



THE SOCIAL WORLD



The Wellington branch of the Victoria League has inaugurated a series of drawing-room meetings, the first of which was held at Island Bay on Saturday week. Mrs. Sample was hostess, and a very interesting time was spent.

An engagement is announced in Melbourne "Punch" between Mr. Melton Canning Stranger, Auckland, New Zealand, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stranger, "Valentine Bungalow," Brighton, and Miss Ruby Palmer, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Palmer, of Euroa.

Entertainers at the Auckland Grand Hotel lounge tea last Thursday were Mrs. Eliot Davis, Mrs. F. W. Gordon, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. McLoughlin, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Stilling, and Mr. Percy Adams (Nelson). The lounge was effectively decorated with violets and narcissi, and with delightful orchestral music and up-to-date appointments a jolly afternoon was spent by the many guests.

Mr. W. H. Hankins, third son of Mr. J. H. Hankins, solicitor, of Palmerston North, was married at All Saints' Church, Palmerston, on June 13, to Miss Betty Elias, third daughter of the late Mr. David Elias, of Wellington.

The Rev. A. F. Smith, formerly vicar of Northcote, has accepted the living of St. Thomas', Moorside, Oldham. For about three years Mr. Smith has been senior curate at Lytham, Lancashire. His two young daughters are being educated at Fairhaven High School, Lytham.

A resident of Kingston-on-Thames, by name Mrs. Sarah Shrubsole, has bequeathed six diamond and opal rings to the Queen if the latter will graciously accept them.

The death occurred at Wellington on June 14 of Mr. George Henry Davies, of Karori, aged 70 years. He was a son of Dr. Davies, who was associated with the early missionaries of the Bay of Islands and Opotiki.

The first public function in which the Prince of Wales has played the chief part was the laying of the foundation-stone of St. Anselm's Church, at Kennington, on the Duchy of Cornwall estate. He was accorded an enthusiastic reception in South London. The King subscribed £1000 and the Prince a similar sum towards the cost of the church.

Do you want to be healthy? Do you want to be beautiful? Do you want to live to a ripe old age and still be beautiful and healthy? Then smile, smile, and smile! Nothing cheers like cheerfulness! Nothing cures like cheerfulness! Nothing is so conducive to beauty, health, and longevity as cheerfulness. So smile yourself into a healthy, happy state of mind, into a healthy, happy state of body.—Lilian Russell in the "Chicago Tribune."

A woman's branch (Rebekah) of the Victoria Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows was inaugurated in Wellington last week. The initiation was attended by Sister Smart, District Deputy Grand Master of the Canterbury District, and a number of other Christchurch ladies interested. A mayoral reception was given the visitors.

The marriage arranged between Mr. Guy Cuthbert Clarke, youngest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. T. S. Clarke, of Sandown Lawn, Cheltenham, and Miss Maude Thomson, second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Paton Thomson, of Cambridge (New Zealand), and Alloa, Scotland, will take place at Singapore in the autumn.—"British Australasian."

Bishop Sadler, of Nelson, intends leaving for England in August on a six months' visit.

An interesting wedding was solemnised at St. Aidan's Church, Remuera, on June 18, when Mr. E. A. Dargaville was married to Miss Mildred Lilian Cotter, second daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Cotter, K.C., and Mrs. Cotter, Remuera. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Beatty. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. T. Harold Cotter, and was attended by her sister (Miss Winnie Cotter) as bridesmaid, and Miss Jean MacCormick and Master Douglas Hain (nephew of the bride). Mr. St. John Clarke acted as best man.

Over 230 letters of Lord Nelson and Lady Nelson will be sold at Christie's on July 14. They show that it was a love marriage.

The engagement is announced in Taranaki of Miss Irene Bellringer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. J. Bellringer, New Plymouth, to Mr. Clyde Waters, of the Telegraph Department.

The Hawke's Bay Hunt Club held a most enjoyable ball in the Drill Hall, Napier, on June 16. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and greenery.

Mr. J. E. Banks, of Thames, has returned from a nine months' visit to the Old Country.

Commander C. M. Luck, who has been staying in Wellington at the Royal Oak Hotel, arrived in Auckland yesterday.

cession was followed by another, which symbolised the English-speaking peoples of the earth. The Australian group was arranged by Lady Reid, and included Dr. Douglas Mawson and natives of the Commonwealth. The New Zealand group, arranged by Miss Mackenzie, daughter of the High Commissioner for the Dominion, was composed of Maori chiefs in native costume.

The death of the tango is officially confirmed (says a London message). The president of the British Association of Dancing has declared that the tango is unsuitable as a regular ball-room dance.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, at the annual convention in Chicago agreed to a resolution in favour of dress reform. Many speakers demanded that women should wear dresses large enough to walk in without inconvenience. Miss Grace Hutchins, a costume designer, asserted that the United States women were "clothes mad." Nowhere in the world was to be seen such over-dressing as there was there. She added that the hobble skirt was the supreme effort on the part of the French manufacturers to secure the silk trade in French hands, and declared that narrow dresses cost the German manufacturers the product of 10,000 looms annually. Miss Hutchins said that every woman who wore immoral clothes was not necessarily immoral—rather she was thoughtless to an abnormal degree.

The engagement is announced in the "N. Z. Times" of Miss Eileen Fairbrother, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fairbrother, Dalefield, Carterton, to Mr. Arthur Humphrey, late of Carterton, but now residing at Moring, Pahiatua.

The biennial convention of the Women's Club at Chicago, at which three thousand delegates are present, denounced present-day fashions as immodest in the extreme, and lacking beauty. They urge the appointment of a committee of women from each State to confer with the manufacturers and dressmakers with the idea of creating simpler, more attractive, and more modest styles.

There is some beautiful costuming in "The Forty Thieves" pantomime, which will be staged in Auckland on June 29. In the Black and White ballet, a dance original in setting, the girls are dressed in gauzy black and white, with a taste which is delicate and daring at the same time. Then there are the costumes of the Australian pageant. The groups of marching girls represent the wealth of Australian pastures and Australian resources in coal, gold, silver, and fruit and wheat. The gold and silver girls are all glitter, the coal girls add a sable relief, and the wheat girls are the colour of golden grain, with red poppies and blue cornflowers in their hair. The "Sesame" ballet introduces the fern, the rose and the vine.



MR. HARRY HAYR, JUN., AND MRS. HAYR (NEE MISS MABEL RUSSELL), whose marriage was solemnised at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, on Thursday, June 18.

The Pioneer Club, with the ladies of the Wellington Shakespeare Society, invited Miss Terry to attend a reception during her brief stay in Wellington, but the actress had reluctantly to decline the invitation as her health is not sufficiently robust to allow of her attending any functions while she is lecturing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Thomas, of Christchurch, celebrated their silver wedding on June 12th, and gave a most delightful dance at their residence.

Colonel and Mrs. Bailey, of Timaru, leave shortly for Sydney, where they join a boat for London, travelling via Colombo, where they intend to spend a week or two.

The death occurred at a private hospital in Auckland on June 16 of Mr. D. M. Greenwood, formerly chief clerk in the Auckland office of the Official Assignee in Bankruptcy. The deceased, who was only 27 years of age, was the son of Mr. J. Greenwood, of Henderson, and was very popular.

A quiet wedding took place at Timaru recently, when Mr. Harold Bailey, Maheno, fourth son of Colonel Bailey, Wai-iti Road, was married to Miss Muriel Smith, elder daughter of Mr. C. M. Smith, Gleniti.

Mr. S. Moore, of London, who has been on a visit to Auckland, left last week on a tour of Monganui, Whangaroa and Russell before returning to the city.

Mr. F. J. Munro, of York Street, Parnell, accompanied by Mrs. Munro and child, intends leaving for England by the New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer Rotorua at the end of this month.

The Anglo-American Peace Costume Ball, which was held in the Albert Hall, London, last week, proved a most brilliant and imposing function. A group, representing Columbus and two captains, standing on the poop of the Santa Maria, watched a procession of Indians, Pilgrim Fathers, Quakers, and French and Dutch pioneers go by. This pro-

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