is famed.

The Rev. C. C. Harper, Vicar of All Saints' Church, Palmerston North, has engaged Mr. G. V. Kendrick as lay assistant. Mr. Kendrick, who hopes eventually to take orders, has consented to accept a position on the staff for a year at least. He will devote his whole time to parochial work after January 1st, at present he is on the staff of the Union Bank of this town.

Col. Baillie, M.L.C., and Mrs. Baillie (Wellington) are going to England on the Gothic early next year. Colonel Baillie is an old resident of Marlborough, where he and Mrs. Baillie have many very warm friends. Every summer they return to Picton for some months, though their headquarters are now in Wellington on account of Col. Baillie's Parliamentary duties. Mrs. Baillie is a very near relative of Lord Roberts and part of their time in England will be spent with him.

**SOUTH ISLAND:**

Mrs. Vernon (Christchurch), has gone on a visit to Dunedin.

Mrs. Fletcher Johnston (Wellington), is the guest of Mrs. P. Campbell, "Jem," Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs Cadell (South Canterbury), are spending a few days in Christchurch.

Mr and Mrs Duncan Cameron, of McIvies, are spending a few weeks at the seaside, staying at Sumner.

Mrs T. C. Williams, of Wellington, is the guest of Mrs Elworthy (Christchurch).

Miss Coates, who has been staying in Christchurch with Mrs Goe, has returned to Wellington.

Mr and Mrs Borthwick have taken Mr Carey-Hill's house on Papanui road for the summer, writes our Christchurch correspondent.



**ENGAGEMENTS.**

The engagement is announced of Miss Alice Shand (Wellington), daughter of Professor Shand (Dunedin), to Captain Monro (Wellington).

The engagement is announced of Miss Bertha Julius, youngest daughter of the Bishop of Christchurch, and Mrs Julius, to Mr Percy Elworthy, of "Pareora," South Canterbury.

The engagement is announced of Miss M. Rolleston, daughter of Mrs W. Rolleston, of Rangitara, to Mr L. Bowen, son of the Hon. C. C. and Mrs Bowen, of "Middleton," Christchurch.

The marriage of Miss Ivy MacShane, daughter of the late Charles MacShane (Featherston) to Mr. Lex Howey Walker, of Auckland, will take place at Avondale on December 31st.



**BUNTON—BOBIN.**

St. Peter's Anglican Church, Onehunga, was filled to overflowing on Wednesday last, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. Harold Bunton, of Wanganui, and Miss Alice Bobin, of Onehunga. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Haselden, and was full choral. Miss Barryman presided at the organ, and played the "Wedding March." The bride, who was accompanied by her stepfather, Mr. E. G. Allsworth, wore a lovely gown of cream silk crepe with the trained skirt effectively trimmed with innumerable tiny tucked frills, and the fronts richly embroidered with true lover's knots, the swathed bodice and gossamer elbow sleeves being daintily trimmed with frills of soft cream lace, the whole being finished with a high waistband of soft silk and orange blossoms. The embroidered tulle veil was arranged over a wreath of myrtle and orange blossoms, her only jewel being a very handsome gold watch and muff chain, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried an exquisite shower bouquet, composed of white carnations and cornflowers, with maidenhair and asparagus fern, also the gift of the bridegroom. There were three bridesmaids, the Misses Nora Bunton (chief), Kathleen Haselden, and Lily Howie. All wore dresses of dainty white mercerised lawn, the skirts frilled and interspersed with fine Valenciennes lace; the bodices arranged with fichu effect, caught with pale yellow roses, and finished with pretty waist-belts in a lovely shade of pale yellow. Their picturesque hats were of white French straw swathed with chiffon ribbons, edged with rouleau crinoline, with bandeaux surmounted with pale yellow ribbons, roses, and lilies-of-the-valley. They carried baskets of flowers, which had been arranged with pale yellow and white roses, relieved with maidenhair fern. They wore respectively a gold bracelet, studded with pearls and amethysts, gold amethyst brooch, and a gold pendant and chain, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. George Boyes, of Hamilton, as best man, and Messrs. H. Burschell and C. Buxton as groomsmen. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and later the happy couple left for the honeymoon, the bride travelling in a dark blue tailor-made costume, worn with a smart French sailor, trimmed with floral ribbon and cream roses. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of silver-mounted pipes. The bridal couple were the recipients of very handsome and numerous gifts. The bride's mother wore a handsome gown of black

silk embroidered voile, draped with very old Chantilly lace, over cream silk net, embroidered in heliotrope, a pretty heliotrope bonnet to match. She carried a lovely shower bouquet of heliotrope and white flowers, the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs. Charles Buxton wore a pretty gown of white silk voile, with encrustations of rich lace, and white chip helmet swathed with silk and white ostrich feathers; Mrs. Haselden, pearl grey gown, relieved with cream encrustations, and green straw hat, prettily trimmed with green tulle ruche and pink flowers; Miss Bobin, cream silk dress, and pale blue chiffon hat wreathed in forget-me-nots; Miss Amy Bobin wore cream voile, relieved with pink, pink hat of tacked chiffon; Mrs. Wm. Howie (Hamilton), black mercerised lawn, trimmed with white silk, pretty black lace hat swathed in tacked chiffon of a pretty pearl colour; Mrs. H. Percy Smith (Auckland), handsome black mercerised gown, relieved with heliotrope silk and soft cream lace, with a black chiffon hat trimmed with heliotrope flowers and tacked chiffon; Mrs. D. Gilmore, silk voile skirt, cream d'esprit net blouse, trimmed with pretty pink silk ribbon trimming, hat to match.

**MARTIN—HARLEY.**

On Saturday last Dr. Martin, of Palmerston, was married at St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, to Miss Constance Margery Harley, of Edinburgh, and formerly of Hassocks, Sussex. The Rev. John Ferguson performed the ceremony. Dr. and Mrs Martin will not return to Palmerston for a few weeks.

**BEALE—READER.**

Another marriage of interest to Palmerston, celebrated last week, was that of Mr Bruce Beale, solicitor, of this town, and Miss Mabel Reader, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Reader, Stratford. The ceremony took place at Stratford.

**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.**

**BARRY.**—On Saturday, 8th December, at Victoria-avenue, Mt. Eden, to Mrs Samuel Barry, a daughter.

**CASEY.**—On December 15th, at her residence, William's-avenue, Grey Lynn, the wife of W. Casey of a daughter.

**LAPWOOD.**—On December 24, at Takau, to Mr and Mrs J. Lapwood, a son.

**MACKAY.**—On December 1st, at her residence, Ponsonby-rd., the wife of Robert Mackay (bookseller), of a son.

**REIMERS.**—On December 10, at her residence, Glenholme, Beach-road East, Devonport, the wife of H. H. Reimers of a daughter.

**MARRIAGES.**

**BUNTON—BOBIN.**—On Wednesday, 13th December 1906, at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Onehunga, by the Rev. Canon Haselden, Harold Hunt Bunton, eldest son of the late John Bunton, Malton, Yorkshire, England, to Alice, daughter of the late Joseph Bobin, and step-daughter of E. G. Allsworth, Queen-st., Onehunga.

**CURTIS—HALVERSON.**—On December 10, at Auckland, Edward, the youngest son of A. and E. Curtis, of New Zealand, to Olga Jane (Daly), eldest daughter of A. and E. Halverson, of Auckland.

**KENNELLY—SMITH.**—On November 27, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, by Rev. Father Hollcock, John Thomas, second son of Thomas Kennelly, of Uukole, to Laura Mary, eldest daughter of Mr W. G. Smith, of Auckland.

**LEWIS—GILLILAN.**—On December 6, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Parcell, by the Rev. E. Gould (stepfather of the bride), assisted by the Rev. Canon MacMurray (vicar) and the Rev. Canon Haselden (uncle of the bride), Henry Perry, second son of Mr. H. J. Lewis, Lichfield-road, to Elsie Muriel Gould, elder daughter of Mr. Harry Gillilan, St. Stephen's-avenue.

**MILLS—MORRIS.**—On November 6, 1906, at St. Patrick's Church, by the Rev. Father Murphy, John Mack, eldest son of John Mills, of Cook-street, to Rose Martha, third daughter of the late Captain J. C. Morris, late of Commodore.

**SKELTON—EWEN.**—On November 7th, at Christ Church, Ellerslie, by the Rev. E. W. Walker, Arthur Edward, son of the late Edward Skelton, to Florence E. Ewen, younger daughter of Alexander Ewen.

**DEATHS.**

**ANGUS.**—On December 15th, at Mount Pleasant private hospital, Sarah Jane, the beloved wife of John C. Angus.

**BARTON.**—On December 12, 1906, at her late residence, South Island, King-bond, Ellerslie, the dearly-beloved wife of John Barton, R.I.P.

**BULAT.**—On December 12, at Auckland Hospital, Joseph Bulat; aged 28 years.

**BURTON.**—At her late residence, Curran-st., Ponsonby, Mary Jane, relict of the late Charles Burton, in her 76th year.

**BRADBURN.**—On Sunday, December 16th, at Upper Nelson-st., George Alfred, the beloved husband of Lucy M. Bradburn, aged 38 years.

**CAMPBELL.**—On December 11, at his residence, Donagh Drive, Parcell, Hugh Campbell; aged 61 years.

**CLIFFE.**—On December 16th (Lord's Day), at the Lodge, Government House, Robert, the dearly beloved husband of the late Sarah Cliffe. With Christ, which is far better.

**DOUGLAS.**—On December 15th, at Flat Bush, Jane, the beloved wife of Samuel Douglas; aged 67 years.

**EDMONDS.**—At his late residence, Emma-street, Bellwood, on December 14, Arthur Edmonds, beloved husband of Ada E. Edmonds, and sixth son of the late S. J. Edmonds; aged 35 years.

Not understood! How many breasts are aching For lack of sympathy; Ah! day by day, How many cheerless, lowly hearts are breaking. How many noble spirits pass away. Not understood!

O God! that men would see a little clearer, Or judge less harshly when they cannot see.

O God! that men would draw a little nearer To one another; they'd be wiser. And understood!

Interred at Waikaraka Cemetery 16th December. Inserted by his loving wife, Ada E. Edmonds.

**LANDER.**—At her residence, Hastings-road, Devonport, on 11th December, Rebecca Ann, relict of the late Captain John Lander, in her 77th year. Rest at eventide.

**MOREL.**—On December 12, at Richmond, after a lingering illness, Elizabeth Anne, the wife of Adrian Morel; in her 40th year.

**MCPHIE.**—On December 10, at his late residence, Fenton-street, Thames, John, dearly beloved husband of Mary McPhee; aged 50 years.

**ROBERTS.**—On December 10, 1906, at her late residence, Newton-rd., Margaret, the dearly beloved wife of Joseph Roberts (master mason); aged 62 years. At rest.

**SCOTT.**—On December 11, at Manukau Hotel, Onehunga, Lydia Scott; aged 46.

**SMITH.**—On December 13, at her late residence, Chilton-road, off St. Stephen's-avenue, Parcell, Emma, the beloved wife of the late Joseph Smith, in her 72nd year.

**TOBEY.**—On December 14, 1906, at her residence, Bellwood-avenue, Mount Roskill, Sarah Jane, the dearly beloved wife of Rudolph Tobey, and second daughter of Mrs A. Bannister; aged 40 years. Rest in the arms of Jesus.

"Twas last night," began the end-man when the sweet-voiced singer had concluded a pathetic ballad. "Ah was a-gwine home when Ah sees a big, black ghost."

"Hold on, Mr. Bones!" cried the middle-man. "Who ever heard of a black ghost? You should know better than to announce to this large and intelligent audience that you saw a black ghost. Let me inform you, for future reference, that all ghosts are white."

"Mistah Centerpiece, yo' am wrong," protested the end-man. "Ah has seen blue, green an' yellow ghosts, an' pink an' red ghosts, an'—"

"Mr. Bones, your ignorance is amazing. But as you can't possibly prove your absurd claim that you've seen a coloured ghost, our popular tenor, Mr. Hhote, will render that appealing bit of sentimentality, 'When Brother Jim was Boarding with the State.'"

"Ah got proof—Ah got proof!" cried the end-man as the tenor arose to warble. "Ah knows dat Ah've seen blue, green an' red ghosts. Kase why? Kase ghosts am all shades. Dat's mah knower."

