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### CASELBERG-ALEXANDER

CLEERENG—ALEXANDER. THE marriage corennonies of the Hobrews have undergone a vast change or modification with the lapse of acres, and the assi-milation of Jews with modern and Western Ideas. Many details of minor importance, such as the preparations for the weeding-peared entirely from the ceremonial, as being no longer in accord with nuclern progressive ideas. In old Taimudo times a marriage was an event not quickly forgotten by the parents and friends of the brids and bridgeroon, the preparations for the occasion being of no olaborate a character—minute in detail as far as dress, orna-metals, and provision for marry mailing of friends were concerned the ovent was regarded as of such importance in the individual and natural life that it was said. "He who dies unmarried has only lived half his days." The marriage of the child was already anti-cipated at its birth—preparations for the gladsome event were actually begun with the hirth of the child -a ceder tree was planted, its baraches constituted the supports of the scabory under doctors a man abould marry at eighteen a the as horoughly prac-tical and sound : whether its akaptabilits, however, to the complex conditiones of the present is still open to doubt, being a matter of condiciones of the present is eighteen.

CERTAIN days were fixed for the ceremony of marriage. In olden times the betrothal, between which and the marriage a long in. terval frequently elapsed, was as binding as the marriage. The selection of the bride was followed by the 'betrolbal,' which was



C. Hamus, abota., Auchland MISS CORA MAUD ALEXANDER.

rather a formal proceeding, a document of betrothal being signed by the bridegroom and the father of the bride. Subsequent to the betrothal the woman lost power over her property, and it became vested in her husband. How different to these days of calightenment and emancipation and women's rights to hold pro-perty in her own name. The coremony of the betrothal was foi-bridegroom and his metter. The religious maringed doon next is identical with the old legal bill of marringe' used by the Jews in dentical with the old legal bill of maringe' used by the Jews in



Wrigglesworth and Sinne, photo, Wellington. MR LIONEL CASELBERG.

Talmudic times. It is written in Aramic, the vernacular of the Baylonian Jaws after the Exordia, and is strictly a legal docu-ment replete with all the usual intricacies of legal phrace-repetitions, etc., which so gladden the heart of the legal prac-titioner, and prove such a pitfall for the unway fabble in law.

The marriage under the canopy is a ceremony which dates back to a poriod of remote antiquity, the simple canopy has, however, in the course of evolution, developed into a highly leborate and for a more the volution, developed into a highly leborate and for a more to be bright. The shows the fail of the simple in the second the bright press with the fabbil to another the so the law of Moses and largel. This, according to Jevieh law, he there is the symbolical of the union in this life which must breaking the glass is eymbolical of the union in this life which must ultimately be broken by death.

THE wedding of Miss Cora Maud Alexander, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Isldore Alexanier, Bymondastreet, Auckland, to Mr Lionei Caselberg, son of arter Myor Caselberg, of Masterton, was ocitofrated on Towerder with thon seeins advised by an organ. Mu built ander, who have a large circle of acquaintanger Raba foldatela officiated. The bride was given away by hor father, and, as is the custom in Jewish weddings, the bridegroom also was given away by Mrs Harry Keesing and his best man, Mr L. Nathan, of Weilington.

Titz Jewish bridegroom takes the prominent place in a marriage ceremony, but a young and charming bride ever relating pro-minent laterest for all the onloakers, and a bush of subdued actiement fell upon the crowded synagogue as the bride in que-on sutered. She looked lovely in a gown of ivory Fouline silk

handsomely trimmed with Brussels lace, crepe-de-chine and tulls, with court train, tulls veil and bridal wreath of orange blossoma

The buildermalds were six in number-Misses Skells Alexander, Rose Nashelski, Dolly Davis, Minnie Posseniskie, and Jenny and Kitty Caseberg, the two latter sixters of the bridgeroom. They were all attired allies in preity frocks of cream crepon with bouillone of sold all karound the foot. Brussels us the funct trimmad with gold bebe ribbon and pleatings, and mest becoming picture has of black values with gold smbroldered orwans, black feathers, and gold roses empty be bounded of bothouse blacksons.

Tris bridegroom was attended by five gentlemen besides Mr athan, namely the Meesrs Caselberg (two of his brothers), and lessrs Ernest Schatz, Ernest Davis, and Arthur Myers.

Mrs Isidore Alexander, mother of the brids, wore a beautiful and alaborate gown of black sike chiffon and jet, with black satin elevare horecaded in blue and gold, vest of pale blue velvet trimmed with jet ornaments, pale blue velvet bonnet stylishly trimmed with jet brillants, and opprover. A suppose and time will not permit me to describe here the many rich costumes worn by the ladies of the wedding party, and the beautiful presents, I will do so in my next work i leter.

The ceremony concluded, the wedding party, purpleting up-wards of 150 guests, drove to the Masonic Hall, where a rechtriche repass of Canning's provide the Masonic Hall, where a rechtriche songend their honey moon at Rotornus and Tauyo. In the evening the Masonic Hall was transformed by the magic aid of ferns and flowers and fairy lamps into a perfect ball-coor, in which Mr and Mrs Alexander entertained about a hundred young people to a de-lightful dance.

This bride's going away dress was Gobelin blue Amazon cloth, with feather trimming, block lace moire ribbons, cape and black beaver hat to match: a second visiting hat for the costume is of black chip, lined with black velvet and trimmed with feathers and brillants. This costume and a great part of the trousseau was made in Melbourne, and the tidal gown and bridesmalds' frocks at Miles and Ohorce's, Asckland.

This bridegroom's gifts to his bride are a lovely bangle and brooch of pearls and diamonds. He also presented each of the bridesmaids will gold brooches of pearls and diamonds, and sapphires and diamonds, respectively. Mes Alexander has given her daughter a beautiful turquoise and diamond brooch, while the brides fakhne presented her with a cheque.

### (BY TELEGRAPH.);

### MR H. MUNRO-MISS ANNIE PEEL.

A PERFY wedding took place as Lower Hutt, Wellington, on Friday, the groom being Mr H. Munro, and the bride Miss Annie Peel, danchter of Kev. J. Peel, of Burghuallan Rectory, Doncaster, England.

THE worlding took place from Sir James Hector's residence, stone. The bride worea blue costume trimmed with white cloth ad passementerie, toque to match with violets.

LADY HECTOR, brown merveilleux trimmed with blue, brown bonnet; Miss Hector, Gobelin blue gown, white hat with turkey feathers; Miss Jean Munro (coustin of the bridgeroom, blue and white costume, sailor hat; Mrs Stowe, black creps gown trimmed with mauve and white brocade; Miss M. Stowe, pink gown, picture hat with feathers; the Missee Inne and Marjorie flector, white muelin frocks, white lace hats.

THE bride was given away by Mr L. Stowe, Sir James Hector being away. Her travelling dress was of drab covert coating, sailor hat.

## MR W. S. REID TO MISS EMMA HALSE.

MR W. S. REID TO MISS EMMA HAISE. A QUIET wedding came off at 5L Paul's Church, Welling-ton, on Saturday morning, when Miss Emma Haise, eldest daughter of the late Henry Halse, was married to Mr W. P. Reid, Solicitor General.

The bride's gown was of lavender silk trimmed with white lace, white bonnet, and pretty bouquet.

THERE was one bridesmaid. Miss Eva Halse, who wore a pretty white costume. Only old family friends and relations were pre-sent at the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. T. H. Sprott, assisted by the Rev. H. P. Tuckey.

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# AUCKLAND.

DEAR BER, The weather, which has been very close and almost too seasonable, is somewhat cooler, and we may hope for revived energies in the way of dissipation. Mrs J. Roach, of Symonds-street, gaves. LARGE AFTERNOON TEA

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Twom I cannot remain ber. I was so sorry I could not got the account of Mrs Ireland's EUCHRE PARTY in time for my last week's letter. I think someone carried it such a pocket too long. Howerer, 'Hulmecourt, Parnell, is such a structure of the solution of the share of the solution able, that I appoint for a party, and the share of Parnell, is such a structure of the solution of the share of the solution able, that I appoint for a party, and the share of Parnell is such a structure of the solution of the solution of the solution able, that I appoint of the solution of the solution of the solution while the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution able, that I appoint of the solution of the solution of the solution while the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution while the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution while the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution in the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution in the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution where the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution where the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution where the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution where the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution of the power, in puce and purple ; Miss Holmes loaded nice in the solution for the solution of the

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## HITHER AND THITHER.

HITTIER AND THITTER. Dr. and Mrs Hope Lowis have seturned from England. Dr. and Mrs Hassell, of Avondale Asylum, have returned from Christchurch, the doctor resuming his tormer draw and Mrs Broham, of Christchurch, is making a short stay in Auck-land at present. Mary of the west or eagerly looking forward, as Auckland is so devoid at present of private entertainments. Many of the west on the Parnell law on Saturday rame over siter the garden party given at 'The Towers' Remuers, in aid of St. Mark 5 Parsonage.