

**ENGAGEMENTS.**

The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel Parsons, youngest daughter of Mr George Parsons (Wellington), to Mr George Greenwood, of Perth, West Australia.

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**Orange Blossoms.**

**SHIELD—ALLAN.**

A large congregation met at the Church of the Epiphany, Ormondville, last Wednesday afternoon, for the wedding of Horace L. Shield, eldest son of Mr. A. Shield, of Waikonihi, with Hester Rosa Barrington, daughter of the late J. H. Leslie Allan, M.D., of Napier. The chancel was tastefully decorated with tall palms and a profusion of lovely white flowers. The bride entered the church at the appointed time, and passed to the steps of the chancel, where the bridegroom and his best man, Mr. Marmaduke Shield, had already taken up their position. The bride wore a dress of white silk, the bodice inserted with lace, and much tucked. She wore a broad coronet of orange blossoms, and an exquisite Limerick lace veil, which was arranged in most becoming fashion; she carried a posy of white flowers. Two bridesmaids—the Misses Christabel and Fanny Allen (sisters of the bride)—followed, wearing pretty costumes of white muslin, trimmed round the shoulders with soft lace and pale blue bebe ribbon; the sashes were of turquoise blue silk. Their large hats were of black open-work straw, trimmed with black velvet and turquoise silk. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. W. Lambert. As the party left the church the "Wedding March" was played by Miss E. Webb. Mrs. Allen afterwards had a reception at her house in Ormondville. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Shield subsequently started for Waikonihi.

**LAMBOURNE—M'GILL.**

On Wednesday, 23rd inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, Princeps-street, Surrey Hills, Miss Violet M'Gill, third daughter of Mr Colin M'Gill, was united in marriage to Mr Nelson Lambourne, eldest son of Mr Lambourne, of Mangere. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. F. Macnicol, assisted by the Rev. R. L. Walker. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked pretty in a white silk sunray pleated gown trimmed with lovely point lace, and wore a gold necklet with pendant of tourquoises and pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridal veil of soft tulle fell gracefully over a spray of orange blossoms, and she carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The bridesmaids, Miss Diana M'Gill and Miss Inas Lambourne wore deep cream silk. The bridegroom's presents to them were gold rings set with sapphires and diamonds. Mr Arthur Lambourne attended his brother as best man, and Mr Colvin M'Gill as groomsman. The wedding breakfast was laid in the dining-room, and presented a very pretty appearance, the table being artistically decorated with white flowers and maiden-hair fern, while from the gasolier among flowers and foliage hung a number of silver bells. Those present at the breakfast were Mr and Mrs M'Gill, Mr and Mrs Lambourne, Mr and Mrs Lambourne (Grafton-road), Mr and Mrs Gash, Rev. R. F. and Miss Macnicol, Rev. R. L. and Mrs Walker, Mr and Mrs Bruce Lloyd, Mr and Mrs, and Miss Shadders, Mr and Mrs Macky, Mr and Mrs McNab, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Butler, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mr and Mrs Macintyre, Mr Arthur Lambourne, Misses Lambourne (2), Masters M'Gill (3), Misses M'Gill (4). The honeymoon is being spent at Rotorua. The bride's travelling dress was a navy coat, a skirt with cream silk vest, white felt hat trimmed with navy. In the evening a number of friends were entertained by the bride's mother, when a very pleasant evening was spent in dancing, etc.

Dear Bee, March 29. AT THE THEATRE.

The Cuyler Hastings' season concluded on Saturday evening in Auckland with a capital performance of the "Lady of Lyons," before a packed and brilliant audience. Not a seat in the orchestra stalls was untenanted, and the cheaper parts of the house were absolutely crammed. Such enthusiasm I have seldom seen in our local theatre, and Mr. Hastings' wish that he could shake hands with every man and every woman in the audience met with wild applause. Amongst the dresses I noticed during the week were: Mrs. Sharmar, smart black crepe de chine, with berthe and flowing sleeves of accordion-pleated chiffon; Mrs. (Dr.) Coom was also in a pretty black frock, with V shaped yoke and elbow sleeves of black lace; Mrs. Leo Myers, black skirt, with lovely cream blouse of point d'esprit and Paris lace; Mrs. Coleman, black skirt, pretty light silk blouse, finished with lace, and narrow black velvet ribbon, handsome black opera cloak; Mrs. Foster, cream satin, with pink opera coat; Mrs. Moss Davis, black gown, with very handsome black and white opera coat; Miss Moss Davis, black, with tiny yoke of white net; Mrs. Robert Moss (Sydney), white, relieved with pale blue; Mrs. Edmiston, black gown, finished with lace; Mrs. Rosenthal (Sydney), lovely pale pink satin, inserted with lace, pale pink bows in coiffure; Miss Want (Sydney), handsome black gown, with cluster of crimson roses on shoulder; Miss Mont (Sydney), pretty black frock, green chou in coiffure; Mrs. Abbott, black satin gown, with transparent lace yoke and large chou of mirror green ribbon, beautiful black satin opera coat, finished with Paris lace; Miss Cameron wore a pretty white silk gown, trimmed with lace and insertion; Mrs. T. W. Leys, rich black merveilleux silk gown, with berthe of black and white lace, handsome black opera coat; Miss Winnie Leys wore a pretty white silk frock, with frilled skirt, the bodice draped with lace, and with hanging sleeves of the same, black velvet bow in coiffure; Miss Dolly Scherff, black skirt, pretty floral silk tucked blouse; Miss Kathleen Hill, black skirt, soft white silk blouse, inserted with Paris lace, turquoise blue ribbon chou; Mrs. (Dr.) Parkes, black evening gown, with large spray of crimson poppies on bodice and small cluster of the same in her hair, white opera cloak, with deep cape collar of white satin and accordion-pleated chiffon; Miss Ivy Alison, pretty white frock, tucked and inserted with lace, pale blue sash and ribbons; Mrs. Percy Dufaur, black voile skirt, black and white silk blouse, finished with lace and ribbon; Mrs. Montague wore a dainty white silk blouse and black skirt, and her sister, Miss Wells, was in black, with pink silk blouse, trimmed with black bebe ribbon; Miss Peacock wore a pretty white gown with pelerine of Paris lace and Brussels net; Miss Peacock, black crepe de chine, with deep cape collar of ecru lace, chine ribbon sash and chou; Mrs. F. E. Baune, white gauged silk frock, banded with black wavy insertion, and trimmed with fine black lace and black velvet ribbons; Miss Ida George, black crepe de chine gown with lovely real lace berthe, wreath of green leaves in her hair; Miss Zoo George, pretty black gown, with deep lace berthe, handsome crimson opera cloak; Mrs. Ernest Bloomfield, pale pink frock, with pink ribbons laced through

her hair; Mrs. Ludlow Rich, black satin, with black and white in her hair; Mrs. De Clive Lowe wore a pretty pale blue crepe de chine, trimmed with lace and narrow black velvet ribbon, large black velvet bow on left shoulder; Mrs. Whitson, black silk toilette, finished with lace, dainty white Maltese lace cap; Miss Maribel Whitson, soft white silk, tucked and inserted with lace over pale pink glove; Mrs. W. Philson, black skirt, pale blue and white silk blouse, with vest and collar of white; Miss Maud Philson, black skirt, dainty white silk blouse, inserted with lace; Miss Matthews, pretty white silk blouse and black skirt; Miss Olga Beatty-Kingston wore a black skirt and a charming blouse of point d'esprit, finished with turquoise blue velvet; Mrs. Lawry wore a black satin skirt and pretty black and white silk evening blouse; Mrs. Archdale Tayler, pretty, pale blue gown, with frilled skirt and daintily finished with lace; Mrs. McCosh Clark, very handsome black merveilleux silk toilette; Miss Pearl Clark, black satin, finished with lace, smoke-coloured opera coat; Miss Kitty Clark also wore a dainty white frock; Mrs. Rose, black satin; Mrs. Basley, rich black silk gown, trimmed with jetted lace; Miss Basley, pretty pale blue gown, trimmed with lace and insertion; and her sister, Miss Mabel Basley, wore white, with pretty rose-coloured opera cloak; Miss Jackson was daintily in soft white silk, with lace; Miss McCrae, black gown, with pretty rose-coloured opera coat; Mrs. Ansenne, white skirt, very pretty pale blue blouse, trimmed with lace and insertion; Miss Snodgrass, cream voile skirt, dainty white Liberty silk blouse, trimmed with lace and insertion; Mrs. (Dr.) Collins, black; Mrs. Rees, black voile skirt, pretty white silk blouse; Miss Muriel Dawson, black skirt, pale blue silk blouse, trimmed with lace and insertion; Mrs. Lawson, pretty pink silk blouse and black skirt; Miss Cotter, black evening toilette; Miss W. Cotter was in white; Mrs. Seymour George, handsome black and white silk gown; Miss Lily Kissling, black skirt, pretty black crepe de chine blouse; Mrs. Russell, handsome green silk gown banded with ecru lace; Mrs. Phil Morris, black skirt, and soft white silk blouse; Miss Grierson, white gown, finished with lace and pale blue ribbons, pale grey opera coat; Miss Marjorie Pole, pretty pale blue frock; Mrs. H. Jones, white frock with pale grey opera coat; Mrs. Birch, black satin and chiffon; Mrs. Meyers, black silk gown, with lovely Maltese lace collar; Mrs. Leo Meyers, black skirt, very pretty cream evening blouse; Mrs. Carmine, black skirt, dainty cream satin blouse; Mrs. Clayton (Sydney), black evening toilette; Miss Gorrie, black satin, with medallions of cream lace; Miss Pearl Gorrie, white frock, with choux of turquoise blue; Mrs. Gorrie, handsome black silk gown; Mrs. E. D. O'lorke, white, with pale blue choux, rose-pink opera coat; Miss Eileen Lewis, black skirt, blue crepe de chine blouse; Mrs. Black, black satin, the bodice trimmed with black and white insertion; Miss Amy Cooke black skirt, pretty striped silk blouse; Miss Nesta Cooke looked pretty in a black skirt, and dainty white silk and insertion blouse; Miss McIlvaine, black satin, with white lace berthe; Miss Goldsbro', black, relieved with white.

**THE SPORTS IN THE DOMAIN.**  
To those of us who can remember the brilliant and crowded gatherings in the Domain, when the Auckland Amateur

Athletic and Cycle Club was at the height of its popularity and prosperity, some ten or twelve years ago, there was something almost pathetic in the sprinkling of spectators who fringed the sports arena on Saturday. Fashion has changed; sports are, for good or bad reasons no longer popular, and the sm of athletics—as a public draw—has met, definitely, and one imagines for some time. One was not at all surprised on Saturday to hear that this final experience of lack of public approval had practically decided the committee to discontinue these gatherings for the present. It is quite on the cards, that with enforced abstinence for a time, appetite may return—and true Amateur Sports Club's gatherings regain their pristine brilliancy. There were few ladies present comparatively speaking, but amongst the few I noticed near the grandstand were:—Mrs. Brewer, black skirt, pretty pale blue blouse inserted with lace, black picture hat; her little daughter was prettily dressed in white; Miss Gladys Beale, black voile skirt with wide sunray pleated frill white silk blouse with transparent lace yoke, and wide collar of same pale blue ecru-faire, and pretty hat to correspond; Miss Elsie Gilliland, navy blue cloth Russian costume, with turn-down collar of navy blue and white spitted velvet, white muslin and insertion vest, country girl hat of pale green trimmed with violets and green ribbon; Miss Pycroft, pretty white muslin frock, and black hat; Miss Alice Pycroft also wore white, with burnt straw country girl hat; Miss Brown, very smart champagne coloured voile over gluee silk, with wide frilled skirt trimmed with lace, large black hat; Miss — Brown wore a very pretty gown of cream canvas voile, with accordion pleated frill, beautifully trimmed with Paris lace, smart crimson hat; Miss Lewis (Wanganui), wore a tucked grey linen ceotee and skirt, with white vest, large black picture hat; Miss Pearl Hay, green linen ceotee costume, with white vest, smart country girl hat to match; Miss Mab. Rice, black skirt, dainty white silk and insertion blouse, with pretty black hat; Miss Palmer, cream voile costume, with deep sunray pleated frill, finished with Paris lace medallions, cream vest, and large black picture hat; Miss Lottie Phillips, black voile skirt, with band of cream lace motifs, white blouse trimmed with lace and insertion. Burnt straw hat with splash bow of black gluee silk.

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