

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 Ria Macalister, youngest daughter of Mrs. Macalister, of Pictou, to Mr. E. S. Rutherford, Pictou, manager for Messrs. Gossell and Burden, Blenheim.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ina Wilkins, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, of Portage, Kenepuru Sound, to Mr. F. V. R. Phillips, barrister, of Otahouana.

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth Haddow (Bessie), second daughter of Mr. T. McMillan, New Bond Street, Kingsland, to Arthur, youngest son of Mr. G. A. Coles, "Harrowden," Mt. Albert.

The engagement is announced of Miss Bea Sellers, youngest daughter of Mrs. H. J. B. Sellers, "Rosemont," Remuera, to Dr. W. C. Ring, eldest son of Mr. W. Ring, Ihumera Estate, Waikato.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gwen Thomas, eldest daughter of Mr. C. Thomas (Christchurch), to Mr. W. Malet, third son of the late Mr. F. de C. Malet (Christchurch).

Marriage.

"I'm a-goin' to leave you, Samivel, my boy, and there's no telling ven I shall see you again. Your mother-in-law may ha' been too much for me, or a thousand things may have happened by the time you next hears any news o' the celebrated Mr. Veller o' the Bell Savage. The family name depends very much upon you, Samivel, and I hope you'll do wot's right by it. Upon all little pinte o' breedin', I know I may trust you as well as if it was my own self. So I've only this here one little bit of advice to give you. If ever you gets to up'ards o' fifty and feels disposed to go a-marryin' anybody—no matter who—just you shut yourself up in your own room, if you've got one, and pison yourself offhand. Hangin's vulgar, so don't you have nothin' to say to that. Pison yourself, Samivel, my boy, pison yourself, and you'll be glad of it arterwards." Mr. Weller, sen., "Pickwick."

Cats and Chinamen.

The only one of the lower animals Vancouver's Chinese do not eat is cat. It seems that it is not, as you might think, because the cat is a somewhat unpalatable animal. It is the character of the cat that is objected to. The whole cat tribe is scorned by the hungriest Chinaman. Buy Gon, the meatseller, answered thus: "Yo assa me vay menime questions 'bout meat in dissa shop, lika dis, lika dat. I showa yo. I tay yo. No eat kat. Dissa eat jussa semma lika tiger." And old Buya, with a gesture expressive of extreme enmity, turned away to serve a customer who immediately started to bargain in chromatic Cantonese, haggling about the price of a fat pig. Buya sells a special species of faps, bred and fattened by himself, and he does a good business. It was born in Chinatown, and the street was filled with satoury vapours from Chinese cookpots. As a setting for these ordinary smells the atmosphere was heavy with the latent odours of incense, joss sticks, opium, and wood smoke.—From the B.C. "Saturday Sun."

Would my bed stool Uncle Ted,
Jacobine, Jane and Florrie;
They thought I'd be the best thing if,
Was in to be shortly hung.
I'd get Frenchies and horseshoes,
I then was us temperature,
I'd well to-day and pleased to say
"Twas Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

Record Relief Funds.

SOME MAMMOTH COLLECTIONS.

The enormous proportions assumed by the Titanic Relief Fund calls attention to other striking examples of the generosity of the British public when disaster has threatened hundreds of homes with poverty and starvation. Sir William Soulby, who has been private secretary to the Lord Mayors of London since 1875, has seen nearly £7,000,000 collected for various Mansion House Funds, a striking feature being the help they have afforded to sufferers from disaster abroad. Here is a list of the Relief Funds which have exceeded £100,000.—

Bengal Relief, 1874.....	£125,000
Indian Famine, 1878.....	600,000
Persecuted Russian Jews, 1882-1886.....	110,000
Indian Famine, 1897.....	550,000
Indian Famine, 1900.....	394,000
Queen Victoria National Memorial, opened in March 1901.....	368,000
Transvaal War (including the Refugees' Fund, £170,000, and the City Imperial Volunteers', £117,000) open from October, 1899, to March, 1902—the world's record collection.....	1,400,000
Unemployed Relief, 1905.....	153,000
Messina Earthquake, 1908.....	143,000
Titanic Disaster, 1912—estimated total at the moment of writing, over.....	200,000
Among other record collections for the alleviation of distress at home and abroad might be mentioned the following:—	
Eastern War Sufferers, 1876.....	£14,000
Aberdeen Colliery Explosion, 1878.....	18,000
Hungarian Floods, 1879.....	11,200
Zulu War, 1879.....	10,000
Duchess of Marlborough's Irish Relief, 1879.....	34,100
Egyptian Refugees, 1883.....	21,000
Iceland Earthquake, 1883.....	29,000
Eastern Counties Earthquake, 1884.....	10,000
Unemployed Relief, 1886.....	80,000
Chinese Famine, 1889.....	35,000
Mauritius Hurricane, 1892.....	12,000
St. John's, Newfoundland, Fire, 1892.....	24,500
Albion Colliery, Pansypridd, Explosion, 1894.....	12,000
Poorst of the Poor, London Jubilee Dinner, 1897 initiated by Queen Alexandra when Princess of Wales.....	60,000
West Indies Hurricanes, 1899.....	53,000
Ottawa Fire, 1901.....	53,405
St. Vincent Volcanic Eruption 1902.....	65,000
Jamaica Earthquake, 1908.....	54,000

DAILY MISHAPS.

STOCKING DYE CAUSED BLOOD-

POISONING.

AWFUL WOUND HEALED BY ZAM-BUK.

Mrs. Alice Winchester, of 87 Roser-voir Street, Surrey Hills, Sydney, says: "While hurrying to answer a knock at the door, my dress caught in a board, which fell on my ankle and broke the skin. Some dye from my stocking entered the injury and started blood-poisoning. My foot became inflamed and the pain was agonising, becoming so bad that I could not sleep at night, and my general health was affected. I had a fearful foot, for I could not get about to do anything, and became most miserable.

"After hearing of some excellent cures by Zam-Buk, I purchased a supply and began treating the injury with it. In a short while I was glad to find Zam-Buk was asserting its soothing influence, for all inflammation and pain were allayed and bad matter withdrawn from the wound. I persevered with Zam-Buk until my foot was completely better and every trace of blood-poison had vanished. We are never without a supply of Zam-Buk in our home. My family have proved it to be an excellent balm for general use."

A pot of Zam-Buk should always be kept handy in every home, workshop, and on every farm, sheep run, and cattle station. Sold by all stores and chemists at 1/6 and 3/6 per pot.

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.

July 15.

Hauraki Club Dance.

THE members of the Hauraki Club—better known, perhaps, as the Junior Club—gave a delightful dance in the Freemasons' Hall, Upper Queen Street, on Wednesday night. It was the first time many of the guests had been in the hall, and everyone thought it was quite charming. The floor is perfect, and the ventilation good, and though the room was at first somewhat crowded it was never overheated. The doors at each side of the dancing room opened into marquees and long covered in verandahs, which were prettily decorated and softly lighted, and made charming sitting-out nooks. The platform was converted into a drawing-room, and at one end bridge tables were in evidence, but not much used. The music was lovely, and the dance went with a good swing right from the start. The supper was especially good, and well served. The table decorations were very much admired, and the masses of daffodils and other spring flowers looked charming, while huge bowls of violets were used with good effect. The committee worked hard, and looked after their guests quite charmingly. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anderson received the guests, the latter wearing a very pretty frock of grey, with a wide flounce of lace in the same tone of grey, and a bandeaux of red berries; Mrs. Hope Lewis wore a charming frock of oyster-white charmeuse, with a tunic of dark grey nixon, with beaded embroidery; Mrs. W. Colbeck wore a most becoming frock of rose-coloured nixon and charmeuse; Mrs. Carrick looked well in a handsome toilette of black velvet and long real lace; Mrs. J. R. Reel, pale blue nixon over charmeuse, finished with embroidery; Mrs. Copeland Savage wore a lovely frock of painted grey nixon over white charmeuse; Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield, palest pink veiled with apricot nixon and lovely embroideries; Mrs. W. R. Holmes, black nixon over white charmeuse; Mrs. Felix Kelly, a lovely blue frock, with touches of brown; Mrs. Mowbray, white charmeuse veiled with gold spotted nixon; Mrs. Sydney George, an elegant frock of palest pink nixon, with a touch of vieux rose at the waist; Mrs. Perkins wore grey; Mrs. Wyvern Williams, pale pink charmeuse, with tunic of grey embroidered nixon; Mrs. John Reid, black velvet and real lace; Mrs. Major, a dainty pale blue and charmeuse, with tunic of silver beaded nixon; Mrs. E. Horton, a pretty blue frock, with tunic of silver gauze, edged with fringe; Mrs. T. Cotter, lovely black and white toilette; Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, a lovely frock of pale blue charmeuse, with a black nixon tunic of beaded embroidery in white and blue; Miss Richmond, black silk and lace; Mrs. Erson wore black; Mrs. Wallace Bews, black, finished with handsome embroideries; Mrs. Edmunds, blue charmeuse, with tunic of gold embroidered nixon, and pink roses; Mrs. Ernest Davis, pale blue with short tunic of cream lace; Mrs. George Kent, palest pink charmeuse, with side tunic of nixon, and finished with silver and beaded embroidery; Mrs. Harry Bloomfield; Mrs. Macfarlane; Mrs. Victor Bagnall; Miss Nancy McCormick and Miss Heather Bews made their debut, and were elegantly attired in pretty frocks of charmeuse and nixon, and carried pretty shawer bouquets; Miss Elsie Neil, who made her debut early in the season, wore a plain well-cut Princess robe of white charmeuse, which suited the graceful

wearer; Miss Fulton (Christchurch), a smart frock of white charmeuse, with wide hem to the knees of pale blue charmeuse, tunic of champagne-coloured nixon with a swathed belt of pink, blue and champagne; Miss Wynds (Christchurch), a smart black, with a touch of dull green in the bodice; Miss McGregor (Wellington), a handsome black frock; Miss Hilda Bloomfield wore a graceful white frock of charmeuse with short, square train, a panel of lovely white silk embroidery down the front; one half of the bodice composed of the embroidery, and the other of soft white lace, with a cluster of pink roses in bodice and the hair as a dainty finish; Miss Enid Reed in a charmingly dainty frock of white nixon hemmed with palest pink nixon and a string of pearls worn low around her forehead; Miss Ida Sharland wore a pretty frock of palest yellow, with band of pink veiled with nixon, a pink rose in her hair, and a white oprey was very smart; Miss Conic Craig and Miss Jennie Nicoll wore their charming bridesmaids' frocks of palest pink charmeuse, Mechlin lace fichus; Miss Myra Taylor (Cambridge), in her dainty coming-out frock; Miss Molly Taylor wore ready green; Miss Ruth Horrocks, in a smart white charmeuse with wide band of flame pink veiled with a lace tunic, a wide bandeaux of the same colour in her hair; Miss Winnie George, pale pink charmeuse, with tunic of blue nixon; Miss Beatrice Ophiant wore her pretty, debutante's frock; Miss Hamlin (Napier) wore black charmeuse; Miss Jessie Reid, a pretty white frock, with a swathed belt of flame pink; Miss Una Saunders, a pretty pale blue nixon with pink belt; Miss Marjory Towle, natter blue; Miss Margie Tole, in a dainty champagne-coloured charmeuse; Miss Bay Tole wore a smart little dancing frock of natter blue over floral silk; Miss Jamison (Wellington), a handsome floral chud silk; Miss Nellie Waller wore a lovely white crepe de chine frock; Miss Vera Duthie wore a dainty white frock; Miss Thelma Bloomfield, pretty maize-coloured broche silk, with tunic of white nixon; Miss Eva Cumming, a very becoming frock of emerald green charmeuse; Miss Neville George, a charming pale blue and white; Miss Gillies, a lovely frock of palest pink, with three flat frills of white nixon headed with palest pink and edged with tiny pink flowers; Miss Milly Cotter, cerise charmeuse, with trimmings of lovely silver embroidery; Miss Winnie Cotter, natter blue nixon; Miss Sybil Payton, a becoming frock of pale grey; Miss Vida Caldwell wore her lovely debutante's frock, a becoming bandeau in the hair; Miss Marnie Hesketh, palest pink charmeuse veiled with grey nixon; Miss Runnie, a smart frock of bamboo-coloured silk, short lace tunic, and touches of emerald green; Miss Dickie, a pretty emerald green; Miss Dorothy Nathan, a dainty frock of palest blue and white lace; Miss Ruby Coleman wore a very becoming frock of pink and white; Miss Judy Barnett, white nixon over charmeuse, red shoes, and a red

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