

OBITUARY.

Major James Derrrom, N.Z.V., died last week at his residence, S. Mary's Road, Ponsonby, Auckland. He was born in Corfu, and landed with his parents in New Zealand in 1841. He was early associated with the volunteer movement, and was probably the oldest volunteer officer in the colony, carrying on his military duties at the same time as his professional ones, he being an architect and builder. Several buildings attest his skill as clerk of works, the Pah, Onehunga, the Star Hotel, and the Avondale Asylum. Major Derrrom was much interested in the Auckland Fire Brigade, and captained one of the engines. His widow survives him, and their grown up family consists of one son and three daughters. The widow of the Hon. P. Dignan, M.L.C., is his sister. The funeral was largely attended, and took place in the Symonds-street cemetery. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Sacred Heart early in the morning.

**GRAPHOLOGY
OR
PEN PORTRAITS.**

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ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

MR ROBT. NOTON TO MISS A. L. SEATS.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at All Saints' Church, Ponsonby road, on the afternoon of December 28, when Miss Ada Lilian, youngest daughter of the late John Seats, was married to Mr Robert Noton, fifth son of Henry Holt Noton, and a partner in the firm of Noton Bros., tea merchants, of Auckland.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Canon Calder. The altar and chancel of the church were beautifully decorated. The church was well filled to witness the interesting event, while the choir seats were occupied by relatives.

The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr J. I. Knight, looked exceedingly handsome and charming in a gown of white China silk. The bodice was softened with chiffon, and the long tulle veil, sent over specially from Sydney, was fastened with an orange spray. The bride also carried a tastefully got up shower bouquet of beautiful flowers.

Misses Ada and Mary Knight, who were bridesmaids, were simply attired in pretty white muslin, with Liberty silk sashes and picture hats. Misses Annule and Phoebe Goodwin (nieces of the bride) also followed.

They looked pretty in nun veiling costumes and leghorn hats.

Mr C. Watson Harris accompanied Mr Noton in the capacity of best man, also Mr Francis G. Mills.

Mr Kingsford officiated at the organ, and played the Wedding March and Bridal March.

After the ceremony the guests, who were limited to relatives and a few friends, drove to the residence of Mr and Mrs Knight, jun., St. Mary's road, where they were entertained at the wedding breakfast. A feature was a handsome four-decked wedding cake constructed to represent a fountain. This was the work of Mr Joseph Bulle, and it did credit to his taste. Several toasts were honoured, and subsequently the bridal party and guests were photographed by Mr Robinson. The presents were numerous and costly. The bride and bridegroom spent their honeymoon at the Lake, Waitera, and other favourite districts.

At the breakfast, Mrs J. Knight, sen., wore a handsome brown silk, jet bonnet relieved with yellow roses; Mrs Knight, jun., sister of the bride, wore a dainty dove-grey silk, relieved with salmon pink silk; Mrs Goodwin, green silk, trimmed with guipure lace, and pretty floral hat; Mrs A. Jackson, lovely Japanese silk black picture hat; Miss Knight, stylish blue French muslin, black picture hat trimmed with plumes and pink roses; Miss Hewson, heliotrope flowered muslin, white picture hat; Mrs Seats, lovely dove grey costume, white hat; Mrs R. Hood, dainty cream muslin, cream hat; Mrs H. Noton, dark skirt, blue silk blouse, pretty hat; Mrs Brownhill, black silk, jet bonnet; Mrs S. Algie, green silk, pretty toque.

MR HUNT TO MISS SAMPLE.

On Wednesday afternoon the wedding of Mr Jos. Hunt, of the railway engineers' department, Auckland, to Miss Thomasina Sample, only daughter of the late Mr G. Sample, of Wellington, took place at St. John's Church, Wellington. The Rev. J. Paterson read the marriage service.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother (who gave her away), and wore a beautiful gown of white silk taffeta, trimmed with soft white lace and orange blossoms, and tulle veil, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom.

Her two bridesmaids, her cousin, Miss Amy Plyger, and Miss Janet Gilchrist, wore most becoming gowns of white spotted muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and large leghorn hats, trimmed with chiffon and white ostrich tips. They wore gold brooches, and carried lovely bouquets, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr J. Ford officiated as best man. After the wedding ceremony Mrs Sample entertained the wedding guests at Ruahine House, in Mulgrave Street.

The bride went away in a gown of black and crushed strawberry coloured lustre, and large white leghorn hat, trimmed with white, and wore a very handsome gold watch and chain, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr and Mrs Hunt are spending their honeymoon at Pakakariki, and intend residing in Auckland.

A very large number of valuable presents were received by Mr and Mrs Hunt from all parts of New Zealand.

CONCERT OF EUROPE.

An inspector in the 'Schoolmistress' gives some humorous replies he has just received from schoolboys whom he has been examining in geography. "What is the European concert?" was one question, and here are some of the answers:—

"The European concert is the name given to Germany because so many musical instruments are made there, and the Germans are a music-loving people."

"The European concert is a kind of unwritten law by which all the Powers of Europe try to play off one against the other, thus preventing any one nation getting too much power. It much resembles the 'balance of power.'"

"The European concert is the name given to the attempts of the principal countries of Europe to obtain some parts of China. China is called the sick man of the East, and the countries which make up the concert of Europe are represented as piping to him."



Dear Bee,
The principal holiday events are, of course, the various days' racing. I will commence with

CUP DAY.

Unfortunately, the roads were extremely dusty, owing to the strong north-easterly wind. It was by no means a day for muslins and light summer costumes as the wind had evidently come out for a frolic, and at four o'clock the rain began to descend in no light showers. But for all that muslins enjoyed a universal popularity. Some were flounced to the waist, following the old fashion; some were a billowy mass of insertion and lace; some were of pure creamy white; others of the faintest pink, blue and yellow hues. Foulards were not despised. A great many of the best-dressed ladies adopted them, while chiffon, gauze, and silk each found its respective admirers. The lawn was not as well patronised as usual, as the gusty wind had no respect for handsome costumes, actually attempting to carry off the parasols, saying nothing of the ostrich feathers and picture hats. Even the grandstand was not safe from its invasions; it would suddenly pass over the ladies' hats, causing them to move like a great billowy wave. It would be impossible to give a lengthy description of each costume worn, as I had so many to remember, and memory seemed only to carry away the simpler costumes. Sashes were very much in evidence. Before I start upon the ladies' gowns I must mention some of the gentlemen visitors from other provinces and Australia, the districts on the West Coast of the North Island being particularly well represented. Amongst the Southern sportsmen present at the meeting were Mr G. G. Stead, of Canterbury, and Mr T. H. Lowry, of Hawke's Bay, while the Australian visitors included Mr J. R. Carey and Mr S. Horden, jun., of New South Wales, Mr W. Pearson, of Victoria, and Mr J. Griffiths, the special commissioner of the 'Melbourne Sportsman.' Amongst the 'ladies' handsome costumes I noticed:—Mrs Mitchellson (President's wife) was attired in a black silk, adorned with cream lace, cream chiffon vest, bonnet of black velvet and violets; Mrs (Col.) Dawson (who has just returned from England) wore a stylish mouse grey check silk, made with flounced skirt, finished with three rows of black velvet, white ruffled chiffon chemisette, white tulle vest, grey toque, with large bow at one side, profusely trimmed with violets, beneath brim as well as above; Miss Rees George was much admired in a pink flowered muslin, with flounced skirt, black toque; Miss Sage, white muslin, with green spots, white hat; Mrs Hudson Williamson, pretty fawn tussore silk; Mrs Edward Lewis, black costume, black bonnet, with cornflowers; Miss Dolly Davis wore a very pretty straw-coloured silk promenade costume, with mauve floral design and mauve ribbon bands, toque to correspond; Mrs James Russell, black silk, black bonnet, with violets; Miss Russell, pink silk, veiled in embroidered muslin, black velvet toque, with white lace; her sister wore a similar costume, with picture hat; Mrs Robert Rose, pink flowered French muslin, black sash, black lace toque, with flowers; Mrs Cottle, black silk, with green vest, black bonnet, with flowers; Mrs Coney, fawn and blue combination; Mrs (Major) George, black silk costume, with lavender brocade; Mrs Colbeck (Kaipara) wore grey, large picture hat; Mrs Ashton, green flowered French muslin, cream toque; Mrs Selby, dark skirt, bright blue silk blouse, black bonnet; Miss Selby, pink and white striped zephyr; Miss Shirley Baker, lavender and white muslin, large becoming hat, with lavender bow; Mrs Woodroffe, very striking green plaid; Miss Pierce, grey; Mrs Kerr-Taylor, mignonette green and black; Mrs

Richardson, sage green, pink vest, black bonnet, with pink flowers; Miss Richardson, pretty French blue muslin, green straw hat, with blue flowers; Miss Gertrude Buddle, grey costume, green straw hat; Miss Lusk, brick-coloured foulard, veiled in canvas; Miss Olive Lusk, canary spotted muslin, large cream hat, with feathers; Mrs Gordon, grey brocade silk; Miss Gordon, greeny blue flowered silk, finished with lace; Mrs Koch, black creponette, trimmed with iris silk, black hat, with irises; Mrs Wigmore, very pretty pine green silk, with fawn lace, toque, with coloured flowers; Miss Aubrey, very stylish and suitable costume for the day, being a navy yachting costume, strikingly trimmed with silver braid, white beef-eater hat, with navy and white ribbons; Miss Percival, ivy geranium pink silk, with white lace fichu, white hat, tilted to one side, with pink flowers; Miss Edith Percival, grey satin skirt, grey silk brocade blouse, white satin revers, white lace toque; Miss Ethel Percival, pink and white striped zephyr; Miss Dummett, crushed straw-berry, veiled in bisquit-coloured muslin, large brown hat; Mrs Duncan Clerk, white muslin costume; her sister, from Sydney, wore a dark blue figured costume, white bergerie hat; Mrs Black, grey and black check, with black hat and white flowers; Miss Churton, white pique; Mrs Kingswell, black skirt, pink check blouse, toque, with pink roses; Miss Horne, black satin, with ecru lace; Miss Binney, shot blue muslin over orange silk, cream hat, with roses; her sister, grey, with black tulle; Mrs A. V. McDonald, fawn coat and skirt; Miss Sutton, white; Miss Purcher, white pique, sailor hat; Misses Kerr-Taylor, pale azure blue grenadines; Mrs Ansenne, white pique, with green vest, white picture hat, with roses; Mrs Devereux, black silk, with black tulle; Mrs Makgill, white pique coat and skirt; Mrs Torrance, heliotrope plaid; Mrs Churton, pruned shaded coat and skirt; Mrs Mason, white pique, cream toque; Miss Courtyane, white, with black spot, white toque; Miss Thorpe, canary muslin; Miss F. Thorpe, white muslin, white picture hat; Miss Clapcott, white muslin, with heliotrope stripe; Miss F. Clapcott, white; Miss Harper, white muslin, with pink bow; Mrs Alfred Ranson (Sydney), pretty blue flowered muslin, with lace; Miss Laird, blue French muslin; Mrs Thomas Morrin, black and white striped silk, with passementerie and blue cuffs and collar-ette; Mrs Ashley Hunter, pale grey costume, striped grey silk blouse, purple straw hat; Mrs Roberts, black silk, flowered in blue; Mrs Wynyard, black; Miss Wynyard, navy, black hat, with pink; Mrs Angus Gordon, lavender and white striped costume, toque, with flowers; Mrs Otway, black; Mrs Otway, jun., green; Miss Otway, pink cambrie, black hat, trimmed with pink; Miss F. Johnstone, white muslin, black hat; Miss McLaughlin, very pretty blue striped costume, white hat; Mrs Fraser, white muslin, black hat; Mrs George Bloomfield, pale green striped silk, handsomely trimmed with gold beads and white chiffon, cream hat, with hoops of white ribbon and quills, yellow roses beneath and above brim; Miss Moss Davis, grey check; Miss Sybil Moss Davis, cream costume, with blue yoke, black hat; Miss Ware, white pique, picture hat; Mrs Salmon, grey figured costume, with small black and white design, black bonnet; Miss Salmon, pretty pink costume, with pink chip beef-eater hat; Mrs Sam Morrin, purple and white striped taffeta silk, purple hat, with flowers; Mrs Alfred White, pink French muslin, veiled in black chiffon, pink sash and collar-ette; Mrs (Dr.) Scott, brown and pink striped creponette; Miss Ida Thorne George, white muslin, white bergerie hat; Mrs Colbeck, black and white striped silk; Mrs Goodhue, grey silk; Miss Mildred Purchas, white muslin; Mrs Hope Lewis, white muslin, with black silk embossed flowers, hat to correspond; Mrs Andrew Hanna, French grey silk, with rows of narrow black velvet, white silk vest, with black hat with violets; Mrs Niccol, black; Miss Hume, white muslin, white hat; Miss Ada Dixon, white muslin; Miss Ethel Dixon, fawn costume; Mrs Archer Burton, white Indian silk, handsomely worked, white hat; Misses Kempthorne wore white chine silks, with ecru lace, one wore a white sailor hat, with quill, and her sister a cream hat, with yellow roses; Mrs Badde, striking violet and white striped muslin, over white silk; Mrs Charlie Brown, cream tussore silk, with white figured sash, white