

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

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BIRTHS.

BLOMFIELD. — On December 31st, at their residence, Bardsfield-st., Ponsonby, to Mr and Mrs Fred. Blomfield, a son.
FARRELL. — At her residence, Milton-road, Remuera, on December 31, the wife of W. J. Farrell—a daughter.
GENTLES. — On December 29, at their residence, Tower House, Kingsland-avenue, to Mr and Mrs H. J. Gentles, a daughter.
HINDMAN. — On December 30th, 1906, at their residence, Pukekoe, to Mr and Mrs Jas. H. Hindman, a son.
LISLE. — At her residence, Fleet-street, Devonport, December 29, 1906, the wife of J. Lisle, of a daughter.—Wolverhampton papers please copy.
MURRAY. — On January 1st, at "Ravhill," Park-rd. (Nurse Margaret), the wife of F. S. Murray of a son (still born).
ROBERTSON. — At Esplanade-rd., Mr. Eden, on the 2nd inst., to Mr and Mrs W. F. Robertson, a son.
BINCLAIR. — On December 30, 1906, at Great North-road, the wife of Geo. Binclair, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

DAVY-CARTE. — On December 10, 1906, at Maritai, Wellington, Harry Davy to Daisy Carte.
FREEMAN-MOOR. — On November 28, 1906, at Eden Terrace P.M. Church, by the Rev. G. W. Smithers, Albert Edward, seventh son of Thomas W. Freeman, of Eden Terrace, to Annie Maud, second daughter of William Moor, builder, Glenmore, Auckland.
BOLMES-AITON. — On December 25, 1906, at St. Mark's, Remuera, by the Rev. William Beatty, Edwin Wray, fourth son of Mr. Robert Holmes, Carlton Gore-road, to Elizabeth, fourth daughter of Mr. Thomas Alton, West-st., Auckland.
NICHOLLS-AYLETT. — On October 17, at St. Barnabas Church, Mt. Eden, by Rev. J. McFarland, James Basil, eldest son of Mrs. Nicholls, Mt. Eden-rd., and the late J. H. Nicholls, Postmaster, Paeroa, to Ethel Mary, youngest daughter of the late A. W. Aylett, of Auckland.
WORMS-PRENTER. — On December 19th, at All Saints' Church, Auckland, by the Ven. Archdeacon Calder, William Thomas, youngest son of the late Samuel Lewis Worms, of Auckland, to Clara, eldest daughter of Thomas Prenter, Prospect Terrace, Ponsonby.

DEATHS.

ATKINS. — On January 2, 1907, at his late residence, Park-avenue, Henry Atkins; aged 72.
BOLLOND. — On January 1st, at his residence, Edwin-st., Thomas Bollond, widower, in his 73rd year.
CLARK. — On January 5th, 1907, at his mother's residence, Newton-rd., George Frederick Clark; aged 32 years.
DESON. — On December 29th, 1906, at his late residence, Ponsonby-rd., Benjamin, the beloved husband of Annie Deason (late of Hokitika); aged 65 years. R.I.P.
DONALD. — On January 3, at the District Hospital, John, the fifth dearly-beloved son of Alexander Donald, Grey Lynn; aged 29 years.
FARRELL. — On December 29th, 1906, at his residence, Pannure, John Joseph, beloved husband of Mary Farrell, late of H.M. 15th Royal Irish Regiment; aged 88 years. R.I.P.
HATTON. — On January 4, at the Children's Hospital, from brain fever, Irene Leonard, dearly loved little daughter of James and Kate Hatton, of Mount Eden; aged 3 years 3 months. R.I.P.
"Such a little child to come unto Me, For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
JOHNSTON. — On January 5, suddenly, at Taupo, John Savage, the beloved husband of Annie Johnston, and third son of Wm. Johnston, Erin Lodge, Epsom; aged 42 years.
KELLY. — On January 1st, 1907, at her late residence, Canada-st., Newton, after a long and painful illness, Myrtle Josephine, the youngest dearly beloved daughter of John and Elizabeth Kelly, aged 11 years and 10 months. "Requiescat in pace."
KIRKWOOD. — On January 8th, at his late residence, Eden Crescent, John Kirkwood, late of Ayrshire, Scotland; age 68.
LYLE. — On July 6th, 1906, at Glasgow, Scotland, John, only surviving brother of the late James Lyle, of Auckland, New Zealand.
MORRIS. — On January 6th, 1907, at the Auckland Public Hospital, Lillian Morris, eldest daughter of Louis and Frances Morris, of Auckland; aged 13 years.
MCKIMMIE. — On November 10, after a long and painful illness, at the St. George's Infirmary, London, David, the eldest son of James McKimmie, Nelson-street; aged 27. Deeply regretted. Interred at Manor Park, London.
POOLE. — At the Auckland Hospital on December 31, 1906, Obed Poole, formerly of Epsom, home-stationer; aged 55 years.
ROY. — At the John's Hospital, on January 4, 1907, John, aged 36.
BRAGAR. — On January 2, 1907, at his late residence, Aitken-terrace, Glenmore, Henry John, the beloved husband of Cecilia

Beagar, and third son of the late William Beagar, ironfounder, of this city; aged 36 years.—Wellington papers please copy.
STRONG. — On January 2, at her son-in-law's (Mr John Bain's) residence, Scumner street, Ponsonby, Sarah Ann, the dearly beloved wife of Robert Strong, in her 86th year.
SANDHAM. — On January 2nd, at his late residence, Grey-st., off Brighton-rd., Farnell, David Varley, the dearly beloved husband of Helena Sandham; aged 35 years.
SAUNDERS. — On January 5th, at her son's residence, 88, Hobson-st., Mary Ann Saunders, relict of the late J. F. Saunders; aged 78 years.
WILLIAMSON. — On January 6th, at his late residence, No. 14, Newton-rd., William Williamson, brassfounder, in his 71st year. Glasgow and Melbourne papers please copy.
WEBB. — On January 3rd, 1907, at 31, Eastland-st., Theresa, dearly beloved wife of Thomas Webb (late of Helensville); aged 49 years. R.I.P.
WILLIAMS. — On January 2nd, at Auckland, Richard Tadnell, the dearly beloved husband of Martha E. Williams.

Presentation to Mr. Alex. Rose.

Having served for 49 years in the Customs, and reached the age limit, Mr Alexander Rose retired last week from the position of Collector at Auckland. His officers took the opportunity of showing their esteem by gathering in the Long Room after the conclusion of business and presenting their late chief with a handsome gold Rotherham watch, inscribed as follows: "Presented to Alex. Rose, Esq., by the officers of H.M. Customs on his retirement after 49 years' service," December 31st, 1906." Nearly fifty officers on the outdoor and indoor staffs were present, including Mr John Mills, who fills the position vacated by Mr Rose. Mr Mills stated that he had been invited to be present at a function which marked the honourable retirement of Mr Rose after a long and worthy service. He was a subordinate of Mr Rose forty years ago. Since then he had served under him on many occasions, and he knew that no man had won more regard in the service. Mr Mills paid a tribute to the kindly encouragement which Mr Rose always gave to young officers; and to the assistance he was always ready to give everyone requiring it.

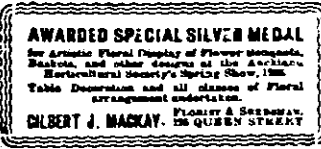
The presentation was made by Mr A. B. Reynolds, acting-landing surveyor, who stated that officers from all parts of the colony had subscribed towards the token of esteem which he asked Mr Rose to accept.

The recipient, who was much affected by the evidences of good-will and respect, said it was a fact, as had been stated, that a large number of young officers had come under his control, and as he knew they wanted encouragement in doing their work, he felt it was right to give it. He briefly referred to the improvement of the Customs service which had taken place during the last forty years, much of which he attributed to the Civil Service examinations going away with the Ministerial patronage which had previously made it a class service. The administration, he went on, was becoming all the stronger in the matter of admitting only those who showed their qualifications and proved themselves fit, never mind who their parents were, and it was one of the finest things for the service to know that this was the case. He feelingly thanked his officers for the handsome and valuable memento of his connection with the service, and in conclusion declared that his hearers were fortunate in having as collector Mr Mills, who was very considerate to his officers. He was sure they would loyally serve him.

Three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Rose who shook hands with his old staff, and cheers were also given for Mr Mills.

NEW PRINTING TRADE PUBLICATION.

"The Master Printer" is the name of a new trade periodical, and judging from the first issue, for a copy of which we are indebted to the publishers, Percival Jones, Ltd., Birmingham, it is a journal which will be hailed with pleasure by printing people. It is full of up-to-date information, and the advertisements are of a most useful description to masters who want to improve their plants.



ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Mr. L. M. Horrocks, dentist, Feilding, to Rita, only daughter of Mr. J. H. Quilliam, solicitor, New Plymouth.

The engagement is announced of Miss Drower, of Mount Eden, Auckland, to Mr. Max D. Macgoun, of Catterton, Wairarapa.

The engagement is announced of Miss Maude Bodmin, eldest daughter of Mrs. Bodmin, Lower Hutt, to Mr. Horace Deighton, who is on the staff of the Bank of New South Wales, Wellington.

The engagement is announced of Miss Rona Brandon, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brandon, Wellington, to Mr. Douglas Freeman, of the Valuation Department, Christchurch.

The engagement is announced of Miss Jennie Francis Chatfield, daughter of Major R. P. Chatfield, Sydney, to Mr. Thos. W. O'Neill, chief officer of the s.s. Langton Grange. Major Chatfield, who is an old Auckland, was formerly staff-officer to Captain Livingstone, S.A.



WHITCOMBE-COOCH.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised by the Rev. T. B. Maclean recently at Wanganui, when Mr. F. N. Whitcombe, of Taihape, second son of the late Mr. Charles D. Whitcombe, of New Plymouth, was married to Miss May Cooch, eldest daughter of the late Mr. John T. Cooch, Wanganui. The bride, who was given away by her mother, looked charming in a beautiful silk embroidered gown of pale blue taffeta, and dainty hat of crinoline straw, trimmed with white chiffon and ostrich tips. She carried a lovely bouquet of white roses and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Cooch, sister of the bride, and Miss Dorothy Whitcombe, sister of the bridegroom, who wore pretty dresses of cream embroidered voile, with dainty hats of white chiffon, carrying bouquets of white and pink roses and maidenhair ferns. The bride's mother wore a handsome gown of black silk voile, relieved with black lace over heliotrope silk, with toque to match. She carried a lovely bouquet of Japanese irises and maidenhair fern. Mr. Russell Spring, of Waipawa, Hawke's Bay, was best man.

ENGLISH-COURT.

A pretty choral wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Ponsonby, Auckland, on Thursday afternoon of last week, when Miss M. A. Court, daughter of Mr John Court, was married to Mr S. O. English. The church was prettily decorated with lycopodium and white flowers. The Ven. Archdeacon Calder officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a lovely white chiffon tulle dress trimmed with Honiton lace and orange blossoms, and instead of the usual bouquet she carried a white vellum prayer book. The bridesmaids were Miss Elsie M. Court, Miss Ella English, and little Miss Rita Matthews, niece of the bride. They wore very dainty white mousseline frocks, trimmed with Valenciennes lace and embroidery insertion, and modillions, with floral belts and ends, and

white crinoline hats, with lace crowns and chine ribbon. The two former carried beautiful bouquets of faded heliotrope, sweet pea and maidenhair fern, the little bridesmaid carrying a basket of pink sweet pea. The bridegroom's gifts were a gold bracelet and gold brooches respectively. Mr Harry English acted as best man, and Messrs H. Court and A. English were groomsmen. After the service the bridal party drove to the residence of Mr John Court, and were entertained at afternoon tea, the tables being artistically decorated with white sweet pea. Later Mr and Mrs English left for their honeymoon tour, the bride wearing cream with a tulle coat, and a smart tulle hat with shaded roses and champagne tulle. Mrs C. Rainger (sister of the bride) wore pale pink tulle gown, trimmed with black velvet, and pink hat with black plumes; Mrs English (mother of the bridegroom) was attired in black merveilleux, with Maltese lace, black toque; Mrs J. W. Court, cream silk colienne, hat en suite; Mrs A. A. Court, French embroidered lawn, with pale green and white hat; Mrs George Court, Empire blue chiffon tulle gown, trimmed with Maltese lace, toque to match; Mrs James Court, exquisite black satin, with lace bolero, gray toque; Mrs Alfred Court (Thames), black Oriental satin, with black and white toque; Mrs Wooliams (aunt of bridegroom), black chiffon tulle, with black toque; Miss English, white silk frock, and white embroidered hat with floral ribbon; Misses Olive and Jessie English, dainty white muslin frocks and muslin hats; Mrs W. H. Bartlett, white Sicilian frock and pale heliotrope hat; Miss Court (Remuera), gray silk voile; Miss Elsie Court, pale blue and white check, trimmed with green velvet, and cream hat with pale green tip; Miss Alice Court, pale blue chiffon tulle, with lace, and blue and white hat; Mrs W. T. Court, black silk, with black and white hat; Mrs A. S. Russell, black satin, with black and white toque; Mrs Sanderson, black voile, with cream hat.

Mr. J. R. Cramer, of Napier, is at present on a short visit to Auckland. Mr. and Mrs. W. Frater, who have been to the Christchurch Exhibition, returned to Auckland on Sunday. Miss Frater is staying a few weeks longer in Christchurch.

