

seldom been seen in this colony, and that a Cinderella pantomime is in rehearsal, over which children are already wild with excitement. There are to be 100 children in the production.

Seldom has a larger or more enthusiastic audience filled the Choral Hall than that which gathered on Friday last to hear the concert given by the Auckland Liedertafel. The part songs by the 39 singers present were received with every demonstration of approval, and the whole affair was a most unequivocal success. A feature in the performance was "The Soldiers' Chorus," with full band accompaniment, and the very beautiful "Voice of the Torrent." But all the items were enjoyable.

The "Thirty Thieves" has worked its way into public favour on the other side, chiefly through the merit of some of its principals and the manner of its production. The Princess's, Melbourne, has no reason to complain of the want of patronage. New songs, with topical allusions, have been introduced—there was a time when Mr Musgrove scorned the idea of tickling the ears of the groundlings in this way—and the brightness of the performance disarms criticism. Mr Edward Lauri is a comedian of indefatigable agility, and Mr Piddock increases the appreciation with which he has been received. Miss Josephine Stanton, Miss May Beatty, Mr Foster Courtenay, and others contribute also to the general result.

The enterprise of Mr Slapoffski (here with the Musgrove Opera Co.) in presenting Tchaikowsky's "Symphonie Pathétique" to the Sydney public, has not failed to elicit the support of that section of the public which is capable of appreciating the highest efforts of musical genius. The Town Hall on Saturday afternoon was filled by a large and representative audience, who listened to this marvellous production of the Russian composer. The novelty and originality of the movements, even on a single hearing, create a profound impression, and the force of feeling displayed cannot fail to strike responsive chords. Mr Slapoffski has made the musical public his debtor, and there should be no question about the encouragement which should induce him to continue the undertaking he has commenced. Madame Slapoffski's beautiful voice, so often appreciated during the Musgrove opera season last year, was heard to advantage in the selection from Berlioz's "Damnation of Faust." Mr Slapoffski has arranged to repeat the concert at an early date.

It is said that Mascagni has been greatly disappointed because the post of director to the Accademia di Santa Cecilia, at Rome, left vacant by the death of Marchetti, for which he was a candidate, has been bestowed upon Falcini, the composer of an opera entitled "Il Trillo del Diavolo." Meanwhile Mascagni's position as a director of the Conservatory at Pesaro seems to be somewhat uncertain. At the last meeting of the Pesaro Town Council serious complaints were made of his behaviour. He receives a stipend of £450, for which, it is alleged, he makes a very poor return. He leaves the Conservatory to look after itself for ten months out of twelve, and only goes to Pesaro for the bathing season, which happens to be holiday time at the Conservatory.

The attendance at the farewell concert of Miss Amy Castles at the Melbourne Exhibition Building is quoted at 18,000 people, and the receipts at popular prices amounted to £1222—in both cases a record for Australia.

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**ENGAGEMENTS.**

The marriage between Miss M. Gillilan and Mr S. Cave has been arranged to take place early in July.

The engagement is announced of Miss Olga von Sturmer, youngest daughter of Mr S. W. von Sturmer, of Auckland, to Mr P. R. Kenderdine, of Auckland.

The engagement is announced of Miss Annie Cornford, only daughter of Mr H. A. Cornford, solicitor, of Cameron Road, Napier, to Mr Roadie, also of Napier. Mr Roadie has been acting as locum tenens for Mr W. Frosi, dentist, during the absence of the latter in America.

**ORANGE BLOSSOMS**

Our London correspondent writes: Miss Esie Bell's marriage to Mr. Mavrogordato takes place on July 2.

**CHRISTIAN—GUTTBERLETT.**

A quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Peter's Church, Wellington, last week, between Miss G. Guttberrlett, of Brunnerton (West Coast), and Lieutenant Christian, who has just returned to the colony from South Africa. The bride, who was given away by Mr Edward Wilson, the bridegroom's uncle, was attended by two maids, Misses Bland and McComish. The bridegroom presented the bride with a gold watch and chain, and to the bridesmaids he gave gold brooches. Mr H. McComish was best man. Lieutenant Christian was on active service throughout the war, first with the Natal Light Infantry, and laterly with the Johannesburg Mounted Rifles. Mr and Mrs Christian are leaving very shortly for South Africa, where they intend to settle.

**RANISH—YUILE.**

The marriage of Mr E. H. Ranish and Miss Beatrice Yuile, only daughter of Mr E. T. Yuile, Austin-street, was solemnized on Wednesday last at St. Mark's, Sussex Square, Wellington. The bride, who was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Gard, Shortt, Early, and Devlin, wore a handsome dress of white satin trimmed with lace and chiffon and sprays of orange blossom. Mr P. J. G. Frazier was best man. After the ceremony Mr and Mrs Ranish left for Wanganui, where the honeymoon will be spent.

**ACLAND—ST. HILL.**

A pretty New Zealand wedding took place on May 14, at the parish church, Rugby, when Miss Mary Eveline St. Hill, elder daughter of the Rev. Canon St. Hill, of Hawke's Bay, was mar-

ried by her father, assisted by the Rector of Rugby, to Mr John Dyke Acland, eldest son of the Hon. John Barton Acland, Mount Peel.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Captain St. Hill, of the 3rd Provisional Dragoons, wore a handsome gown of white satin, profusely trimmed with old Limerick lace and Duchess point (the latter Lady Acland's gift), and accordeon-pleated chiffon, veil, and orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of roses, lilies-of-the-valley, tuberose, and white carnations, the bridegroom's gift. Her only ornaments were a gold chain studded with pearls, the bridegroom's gift, and a pearl and turquoise pendant, the gift of Mrs Acland. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie St. Hill, the bride's sister, was dressed in eau de Nil voile, with tucked bodice and skirt with string coloured lace insertion, tucked white silk front and undersleeves, and wore a large black chiffon picture hat with ostrich feathers. Her antique paste buckle and bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley and malmaison carnations were the bridegroom's gifts.

Dr. H. T. D. Acland, the bridegroom's brother, was best man. At the reception held subsequently at 27, Hillmorton Road, the residence of Mr E. A. St. Hill, the bride's brother, the following were among the guests: Sir Thomas and Lady Acland, Lady Ogilvie, Rev. A. V. and the Hon. Mrs Baillie, Dr. Gerald Harper, Mr and Mrs Frank Neilson, Mr and Mrs A. H. Russell, Mr and Mrs E. D. Tanner, Mr and Mrs J. F. Studholme, Mrs Tanner, the Misses Tanner, Colonel and Mrs Monnell, Mrs Mitchell Clarke, Mrs Coleman, Miss Watt, Mr I. H. Loughnan and the Misses Nairn.

When Mr and Mrs Acland left for London, the latter wore the palest grey silk voile, tucked and strapped with glace silk to match, with tucked chiffon front and undersleeves, a large black hat of crinoline straw, with feathers and pink roses under the brim. Their home will be Porlock, in Somerset, where Mr Acland has a farm.

**A FASHIONABLE WEDDING.**

**"B.P.'S" BROTHER MARRIES A NEW ZEALAND GIRL.**

LONDON, May 30.

Despite a showery day there was a great congregation of frocks and frills at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, last Wednesday afternoon to witness the marriage of Mr. Frank Smythe Baden-Powell, son of the late Professor Baden-Powell and of Mrs. Baden-Powell, of 8, St. George's Place, Hyde Park Corner, and elder brother of Major-General Baden-Powell, C.B., to Miss Florence Sidney Watt, third daughter of the late Mr. James Watt, of Napier, New Zealand, and Mrs. Coleman, of Queen Anne's Mansions, Westminster. The service, which was full choral, was conducted by Bishop Welldon, late of Calcutta, assisted by the Rev. J. Baden-Powell, Precentor of St. Paul's Church, the bridegroom's cousin.

The bride, who was given away by her mother, looked very handsome in a gown of ivory satin Duchesse, the skirt made with folds down the front, and a deep flounce of accordeon-pleated chiffon, headed with silver sequin motifs, caught together with trails of orange blossoms. The bodice had a berthe of old rose point over a bolero of iridescent embroidery, and draped chiffon sleeves with silver motifs at the elbow. The court train of satin was bordered with drawn chiffon and edged with frills, with a love-knot of orange blossoms on one corner. A coronet of bridal flowers was covered by a tulle veil, and her ornaments included a diamond star, her mother's gift, while her bouquet was composed of white orchids, and lilies of the valley. Her bridesmaids wore Miss Coleman, her half-sister, Miss Baden-Powell, the bridegroom's sister, Miss Kyros, Miss Flower, Miss Angela Sharp and Miss Maud Baden-Powell. Their dresses were of ivory voile with yokes of string-coloured lace, some of which was inserted in the tucked bodices above the waist and in the sleeves, which were tucked and let loose to form Bishop's sleeves,

at the wrist. The skirts were tucked down the front, and finished round the hem with shaggy flounces headed with insertion. The white satin straw hats were wreathed with forget-me-nots, and trimmed with chiffon and lace, and they held bouquets of pale pink roses and maiden-hair, with long streamers of blue ribbon to match their sashes. The latter, with gold bangles set with borsehoes in pearls, were given by the bridegroom. Mr. Warrington Baden-Powell, K.C., who has an extensive Admiralty practice, was his brother's best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Hans Crescent Hotel, and in the course of the afternoon Mr and Mrs. Frank Baden-Powell left for Paris, the bride in a gown of pale fawn voile, with panels of embroidery on the tucked skirt, and a large collar of blue embroidery and lace on the tucked bodice. A white satin straw hat trimmed with cornflowers and chiffon was worn with it. Mrs. Coleman's black glace silk gown was tucked, and had a vest of pink chiffon and steel embroidery. A bonnet to match was worn, and she held a bouquet of pink flowers. Mrs. Baden-Powell wore a handsome mauve gown, much trimmed with lace and embroidery; bonnet en suite and bouquet to harmonize.

At the reception in the winter garden of the Hans Crescent Hotel there were present over 450 guests, thoroughly representative of the fashionable aristocratic and artistic world, making a picturesque and kaleidoscopic throng. The bridegroom studied sculpture under Rodin, and painting under Carolus Duran, and his "Nelson's Foudroyant Wrecked On the Coast of Lancashire" is well hung in the Academy this year. Among the numerous brothers of the brush who assembled to support and congratulate him were Sir L. and Lady Alma-Tadema, Messrs Luke Fildes, Orchardson, Storey, Farquharson, Seymour, Lucas, Solomon J. Solomon.

Several New Zealanders were present among whom I noticed Major and Mrs Neilson George, Mr and Mrs James Russell and Miss Russell, Mr and Mrs T. Brassey, Miss Collins, Mrs and the Misses Browning, Mr George Gray Russell, Mr and Mrs "Joe" Studholme, the Misses Dymock, Mrs Stewart Bridge, Mr and Mrs Percy Adams, Mrs Charles Taylor, and Miss Taylor, Mrs T. C. Williams and Miss Williams, Captain and Mrs Ewart Grogan, Mrs and Miss Eyres, Mrs Sharp, Mr and Mrs Arthur Sharp, Mr and Mrs Patrick Blair, Miss St. Hill, Mrs Sam Begg and Miss Begg (illness prevented Mr Sam Begg, the well-known illustrator, from being present), Lady Nelson, Messrs Hal Williams, H. Von Haast, and Nairn and Dr. Gerald Harper.

Among the numerous and handsome presents were prominent a magnificent tusk from an elephant shot by Captain Grogan, a pair of silver muffineers from Miss Dorothy Grogan, a pink and gold china jug from Mr Warrington Baden-Powell, which had been given to his great-grandmother by the King of Naples in 1794, a crystal umbrella top with a circle of pearls from May, Duchess of Sutherland, a writing case from Mr and Mrs J. F. Studholme, and a silver photograph frame from Major and Mrs Neilson George.

On their return from their honeymoon, Mr and Mrs Frank Baden-Powell (who, by the way, pronounce their name "Bayden-Poel") will reside for a time at that happiest example of a united English family home, 8 St. George's Place, but it is very probable that if peace is proclaimed soon they will at an early date go out to South Africa for a long visit to the famous Major-General, Captain and Mrs Grogan will also proceed to South Africa in a year's time. Mr and Mrs T. H. Lowry (the bride's brother-in-law and sister) are due in London to-morrow, the date of the wedding having unfortunately been fixed before their trip Home was settled.

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