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## Orange Blossoms.

### MATHEWS—WARD.

An event which caused considerable interest in Waitara, writes our New Plymouth correspondent, was the wedding of Miss Winifred Mathews, daughter of the local manager of the Bank of New Zealand, and Mr H. H. Ward, of the High School, New Plymouth. The Church of St. John's was prettily decorated with masses of white cosmos and chrysanthemums. The bride looked very charming in a dainty white silk voile trained gown with a transparent yoke of figured crepe de chine, the whole of which was trimmed with silk applique. Over a small wreath of orange blossoms she wore a beautifully embroidered veil, and carried an exquisite shower bouquet. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a handsome pearl dagger. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids; the two elder ones, Miss Mildred Mathews (sister to bride) and Miss Irene Skinner (cousin to bride), wore pretty costumes of cream musvelling, trimmed with satin ribbon, herring-boned with scarlet, finished with scarlet hats, trimmed with beaver ribbon and clusters of rowan berries. They carried shower bouquets of red geraniums and cactus dahlias, and wore gold bells attached to pins, gifts of the bridegroom. The two smaller bridesmaids were Miss Bertha Mathews and Miss Marjorie Wilson, who wore dainty frocks of white muslin, trimmed with lace and insertion, white felt picture hats, trimmed with satin rosettes. They carried baskets of scarlet flowers. Mr C. Townsend acted as best man. The Rev. Dent officiated, and Mrs Stolt played the "Wedding March." After the ceremony Mr and Mrs Mathews entertained the guests at the Foresters' Hall. The room was beautifully decorated with greenery, white flowers and satin ribbon. Toasts were proposed by Mr Cecil Townsend (best man), Mr Clifford Marshall and Dr. Fookes. The happy couple left by the afternoon train for South, where their honeymoon is to be spent. The bride's travelling dress was a grey flecked tweed costume with white embroidered stole ends, grey picture hat. Mrs Mathews wore a navy blue costume with red and white Oriental trimming, black hat with feathers; Mrs Devenish, black; Miss Devenish, black skirt, black spangled lace blouse over pink silk, black picture hat; Mrs Marshall, black; Miss Marshall, very pretty English costume of pale green voile, Mon style, with revers of gold, hat en suite; Mrs J. Wilson (Wellington), navy blue costume, scarlet hat; Mrs Fookes, black; Misses M. and G. Fookes, navy blue and grey, respectively, with black hats; Miss E. Fookes, fawn grey costume, scarlet hat; Mrs W. Skinner, dark grey costume with blue silk front, black hat; Miss L. Skinner, navy blue costume, piped with scarlet, white felt hat, trimmed with red velvet; Mrs W. Ward (Wellington), pretty grey costume, trimmed with silk, hat en suite; Mrs Ward, navy blue voile, embroidered with white; Mrs Jack Wilson, black, black and white hat; Mrs Horner, fawn voile, hat en suite; Mrs Hirst (Pater), black; Mrs Hamilton, black; Miss Hamilton, navy blue costume, hat to correspond; Miss K. Hamilton, blue canvas voile with galloon trimmings, black hat; Miss E. Hamerton, pretty white silk blouse with transparent yoke, dark skirt, hat to match; Mrs H. Fookes, navy blue and white costume, hat en suite; Mrs Livermore, cream canvas voile, hat to correspond. Amongst the numerous presents were some very handsome ones, given by the High School staff and pupils; Mr and Mrs Pridham (Mr Pridham was formerly headmaster), silver hot-water jug with ebony handle; Misses Grant and Drew (teachers), silver and cut-glass pepper and mustard pots and

salt cellars; from the girls, golf clubs; from the boys, silver entrée dishes and pepperettes. From his fellow-lodgers the bridegroom received a silver teapot.

### SIMPSON—FENTON.

A very quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Paul's Church on Tuesday, May 17, by Canon Nelson, when Miss Marjory Fenton, second daughter of the late Harold Fenton, was married to Mr. K. B. Simpson, of the New Zealand Accident Assurance Co. The wedding took place at half-past eight, only the immediate relatives and a few girl friends of the bride being present, the bride and bridegroom leaving almost immediately afterwards for Rotorua, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. George Fenton), looked charming in a white hopsack Russian coat and skirt, finished with large cream buttons, and beautiful bearskin fur and muff. A large black picture hat completed a very smart and pretty tout ensemble. Miss Helen Fenton and Miss Ada were bridesmaids, and wore cream Russian costumes, finished with gold buttons. They wore beaver hats, and carried fur muffs instead of bouquets. Mr. Pickering was best man, and Mr. Gerald Fenton acted as groomsmen. Amongst the guests were:—Mrs. Fenton, mother of the bride, wore a handsome black voile gown, with lovely Maltese lace fichu, black bonnet relieved with sprays of violets; Mrs. Harry Fenton, black costume, and small black hat; Mrs. Kenderdine, green cloth, laced with black satin ribbon, and cream lace, hat trimmed with white birds; Mrs. Hugh Lusk wore a black figured silk, with silk and lace cape, black and cream bount; Mrs. Colbeck, stylish green and black costume, with black hat; Mrs. Knight, black voile skirt, with black merveilleux silk coat, and white vest, black toque with pink roses; Mrs. Rathbone, black voile skirt, and smart black and white silk blouse, black picture hat; Mrs. Martelli, black skirt, pretty green silk blouse, inserted with Paris lace, beaver hat; Miss Lusk, brown zibeline Russian coat and skirt, with cream vest, brown and cream hat; Miss Colbeck, brown hopsack tailor-made gown, with pretty brown hat finished with quills; Miss Lewis, cream voile gown, with black French sailor hat; Miss W. Lewis, navy blue skirt, and pretty white silk blouse, inset with cream insertion, black hat; Miss Connell, brown hopsack costume, with silk facings, cream vest, and pretty little fur toque, relieved with clusters of crimson geraniums; Miss Ireland, cream cloth skirt, finished with gold buttons, white silk insertion blouse, pretty pale blue hat, white fur and muff; Miss J. Ireland, cream cloth coat and skirt, white furs, and pretty white hat; Miss Nesta Cooke, black cloth coat costume, piped with white, black beaver hat with white feather choux; Miss Muriel Dawson, black skirt, very pretty white silk and insertion blouse, black picture hat; Mrs. Roach, blue costume, and smart black hat; Miss Lily Kissing, dark grey tweed gown, with brown furs and black picture hat; Miss Halle Kenderdine, navy blue cloth gown, and blue French sailor hat to match; the Misses Ruth and Flora Colbeck, Queenie and Dorothy Butler, Rita Cleveland, Doris Knight, Phyllis and Jocelyn Lusk, and Messrs Fenton (2), Kenderdine, Pickering, Purchas, Dawson, Hesketh, Marring, Knight, and many others were also present.

### PARKER—DALE.

A wedding of much interest was celebrated very quietly here on May 10 (writes our Wellington correspondent). Mr. Harry Parker (who is so well-known throughout New Zealand as lawn tennis champion) was married to Miss Kathleen Esther Dale, who has just come out from England. The bride looked charming in her gown of pale blue crepe de chine over lace, with deep ruffles of lace, and a picturesque pale blue hat. She was attended by Miss F. Parker. Mr. R. Parker played Mendelssohn's and Wagner's "Wedding Marches." Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parker have taken Archdeacon Faucourt's house on Thorndon Quay for some months.

### KELLY—STANDIDGE.

The marriage of Mr. Henry Kelly and Miss Fanny Standidge was celebrated on May 5 at the residence of the bride's parents, "Norwood," Grant-road, Wellington. The bride wore her travelling dress of tabac brown face cloth, with wrappings of ivory satin and insertions of tinted Cluny lace, picture hat of brown velvet, with clusters of shaded violets. Miss Daisy Standidge, the only bridesmaid, wore a smart gown of Parma violet voile, hat en suite. She received a gold chain and pendant from the bridegroom. For many years Mr. Kelly was connected with the Wellington branch of the New Zealand Insurance Company, the members of which presented him with a complete set of table cutlery. For the last year or so Mr. Kelly has been transferred to Auckland, and he and his bride are now en route for the Northern city, making a stay at Wanganui and at Rotorua on the way (writes our Wellington correspondent).

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