



THE SOCIAL WORLD



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The body of Nurse Cavell is to be removed to England.

The engagement is announced of Miss K. Walters, of Gisborne, to Lieutenant B. A. Rhodes, of Wellington.

Miss Coates, Wellington, has been on a visit to Auckland, staying with her sister, Mrs. Nelson.

Miss E. M. Statham, officer in charge of soldiers' graves, has been on a visit to Christchurch.

Miss McLean, principal of the Wellington Girls' College, returned to New Zealand by the Makura.

Mrs. E. W. Seaton and Miss Mary Seaton, of Wellington are leaving for a trip to Sydney and Melbourne.

The Countess of Liverpool attended a garden party at Holly Lea, Christchurch, to meet the various representatives of the Lady Liverpool Fund organisation in that city and surrounding districts.

Mrs. James Mackintosh Bell, who, with her two small sons, has been paying a lengthy visit to her father, Mr. Harold Beauchamp, Wellington, is returning to her home in Canada per R.M.S. Makura. Mrs. Bell joins her husband, Major Bell, at Honolulu.

A civic reception took place in Dunedin, when the recently-married Mayor and Mrs. Clark received a large and representative gathering of the citizens, who took advantage of this opportunity to felicitate his Worship on his recent marriage.

Nurse K. Booth, daughter of Mr. A. Booth, of Carterton, is returning to New Zealand from Egypt, where she was on the staff of the Aotea Home.

Miss Mary A. Geddes, who has been the National Girls' secretary for the Y.W.C.A. of Australasia, is returning to Auckland at the end of the month by the Niagara.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rutherford and Miss S. Rutherford, Canterbury, are about to leave for Auckland, where they will in future reside.

Miss Alice Walker, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, has returned to Auckland much benefited in health after a trip to Te Aroha.

Mrs. N. Von Sturmer, of Penrose, Auckland, went down to Wellington to meet her only son on his return by the Hororata.

Mrs. James Mackenzie, of Wellington, who with her husband is making a trip to England was entertained by members of the Pioneer Club at a farewell gathering, presided over by Lady Stout.

Mrs. W. H. Jennings and Miss Millicent Jennings, Cashmere Hills, Christchurch, expect to leave New Zealand for England on the Niagara's next trip. Miss Jennings is the well-known singer who created such a favourable impression upon her return from studying in Europe.

Mrs. Peter M'Laren, of Homebush, has received a cablegram stating that her daughter, Mrs. Wilder (nee Sister M'Laren), has left Suez on her return to New Zealand. Her husband, Major Alan Standish Wilder, of Hawke's Bay, who left New Zealand with the Main Body, is accompanying her. They are passengers by the Kalkoura.

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The engagement has been announced from England, of Major Duncan Stout, D.S.O., son of Sir Robert and Lady Stout, to Miss Vida Pearce, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pearce, of Wellington. Major Stout has been on active service since the outbreak of the war.

A wedding at which only relatives and a few intimate friends were present, was solemnised at St. Paul's Cathedral, Wellington, on March 10, when Miss Gladys Dimant, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Dimant, Trafalgar Street South, Nelson, was married to Mr. T. B. Edwards, of the Eastern Extension Cable Company, Wellington. Canon Fielden Taylor officiated, and Mr. Dimant gave his daughter away. The wedding gown was made of cream net, with bands of gold tissue, over an underdress of hand-made lace and crepe de chine. Miss Mimi Smith was the only bridesmaid, and wore powder blue georgette trimmed with fur, with a velvet hat with touches of blue. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Thomson, Wadestown.

The following were the delegates to Christchurch for the Y.W.C.A. conference of board members and secretaries:—From Wellington. Miss Birch (general secretary), Mrs. Pearson and Miss Lawson. From Auckland: Mrs. Todd Smith, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Smeeton, and Miss Carruthers. Dunedin: Miss Andrews (general secretary) and Miss Roseveare. Invercargill: Miss Williams (general secretary) and Miss Jamie-son.

The following have been elected officers of the Johnsonville Golf Club for the coming season:—Captain, Miss Batham; secretary, Miss Price; committee, Misses Yarrall, Ellison, and Cock. The opening of the club took place on Saturday week, when a large number of members and visitors from other clubs were present. The president, Mr. Treewick, declared the season open, and a hearty welcome was accorded Miss McIntosh, who recently returned from the front after nearly four years' service.

The wedding took place at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington, on March 3, of Miss Ruth Barbara Shirtcliffe, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Shirtcliffe, of Tinakori Road, and Major Ernest Sidefield Harston, of Napier. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Wellington, assisted by the Rev. A. M. Johnson. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely frock of ivory charmeuse with overdress of georgette finished with Limerick lace. The court train of charmeuse was looped to one shoulder with pearls, and the tulle veil was arranged over a wreath of orange blossoms and myrtle leaves. The chief bridesmaid was Miss Jean Shirtcliffe, sister of the bride, whose maize georgette gown was beautifully embroidered in bronze, and with it was worn a wide sash of bronze satin and a Leghorn hat with trimmings of the same pretty tone in velvet. The other bridesmaids, Miss Lois Bassett (cousin of the bride) and Miss Joyce Harston (sister of the bridegroom) also wore pretty frocks of maize georgette with touches of bronze and Leghorn hats with velvet bands and streamers. All carried pretty bouquets toning with their gowns. Captain Lance Moore was best man.

It is for the middle-aged woman to look to it that she does not allow herself to sink back into the groove from which the war had lifted her, says an English paper. Work of a useful and definite character is essential to the happiness of the woman with no special home ties, and there are several occupations for which an educated woman, though no longer young, can fit herself if she is so disposed. Many a woman, too, in pursuing her work has found that she possesses qualifications hitherto unsuspected. As, for instance, a woman of about fifty was some months ago prevailed upon by a young friend to undertake work at a creche. Though shy at first, and inclined to be nervous in handling the babies, her latent motherliness gradually asserted itself; the bitterness, born of the unsatisfied desire for children of her own, that used occasionally to be noticed in her manner, gradually disappeared. Now she is one of the most valuable helpers at the creche. This is a typical case of the useful work which an elderly woman can perform in the direction of child welfare, the necessity for which will increase rather than terminate with the cessation of the war.

A wedding of interest was celebrated on March 5, in St. Andrew's Church, Christchurch, the bridegroom being Gunner H. Dampier-Crossley, son of the late Mr. C. Dampier-Crossley (North Canterbury), and the bride Miss Mabel Leslie Rutherford, second daughter of the late Mr. Duncan Rutherford and Mrs. Rutherford (Leslie Hills.) The bridegroom, who left New Zealand with the Ninth Reinforcement, only lately returned. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. R. M. Ryburn. The bride wore a lovely wedding frock of white brocade, the skirt softly draped in pannier effect over the hips, and the bodice composed almost entirely of exquisite lace, brought by the bridegroom from France, combined with georgette and a very little silver embroidery. The court train was of heavy white satin. The wedding veil was of embroidered tulle, held in place with a circlet of orange buds and blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white hothouse flowers. Miss Ella Rutherford, sister of the bride, was the maid of honour, and wore a frock of georgette in la France pink, the skirt being made with wide folds of the material, and the bodice having a foundation of silver lace. With it she wore a hat of silver lace and georgette. Her bouquet was of pale pink blossoms. Lieutenant L. le C. Latter was best man. After the ceremony a reception was held by Mrs. Duncan Rutherford at Warwick House.



MRS. PELVIN, of Glenavy, South Canterbury, who has been prominently associated in patriotic activities during the war years.

Mrs. Ogilvie, formerly of Fendalton but now of Auckland is revisiting Christchurch, and is the guest of her brother, Mr. McIlroy.

Sister Scott, who has just returned to the Dominion after three years' service in Walton-on-Thames and the English hospitals, was entertained at Matura by the members of the Lady Liverpool League. After tea the president, Mrs. John Lowden, presented Sister Scott with a pair of handsome vases.

The first blind girl in New Zealand to pass the matriculation and solicitors' general knowledge examination is Miss Queenie Roussel, a daughter of Mr. P. G. Roussel, of Auckland. Miss Roussel is a pupil of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind, and was coached for the examination by Mr. David Outram, B.A., who is quite blind, and Mr. Doric Algie, M.A., who is also blind.

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Conspicuous among the various new details which one notices, now that the activities of our normal life are being taken up once more, and women have more time and thought to devote to the novelties of dress, are the beautiful necklaces and chains which one sees everywhere, (an overseas fashion writer tells us). They are varied according to the type of costume with which they are worn, and the occasion, formal or otherwise, for which their owners have selected them, but they are always decorative and beautiful. One always admires long chains of beads—they offer so many charming opportunities for coquetry. What could be more attractive than the way in which a woman with beautiful hands can turn and twist the jewels in her long white fingers, with a graceful motion of her delicate wrist? This new vogue for necklaces was started by the bead chains made by wounded soldiers, and some of them are very lovely. It is quite wonderful to note how much individuality a man with a creative sense of beauty can put into one of these chains.

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