

## Mr. & Mrs. Willian Celebrate Diamond Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Alex H. Willian, two old and well respected former residents for over 60 years, will celebrate the 60th anniversary of their marriage at Williamstown on June 27th, 1889, by the Rev. John Clark, whose gift to them on the occasion was a beautiful family Bible and framed photograph of himself.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Willian were active Church and Temperance workers. Mr. Willian was a scholar and teacher in the Sunday school and member of the board of management of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He was a foundation member of Presbyterian Literary and Scientific Society which flourished there for many years. He and Mr. Harry Stewart (Douglas parade) are the only living foundation members. With Mr. Gunner) Kearns, Mr. J. Cameron and Mr. F. Kilgour (all deceased) they formed the Presbyterian Boys' Naval Brigade, which functioned for several years until compulsory service was brought in. Many of those lads, including his own son, served in the first world war.

Mrs. Willian, a pioneer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, was secretary of the local union for many years. After leaving here more than 25 years ago, she joined up with Camberwell Union and was president there for several years. As lady superintendent of Williamstown Nursing Division of St. John's Ambulance she with her VAD's did yeoman service during the 1919 pneumonic epidemic. The emergency hospital set up by local councillors was staffed by Mrs. Willian and VAD's with the late Dr. Maclean, medical officer and Sister O'Neill matron.

Mr. and Mrs. Willian's family of one son, Engr. Lieut.-Com. H. A. Willian, MBE, VRD, RAAA (Ret.) is well known locally. Three married daughters, two living in Adelaide and one in Redcliff are coming home for the celebration. They will entertain their parents and all their grand and great grandchil-

their grand and great grandchildren at wedding tea tomorrow.

The old couple, whose combined ages total 171 years, are looking forward with great pleasure to seeing for the first time their two great grandsons, both born this year. The elder one is the first born into the family for 54 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Willian have maintained their interest in this area and are still ratepayers here. They will be At Home to their friends at their home, 151 Victoria Road, Upper Hawthorn, on Monday afternoon, 27th.