

**MR ALEXANDER TO MISS BURCHER.**

The marriage took place on June 29th, at the Church of All Saints, Slingsby, England, by the Rev. A. S. Brooke, assisted by the Rev. E. S. Carter (Vicar choral of York-Minster, and Vicar of St. Michael-le-Belfry, York), uncle of the bridegroom, and the Rev. John Lascelles (Vicar of Sheriff-Hutton), of Mr G. W. E. C. Alexander, son of Mr W. C. Alexander (late R.N.), to Miss Evelyn G. K. Burcher, daughter of Mr Albert Burcher, of Auckland, New Zealand.

The service was fully choral, and the music was composed by the Rev. E. Carter, uncle of bridegroom, and was beautifully rendered by the choir.

The famous artist, Mr Harcourt, R.A., performed the duties of best man.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr J. C. Kerry, F.R.G.S. (the well-known explorer). She wore a handsome costume of white trimmed with embroidered Indian silk and chiffon, and carried a lovely bouquet of white carnations, roses, and maidenhair fern.

The bridesmaids were Miss Violet Alexander (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss Carter (his cousin).

SLINGSBY was quite *en fete*. On the church tower flags were flying, and the gate and porch were beautifully decorated, while the route to the church was also decorated with flags, etc., and a triumphal arch, and on all sides every token of good-will and esteem to both families was shown.

The wedding presents were numerous and handsome. The beautiful wedding-cake was given by Mr Kerry, and was provided by Messrs R. Bolland and Sons, Chester.

**MR PAEWA PARATA TO MISS OWHITA.**

A VERY smart native wedding took place at Manaia last week, when Miss Margaret Owhita, daughter of the Rev. — Owhita, was united to Mr Paewa Parata, son of the late 'Munro' Parata.

The father of the bride performed the marriage ceremony in the little native church.

The bride was tastefully dressed in cream cashmere. Mr Waraki Parata (brother of the bridegroom), was the best man.

The bridesmaid, Miss Raheine, was appropriately costumed to suit the character.

ABOUT two hundred people assembled for the wedding breakfast, which was arranged at the house of Morshue.

**MR MURRAY TO MISS JAKINS.**

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's, Merivale, Christchurch, on Wednesday, when Mrs William Murray, son of Mr James Murray, Scotland, was married to Miss Ada Jakins, daughter of Mr G. S. Jakins, of Christchurch.

The church had been tastefully decorated by the bride's girl friends. The Rev. H. Airey Watson officiated, and Miss Jennie West played several nice selections on the organ, and the 'Wedding March' as the bridal party left the church.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was handsomely, yet simply, gowned in a rich white satin, made quite plain with full train, and long tulle veil and lovely shower bouquet. She wore an exquisite pearl crescent brooch, the gift of the bridegroom.

The Misses Alice and Laura Jakins (sisters of the bride) were her maids, and wore pretty fawn-coloured frocks trimmed with pink silk, white hats with pink flowers, and diamond and sapphire brooches, the gift of the bridegroom.

MR GALLOWAY was best man and Mr Sinclair groomsmen.

MR AND MRS JAKINS held a reception after the ceremony at their residence, Webb-street, when about sixty guests were present. Mrs Jakins wore a handsome black silk, black bonnet with heliotrope; Miss Jakins, pretty grey costume with Empire belt; Miss — Jakins, electric blue, floral hat; Mrs Carey Hill, rich black silk and jet, black and pink bonnet; Mrs C. H. Croxton, check costume with heliotrope, black and heliotrope bonnet; Mrs Rochfort Snow, very elegant gown of blue and black striped merveillex, bonnet *en suite*; Mr and Mrs Gilbert Anderson, the Misses Bowden, Messrs Snow, Croxton, and the Revs. H. A. Watson and O'Bryen Hoare were among the numerous guests.

AMONG the numerous and handsome presents was one from the staff of the Christchurch Meat Company—a silver tea and coffee service, salver, and cake basket.

The bride's going-away dress was an exceedingly pretty one of electric blue with Empire belt to match, and white felt hat. Mr and Mrs Murray left by steamer that evening for a trip to Mullau.

**MR STUDBOLME TO MISS GRAY.**

The little church at Woodend was the scene of a very pretty wedding when Mr W. P. Studbolme, son of Mr Studbolme, Merivale, was married to Miss Mabel Gray, daughter of Mr H. F. Gray, Waiora.

The church was very prettily decorated with flax, evergreens and flowers, floral horseshoes, that emblem of 'good luck,' being plentiful, and a true lovers' knot of white ribbon adorned the seats.

The Rev. H. H. Mathias, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Stack, performed the ceremony, Miss Ross presiding at the organ.

The bride wore a very handsome gown of white corded satin, wreath and veil, and an exquisite shower bouquet.

Her bridesmaids—the Misses Gray, of Hoon Hay, and the Misses Wilder, of Ngapara—wore gowns of Roman satin trimmed with crimson velvet, white felt hats with the same velvet trimming, and black plumes, bouquets of red flowers.

MR A. C. ROLLESTON was best man.

**MR ARTHUR GIDDINGS TO MISS GRACE BUCK.**

AT St. Peter's Church, Wellington, was celebrated on Wednesday the marriage of Mr Arthur Giddings, son of the late Mr Giddings, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England, and Miss Grace Buck, youngest daughter of Mr Francis Buck, of Wellington.

The Rev. W. C. Waters read the service, and Mr A. Stalker was best man.

The bride was given away by her father. She was charmingly dressed in pearl merveillex silk with Maltese lace trimmings, veil and orange-blossoms, and looked nice.

There were four bridesmaids. The first two, Miss F. Austin and Miss Dumbell, wore French cashmere of a pale shade of green trimmed with Brussels lace, Reubens hats. The other two, Miss Ethel Buck (the bride's niece) and Miss Constance Lechner, were in daffodil nun's veiling and Reubens hats.

The bridegroom gave the bride an opal brooch and ring, and the bridesmaids pretty gold bar brooches.

The bride's parents entertained the wedding party at breakfast after the ceremony.

**MR HOLLINGS TO MISS BESSIE PERRY.**

The wedding of Mr Philip L. Hollings, second son of the late Mr Alfred Hollings, of North London, and Miss Bessie Perry, fourth daughter of Mr Walter Perry, was celebrated at the Masterton Wesleyan Church.

The bride was given away by her father, and was most becomingly gowned in rich ivory figured silk lustre trimmed with pearls and chiffon. The usual wreath and veil, and a lovely shower bouquet finished this pretty toilette.

The bridesmaids were her sisters, Miss Blanche and Miss Ida Perry, who looked pretty in cream figured lustre, cream hats of silk and crooks with delicious violets. The bridegroom gave the three ladies lovely gold brooches.

MR L. DONALD was best man.

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**AUCKLAND.**

DEAR BEE, AUGUST 16. It is strange how lucky some people are in the weather they have for their festivities. Amongst the very fortunate ones is Mrs Charlton Dawson, whose pleasant

**MUSICAL 'AT HOME'**

came off at Ellerslie last Tuesday afternoon. The pretty residence, 'Arborfield,' was delightfully sheltered from the keen south-west wind, and the front porch and abutting verandahs were bathed in the westerling sun, and afforded a charming retreat from which to enjoy the lovely view in front, and the music which emanated from the drawing-room behind. The great treat of the afternoon was the singing of Dr. Keith, of Fiji, whose sympathetic and well-trained voice was heard to advantage in 'Tell Her I Love Her So,' and 'Good Night, Beloved.' Mrs Kilgour gave out the usual pleasure we experience from her songs. Other musical items were rendered by Miss Keith and Miss Thomson (Parnell), and Miss Tilley played a pianoforte solo. Tea and coffee were tastefully set out in the dining-room, the centre of the table being a pretty combination of draped and ruffled apricot silk, with a large vase of spring flowers, whilst smaller vases and flowers were scattered harmoniously amongst the various cakes, sweets, etc., with which the table was laden. The drawing-room and ante-room were also prettily decorated, and quite filled with the numerous guests, who overflowed on to the verandahs. Our hostess, Mrs Dawson, whose manner in answering the shoals of kind inquiries after the Colonel's broken collar-bone was a happy mixture of wifely solicitude and desire not to damp the enjoyment of her guests, was wearing a stylish combination of blue—navy skirt, blue striped silk bodice and shoulder-knots, over tight-fitting navy velvet sleeves. Several young ladies, amongst them being Miss Elliott and Miss Carter, were of great assistance in entertaining the visitors, and deftly and gracefully handing tea, etc. But I must pass on to the consideration of the fair ladies' toilettes. Mrs Williams (Remuera) and her daughter, Mrs Pitt, were, of course, in mourning; Mrs Thomas Morrin's always pleasant look was enhanced by a stylish large black feathered hat and green costume relieved by a cream waistcoat with palette design, green fur-edged muff with little posies of violets on it; Mrs Owen Jones (Dunedin) was most handsomely dressed in exquisitely-fitting black satin, rich cream appliqué and passementerie let in the back and front of the bodice, purple velvet bonnet with lilac chiffon and flowers; Mrs McLaughlin (Papanui) was in a chic last stage of mourning costume—very dark purple and white spotted silk dress, with pale purple, almost lilac, chiffon vest, bonnet *en suite* with purple velvet passies; Mrs W. Bloomfield was faultlessly arrayed in green skirt and jacket, the latter edged with fur, opening over a cream waistcoat brocaded with roses, the brocade also finishing the cuffs, white chiffon at the throat, Welsh green velvet hat with feathers and *cache-peigne* of bright-hued flowers; Mrs Keith, brown dress, white vest, with spray of lycopodium, black straw hat touched with red; Miss Keith (her sister-in-law), grey skirt and jacket, white silk vest, black hat with feather; Mrs (D.) Scott, stylish black skirt and jacket opening over a full vest of daffodil ottoman silk, black lace ruffe edged with cream lace, chapeau to harmonise; Mrs Allan Kerr-Taylor, black skirt, black velvet and fur cape, black hat with scarlet feathers and flowers; the Misses Kerr-Taylor looked attractive in coquettish cashmere dresses and capes, the latter toned with rows of black braid, hat of the same warm shade; Mrs Bull, black silk, green velvet bonnet with very becoming lilac finishings, chiffon and flowers; Mrs James Russell, very handsome black brocaded skirt, striking pink velvet bonnet; Miss Derris, navy serge stylishly trimmed with white braid, black hat with pink roses; Miss B. Bull, green and black striped crepon, black high hat; Miss B. Peacocke, fawn tailor-made gown, and her sister wore a black and grey check tweed trimmed with black velvet; Miss Morrin, pink beige cloth, fawn hat with pink flowers; Mrs (Major) George, handsome black tailor-made gown with embroidered vest; Mrs R. D. Thomas (Christchurch), serpent green cloth; Mrs Buckland and Miss Phoebe Buckland wore mourning costumes; Mrs Gorrie, dark costume; Mrs R. Browning, black silk with pretty red velvet bonnet; Mrs Sam Morrin, brown costume with jacket, black straw hat with tulle and red

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