



THE SOCIAL WORLD



Announcements of engagements and contributions of interest relating to weddings and social gatherings should be sent to **Lady Editor, "Sporting and Dramatic Review" Office, Auckland.** In all cases the writer's signature and address must be attached (not for publication). Photographs of wedding groups will be reproduced by arrangement.

Mrs. A. Adams, of Epsom, Auckland, is on a holiday visit to Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norton, Christchurch, are on a visit to Auckland.

Mrs. R. D. Climie, of Hastings, is doing war work in London.

Surgeon-General and Mrs. Skerman, of Marton, have taken a flat at Car-gen during their stay in Auckland.

Mrs. Bernard Wood, of Christchurch, daughter of Sir Joseph Ward, is paying a lengthy visit to Wellington.

The West Central Post Office, London, is now employing women mail drivers.

Mrs. and Miss Sargood have returned to Dunedin after a holiday in the North Island.

Miss L. Bean, of Addington, Christchurch, is spending a holiday in Wellington and Napier.

Mrs. D. W. Duthie has returned to Wellington after a few days' stay in Auckland, whither she accompanied Mrs. Hope Lewis.

Mrs. Carey Hill, of Christchurch, has returned home after attending a Victoria League gathering in Gisborne.

Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., Wellington, and Mrs. Wilford have returned south after spending a holiday at Kawau, Auckland.

The members of the Council of Education sitting in Wellington last week were entertained to tea in the Pioneer Club Rooms by Dr. Anderson (Director of Education) and Mrs. Anderson.

Miss Blanche Davis, of Auckland, organised a number of ladies to sell flags in London on Mesopotamia Day last April.

"Love is not blind; that is the last thing that it is. Love is bound; and the more it is bound, the less it is blind."

Wellington papers announce the engagement of Miss Ewart, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ewart, of Wellington, to Mr. Stephen Gillingham, of Fofontmell, Fairlie.

Sister E. White, of Dunedin, who has been nursing at the front since the beginning of the war, has returned home invalided.

Mr. and Mrs. Birch Johnston, who have been living in Sydney for the last seven months, have taken up their residence in Wellington.

Still another sign of the times! Mrs. Thomas and Miss Griffin have been appointed to positions in the Wellington Botanical Gardens.

A Flower Circle has been formed in Wellington on behalf of the Red Cross funds. Arrangements have been made for holding a "Violet Day" on August 10th.

An interesting personality in Miss Crichton Imrie, returned last week from a trip to the East, fully determined to go back and live in Japan, writes a Sydney correspondent. Miss Imrie had many opportunities of seeing life in the Land of the Chrysanthemum in its best and brightest aspect, and she was delighted with the Japanese customs and mode of living, their optimistic outlook being particularly engrossing. After leaving the Japanese mail boat, Aki Maru, Miss Imrie made Petty's her headquarters. Miss Imrie is well-known in journalistic circles in New Zealand.

Miss N. Crabb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crabb, of Palmerston North, who went Home some time ago to study art, and her younger sister, who was going in for nursing, are both now engaged in war work in England.

Self-pity is the most elusive and deceptive form of selfishness; it beguiles the most acute mind which yields to it, and disintegrates the clearest judgment if it becomes a habit.—Hamilton W. Mabie.

Mrs. Edmund Mahoney, of Remuera, gave a jolly little dance for young people at her home the other evening in aid of the Red Cross funds. A dance is almost a novelty these days and the guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The indifferent sock knitter might gather a hint from the following note by a writer in the "Australasian":—Squads of women are busy all day unravelling the impossible socks—those with too much shape, and those with no shape at all; socks with hard ridges along the sole, with crocheted tops or fantastic gussets—socks apparently designed for club feet or the feet of skeletons. Well-meaning socks all of them, but sadly in need of the attentions of the skilled sock-doctor.

The late Paul Rubens, musical composer, left £28,128. By his will he gave £100 to his friend Nancy Katharine Granville Gordon; £500 to his secretary for 11 years, Mrs. Kitty Aldous; £50 to his late valet, Thomas Wilcox; and the residue between his nephew Christopher Burlison and Phyllis Haddie Dones (Phyllis Dare). Last November it was announced that the marriage which had been arranged between Mr Rubens and Miss Phyllis Dare had been abandoned owing to his lung trouble, which in February proved fatal.

The marriage took place at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London, on April 20, of Major Norman Shepherd of Hokitika (New Zealand), to Miss Phyllis Smith, daughter of Mr. E. Smith, of Greymouth. Captain-Chaplain Coursey, of Westport (New Zealand) assisted with the service. The bride wore a gown of white satin trimmed with very handsome old lace and made with a full court train. The bridal veil, which reached to the foot of the gown, was worn with a wreath of orange blossoms. Major Stains, D.S.O., was best man, and Miss Sturgis bridesmaid. The wedding breakfast was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sturgis, Chester Street.

Quartermaster-Sergt. Howe, of the headquarters staff at Featherston, acted as best man, whilst several of the soldiers on leave gave the wedding a military tone. At the conclusion of the ceremony a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served, while many toasts, including the King and boys at the front, were honoured, and many good wishes for the young couple's future were expressed. The honeymoon is being spent in the Napier district, after which the bridegroom returns to his comrades in camp.

The marriage of Major Richard Lloyd George, R.E., elder son of the Premier and Mrs. Lloyd George, and Miss Roberta McAlpine, youngest daughter of Mr. Robert McAlpine, of The Croft, Totteridge, Herts, took place at Bath Abbey, England, on April 7, a large number of people being present to witness the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white charmeuse and silver lace, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, and there were two bridesmaids, Miss Megan Lloyd George, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Nida McAlpine, niece of the bride. Lieutenant Evans, of the Army Service Corps, was best man. As the bride and bridegroom left the church, offi-



An interesting group, photographed after the marriage of Major Richard Lloyd George, R.E., elder son of the Premier and Mrs. Lloyd George, and Miss Roberta McAlpine, which took place at Bath Abbey, England, on April 7. The picture shows Mrs. Lloyd George, the Premier, and Miss Lloyd George.

Mr. Sydney Fry, F.R.M.S., of the School of Mines, Reefton, was married the other day to Miss Nellie Elizabeth Howland, youngest daughter of G. F. Howland, Grove Park, Kent, England, and sister to Mrs. Uddstrom, Greymouth.

Manufacturers of stiff felt hats are having difficulty in obtaining the wires used for shaping the brims, the Ministry of Munitions in England being unwilling to grant supplies for headware manufacture. Officials of the Munitions Department, when approached, pointed out that soft felt hats do not require wires, and manufacturers should concentrate more on the negligé type of hat.

A deaf and dumb wedding recently took place at Wembley parish church, England. The bridegroom, Mr. Percy Goodwin, the bride, Miss Doris Athis, and the best man, Mr. Algernon Burnett, were all deaf and dumb. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Vernon Jones, chaplain to the deaf and dumb, Church of St. John of Beverley, Finsbury Park. A large number of deaf and dumb people were present.

A military wedding took place at Knox Church, Bealey Avenue, Christchurch, the other day, when Sister A. Campbell, youngest daughter of the Rev. W. R. Campbell, Merivale, was married to Private J. T. Brown, of Hataitai, Wellington. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Erwin, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Rogers, Timaru. The bride, who was one of the nurses rescued on the Marquette has been twice to the front.

A wedding that caused considerable interest took place at Wanganui on Wednesday last, when Mr. Norman A. Magnuson, eldest son of Mr. A. Magnuson, of the Masonic Hotel, and now attached to the home service headquarters staff at Featherston Military Camp, was married to Miss Elsie Flavell, third daughter of Mr. F. Flavell, manager at Wanganui for the well-known motoring business firm of Adams, Ltd. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. Campbell, in the presence of a large congregation of friends and relatives. The bride was charmingly attired in a lovely frock of white tulle, with the orthodox veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She was attended by Miss Eva Flavell as bridesmaid, who wore a crepe de chine and ninon

cers from the convalescent home formed an arch with their walking-sticks. Men of the A.S.C. lined the way from the abbey to the hotel, where the wedding breakfast took place, with the bride's sister, Baroness de Belabre, acting as hostess. The Premier, who walked from the church was loudly cheered by the huge crowd which had assembled.

A wedding of New Zealand interest that took place at Home recently was that of Lieut. Sydney Richard Hellaby, R.F.A., second son of the late Mr. Richard Hellaby, of Auckland, and Miss Ruth Hollingsworth, daughter of Mr. A. T. Hollingsworth, of Belsize-grove, Hampstead. The bride's brother was killed at Gallipoli, and a brother-in-law—Major Dickens—fell at Loos last September. Captain Hickson (brother-in-law of the bride) was best man, in the absence of both his brothers, who are serving on the Western front.

"Did you see the pleased expression on Mrs. Brown's face when I told her she didn't look any older than her daughter?" said Mr Radway after the reception. "No," said Mrs. Radway. "I was looking at the expression on her daughter's face."