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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Jessie Morton, second daughter of Captain Morton, of Te Teko, Bay of Plenty, to Mr Rupert J. Stevenson, of North Shore, Auckland.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

SMITH—GRIBBLE.

A very pretty wedding took place at Trinity Wesleyan Church, Kingsland, on Wednesday, August 22, when Miss Martha M. Gribble was united in holy matrimony to Mr F. A. Smith, son of Mr Thomas S. Smith, of Waituku. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. Griffith, brother-in-law of the bride, assisted by Rev. W. Beckett, resident minister. The bride looked very pretty attired in cream silk artistically trimmed with lace and orange blossoms, lovers' knots, with wreath and veil. She carried a shower bouquet, and was attended by three bridesmaids. Miss Mabel Gribble, sister of the bride, was in cream silk trimmed with lace and turquoise blue, and hat to match. The young nieces of the bride, the Misses Gladys Griffith and Ruby Hirst, were dressed very prettily in cream and pink silk, with picture hats, and carried floral baskets. The bridesmaids wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by Mr F. W. Stone as best man, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr James Gribble, of Waituku. A floral archway with bridal bell added effectiveness to the scene. After the ceremony, Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was played by Mr Flatt, the organist of the church. The bridal party were photographed at Glenmore Studio, and afterwards joined the wedding guests for afternoon tea at the residence of the bride's mother, Bolteno House, Kingsland Road. The presents were handsome and numerous.

JOYACE—GATHERCOLE.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Warkworth, the other day, when Miss A. Gathercole, daughter of Mr Thomas Gathercole, was married to Mr A. Joyace of Waitara. The bride looked charming in a dress of nun's veiling and cream lace, and wore a wreath of orange blossoms. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss A. Woodcock and Miss Clara Gathercole, both of whom wore pretty costumes. In the evening a dance and social gathering took place, and was much enjoyed, the pleasure of the bride being enthusiastically drunk.

SALMON—BRADBURY.

A remarkably pretty wedding, and one which created much interest, was solemnised in the Alexandra-street Primitive Methodist Church on Wednesday, August 29th, the contracting parties being Miss C. Lilian Bradbury and Mr Percival A. Salmon. The wedding was full of cheerfulness. The church had been beautifully decorated with autumn lilies and ferns by girl friends of the bride, and as the bridal party passed under the archway, from which was suspended a bridal bell, "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden" was sung by the choir. The bride, who was given away by the Rev. Bolter, looked exceedingly pretty in a rich ivory satin silk, deftly trimmed on the bodice with old lace, chiffon and satin ribbons. The trained skirt was flounced with deep family lace, relieved with bows of satin ribbon. The orthodox wreath and veil and lovely shower bouquet of choice white flowers and trails of maidenhair fern completed this charming toilette.

The bride's three attendants, Miss F. Blakeley, Miss Salmon and Miss E. Salmon, were tastefully attired in white sprig muslins trimmed with lace and silk. The collars and yokes were of sea-green silk, covered with fine lace, sea-green sashes knotted at the

sides, and deep-floated skirts edged with lace. Each wore a veil caught back with a small spray of violets, and carried shower bouquets of violets and asparagus fern, with sea-green and violet streamers. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Edward Hicks as best man, and Mr A. E. Thode and L. Bailey as groomsmen.

The Rev. W. Potter performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Laycock, while Mr. A. Trenwith officiated at the organ. The bridal party left the church to the strains of the "Wedding March" amid a perfect shower of rice, and drove to the residence of the bridegroom's parents, Symonds-street. Mrs. R. Salmon entertained over a hundred guests at afternoon tea in a large marquee erected in the grounds adjoining the house. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent inspecting the numerous and costly wedding presents, after which the happy pair drove away with the best wishes and congratulations of their numerous friends.

The bride's "going-away" dress was a slate Amazon cloth, trimmed with narrow black velvet ribbon and cream lace, black chip-straw hat with black tips and cream ribbon. The bridegroom presented the bridesmaids with gold bar brooches set with turquoise and pearls, rubies and pearls, and sapphires and pearls respectively.

Mrs. Bradbury, mother of the bride, wore a black figured lustre, relieved with black lace over white silk, black bonnet trimmed with white roses and autumn leaves, white chiffon boa. Mrs. R. Salmon, mother of the bridegroom, was attired in a handsome black broadcated silk, trimmed with jet passementerie and silk fringe, chiffon boa; black chiffon hat, with pink roses and black feathers.

The presents were: Mrs. Bradbury, dress ring; Mr. and Mrs. R. Salmon, bedroom suite, toilet set, oak-framed picture, satin cushion, drawing-room chair, set dinner mats; bridegroom's present to his bride, ladies' dressing case; Mr. and Mrs. T. Salmon, double set cutlery; Mr. and Mrs. J. Salmon, silver butter knife and jam spoon; Mr. D. Goldie, cheque; the employees of R. Salmon & Co., book case; Miss McLarnon, silver breakfast cruet; Mrs. H. Somerville, silver bread fork; Mr. R. B. Ward (Christchurch), silver butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. A. Neal, silver fish slice and fork; Mr. L. Bailey, silver butter dish; Mr. G. Dickenson, silver butter knife; Mr. Kent, silver teapot; Mr. Howden, epergne; Mr. D. Salmon, set salt cellars; Mr. C. Moon, oak tray; Mrs. and Miss Finch, pair silver butter knives, plush mounted photo frame; Mr. J. P. Ward, silver cut-glass pickle jar; Miss Plummer, framed oil painting; Rev. W. Potter, hand-painted glass panel; Miss Evers, afternoon tea set; Miss Stevenson, pair Japanese cups and saucers; Mr. B. Blakey, cheese dish; Mr. G. Hutchinson, silver butter knife and toast fork; Miss M. Holloway, Japanese teapot; Misses Saunders, pair vases; Mrs. S. T. Clarke, "Tonyson's" poem; Mrs. J. Abbottson, hot water jug and lettuce bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Jaffrey, pair cutlery; Miss F. Blakeley, tea service; Mr. H. Moon, cut glass photo frame; Mrs. and Miss E. Blakeley, teapot and cosy; Miss E. Salmon, bread knife and trencher, plush cushion; Mrs. Ferguson, half-dozen fruit plates; Mrs. and Misses Elyett, fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. Evans, set fruit dishes; Miss Shailer, fruit dish; Mrs. and Misses Chitham, pair vases; Mr. and Mrs. Moylan, set jugs; Rev. and Mrs. R. Bolter, trinket cabinet; Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, silver jam spoons and sugar tongs; Mr. and Mrs. Canham, silver jam dish; Misses Simpson, fern stand; Mr. Plummer, silver butter dish; Miss S. Hicks, oak tray; Mrs. Kerr, pair vases; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shackelford, pair vases; Mrs. S. C. Hictor, silver egg cruet; Miss Becroft, butter-cooler; girl friends of bride, silver-mounted biscuit barrel; Miss Kerr, epergne; Mr. Hicks, silver jam dish; Miss Cutler, photo frame; Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, silver sugar basin; Mr. and Mrs. Langdale, pair vases; Mr. A. E. Thode, tortoise-shell brush; Miss Hyett, silver jam dish; Mr. and Mrs. T. White, silver-mounted oak butter cooler; Misses Kayner, pair fruit bowls; Mrs. and Misses Matthews, tray cloth and vase; Master and Miss Joughin, silver dinner cruet; Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherson, afternoon tea set; Mrs. Brooks pair vases; Miss Hicks, scone doyley; Miss Moon, sideboard cloth; Mrs. S. White, cut glass fruit dish and plates; Mrs. Hume, wicker flower stand; Miss Bradbury, two pair serviette rings; Misses Jaffrey, water jug and tumblers; Mr. and Mrs. Colledge, Japanese table; Miss Ward (Christchurch), tray cloth; Miss Lendrum, pair fern stands; Mrs. and Miss Jenkins, silver-mounted conserve

cases; Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, pair vases; Miss Ward, gulpure and satin cushion; Miss M. Brooks, tray cloth; Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bolter, bamboo fern stand; Mr. F. and Miss Becroft, pair picture frames; Misses P. and E. Moon, pair hand-painted panels; Miss Salmon, massive marble top, brass flower stand; Misses Mewburn, handsome vase; Mr. and Mrs. A. Trenwith, epergne; Mrs. and Miss Lockie, hand-painted plaque; Mr. and Mrs. W. Buchanan, wicker table; Mr. H. Pinson, epergne; Mrs. Edgecumbe (Te Awamutu), metal ink stand; Mr. Wilson, pair plush-mounted horns; Mrs. Ward, set toilet mats; Mr. Miles, pair oil paintings; Mr. H. P. Smith, pair drawing-room chairs; Mr. S. T. Clarke, oak pen and ink stand; Mr. and Miss Clarke, pair oak-framed pictures; Miss Esther Salmon, footstool; Miss Mabel Salmon, hand-worked slippers; Mr. P. Salmon, pair vases; Mrs. Yearbury, handsome framed oil painting; Mrs. Watts, pair pillow shams and scone doyley; Miss Becroft, pair table centres; Miss D. Holloway, night dress case; Mr. C. Holloway, Japanese paper rack; Miss Brooks, set toilet mats; Miss M. Becroft, pair Mount Mellick pillow shams; Miss A. R. Cato, salad bowl; etc., etc.

MOORE—SEYMOUR.

A very pretty wedding took place at Te Kopuru, Northern Wairoa, on Tuesday, August 28th, the contracting parties being Mr Geo. W. Moore, second son of Mr Curtis Moore (formerly of Thames), and Miss Mary A. E. Seymour, eldest daughter of Captain Joseph Seymour. The wedding ceremony took place in the Te Kopuru Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. Father Smeirs officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a handsome trained dress of ivory white broadcated silk, the bodice trimmed with silk fringe, chiffon and orange blossoms, and embroidered tulle veil. Mr Arthur Hewson, of Auckland, acted as best man, being assisted by George and Joseph Seymour, jun., and H. J. Kirkham (brothers and cousin of the bride). The bridesmaids were Miss Carlie Seymour (sister of the bride), cream silk trimmed with pretty lace to match; Miss Katie Moore (sister of the bridegroom), cream figured lustre trimmed with silk lace; Miss Emily Kirkham, of Auckland (cousin of the bride), heliotrope corded silk trimmed with white silk lace and relieved with violet velvet lovers' knots; Miss McCabe, heliotrope cashmere trimmed with violet velvet, white chiffon, and silk lace. Each bridesmaid wore a lovely white picture hat, trimmed with chiffon and ostrich feathers, and a pretty initial gold brooch set with pearls (gift of the bridegroom). Mrs. C. Seymour (mother of the bride) looked charming in drab trimmed with white corded silk and bonnet to match. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers, and was crowded with friends and well-wishers. Mrs. Williams played the "Wedding March" on the happy couple leaving the church amidst a shower of rice. The wedding party were then driven to the residence of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of and the usual toasts proposed and responded to. In the evening about seventy couples assembled at the Te Kopuru Hall, where a most enjoyable time was spent, dancing being kept up till an early hour. The wedding gifts were numerous and valuable. The happy couple left for Auckland to spend their honeymoon.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.

Owing to the number of Catholics residing in the Ponsonby district Bishop Luck thought it advisable in 1885 to create there a new and distinct parish from that of St. Patrick's. This eventuated in April, 1885, by the appointment of the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., to the charge of the newly-founded district (ecclesiastical). The convent chapel of St. Mary's was used for the parochial services until such time as a new church should be erected in a more central position. This was erected on the Ponsonby Road, at the corner of O'Neill-street, by the Rev. Father Lenihan (now Bishop), who succeeded the Very Rev. Dr. Egan in the year 1887, and was entitled the Church of the Sacred Heart. Mainly through his energy the church was largely released from debt and beautified in the interior, and the choir

attached to the same was conspicuous for its excellent music. In the year 1891 the Rev. Father Lenihan was transferred to Parnell, and succeeded by the Rev. Father Gillan, who was instrumental in the building of the adjoining parish school. The course of events has, after fifteen years, brought back the Rev. Dr. Egan to the charge of Ponsonby. The choir master is Mr. Bosworth, a well-known musician.

"REFLECTIONS."

In our issue of last week the fine full-page picture entitled "Reflections," was erroneously credited to the Sarnoy Studio. The photograph was the work of Mr Chas. Hemus, whose pictures and portrait studies are well-known to readers of the "Graphic." We apologise to Mr Hemus for the error.

EXPERIENCE OF TENT LIFE.

Letters from our soldiers in the Transvaal tell of terrible nights passed in the pouring rain on the veldt without tent or covering, and the number of soldiers already invalided home shows the grave results of this exposure.

That the practice of camping out even when covered by a tent is open to objection is proved by an Orlig Station bushman, Mr Christian Larsen. In giving his experience of tent life, he says:—"A number of us were employed scrub cutting at Maraekakaho, Hawke's Bay, and had to sleep in a camp. During the winter it was very



cold and wet, and I suffered severely from shortness of breath, pains round my heart and across my chest. My blood became impoverished, I lost my appetite, general debility set in, and my chest trouble threatened bronchitis. Just then I received a pamphlet by post concerning Dr. Williams' pink pills. I sent for a supply, and after a few doses felt a little relief. Gradually the shortness of breath and pains round my heart left me, my chest became easier, and I was able to do heavy work without bringing on a fit of coughing. Several boxes restored me to perfect health, and I have had no return of my ailments for over ten months. My fellow workers were all astonished to see me hard at work again."

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