

# THE SOCIAL WORLD



His Excellency the Governor and the Countess of Liverpool left Auckland by special train last week for Wellington, where they will take up their residence again.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethelwyn Hague-Smith, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hague Smith, Thames, to Mr. Jules C. Malfroy, Clerk of the Court, Thames.

The great social event of the London season was the wedding at St. Margaret's, Westminster, of the Hon. Neil Primrose, M.P., the younger son of the Earl of Rosebery, and Lady Victoria Stanley, only daughter of the Earl of Derby. Amongst those who attended the ceremony were Queen Alexandra and several other members of the Royal family, also the Prime Minister (Mr. Asquith), and the members of the Cabinet. Mr. Primrose, who is 32 years of age, has represented North Cambridgeshire in the House of Commons for the past five years. He was recently given the post of Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Lady Victoria was born in 1892.

A Timaru paper announces the engagement of Miss Irene Wilson, Christchurch, to Dr. Gilmour, of the Timaru Hospital.

The death occurred in Wellington on May 23, at the age of 84, of Mrs. Louisa Turnbull, widow of Mr. Thomas Turnbull, F.R.I.B.A. Her family consists of three sons and a daughter (Mrs. Chapple, wife of Dr. W. A. Chapple, a member of the British House of Commons).

Mr. W. Fraser, M.A., of the Auckland Grammar School, has been appointed to second assistant of the Hamilton High School.

The Hon. E. Heaton Rhodes, Minister for Public Health and Hospitals, has received numerous offers in New Zealand from ladies willing to do household duties in hospitals that are at present or are likely to be short of nurses owing to the war, and thus leave the staffs free to attend entirely to nursing duties. Mr. Rhodes suggests that those willing to volunteer should communicate with the matrons of hospitals in their respective districts.

Actors are, of all classes, the most impressionable auditors in a theatre. They laugh more easily at humorous situations and are far more quickly touched by sentiment and pathos in plays than any other class of people that I know anything about. Yet certainly they see the wheels revolving when nobody else can see them.—A. E. Thomas, in "New York Post."

Miss Cameron has been appointed matron-in-chief of the contingent of nurses that left for service aboard last week. She has been matron-in-charge of the St. Helens Hospital, Christchurch, and previous to that was at the Cambridge Sanatorium for two years, and for five years at St. Helens, Christchurch. Miss Cameron was trained in Australia.

The "Dominion" announces the engagement of Miss Doris Collinson, youngest daughter of Mrs. Collinson and the late Mr. H. Collinson, Palmerston North, to Mr. W. H. Heckler, Ihuraua, second son of Mr. J. F. Heckler, Mangamahoe, Wairarapa.

Miss Campbell, matron of the Karitane Home, Dunedin, has resigned her position, and is going to the front with the other nurses who have been accepted for service.

Of course, chaperones before the war were almost extinct, but since the war, well, girls seem to go here, there and everywhere without giving a thought to the sensitive feelings of Mrs. Grundy (says a writer in a London paper). I met a girl who was flying up to Scotland to see a wounded officer, travelling all night so that she could return the next day as she was on duty at a Red Cross hospital.

The wedding took place recently at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington, of Miss Christine (Betty) Turton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Turton, to Mr. Geoffrey Eaton Turner, son of Mr. William Eaton Turner, of Bedford, England. The guests were subsequently entertained to luncheon by Mr. Justice Hosking and Mrs. Hosking.

Miss Flohm, sister of Mr. Bertram Flohm, of Sydney, who came over to New Zealand as judge for the Dunedin competitions, has been spending a holiday in Auckland and Rotorua.

Members of the Victoria League in Wellington are arranging a chain of shilling teas in aid of the medical comforts for the reinforcements, on the same lines as those which are so successful in Auckland.

Auckland's share in the task of equipping the hospital ship will be £6250 in cash and a-quarter of the articles required.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mandy, of Motu-eka, have gone over to Sydney to spend the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. Short, of Westport, returned last week from a trip to the Islands.

Mr. James Craigie, M.P. for Timaru, who is considerably over the fighting age, has asked the local Defence authorities to enrol him as a recruit, stating that he is prepared to go to Europe serving the Empire in any capacity.

The wedding took place at St. John's Church, Wellington, on May 22, of Miss Margaret McBean, daughter of Mrs. McBean, of Lyall Bay, to Mr. Malcolm Galloway, of Wellington.

It is stated that the Savoy, London, have installed a new "fork" in their restaurant. It is described as a sort of knife, fork and spoon, all in one, and is intended for wounded soldiers who can only use one hand at meals.



The Biggest Social Event of the London Season—THE PRIMROSE-STANLEY WEDDING, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on April 7. Lord Rosebery, the Bridegroom's Father, leaving the Church with the Best Man, Mr. Agar Robartes, M.P.

Besides giving their husbands and sons, French women are coming forward with their hard-earned savings. The following story is told of a charwoman: After years of hard work she had saved £60. One day she took this sum to the almoner of the Pasteur Institute, now a war hospital. The almoner hesitated about accepting the whole of the sum, and suggested that she should keep part of it to buy comforts for herself or her family in case of sickness. But the woman replied: "Monsieur, I have no family; and as for myself, I have worked hard since I was 17, and shall go on working. Take it all, to please me." The almoner accepted the money, and, after forbidding him to enter her name on his list of subscribers, she went back to her charing.

Mr. H. V. Ramsay, M.A., of the Hamilton High School staff, has been appointed assistant master at the Thames High School.

Miss Elsy Treweek (Mrs. Collier) came over from Australia last week to sing the part of Santuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana" with the Royal Wellington Choral Society.

Prior to the New Zealand nurses' departure for the front, an interesting ceremony took place at Parliament Buildings, when they were presented with their badges by Mrs. W. F. Massey, wife of the Prime Minister. Speeches were made by the Hon. W. F. Massey and the Hon. J. Allen. The Mayoress, Mrs. Luke, on behalf of the Countess of Liverpool Committee, presented each nurse with a box of chocolates.

Miss Nell Grant, who has been for some time charge-nurse at Woodside Private Hospital, in Auckland, is proceeding to England to offer her professional services to the War Office. Nurst Grant is the daughter of Mr. A. Grant, at one time the railway traffic manager at Auckland.

The Dunedin Education Board received from representatives of the teachers in the Dunedin and suburban schools a request that the board would sanction the present sewing syllabus being held in abeyance, so that girls may devote their sewing time to knitting or sewing for patriotic purposes. The board resolved to apply to the department for the necessary permission.

The Red Cross Committee of the Victoria League, Auckland branch, have passed a resolution to the effect that the members under the direction of Mrs. George Bloomfield, immediately organise, among Auckland women, the equipment of Stationary Hospital No. 2, leaving Wellington on June 12.

Sister Phoebe Reynolds, who was trained in the Auckland Hospital, and who has been part owner of Marinoto Private Hospital in Hawera for the past 13 months, left with the nurses who have proceeded to the front.

Miss Beatrice Day, the popular actress, has been advised that her son, Mr. Robin Wall, who passed out of Clifton College (England) in December last, and has since been training with the Inns of Court Officers' Training Corps, has been given a commission in the Third Lincolnshire Regiment.

On his retirement after 17 years' service as assistant in the Parliamentary Library, Mr. A. B. Thomson was presented with numerous gifts on behalf of the library staff and the officers of the Legislative Department. The chair was occupied by Sir William Hall-Jones, M.L.C., and the presentation was made by the Hon. William Fraser, M.P. Mr. Thomson has left for Sydney en route to London.

At St. Mary's Church, Timaru, the other day, Miss Elsie A. Williams, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Williams, Timaru, was married to Surgeon-Captain W. S. Wallis, youngest son of the late Mr. John Wallis, of Christchurch. The bridegroom is shortly leaving New Zealand to fill a post at one of the base hospitals provided for New Zealanders at the front.

Dr. Gore-Gillon, of Auckland, who recently went to England to offer his services to the war authorities, has been appointed Lieut.-Colonel of the R.A.M.C., and attached as surgeon to Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital. He has been given charge of the Queen Alexandra ward, with consulting supervision over King Edward's ward.

Mr. Hope-Gibbons and family, of Wanganui, have given a donation of £300, to be devoted as follows:—£100 specially for Red Cross, £100 hospital ship equipment, £100 as a nucleus of continuous fund that will be required during the war for medical comforts for our wounded and convalescent men. Mr. Hope-Gibbons has also offered his residence at Wanganui East as a convalescent home for wounded soldiers.

The engagement is announced in the Wellington "Post" of Miss Christina W. Duncan, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Duncan, of Roseneath, to Mr. J. J. Norman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman, of Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, late of Wellington.

The Hastings Patriotic Committee has voted £500 of its funds for the equipment of the hospital ship. A local amateur musical comedy company, called the "Mascots," which, within the last few weeks, raised £750 for the Belgian Fund, won another £700 by their performance and flag selling.

Miss Giesecking, of Greymouth, was elected "Queen" at the West Coast Carnival, securing 209,261 votes. The election realised £5347 for the Belgian Fund in addition to the amount taken at the gates.

From "Sunday Pictorial": Here is the very latest story of Queen Mary which has the authentic touch. It comes to me from a good source, and shows those gifts of sound sense and shrewd criticism that are such striking attributes of our Queen. The other day the Queen attended a function at which a number of fashionable women were knitting for the soldiers. "This is excellent work," said Her Majesty to a friend, "but I am afraid some of those who knit in public never think of doing so in their homes."