

lace, bonnet to correspond; Mrs Butt, black silk and brocade gown with jet trimming, cream and black bonnet; Lady Hector, Gobelin blue jacket and skirt, light vest, floral bonnet; Miss Hector, pretty cream gown with mauve ribbon collar and belt, white chip hat with long white ostrich feather; Mrs W. Reid, pretty green and pink costume; Miss Lambert, royal blue gown with trimmings of black satin ribbon, large black hat with flowers and tulle; Mrs Janisch, very light fawn costume; Mrs A. Crawford, grey silk piped with white, pretty black and pink toque; Mrs Rhind, black silk skirt, and pompadour silk blouse, floral toque; Mrs Warren, Gobelin blue skirt, blouse of pink, white and blue figured mervilleux, black hat with tips and pink roses; Mrs Friend wore black and white; Miss Friend, pretty white embroidered gown trimmed with satin ribbon, black hat trimmed with black and white striped ribbon and pink flowers; Mrs Travers, becoming white gown, the bodice of which was quaintly trimmed with narrow black ribbon velvet, small black and pink hat; Mrs Stowe, Miss Stowe, white drill gown with pale blue brocaded ribbon collar and belt, small floral toque; Miss Cooper, white gown, white hat with pink roses and tulle; Mrs Towns-end, black brocade trimmed with jet; Mrs Joseph, handsome black brocade and floral bonnet; Miss Joseph, white figured muslin trimmed with yellow satin ribbon, picture hat trimmed with chiffon and yellow flowers; Lady Stout looked very nice in black and white.

The bride's travelling costume was very stylish. It was of light blue-green shot silk, with basque and epaulettes of accordion-pleated drab chiffon, and the bodice was almost covered with the same coloured embroidered chiffon, green straw hat with jaunty crown, very much trimmed with briar roses and blue tulle.

AMONG the gentlemen guests I noticed, Messrs H. D. Bell, J. Duncan, I. Duncan, A. Duncan, Cooper, Johnston (seven), Rhind, Butt, O'Conner, Harcourt, Goring, Brown, Higginson, Beetham, Pharesay, Gibson, Warren, Baldwin, Brandon, Gale, Fitzherbert, Williams (five), Russell, Grace, Nathan, Reid, Watson, Macpherson, Buller, Janisch, A. Smith, Fulton, Mantell, Bishop Wallis, Drs. Cahill and Grace, Captain Russell, Sir Robert Stout, etc.

MR TULLY TO MISS K. JOHNSON.

A LARGE number of the fair sex assembled at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Wellington, last Wednesday afternoon to witness the marriage of Miss Kate Johnson, third daughter of the late Captain Johnson, who was married to Mr C. J. Tully, of Greytown North.

The church was very tastefully decorated by the bride's friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. E. Tuckey, B.A.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, looked well in a white satin gown trimmed with lace and orange blossoms. She wore her veil off her face and caught with a spray of the delicate flowers.

THERE were four bridesmaids—the Misses F. and L. Johnson (sisters of the bride), Miss Tully (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Elliot—who were all dressed alike in pretty white silk dresses, the bodices trimmed with gold braid, and the sleeves were composed of three long frills of chiffon reaching to the wrist, showing the bare arm between. They also wore ruffles of chiffon round the neck, and large white hats very much trimmed with chiffon and feathers. Their presents from the bridegroom were gold neck chains with emerald heart-shaped pendants.

MR T. CAMERON acted as best man.

As the pair left the church Mr Robert Parker played the 'Wedding March.'

THE honeymoon is to be spent in going round the Southern Lakes.

MRS JOHNSON held a reception at her residence in Hill street after the ceremony.

MR HUGH SPEED TO MISS HILDA BIRCH.

THE marriage of Mr Hugh Montgomery Speed to Miss Hilda Marian Laurence Birch, youngest daughter of the late Mr Laurence Birch, Wiltshire, England, was celebrated in Holy Trinity Church, Picton, on Wednesday, 20th January. The Rev. A. H. Sedgwick performed the ceremony, the service being partly choral.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr Ford of Omata Valley, Waitotara, wore a very handsome gown of white satin brocade, with a demi-train and frills of white chiffon, a lovely tulle veil fastened with a wreath of orange-blossoms. She also wore a gold curb-chain bracelet (a present from the bridegroom), a diamond pendant (a present from her uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs R. M. Harvey, England), and a gold bracelet and brooch set with amethysts and pearls (a present from her sister, Miss Mabel Birch, England), and carried a shower bouquet of English clematis and mandivilla.

MISS IRAN RUTHERFORD, niece of the bridegroom, was the only bridesmaid, and looked sweet in a simple frock of soft white spotted silk, with a broad sash of the same white silk, a Tuscan hat trimmed with white silk and ostrich feathers. She also carried a spray bouquet, and wore a gold bangle, a present from the bridegroom. Mr George Waddy (Blenheim) acted as groomsmen.

AFTER the ceremony the bridal party, consisting only of relations, proceeded to 'The Mount,' the residence of the bridegroom's mother, where afternoon tea was laid out in the drawing-room.

THE cake, a very handsome three-tiered one, made by Godber, of Wellington, was a present from the bride-

groom's mother, Mrs Speed, and was beautifully decorated with natural flowers.

THE Rev. A. H. Sedgwick proposed the bride and bridegroom's health, and after spending a pleasant afternoon the happy pair drove to Blenheim to spend a few days prior to their departure for Rangitikei, where their future home is.

THE going-away dress was of navy serge, with white vest and facings, black hat with white silk crown and ostrich plumes. The bride, who has been visiting her new relations in Picton, has made herself very popular with everybody, and many good wishes went after the young couple to their new home.

MRS SPEED wore a handsome black satin gown with lace and jet mantle, and a pretty bonnet with violets, velvet, and ospreys; Mrs Rutherford, a pretty costume of the new sapphire blue lustre with white silk vest, black bonnet with pink roses, shaded ribbon bow, and ospreys; Mrs J. Duncan, electric blue silk gown with white lace, toque *à la suite*; Mrs H. Howard (Blenheim), royal blue cloth skirt, striped silk blouse with long sash ends; Mrs Montgomery (Wanganui), brown silk gown trimmed with sequin braid, brown bonnet with shaded flowers; Miss S. Montgomery, white silk, and white hat trimmed with white silk and ostrich feathers; Miss Isabel Rutherford, white crepon frock, white hat; Miss Gretchen Rutherford, pink frock with cream lace frills; Miss Ella Rutherford, white crepon frock and Dutch bonnet. Messrs Rutherford, J. Duncan, and H. Howard were also present.

MRS SPEED entertained the members of the choir at afternoon tea on Thursday.

MR GRIFFITHS TO MISS MACFARLANE.

A QUIET but pretty wedding took place last Wednesday at two o'clock in St. Mark's Church, Remuera, Auckland, when Miss Bessie Macfarlane, eldest daughter of Mr James Macfarlane, Remuera, was united to Mr A. F. Griffiths, of the firm of Ed. Riley and Co., London.

The bride was given away by her father, she was dressed in a stylishly made white silk, finished at the neck with a spray of orange blossoms; the sleeves were fashionably rucked from shoulder to wrist, plain skirt, white chiffon hat with orange blossoms, and she carried a lovely shower bouquet of white tiger lilies.

MISSSES FANNY AND EILEEN MACFARLANE (two little sisters of the bride) attended her as bridesmaids, wearing dainty white silks and white chiffon hats.

THE service was fully choral, Mr McMillan presided at the organ, and the Rev. W. Beatty (vicar of St. Mark's) reading the service. Mr F. Merricks (of the firm of Ed. Riley and Co., London), was the groomsmen.

ON leaving the church the happy couple were greeted with showers of rice.

THE intimate friends and relations of the bridal party then adjourned to the residence of Mr Macfarlane to partake of refreshments and drink the happy couple's health.

It is stated that Mr and Mrs A. F. Griffiths will spend their honeymoon in touring the South, going by way of the Lake Country. The marriage presents were numerous and handsome. All the steamers of the Northern Steamship Company were flying gay flags as well as other vessels in port in honour of the bride.

AMONGST those whom I noticed at the ceremony were Mrs Macfarlane, who wore a very handsome black silk with blue floral design, black bonnet with pink roses; Miss Macfarlane, electric blue silk veiled in grass lawn, large black hat with petunia ribbons; Mrs Beatty, grey silk relieved with touches of black; Mrs Richmond, grey skirt, striped blouse; Mrs Foster, canary silk; Miss Mabel Hay, lemon-coloured silk veiled in white muslin; Miss Thompson, white embroidered muslin with heliotrope ribbons; Mrs Hay, black silk with striped blouse; Mrs Duncan Clerk, royal blue cambric relieved with white ribbons, white hat; Mrs Bodie, black and white striped batiste muslin; Miss Stevenson (Glenholm), white shower muslin, small white toque; Miss Stevenson (Ponsonby), white cambric; Mrs Armitage, white muslin, green hat; Mrs Whitney, dark

skirt, Oriental blouse, hat *à la suite*; Mrs R. Dargaville, black mourning costume; Misses Dargaville, black. Most of these I have mentioned were afterwards the guests of Mr and Mrs Macfarlane.



AUCKLAND.

DEAR BEE,

FEBRUARY 2.

Alas, for my intention of giving you a good budget this week! The terrible gale frustrated all our plans, and those of us who are not thronging the shops in search of bargains at the sales, are busy making jam, trying to save something at least out of the fearful wreck of our orchards. The hurricane about two o'clock on Saturday will long be remembered by fruitgrowers.

On Friday, the 20th of January Anniversary Day, we have always enjoyed a day's outing on the Flagship watching the regatta and chatting to our friends, and finishing with a sail down the harbour as far as the Lighthouse, but the weather this year dispersed all thoughts of our attempting to go on board the s.s. 'Te Anan.' It also presented Miss Tanner, of Onehunga, from holding her large picnic at Flat Bush, at which, I hear, a hundred were expected.

On Saturday again we were dreadfully disappointed, as we do enjoy a day

AT POLO,

but the weather was just as unpropitious as on the former day, so we had to give up all idea of wending our way to Messrs Hunter and Nolan's Paddock, Green Lane, where the Polo players intended to practise this Saturday.

A most enjoyable

FANCY DRESS BALL,

was given by Mrs Ruth, of Ruth's Island, Waiheke, early in January. The room, which is 20ft by 40ft, was most tastefully decorated with flags and ferns, and the floor was in perfect order. The supper-table was artistically arranged in crimson and white, by Miss Ireland, and the viands were sumptuous and rare. The costumes worn by the ladies were as follows:—Mrs Ruth, handsome black silk heavily trimmed with jet; Miss Ruth looked well as Grace Darling; Mrs Ireland, handsome black silk evening gown relieved with white; Mrs A. Saunders, as Red-cross Nurse, which became her splendidly; Mrs Watkins, stylish black costume; Mrs Chatfield, black; Miss Watkins, Gleaner; Miss Dudley, fisher girl; Miss Linda Ruth, Japanese lady; Miss Ireland, sweet sixteen; Miss B. Bull, powder and patches; Miss Lennox looked very sweet in green evening blouse and black skirt; Miss Flossie Hay looked handsome as harvest (this costume was greatly admired); Miss J. Ireland, fisher girl; Miss Lecce, Shepherdess; Miss Una Saunders looked a perfect pet as Good-night, in a frilled robe *de nuit*, carrying a silver candlestick; Miss Gibson, romp; Miss K. Lennox, white; Mrs Taylor and Mrs Giles, evening dress; Miss Ettie Ireland and Mr Harry Saunders as Babette and Pierrot, were universally admired; Mr A. G. Saunders made a charming girl in a pink silk blouse and black skirt, and a becoming white felt hat tied with white ribbons; Mr S. Thompson, cook; Mr Goodhue, evening dress. From the yacht 'Yvonnie' Mr J. Fraser, Nigger, (a splendid get up). Messrs Wise, man, Partridge, and Howard, yachtsmen. Amongst other guests present were the crews from the 'Rangitira,' 'Ida,' 'Rita,' 'Viking,' 'Aorere' and 'Kestrel,' all in yachting costumes. Several ladies and gentlemen belonging to the house party in evening dress.

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