

## MURRAY-HUDSON.

All Saints' Church, Ponsonby, Auckland, was the scene of a very pretty choral wedding on November 20, when Miss Frances Alice Hudson, second daughter of the late Mr. J. H. Hudson, was married to Mr. Leslie Gordon Murray, only son of the late Mr. T. L. Murray. The Ven. Archdeacon Calder conducted the service. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, looked sweetly pretty in a white chiffon taffeta robe with a soft veiling of point d'esprit. The corsage was slightly decollete, and was trimmed with exquisite Honiton lace laid down the centre of the front panel of the skirt. The bridal veil was worn over a tiara of orange blossoms, and a beautiful bouquet made a charming tout ensemble. The Misses Maude Hudson, Mabel Douglas and little Miss Phyllis Broughton were the bridesmaids. They were daintily frocked in white muslin inserted with Cluny lace, the corsages having lace bretelles, with sash ends. Their rose pink hats with full tulle crowns gave a charming note of colour, and they carried lovely bouquets of Dresden pink roses. Mr. Graham Reid officiated as best man, and Mr. Wigmore as groomsmen.

A reception was afterwards held at "Australion," the residence of the bride's mother, at which over a hundred guests assembled. A large marquee was erected on the lawn, and here the wedding repast was served, the usual toasts being proposed and duly honoured. Later Mr. and Mrs. Murray departed amidst rose petals and confetti, the bride wearing a smart white Sicilian gown with kilted skirt and kimono bodice, and a rose pink crinoline hat. There were about 170 beautiful presents, among them a cheque from the "Old Boys" of King's College.

Mrs. Hudson, mother of the bride, wore an elegant French grey silk inset, with white lace transparencies, black picture hat with long plumes; Mrs. Murray, mother of the bridegroom, was in a handsome black striped marquise with white V and black and white applique, black bonnet with touches of white tulle. Miss Sylvia Hudson looked picturesque in a pale green mousseline with silk bands of a darker tone, and white crinoline. Dolly Varden hat with moss green velvet and posies of forget-me-nots and pink buds; Miss Hermione Hudson was pretty in champagne point d'esprit with pink silk, large Leghorn hat with pink and damask roses and foliage; Miss Murray, smart cream Sicilian trimmed with silk braid, and white chip hat swathed with white tulle, with flowing grasses on the side; Mrs. J. W. Stewart, stylish royal navy floral canvas chignon, and green crinoline mushroom hat wreathed with forget-me-nots and long shaded blue feathers; Mrs. Reid, black voile toilette and becoming green toque with small pale pink flowers; Miss Myra Reid, azure blue eolienne with white lace, and white chip hat swathed with moss green tulle and honeysuckle; Mrs. Hume, black beribboned point d'esprit over silk, and black plumed hat; Miss Belcher, sapphire blue silk, and Tuscan hat wreathed with cornflowers; Mrs. R. Frater, black striped marquise, and black sequined toque; Miss Marion Frater, pale blue chiffon taffeta, and Leghorn hat with blue ostrich feathers; Mrs. James Peacock, pale pink ninon, and olive green hat with pink and blue roses; Mrs. Wigmore, black chiffon taffeta, and hat en suite; Mrs. Tester, steel grey silk, and black bonnet; Miss Hudson (cousin of the bride), dainty white mousseline inset with lace, large Leghorn hat with black velvet and pink roses; Miss Holmden, grey mohair with cream lace fichu, black bonnet, the brim edged with pink rosebuds; Mrs. Cooper, white and heliotrope floral ninon, mauve plumed toque; Mrs. A. Burt, white and narrow green striped cloth, and white Dolly Varden with pink and heliotrope roses; Mrs. Howard, cream ninon, white crinoline hat with shaded pink roses; Mrs. Andrew Stewart, black voile, black applique silk coat, and black bonnet with ostrich plume; Miss Nellie Stewart, white linen with broderie Anglaise blouse, Tuscan hat with cream roses, fruit and foliage; Mrs. Stopford, cream Sicilian costume, black and white tulle hat with Glorie de Dijon roses; Mrs. James, black peau de soie, and green toque; Miss James, azure blue frock, and hat en suite; Mrs. H. Abbott, white and green striped cloth, and ruby chip hat swathed with tulle; Mrs. W. S. Douglas, black chiffon taffeta, with white applique, and black crinoline hat; Miss Nellie Douglas, pale blue and pink floral Organde muslin, Tuscan tinted crinoline

hat, with forget-me-nots; Miss Dorothy Holmden, white muslin frock and white hat; Mrs. Goldie, black and white check silk with cream lace V, black tulle hat with green foliage; Miss Goldie, white Indian muslin with broderie Anglaise, black picture hat; Miss Elsie Goldie, white Swiss muslin frock, and pale blue Dolly Varden hat with shaded blue ostrich feathers; Mrs. Moir, smart Havana brown silk with embroidered applique, and brown ivory crepe de chine and blue crinoline Dolly Varden hat with blue ribbon loops; Mrs. Griffith, white Indian mousseline inset with lace, and stylish blue hat with blue and green ostrich feathers and fruit; Mrs. Arthur Goldie, blue check ninon with chime ribbon bretelles, and pale blue crinoline hat with small pink rosebuds round full crown; Miss Linda Nelson, white mousseline, and pale blue hat with hydrangea and damask roses; Mrs. A. S. Russell, black peau de soie, and black crinoline bonnet with pink rosebuds and white ostrich plume; Miss Reid (Mt. Eden), white muslin and lace, and pale blue crinoline hat with pale yellow roses; Mrs. Oxley, black taffeta, and black and white hat; Mrs. Goetz, exquisite white embroidered Indian muslin, and cream tulle hat wreathed with pale yellow roses; Miss Wingfield, stylish hand-painted silk chiffon over heliotrope, Leghorn hat with large black bow and white and black ostrich feathers; Miss Staunton, moss green silk with cream lace and pink crinoline hat; Mrs. Colson, Nattier blue striped silk with cream lace applique, blue chip hat with tulle and shaded blue feathers; Mrs. Neaves, blue floral ninon over blue silk, blue crinoline hat with ostrich plume; Mrs. Newell, brown chiffon taffeta, inset with cream lace, cream hat with pink roses; Mrs. Hodgson, reseda green striped eolienne with cream lace, and Leghorn hat with green ribbon, pink and damask roses; Mrs. Odium, cream Sicilian, the kimono bodice worn over pretty lace blouse, and Leghorn hat with pink tulle, and shaded pink ostrich feathers; Mrs. Julian, dove grey silk with white lace insertion, white hat swathed with black net; Miss Julian, pale blue silk, and white lace hat with pink roses; Mrs. Marriage, rose pink floral costume and large Leghorn hat; Mrs. Partridge, azure blue with white lace insertion, hat en suite; Mrs. H. E. Vaile, pale blue mousseline over white lace blouse, pale yellow hat; Miss Walker (England), French grey eolienne with white lace, grey hat with deep pink roses.

## SPICER-ADAMS.

A wedding of much interest was celebrated on November 19 at St. James' Church, Lower Hutt, Miss Ella Adams, only daughter of Mr. C. W. Adams, formerly Commissioner of Lands and Survey in Marlborough, being married to Mr. J. E. D. Spicer, of Auckland. The church was prettily decorated with arums and white rhododendrons. The bride looked charming in a graceful gown of ivory ninon de soie, with bretelles and a transparent yoke of delicate lace. Her shower bouquet was composed of white roses and carnations, and her long veil was of tulle. Her bridesmaids, Misses Spicer, Moore, and Adams (2), made a charming quartet in rose pink, with hats and bouquets to match. Mr. R. Percival was best man. A large reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's parents, Lower Hutt.

## NELSON-BLUNDELL.

From the Japan "Chronicle" of October 19, we extract the following account of a wedding, interesting to many, not only in Auckland and Wellington but other parts of New Zealand. The civil ceremony was performed at the British Consulate, Kobe, and the religious ceremony at All Saints' Church in the same city.

The first wedding took place at two o'clock, when Miss May Blundell, only daughter of Mr. Louis Blundell, of Wellington, New Zealand (one of the proprietors of the Wellington "Post"), was married to Mr. Noel Wildman Nelson, eldest son of Canon Nelson, of Auckland, New Zealand, the service—which was full choral—being conducted by the Rev. J. W. Platt, vicar of All Saints' Church.

The bride, who wore a wreath of orange blossoms and a long veil, was dressed in a handsome gown of white duchesse satin in semi-Empire style, trimmed with duchesse point lace and

chiffon. She also wore a handsome diamond pendant, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a lovely bouquet of white flowers, with ribbon streamers.

Mrs. Blundell, Miss Coates, and Mr. Blundell, jun., were the first of the party to enter the church. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, to the accompaniment of the strains of the wedding march from "Lohengrin." Over the chancel steps was suspended a magnificent basket of choice flowers, which was taken down after the ceremony and presented to the bride in the vestry.

Mr. G. K. Totton, of Yokohama, was best man.

A reception was afterwards held at the Oriental Hotel, and was attended by a number of friends. The newly-married couple left Kobe in the afternoon for the honeymoon, which will be spent in the interior.

The bride's going-away dress consisted of a navy-blue coat and skirt, faced with pale blue cloth. She also wore a black crinoline straw hat, trimmed with black feathers.

## CHADBAN-HARDINGHAM.

One of the prettiest weddings ever celebrated in Tauranga, in which much interest was manifested by a large circle of friends, was solemnised at Trinity Church last week, by the Rev. Canon Jordan, the contracting parties being Mr Ernest Chadban, of this town, youngest son of Mr. W. Chadban, of Murrurundi, New South Wales, and Miss Lily Jane Hardingham, youngest daughter of Mr. J. Hardingham, of Addington, Christchurch. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R. W. Meers, was charmingly attired in a beautiful dress of argent brocade, trimmed with accordion-pleated silver chiffon, transparent yoke, and elaborately embroidered veil with coronet of orange blossoms, and carried a lovely shower bouquet. She also wore a handsome gold crescent brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Pearl Hughes (sister), being daintily dressed in butterfly silk, with hat to match, and carrying a shower bouquet. The two little bridesmaids, Miss Ruberta Meers (niece of the bride), and Miss Vera Thomas (niece of the bridegroom), wore pretty cream silk dresses and hats, and each carried a silver crook. They were all recipients of beautiful gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. E. K. Asher acted as best man. The church was thronged by friends and well-wishers of the young couple, and during the ceremony, the "Wedding March" was played by Mrs. Southey. After the ceremony a large number of friends assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Meers, and sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast, when the customary toasts were honoured, hearty good wishes being feelingly expressed for the future prosperity of the happy couple. Later in the afternoon Mr and Mrs Chadban left by special for Rotorua, en route to Auckland, on their bridal tour. The bride's travelling dress was a handsome fawn check tweed costume, relieved with brown facings, lace vest, and floral hat. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents.

In the evening, the festivities were continued, Mr. and Mrs. Meers entertaining, at their residence, the friends of the newly-wedded couple. A very jolly time was spent with dancing, music, etc., the function terminating at midnight.

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## ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Wilson, daughter of Mr. Wilson, architect, Gisborne, to the Rev. H. Nelson Wright, curate of Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne.

The engagement is announced of Miss Amy Sheratt, eldest daughter of Mr. W. G. Sheratt, Gisborne, to Mr. Claude Sainsbury, "Hangarua," Gisborne.

The engagement is announced of Miss Molly Gosset, daughter of the Rev. G. Gossett, Merivale, Christchurch, to Major Lamont, England, brother of Mrs. W. T. Charlewood, lately of Christchurch.

The engagement is announced of Miss Christie, eldest daughter of Mr. H. F. Christie, of St. John's Hill, Wanganui, to Mr. Carey, manager of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile, Masterton.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ida Le Laine Gapes, eldest daughter of Mr. F. Gapes, of Wellington, to Mr. G. R. Hogan, eldest son of the late Mr. G. P. Hogan, formerly of Kohimarama, Auckland.

## Orange Blossoms.

## BURKE-REYNOLDS.

A wedding of considerable interest took place at Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne, recently, when Mr. Robert Illick Burke, solicitor, Gisborne, was married to Miss Winnifred Reynolds, youngest daughter of Mr. R. J. Reynolds, Gisborne. The church was beautifully decorated by the friends of the bride, and the service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Dawson Thomas. Mr. E. N. Sidebottom presided at the organ, and as the bride and her father entered the church played "The voice that breathed 'or Eden." The bride was charmingly attired in white silk crepe, with a hem of chiffon taffeta, bordered with true lovers' knots of silver tissue, the corsage being draped with Bruges lace finished with silver cord and tassels. The bridesmaids were Miss C. Reynolds, who wore heliotrope; Miss Sunderland, primrose; Miss Mabel Burke, pale blue; Miss Clark, pale pink; Miss Amy Sheratt, pale green; Miss Eve Gaddum, white muslin. The different colours of the bridesmaids' dresses gave a rainbow effect—a very charming and novel idea here. Their dresses were of chiffon taffetas and lace, hats of crinoline straw, matching the dresses. The bridegroom was attended by five groomsmen: Mr. G. Reynolds (best man), Mr. I. Rutledge, Mr. J. M. Goldsmith, Mr. C. Sainsbury, Mr. R. Reynolds. The bride's mother wore a dress of soft grey silk, trimmed with pink, black velvet, and lace, hat of silver grey, with black lace and pink roses, and carried a bouquet. The bridegroom's mother wore black and white striped chiffon taffeta, hat of black crinoline straw, and ostrich feather, and also carried a bouquet. After the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large assemblage, a reception was held at "Sandown," the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds. The presents were numerous and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Burke left for the South by the Victoria the same evening, the bride's travelling costume being a navy blue tailor-made costume, hat to match.