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Mrs. Alfred Smith, of Wellington, is on a visit to Auckland, and is staying with Lady Lockhart, Remuera.

Mrs. G. Barclay, of Dunedin, wife of Major Barclay, is to have charge of one of the homes in connection with the New Zealand Hospital at Walton-on-Thames.

The Otago Women's Club, Dunedin, celebrated its third anniversary the other day. The club, which has a membership of 400, is presided over by Mrs. Lindo Ferguson.

Mrs. Keddell, of Greymouth, has taken up residence in Wellington.

Mrs. Rothschild, of Wellington, is on a visit to Auckland, where she is the guest of Mrs. Pope.

The engagement is announced in southern papers of Mr. Howard J. Young, only son of Mr. T. D. Young, Timaru, to Miss Iris V. Skillman, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Skillman, of London.

The Wairarapa Patriotic Association is making a grant for the erection of an additional room for the nurses at Featherston Camp Hospital.

Mrs. Browning, of Remuera, Auckland, has been on a visit to Christchurch.

Sister C. B. Anderson, N.Z.A.N.S., sister-in-charge Morant War Hospital, England, has been appointed matron New Zealand Convalescent Hospital, vice Matron V. M. K. McLean (appointed matron No. 1 New Zealand General Hospital, Brockenhurst).

Drudgery is as necessary to call out the treasures of the mind as harrowing and planting those of the earth.—Margaret Fuller.

Canon and Mrs. Bean, of St. Mary's Church, Addington, Christchurch, celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary at Addington last week, when the parishioners held a social in their honour. Canon Bean was presented with a gold watch and a bicycle, and Mrs. Bean with a handsome gold wristlet watch.

Mrs. Helene Cross, of Christchurch, has received a cable from America saying that the American copyright of her French conversation book "Soldiers' Spoken French" has been bought there. Mrs. Cross has also received a letter of congratulation on her book from her god-mother, the Empress Eugenie, who is now 90 years of age.

Mrs. E. J. Moore, secretary of the Anti-German League, has received cable advice that her son, Mr. Howard Moore, engineer on the Mongolia, has been saved, and landed in Bombay.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee, of Dedwood Terrace, Ponsonby, Auckland, celebrated their golden wedding on June 25. Mr. Lee, who for several years past has acted as secretary to various mining companies, resided at the Thames for many years, and received many congratulations from his old friends on the goldfields.

Asked as to what impressed them most in England, both Mrs. and Miss Massey said the number of men in the uniform of all nationalities. "Here we see only New Zealanders; there one sees English, French, Belgian, Russian, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand soldiers daily, and the sight of so many different uniforms makes one realise how widespread the war is. The New Zealanders are always easily distinguished by their hats."

Mrs. N. Alfred Nathan, of Wickford, Auckland, who went to England 12 months ago with her daughter, Mrs. D. F. Kettle, has presented a cinema to the New Zealand Hospital at Walton-on-Thames. Mrs. D. Kettle has since married Major W. Reginald Tuck.

The twentieth birthday of Princess Mary was allowed to pass very quietly on Wednesday, April 25, at Windsor Castle. The Princess and her three brothers went for a walk in the grounds, and in the afternoon they had a motor car drive. No birthday party was held. Many messages of congratulation were received. Responding to a telegram from the Lord Mayor of London, Princess Mary simply said: "I am very grateful for the congratulations and good wishes which your lordship so kindly conveyed to me on behalf of the citizens of London and yourself on the occasion of my birthday."

Their Excellencies the Governor and Countess of Liverpool held a reception at Government House after the opening of Parliament last Thursday. The drawing rooms were fragrant with spring flowers, while the ball-room, where tea was served, was given a vivid touch of colour by a large stand of poinsettias. The guests included the Cabinet Ministers and their wives, members of both Houses, military officials, the Mayor and the Bishop of Wellington.

Enormous prices were realised at Christie's (London) rooms at the two-days' sale of the late Sir Joseph Beecham's pictures. The important works reverted to prominent dealers. The highest price was paid for Constable's "Salisbury Cathedral," which brought £65. Famous water-colours by Turner changed hands, 12 drawings realising £26,330. "Constance," once in the collection of Ruskin, brought £4252 10s. In all the sale realised £97,067 16s. 6d.



MRS. GREY, WIFE OF MR. A. L. GREY, OF NEW YORK, who is at present in Auckland representing his brother's (D. W. Griffith) interests in "Intolerance."

An original wedding ceremony took place at Menangle Park, Sydney, the other day, when Miss Jean Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, of Kelburne, Mossman (formerly of Christchurch) was married to Lieutenant G. H. Wiseman, O.C., of the Australian Camel Corps. At twelve o'clock fourteen Australian Lancers went to Sugar Loaf Farm, the home of Captain and Mrs. Russell, to escort the bride to the camp. On alighting from the carriage at this destination, the bride mounted a camel ridden by Lieutenant Wiseman, and in this unique way the pair rode to the tent where the marriage ceremony was to take place. Here the camel knelt down while the bride and bridegroom dismounted, and passed beneath an arch of steel formed by a guard of honour into the tent. Another novel note was introduced by the use of gum leaves, which made a soft carpet underfoot in the tent and filled the air with the fragrance of the bush.

According to a statement in the "Daily Express," the King intends to change the name of the Royal House from Saxe-Coburg Gotha, probably choosing the House of Britain.

Centring these columns is a portrait of Mrs. A. L. Grey (nee Miss Almah Lawson, of Sydney), whose marriage to Mr. Grey took place at Teorak, Adelaide, on April 17. Additional interest is attached to the announcement in the fact that Mr. Grey is a brother of that genius of the film world, Mr. D. W. Griffith, the American producer of world-wide fame. Mr. Grey's visit to New Zealand (which is also in the nature of a honeymoon trip) is in connection with "Intolerance," the greatest film the world has ever seen or is likely to see again. Mr. and Mrs. Grey, who both make friends wherever they go, are at present in Auckland, staying at the Grand Hotel.

A simple method of keeping hands and nails in good order is to halve a lemon, insert the fingers, and turn them round and round in the pulp. This will tend to prevent the skin from growing up round the nails and hiding the white crescent which should always appear at the base of the nail. After washing the hands well in warm water and soap, the skin surrounding the nails should be pushed down by the fingers, or, better still, by a blunt bone instrument made for the purpose.

It is a stately Old World ceremonial that is followed on these occasions (writes "Imogen" in the "Dominion" referring to the opening of Parliament), and is always the cause of much interest to the onlookers. His Excellency, who was in levee dress, then proceeded to read the Address. Lady Liverpool, who was wearing a dark navy blue costume with furs and a black hat with touches of electric blue, received from the Speaker (the Hon. C. Johnston) a beautiful bouquet of freesias and maidenhair fern, fastened with long crimson streamers. Mrs. Massey, whose bouquet was also of freesias fastened with red, white and blue streamers was in nigger brown, with furs and a black hat outlined with gold lace, and Lady Ward wore black chiffon velvet with a small high black hat and black furs. Her bouquet was of violets tied with violet ribbon. Miss Massey was in deep cornflower blue with a small black and white hat. Occupying seats upon the floor of the Chamber were Mrs. Rolleston, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Hanan, Mrs. Pomare, Mrs. Hall-Thompson, Mrs. Bernard Wood, Mrs. and Miss Seddon, Mrs. Arthur Myers. To the right of His Excellency was a group of military and naval officers, and Mr. Gavin Hamilton (private secretary to His Excellency), and on the left another small group. The Speech from the Throne having been read, Their Excellencies departed, and members of the Lower House made their way into their own Chamber to conclude the business of the afternoon. Here again the galleries and even the seats on the floor of the House usually allotted to members' wives were in occupation by strangers, and the quite uncommon sight was to be seen of Mrs. Massey and Lady Ward occupying seats in the Ladies' Press Gallery. It must be said that a little organisation on these occasions would greatly improve matters for everyone.

As domestic servants cannot be got some boarding-houses in England are laying down the condition that women boarders must keep their own rooms in order. Fires are laid for them, and they are asked to make the beds, dust and sweep, and "tidy up."

Sir John Dickinson, at a meeting of the Women's Local Government Society, London, said an extraordinary change of sentiment was noticeable among men as to the faculties of women. The opponents to women's suffrage now saw that they were wrong and that woman was capable of holding her own. When the war was at an end we should be faced by a large population of women workers who could enormously increase the wealth of the nation. It was a position that would probably bring trouble, and the men's associations would oppose it, but in the end women's labour would be recognised to be as good as men's labour.

A social evening was held at Godber's, Courtenay Place, Wellington, on Saturday week, the occasion being the twenty-first birthday of Mr. Cyril F. Goodreds. Progressive euchre was the principal attraction, a dainty supper being served at the conclusion, while musical items were given by Messrs. McIntyre, Norman W. Rowe and Walter M. Walker. Miss Carmen Aston proposed the toast to the coming of age, when all joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The euchre prizes were won by Misses Smedley, Aston and Anderson. Mr. Goodreds received many useful presents from his guests. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Goodreds, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Smedley, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Pickmere, Misses N. Smedley, H. C. Aston, I. and O. Rosewarne, J. Brown, M. Tavendale, G. and A. Stevens, E. Lynch, L. Anderson, Ellefe, McGregor, Messrs. W. M. Walker, H. H. Reynolds, C. E. McKenzie, E. C. Duncan, C. Webster, T. McIntyre, E. Holmwood, O. C. Fettes, Sappers N. W. Rowe, F. N. Hornibrook, Corporal C. A. Halpin.