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Her Excellency the Countess of Liverpool, who is an expert knitter, has compiled a knitting book, full of useful patterns. The proceeds of the sale are to go towards the St. John Ambulance Base Hospital. The dedication, inscribed in Her Excellency's handwriting, is "To the women of New Zealand who are so nobly responding to the call to provide comforts for our troops in the field, and for our men who have been wounded in the service of their King and country." Miss V. Bell, prior to her departure for England, assisted Her Excellency in getting the book ready for publication.

The Melmerly Old Girls' Club held a Red Cross tea in Gillies Park, Parnell, on Monday, August 9th. The kiosk was kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Mackay, and proved an ideal spot. Music was supplied by the Misses Price, Mrs. Roe, Miss McCormick, Mrs. Davey and Miss Hunter. The guests of honour were the returned soldiers, who were received by the president, Mrs. Jervis, and her committee. Archdeacon Macmurray welcomed the boys in a stirring little speech. The tables were decorated with red and white camellias and sprays of blossom and arum lilies adorned the rooms and verandahs. Tea was handed round by many willing members of the club. Two soldiers acted as collectors for the shillings, and £10 4s. 3d. was handed over to the Red Cross Fund. An additional sum of £1 18s. was realised by an auction sale of cakes and flowers conducted by one of the boys. The soldiers thanked the club for the afternoon's enjoyment, and three hearty cheers wound up a pleasant gathering. Among the many guests were Mrs. Hudson-Williamson, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. and Miss King, Mrs. Ring, Mrs. Elliot Davis, Misses Gardner, Mrs. Alderton, Miss Alderton, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Nelson Mitchell, Misses Thompson, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Mark, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. J. H. Dalton, Mrs. J. Hodgson, Mrs. and Misses O'Connor, Miss Symonds, Mrs. Hardcastle, Mrs. Thornes, Mrs. Stanley Thornes, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Harrison-Smith, Miss Phyllis Metcalfe, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hartland, Miss Whyte, Misses Pycroft, Mrs. and Miss Oxley, Mrs. Churton, Misses Goldie, Miss Gudgeon, Miss Hawke, Mrs. Wright, Miss Wright, Miss Hayward, Misses Wright, Miss Abbott, Miss Ivy Alderton, Misses Gill, Miss Tooman, Miss Leeds, Miss Brabant, and many others.

A prominent Auckland resident passed away on August 15 in the person of Mr. William Coleman, barrister and solicitor. He leaves a widow (who is the only daughter of Mrs. Louis Meyers and a sister of the Hon. Arthur M. Myers) and two children, Miss Ruby Coleman and Master Clive Coleman.

Miss Mary McLean, daughter of Mr. James McLean, of the National Bank, Wellington, is leaving for London, where her marriage to Captain Graham Michie takes place. Captain Michie is the son of Mr. Alex. Michie (late general manager of the Bank of New Zealand, now of London), and he leaves for the front shortly.

The engagement is announced in the "New Zealand Times" of Miss Pauline Wilkinson, only daughter of Mr. C. A. Wilkinson, member for Egmont, and Mrs. Wilkinson, to Mr. Douglas Grey George, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. George, of Wellington.

A "Daffodil Day" will be held in Auckland on August 31 in aid of the Victoria League's fund for the provision of comforts for sick and wounded soldiers. The Mayor (Mr. J. H. Gunson) has placed the Town Hall at the disposal of the committee for the reception of flowers. All information may be obtained from Mrs. Eliot Davis, Parnell.

The wedding took place in St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston North, on August 10, of Mr. John Bede Condon, of Wellington, youngest son of Mr. Maurice Condon, of Belmore, Sydney, and Miss Margaret Helen McKenzie, daughter of the late Mr. John McKenzie and Mrs. McKenzie, of Tokomaru.

The Australian nurses, who left Wellington by the Moeraki for Sydney last week, had a large number to see them off, including Lady Ward. The nurses received many parting gifts, and Sister Heath (matron in charge) had a large bunch of violets and freesias presented to her.

The engagement is announced in a Christchurch paper of Miss Maud Stringer, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Stringer, St. Albans, to Private P. R. Holland, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Holland, of Christchurch. Private Holland will leave with the Sixth Reinforcements.

He who loves not his country can love nothing.—Byron.

The Overseas Ladies' Committee in Auckland has purchased a bale of mosquito-netting, which is to be dyed khaki colour and made up into veils for use by New Zealand soldiers in the Dardanelles.

A Victoria League Red Cross bridge party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Carey-Hill at their residence, Papanui. The prizes were three hospital kit bags, and they were won by Mrs. Bioxham, Mr. Norman Macbeth, and Mr. Dobbin. The bags are to be sent to the Victoria League Red Cross, London, in the names of the winners.

Miss Edna Sutherland, of Onehunga, is taking a course of singing in London, and at the same time studying languages. Her father, who accompanied her to England, has returned to New Zealand.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Spooner, of Auckland, celebrated their golden wedding on August 17, with a reunion of relatives and friends. Mr. C. F. Spooner, of Palmerston North, presided over the gathering.

Nurses McAllum, Gordon, Boyd, Anderson, Naismith, Brook-Leers, and Newell left Wellington for the front last week. They were farewelled at a function in the Parliamentary Library and presented with their New Zealand badges. Her Excellency the Countess of Liverpool was present, and pinned the badges on each nurse. She also presented them with a box of chocolates each, as a parting gift. The Hon. G. W. Russell presided at the function, and the Hon. James Allen made a brief address.

The "British Australasian" of July 1st announces the engagement of Mr. Edward Henry Scudamore Stanhope, son of Captain the Hon. Evelyn Scudamore Stanhope and Mrs. Stanhope, to Miss Lorna Marie (Pat) Lever, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lever, of Wellington, N.Z. The marriage will take place at Singapore in September.

A brilliant surgeon has been lost to the world in Major Thomas Copeland Savage, N.Z.M.C., of Auckland, whose death occurred at Cairo last week after a short illness. He was 41 years of age. He was educated at University College, London, concluding a brilliant career by winning the gold medal of his year and gaining the fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, England. During eight years he was a member of the honorary staff of the Auckland Hospital. He was regarded as one of the finest surgeons in New Zealand, and his loss will be deeply felt. He leaves a widow and four children.

The substitution in some instances of English names for German was noticed at the National Rose Society's annual show in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park. The well-known "Frau Karl Druschki" thus becomes known as "Snow Queen," and "Tausendschou" is changed to "Thousand Beauties."

A Mock Court held at King's Theatre, Thames, and arranged by the Ladies' Relief Committee, realised £250. The theatre was crowded and the proceedings were most humorous. Mr. E. J. Clendon, solicitor, officiated as judge, and was responsible for plenty of witticisms. Mr. C. Armstrong was associate, Mr. Malfroy registrar, and Mr. Hogben chief "persecutor." At intervals songs were contributed by Miss Read, Mr. E. Watson, Mr. Victor Bagnall, and Mr. G. Jenkins.

The Christchurch "Sun" says that Mrs. David Crozier and Mrs. E. J. Austin have broken the record for Saturday Red Cross sales, having cleared a sum of £60 at the shop in Cathedral Square by their effort. Amongst the stock-in-trade was an exceptionally beautiful collection of flowers from the North, including at least a hundred-weight of arum lilies. A big proportion of the blossoms came from the garden of Mr. Crozier's brother-in-law, Mr. P. McCallum, Victoria Avenue, Auckland. The display made one of the most beautiful pictures the Red Cross shop has ever seen.

The London "Daily Express," dealing with the recent Zeppelin raid on the east coast of England, says that the death of Flight Sub-lieutenant Lord was doubly tragic. Half an hour before he died he was dancing with the girl whom he was to have married, a daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Beaver, C.M.G., of the Scots Guards, who is now at the front. Miss Beaver recently went to stay with friends, and she and her fiancé took part in a dance in a hotel. While this was in progress the alarm was raised, and Mr. Lord hurried off to the aerodrome. The dance came to an end, and the guests awaited the outcome of the raid. Half an hour later Mr. Lord was smashed up. He was descending in pitch darkness, when his machine double-somersaulted, and he was pitched out, sustaining a fracture of the base of the skull and other injuries. A minute after he was carried into the hospital Miss Beaver arrived, but Mr. Lord was then unconscious.



HER EXCELLENCY, THE COUNTESS OF LIVERPOOL, who has successfully organised many schemes for raising money for patriotic purposes.

A most enjoyable dance was given in Palmerston North to the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 8th Reinforcements, now in camp on the show ground. Mrs. Lionel Abraham, Mrs. Chaytor and Mrs. Trask were mainly responsible for the arrangements.

The death occurred at Takapuna, Auckland, on August 17, of Mrs. Howarth, wife of Mr. T. B. Howarth. She leaves a daughter and three sons, Mr. F. F. Howarth, manager of the New Zealand Insurance Company at Calcutta; Mr. A. F. Howarth, solicitor, of Te Kuiti; and Mr. K. F. Howarth, manager of the South British Insurance Company of Calcutta.

Lance-Corporal Jacka, of Wedderburn, Victoria, in winning the first Australian V.C., secures £500 and a gold medal offered by Mr. John Wren for that distinction. The winner is 21 years of age.

The Auckland Civic League Patriotic Guild entertained 300 children of the men on service at Samoa and the Dardanelles and their mothers at the Lyric Picture Theatre on Saturday week.

Miss Violet Paget (Mrs. Hugh Buckler) and Madame Ivanoff were the guests of honour at an afternoon tea at the Pioneer Club, Wellington. The guests included Mrs. W. F. Massey, Miss Massey, Lady Ward, Madame Boeufve, Miss Beatrice Day, Mrs. Cyril Ward (Christchurch), and others.

Owing to the scarcity of nurses in Australia, it has been decided in Sydney to hold the nurses' examinations earlier this year, so that more nurses will be available for home nursing.

The wedding took place at the residence of Mr. T. Compton (Masterton) on August 17 of Miss P. A. Rayner and Mr. Oscar Pearson, of Feilding.

"Did you notice that lovely girl in the pretty brown dress, waiting in the vestibule?" he asked his wife as they took their seats in the theatre. "What! That frowsy thing with the false fringe, enamelled face, gold teeth, renovated dress, imitation mink furs, and torn gloves? No, I didn't notice her. Why?"

Mrs. Kilgour, of Auckland, who arrived in England in June, 1914, was on the Continent with a party of friends when the war broke out, and, after some difficulty, returned to London, where she has taken part in helping in patriotic work. Mrs. Kilgour hopes to return to New Zealand about December.

According to a London cable the Socialist suffragist, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, is again in the limelight. She declares that she will refuse to register under the National Service scheme, as it is a ruse to get more power out of the workers. "Not being a man," she says, "they cannot send me to the war, and won't send me to a munitions factory, because they know there would be trouble."