

Orange Blossoms.

RIDDIFORD—GEORGE.

The Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary's, Parnell, Auckland, was crowded to its utmost capacity on Monday last with a brightly-dressed and fashionable throng, to witness the nuptials of Miss Zoe George, third daughter of the Hon. Seymour Thorne George, to Mr. Vivian Riddiford, eldest son of Mr. E. Riddiford, of "Fernleigh," the Lower Hutt, Wellington. The decorations of the church were of the most elaborate description. An evergreen arch extended over the chancel, and the pillars were similarly adorned. A bell was hung from the centre of the arch. The guests, to the number of about two hundred, occupied seats in the nave and choir. Dr. Thomas presided at the organ. The bride, who was escorted to the altar leaning upon her father's arm, looked lovely, and, with her eight bridesmaids in close attendance, formed a very pretty picture as they arranged themselves at the chancel steps. The bride was beautifully robed in a deep ivory Duchesse satin, made with an Empire train and hand-embroidered down the front panel and round the hem of the skirt in a design of wheat ears, defined with silver thread. The corsage was enhanced with rose point lace, finishing the tulle guimp. The bridal veil, which had been worn by her mother, was arranged over a tiara of orange flowers and heather, and fell in soft folds. A beautiful shower bouquet and a handsome diamond necklace (the gift of the bridegroom) completed this tout ensemble. The bridesmaids were Misses Nevil George, Dorothy Levin, Betty Hislop, Phyllis Riddiford, Ngaire Riddiford, Lily Kissing, Ida Thompson and Florence Walker. The three first bridesmaids were attired in shimmering moonlight blue chiffon taffeta frocks, with blue velvet rouleaux outlining the white tulle guimps, and pale blue satin straw high-crowned hats, slightly rolled back in front, with large white paradise ospreys on either side, caught in front with tulle knots. They carried shower bouquets of pink sweet pea, carnations, belladonna lilies, and ferns. The younger maids wore blue silk ribbon frocks, joined with bands of lace insertion, and blue silk hats, with long white ostrich feathers, drooping on one side, and carried baskets of pink flowers. The bridegroom presented the six elder bridesmaids with lovely white enamel and amethyst pendants, hung on delicate silver chains, and to the three little maids gold brooches of oak leaves and pearl acorns. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. D. Riddiford, who officiated as best man, and Mr. Godfrey George and Mr. MacShane as groomsmen. The ceremony was conducted by Canon MacMurray. As the bridal party left the church the organist played the "Wedding March" from "Lohengrin." A reception was held at "Cotnam," when Mr. and Mrs. Riddiford received the congratulations of their friends. An airy marquee, delightfully cool for such a hot day, was gaily decked with greenery and flags, and a pleasant time was passed here. Later the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon tour, the bride wearing a stylish pale pink cloth, embroidered with dull gold, and hat en suite. Mrs. S. T. George (mother of the bride) was attired in black fllet lace over black chiffon, and mounted on a white glace foundation, and a white tulle toque, with jet brim and white paradise osprey.

Mrs. George wore a lovely gown of black fllet lace over white taffeta, with touches of pale blue and silver, becoming black and white toque, and she carried a lovely heliotrope bouquet; Mrs. Fred Waller was strikingly gowned in sea green taffeta, the bodice finished with lovely lace and gold tissue, black and gold picture hat; Mrs. G. Thorne George, dainty cream chiffon taffeta, with lace vest, black plumed hat; Mrs. Riddiford wore a beautiful toilette of smoke blue satin striped chiffon and cream lace caught with shaded tassels, black moire hat with cluster of marabout feathers and ospreys; Mrs. Lindsay, white cloth toilette, with guimpe of lace and gold tissue finishings, blue Victorian scarf, and picture hat with ostrich feathers of same shade; Miss Humphries, dainty white cloth, with gold ceinture, white hat with touches of pale blue; Miss Wilford (Wellington) wore white cloth,

with a black picture hat; Mrs. Levine (Wellington) was charmingly gowned in pale blue ninon finished with lovely lace, picture hat to match with long ostrich plumes; Mrs. Hislop (Wellington), creme chiffon taffeta, banded with velvet, lovely lace scarf, and Tuscan hat swathed with tulle and brightened with touches of pale blue; Miss Coates (Wellington) was effectively gowned in a grey satin striped marquisee toned with lace, grey hat with tulle and grey feathers; Mrs. Arthur Nathan, black striped marquisee, with small square yoke of white lace, black plumed hat; Mrs. Moss Davis, charming gown of pale grey chiffon and lace, dainty toque to correspond; Miss Moss Davis, pretty pale blue striped Marquisee, with Irish lace panels and sleeves, picture hat with mole-coloured tulle and feathers; Miss M. Moss Davis was effectively gowned in a dainty white wide-meshed net over taffeta, pale blue hat; Miss G. Nathan, Miss Stella Nathan, and Miss Cohen (of Sydney) were charmingly gowned alike in white wide-meshed silk net toilettes, with satin ceintures and sashes, picture hats of white moire with silver cords and tassels and white feathers; Mrs. Moss (Sydney) looked pretty in grey chiffon, with a hat to correspond; Mrs. Purdy (Wellington) was wearing a striking gown of mole-coloured chiffon, the tiny square yoke of lace outlined with emerald green velvet, shaded green hat; Mrs. Myers, grey and black striped silk gown, with becoming bonnet of black and silver; Mrs. Arthur Myers, shell-pink chiffon, with a wide satin stripe, pink hat with ostrich plumes; Mrs. Street, handsome black silk, small black bonnet with touches of white; Miss Rooke, pretty toilette of dark cornflower blue with white lace and touches of pale pink, black and pink hat; Mrs. T. C. Williams, rich black satin, with exquisite cream Spanish lace scarf, and white tulle bonnet brightened with touches of pale pink; Miss Una Williams was strikingly gowned in a white marquisee skirt and a smart black and blue striped silk blouse, with pale blue revers, large Tuscan hat; Mrs. Arnold, black chiffon taffeta relieved with cream, deep crushed raspberry hat; Mrs. J. L. R. Bloomfield, blue and white striped ninon, with blue silk ceinture and facings, large black hat; Mrs. H. R. Bloomfield, pretty pale grey toilette, with a smart hat to match; Miss Horton was effectively gowned in a heliotrope and white floral chiffon, with a white hat; Mrs. George Bloomfield, very pretty roll pink ninon, and a creme moire hat trimmed with violet roses and chine ribbon; Mrs. Ted Horton, deep ivory taffeta, with lace ceinture and picture hat; Mrs. Schwartz Kissing, handsome black silk, toned with white lace, black and heliotrope toque; Miss Kissing, black chiffon taffeta with V-shaped yoke of cream lace, Tuscan hat with green and black trimmings; Miss Phillips, cream cloth Eton costume, with pretty net and lace vest, black plumed hat; Lady Lockhart, cream lace gown, mounted on glace, with a semi-Empire gold belt, white hat, garlanded with roses; Mrs. Nicol, white coat and skirt, worn with a black plumed hat; Mrs. John Kenderdine, green silk toilette, with cream lace belt; Mrs. Nelson, handsome black brocaded silk, and black hat, relieved with white; Miss Nelson, dainty pink and white floral silk, toned with lace, green and pink hat; Miss K. Nelson wore a pretty chine silk toilette, and white hat, crowned with roses; Miss Jennie Ireland wore white muslin, with lace yoke, and a becoming Leghorn hat, massed with heliotrope, and she carried a heliotrope bouquet; Mrs. Duthie wore a dainty blue and white pompadour silk, with lace vest, Tuscan and black hat; Mrs. Dargaville, handsome black toilette, with a black and white toque, and a white ostrich feather setole; Miss Dargaville, pale pink and white chine silk, the bodice softened with lace, white and pink hat; Miss Carey (Sydney), effective grey and pink striped silk, with lace vest, plumed hat to match; Miss Dawson, pretty white inserted muslin frock, black hat, with white roses; Miss Muriel Dawson wore white embroidered lawn, black hat, with large white and heliotrope crush roses at one side; Mrs. George Dunnett was gowned in grey and white striped marquisee, worn with a black hat; Mrs. Walker, pale grey silk, with cream lace V-shaped vest, outlined with pink, grey hat, with pink shaded ostrich feather; Mrs. Seeger, natter black silk, toned with lace, and worn with

a hat of same shade; Mrs. Theo. Kipling, black chiffon taffeta, with lovely lace scarf, black-plumed hat; Miss Miles (Wellington) was prettily frocked in white tulle, and wore a heliotrope ermine straw hat, finished with tulle rosettes and masses of sweet pea and clematis; Mrs. Smith, creme cloth tailor-made gown; Mrs. Holmes, very pretty, pompadour silk, with strappings of navy row pink bebe ribbon, black hat, with ostrich feathers; Mrs. Lloyd wore a creme cloth gown, and a Tuscan hat; Mrs. Rathbone, black chiffon over white taffeta, with cream lace yoke, outlined with pale pink, black and gold hat; Miss Lusk wore white chiffon taffeta and lace, navy hat, massed with pink roses; Miss Olive Lusk, white frock, and black moire hat, with white ostrich feathers; Mrs. Marsack, orchid mauve colienne, with lace vest, and black hat; Mrs. Savage looked charming in resea green ninon and cream lace, dainty hat to match; Miss Cooper, white Swiss muslin, with ruchings of butter-coloured lace, brown hat; Miss Koie Nathan, very pretty, white inserted muslin, white hat, with black and white ostrich plumes; Miss Gill was daintily gowned in pale grey, brightened with touches of pale pink, black hat; — Upfill, pale pink mousseline, with creme lace V-shaped vest, becoming white hat, with pink and black; Miss Ireland, very fine white book muslin over glace, with yoke of Broderie Anglaise, black velvet hat, with black feathers and gold tissue; Miss Dolly, Denniston was dainty in white chiffon taffeta, large heliotrope hat; Mrs. Dennis O'Rourke wore a black and white striped marquisee gown and a pretty natter blue hat; Mrs. Baker (Strait Settlements) was gowned in a grey and white toilette, with lace vest and touches of pink, hat en suite; Mrs. Walker (Strait Settlements), black and white striped marquisee, Tuscan and black hat; Mrs. Herbert Thompson, black costume, with a white vest, and black and white toque; Miss Nellie Thompson, dainty white inserted muslin, white hat, with large black bows; Miss Barnicoat (Wanganui) was beautifully gowned in white chiffon, inset with bands of insertion and floral chiffon, blue hat, with blue and self-coloured emu feathers; Mrs. Archie Clark, dainty grey and white striped silk, with black revers, black hat; Miss Isabel Clark, pretty white inserted muslin, and dark green velvet hat, with large bows and sprays of violet flowers; Mrs. Pollen wore a crushed raspberry marquisee, with a cream lace vest and black satin strappings, black plumed hat; Miss May Kissing, dainty, pale blue striped ninon, and pale blue hat; Mrs. Stubbs wore a black chiffon taffeta gown, with cream lace vest, and a smart hat, with choux of green and nasturtium; Miss Audrey Stubbs, pretty, white chiffon taffeta and lace, and becoming heliotrope hat, garlanded with sweet peas and clematis in shades of heliotrope; Mrs. Denniston was charmingly gowned in pale grey tulle, with touches of pale pink, white lace on bodice, black plumed hat; Miss Outwaite, pretty pale grey toilette, pale grey hat to match; Mrs. Thomas, grey and white striped silk toilette, white hat, with large black and white bows; Miss Thomas was prettily gowned in white.

BOND—EVANS.

The Trinity Wesleyan Church was the scene of an exceedingly pretty wedding on February 20th, (says the Napier "Telegraph"), when Miss Mary Elizabeth Evans, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Edward Evans, of Napier, was married to Mr. G. Bond, son of the Rev. G. Bond, of Auckland. The bride, who was prettily attired in a handsome dress of white brocade silk, with Maltese yoke, and embroidered with Brussels veil, was given away by the Rev. C. E. Beercoff. Mrs. Short and Addie Evans, cousin and sister of the bride, attended as bridesmaids, and were dressed in costumes of blue silk with Brussels veil. Two little girls, Misses Hewitt and G. Evans, also accompanied the bride. Mr. A. Runciman acted as best man, and Mr. D. Evans, brother of the bride, fulfilled the duties of groomsmen. The Rev. A. C. Lawry was the officiating clergyman. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's mother, Brewster-street, and the young couple left in the evening by motor car for the south carrying with them the best wishes of many friends for their future happiness.

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The engagement is announced of Miss Helen McGuire, 6th daughter of the late Mr. P. M. McGuire, Auckland, to Mr. Maurice O'Connor, son of Mr. M. O'Connor, Wellington.

The engagement is announced of Miss Triggs, daughter of Mr. W. H. Triggs, editor of the "Christchurch Press," to Dr. Hardwick Smith, M.B. (Camb.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), of Langley Mill, Nottingham, England, and late of the resident staff St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

WHAT WOULD THE LETTER BE?

A Mr Smith stuttered so that it was painful to hear him try to speak. One day his lawyer wrote, asking him to send a letter stating certain facts about a case soon to be tried. The next noon he appeared at the office and said, "I th-th-thought I'd e-e-e-c-c-come down m-m-m-myself, as I'd e-e-e-c-c-cann talk b-b-b-b-better'n I e-e-c-cann write."

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