

THE NEW ZEALAND WHEEL RACE.

The Christchurch Cycling Club's meeting at Lancaster Park on Saturday last was attended by 3,000 people. The racing was magnificent. The following were the results:—

Half-mile Handicap.—Sutherland, 1; Lyon, 2; Preece, 3. Time, 1min 3 2-5th sec. There were 56 starters in this event.

New Zealand Wheel Race, 50mvs. Two miles.—Sutherland, 1; Blade, 2; Thomson, 3; Stanton, 4. There were 47 starters. Sutherland won by a dozen yards. Time, 4min 35 2-5th sec. The race was won last year from scratch in 4min 52sec.

Provincial Championship of Canterbury. Five miles.—A. R. Barker, 1; T. Clarkson, 2; E. Henry, 3. Twelve riders started. Time, 12min 40sec.

The Multicycle Race was won by Barker and T. Clarkson from scratch. Mile Handicap.—E. J. Ritchie, 75yds, 1; H. Lyons, 60yds, 2; J. Wingate, 65yds, 3. There were 55 starters. Time, 2min 18 3-5th sec.

Mr. J. Woodroffe, the representative of the Royal Knifed Cycle Company, has decided that the 75-guinea Challenge Cup sent out by the company for competition in New Zealand shall be competed for at the League of Wheelmen's Champion Meeting at Dunedin in March.

NAPIER CYCLE SPORTS.

At the Wanderers Bicycle Club's meeting at Napier on Saturday the following were the results of the principal events:—

440Yds Bracelet Running Handicap.—A. H. Holder (Wanganui), scratch, 1; W. Nicholson, 40yds, 2; P. Munro, 30yds, 3. Time, 51 4-5th sec.

One Mile and a-half (Bracelet) Bicycle Handicap.—A. J. Pocock, 45yds, 1; W. R. Jourdain, 80yds, 2; L. W. Graham (Auckland), scratch, 3. Time, 3min 36sec.

One Mile Provincial Championship.—L. W. Graham (Auckland), 1; A. J. Pocock, 2; F. B. Wilkins, 3. Time, 2min 29 1-5th sec.

Three Mile Bicycle Handicap. N. Garrett (Wanganui), 205yds, 1; J. H. Edmundson, 205yds, 2. Time, 7min 46 3-5th sec.

Five-mile Visitors' Bicycle Handicap.—L. W. Graham (Auckland), scratch, 1; E. J. Davidson (Wanganui), 10sec, 2; R. Garrett (Wanganui), 40sec, 3. Time, 15min 3sec.

Ten-mile McLean Cup Bicycle Handicap.—W. R. Jourdain, 45sec, 1; J. H. Edmundson, 70sec, 2. Time, 28min 26 3-5th sec.

880Yds Running Handicap.—A. F. Bowman, 45yds, 1; P. Munro, 60yds, 2; C. Price, 35yds, 3. Holder did not start. Time, 2min 4 2-5th sec.

220Yds Flat.—P. Munro, 2yds, 1; C. L. St. Hill, 8yds, 2; A. H. Holder, scratch, 3. Time, 22sec.

Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' was given by the members of the Dunedin Choral Society in the Garrison Hall. The hall was packed to excess. Those who took the principal parts in 'Elijah' were: Mrs Manson, the Misses Clara Mongredin, L. Treseder, Millie Jacobs, Messrs H. Smith, H. L. Brett, Jones, and Manson. The chorus was composed of over 200 male and female voices. Needless to say, the oratorio was a great success.

A large number of friends of the Auckland Rowing Club were present at the boathouse on Saturday last, the occasion being the first round of trial four for the season. The first crews to compete were: Gooch (stroke), Lovett, Tapper, Strong, Caru (cox.); Hardie (stroke), Buttery, Brown, S. Diamond. The former crew won by scarcely half a length. This race proved to be the most exciting of the afternoon. The remaining two events were won by Brodie's crew. The final was rowed on Monday evening, between Gooch's and Brodie's crews, and the result was a win for the latter. Caru acted as cox. Several crews have been selected to compete at the forthcoming regatta at Hamilton, and are now training.

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The engagement of Miss Alice Grace, third daughter of the Hon. Dr. Grace, M.L.C., to Professor Mitchell Clarke, of Canterbury College, is announced.

The engagement is announced of Miss Katie Stephenson, youngest daughter of Mr. John Stephenson, to Mr. William Hazlett, both of Dunedin.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR DUNNINGHAM TO MISS ARMSTRONG.

A VERY pretty ceremony took place in the quaint little church of St. Thomas, Auckland, on Saturday last, when Miss Ethel Rosa Armstrong, only daughter of Mr W. H. Armstrong, of the firm of Dignan and Armstrong, Solicitors, was married to Mr Armand Edmund Dunningham, eldest son of Mr D. Dunningham.

A good deal of interest was evinced in this wedding, as the bride has been connected with St. Thomas' Church nearly all her life, and was for many years organist. As it is against the rule to decorate the church with flowers on any occasion except religious festival days, the many young lady friends of the bride had to be content with draping the altar with the white satin frontal cloth and vases. The service was fully choral. Dr. Walker presiding at the organ.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. M. Duffin.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very winsome in a pretty white China silk trimmed gown. The front of the skirt was trimmed with vandykes of lace, caught at the points with knots of orange blossoms, and the bodice was tucked to form a yoke, and ruffled sleeves, surmounted with soft frills. She wore a tulle veil over a wreath of orange flowers, and carried a lovely bouquet of choice white flowers and maidenhair fern.

The two bridesmaids, Miss Gardiner and Miss May Dunningham, wore dainty cream silk striped frocks, with gathered belts and ruffles of yellow silk, and frilled cream sleeves, large white hats, trimmed with cream ribbon and yellow flowers. They carried beautiful bouquets of golden gardenias and daisies. The bridegroom's gifts to the bride and bridesmaids were pretty gold rings.

Mr Will Dunningham acted as best man. After the ceremony the bridal party were entertained at afternoon tea at the residence of the bride's parents.

Mrs Armstrong wore a russet brown gown, black and gold bonnet; Mrs Dunningham, black silk striped gown, with touches of Oriental ribbon, large black hat, with erect bows of Oriental ribbon; Mrs G. Armstrong looked well in a vieux rose cashmere gown, white lace hat; Miss Armstrong, black dress, white vest, white hat; Miss Dunningham, cream gown, trimmed with yellow, hat en suite; Mrs J. Rees looked exceedingly well in a grey Japanese silk gown, with figured silk full vest, outlined with steel passementerie, black bonnet, with pink silk poppies; Miss Rees was dainty in a pale green frock, trimmed with shell pink, pale green straw hat, with ribbon to match; Miss Gwendolyn

Rees wore white muslin over pale green, green straw hat, with green ribbon and heliotrope flowers; Mrs (Dr.) Walker, shot green lustre, golden brown silk puff sleeves, bonnet en suite; Mrs Yates, black gown, flecked with heliotrope, black and pink bonnet; Miss Yates, blue and white floral muslin, Leghorn hat, with pink poppies; Mrs Glenn, black; Miss Ida Glenn, black, blue silk vest, white hat, with blue flowers; Miss May Walker, fawn, trimmed with shot silk, cream lace hat; Miss G. Wilson, heliotrope muslin; etc. The bride's going away gown was a pretty silver grey lustre, white tulle hat, trimmed with lilies of the valley and white silk.

The presents were numerous and handsome.

Miss Eileen O'Moore (Miss Bessie Doyle), the distinguished violinist, is giving a concert to-night (Wednesday) in the Auckland Opera House. Mr Reginald Coke, the English violoncellist, a pupil of Piatelli, and Mrs Reginald Coke, from the Royal Conservatorium, Leipzig, assisted her. Miss O'Moore intends to tour the colony with her company.

DR. PALMER TO MISS OVENDEN.

The wedding, at St. Michael's Church, on Thursday, of Dr. Palmer, son of Mr Joseph Palmer, and Miss Gertrude Ovenden, only daughter of Dr. Ovenden, of Christchurch, drew a very large and fashionable gathering in and around the vicinity.

Between one and two hundred guests were present in the church, and a large number of spectators, while the grounds and streets were lined for some distance. The chancel was beautifully decorated with white flowers, and the service was conducted by the Rev. A. W. Averill and Canon Harper, who with the choir, met the bride at the door and sang the hymn 'The Voice that Breathed, etc.' Mr H. Wells presided at the organ, and afterwards played the Wedding March splendidly.

The bride, attired in white Duchesse satin with full court train from the shoulders of rich brocade, looked very sweet as she entered with her father. The bodice was trimmed with chiffon and pearl embroidery, with sprays of orange blossom, very full veil, and wreath and exquisite bouquet completed the costume. Her ornaments were of pearls, the necklace being the gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Janet Ogle acted as train-bearer, and wore a charming frock of white silk, with quaint Puritan bonnet of exquisitely fine embroidery and lace. She carried a basket of flowers, and strewn them in the path of the bride and bridegroom as they left the church.

The bridesmaids were Misses Palmer, Lee, Turrell, E. Cameron, M. Cameron, G. Cowlishaw and M. Cotterill. The gowns were of white figured silk, shirred on the hips, and bright rose-coloured sashes, white hats and feathers, with shaded roses under the brim. They had lovely bouquets, and wore gold curb bracelets, the gifts of the bridegroom.

Messrs G. Palmer and H. Lane accompanied Dr. Palmer as groomsmen.

Mrs Palmer wore a very handsome gown of black brocade, black mantle and bonnet; Miss Ovenden (aunt of the bride), dark covert coating skirt, and coat, white silk vest, bonnet with heliotrope; Mrs G. Lee, black satin skirt, rose-pink and black striped silk blouse bodice, floral toque; Mrs Wardrop, green and white striped silk gown trimmed with lace, floral toque; Mrs Ogle, bright blue and white glaze silk, the bodice trimmed with chiffon, floral toque to match; Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes, skirt of plaid silk in subdued tones, the pink bodice trimmed with chiffon, toque to match; Mrs G. G. Stead, rich black and white striped silk skirt and lovely blouse bodice of white silk and lace embroidered with turquoise, gold and turquoise buckles, floral toque to match; Mrs Cowlishaw, handsome black moire, black and white lace fichu, black bonnet relieved with pink; Miss Cowlishaw, a dainty green silk brocade with violets, yoke and ruffled sleeves of cream chiffon, cream hat; Mrs J. D. Hall, grey costume, vest of white chiffon, the revers of white moire, trimmed with silver passementerie, and hat with pink shaded roses; Mrs W. H. Cowlishaw, white muslin and pale blue satin zouave and sash, hat to correspond; Mrs R. Macdonald, fawn silk, the bodice much trimmed with rose satin

and chiffon, toque en suite; Mrs Pyne, cream canvas over crimson silk, finished with black velvet, large hat with black plumes and crimson chiffon; Mrs G. Gould, fine white muslin and lace insertion over pink silk, large hat with pink flowers, white wings and chiffon; Mrs Boyle, pale green gown, trimmed with white satin and chiffon, large hat and deep blue flowers; Mrs Pitman, cornflower blue and cream figured silk, the bodice trimmed with lace, hat of blue straw, with grasses and oats; Mrs Duncan-Cameron, very handsome brown crepon, trimmed with pink silk and cream lace, toque with pink roses; Mrs Dalgely, grass lawn over green silk, the bodice trimmed with pink silk and chiffon, green and pink hat; Mrs P. Campbell, black silk canvas over white satin, finished with black velvet, toque of black and white; Miss Buckley, a lovely gown of heliotrope silk, covered with chiffon, large hat to match; Miss R. Buckley, white chiffon over pale pink, hat to match; Miss N. Meares, dainty black and white silk, trimmed with valencienne lace, large white hat with pink flowers; Mrs Reeves, black velvet gown, white lace shawl, black and white bonnet; Mrs B. H. Burns, very pretty fawn costume, bonnet of embroidered lisse and pink flowers; Mrs C. H. Cooke, black and white silk, the bodice trimmed with yellow silk, black bonnet with yellow roses; Miss Reeves, heliotrope muslin, black chiffon hat with blue; Miss N. Reeves, white muslin and butter lace, white hat with cornflowers; Mrs Harley, grey brocade and pink bonnet; Miss Harley, grass lawn costume, the bodice of pale green silk, green straw hat with black chiffon and roses; Mrs Vernon, white Liberty silk gown, white hat with violets; Mrs C. Chirk, petunia silk and cream lace, bonnet en suite; Mrs H. O. D. Meares, dark blue gown, the yoke and sleeves of shot silk, large hat with flowers; Mrs Dennison, white and black dress, black bonnet; Mrs H. Wood, cream serge coat and skirt, floral hat; Mrs Alan Scott, black canvas over white satin, the bodice trimmed with cream lace, black hat with cream lace wings; Mesdames Turrell, Ronalds, C. W. Hall, Macdonald, Feraday, Neave, Westmacott, Irvine, Nalder, Mathins, Averill, Fox, Dennis, Moorehouse, Misses Wynn-Williams, Tabart, Neave, Murray-Ainsley, Hicks, Grey, Crosbie, Beswick, Julius (2), Cook, Hardy, Johnston (2), Professor Cook, Mrs. Fox and Nedwill, Messrs G. G. Stead, Turrell, Burns, P. Campbell, R. Macdonald and his brother, Rolleston, D. D. Meares, Cowlishaw, J. D. Hall, Harley, C. W. Hill, and many others.

The reception was held at Woodford, the residence of Mr and Mrs Joseph Palmer, the bride and bridegroom standing on the terrace in front of the house. Long tables were spread under the shade of the trees, the handsome cake being quite an ornament.

Previous to the ceremony, the bridesmaids all ready attired, lunched with the bride and then assisted her to dress.

The presents were on view in the large billiard-room, and were unusually numerous and very handsome. Her father gave her a piano by Haake, an eight-day chiming clock, diamond and sapphire ring, diamond brooch, fur carriage rug and a Milner's safe, and there were nearly 200 other presents.

The bride's travelling dress was fawn coat and skirt, white watered silk vest, white toque, with flowers and foliage. The honeymoon is to be spent partly at Mr Duncan Cameron's residence, Springfield, Methven, lent for the occasion, and then further South.

On the occasion of her approaching marriage a very handsome present was made last evening to Miss Olive Russell by the teachers and officers of St. John's Wesleyan Sunday-school. The presentation was made at the residence of Mr Horsley, the superintendent of the school. It consisted of a beautifully adorned silver teapot. Mr Horsley in a happy speech made the presentation and Mr Bartley also welcomed. Miss Russell was a very valuable teacher to the young folks at the school, and was very much loved by them and highly esteemed by the teachers and officers. Her place cannot easily be filled up.

Every singer in a quartet can give three good reasons why the organisation isn't absolutely perfect.

A telegram from Wellington records the death of Mrs Maxwell, wife of Mr J. P. Maxwell, ex-Railway Commissioner.