

Orange Blossoms.

Society Gossip.

FAIRBURN—ELLIOTT.

A quiet wedding was celebrated by Rev. E. M. Cowie in St. Peter's Church, Hamilton, when Mr. E. J. Fairburn, surveyor, of Hamilton, was married to Miss Maggie Elliott, daughter of Mrs. Elliott, of Anglesea-street, Hamilton. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. D. Elliott, was attended by her sister, and Mr. F. E. Fairburn acted as best man. Mrs. Bosworth played the Wedding March at the close of the ceremony. After breakfast at the residence of the bride's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Fairburn left by the express on their honeymoon.

COWAN—VICKERS.

A very interesting wedding was celebrated at the Catholic Church, Hastings, when Miss Lily Vickers, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Vickers, was married to Mr. James Cowan, eldest son of Mr. James Cowan, of Hastings. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a cream cloth tailor-made costume, with satin facings and real lace vest, and she wore a large cream felt hat with massive ostrich plumes. She also carried a handsome prayer book, a present from Dean Smyth. Miss Lily Vickers, bridesmaid, wore a cream Etou costume with pale blue floral facings and large blue silk hat with plumes to match. Mr. Jack Cowan discharged the duties of best man. The guests were subsequently entertained at the residence of the bride's parents.

RANDALL—COPELAND.

At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Wanganui, recently, Mr. Edgar George Randall, organist of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Timaru, eldest son of Mr. George Randall, of Campbell-street, Wanganui, was married to Miss Emily Carma, second daughter of Mr. Thomas M. Copeland, of Wilson-street. The Rev. R. M. Ryburn officiated, and the service was fully choral. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a handsome gown of white silk, with bodice of cremona style, trimmed with silk net insertion and silk Valenciennes. She also wore a dainty veil and orange blossoms, and carried a handsome bridal bouquet. Misses Lily Copeland and Ethel Randall were the bridesmaids. They wore cream cloth costumes, with trimmings to match, and hats of white silk, trimmed with shaded mauve flowers. They also carried bouquets of violets, and other choice flowers. Mr. Harry Randall acted as best man, and Mr. Jack Copeland performed the duties of groomsmen. Mr. A. Towsay presided at the organ. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents.

BALHARRY—MACDIARMID.

A wedding of very great interest, was celebrated in St. Andrew's Church, New Plymouth, on Wednesday, July 22nd, when Miss Elsie MacDiarmid, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. K. MacDiarmid (the former manager of the Bank of New South Wales), was married to Mr. Norman Balharry, of New Plymouth, and formerly of Napier. The church was charmingly decorated, the main feature being a beautiful floral bell. The service was fully choral, and, as the bridal party entered the church, the choir sang "How Welcome was the Call" The Rev. S. H. Osborne officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming frock of white chiffon taffetas, handsomely trimmed with embroidered chiffon and medallions. She wore the orthodox veil and orange blossoms, and carried an exquisite shower bouquet of azaleas, snowdrops, and maiden-hair fern. The bridesmaids, Miss Meta MacDiarmid and Miss Phyllis Kemp wore dainty frocks of cream voile, with vest and under-sleeves of cream satin, bottle green velvet bands, outlining kimono bodice, deep band in hem of skirts, white felt hats, trimmed with folds and rosettes of green velvet, and they carried bouquets of spring flowers and mimosa. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Donald MacDiarmid as best man, and Mr. J. C. Nicholson, as groomsmen. As the bridal party was leaving the church Mr. W. Perry, organist, played the "Wedding March." After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. Mrs. MacDiarmid wore a rich brown

chiffon taffetas, trimmed with handsome cream lace, brown and cream feathered toque, and carried a bouquet of pale pink roses; Mrs. Leatham, handsome violet cloth costume, trimmed with bands of scrolled velvet, violet feathered toque; Mrs. C. L. MacDiarmid, a very pretty costume of pale pink, blue and green, narrow striped chiffon taffetas, kimono bodice over white lace blouse, pale blue silk feathered hat, white feather boa; Mrs. A. M. MacDiarmid, rich black tucked chiffon over white glaze, picture hat, with plumes; Mrs. Penn, dark green tweed tailor-made costume, white feathered hat; Mrs. McKellar, black silk, bonnet relieved with pale pink roses; Miss J. McKellar, cream voile costume, kimono bodice, bound with green velvet, tuscany hat, with pale pink roses; Miss Drew, plum-coloured costume, hat relieved with a lighter shade; Mrs. McHardy, violet cloth costume, braided with black silk braid, black feathered hat; Mrs. Douglas, black, hat correspond; Miss Douglas, narrow green and cream striped coat and skirt, hat en suite; Mrs. S. Nolan, black silk taffetas, cream net vest and under-sleeves, cream lace shoulder scarf, pale blue hat; Mrs. Glasgow, rich brown silk taffetas, cream lace vest, brown feathered hat; Mrs. Blundell, pale green striped voile, trimmed with cream lace and insertion, pale blue hat, relieved with pink roses; Miss Webster, cream corded velvet, moss green velvet, hat finished with soft pale green feathers; Mrs. Standish, black silk velvet coat, bonnet with pale pink rosettes; Miss Saxton was much admired in white muslin over glaze, with kimono bodice, outlined with cornflower blue silk, deep silk band in skirt; Mrs. C. Burgess, plum-coloured costume, trimmed with black silk braid, rich velvet hat, finished with feathers; Mrs. Kerr, navy tailor-made coat and skirt, hat with shaded feathers; Mrs. Rey, dark navy coat and skirt, faced with pale blue silk, white felt hat; Miss Penn, moss green Etou costume, faced with cream and pink floral silk, brown hat with purple and brown fringes; Miss Devenish, black silk taffetas, cream lace vest, black feathered hat; Miss Hamerton, rich purple silk taffetas blouse, trimmed with cream lace, black silk skirt, hat to correspond; Mrs. Osborne, black silk, bonnet relieved with violets; Mrs. Kingston, black cloth costume, black and violet toque.

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 Irene M. Alexander, youngest daughter of the late Mr. J. M. Alexander, solicitor, and Mr. Charles Kenneth Germann, youngest son of Mr. E. C. Germann, Ponsonby.

The engagement is announced of Miss E. Staveley, to Mr. Homewood (writes our Wellington correspondent).

The engagement is announced of Miss Vera Tregear, daughter of Mr. E. Tregear, Wellington, to Mr. Robinson (Hlenheim).

The engagement is announced of Mr. Martin Mair (Christchurch), to Miss Frances Waldegrave, of Palmerston North.

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AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee,

July 28.

Of course the excitement of the week has been the

TWO FOOTBALL MATCHES,

and equally, of course, you have already heard the results of them. However, we will have something to talk about soon, and most of us are wondering what we are going to wear at the Government House ball, and also at the Mayor's reception, and at the races, and all the other entertainments which are coming off in Fleet week.

Last week there was a series of farewell

AFTERNOON TEAS,

for Mrs. and Miss Salmon, who have now left on their return trip to South Africa. On Wednesday Mrs. Birch, Balfour-road, Parnell, gave a delightful little

"SONG AND STORY" TEA,

at which Miss Eileen Landon was awarded the prize for composing the prettiest story about "Nancy Lee" and "Tom Bowling," who met "In the Shade of the Palms," etc. Mrs. Birch received her guests in a dainty toilette of palest grey eolienne, finished with some lovely lace, and strapped bands of grey silk; Miss Birch wore a becoming ivory chalice gown inset with lace; Miss Millie Birch looked pretty in a shirring pink mohair skirt and a lace inserted silk blouse to match; Miss E. Birch wore white taffetas voile, with a black ceinture; Miss Salmon, pink and white striped, messaline gown, toned with silk of a deeper shade, pink tulle hat to match; Miss Gillilan, navy chiffon taffetas coat and skirt, with becoming hat and furs; Miss Beale, dark blue cloth costume, with white furs, smart blue and green hat; Miss Morrow, Havannah brown velvet toilette, with dainty periwinkle blue hat; Mrs. Goldie, white cloth, toned with brown velvet, blue picture hat; Miss Devore, Burgundy cloth Etou coat and skirt, white hat wreathed with roses, and white fox furs; Miss Dyer, grey tweed, and brown and green hat with clusters of emu feathers; Miss E. Dyer, long grey coat and skirt, and natterier blue hat. Others present were: Misses Sommerville, Hay (2), Thomas, Young, Landon, McCormick, and Tewesley.

Mrs. W. W. Leatham gave an

AFTERNOON TEA

for Miss Salmon last Thursday. Mrs. Leatham received her guests in the hall, wearing a very pretty pompadour silk in delicate shades of pink and blue. The winners of the competition were Miss MacCormick, Miss Mills and Miss Florence Walker, who received a silver hairpin box, a cut-glass silver puff box, and some Indian lace as prizes. Afterwards we had a delicious afternoon tea served in the dining-room. Amongst the guests were: Mrs. Ruck, black silk with Maltese lace vest; Miss Salmon, effective tomato red eolienne and a small red and brown hat; Miss Horrocks, navy coat and skirt, dainty hat toned with red roses; Miss Walker wore dark green Shantung silk with a Tuscan and green hat; Miss MacCormick, dark blue cloth tailor-made with white and blue hat and white furs; Miss Lindsay, navy serge costume and pretty rose pink hat; Miss Gwen Nathan, pale grey tweed coat and skirt and pretty little brown toque; Miss Lulu Browning, smart oyster cloth costume and brown picture hat; Miss Lella Webster (New Plymouth), white cloth Etou costume with blue facings, blue hat; Miss Saunders, grey tailor-made gown, black toque with white wings; Miss Suarind, pretty pale grey coat and skirt, green hat; Miss Kent, navy coat and skirt, hat trimmed with green; Miss Peacocke, dark green cloth coat and skirt, hat to match; Miss Greig, dark blue Etou costume, smart hat with shaded tangerine ribbon choux; Miss Reid, striped tweed Norfolk costume, pretty rose-wreathed hat; Miss Gillilan, brown striped tweed tailor-made gown, white hat with crown of shaded roses; Miss Audrey Stubbs, navy blue cloth and becoming ajue hat; Miss

Tewesley, rose pink cloth, white hat crowned with pink roses; Mrs. Nicholson, navy coat and skirt and very pretty green hat. Others present were: Misses Kitching, Miss Sommerville, Miss Eve Smith, Miss Mills, Miss Devore, Misses Steele, Misses Dyer, and Miss Beale.

"AT HOME" AT "OAKLANDS."

The weather was most unpropitious for Mrs. Cotter's "At Home" on Thursday afternoon, and although the spacious reception rooms at "Oaklands" were well filled, many guests were prevented by the heavy rain from responding to their hostess' invitation. There was a little respite about 3 o'clock, and those who were courageous enough to face the elements passed a pleasant hour. All thought of outdoor enjoyment was abandoned, but the gas-lighted rooms were very inviting, and in the ballroom the pretty arrangement of yellow daffodils and narcissi, mingling with spring foliage, made a cheerful contrast to the scene outside. Mrs. Parkes contributed two songs with much delicacy and sweetness. A string band played some excellent musical selections during the afternoon. Mrs. Cotter received in an exquisite French gown of heliotrope chiffon taffeta, embellished with white blonde lace; Miss Cotter was charmingly frocked in white and cream silk with touches of heliotrope; Miss Winnie Cotter's opal-tinted green chiffon taffetas frock over a white lace blouse was very effective; Mrs. Black wore a smart black and white check gown, and black and white hat with wings; Miss Latimer was in a becoming white silk; Miss Bristow (Wellington) wore a dainty white Swiss embroidered muslin, and wide pink chine sash; Mrs. A. M. Myers wore a Copenhagen blue cloth tailor-made with blue plumed hat to match, and lovely Alaska fox furs; Mrs. T. C. Williams (Wellington) was attired in a black velvet robe and coat, white and black velvet bonnet; Mrs. Buckland, black ninon, black bonnet, and bear skin furs; Miss Buckland, navy cloth tailor-made and black hat with shaded roses and grasses; Mrs. Finlayson, black chiffon taffetas with touches of white lace and gold tassels, green hat; Lady Lockhart, violet cloth, violet terry hat with pale pink roses, black pointed fox furs; Mrs. O'Rorke, mole grey cloth, large hat with blue silk choux, and natural ostrich feather boa; Mrs. Duncan Clarke, pale green cloth tailor-made, hat ensuite, and fox furs; Mrs. McDowell, electric blue check cloth costume, electric blue hat, and marmot furs; Mrs. Parkes, black ninon, brown fur toque, and lovely stone marten furs; Mrs. C. M. Nelson, black brocade, black toque; Mrs. E. Horton, cream cloth Etou costume, pale blue silk hat with grasses and bear furs; Mrs. G. Bloomfield, violet cloth costume, white satin hat with shaded roses and stone marten furs; Mrs. S. Morrin, black toilette; Mrs. Arthur Nathan, black ninon, black toque, and beautiful stone marten furs; Mrs. Savage, brown cloth coat and skirt, smart topaz satin hat with touches of black velvet, and black and white drooping marabout feathers; Mrs. Coleman, navy Sicilian gown, navy hat with lavender flowers; Mrs. L. Myers, black cloth tailor-made costume, and white and black velvet bonnet; Mrs. Tewesley, olive green silk over cream lace blouse, black hat, and handsome stone marten furs; Mrs. Alfred Nathan, silver grey coat and skirt, hat en suite; Mrs. Kaynor, lovely pale blue silk, spotted fillet lace over Liberty satin, large pale blue plumed hat, and exquisite ermine

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