plexion, large blue eyes, rather long visage; dressed in long black-cloth jacket with large buttons and pockets at back, black dress with flounces, black-straw hat with brownish feather, double frill white lace round neck, plain gold ring, and elastic-side boots. She left the child with a Mrs. McCaffry, Cargill Road, South Dunedin. A woman answering her description, who gave the name of Elizabeth Norris, called at the Benevolent Institution Office, Dunedin, on the 22nd September, and asked for assistance; she had a child in her arms, and has not been heard of since.

Deserters from Her Majesty's Service.

(See Police Gazette, 1881, page 118.)

Peter G. H. Williams, charged with deserting from Her Majesty's ship "Inconstant," at Melbourne, has been arrested by the Sandridge Detective Police.

Deserters from Merchant Vessels.

PETER WALKER is charged with deserting from the ship "Sam Mendell," at Port Chalmers, on the 5th instant. Description: English, a ship-carpenter, twenty-five years of age, 5 feet 7½ inches high, medium build, fresh complexion, lightbue eyes, fair hair, sandy moustache and beard, cheeks shaved. A reward of £2 is offered for his arrest if effected on or before the 20th instant.

Charles Benneworth, James Wilson, and William Harding are charged, on warrants issued by the Campbelltown Bench, with deserting from the barque "Lochnagar," at Bluff Harbour, during the night of the 6th instant. Description: Benneworth is English, an able-seaman, thirty-seven years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, slight build, sallow complexion, dark eyes, unhealthy looking, dark hair, moustache, and goatee, cheeks shaved; dressed in dark-blue-cloth suit and hard blackfelt hat; swaggering gait, talkative. Wilson is a Canadian, an able-seaman, forty-seven years of age, about 5 feet 9 inches high, sallow complexion, sharp features, very heavy eyebrows, high cheek-bones, dark hair mixed with grey, clean-shaved except dark moustache, slightly stooped, speaks slowly; wore black overcoat, light-tweed trousers, soft black-felt hat, and wellington boots. Harding is English, an ordinary seaman, nineteen years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches high, slight build, dark-brown hair, blue eyes, sallow complexion, long features, no hair on face, very talkative; dressed in dark-tweed suit, hard black-felt hat, and elastic-side boots. A reward of £2 is offered for the arrest of Harding, and £1 each for the arrest of Benneworth and Wilson. They are supposed to have gone to Invercargill, Dunedin, or Lyttelton.

Missing Friends.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of a Mrs. Ellis, supposed to be a native of the colony, about twenty-two years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, stout build, fair complexion, large blue eyes, rather long features, fair hair; wore long black cloth jacket with large black buttons, pockets at back, black dress with flounces in front, black-straw hat with brownish feather, double frill white lace round neck, red bow in breast, plain gold ring, and elastic-side boots. On the 23rd September last she left a boy, about seven months' old, whose name she said was Henry Ellis, with a Mrs. McCaffry, Cargill Road, South Dunedin, promising to pay 10s. per week for the child's support; she paid 10s. in advance, but has not since been heard of by Mrs. McCaffry, who now wishes to get rid of the child. She said her husband was in Dunedin Hospital with a bad leg, and that she was going to service at the Ship Inn, Dunedin, both of which statements on inquiry proved to be incorrect. She also said that she came to Dunedin from Palmerston. It is believed that Mrs. Ellis is an assumed name. A woman answering her description, who gave the name of Elizabeth Norris, called at the Benevolent Institution Office, Dunedin, on the 22nd September, and asked for assistance. She had a child in her arms, and has not been heard of since. Warrant issued for child-desertion.

(See Police Gazette, 1881, page 145.)

JEREMIAH BUCKLEY has been found. He is at present employed at Five Rivers Station, Southland.

(See Police Gazette, 1881, page 135.) JOHN MURPHY has returned to his home.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of Stephen Henry Hudson, English, a painter, about thirty-five years of age, 5 feet 5 inches high, fresh complexion, grey eyes, black hair, large front teeth. He was discharged from the Wanganui Gaol in June, 1880, after doing a sentence of nine months' labour for larceny. (See *Police Gazette*, 1880, page

112.) Inquiry is made for him at the request of his brother, Joseph Hudson, gunner, Royal Artillery, Armedabad, East Indies.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of Lorenzo Tabone, a native of Malta, a fisherman, fifty-one years of age; fond of drink, gambling, and low company. He was in Melbourne in 1867, and is believed to be at present in this colony. Inquiry is made for him at the request of his wife.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of William England, a mechanic, trade not known, who was said to be in Wellington, but he cannot be found here now. Inquiry is made for him at the request of the Hon. John Johnston, who has documents for him from the French Consul at Sydney.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of John Gray, if living, or, if dead, the particulars of his death. He is a native of West Cantyre Barony, near Glasgow, a farmer by profession, but may have followed the occupation of a gold-miner. He went to Victoria in 1857, and left there in 1859 for this colony, where it is supposed he died.

INFORMATION is requested respecting the whereabouts of Alfred Hobden, a seaman, thirty-five years of age, short stout build. He left Liverpool in 1860 for this colony, and on the 15th August, 1863, joined the Taranaki Military Settlers, and received a grant of town section, Lot 41. Section 40, Mokoia; and farm section, Lot 31, Section 254, Hawera, Patea District. He was heard of at Oakura Village in February, 1866. Inquiry is made for him at the request of Frederick Hobden, 70, Bidder Street, Islington, Liverpool.

(See Police Gazette, 1881, pages 177 and 185.)

ROBERT OSMOND was living at Otahuhu, near Auckland, about four years ago, and may still be residing there or at Onehunga.

Miscellaneous Information.

Appointments as Constables.

Alfred Octavius Hardy, No. 2427. William Johnson, No. 2428. Edwin Tattersall, No. 2429. Thomas O'Gorman, No. 2420. Robert Blair, No. 2431. James McAlister, No. 2432. Henry McLinden, No. 2433. Thomas Oliver Turnbull, No. 2434. John Twomey, No. 2435. Edward Grant, No. 2436. Patrick Bowler, No. 2437. Alfred Duggan, No. 2438. Daniel Sullivan, No. 2439. Simon Brown, No. 2440. Thomas Caraher, No. 2441. Thomas Hume Conway, No. 2442. Thomas Elliott Creeks, No. 2443. William Crowe, No. 2444. George Frederick Eise, No. 2445. Arthur Tilby, No. 2446. John Fletcher, No. 2447. George Frizell, No. 2448. John Thomas, No. 2449. James Wallace, No. 2450. Anthony John Mundella Braybrooke Wardle, No. 2451. Lawrence Carroll, No. 2452. William Callingham, No. 2453. Thomas Cowley, No. 2454. Peter Joseph Cunningham, No. 2455. James Murphy. No. 2456. Charles Frederick Romley, No. 2457. Sydney Walby Webbe, No. 2458. John Dalton, No. 2459. Llewellyn Gwilliam, No. 2460. Jeremiah Larkin, No. 2461. Arthur Henry Fry, No. 2462. William Smith, No. 2463. William Nugent, No. 2464. Windsor Hickman Humphreys, No. 2465. William Christie, No. 2466. Christen Hansen, No. 2467. Michael Keaney, No. 2468. Ebenezer Maxwell, No. 2469.

Promotions.

Second-class Sergeants Thomas McMillan, No. 1031; Charles Octavius Hawke, No. 428; William Henry Roberts, No. 197; John Webb, No. 434; Joseph Benjamin Webb, No. 81; and Michael Foley, No. 578, to be First-class Sergeants.