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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 In all cases the writer's signature and address must be attached (not for publication).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.

The engagement is announced between Miss Molly Levy, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Harry Levy, of Hillside, Wollahra, Sydney, to Captain Harold L. Nathan, R.H.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nathan, of "Wickford," Princes Street, Auckland.

Major Sir Robert Walker and Lady Walker are staying at "Mon Desir" Hotel at Takapuna.

Sir George Clifford and Miss June Clifford, of Christchurch, are spending the holidays in Auckland.

Mrs. Moore, of Wellington, secretary of the Anti-German League, is spending the Christmas holidays at Rotorua.

Miss May Kissling, of St. Stephen's, Auckland, who has been visiting friends in Wellington, has returned home.

Miss Barr, principal of the New Plymouth Girls' High School, is spending a vacation in Christchurch.

A Washington message states that it is officially estimated that 10,000 American soldiers have married French girls since the war began.

The engagement is announced in a southern paper of Miss Kathleen M. Anderson, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson, Christchurch, and Flight-Lieutenant W. Brett Wood, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walcot Wood, St. Albans, Christchurch.

Speaking of dress at Melbourne races in November, a writer in the "Australasian" says:—Any number of white coats and skirts put in an appearance, generally of satin, gaberdine, serge, or cloth. When one speaks of "white" it must be understood as covering tones ranging from chalk to cream, in which can be included parchment white, clay white, magnolia white, snow white, and ivory white. Some such coats and skirts bore quite a long history, and many a woman proudly boasted that she had worn the same suit on Steeplechase Day last year, and, with a little luck, intended to do so next year if the cost of clothes should be as it is now.

The marriage took place at St. Peter's Church, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, on December 18, of Captain Vernon Douglas Donaldson, New Zealand Dental Corps, son of the late Dr. Donaldson, and Mrs. Donaldson, of Dunedin, to Miss Dorothy Viola Nicoll, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Nicoll, of "Stonycroft," Hornby. The Rev. H. T. York was the officiating clergyman. The bride wore a frock of cream charmeuse, made on lines of the utmost simplicity, the train being lined with crepe georgette. A veil of exquisite Limerick lace, the gift of the bride's godmother, was arranged over a circlet of orange blossoms. The attendant bridesmaids were Miss Marjorie Nicoll and Miss Queenie Clarke-Johnson, of Wellington. Master Rex Harper, who acted as page boy, was picturesquely garbed in a cream silk smock. The best man was Captain Leslie Macfarlane, N.Z.M.R., and the groomsmen Mr. Arthur Nicoll.

Reference to women's rights to sit in Parliament was made in Dunedin by Sir James Allen, who said that the matter would undoubtedly be brought up again next session. He voted against it on the previous occasion, but did not intend to vote against it again.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Riddiford, Wairarapa, are in Auckland at the Grand Hotel for the races.

Mr. E. S. West, M.A., formerly on the staff of King's College, has been appointed English master at the Napier Boys' High School.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gertrude Applegate, Coromandel, to Mr. Kenneth Salmond, son of Sir John Salmond, K.C., Solicitor-General.

The engagement is announced in an exchange of Miss Vera Humphries, third daughter of Mr. H. Humphries, of Napier, to Major W. H. Johnson, M.C., late of the N.Z.E.F., younger son of Captain Johnson of Wellington.

One London club has a Red Cross collecting-box, into which any member who uses the word "camouflage" is compelled to put five shillings. This is bringing back into use the word "disguise."

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Shaw and Miss Marie Clendon, of Thames, are spending the holidays at Kawau.

I feel certain there are many things we won't do after the war (thinks an Englishwoman). We have learned our lessons of energy and thrift. I cannot imagine any butterfly women after the war. We have learned to use our heads and our hands, and we will want to continue. I do not believe we will waste any food and fuel as we did, nor will we be afraid of being considered "mean" if we look after these things ourselves. We will not be so inconsiderate of servants either, and we won't plant only flowers in our gardens.

Miss Lorimer, principal of the Nelson Girls' College, is spending her vacation at Mount Cook.

Mrs. White-Parsons, of Christchurch, intends taking up residence in Sydney.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stead, of Amberley, are in Auckland, staying at the Grand Hotel.

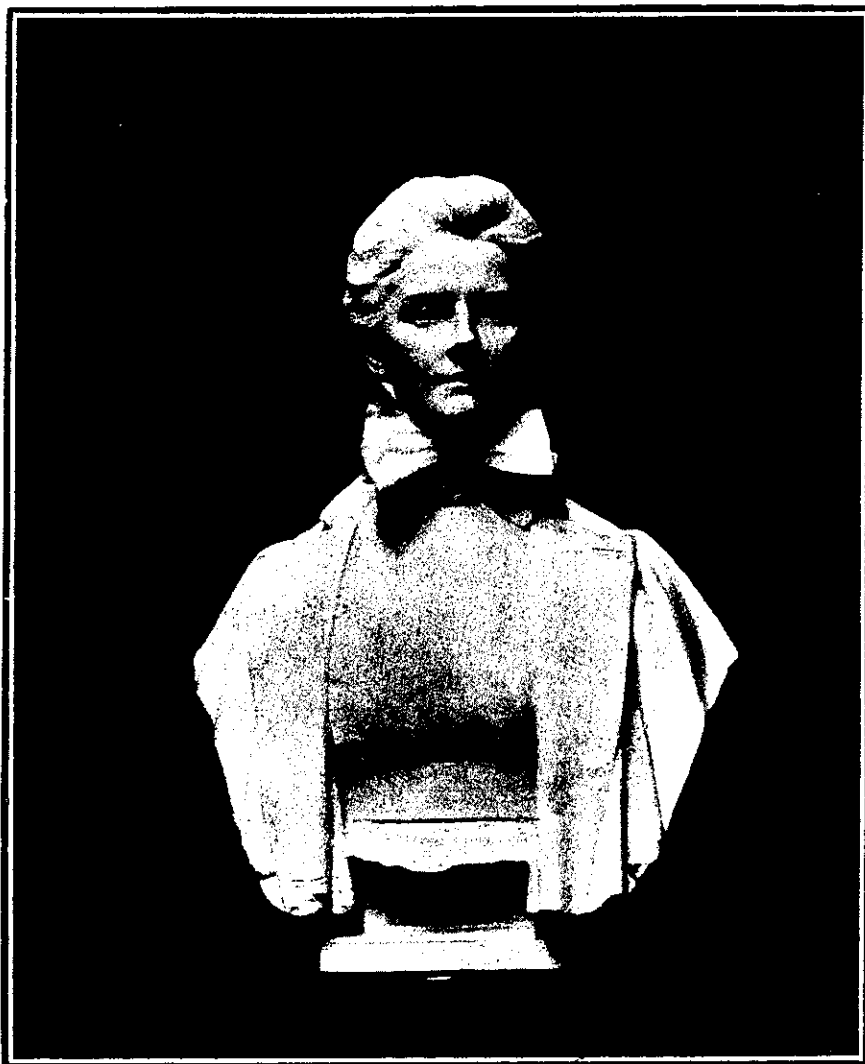
His Excellency the Governor-General of Australia and Lady Helen Munro Ferguson will probably say good-bye to Australia before Easter. His Excellency (reports Melbourne "Argus") was appointed on March 2, 1914, and was sworn in at Melbourne on May 8 following. The term of office for the Governor-General of the Commonwealth is five years, and it is understood that His Excellency is anxious to return to England before the term of his appointment expires.

Fringes are coming in, and will be more seen later, says a fashion writer. Fringes will appear with sleeveless coats—the coat for quite a depth from the waist down absolutely "in ribbons." This sleeveless coat will sometimes be no coat at all, but conform to the figure by means of gathers at the side and from the mid-hip it will be fringed to a hand depth. Adapted with a flaring sleeve with a generous mandarin cuff the effect will be excellent. Once fringes are given their fling, they will take and have it in dead earnest. We shall have fringed necks, sleeves, sashes, of course, and even, perhaps, a fringed over-florence. Again there is the fringed brim of the hat—that is, a fringe over it, though, needless to say, this is nothing new.

Nurse Maude, that well-known worker in the cause of humanity, makes the following splendid suggestion in the columns of the Christchurch "Press" with reference to the recent epidemic:—"I would suggest that the name and address of every proved and efficient organiser, nurse, and helper should be registered, as it is not given to everyone to carry out duties of this sort at a moment's notice. In the event of any future epidemic we want to be able to start where we now leave off. With such a register as I suggest, containing the names of workers in the town, the city blocks, and the country, I would guarantee that, if called upon, within twelve hours I would be able to start where we leave off. Would not that be an immense advantage? In addition to the register of the names of efficient workers, I would suggest that a list should be prepared of the buildings that have proved suitable for work of this character. Possibly some of the buildings now in use have been found not quite suitable, and better ones must be found and noted. With these records in existence a telegram at any minute would get matters in train. We have learned many lessons during the past few weeks, and for humanity's sake don't let us forget them. It is talent that is wanted on these occasions, and talent has been discovered during the present epidemic, and we must not lose sight of it. Will every city, town and country district in the Dominion give these suggestions their instant and thorough consideration?"

Last month Florence Young completed a period of 28 years on the stage. She first appeared as Casilda in "The Gondoliers" at the Princess Theatre in Melbourne. Also in the cast on that occasion were Henry Bracy, Sydney Deane, Maggie Moore, Howard Vernon, Charles Ryley, Flora Graupner, Violet Varley, and the inimitable "Billy" Elton. Since then there has been no more popular exponent of the most melodious roles in comic opera and musical comedy than Florence Young, nor one who has so consistently displayed such varied and consummate artistry. With the exception of a two years' visit to America, Miss Young has spent the entire time in delighting Australian and New Zealand audiences.

Everyone is urged to sing their cheeriest songs now that the war is over and the flu flying quickly away, and oh, the joy of it, "No Rubbing" Laundry Help, now obtainable from all stores at 1/- per packet, containing sufficient for seven weekly washings.



A PORTRAIT BUST OF THE MARTYRED NURSE CAVELL, one of the interesting exhibits which have been collected for the Imperial War Museum, to be shown at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, London.

Tulle still persists in having its own way, is the opinion impressed on us by a Melbourne dress authority. And its ways are so many and so varied. Sometimes a length is swathed coyly round the neck, and tied with a large, floppy bow at the back. Sometimes it is draped over the shoulders, and left to float in nonchalant fashion at the back. Sometimes the harem arrangement is adopted, which conceals the lower part of the face entirely from view. (And sometimes when one sees the appalling amount of salve plastered on some lips, one wishes this fashion were more universal.) And yet, again, it takes another form by softly falling in shadowy effect around the tiny brims of the latest millinery recruit. The most popular thing in dress effects to-day is tulle.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Adams, of Thames, are spending the holidays at their bungalow down the Puru Coast.

Deep regret was manifested in the New Zealand colony of Johannesburg and the Rand at the sudden and unexpected death on October 7th, from heart failure, of Mrs. R. W. Gilbert, wife of Mr. Gilbert, of the Gilbert Agency and Importing Co., Ltd., Johannesburg. She belonged to a well-known Lyttelton (Canterbury) family, and before her marriage was Miss Katrine Rachael Aschman.

The engagement is announced (says the Sydney "Sun") of Miss Mollie Barnard, only daughter of the late Mr. L. S. Barnard, of Newcastle, and Mrs. Barnard, of Strathfield, and Lieutenant A. T. Day (late 20th Battalion A.I.F.), second son of Mr. and Mrs. Day, of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Bobbie's mother had just taken out her winter garments. "Ma," said Bobbie, "what did the moths live on before Adam and Eve wore clothes?"

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