

Orange Blossoms.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

A large family gathering took place at 16 Paget-street, Auckland, on the occasion of the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Alexander Lamb. Mr Lamb was born in East Linton, Scotland, in 1822, so that he is now in his 86th year. Though frail and in delicate health, he has wonderful eyesight, and can read and write without spectacles. He left his native place in 1847, and spent two years in London, after which he sailed for Australia. Arriving in Adelaide, the "gold magnet" drew him to Ballarat, and he also spent a short time in Melbourne. In 1852 he left for New Zealand, and settled in Auckland for some years. On July 5, 1858, Mr Lamb was married to Miss B. R. Kitching, second daughter of Mr V. Kitching, of Adelaide. Of the wedding party only three are living, Mr and Mrs Lamb and Rev. David Burn. In 1869 the family removed to the Thames goldfields, and there they resided for more than 30 years. Mr Lamb was in business with his brother (Lamb Bros, timber merchants) until Mr Peter Lamb's death three and a half years ago, when he removed to Auckland. There are three sons and four daughters, viz.: Mr W. Herbert Lamb and Mr Charles Lamb (Lamb and Smith) and Mr A. J. J. Lamb (chemist). Mrs R. Wellington Bagnall, Mrs Joseph Ambury, Mrs W. R. Woolley, and Mrs R. J. Patrican. Fifteen grandchildren complete the family. Numbers of telegrams, letters and postcards have been received, besides other tangible expressions of love and respect from relatives and old friends.

HOOPER—BUCHANAN.

At All Saints' Church, Ponsonby, Auckland, on July 6th, Miss Jessie Buchanan, Vermont-street, Ponsonby, was married to Mr W. J. Hooper, eldest son of the late Mr W. Hooper, Naseby, Otago. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a smart navy tailor-made costume, with a pretty white crinoline straw and white ostrich plumes, and carried a prayer book. Miss Mabel Buchanan and Miss Minnie Hooper attended as bridesmaids. The former wore a cream cloth costume, with brown hat and green ostrich feathers. The latter wore a pretty cream dress, and a smart Copenhagen blue straw. Mr Matthew Hooper acted as best man, and Mr J. Rusden Salt was groomsmen. After the ceremony the happy couple left by the express for Rotorua, where the honeymoon will be spent. The presents were numerous.

McLEAN—SPOONER.

At St. Mark's Church, Remuera, on June 22nd, Miss Edith Spooner, daughter of Mrs. Spooner, of Epsom, Auckland, was married to Mr. Neil McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. McLean, of Ponsonby. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Walker, of St. Andrew's Epsom. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Charles Spooner, looked charming in a dress of white silk crystalline, prettily trimmed with silk lace and velvet, with silk net sleeves; she also wore the usual wreath and veil, and carried a lovely shower bouquet. The two bridesmaids, Misses G. and L. Spooner, sisters of the bride, wore dainty dresses of pale green mousseline de soie trimmed with applique and relieved with green velvet ribbon, and wore green crinoline hats trimmed with tulle and shaded roses. Mr. Jas. Pascoe was best man, and Mr. A.H. Pascoe groomsmen. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother. After the customary toasts had been duly honoured, the happy couple left for the North, where their honeymoon was spent. The bride's going away dress was a navy blue costume, and green hat with coloured roses. Mrs. Spooner (mother of the bride) wore a flowing gown of black merveilleux silk, and black bonnet with white ospreys; Miss Spooner, violet costume and hat to match; Miss Maud Spooner, navy blue costume with white furs; Mrs. Chas. Spooner, cream costume and hat to

match; Mrs. Good, navy costume and wine-coloured hat; Mrs. McLean (mother of the bridegroom), black silk, with heliotrope bonnet; Miss McLean, green costume, and green crinoline hat; Mrs. Marriott, black silk; Miss Carlaw, pale pink costume, white hat; Mrs. Whether-ill, black chiffon taffeta, white hat; Miss Marriott, cream cloth, and white and green hat; Miss Maud Anderson, dark red costume and hat to match; Miss R. Halliwell, navy costume and Rosewood hat; Miss A. Halliwell, cream silk, white and green hat; Miss Webb, cream sanitary cloth and white hat; Mrs. Blot, grey costume, and wine coloured hat with plumes to match; Mrs. Fisher, navy blue costume; Mrs. Burns, brown striped voile and black hat; Mrs. Hooper, brown costume; Mrs. Boyd, black silk; Mrs. Pascoe, black silk, with black bonnet relieved with pink; Mrs. Parker, black silk; Miss Cooper, black voile, with black hat; Miss Squirrel, pale pink lustre costume, pink and brown hat; Mrs. Moses, navy costume; Mrs. Watson, pale green silk and green hat with plumes to match; Mrs. Walker, grey costume, hat trimmed with grey; Mrs. McGuinness, black voile; Mrs. Johnson, fawn and white costume, white velvet hat; Mrs. Wheeler, navy costume and wine coloured hat.

DAWSON—BROWN.

News was received by the mail from South Africa of the marriage of two New Zealanders, that of Captain F. W. W. Dawson, R.A.M.C., medical officer in charge of troops, Capetown, elder son of the late Dr F. W. E. Dawson, of Auckland, and Miss Nora Oberlin Brown, daughter of Mr H. Oberlin Brown, Mt. Eden, Auckland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. de Lisle, acting chaplain to the forces, and took place at St. John's Garrison Church, Wynberg. There was only one maid in attendance, Miss Davidson, and she wore a frock of the palest blue chiffon taffeta, trimmed with filet lace, with hat to match, and carried a most artistic bouquet of autumn tints. The best man was Captain Hamman, R.A.M.C. The bride, who was given away by Mr Eric P. Hudson, of the New Zealand Insurance Company, wore a pretty gown of white chiffon taffetas, with Honiton lace, and long, soft tulle veil. She also carried a beautiful shower bouquet, tied with the colours of the corps. After the ceremony a reception was held by Mr and Mrs Hudson, at their pretty home, "Dunbevel," Wynberg, when the bride and bridegroom were in waiting on the stoop in front of a beautifully made screen of white chrysanthemums, lily, and other greenery, intermingled with lovers' knots in white satin ribbon—a very artistic and novel background. Then came the usual toasts of the bride and bridegroom, the host and hostess, winding up with an extra hearty one for the parents in far-away New Zealand. Afternoon tea was served in a large marquee, which had been specially decorated by the soldiers with flags galore, the colours of the Army Medical Corps being well in evidence. Later on in the afternoon, Captain and Mrs Dawson left on their honeymoon by motor car.

PASCOE—SQUIRRELL.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Barnabas Church, Mt. Eden, Auckland, when Mr A. H. Pascoe and Miss H. V. Squirrel were married. The bride was daintily gowned in an Empire gown of white silk, bodice trimmed with lace. She wore the usual wreath and veil, and also carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The bride was given away by her father, and her sister, Miss Ivy Squirrel, acted as bridesmaid. Mr Jas. Pascoe attended as best man. Mrs Squirrel, mother of the bride, wore a handsome heliotrope silk dress, trimmed with cream lace, touches of petunia velvet, and petunia velvet hat with ostrich plume. She carried a lovely bouquet of white flowers; Miss Ivy Squirrel, pale blue silk voile Empire frock, purple velvet hat; Mrs Pascoe, black silk dress, stylish black bonnet, pink roses; Mrs Watson, navy blue costume, Norfolk blue hat; Mrs McDonald, navy blue costume, hat to match; Mrs C. Pascoe, navy blue costume, blue hat; Mrs Kemp, navy costume, green hat; Mrs Frank Crespin, wine-coloured costume and very stylish hat; Mrs Geo. Gribbin, black silk dress, black velvet hat, ostrich plumes; Mrs T. C. Clarke, cream costume, green and brown hat; Mrs Henriksen, grey silk voile, grey and white hat; Mrs S. Howden, violet costume, violet and cream hat; Mrs Shorman, very stylish navy blue coat and skirt, hat to match; Mrs Brooke-Smith, black silk dress, black hat, ostrich plumes; Mrs Leonard, black silk dress, black and white bonnet; Mrs McFarland, black costume and black hat; Mrs E. W. Alison, cream silk embroidered with heliotrope, black silk coat, black hat, ostrich plumes; Miss G. Gribbin, wine-coloured costume, hat to match; Miss Leonard, wine-coloured costume, white hat; Miss M. Gribbin, cream costume, very pretty cream hat; Miss A. Gribbin, pretty blue costume, blue and green hat; Miss Ivy Alison, white embroidered silk frock, white hat, ostrich plumes.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. J. McFarland, who made the bride a present of a beautiful white prayer book. Mr White officiated as organist, and played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the bride entered the church. The guests were subsequently entertained at the residence of the bride's mother, "Sans Souci," Mount Eden.

ENGAGEMENTS.

No Notice of Engagements or Marriages can be inserted unless Signed by Our Own Correspondent or by some responsible person, with Full Name and Address.

The engagement is announced of Miss Muriel Wylie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Wylie (Wellington), to Sir Guy Featherston (Auckland).

The engagement is announced of Miss Iris Bruce, third daughter of Mrs Bruce, Colombo-street, Christchurch, and Mr Cecil Wood (Christchurch).

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss E. Walton, daughter of the Rev. J. Walton, Lower Hutt, to Mr Duncan Cameron, Pahaua.

The engagement is announced of Miss Bertha Julius, youngest daughter of the Bishop of Christchurch, and Mrs Julius, to Mr Percy Elworthy, of Gordon's Valley, Timaru.

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Violet: "Oh, I don't know. A girl would never be sure then that she was pretty."

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