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The Princess Mary Hospital for children was officially opened in Auckland on Saturday by Her Excellency the Countess of Liverpool, who was met by the Hon. G. W. Russell (Minister in Charge of Hospitals) and Mrs. Russell, and Mr. W. Wallace (chairman of the Hospital Board) and Mrs. Wallace. In performing the opening ceremony, Her Excellency said the new building was splendidly fitted with everything to make it pleasant to its inmates, and supplied a want which has now become a necessity to the increasing population of this city. Mr. Wallace gave an interesting address, tracing the Board's endeavours in dealing with the matter of child patients. The Mayor (Mr. J. H. Gunson) and the Hon. G. W. Russell made short congratulatory speeches, and the function ended with afternoon tea dispensed by the nurses. The key with which the Countess of Liverpool opened the building was of silver and greenstone, and bore on one side the inscription: "Presented to Her Excellency the Countess of Liverpool, G.B.E.," and on the other side: "Opening of Princess Mary Hospital for Children, Auckland, July 6, 1918."

Mrs. C. E. Bonner, wife of Mr. Sydney James' business manager, has been spending a pleasant holiday in Auckland. Mrs. Bonner, who has been living for some time in Sydney, is the daughter of Mrs. S. J. Greene, Burrow's Avenue, Parnell, Auckland, and her husband is well-known in New Zealand through his managerial association with J. and N. Tait. Naturally there were heaps of congratulations when they arrived in the northern city.

The Hon. A. L. D. Fraser, M.L.C., and Miss Fraser, who have been on an extended visit to Australia, returned to Hastings last week.

The engagement is announced in the "New Zealand Times" of Miss Kathleen Smith, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Smith, Day's Bay, to Lieutenant G. J. Morrall, of the Dental Corps, Featherston.

Mrs. Maude Kerr, of Wanganui, has been chosen out of 45 applicants for the position of matron of the Canterbury College lady students' hostel in Park Terrace.

A London message states that Mr. Lloyd George has issued an appeal to British women to work on the land. He says that the harvest is endangered for want of labour, owing to the calling up of men. There is not a moment to lose.

When Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria were leaving an aeroplane factory which they had visited in the London area recently, a girl worker stepped from the crowd and asked the Queen Mother for a flower as a keepsake. Both Queen Alexandra and the Princess at once selected blooms from the bouquets they carried and handed them to the girls who were nearest.

The first two days of the fourth great Red Cross sale of treasures at Messrs. Christie's famous rooms in London yielded £16,663. It is hoped to raise £100,000 from the 30,000 articles to be sold.

Mrs. F. Rayner, of Auckland, is on a visit to Honolulu.

Colonel and Mrs. Hogg, Wellington, have taken Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Daniel's house in Mansfield Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels will spend the winter months in Auckland (says a Christchurch paper).

Sister Ida Willis has been appointed matron at Featherston Military Hospital.

Mrs. A. D. McIntosh, of Cornwall, Ontario, claims to be the champion of all veteran knitters. She is 90 years of age, and has knitted 230 pairs of socks for the men at the front. She is still knitting socks.

Mrs. H. Quane and Miss Joan Quane, of Christchurch, are spending the winter in Sydney.

Over £2180 resulted from Queen Alexandra Rose Day in Auckland.

A quiet wedding took place on June 20, when Miss Maude Elizabeth Leigh, of Hawera, third daughter of the late F. A. Leigh, and granddaughter of the late General R. T. Leigh, of Devonshire, England, was married to Mr. A. C. Johnston, youngest son of Mrs. Johnston, Patea.

A sum of £12,800 has been secured for the British Red Cross Funds since June, 1916, by the Red Cross shop in Gisborne.

A Wellington paper announces the engagement of Doris, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Rapley, Ellice Street, Wellington, to Frederick Middlecott only son of the Rev. F. C. Davies, vicar of Reigate, Surrey, England.

If you follow the trend of "La Mode" throughout all the ages, you will find current events leave their mark on the clothes of the period, says an English writer. There is every excuse for the predominance of Eastern fashion, for we English have laid the mark on history in the famous capture of Jerusalem, so naturally we shall be permitted a little of the gorgeousness associated with the old inhabitants of the sacred capital. It is only in looking backwards that one remembers the fashions of Josephine's court were tremendously influenced by the Egyptian campaign of those days, and so history goes on making fashions from time immemorial. It is interest-



MRS. HUGH POLAND, OF PAEROA, WIFE OF THE MEMBER FOR OHINEMURI.

"Clothes, Their Use and Their Abuse" was the subject of an amusing and instructive lecture to women recently delivered in Auckland by Dr. Florence Keller. The speaker gave some excellent advice and illustrated her points with scientific charts.

At St. Mary's Church, Levin, on Wednesday, June 19, Mr. C. H. Gordon Hedditch, of the Bank of Australasia staff at Otaki, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Hedditch, of Wanganui, was married to Miss Emma Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, of Weraoia. The bride's dress was of ivory crepe de chine with a court train of satin, and her embroidered veil was worn over a circlet of orange blossoms. Miss Ruby Bevan was bridesmaid, and the train-bearers were Miss Rita Bell and Miss Valerie Bright. Mr. Bowler was best man, and Messrs. F. Bell and J. Marshall were groomsmen.

The marriage took place on March 27, at Apia, Samoa, at the L.M.S. Church, of Captain Howard C. Edwards, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Edwards, of Shakespeare Road, Napier, to Miss Jessie Hendry Craig, matron of the Military Hospital at Samoa, and second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Craig, of Devonport, Auckland.

ing to note that Germany has never played a part in sartorial art. Whatever wonderful things there may be about Hun psychology, its influence has never been expended on beauty or elegance of female attire, and it must indeed be a sorry trial to the better educated German women to be left without the benefit of French modes and taste.

The following letter received by one of the Australian patriotic secretaries emphasises the value of a generous supply of socks for soldiers. The writer says: "The socks are coming along now at regular intervals, and they are worth much to us. The men appreciate them, I can assure you, and had we been so well off in the winter of 1916-17, many men would have been saved the awful agony of 'trench feet.' We haven't had a case for months now. The men are able to get dry and clean socks; that is more than half the battle. We have had some fairly stiff fighting of late, the lads covering themselves with glory. We have lost a fair number of our old boys, both officers and men, dear, brave fellows each and all. We have a splendid band now, and whenever we get a chance the band turns out with a really first-class programme. Will you please tell one and all how very



MRS. C. E. BONNER, of Sydney (nee Miss Josephine Greene, of Auckland).

grateful we all are for their many kindnesses, and will you also add from one who has watched the men that the lads here are worthy of the best Australia can give."

Speaking in Wellington at the Women Teachers' meeting, Dr. Ada Paterson explained the system followed with a special class of mentally backward children in Auckland.

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