

New Serial, "The Childerbridge Mystery," by Guy Boothby, Commences Next Week.

Mr. Stuart Richardson, who has resigned his position as manager of the N.Z. Electrical Syndicate, was presented with a handsome travelling bag and a large framed photograph by the employees of the firm.

Mr. H. P. and the Misses Murray-Aynsley returned to Christchurch from England on Thursday after a seven months' trip. Their home-coming was a very sad one. Miss Murray-Aynsley, who remained behind in their pretty home, "Riverlaw," Opawa, died a week or two before her father and sisters arrived.

A very large number of Sydney visitors were in Auckland last week, staying at the Star Hotel. Amongst them may be mentioned:—J. C. Windeyer, S. Robin, F. G. Dickison, Misses McCaugh (2), Miss Cullen, H. Fitzgerald, A. W. Eillin, Mrs Gibson, Miss Spooner, A. J. McDonald, Mr and Mrs T. Hawkin Smith, Miss Codrington, Mr and Mrs Harry Levy, Mr and Mrs G. Wickham, W. Brewster, Miss Burke, W. Hinson, Messrs L. A. and H. G. Brown, Sydney Vaccarone, Dr. J. M. Innis, Gerald Voller.

A very large number of people attended the farewell social to the Rev. Father Goggan, who is leaving Wellington for Napier. The Rev. Father was the recipient of an illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns from the parishioners of Te Aro, and the members of the Marist Old Boys' Association presented him with a portmanteau bearing an inscribed silver plate, a silver snuff-box, and a scarf. In reply to numerous felicitous speeches Father Goggan thanked everyone for their generous gifts and assured him of his warm affection for his parishioners and his regret in leaving them. After the presentations and speeches were over, refreshments were served and music and dancing indulged in to a late hour.

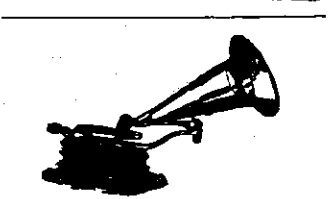
Mr Ismay, of the world-famous firm of Ismay, Imrie and Co., of the White Star line, with Miss Ismay, were in Auckland last week, staying at Mr Rolleston's Central Hotel. Mr Ismay was accompanied by Mr Geoffrey Drage, who was also at the Central. Mr Ismay is the possessor of one of the most magnificent modern residences in the world at his estate, Thurston, in Cheshire, and is a great philanthropist. Mr Geoffrey Drage, who was from 1895 to 1900, member for Derby in the House of Commons, is an M.A. of Oxford, and a barrister of Lincoln's Inn and the Middle Temple. From 1891-1894 he was secretary of the Royal Commission on Labour, and in that capacity visited many European countries and the United States. In 1894 he was elected a vice-president of the International Congress on Accidents at Milan. In 1897 he was a member of the International Congress on the Housing of the Working Classes, at Brussels, and in 1900 of the Congress on Poor Law and Charity, at Paris. Mr Drage has published many works on the question affecting labour and the poor.

At the Geyser Hotel last week there were, amongst others: Mesdames Bennett, Thompson, Mackay, Gallagher, Currie, Noir, Auckland; Magill, Biss, Windeyer, Goodwin, Australia; Ebbett, Roach, Hastings; Brown, England; Stone, Palmerston North; Mickle, Knight, Christchurch; Wickham, Bray, Sydney; Ruttie, Germany; Esam, Marton; Messrs. Crockett (2), Darlot, Goodwin, Pavlovec, Priest, Biss, Dr. Windeyer, Wilkins, Marks, Australia; Moir, Bennett, Thompson, Lees, Sharpe, McLeod, Auckland; Dr. Mickle, Allen, Knight, Christchurch; Roach, Divine, Pearce, Wellington; Matheson, Dunedin; Henderson, Mervale; Bindon, Campbell, England; Esam, Marton; Ruttie, Freirech, Germany; Shaw, Adelaide; Marks, Melbourne; Misses Mackay, Currie (2), Rishworth (2), Gallagher, Auckland; Ebbett, Hastings; Brown, England; Turner, Southland; Burke, Parramatta, Sydney; Windeyer (2), Australia.

Rotorna and Whakarewarewa are both crowded with visitors just now, and the Grand and Geyser Hotels are

full. At the former the following were amongst the many guests last week: Mesdames Ecca, Gisborae; Walters, Wairarapa; Boucher, Te Puke; Lowry, Napier; Palmer, Dunedin; Suiated, Westport; McCulloch, Melbourne; Gerney, MacNeil, Balliere, Sydney; Stead, Bourne, Christchurch; Rapley, Stratford; Elliot, Auckland; Messrs. Kapp, Tasmania; Holdsworth, Coromandel; Fletcher, Faithful, McBean, MacNeil, Gurney, Bailliere, Goulstone, Sydney; Drummond, Melbourne; Stead (2), Pyne, Cowlishaw, Montgomery, Christchurch; Gordon, Elliott, Auckland; Turnbull, Donne, Barrett, Wellington; Green, McMurray, New York; King, Dunedin; Boucher, Te Puke; Lowry, Napier; Browne, Burrows (2), Coles, Prodders, Drage, Ismay and valet, England; Rapley, Stratford; Rees, Gisborne; Walters, Wairarapa; Chaytor, Colonel Thomas, Matate; Misses Strabant (2), Goulstone, Auckland; Stead, Cowlishaw, Christchurch; MacNeil (2), Taylor, Murray, Sydney; Browning, Dunedin; Sellers, Ismay and maid, England.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Mr Ernest Hadfield, son of Bishop Hadfield, ex-Primate of New Zealand, of the legal firm of Moorhouse and Hadfield, Wellington, to Miss Wood, of Napier, Hawke's Bay.

The engagement is announced of Miss J. Buckley, of Park Terrace, and the Rev. G. Kay; also of Miss Myra Wilson and Mr. Leithead, junr., of Kaiapoi.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Harold Kissling, son of Mr. S. Kissling, of Auckland, to Miss Armstrong, of Oamaru.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

REICHEL—SCANLON. The marriage of Mr L. Reichel, chief Government electrician in Wellington, to Miss Agnes Scanlon, was celebrated at the Buckle-street Chapel, Wellington, on January 6th. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr D. Scanlon, well-known as one of Wellington's oldest and most respected inhabitants, wore a gown of rich white silk and the customary wreath and veil. She was attended by her sisters and Miss K. Healy as bridesmaids, who received gold brooches as gifts from the bridegroom. Mr Fritz Reichel was best man. The bridegroom presented the bride with a long gold chain and gold cross. The honeymoon is to be spent in the north.

RAWSON—MARSHALL.

At St. Peter's Church, Wellington, on January 6th a wedding was solemnised between Miss Letty Marshall, daughter of Captain J. Taylor Marshall, to Mr Walter E. Rawson, solicitor, son of the late Dr. Rawson, of New Plymouth. The bride, who wore a dainty gown of white tulle with a long train of beautiful lace, was attended by her two sisters, Misses Mary and Ivy Marshall, wearing pretty white muslin dresses inserted with lace, and carrying shower bouquets of yellow flowers. The Rev. W. C. Waters officiated and Mr Charles Reeves acted as best man.

QUARRIE—JOHNSON.

A wedding was celebrated on New Year's Day at St. Paul's pro-Cathedral, Wellington, between Mr James Quarrie, of Halcombe, Rangitikei, and Miss Jessie May Johnson, of Wellington. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr Chas. J.

Johnson, wore a dress of white muslin daintily tucked and inserted, with a rich edged with Valenciennes. Her veil was of tulle, over a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of white native Clematis. There were three bridesmaids—Misses Annie and Elna Johnson, sisters of the bride, and Miss Mona Cameron, niece of the bridegroom—all dressed alike in white silk dresses and Gainsborough hats, and carrying bouquets of crimson flowers. The bridegroom presented each with a gold brooch. Mr John Quarrie acted as best man. After a reception at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Quarrie left by train for Feilding.

PHARAZYN—JOHNSTON.

On Wednesday, January 8th, at St. Bridget's (R.C.) Church, Feilding, a marriage was solemnised between Mr Godfrey Pharazyn, of Aorangi, son of Mrs W. Pharazyn, "Scarrott," Wellington, and Miss Ella Johnston, youngest daughter of Hon. W. Johnston, of Awahuri.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful dress of white Roman satin, embroidered with pearls and draped with real lace. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Marian Pharazyn, sister of the bridegroom, and little Misses Baldwin and Turnbull, nieces of the bride, wearing dainty white muslin frocks, much trimmed with lace and insertion.

After the ceremony a large reception was held at "Highden," the residence of the bride's parents, at Awahuri. Mrs Walter Johnston received in a dress of cream brocade, with touches of black, and a picture hat of black with ostrich feathers; Mrs Godfrey Pharazyn's going-away dress was of cream voile, with a smart hat of the same hue.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father O'Meara.

OBITUARY.

The many friends of Dr. Leggett will regret to learn of his death, which occurred at his residence, Hardy-street, Nelson, on Thursday evening, after a long illness. He was in practice in Nelson for about eighteen years, and before that was in the Indian medical service. Some years ago Dr. Leggett had the misfortune to lose one of his hands in a gun accident. Before that he was captain for several years of the "H" Battery, and he took an active interest in volunteers matters. He leaves a widow, four sons, all in the Eastern Extension Cable Company, the eldest being at present in Nelson on furlough, and two daughters. Very much sympathy is felt with Mrs Leggett and her family in their sad bereavement. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and was very largely attended.

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