

Miss Grant, of the High School, New Plymouth, has gone to spend her holidays at her home in Auckland.

Mr Salter, of the Bank of New South Wales, New Plymouth, has been removed to Wellington.

Mr Fenton, of the Thames, has taken Mr Warren's place in the Bank of New Zealand, New Plymouth.

Mrs McKenzie and her niece, Miss J. Fraser, both of Whangarei, are visiting the former's brother, Mr M. Fraser, of New Plymouth.

Mr and Mrs A. Watkins have returned to New Plymouth after their trip to Wanganui.

A stylish street costume worn by Lady Hanfurly during the week was a tailor-made gown of dark navy cloth, pink basket straw mushroom hat with loose fold round crown of coquelicot velvet, black coque feathers on one side.

Mr W. P. Grant, manager of the Assets Company's Waihaorunga estate, Waimate, was found dead in his bedroom at the Empire Hotel, Timaru. He had died while undressing to go to bed. He had been in the service of the Board and Bank for many years and was highly respected.

Mr E. Jones, of Wyndham, who has been appointed manager of Messrs Tothill, Watson and Co.'s implement department, was entertained at Mrs Blackley's Hotel by a number of friends, who took that opportunity of saying good-bye to him. When Mr Jones reached his home after the function he found that a surprise party of about forty people had assembled. Dancing, etc., was indulged in and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Miss Davis, who has arrived from Sydney to join the Pollard Opera Company, is the eldest daughter of the late Mr David Davis, formerly of Lyttelton, and of later years Christchurch, in both of which places he was a well known merchant.

Miss Morley, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Mr Morley, has left Oamaru en route for India, to join the Poonah Mission, of which her sister Ella is already a member. Miss Morley (says the 'Mail') has resided for many years in Oamaru, and previous to her departure received a number of presents from personal friends.

Mr and Mrs Donnelly and Miss Donnelly left Napier on Monday last for Auckland. They are proceeding overland by special through Taupo and Rotorua.

Mrs Alfred Brandon and Miss Brandon have gone to Australia for a visit.

Miss Tabart of Christchurch is paying a visit to Wellington.

Miss Buller and her brother Mr Leo Buller, left Wellington last week for England.

Mr and Mrs H. M. Gore (Wellington) have gone to Hawke's Bay to pay a round of visits.

Miss M. Kennedy, of Wellington, who has been suffering for months past with her arm, has gone to Rotorua for a trip. She was accompanied by her sister.

The Premier left Wellington for Patea on Friday, in order to attend a large Maori meeting there, and then proceeded to Pahiatua, to deliver a political address there.

The Hon. Mr Seddon was joined at Patea by the Native Minister, the Hon. Mr Carroll, who spoke at the native gathering.

Miss Gibson (Dunedin), is the guest of Miss Hoimes, in Hawkestone-street, Wellington.

Lord and Lady Ranfurly have accepted the invitation of the Wellington Garrison officers, to their annual ball, which is to be held at the Choral Hall, Wellington, on the 7th July.

Mr Trimble, who has for the last fifteen years officiated as rate collector for the Wellington City Council, has accepted the management of the branch business of Messrs Beard and Robinson, barristers and solicitors, at Carterton. On Monday evening, the Town Clerk (Mr Page) and the staff of the City Council, assembled at the Wellington City Council Office, for the purpose of making a farewell presentation to Mr Trimble, in the shape of a handsome travelling bag. The Town Clerk, when making the presentation on their behalf, referred to the great

regret they all felt at Mr Trimble's approaching departure, and concluded his remarks by wishing him every possible happiness and prosperity in his new sphere. The City Solicitor also expressed his entire concurrence with the regret expressed by the Town Clerk at Mr Trimble's approaching departure, and alluded in high terms of praise to his services during his long connection with the City Council.

Mrs Chambers, the wife of Chief Justice Chambers, of Samoa, has been paying a visit to New Zealand, with her son and daughter, and left Auckland on Monday last, en route for Apia.

Though slightly better in health, the Hon. Mr Cadman is unlikely to be able to return to Wellington for the ensuing two or three weeks.

Mrs T. C. Williams, Wellington, is paying a visit to her sister, Mrs James Williams, at 'Frimley,' Hawke's Bay.

Mrs William Pharazyn, Wellington, goes home to England very shortly to join her daughter, who preceded her there by the Gothic. During her absence, Mrs Pharazyn has let her charming residence in Hobson-street, to Mr and Mrs W. Birch, of 'Erehwon,' Hawke's Bay, who have decided to remain some time longer in Wellington.

Miss May Taylor, accompanied by her brother, Mr Waring Taylor, leaves Shannon to join the Ionic, on her next voyage to England. They will probably remain in England about six months, the trip being undertaken principally for the purpose of visiting their English relatives, and also for the benefit of their health.

The Victoria College Council in Wellington, have appointed Mr David Ritchie, B.A., Oxford, B.L. Edinburgh, and writer to the 'Signet,' lecturer on political economy to the University.

AUCKLAND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Committee of the Auckland Horticultural Society was held at the Criterion Rooms, Queen-street, on Wednesday evening. There were present Mr Alfred Hoskings (Chairman), Messrs Harvey, Marrison, Wright, Jacka, Mrs McKean, and the Secretary (Mr Satchell). Dates for the year's shows were fixed as follows:—Chrysanthemum Show, 19th, 20th, and 21st April. Summer Show, 17th and 18th November. It was also resolved on the motion of Mr Wright, seconded by Mrs McKean, that a show for bulbs and early spring flowers be held at rooms to be engaged in Queen-street, some time during September, and it was suggested that a similar show for dahlias be held next autumn. On the motion of Mr Wright, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided to excise the second clause of Rule xi, thus permitting two or more bona fide growers to compete from the same garden.



The engagement is announced of Miss Kitty Gray, youngest daughter of the late Mr Ernest Gray, of Hoon Hay, Christchurch, to Mr Forbes, of R.M.S. Ruahine.

Miss Sissy Nalder, of Christchurch, is betrothed to Mr George Murray, of South Canterbury.

The planting season is now at hand, and all proposing to undertake this work would do well to bear in mind the importance of purchasing only the best description of fruit and other trees and shrubs if they would ensure satisfactory results. Messrs H. C. Gibbons and Co., the well-known nursery and seedsmen, of Wellington, announce in another column to intending purchasers that they hold very large stocks, which have been selected with the greatest care.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

WHITE-DUNN

On the 13th inst., at St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, took place the marriage of Mr George Dunn, of the New Zealand Railway Department, Napier, with Miss Annie White, second daughter of Mr William White, of Hastings.

The Rev. Canon St. Hill performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. John Hobbs.

The bride was attended by her two sisters, the Misses Emma and Mary White, as bridesmaids.

After the ceremony the wedding party met at the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was held, and later the newly-married couple left on their honeymoon.

PURNELL-HAMMOND.

From Wanganui comes the report of a wedding of exceptional interest and importance, which was celebrated at Waitohi, Sandon, the residence of Mr H. Hammond, when the daughter of that gentleman, Miss Laura C. Hammond, was united to Mr Fred. Purnell, second son of the highly respected Town Clerk of Wanganui, Mr James Purnell.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in an elegant Corni poplin costume, with wreath and veil, and carried a handsome ivory-bound Church Service.

The bridesmaids were Miss Nellie Hammond (sister of the bride) and Miss Lucy Purnell (sister of the bridegroom). The former was attired in a dainty costume of cream bengaline, and carried a shower bouquet of chrysanthemums and roses; while the latter was similarly gowned, and also carried a beautiful bouquet. Each bridesmaid wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom was attended by Messrs Thos. Low and F. Anderson.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr Abernethy, in the spacious dining-room, which had been specially decorated for the occasion, and in which the numerous guests were assembled. Some very handsome gowns were worn by the ladies present. The bride's mother, Mrs H. Hammond, wore a rich dress of black brocade; Mrs Purnell, mother of the bridegroom, wore a costume of black silk and lace; Mrs Davis, green tailor-made costume; Mrs Smith, black skirt and shot silk blouse; Mrs B. S. Penny, in cream and black; Mrs Abernethy, in lavender shot with black; Mrs H. V. Hammond, black skirt and red figured silk blouse; Mrs W. J. Phillips, in peacock silk, with cream trimmings; Miss Hammond, in blue bengaline, trimmed with white surah; Mrs J. A'Court, in black, with white and jet trimmings; Mrs Cockburn (Christchurch), aunt of the bride, in a handsome dress of black brocade; Mrs Campion, in black satin; Mrs Raine, black skirt and pretty blouse of figured silk; Mrs R. Hammond, black skirt and purple silk blouse; Mrs Alex. Cockburn, in figured lustre; and others, a description of whose dresses we were unable to obtain.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the 'Wedding March' was played, and in the afternoon a reception was held by the bride, when the guests assembled, and took the opportunity of wishing Mr and Mrs Fred. Purnell every prosperity and happiness in their wedded life.

The bride's going-away dress was a brown tweed, trimmed with green, and with hat to match.

A vast number of useful and costly wedding presents were received. Mr Purnell has many friends in Wanganui and other parts of the colony, and all these will wish the young couple a brilliant, prosperous, and happy future.

HODGE-TERRILL

A very pretty and interesting wedding is reported from the Thames. At the Wesleyan Church last week, Mr Francis H. Hodge, second son of Mr Martin Hodge, was married to Miss Ida Terrill, youngest daughter of Mr J. R. W. Terrill, of Dunedin. There was a large attendance of the friends of the happy couple, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr Murray.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two bridesmaids, Misses Beatrice and Minnie Hodge, who were attired in hullestone muslin, with heliotrope

trimmings, and carried bouquets made by Mrs Martin Hodge, jun., of Auckland.

The bride looked charming in cream cashmere, with milk and pearl trimmings to match, and wore the conventional veil and orange blossoms, while she carried a handsome bouquet made by Mrs Palford.

The duties of groomsman were discharged by Mr Thomas Terrill, assisted by Mr John Terrill.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the happy couple and the relatives and friends were entertained at a sumptuous wedding breakfast at the residence of Mr Edwin Hodge, uncle of the bridegroom, when the health of the newly-married couple was drunk in bumpers.

Mr and Mrs Hodge left by the 3.50 train for Te Aroha, where they will spend their honeymoon.

The bride's travelling dress was green figured silk lustre, with hat to match.

Wedding presents were numerous, and were both useful and ornamental, and included several from Dunedin, Christchurch and Napier.

HOWITT-MORTON.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mrs H. Hurley, St. Hill-street, Wanganui, recently, when Mr E. Howitt, late artist of the Christchurch Engraving Company, and now of Wellington, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Clara Morton, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Morton, of Wanganui.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Harold Peters, Baptist minister, of Wanganui.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr Wm. Morton, and looked charming in white silk, trimmed with white satin ribbon, orthodox veil, and orange blossom. The bride was attended by Misses Ada and Nellie Howitt, sisters of the bridegroom, and Miss Blythe. The bride and bridesmaids wore handsome gold brooches, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried lovely bouquets, the gift of Mrs Wm. Morton. The bride's travelling dress was a tailor-made fawn tweed, trimmed with brown plush, white silk vest, brown plush toque, with pink ospreys.

The bridegroom was attended by his brothers, A. M. and G. M. Howitt, the former acting as best man.

After the ceremony the bridal party were photographed on the lawn. A reception was held and afternoon tea served, and the happy couple left by the afternoon train for Palmerston North, and will then go on to Wellington, where their future home will be. They carry with them the good wishes of a large circle of friends in all parts of the colony. Mr Howitt being especially well-known for the active interest he has taken in Christian Endeavour work in Christchurch and Wellington, as well as in other channels of Christian usefulness. The presents were numerous, useful and costly, many being from classes and societies that the newly-wedded couple belonged to, besides others from well wishers in Christchurch, Napier, Wellington, Feilding, Wanganui and the old home of Mr Howitt in Patea, where his parents still reside.

ROBERTS-TURNER.

At St. Andrew's Church, Inglewood, the marriage was recently celebrated of Mr Arthur Roberts and Miss E. Turner, second daughter of Mr G. Turner, of 'The Laurels.'

The bride, who was led to the chancel by her brother, wore a gown of white silk, trimmed with Brussels lace, with Court train of white silk, softened with chiffon and clusters of orange blossoms. Her beautiful veil was arranged over a wreath of the same flowers. There were two bridesmaids, who wore gowns of pale green, with hats to match, and her train was borne by Masters E. and A. Turner, who were dressed alike in suits of cream serge.

After the ceremony the Vicar, on behalf of the choir, of which Miss Turner was a member, presented her with a beautiful silver bread-knife and fork as a token of esteem in which she was held by her fellow-members. A reception was held by Mr and Mrs G. Turner at their residence—'The Laurels'—and later in the day the newly-married couple left for Auckland en route to Rotorua, where they spend their honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was dark green Melton cloth, with a fawn silk vest, and a very pretty toque to match.