

A large reception, of young friends, was held in the evening. Meredith's Band played several selections and the dance music. Mrs. Miller, mother of the bride, wore a handsome navy blue silk, richly trimmed with cream lace, a light hat with plumes, and a beautiful ostrich boa; she carried a bouquet of pink roses; Mrs. Green, mother of the bridegroom, wore a lavender grey silk lustre, trimmed with beige velvet and lace, white hat, and carried a bouquet of cream daisies.

SOME NEW ZEALAND WEDDINGS IN ENGLAND.

The wedding of Miss Cicely Gregson and the Rev. Ernest I. Sola, on Thursday last, at St. Alban the Martyr, Westcliff, was attended by a large congregation. The bridegroom has been curate of the church for some time past, but recently resigned the curacy to go out to New Zealand as incumbent of the parish of St. Andrew, Bulls, with St. Thomas, Sandon and Greatford, in the diocese of Wellington. Miss Gregson and the members of her family have also been actively and prominently associated with the local church, her father being treasurer of its funds. The bride is the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gregson, of Bampton House, Pembury-road, West-cliff, whilst Mr. Sola is the son of Mr. John I. Sola, of Valkyrie-road, Westcliff. The ceremony, which was fully choral, was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon of Leicester (the Rev. J. E. Stock), uncle and godfather of the bride, assisted by the Rev. W. G. Barclay, step-brother of the bridegroom; and the Rev. C. H. Rogers, Vicar of St. Alban's.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of white satin, trimmed with silver thread and embroidery. She had a full tulle veil, surmounted by a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of white flowers. The only jewellery she wore was the sapphire and diamond ring, the gift of the bridegroom. There were three bridesmaids, the Misses Barbara and Winifred Gregson, sisters of the bride, and Miss Ella Sola, sister of the bridegroom. They were dressed in pink eolienne dresses, with brown hats trimmed with shaded chrysanthemums. Each carried a shower bouquet of brown chrysanthemums, and wore silver and enamelled pendants, the gift of the bridegroom. A reception was held after the wedding at the residence of the bride's parents, and later the couple left for a honeymoon holiday, spending the period in London. The bride's travelling dress was of brown cloth, coat and skirt, both braided, with brown picture hat and furs. Mr. and Mrs. Sola leave for New Zealand this month.

Holy Trinity, Eastbourne, was the scene, last Saturday, of a smart Anglo-New Zealand wedding, the principals being Miss Ethel Hinemoa Gudgey, second daughter of Mr. Michael Gozby, of Timaru, and Mr. Wm. Gordon Shrook, younger son of the late Mr. Christopher Shrook, J.P., of Darwen, Lancashire. The happy couple were united by the Rev. G. Bassett Kerry, vicar of Holy Trinity.

Concert in a Gaol.

Mme. Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rumford visited the chapel at Brixton Gaol one Sunday afternoon recently and sang for more than an hour to the prisoners, between 600 and 700 of whom were present.

Mme. Clara Butt sang "The Promise of Life" and "Abide with Me." Mr. Kennerley Rumford's numbers being "There is a Green Hill Far Away" and "Nazareth" while together they sang the duet, "Night Hymn at Sea."

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ENGAGEMENTS.

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Tidiness—What it Is and Isn't.

Tidiness has a very prosaic and humdrum sound, says one who nevertheless insists upon its practice. It is no doubt a virtue, but not exactly an attractive one. Most of associate it with rooms that are too neat to be lived in, gardens where the regularity is monotonous, and dress that is severely regular and exactly corresponds on each side. That sort of thing is the mere letter of tidiness; the spirit thereof is harmony.

The true tidiness consists in having everything at hand when and where it is wanted, plenty of paper and envelopes of all sorts and sizes in bureaux, and writing tables, clean and sufficient ink, and decent pens and blotting paper, and handy little accessories, such as pencils, sealing wax, and string in their right places, where everybody knows where to find them. It is obviously of the first necessity that these items should never be removed from their places or that they should be returned to them as speedily as possible if taken away.

The naturally tidy person is born, not made, but habit goes a long way, and the endeavour to inculcate habits of neatness, first in the nursery, and then in the house, generally adds a great deal of comfort to those who live in it.

If juvenile hats and caps and coats are thrown about promiscuously, the chances are that they are not forthcoming when wanted, and if toys are not returned when done with to the appointed receptacles for them, they run the risk of being confiscated and consigned to the dust bin by someone whose duty it is to keep the house clean and habitable.

Society Gossip.

AUCKLAND.

Dear Bee,
HERR AND MADAME WIEJAERT

gave a most successful pupils' concert last Thursday evening in St. Andrew's Hall to a large and appreciative audience. A charming programme had been arranged, and the performers showed to great advantage, and reflected much credit on their teachers. Madame Wieleaert wore a graceful gown of white, veiled in lace, with pale blue and heliotrope ribbon medallions; Mrs. Sharland was gowned in black, softened with lace, and a cluster of red carnations on corsage; Mrs. W. Sharland, pretty pale grey gown, embroidered with mauve; Mrs. Culling wore black nixon de soie over taffeta, relieved with white long biscuit coloured opera coat; Mrs. R. Walker, lovely pale grey satin, with white lace guimpe outlined with pale pink and silver; Miss Walker was daintily frocked in white, long pink opera coat; Mrs. W. Leatham wore a charming gown of cream lace and net, red coat; Miss Dagmar Gillfillan was in black figured net over silk, tucker of black lace; Miss Una Saunders was becomingly gowned in white, profusely trimmed with Valenciennes lace and insertion; Mrs. Pavitt, graceful black velvet empire gown, with berthe of real lace; Miss Pavitt wore a beautifully embroidered white pina; Mrs. Ruck, handsome black silk, relieved with lace; Miss Norah Kissling wore white, with pretty white net blouse; Miss May Kissling was daintily frocked in white, with white lace guimpe, and touches of pale blue; Mrs. John Dawson, black taffeta, with V-shaped vest of cream lace; Mrs. Cooke was wearing black, relieved with white; Miss Cooke, pretty white inserted muslin, with cluster of pink roses; Miss C. Cooke, charming white muslin gown, threaded with pale blue ribbon; Mrs. Roach, black, with yoke of violet silk veiled in black lace; Mrs. John Reed wore black crepe de chine, with V-shaped yoke of cream lace; Mrs. Pabst was gowned in black chiffon taffeta, with white lace guimpe; Miss Dawson, white, with long pink coat; Mrs. Fraser was gowned in black taffeta, relieved with white; Mrs. Kinder wore a navy taffeta frock, with yoke of cream lace; Mrs. Percy Watson, white cloth skirt, with dainty white lace blouse; Mrs. Herz, pink floral silk, with pink coat; Mrs. Snell, Mrs. Briffault, Miss Brown, Miss Pearl Gorrie, Miss Nathan, Miss Cooper, Misses Lusk, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Beale, Misses Keesing, Mrs. Payton.

Mrs. Pavitt gave a very pleasant little AFTERNOON TEA

on Thursday. There was a profusion of flowers everywhere, the loveliest carnation shaded pink to deep red in the drawing room, and white and very pale shades on the table. A most delicious tea was provided, and during the afternoon two or three of the guests sang for us, and altogether we spent a most delightful afternoon. Mrs. Pavitt received in a becoming gown of black chiffon velours, with collar and vest of rose point lace; Miss Pavitt was daintily frocked in a white embroidered pink with white folded silk centre; Mrs. Hector Pearce, graceful gown of lavender cloth with white Russian scarf of lavender silk, pretty violet hat; Mrs. Friend, grey summer tweed costume, small blue toque; Mrs. H. Wilson, cream cloth tailor-made, heavily braided, pretty brown and green hat; Mrs. R. Isaac, Tuscan linen coat and skirt, faced with pale blue, large white plumed hat; Mrs. Stubbs wore a beautifully fitting grey striped coat and skirt, Tuscan hat with black, and large pink rose; Miss Stubbs, dainty white gown, with brown hat crowned with blue flowers; Mrs. Drummond Ferguson, white embroidered muslin with chine silk sash, and large blue flower wreathed hat; Mrs. J. A. Tole, grey tailor made costume faced with black, becoming black and white hat;

Miss Ray Tole wore a very pretty white embroidered muslin empire frock, large white hat with touches of black; Miss Gill was charmingly gowned in a dove grey marquisette, with white lace yoke outlined with pale pink, black picture hat; Miss Kissling, pale biscuit coloured cloth coat and skirt, white lace vest and pretty green hat; Miss May Kissling wore a pretty pale blue and white striped mous-selline frock, inset with white lace, pale blue and white hat to match; Miss Hargreaves (Christchurch) was gracefully gowned in a white poppy bordered muslin, brown flower wreathed hat; Mrs. Devore, handsome gown of black taffeta, black silk and lace coat, black and white bonnet; Miss Devore, cream Etou costume, with cream hat crowned with flowers; Mrs. D. Tole, grey and white striped nixon with white lace guimpe, black and white toque; Mrs. Pabst was becomingly gowned in black taffeta with V-shaped yoke of white lace, Tuscan hat; Mrs. Pavitt wore a cream chiffon voile with cream lace and insertion, becoming hat to match.

SILVER WEDDING.

In commemoration of their silver wedding, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ralph entertained about a hundred and twenty friends at their residence, "Tai-Taha," Ponsonby, Auckland, on 8th December. In addition to warm congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph were also the recipients of numerous telegrams and handsome gifts. Tea and strawberries were served in the dining-room and on the spacious verandahs. A massive wedding cake graced the centre of the table, and a very large silver rose bowl, the present of the daughters of the house, was filled with white lilies. Burke's Band was stationed on the staircase, and played excellent selections. During the afternoon, a delightful programme of music was contributed by Mrs. Ralph and her gifted daughters. The first part was a duet on three pianos by the six Misses Ralph. Afterwards Miss Alda Ralph sang most beautifully, and the last item was an intermezzo by Mrs. Ralph (harp), Miss Ralph (violin), Miss Margaret Ralph (violin), Miss Rosie Ralph (piano), Miss Kitty Ralph (organ), and Miss Alda Ralph (cello). The hostess received in a pretty heliotrope silk dress with lace, and silver braid and touches of black velvet. Miss Ralph wore dainty blue floral muslin with a blue border. The other daughters were all charmingly frocked in lovely white dresses. Among the guests were:— Mrs. A. Myers, blue costume, black picture hat; Mrs. E. Raime, pink pastel cloth costume, Merry Widow black hat with plumes; Mrs. Devore, black silk, heliotrope chiffon fluted-in, black bonnet; Mrs. Shanau, striking black and white costume; Mrs. R. Stewart, brown costume; Mrs. Alison, lovely floral silk, black hat; Mrs. Ballin, pink cloth costume, floral hat; Mrs.

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