

Wellington Notes.

Messrs J. Godber & Co., Ltd., are opening up a shop in Lambton quay, at present occupied by Messrs Gamble & Son, who are moving a few doors away. This shop is to be remodelled, the partitions forming fitting and work rooms are to be cleared away, a handsome archway taking the place of one, and an additional window is to be put in the side wall to add to the light.

The main feature will undoubtedly be a wide staircase starting from opposite a new entrance door, and thence across the shop (with handsome open balustrade on each side), leading to the firm's old-established dining-rooms on the upper floor, over Messrs Littlejohn's new shop. On the right of the upper part of the staircase i.e., on the landing from which the dining-room is at present approached, is to be a space for palms and ferns, shut off from the existing landing by glass partitions. The supports of that

part of the staircase going across the shop will be finished with arches of Moorish character, to harmonise with the before-mentioned new arch, the balustrading of staircase, and the new counter, which will also be to match.

The whole of the staircase and arches are to be of heart of rimu dead polished, and the counter of heart of rimu relieved with kauri knot and maire.

The present shop front is to be reversed and a new and wider door put in to give better access to the new staircase.

The work is being carried out by Messrs J. & A. Wilson, from plans and details supplied by Mr. C. Tilleard Natusch, and under that architect's supervision.

A brick residence is about to be erected in Boulcott street from the designs of Mr. C. Tilleard Natusch, the contract having been let to Messrs Sanders Bros.

The planning of the house is most compact, every available inch having been utilised, while at the same time there will be a feeling of spaciousness in the hall and landings, which give access to the eleven bedrooms and bathroom.

This residence is to be run by its proprietress, Mrs. Austin, in conjunction with another house on the same property, as an "Apartment house."

Internally the house is to be well, though simply, finished in heart of rimu. Externally the front will be finished in pressed bricks, with gauged arches to windows relieved with cement key stones, string and cornice mouldings, and two small reinforced concrete balconies will project on either side of the wide central bay window.

A special feature of the house will be the garden roof, access to which will be obtained by a staircase from the main landing through a well-lighted lantern.

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