

Miss Leven has returned to Nelson after spending several weeks in Wellington.

Miss B. Tukey, late nurse of New Plymouth hospital, has gone to England with Dr. and Mrs. Harrison, of Eltham. When they arrive there, the former hopes to join her sister in the Bartholomew Hospital.

The colony is losing Mr Sydney Bell, of Christchurch, a vocalist of great promise. He goes to join the Stanton Opera Company under a two years' engagement. A farewell complimentary concert is to be tendered to Mr Bell before he leaves.

Mr and Mrs Redwood Goulter, "Timaru," Blenheim, made a short visit to Wellington last week. Mr Goulter, who is President of the Land and Railway League, which has for its object the extension of the Blenheim-Pictou line to the South, was one of the deputation which waited on the Premier to urge the acquisition of land which would lead to the continuation of the railway line.

The friends of Mr Maurice Lousison, son of the Hon. C. Lousison, and Mr Gerald Russell, son of Mr T. Y. Russell, will be pleased to hear that they have passed their medical intermediate examination at the London University, with honours. Messrs Lousison and Russell are living at Guy's College, and studying at the Hospital, where they have been for the last three years.

Mr G. March, one of the staff of the Bank of New Zealand, Christchurch, has been removed to Leeston in connection with that office. In musical circles, Mr March will be a great loss. He was a member of the Christchurch Liedertafel, and a very pleasing solo vocalist at many of our concerts.

The Governor has accepted the resignation of Lieutenant John Findlay of his commission in the South Canterbury Mounted Rifles, as from March 28, 1901. Mr Findlay now holds the rank of major in the New Zealand forces serving in South Africa.

Mr R. F. Steele, who for the past seven years has been associated with Messrs F. G. Hoach and Co., of Wellington city, has accepted the position of travelling representative for Mr John F. Duff, silk merchant, of Christchurch.

The friends of Mr F. Wainhouse, of Lyttelton, will be pleased to hear that after studying at the Navigation School, Devonian, Lyttelton, he passed his examination last week for a certificate of competency as second mate of a foreign going vessel.

Mr R. Browne, of Gore school, who has been promoted to Croydon, was prior to his departure presented with a travelling bag by pupils of the school. Mr Browne thanked the pupils for their handsome gift, which would always serve to remind him of his connection with the Gore school.

Our troopers continue to receive honours and rewards from admirers in various parts of the colony. Last week at Nightcaps (this is in Otago) Trooper R. McAuley, who represented the district in the Fourth Contingent, was entertained at a social and smoke concert. Mr Handyside, on behalf of the Nightcaps people, presented the guest of the evening with a handsome gold watch and chain.

Mr H. H. Fooks, who for many years has filled the position of assistant town clerk to the Ashburton Borough Council, has been appointed to succeed his father, Mr C. E. Fooks, as town clerk. Mr Fooks, senior, who has been in failing health for some time past, filled the office of borough engineer from the date of the Council's inception in 1874 up to the year 1888, and since then till the present month he has filled the combined offices of engineer and town clerk, with the assistance of his son to do the heavier part of the clerical duties. Mr C. E. Fooks has been retained by the Council as consulting engineer. Mr J. R. Loy has been appointed to assist Mr H. H. Fooks with the office and public library work.

Mr C. E. Hutten, who has for many years been connected with the firm of Messrs Bing, Harris and Co., and who has just severed his connection with them, was presented with a well-filled gold sovereign case, on the occasion of his leaving the firm's employ. Mr F. H. King made the presentation on behalf of the employes. He referred to the recipient's long career with the firm, and the amicable terms on which he had worked

with his fellow assistants. He wished him every success in his future career.

One of the most popular and highly respected business men in Ashburton, Mr Rudolph Friedlander, of the firm of Messrs Friedlander Bros., Limited, intends making a holiday trip to America in the beginning of September. He will be away for two or three months. At a committee meeting of the Ashburton A. and P. Association on Tuesday Mr Friedlander tendered his resignation as treasurer, as he would be absent at the next annual show. The committee declined to receive the resignation and granted Mr Friedlander six months' leave of absence and passed a hearty vote of thanks to him for his services in the past.

Mr Harry E. Whitlaw, for eight years accountant in the warehouse of Messrs. Abbott Oram & Co., Auckland, who is leaving to take over the Takapuna Hotel, was recently presented with a gold pencil by the firm and a silver afternoon tea service by his fellow employes. Mr Whitlaw intends to make the Takapuna Hotel even more popular than it has hitherto been. Some £600 has been spent in redecorating the premises which are now fitted with every modern convenience. A special feature of the new management will be the table, and in this respect cyclists and visitors generally dropping in for a meal at the hotel will be agreeably surprised at the good things provided for them.

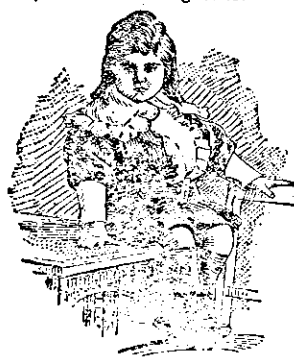
The members of the Shakespeare Club recently resolved that in honour of Mr and Mrs T. W. Whitson's silver wedding they should be presented with a silver tea kettle, suitably inscribed, as an acknowledgment of the indebtedness of the club to them. About twenty members waited upon the vice-president and entertained Mr and Mrs Whitson with a musical and dramatic entertainment. Mr J. G. Sawell made the presentation, and referred to the means whereby the recipients had been kept in ignorance of it. The vice-president expressed the pleasure which the surprise had afforded himself and Mrs Whitson. He mentioned that the club had started in 1877, a year after his wedding. Of those who took part in the club's first entertainment with Mr Whitson, Mr Burton is an honorary life member and Mr Wathen a working member. His Honor Mr Justice Chapman was the club's first president, and Mr Abraham Barrett first vice-president.

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MORRIS-VERCOE.

On Wednesday, July 3, at Trinity Church, Tauranga, by the Rev. Chas. Jordan, Miss Alma Elizabeth Vercoe, sixth daughter of J. L. Vercoe, Esq., Tauranga, was married to Mr E. H. Morris, of Te Puke. The church was beautifully decorated by friends of the bride. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a cream trained gown, trimmed with cream satin and orange blossoms, and the orthodox wreath and veil. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet. Misses Josie Vercoe and De Simpson, sister and niece of the bride, acted as bridesmaids, looking charming in heliotrope dresses, trimmed with black velvet, and stylish black hats trimmed with feathers and violets. They carried pretty bouquets. Messrs F. Skeet and J. G. Vercoe acted as groomsmen. The service was choral, the Wedding March being played by Mrs Southey. After the ceremony the happy pair, amid showers of rice, drove to "The Camp," the residence of the bride's parents, where the guests were entertained to breakfast. After the usual toasts Mr and Mrs Morris left for their home at Te Puke, where they received a hearty welcome from a large concourse of friends and well wishers, who quickly assembled when the news spread that the bridal buggy had arrived. The happy couple have the best wishes of the district for their future happiness. The presents were numerous handsome and valuable, and upwards of sixty in number, an indication of the esteem in which the couple are held.

WHITE-ALLEN.

There was a very pretty wedding at Ormondville on July 24th, when the marriage was celebrated of Mr Kinross White, of Napier, and Miss S. H. Allen, second daughter of the late Dr. Allen, of Ormondville. The ceremony, which took place at the Church of the Epiphany, was performed by the Dean of Waipatu, and the Rev. T. Wills. The bride wore a pretty blue travelling dress, and a black velvet hat, trimmed with white. The bridesmaids, her three sisters, were in light blue, and wore becoming hats of black velvet, relieved with light blue silk. There was a large attendance of friends and relatives at the church, and they were afterwards entertained at Mrs Allen's residence. The bride and bridegroom left by the train later in the day en route for Taupo. Some of the guests at the wedding were: Mrs Wills, Mrs Jarvis, Miss Friberg, Miss White, Miss Wilson, Miss Webb, Dr. Jarvis, Dean Howell, the Rev. T. Wills, Mr Abbott, Mr Wilson and Mr Orr.

On Saturday evening Mr Kinross White, who is manager of the North British and Hawke's Bay Freezing Company, gave the members of his staff and his employees a dinner at the Masonic Hotel. Mr G. Fleming presided, and a letter was read from Mr White wishing all present a very pleasant evening. A short speech was made by Captain Tonkin, and everyone joined him in wishing the bride and bridegroom great prosperity and happiness. During the evening some enjoyable music was given by several of those present.

FOLEY-O'SULLIVAN.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, 7th Inst., when Miss O'Sullivan was married to Mr Maurice Foley, of the shipping department of Messrs L. D. Nathan and Co. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Buckley. The bride, who was given away by her uncle (Mr Maurice O'Connor) looked charming in a trained gown of Royal blue silk poplin, elaborately trimmed with cream guipure lace, front of bodice of white tuckered chiffon, a dainty chiffon hat to match, relieved by pale blue forget-

me-nots and pink silk poppies. She also wore a diamond crescent brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a lovely shower bouquet, with long streamers. She was attended by Miss Brophy as bridesmaid, who looked exceedingly chic in a costume of fawn silk voile, prettily trimmed with white satin and gold lace, handsome black picture hat. She also carried a lovely bouquet. The bridegroom was attended by Mr T. A. Lonergan. The organist, Mr Hiseocks, jun., played the "Wedding March."

At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party, which included only the immediate friends of bride and bridegroom, adjourned to "Tara," Wynyard-street, the residence of the bride's mother, where a recheche breakfast was partaken of, and the usual toasts proposed and duly honoured. Mr Buchanan, the well-known caterer, into whose hands these duties were entrusted, left nothing to be desired.

The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a diamond pin. The bridegroom's gifts to the bridesmaid and best man respectively were a gold necklet, with heart attached, and a pearl pin.

The happy couple were the recipients of a large and valuable collection of wedding presents. Prominent among these were a handsome upright grand piano to bride by bridegroom's father, an oak case of cutlery, suitably inscribed, to bridegroom by the firm of Messrs L. D. Nathan and Co., also a silver tea and coffee service, set of serviette rings, in case, and cake basket, from the employes, etc. etc.

Mr and Mrs Foley left by afternoon train for Rotorna.

Mrs O'Sullivan (mother of the bride), wore a handsome black figured silk, en traine, trimmed with jet, black velvet bonnet, with touches of heliotrope; Mrs M. Browne, black and pearly striped silk, with tucked chiffon front of latter shade, stylish toque to match, chenille boa; Mrs Donald, very pretty black and cherry brocaded silk blouse, with yoke of white satin, relieved with rosettes of cherry velvet, black chiffon toque; Mrs Simmonds, pale blue silk blouse, trimmed with cream lace and black ribbon velvet, pretty "blue" toque to match; Miss Moore, grey silk lustre costume, becoming black toque, relieved with red poppies; Miss Lonergan, tasteful green silk blouse, with white yoke and folds of emerald green velvet on corsage, black silk crepon skirt, black hat; Miss Browne, cornflower blue bengaline, trimmed with darker shade of velvet, cream silk yoke, pretty hat to match.

KIDSON-MELHUSH.

On Wednesday, 24th July, a quiet but interesting wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Nelson, when Mr H. T. Kidson, of Nelson, was married to Miss Mina Melhush, only daughter of Mr R. T. Melhush, of Nelson, the Rev. F. W. Chatterton, the vicar, officiating, and the "Wedding March" was played by Miss Stevens, the organist. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a travelling dress of dark blue cloth,

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