

ENGAGEMENTS.

No notice of Engagements or Marriages can be inserted unless Signed by Our Own Correspondent or by some responsible person with Full Name and Address.

The engagement is announced of Miss Florence Basley, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Basley, Pariell, and Mr. Eric Inglis Wood. The marriage takes place in Sydney on 2nd April.

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Blyth Smith, eldest daughter of Mr. Alfred Smith, Bank of New Zealand, Invercargill, and Mr. C. H. Armstrong, of the same town, will take place on Monday, 4th March.

The engagement is announced of Miss Olive Essex, only daughter of Mrs. Essex, of Palmerston North, to Mr. Jack Turnbull, son of Mr. W. Turnbull, of Dunedin.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Hamilton Cook, elder daughter of the late Captain George Cook, Fochabers, Morayshire, Scotland, and of Mrs. Cook, Paris, to Mr. Hugh Wylie, Audit Inspector, Auckland.

The engagement is announced of Miss M. Rose, of Christchurch, to Mr. McLean, of Dunedin.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel Martin, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Martin, Wesley-road, Wellington, to Mr. Ernest Anderson, son of Mr. David Anderson (Wellington).

The engagement is announced of Miss Lucy Skinner, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Skinner, of Blenheim, to Mr. W. T. Churchward, solicitor, of Blenheim.

FACE TREATMENTS.

There seems to be a widespread idea that Beauty Culture is a luxury which lies only within the reach of those who are blessed with a superfluity of this world's goods.

Mlle. Rubinstein, the keenest and ablest Skin Specialist in Australasia, on being consulted on this point, unhesitatingly gave it as her opinion that the woman who can spend only £1 or £2 a year on her complexion, may do an amazing amount of good for herself.

She should first of all provide herself with a jar of Valaze, that marvellous skin food which beautifies the skin as no ordinary face-cream has power to do. This preparation removes freckles and spots, blotches, lines, pimples, and wrinkles, until the complexion is soft, smooth, and flawless, and perfectly healthy. In jars, 4/- and 7/-.

She should next get a jar of Novena Cerate, which is, without doubt, one of the finest skin cleansers (without the use of soap and water) in existence. It gives the skin a velvety softness and allays all irritation. 2/- and 3/6.

To these preparations should be added Valaze Skin Tonic, which tones and braces the skin, stimulating and nourishing, a tonic in the truest sense of the word. 3/6.

Powder, of course, very few women can do without. Mlle. Rubinstein provides the Valaze Powder for a greasy, overmoist skin, and the Novena Poudre for a normal and dry skin. 2/6 each.

In conjunction with Valaze Complexion Soap (2/3) should be used Voskasta (3/-), and the two invariably produce that smooth, supple, satiny skin that is so noticeable in all Mlle. Rubinstein's clients.

All VALAZE preparations are obtainable from leading chemists, or direct, post free, from Valaze Depot, City Chambers, Queen-street, Auckland, or Mlle. Helena Rubinstein, Maison Valaze, Brandon-street, Wellington.

"Sister Henderson," said Deacon Hyers, "you should avoid even the appearance of evil."

"Why, deacon, what do you mean?" asked Sister Henderson.

"I observe that on your sideboard you have several cut-glass decanters, and that each of them is half filled with what appears to be ardent spirits."

"Well, now, deacon, it isn't anything of the kind. The bottles look so pretty on the sideboard that I just filled them half way with some flour-stain and furniture polish, just for appearance."

"That's why I am cautioning you, sister," replied the deacon. "Feeling a trifle weak and faint, I helped myself to a dose from the big bottle in the middle."

Society Gossip.

Special to the "Graphic."

NOTICE TO OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Editor desires to draw the attention of occasional contributors of any items to the Society Gossip columns that name and address must be given with copy, otherwise any such communication cannot be recognised.

All copy intended for publication in these columns must reach the office not later than Saturday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

AUCKLAND.

February 27.

Miss Petersen.

MRS. ROS. LOUIS MYERS, of "The Mount," Symonds-street, gave a large afternoon tea on Tuesday, in honour of Miss Thelma Petersen, the clever little singer, and I am sure everyone was simply astounded to hear such a voice. Miss Thelma Petersen looked very dainty in her frock of white charmeuse, veiled with ninon, and a pretty pink hat. Tea was laid in the dining-room and morning room, both tables being decorated with asters, one in pink and the other in yellow. Pink tiger lilies were used with good effect in the reception rooms. Miss Alda Ralph and Miss Marjorie Lusher played, and Mrs. Rosenthal sang, so we had quite a feast of good things. Mrs. Myers wore a very handsome black toilette, relieved with white. Among the guests were:—Miss Stapleton-Cotton, who wore a coat and skirt in a pretty shade of Nattier blue, with touches of orange, and a pretty hat to tone with it; Lady Lockhart wore saxe blue charmeuse, with tunic of golden silk net, with wide border of lovely Eastern embroidery, and a hat to match; Mrs. Hope Lewis wore a very smart frock of black and white ninon, with bands of lovely lace, and dainty touches of cerise, very smart amethyst hat massed with shaded red roses; Mrs. Leo. Myers wore a grey toilette; Mrs. Petersen wore cream Shantung, and a floral toque; Mrs. Browning, dark grey Shantung, black hat; Mrs. Billy Watson wore champagne crepe de chine, with a lovely black hat; Mrs. Grant wore a smart opal-tinted frock, and a black hat; Miss Edith Isaacs, grey ninon over white, and a lovely grey hat with satin roses; Mrs. Napier wore a white lace and lawn frock, black feather boa and hat; Mrs. E. Benjamine, smart cream Shantung coat and skirt, and a pretty blue hat; Mrs. E. Firth, grey crepe de chine and embroidery, black hat; Mrs. Bob Isaacs wore a smart coat and skirt of Shantung, and a smart hat; Mrs. W. Rainger wore a pretty black and white toilette of black and white ninon over white silk, and bands of lovely white lace, black hat with white lace and black feathers; Mrs. Braithwaite, black and white striped voile, black hat with feathers; Madam Wielandt wore a charming frock of palest pink charmeuse, veiled with pink ninon, dainty touches of blue on the bodice and on the edge of the tunic, and a pretty hat to match; Madam Pechotch wore electric blue charmeuse, veiled with black ninon, and a black hat; Mrs. Stewart wore a lovely frock of resedu green charmeuse, with tunic of black ninon, finished with handsome embroidery, black hat wreathed with flowers; Mrs. Macfarlane was smartly dressed in black; Miss Macfarlane was admired in golden brown charmeuse, veiled with brown ninon, and a smart brown hat with amethyst flowers; Mrs. Worsp, amethyst and white satin foulard, with black crepe de chine shoulder scarf, black toque; Miss Worsp, white muslin, with a band

round the skirt, and the top of the bodice embroidered in pink fawn tagel, straw hat with Nattier blue feather; Mrs. Clark wore white and a black hat; Mrs. J. A. Tole wore grey relieved with black; Mrs. C. Nathan wore a lovely white lace frock, and large black hat; Mrs. Holgate was smartly frocked in black and white, black hat; Mrs. Cole, Nattier blue crepe, black hat; Miss Hamilton wore grey, and a black hat; Mrs. Richmond wore grey; Miss Beryle Richmond, saxe blue ninon over white, black hat; Mrs. H. Keesing, natural coloured Shantung, with touches of black, and a black toque; Mrs. Erson, grey spotted silk voile, with hat to match; Mrs. Bamford wore a pretty frock of black and white ninon over grey, and finished with embroidery, black hat; Mrs. Ralph wore a handsome toilette of deep blue charmeuse, veiled with black ninon, inserted with lace, black hat; Miss Dorothy Nathan wore a dainty white frock inset with Irish crochet, black hat with clusters of fruit; Miss Royce Greig wore a frock of palest pink, with touches of coloured embroidery, and a becoming hat; Miss Hazel Lindsay wore white; Mrs. Devore wore a handsome black toilette; Miss Marjorie Lusher wore a pretty frock of white, veiled with blue, and a black hat; Mrs. L. Benjamine; Mrs. Lusher; Miss Buckland; Mrs. B. Kent; Mrs. Nelson; Mrs. Archdale-Taylor.

Garden Party and Golf Croquet.

The beautiful grounds of "Hurstmere" presented a most picturesque scene on Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. Grimwade entertained a large number of friends at a garden party and golf-croquet. The afternoon proved ideal for such an al fresco fete. Delightful arrangements had been made by the hostess for the entertainment of her guests, who thoroughly appreciated the lovely garden and surroundings. The beautifully-kept lawns and extensive flower borders of "Hurstmere" extend from the house in a series of terraces to the margin of Lake Takapuna. Golf-croquet was played by a number of ladies and gentlemen, which resulted in Mrs. Oliphant carrying off the handsome prize. On a gramophone kindly lent by Mr. Hooper some excellent records were given and much enjoyed. A motor-launch and boats with young people steamed and pulled to and fro on the Lake. At 4 o'clock a delicious tea was served on the lawn. The proceeds of the tickets are to go in aid of the restoration of the Long Bay Church. Mrs. Grimwade wore a pretty pale grey gown with hat en suite. Among those present were: Mesdames Parr, Monekton, Morgan, Heather, Hooper, Wilson, Gorton, Hart, Frater, Oliphant, Watt, Newcombe, Sharland, Masfen, Oxley, O. Brown, Easton, Bull, Buchanan, Simpson E. W. Alison, Esdaile, Warren Blythe, Horrocks, Dryden, Cooper, Misses Hutton, Courlayne, Kennedy, Berry, Oliphant, Macky.

Mt. Eden Croquet Club.

The Mt. Eden Croquet Club gave an "At Home" on Thursday of last week, the party being a complete success. A committee of ladies, headed by Mrs. Hudson, wife of the president, and Miss Esam (secretary) carried out the arrangements in a most capable manner and everything went off without a hitch. There were twenty-four visiting players. Progressive games were played during the afternoon, and the prizes were won by the following ladies: Miss Fryer, from Onehunga, first prize in A division; Mrs. Speight was second. Mrs. Mainland won first prize in the B division and Miss Hodge second. A delicious tea was served during the afternoon. The tea table came in for a lot of admiration, being decorated in a gold and blue scheme of

colouring, which was most effective and was, I believe, the work of the club's secretary, Miss Esam. Mrs. Hudson received the visitors, and wore a tussore silk coat and abir, black tagel straw hat with plumes, and a white feather boa; Miss Esam wore a hail spot muslin trimmed with embroidery, large black hat with blue flowers; Miss Garland, pale green costume, brown hat; Mrs. Penn, navy blue shantung, floral hat; Mrs. Rankin, pale blue frock, black hat; Mrs. Tattersall, white embroidered frock, biscuit coloured toque with black plumes; Mrs. Stanley Cooper, a pretty white frock and a black hat; Mrs. Vaughan wore a beautiful frock of grey satin charmeuse with tunic of grey ninon beautifully beaded in Oriental colourings, and a pretty hat; Mrs. Gallagher, grey and black striped lustre, burnt straw hat trimmed with black; Mrs. Dickinson, cream voile, grey hat with pink roses; Mrs. Esam wore a black broadcated silk frock and a handsome black beaded coat, white toque with black feathers; Miss Pilcher wore a striking toilette of heliotrope satin charmeuse with tunic of black lace, black hat; Mrs. Hill, black frock and hat with red roses; Mrs. Omond wore brown, and black hat; Mrs. Humphreys, grey crepe de chine, with hat to match; Mrs. Brown, black toilette; Miss Fryer, cream lustre skirt and white blouse, with hat to match; Mrs. Reid, black silk frock, black hat; Mrs. Cucksey, wore black silk, and a vieux rose hat with cherries; Mrs. Crispin, cream frock and hat; Mrs. Little, cream frock, black tagel straw hat trimmed with heliotrope flowers; Mrs. Brimblecombe, black and white frock with touches of heliotrope, black hat with flower in the same tone; Miss Stoddart wore a smart cream cloth tailored costume and large black hat; Mrs. Tattersall, heliotrope linen, and a pink hat; Mrs. Fenton, pale pink crepe and a pretty hat; Mrs. Henriksen, apple green voile frock, black tagel hat with plumes; Miss Squirrel wore white; Mrs. Myers (Sydney), black broadcated silk and black hat; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Martin, Mrs.

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