

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Mrs Lennie Jones, eldest daughter of Mr A. McNeill, Aramoho, Waingarua, to Mr Lett, of Palmerston North.

The engagement is announced of Miss Browning only daughter of Mr Francis Browning, Aveca, Tauwhare, and Mr Egerton F. Peacocke, eldest son of Mr Fitzroy Peacocke, Carragh Beg, Remuera.

The engagement is announced of Miss Bella Meldrum to Mr Benoit, both of Whangarei.

ORANGE BLOSSOMS

The Rev. Father Darby celebrated two marriages at St. Peter's, Cambridge, on Wednesday, July 15, the parties being Mr David White (Auckland) and Miss Alberta Smith (Cambridge), and Mr Edward Healey and Miss Ellen Maloney.

A double marriage was celebrated recently at the Wesleyan Church, Papanui, when Misses Amy and Alice Maud Lindsay, daughters of Mr Wright Lindsay, were married to Messrs G. Roke (Papanui) and Charles Buttmore (Bombay) respectively. The minister was the Rev. C. Penney.

ELLIS—SUGDEN.

On July 15th, at the Church of the Epiphany, Ormoundville, Hawke's Bay, the marriage of Mr William Ellis, of Kopua, Hawke's Bay, and Miss Philippa H. Sugden, second daughter of Mr A. J. Sugden of Makotuku, was celebrated. The church was most beautifully decorated for the occasion. The building was filled long before the hour named with friends and relations of both bride and bridegroom, who are very well known and esteemed in the neighbourhood. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a handsome gown of white silk with large sleeves, and a black straw hat. Her sister was bridesmaid. Mr Robert Ellis was in attendance on the bridegroom. The Rev. Canon Webb performed the ceremony. Mrs Thomas Fothergill presided at the organ. After the ceremony Mr and Mrs W. Ellis drove to Mr Arthur Sugden's residence. A reception was held during the afternoon, and subsequently they left for Palmerston, en route to Wellington.

WILLS—PETERS.

Mr T. Wills, of Pukehou, near Waipawa, was married to Dora, daughter of Mr J. Peters, at Waipawa, Hawke's Bay, on the afternoon of the 14th inst. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr J. Peters, the bride's brother, as best man. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of rich white silk, the skirt draped with a bounce of lace, and the bodice trimmed to correspond. Her tulle veil was fastened by a spray of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of white flowers. There were three bridesmaids; one was dressed in white muslin, one in white silk, and one

in cream. They wore picture hats of cream felt, trimmed with ostrich feathers. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. H. P. Cox, M.A. There was a large gathering of relations and friends at the residence of the bride's parents after the ceremony.

HOWARD—McMAHON.

Mr Joseph Howard, son of Captain Howard, was married to Miss Lizzie McMahon, of Hastings, on Wednesday, July 15th, in the Roman Catholic Church, Hastings, Hawke's Bay. One bridesmaid was in attendance. Mr W. Vickers acted as best man. The bride wore a travelling dress of blue faced cloth, trimmed with passementerie, and vest of white silk, black velvet picture hat, ornamented with black ostrich feathers. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Smyth.

HENDERSON—HUNTER.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, was crowded with guests and spectators on Wednesday afternoon, the 1st inst., to witness the marriage of Miss Nellie Hunter, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hunter, "Toft Monks," Elizabeth Bay, with Mr John Alfred Henderson, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. L. Henderson, of Melbourne. The church was beautifully decorated. The parents and relatives were accommodated with seats on the sanctuary. The strains of the "Bridal March" from "Lohengrin" ushered in the pretty bridal cortege. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Dean O'Haran. The bride, who looked charming, was given away by her father. She wore a handsome gown of ivory duchesse satin, veiled with handsome overdress of point d'Alencon, over ivory chiffon showered with silver paillettes, delicate bodice of lace edged with chiffon fringe woven together with silver thread; draping of orange blossoms and chiffon, transparent elbow sleeves, finished with accordion chiffon frills; Court train of handsome brocade, lined with ruche and trimmed with knots of chiffon and orange blossoms; a long tulle veil thrown back from her face, caught with orange blossom and diamond spray. She carried a shower bouquet, and wore a diamond heart and chain, gifts from the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were the Misses Lillian M. Hunter (sister), Charlotte Armstrong (cousin), and Edo Macdonald, train-bearer, Miss Ruby Flexman (niece). They wore gowns of white mousseline de soie over white glace skirts, shirred and inserted with applique; coatie bodices, shirred, with elbow sleeves trimmed en suite; picture hats of ivory chiffon, draped with lace and ostrich plumes. The bridegroom's gifts were pearl and turquoise pendants and chains, bouquets of nephrolepis roses and Roman hyacinths. Mr A. A. Hunter was best man, and Mr J. S. Prescott and Major W. Russell Watson groomsmen. After the ceremony Mr and Mrs John Hunter held a reception at "Toft Monks." Here the bride and bridegroom received the hearty congratulations of their friends, and the guests admired the many valuable wedding presents. Mr and Mrs Henderson arrived in Auckland this week, and will make their home here. Mr Henderson represents Henry Markwald and Co., whose head office will in future be in Auckland instead of Christchurch.

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Society Gossip

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Dear Bee,

July 21.

MARK HAMBURG CONCERTS.

Society is having a delightfully quiet time just now, and those who followed every event of the last two months are living on the memories of the past, or recuperating after spending so much energy in search of enjoyment. The social lull was good for Mark Hamburg, and there were full houses to listen to the gifted pianist. Familiar faces from the musical world were seen on all sides. Miss Bachelor, who has a sweet soprano voice, looked very charming in a soft white Oriental satin, with a short gauged skirt forming a deep flounce, and lace deftly arranged on bodice. Among the audience I noticed Mrs Moss-Davis in a black gown, with lovely white corded silk opera coat, handsomely trimmed with wide black applique lace; Miss —, Moss-Davis, black skirt, dainty pale blue blouse, and blue opera coat, with ecru lace cape collar; Miss —, Moss-

Davis, black skirt, pretty white blouse, finished with turquoise blue ribbon and Paris lace; Mrs Robert Dargaville, black gown; Miss Leys, black skirt, pretty light blouse, grey opera coat, trimmed with white fur; Miss Green, lovely yellow chiffon gown, long pale grey opera coat; Mrs Rolleston wore a handsome black gown, crimson cloth opera coat, finished with black; Mrs Marshall, black skirt, pretty light blouse, yellow brocaded silk opera coat; Miss Cuthbertson, electric blue tuckered costume, with lovely lace collar; Miss Lusk, black skirt, turquoise blue blouse, inserted with Paris lace; Mrs Bellington, black; Mrs Quere, dark gown, crimson opera coat; Mrs Gillies, handsome black moire antique, with white vest and Honiton lace collar; Miss Gillies, rose pink glace silk blouse under a pretty chine silk theatre jacket, with open work and cream jewelled lace, black striped satin skirt; Mrs Duthie, light heliotrope silk blouse, with Paris net yoke edged with folds of white satin, cream silk skirt; Mrs A. Gillies (South), cream and pink floral silk muslin, pretty white opera coat; Miss Rooke, handsome white satin cape, with chiffon ruffle, over a black silk evening gown; Mrs Duncan Clerk, rich pale tuckered satin blouse, with Paris tinted insertion, and Maltese lace collar, black satin skirt; Miss Durieu, light silk blouse, and dark skirt, crimson evening cloak; Mrs Hope Lewis, electric blue gown, white lace yoke; Miss Lewis, cream silk, with scalloped cap; round decolletage, edged with fur; Mrs Brabant, black silk, with white vest; Miss Brabant, rose pink silk blouse, with lace collar, black skirt; Mrs Upton, black robe; Miss Upton, blue silk blouse, black skirt; Miss Kathleen Thompson, becoming turquoise blue silk and chiffon evening frock; Mrs Westley (Melbourne), white evening cloak; Mrs Houghton, blue silk evening blouse with white lace, emerald green velvet cloak with fur collar; Mrs Challiner Purchas, pink and white silk blouse, adorned with lace, dark silk skirt; Mrs Percy Dufaur, black, relieved with white; Mrs Ching, white and pink silk, trimmed with pink velvet and white lace; Miss Ching, pale blue silk opera coat, with large collar; Miss Knight, white silk blouse, dark skirt; Miss Bouillion, black evening frock, with emerald green silk choux; Miss Mabel Douglas, grey and white frock; Miss Ettie Myers, pretty blue opera coat, with tassels on handkerchief-shaped cape; Miss Tanton, blue and white Oriental satin blouse, blue skirt; Mrs P. A. Edmiston, black evening gown, with white lace on corsage; Mrs Egerton, Paris coloured opera cloak over evening dress.

The hostess who can devise an entirely original and decidedly amusing method of entertaining her guests, may always rest assured of success, and a most enjoyable evening was spent on Thursday last at the residence of Mrs Hill, Grafton-road, when a very cheery party of young people foregathered to play

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