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ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced in Wellington of the Rev Otho Fitzgerald, son of the late Controller-General, to Miss Isaacson, of Norfolk, England.

The engagement is announced of Miss May Coleman, only daughter of Mr J. H. Coleman, of "Waititirau," Napier, and Mr Stephen Walter, son of the proprietor of the London "Times."

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

HADFIELD—WOOD.

A fashionable congregation met at St. John's Cathedral, Napier, on Saturday last, for the marriage of Mr. Ernest Frederic Hadfield, of Wellington, fifth son of Bishop Hadfield, ex-Primate of New Zealand, with Miss Mary Louise (May) Wood, eldest daughter of the late Mr. W. Wood, formerly headmaster of the Napier High School. The chancel was beautifully decorated with wedding bells and white flowers. The bride entered the church shortly after half-past one o'clock, leaning on the arm of her brother, and was attended by two bridesmaids—her sister, Miss Kitty Wood, and Miss Muriel Williams. The bride was attired in rich white satin, made with a long train, and a transparent yoke and sleeves of Maltese lace. Her skirt was tucked and flounced with chiffon; she wore a spray of orange blossoms in the hair, and long lace veil. The bridesmaid's pretty dresses were composed of white Liberty silk, with white silk fichu edged with narrow lace; their picture hats were of black straw, trimmed with plumes and ribbon, and they carried bouquets of white flowers. Mr. Hadfield was attended by his brother, Mr. Ernest Hadfield, as best man. Some handsome dresses were worn. Mrs. Wood, mother of the bride, was attired in black silk, with a chiffon boa. Her toque was of black chiffon, trimmed with feathers and velvet. The Venerable Archdeacon Williams, uncle of the bridegroom, performed the nuptial rite, assisted by the Very Reverend the Dean of Waiapu. On leaving the church the bride and bridegroom, followed by their relations and friends, drove to the residence of the bride's mother in Cobden road. Those present included: Mrs. P. S. McLean, in a very handsome dress of bright red silk, with a fichu of white chiffon and lace

and a black toque; Mrs. Coleman wore a rich black dress, with guipure lace on the bodice, and a bonnet to match; Mrs. George Moore had a bright blue muslin costume, trimmed with cream lace, and a toque trimmed with pink flowers; Miss Glendinning (Wairoa) was in green, with guipure lace on the skirt and bodice; Mrs. Twigg had a black costume and a boa and hat of black chiffon; Miss Twigg wore white silk and a becoming toque of burnt straw, relieved with pink roses; Miss Violet Twigg also wore white; Miss Spencer had a pretty dress of deep cream, trimmed with string-coloured lace; Miss Emily Spencer looked well in blue; Miss Large wore a pale blue silk blouse and a grey skirt; Miss Giblin had a soft pale blue silk costume, and a black hat; Mrs. Cornford was in black; Mrs. Hovell, pretty cornflower blue costume, black hat with long white feather. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hadfield bade adieu to their friends, and left for Taupo, where the early days of the honeymoon will be spent. The bride went away in a costume of French grey material, her large and becoming hat was of black velvet.

HAWKES—HUGHES.

At St. John's Cathedral, Napier, on the 1st inst., by the Very Rev. de Berdt Hovell, Dean of Waiapu, Mr. Charles N. Hawkes, of Wellington, was married to Miss Minnie Hughes, daughter of Mrs. Charles Arnold, of Napier. The bride, who was given away by her step-father, Mr. C. Arnold, wore a dress of dainty grey material, with white on the bodice. She wore a most becoming picture hat, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, who wore white muslin dresses, trimmed with bands of inscription, and pretty crinoline hats to match. They carried shower bouquets. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. Kelly, of Wellington, as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held by Mrs. C. Arnold at her residence in Enfield road. During the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes left for the South.

MACDONALD—MOORE.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church, Waihi, on Tuesday afternoon, December 30, when Miss Katie Moore, adopted daughter of Mr. H. W. Moore, was united to Mr. William Macdonald, of Manchester, England, a member of the assay staff of the Waihi Gold Mining Company. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. W. Gover, Mr. J. Tracy Knight, of Waiikino, presiding at the organ. The church was tastefully decorated by the lady friends of the bride with white flowers and ferns. The happy pair stood under a very pretty wedding bell, composed of white lilies and ferns. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dainty robe of white silk mousseline, trained and trimmed with silk duchesse lace and chiffon. She also wore a pretty tulle veil with lover's knots and orange blossoms. Her bouquet, which was a very beautiful one, was composed of cream roses, water lilies, cream carnations and ferns.

The first bridesmaid, Miss Cranwell, of Auckland, was attired in a becoming tussore silk, trimmed with cream guipure lace insertion and lace bolero, the dress being relieved with pale blue silk. A hat of crinoline straw trimmed with pale blue silk, cream roses and blue forget-me-nots, completed the costume. She carried an exquisite bouquet consisting of deep blue larkspurs and cream carnations and ferns. The bridegroom's gift was a gold topaz brooch. The younger bridesmaid, Cissy Fletcher, the little sister of the bride, was prettily frocked in a cream muslin, made in an empire, with a sash brought underneath the arms and finished with rosette and pendent ends. A pretty straw hat trimmed with chiffon, and she carried a basket of white flowers and ferns. Mr. H. B. Cranwell, of Waihi, officiated as best man.

After the ceremony the happy couple drove off to the bride's parents' residence, where the guests were

entertained at a pleasant little breakfast.

Mr and Mrs W. Macdonald left for Te Aroha and Auckland under showers of rice, rose petals and best of good wishes.

The bride's going-away frock was a pretty fawn poplin and a pretty black and white picture hat. Mrs Moore, mother of the bride, looked well in a black brocaded silk with white silk ruffle and black toque. Mrs Fraser, of Waiikino, wore a becoming white silk tucked and prettily trimmed with lace and black picture hat.

THOMPSON—MILLER.

There was an exceedingly pretty wedding on Monday, December 29th, at "Craig Ard," Napier, the residence of Mr Miller, when his daughter, Miss Belle Miller, was joined in the bonds of matrimony to Mr J. S. Thompson, of the National Bank, Wellington. The officiating minister was the Rev. J. A. Asher. The ceremony was performed in the drawing-room, which was artistically decorated with flowers and greenery. A large true lover's knot of white silk extended across the bay window, from which was suspended a magnificent wedding bell. Under this the happy couple stood. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked lovely in her bridal robe of white brocaded silk, trimmed with Irish point lace; a long tulle veil came to the hem of the skirt, and in her hair was worn a coronet of orange blossom and myrtle. She also wore a handsome gold bangle, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet composed of fragrant white blossoms and delicate ferns. The bridesmaids were Miss Townley (Gisborne) and Miss Kate Miller, who both looked charming in dainty white silk gowns, brightened with blue. The bridegroom's gift to the bridesmaids was a pretty gold and ruby brooch, and to the bride's mother a handsome gold thistle brooch, set with cairngorms. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a set of gold links. Mr Sam Moore (cousin of the bride-

groom) was best man. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the dining-room, where a sumptuous wedding repast was held, and the usual toasts were proposed and duly honoured. The table was daintily arranged and decorated with flowers and palms, and a very beautiful wedding cake was overhung by a wedding bells festooned with white ribbons. During the afternoon the bridal party and guests were photographed. As the newly-wedded pair left by the 4.7 p.m. train for the South parting showers of rice testified to the good wishes of their many friends. The bride travelled in a dainty costume of Maccout-coloured silk voile and Paris lace, elegant in its simplicity, and particularly becoming to its pretty wearer, and a pale pink chiffon hat, wreathed with pink banksia roses and green leaves. The presents were numerous and valuable, and included several cheques. Mrs Miller (mother of the bride) wore black silk, trimmed with black and white figured silk and jet; Miss Miller looked remarkably well in black silk with transparent yoke of lace, spangled with sequins, fawn straw hat, swathed with blue silk; Mrs Donald McKinnon, handsome black moire, with bolero of black applique embroidery and white chiffon vest and puff sleeves, black picture hat; Miss Thompson (sister of bridegroom), lovely white figured muslin, large black hat; Mrs Moore (aunt of bridegroom), black figured silk, black bonnet with white osprey; Miss Moore, becoming light costume; Miss L. Moore, brown cloth strapped with brown merveilleux, pale pink tucked silk vest, becoming cream chiffon and brown hat; Miss Maud Moore, azure blue silk blouse with cream lace insertion, black skirt, hat en suite; Mrs Asher, heliotrope blouse, trimmed with cream insertion, black skirt, Tuscan hat, swathed with lace and chiffon and cluster of red roses; Mrs Tylee, rose pink floral silk blouse and black skirt, black picture hat; Miss Brenda Tylee, pretty white muslin frock, cerise silk hat; Miss Chapman wore a becoming blue costume, hat to match; Miss Kennedy, white silk blouse and muslin skirt, pink chiffon hat.

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