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Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Liverpool entertained a number of soldiers from the Soldiers' Ward at the Christchurch Hospital, at Elmwood, the other afternoon. Afternoon tea was dispensed by Her Excellency.

The engagement is announced in the "Post" of Miss Myrtle McLaughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. McLaughlin, of Wellington, to Mr. H. S. Powell, of Reikorangi, Waikanae, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Powell, of Douro Avenue, Wellington South.

Mrs. Eaton Johnson, who has been spending a holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rutherford, Mendip Hills, Canterbury, left for Vancouver last week.

Miss Weymouth, organiser for the Auckland W.C.T.U., who recently came to the Dominion from London, has arrived in Auckland, and is staying with Mrs. Dewar.

At the Plunket Societies' Conference, held in Wellington, the following officers were elected:—General presidents, Dr. and Mrs. Truby King; president, Mrs. Carr; vice-president, Lady Allen and the president of the Wellington branch; treasurer, Mrs. Theomen; secretary, Miss Glendenning; committee, Mesdames Bloomfield (Auckland), Morton (Christchurch), R. W. Gibbes, McGregor, J. A. Johnson, W. A. Moore, J. C. McGregor, Pearce (Invercargill), and Elworthy (Timaru).

A garden party in aid of the Red Cross Fund was held in Wellington at Mrs. Paul's home at Karaka Bay, and proved most successful.

Mrs. E. W. Alison, of Takapuna, has been spending a few days in Wanganui.

The wedding of Miss Lilian Carter, Colombo Street, and Mr. Lloyd Smith, of Sydenham, took place at the Durham street Church, Christchurch, on Thursday February 22nd.

Mrs. Charlotte Bair King, who early in January celebrated her 101st birthday, died at Wauku on February 26th. She arrived in the Colony in 1840, before the arrival of Captain Hobson. Her late husband arrived in 1814, when sixteen months old, his father having been a member of Samuel Marsden's party. Mrs. King lived in the reigns of six British sovereigns, from George III. to George V., and she leaves six children living and 40 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren. Several of her descendants are now fighting for the Empire in France. The old lady was in full possession of her faculties up to the time of her final illness.

The marriage took place in the Merivale Church, Fendalton, Christchurch, last week of Miss Lesley Wyinks, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Wyinks, Registrar of Lands and Deeds, Christchurch, to Sergeant Cedric Fenton, of the Twenty-fourth Reinforcements. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Haggitt. A reception, attended only by immediate friends and comrades, was held, and after the bride and bridegroom left en route for the North Island.

Miss Cleveland, daughter of the late President Cleveland, of America, is among those helping the blind soldiers at St. Dunstan's, England.

The garden fete organised in aid of the funds of the Plunket Society, and held in Mrs. J. Stevenson's garden at Fendalton, Christchurch, was a great success, the sum of over £88 being realised. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Liverpool attended the gathering.

in difficulty a silent tongue and a cool head are usually man's best weapons.—Katherine Thurston.

Added to the coiffure of some women, combs give just the right finishing touch. With other types they count for nothing or else spoil the whole effect of the head. There is an art in adjusting a Spanish comb. One needs to study the prints of old costume books to realise that the majority of the women here fortunate enough to secure these distinctive ornaments do not understand that the slant at which the Spanish comb is thrust through the hair can make or mar its beauty.

The members of the hospitality branch of the women's branch of the Overseas Club in Melbourne recently gave an afternoon to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wilkie (Miss Frediswde Hunter-Watts), who are giving Shakespearian recitals in that city. The guests of honour were received by the president (Lady Hennessy) and the hon. secretary (Mrs. Boys), and Lady Hennessy, on behalf of the members of the Hospitality Guild, presented Mrs. Wilkie with a dainty early Victorian pose, veiled with pink tulle, and a box of water lilies and hydrangea bloom were also given her.

Captain H. W. King, reported killed in action in France, prior to his departure for the front was a master at the Auckland Grammar School. He was on the staff of the school for nearly seven years, and previously was a master at the Greytown District High School.

The marriage took place on January 2nd, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wimbledon, London, of Donald McGregor Reid, N.Z.F.A., and Miss Elizabeth Barr Fergus. The bridegroom belongs to Milton, and is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reid. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Hon. Thomas Fergus and Mrs. Fergus, of Royal Terrace, Dunedin.

The Australian Red Cross is building workshops at Southwell Hospital, England, for the instruction of 90 Australians in occupations possible to limbless men, such as motor mechanics, carpentering, leatherworking, and commercial work. A census of disabled soldiers reveals that most of them would prefer to stay in England until proficient.

Miss Alberta Teasdale, a talented young Greymouth singer, has gone to Sydney to follow up her musical studies.

He that loses anything and gets wisdom by it, is a gainer by the loss. —L'Estrange.

To join lace and embroidery, button-hole the edges together instead of seaming them. It will be found that this makes a much smoother seam and will launder nicely.

Mrs. W. M. Kebbell, of Masterton, has proved most successful in her efforts to secure £80 for a Masterton bed for paralysed soldiers in England.

Miss Florence Bevins, of the instruction staff of the Napier Technical School, has been appointed to the Christchurch Technical College.

The "Paddy's Market" in Palmerston North, organised by the Mayor and Mayoress, was a huge success. It is anticipated that about £2000 will be cleared out of the undertaking.

At the conclusion of the conference in Wellington of the Society for the Health of Women and Children, the delegates were entertained at an "At Home" by Mrs. Arthur Myers.

The "N.Z. Times" announces the engagement of Miss Rosamund Blakiston, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles



A GROUP OF NURSES AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS OUTSIDE GREY TOWERS HOSPITAL, HORNCHURCH, ENGLAND. In the centre is the MATRON, MISS F. WILSON, of Christchurch, who has since been appointed matron of Walton-on-Thames Hospital. A recent cable states that Miss Wilson has been awarded a Royal Red Cross Medal.

"I am not prepared to say that the manufacture of perambulators is an essential industry," said counsel appearing for an appellant in that line of business at the sitting of the Third Military Service Board in Wellington. "Perhaps so," replied the chairman, "but the filling of them may be."

A good wife must be grave abroad, wise at home, patient to suffer, constant to love, friendly to all, and provident for her household.—Theophrastus.

Mrs. Hoben, formerly lady editor of the Christchurch "Star," left Sydney last week for Japan, where she will act as representative for the New Zealand Associated Press. Prior to her departure from the Dominion, Mrs. Hoben was the recipient of handsome gifts from her numerous friends, and the best of wishes were freely expressed for her future success in the East. While in Sydney she was entertained at several tea parties, and was the guest of honour at an afternoon at the Hotel Australia given by the Premier's wife, Mrs. Holman.

The Victoria League in New Zealand is considering a proposition to present an armoured car, or "tank," to the Imperial Government, to be placed at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces.

A cable from London states that the War Office has inaugurated a scheme for employing women from 20 to 40 years of age on war work in France. The work will be mainly clerical, but many women will be employed as cooks, waitresses, domestics, motor transport workers, checkers, and telephone and postal hands. The wages will be 25s. to 32s. a week with board.

The marriage of Miss J. E. ("Betty") Warner, the third daughter of Mrs. J. E. Warner, of Slough, Buckinghamshire, England, to Mr. Robert G. Coyte, second son of the late Rev. Walter Coyte, rector of East Langton, Leicestershire, England, was celebrated at St. John's Church, Woolston, on February 24. The Rev. Henry Williams performed the ceremony. Mr. Coyte is a popular officer on a well-known Home liner. Mr. G. Olive, a fellow-officer, acted as best man, and the bride was attended by two bridesmaids, the Misses Muriel and Hilda Johns. A reception was afterwards held by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Johns, at their residence, Radley Street, Woolston, they being old family friends of the bride's people at Home. Quite an element of romance is attached to the wedding, says the Christchurch "Sun," the bride having met and become engaged to her future husband on her way out to New Zealand in the liner on which Mr. Coyte is an officer.

Blakiston, Dannevirke, to the Rev. Mr. Compton, London, England.

Pardon others often, thyself seldom. —Proverb.

Writing in the "Saturday Evening Post," H. G. Wells says that in the last few years he has developed a religious belief that has now become to him as real as any commonplace fact. "I think that mankind is still, as it were, collectively dreaming and hardly more awakened to reality than a very young child. It has these dreams that we express by the flags of nationalities and by strange loyalties, and by irrational creeds and ceremonies; and its dreams at times become such nightmares as this war. But the time draws near when mankind will awake and the dreams will fade away; and then there will be no nationality in all the world but humanity, and no king, no emperor, no leader but the one God of mankind. This is my faith. I am as certain of this as I was in 1900 that men would presently fly. To me it is as if it must be so."

Information has been received that Major F. R. Mc Mahon, of the Royal Engineers, brother of Mrs. Tristram Speedy, of Parnell, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order. Major McMahon was formerly a student at the Otago School of Mines.