

white hat; Mrs. Mumford, black dress, bonnet en suite; Mrs. J. C. Beecroft, pink silk flowered muslin and black hat; Miss Rhodes, biscuit muslin, hat to match; Miss Bartlett, heliotrope silk muslin, and pretty hat; her sister, black and white sheer muslin, stylish hat; Miss Rowe, blue dress, and large picture hat; Mrs. C. A. Jackson, embroidered white dress, black crinoline hat with ostrich feathers; Miss Ida Goddiss (Wellington), lace of bride, very pretty white dress, mee Kinono, white Parisian hat; Mrs. A. North, black silk costume, bonnet to correspond; Mrs. Alex. Dewar, handsome satin brocade, and pretty heliotrope bonnet; Mrs. A. S. Russell, grey and brown striped silk voile, toque to match; Mrs. S. Parker, black costume.

DONE—EBBETT.

At St. Matthew's Church, Hastings, the Rev. J. Hobbs officiating, Miss Margaret Elizabeth Ebbett, youngest daughter of Mr. Jas. Ebbett, of Hastings, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Mr. John Bone, of Broadstone, Port Glasgow, Scotland. The bride wore a gown of cream embroidered voile, with veil and spray of orange blossoms. The chief bridesmaid was Miss Ebbett, sister of the bride, who wore a pale blue crepe de chine, and white hat with ostrich plume. The bride was also attended by her two little nieces, Dorothy and Marjory Ebbett, attired in cream silk Dutch dresses, with hats to match.

The bride's travelling dress was a blue tailor-made costume, hat to match, with ostrich plume.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a diamond and emerald ring, and that of the bride to the bridegroom gold sleeve links. The bridegroom's gift to the chief bridesmaid was a gold necklace, and to the younger bridesmaids gold brooches.

Mr. M. Thompson, of Dunedin, cousin of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, at which a large number of friends assembled.

The presents were numerous and costly.

MONK—JULE.

A quiet wedding was solemnised at St. Matthew's Church, Masterton, on February 24, when Mr. Horace D. Monk, of Masterton, and Miss Mabel M. Yule, of Pahiatua, youngest daughter of Mr. George Watson Yule, of New Plymouth, were married. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. E. Clarke, of Pahiatua, wore a navy blue tailor-made costume and hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Knight, whose dress was of pale blue muslin, with hat to match.

McGINITY—McGINITY.

There was a quiet wedding recently at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Boulcott-street, Wellington, when William J. A. McGinity, eldest son of the late John McGinity, was married to Alice Louise, third daughter of Thomas and A. Kate McGinity. The bride, who was attired in white silk, with veil and orange-blossoms, was given away by her father, and the bridesmaid was her sister, Miss Mabel McGinity. Mr. Harold Andrews was best man.

SVENSON—ROBINSON.

On 10th February a very interesting wedding took place at Kaitoke, at the residence of the bride's father, when Mr. Axel Svenson was married to Miss M. A. Robinson. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Cecil Smith, of Trentham. The bride, who was given away by her brother, looked very dainty in her white silk dress and beautiful white hat. Miss May Robinson made a charming little bridesmaid. Numerous guests sat down to a sumptuous luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. Svenson left later in the day, en route for their future home, Morrison's Bush, the bride wearing a navy blue costume and cream hat.

SAMPLES—BRIGHTWELL.

At St. Mark's Church, Wellington, on Wednesday, 12th February, Mr. George H. Sample, of Wellington, was married to Miss Mabel Florence Brightwell, eldest daughter of Mr. W. H. Brightwell, of Marjoribanks-street, the Rev. Mr. Bartlett officiating. Misses Lucy and Amy Brightwell (sisters of the bride), Doris Hunt, and Elsie Willis were the bridesmaids. Mr. T. Miller acted as best man, and Mr. O. Brightwell (brother of the bride) as groomsmen.

BUDGE—FOTHERGILL.

A wedding of considerable interest was quietly celebrated at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, when Mr. Arthur W. Budge, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Stratford, was married to Miss Margaret E. Fothergill, late matron of the Stratford District Hospital. The bride, dressed in travelling attire, was given away by Dr. T. L. Paget, and the bridegroom was supported by Mr. G. L. Cook. The Rev. C. A. B. Watson performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Budge carry with them the heartiest wishes of a very large circle of friends for their future happiness and prosperity, says the local paper.

STAPLES—CREELMAN.

At Knox Church, Masterton, on February 20, Mr. Frank Staples, of Masterton, was married to Miss Annie Creelman, daughter of Mr. Jas. Creelman, also of Masterton. The bride was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Florence Creelman, sister of the bride, and Miss Dolly Hughes. The best man was Mr. William Nicol, and Mr. Edward Creelman was groomsmen. Mr. F. W. G. McLeod presided at the organ, and rendered the "Wedding March" as the bridal party left the Church.

BLAIR—THRESHER.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised in St. John's Church, Napier, on February 15, when Mr. W. C. Blair and Miss Thresher were married. The Rev. G. K. Stowell officiated. The bridesmaids were the Misses Alice, Isabel and Rene Lock. Mr. D. N. Mackenzie acted as best man and the bride was given away by Mr. Charles Lock. Mrs. F. C. Lock presided at the organ and played the "Wedding March." The bride wore a handsome dress of cream colienne, with collar of real Brussels lace, and touches of the same lace upon the skirt, a cream crinoline hat, trimmed with ostrich tips and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids wore white insertion dresses over blue nun's veiling, white Leghorn hats.

MARSHALL—MERRITT.

A quiet but interesting wedding was celebrated at Napier on February 25, Mr. Harold W. E. Marshall, eldest son of Mr. W. G. Marshall, of Whitchurch, Shropshire, England, being married to Miss Eva May Merritt, youngest daughter of Mr. George J. Merritt, of Mahora. The bride was given away by her father, and was attired in an elegant gown of white chiffon velveteen, and picture hat of white chiffon. She was attended by Miss Ida Glazebrook as bridesmaid, who wore a champagne tweed costume and rose pink hat. Mr. Ben Merritt fulfilled the duties of best man. The wedding presents were costly and numerous.

THE GUINEA POEM.

A CHEQUE FOR £1 1/ has been sent to the writer of this verse, E.L., Watkino, Auckland.

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PERSONAL NOTES FROM LONDON.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

LONDON, January 24.

The late Mr. Seddon is to have a memorial at Eccleston, St. Helens, Lancashire, where he was born and brought up. At a meeting of the Liverpool Consistory Court on Wednesday, the Rev. J. B. Clarke (vicar) and the churchwardens of Christ Church, Eccleston, applied for permission to remove from the church a reading desk and several seats adjoining it, and to erect in their place new seats for clergy and choir. It was represented that the alteration would result in the singing becoming more congregational. The cost would be defrayed by Mrs. Seddon, of Wellington, New Zealand, as a memorial to her husband, the Hon. Richard Seddon late Premier of New Zealand. In reply to Archdeacon Spooner, the vicar said Mr. Seddon was born and educated in Eccleston, his mother being mistress of the school which he attended. The Archdeacon, in decreeing the faculty in the terms of the citation, said it was a matter of great interest to know that the alterations were intended as a memorial of one who had won such a high position in New Zealand as had the late Mr. Seddon, and the vicar was to be congratulated on the fact that his widow had chosen that church as the centre in which such a memorial should be placed.

Mr. Roland St. Clair, of Auckland, has just returned to London after a delightful month's holiday in Norway, whither he went partly on business and partly for pleasure. In his official capacity as Norwegian Consul at Auckland he made the acquaintance of the Norwegian Minister of Commerce during his stay in Christiania, and was introduced to the King of Norway, the President of the Storting, and various members of the Government. He found them greatly interested in New Zealand's industrial and social legislation, and had to answer many questions regarding the working of the various democratic laws for which the Dominion is famous. He had half-an-hour's conversation with King Haakon and was charmed, as all who met him are, by the monarch's good-natured ease of manner, and the absence of formality. Mr. St. Clair came away with the conviction that Norway's King was, to put it colloquially, a real good sort. His work on "The St. Clairs of the Isles" brought Mr. St. Clair in touch with a number of literary men in Christiania, and he was most hospitably entertained by many kind friends in literary and in Masonic circles. Christiania was deep in snow during his visit, with the thermometer showing something like 40 degrees of frost, but the cold was not so severe as in London, for the air is dry and bracing. Sledding, skating, and skiing were in full swing, and the Auckland found no lack of amusement in learning to skate and ski. Altogether he spent about a month in Norway, and has brought away the pleasantest recollections of his visit. The date of his return to New Zealand is at present uncertain.

Mr. Athol V. Davis, of Devonport, Auckland, who arrived here by the Everton Grange two days before Christmas, has come to England to raise capital to work the copper mines at Kawau Island, and also to place several patents on the English market. One of these patents is a method of retouching photographic negatives in a remarkably short space of time, enabling a retoucher to get through three or four times as much work as formerly in a day. Another patent is a carriage window which can be opened, shut and regulated without the aid of catches. Mr. Davis spent the Christmas holidays at Oxford with relatives, and while there was elected a visiting member of the Oxford Union, the well-known debating society attached to the University. The Blackheath Football Club, one of the leading London clubs, have invited him to play for their A team, and Mr. Davis intends taking the field in the three-quarter line next Saturday. Now that the holidays are over and London has settled down to work again, he has come up to town to begin business in connection with his various projects.

Recent callers at the High Commissioner's office: Mrs. M. Jefferies (Inglewood), Miss Stoddart (Auckland), Miss R. Ferguson (Christchurch), Mr. William Wilson, B.E. (Christchurch), Mr. H. M. Smyth (Hokitika), Mr. E. Alfred Mayne (Wanganui), and Mr. W. J. Tonkin (Dunedin).

An application has been received by the War Office for the services of an officer (not under the rank of captain) for the Royal Garrison Artillery work, as Director of Ordnance and Commandant of the Permanent Force in New Zealand. The rate of pay will be £450 per annum, with a house allowance of £50. Passages will be provided for the officer and his family to and from New Zealand. The appointment will be for a period of three years, with possible extension to five years, by mutual agreement at the termination of the first period, and the officer selected will be seconded from his regiment. If serving with the Army Ordnance Department his selection would entail resignation of his appointment in that department.

The Rimutaka, of the New Zealand Shipping Company's line, is due to leave Plymouth to-morrow, January 24, for New Zealand, via Cape Town and Hobart. She takes the following saloon passengers:—Miss K. Blackburne, Mr. M. A. Browne, Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. A. R. Bushell, Mrs. G. K. Duncan, Miss M. K. Duncan, Miss I. M. Fraser, Miss J. A. Hastie, Mr. C. A. Hawkins, Mrs. Hawkins, Master O. W. Hawkins, Mrs. J. B. Hay, Miss P. Hay, Rev. G. T. and Mrs. Johnston, Mr. J. H. Jowitt, Mrs. Jowitt and family, Mr. A. Kornweibel, Professor M. M. McHardy, Mrs. Madocks, and family, Franklin J. Nottorbaum, Mrs. Simcox, Mr. W. M. Simcox, Mr. C. H. Stephens, Mr. D. Symon, Mrs. Watt, Mrs. E. Watts, Fraulein G. Werth, Miss C. Anderson, Mr. E. Astin, Miss A. R. Blackwell, Mr. T. E. Bradshaw, Miss G. Budgen, Mrs. C. L. Butterworth, Miss M. H. Butterworth, Miss I. F. Butterworth, Miss M. R. Butterworth, Miss D. G. Butterworth, Mrs. M. F. Climie, Miss E. Duncan, Mr. G. R. Gibbons, Mr. E. L. Hampson, Mr. G. Heym, Mr. N. J. Hill, Mr. S. C. Hodges, Mr. T. R. Lees, Mrs. Lees, Miss B. E. Lees, Master C. E. Lees, Mrs. Lettbridge, Miss McGregor, Mrs. E. Montgomerie, Mrs. J. Murray, Mr. W. A. Paterson, Mr. D. K. Picken, Mrs. Picken, Mr. P. H. Powell, Mr. P. Revis, Mr. C. H. Rushton, Mr. W. Shaul, Miss A. V. Tenpess, Miss K. M. Todd, Mr. W. Tolchard, Mr. Wm. Waller, Mr. G. F. Wray, and a large number in the third class.

Admiral Frederick W. Gough, C.B., who died at Liverpool last Sunday in his eighty-fifth year, was the last surviving son of Richard Astley, who took the name of Gough, and was a magistrate and deputy lieutenant of Leicestershire. After completing his education at Brussels, he entered the Navy in 1836, and served on numerous stations, including North America, the West Indies, the Cape, the East and West Coasts of Africa, South America, Chili, Peru, Australia, New Zealand, India, and the Mediterranean. He held the post of senior lieutenant on the battleship London at the bombardment of Sebastopol. For distinguished service he was raised to the rank of commander. On returning home from the Crimea, he was for six years in command of the Hastings division of the Coastguard, and was promoted to the rank of captain for zeal in the protection of revenues. During his active service he was five times gazetted for acts of bravery, and his numerous decorations included the South African, Turkish, Crimean and Sardinian medals. He was also a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, and when he retired in 1895 with the rank of admiral, he was made Commander of the Bath. Since his retirement he has resided at Liverpool and was a magistrate of that city and of the County of Leicester. Admiral Gough married in 1848 Miss Isobel Davies, second daughter of the late Dr. Davies, of Auckland.

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