

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 **Melvina Price**, youngest daughter of Mr. William Price, Rowallan, Mount Eden, to Mr. Vincent William Lorigan, son of the late Mr. B. Lorigan, of Christchurch.

The engagement is announced of Miss **Helen Anderson**, eldest daughter of Mr. James Anderson, Kaitoke, Wanganui, to Mr. George Marshall, of Turakina.

The engagement is announced of Miss **Kirton**, daughter of Mr. G. Kirton, "Te Mars," Feilding, to Mr. Edwin Johnson, of England.

Lady Dorothy Onslow, the younger daughter of Lord Onslow, once Governor of New Zealand, has become engaged to the Hon. Edward Wood, son of Lord Halifax.

An engagement of interest is that of Miss **F. Wolters**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wolters, of Carterton, to Mr. B. Trapp, of Carterton, and formerly of Wellington.

The engagement is announced of Miss **Maude Williams**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Williams, of Auckland, to Mr. Oscar Berge, of Waipiro, and late of England.

The engagement is announced of Mr. **Latter**, of Barry's Bay, to Miss **Stewart**, of Wellington.

Orange Blossoms.

PICKERING—WEBBER.

At St. John's Church, Dannevirke, on Tuesday last week, Miss **Edith Webber**, eldest daughter of Mr. A. Webber, was married to Mr. Albert E. T. Pickering, son of Mr. Pickering, Bank of New Zealand, Woodville. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. E. Robertson, B.A. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a cream cloth costume, with picture hat, and was attended by her sister, Cora, as bridesmaid, who wore a dress of pink silk muslin, with a pale blue hat. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. E. Richardson, of Wellington, as best man.

During the afternoon the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents, and in the evening the happy pair left for Palmerston North, en route to Wellington and the South Island, where the honeymoon will be spent. Mr. and Mrs. Pickering were the recipients of an especially large number of presents. Mr. Pickering, who has just received notice of his transfer from the staff of the local branch of the Bank of New Zealand to the 'Thames,' was on Monday presented by the staff of the bank with a silver entree dish. The presentation was made by Mr. Horne.

IRVINE—BOYLE.

St. Patrick's Church, Napier, was the scene of a pretty wedding on August 24, when Miss **Bella Boyle** was married to Mr. Edward John Irvine. The ceremony, performed by the Rev. Father Johnstone, was witnessed by a large number of friends. The bride, who was given away by her brother, looked winsome in a Princess robe of silk taffeta, trimmed with old lace, over which fell a beautiful veil from a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a lovely bouquet of maiden-hair fern, also an ivory-bound prayer-book, the gift of the bridegroom. Misses Pearl and Nancy Boyle, sisters of the bride, were in attendance as bridesmaids.

SECCOMBE—ALLEN.

A very pretty wedding took place on August 25 at the residence of the bride's parents, Bridge-street, Te Aroha, when Miss **Lucy Allen**, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen, was married to Mr. Raymond B. Seccombe, fourth son of the Rev. J. and Mrs. Seccombe, of Melbourne. The Rev. A. J. Reed was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, was tastefully attired in a trained gown of cream silk, trimmed with silk insertion and lace. Her tulle veil was arranged over a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of snowdrops and freesias. She also wore a pearl and amethyst pendant, the gift of the bride-

groom. The two bridesmaids were Miss **Ada Stanley** and Miss **Dorothy Kirly** (niece of the bride). Mr. G. B. Dent acted as best man and Mr. L. Allen as groomsmen.

HARDING—SIERE.

A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized at All Saints' Church, Palmerston North, on August 18, when Miss **Adeline Siere**, daughter of Mr. J. Siere, Palmerston, was married to Mr. Roy Harding. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a very becoming gown of white taffetas, made with the new swathed skirt, a silk girdle with fringe ends. The bodice was prettily trimmed with lace, and a long tulle veil worn over a wreath of orange blossom completed a very pretty costume. The two bridesmaids were Miss **Daisy Siere**, sister of the bride, and Miss **Dorothy Harding**, sister of the bridegroom. The former wore a lovely gown of coral pink nylon, made en princesse, with deep yoke of lovely lace and large black hat, while the latter's frock was a pretty white muslin, and they both carried pretty bouquets of white narcissus and snowdrops. The bride's travelling dress was a becoming costume of brown striped tweed, with revers and high collar of brown check material, and fashionable bee-hive hat of cream chip straw, with large cluster of roses. Mrs. Siere, mother of the bride, wore a handsome black silk gown, relieved with white; Mrs. Harding, smart costume of green silk, with floral hat; Mrs. Smith, sister of the bride, becoming navy blue costume, black hat with white marabout trimming; Mrs. Cole, white coat and skirt, with brown. The best man was Mr. Lionel Harding, and Mr. Guy Harding was groomsmen.

TODD—BARTON.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. John's Anglican Church, Wanganui, on August 25, when Mr. John David **Todd**, of Waipukurau, and third son of Mr. W. Todd, of Aramohe, was married to Miss **Katie Edith Orima Barton**, eldest daughter of Mr. C. A. Barton, Wanganui. The Rev. J. A. Jacob, M.A., was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, was beautifully attired in an Empire gown of soft ivory duchesse satin, with corsage of swathed folds of tulle, edged with finest blonde lace worn over a transparent yoke, and finished on the left side with a spray of silk roses, interspersed with touches of silver and tassels, the trained skirt with hand-stitched hem being trailed with sprays of silk roses. She also wore an embroidered silk Brussels net veil with the orthodox orange blossoms. The bride was attended by the Misses **Beattie and Jessie Todd**, sisters of the bridegroom, and little Misses **Jessie Allison** and **Ola Paterson**. Mr. J. Wilson was best man and Mr. J. Morton groomsmen.

GOLDSMITH—CLARE.

The marriage of Miss **Maud Clare**, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Clare, of Waitara, to Mr. Charles Goldsmith, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldsmith, of Napier, was solemnized in St. John's Church, Waitara, on August 18, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. J. B. Brocklehurst. The bride was prettily attired in a cream silk dress, trimmed with silk insertion and tucks net, Empire style, and she wore a veil with orange blossoms, and also carried a shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss **Pepperill** and Miss **Nellie Aros**, nieces of the bride. Mr. Frank **Clare** officiated as best man and Mr. S. George as groomsmen. The bride's travelling dress was a tailor-made navy blue costume, and she wore a white felt hat trimmed with brown glace silk and ostrich feathers.

STONE—HAYES.

A wedding which caused considerable interest in Hamilton was that of Mr. **Harold Selwyn Stone**, second son of Mr. G. Stone, of Hamilton, and Miss **Amy Jubilee Hayes**, eldest daughter of Mr. William Hayes, of Hamilton East. The ceremony took place at St. Peter's Church, and Rev. E. M. Cowie officiated. The bridesmaids were Misses **Sylvia Lena Stone** and **Sylvia May Stone**, sister and niece respectively of the bridegroom; Mr. **Mervyn Hayes**, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The bride was prettily gowned in white taffeta silk; she wore a pretty wreath and veil, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet, while the bridesmaids looked dainty in dresses of cream taffeta voile with daffodil silk trimmings, and white silk hats.

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AUCKLAND.

August 30.

The Rowing Club Ball.

THE St. George's Rowing Club dances have always been considered among the most attractive and enjoyable engagements of the season, and this year proved no exception to the rule, when the new Portman Rooms were engaged for the occasion on the 28th. The decorations were striking, and a novel effect was introduced by the aikau palms being interlaced round the pilars to branch out in all their glory at the top. Pictures of winning crews, with their trophies, and designs in oars, were disposed about the room and on the walls, while festoons of Chinese lanterns enhanced the gaiety of the scene. Sumptuous sitting-out rooms were provided behind crimson curtains, with cushioned rattan seats for cosy tete-a-tetes, and a drawing-room upstairs was also much in demand. Burke's orchestra of seven performers furnished the music, which was most enjoyable. The tables were decorated in St. George's colours—red and white—whilst a miniature crew of oarsmen composed of chocolate and frosting formed a centrepiece. An able committee, with Mr. Nelson Mitchell as secretary, and Messrs. Steele, Elliott, and Beach, as M.C.'s, were responsible for the success of the function, which was attended by about 300 dancers. Amongst such a large number it was impossible to pick out the costumes of all, but the following were noticeable:—Mrs. Devore, black brocade, with rich guipure lace; Mrs. Thos. Russell, cream silk, with blonde lace; Mrs. A. W. Chabfield, sage-green soft satin; Mrs. M. J. Steele, rich black satin, with sleeves of cream tuck net, and handsome Japanese wrap; Mrs. Henry Wilson, black velvet and Maltese lace berthe; Mrs. Culpan, black lace over silk, lovely spray of natural violets; Mrs. Reynolds, bronze spangled net over heliotrope satin; Miss Mitchell, cream chiffon taffeta; Miss Kate Devore, cream Limerick lace over silk, with cluster of geranium in corsage and scarlet bandeau

in coiffure; Miss **Bianche Devore** also wore cream Limerick lace, with emerald-green choux on corsage and in coiffure; Miss **Endean**, pretty flowered chiffon in pastel shades; Miss **Steele**, pale blue satin charmeuse; Miss **Pitt**, an exquisite conception in cameo pink, with bands and bolero effect of galon insertion and rich cord girdle; Miss **Morrow**, heliotrope souple satin, en Princesse, with handsome silver motif; Miss **Beale**, heliotrope chiffon; her sister wore soft blue mousseline de soie over glace silk; Miss **D. Metcalfe** wore a lovely vieux rose sunray satin Princess gown, with ruby sequins on square fllet net yoke; her sister, Miss **Phyllis**, looked sweet in white Liberty satin, with silver-trimmed chiffon tunic; Miss **Squirrel**, white Oriental satin with natural violets; Miss **Culpan**, ivory souple satin; Miss **Bennett**, shrimp-pink Directoire gown, with tuckd panel and embroidered bands; Miss **M. Bennett**, white Oriental satin and effective lace drapery; Miss **Elliott**, white organdie with Valenciennes, the skirt a polonaise effect in vandykes; Miss **L. Nelson**, pale blue chiffon; Miss **Perrin**, pretty hand-painted white muslin; Miss **Douglas**, white tambour lace; Miss **Nellie Douglas**, forget-me-not-blue silk, veiled in white lace; Miss **Rita Moritzson**, white chiffon taffeta, with bands of silver fllet insertion, blue bandeau in hair; Miss **Carlaw**, pale pink chiffon taffeta; Miss **Deckett**, pale pink silk; Miss **Rene Moore**, mignonette-green souple satin, en Princesse, with lace panel, and ivy leaves in coiffure; Miss **Jean Moore** wore her debutante's dress, a sweetly pretty gown of silver net, with tiny rosebuds quaintly arranged; Miss **Mathias**, cream coupe de chine and pale pink roses; Miss **K. Mathias**, lettuce-green mousseline de soie with gold; Miss **Kenderdine**, very pretty white soft satin; Miss **Buchanan**, soft white silk, shirred sleeves; Miss **Grace Robinson**, pretty girlish white muslin with red shoes; Miss **Dickenson**, spangle net over white silk; Miss **M. Mundy**, pale pink silk; Miss **Desapp**, daintily tuckd white silk Empire gown, gold tulle and violets in hair; Miss **Macklow**, cream tambour lace over delicate pink; Miss