

SMITH—WHEELER.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place at St. Michael's, Stanway, on Wednesday, April 6th, when Miss Rosa Wheeler, eldest daughter of Mrs Geo. Wheeler, "Burford," Stanway, was married to Mr Claude Smith, of Brunswick, Wanganui. The bride's dress was satin charmeuse. She carried a lovely shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Connie Wheeler (sister of the bride), Miss Mabel Smith (cousin of the bride), and the Misses Enid and Edith Smith (cousins of the bride). The two first wore very pretty dresses of vieux rose glace silk, with black hats lined with white and trimmed with black velvet and shaded roses, and carried bouquets of pink flowers. The wedding party were entertained at afternoon tea at "Burford." In the evening a very pleasant little dance was held at "Burford," when about 30 young people had a very pleasant time.

Heiress and Her Trousseau.

TO MARRY A WELLINGTONIAN.

Miss Kidman, the eldest daughter of Mr. Sidney Kidman, Australia's millionaire "Cattle King," who is to be married to Mr. Bert Blott, of Wellington, on June 30, has travelled 12,000 miles to buy her trousseau in London, says the "Daily Mail." In four weeks' time the bride will return to Adelaide with Mrs. Kidman, who is taking back her two school-girl daughters, who have been finishing their education in Paris. All are now staying at a West End hotel.

Miss Kidman, a tall, fair-haired girl, has already decided upon her wedding gown and the dresses to be worn by her two sisters as bridesmaids. The bridal gown is to be of ivory satin veiled with nixon and trimmed with pearl embroideries. A wreath of orange blossom and myrtle leaves will be worn in the hair. Graceful gowns of pale grey satin charmeuse artistically draped with eau de nil chiffon and pale grey ermine hats with grey ostrich plumes and touches of eau-de-nil chiffon will be worn by the two bridesmaids.

It will be winter in Australia when Mrs. Kidman and her daughters return, and warm fabrics have to be chosen for the trousseau.

"We love the London shops," said Mrs. Kidman. "The assistants are so courteous and obliging that it is a pleasure to visit them. We like the shops here better than those of Paris."

Too Old at Forty.

Mr. Douglas Vickers, a member of the firm of Vickers, Maxin and Co., two Tory candidates for Brightside, Sheffield, was asked at one of his election meetings a few weeks ago how old he was. Upon Mr. Vickers replying that he was forty-five, his questioner retorted, "That will do for me. I asked for a job at your works 'tother day, and was told I am too old at forty-two. You are too old for my vote!" If in truth "too old at forty" be one of the maxims of Vickers, Maxin and Co., Mr. Vickers may be said to have been very hard hit by the recoil of his own Maxim.

HEALTH HINTS FOR RHEUMATISM.

Diet plays an important part in Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Lumbago, and kindred complaints. Those troubled with these diseases should be careful, for some foods encourage the formation of uric acid. Avoid red meats, beer, vinegar, spiritous use tea and coffee sparingly, and most important of all—take RHEUMO. It is the one medicine that will quickly and effectively cure Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Lumbago, and their attendant evils. The first dose of RHEUMO gives relief, and its use will be found to effect a complete cure. Your chemist or storekeeper sells B, 2/6 and 4/6 a bottle. Give it a trial.

A LITTLE BOY'S QUERY.

"Who is that lady dressed in black, mamma?" asked Bobby, as he sat with his mother on a ferryboat.
"That is a sister of Charity, my boy," replied his mother.
Bobby pondered deeply for a moment, and then he said: "Which is she, mamma, Faith or Hope?"

Society Gossip.

Special to the "Graphic."

NOTICE.

The Editor desires to draw the attention of occasional contributors of any items to the Society Gossip columns that name and address must be given with copy, otherwise any such communication cannot be recognised.

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April 10.

Tennis Parties.

AREWELL parties have been the order of the past week. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Holmes have been the guests of honour, and as they are both so keen on tennis, it is according to the fitness of things that these functions should be tennis parties. On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield gave a jolly party on her lawn, which, in spite of the rainy morning, was playing well. There was quite a little "edge" on the afternoon; the wind was from the south—just enough to give us all a keen appetite to enjoy the delicious home-made cakes and sandwiches. Our hostess was wearing a white linen skirt, white silk blouse, and a green hat wreathed with black grapes and leaves; Miss Hilda Bloomfield, a blue crepe frock and a very becoming big white hat draped with black velvet; Mrs. W. R. Holmes, blue striped lustre faced with black, a very smart tricorn hat of black and gold straw, with lattice blue wing; Mrs. Richmond looked sweet in a white tennis frock, burnt straw hat with blue drape; Mrs. E. Horton, white tucked cambric and a heliotrope hat and waist band; Mrs. Edmunds, peacock blue cloth braided with black, large black hat; Miss Walker (Brisbane), heliotrope and white delaine, burnt straw hat with brown velvet band; Miss Ida Thompson was a dainty girl in white, threaded with pale pink ribbon, large black hat draped with black velvet; Miss Marjorie Towle looked pretty in white linen and a rather blue hat with black; Mrs. Borthwick; Miss G. Gorrie, Miss Mavis Reed, Mr. W. R. Holmes, Rev. Mark Sutton; Mr. E. Horton, Mr. Richmond, Capt. Cornwall, Mr. E. Dargaville and Mr. Walker (Brisbane), Mr. and Mrs. Bruce.

On Saturday afternoon Professor and Mrs. Segar gave a large party to Mr. and Mrs. Holmes on the Parnell lawns. The weather was delightful, both for players and onlookers. An interesting final was played in the early afternoon between Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield and Mr. Grigson against Miss Cooper and Mr. Pavitt, the latter pair winning. Several other interesting games were played, and a jolly afternoon came all too quickly to an end. A delicious afternoon tea was served in the club house, and much enjoyed. During the tea adjournment, Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the men of the club, presented Mr. Holmes with a handsome leather bag. In a short, bright speech, Mr. Holmes thanked the donors. Mrs. Segar, a white frock with a black spot, and a large black hat; Mrs. Holmes, blue coat and skirt faced with black and a tricorn hat with blue wings, which was very becoming; Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, Mrs. Rankin Reed, Miss Mavis Reed, Mr. Goodhue, Mrs. Gill, Miss Gild, Misses Beresford (2), Mr. Es-sin, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Burrocks, Mrs. Greig, Misses Kent (2), Frater, Peacock, Balsey, D. Denniston, Duthie, Steele (2), Davey, Parsons, Cooper, and crowds of others.

Mrs. E. Horton gave a tennis party on Saturday. Some guests went on there from the Parnell courts.

Avondale Races.

Although the weather was so delightful on Saturday, very few people journeyed up to Avondale, but those who did go had a lovely outing. Mrs. Erl Wil-

liams was admired in pale grey cloth coat and skirt with hat to match; Mrs. Borthwick wore navy blue; Miss Gorrie, dark grey coat and skirt and black hat; Miss G. Gorrie, fawn cloth coat and skirt and heliotrope hat; Mrs. Markham, long navy blue coat and skirt, gun-metal blue toque; Miss Alice Walker, black and white coat and skirt, faced with black, black and white hat with tarnished gold trimmings.

Golf.

The opening of the Waitemata golf season was a very jolly outing for those who went from Auckland. It was just delightful crossing the harbour, and when we were coming home the harbour was a perfect picture, and just alive with sailing craft. We saw the finish of an exciting race; and when the yachts turned and sailed down the harbour in the sunset glow the effect was very beautiful. We watched the various competitors in the foursomes, and saw some good golf—likewise some bad; and, of course, like most onlookers do, we thought how much better we could have done. Delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. Miss Stewart (Secretary for the Ladies' Golf Club) and Miss Ivy Duder (captain) looked after the visitors splendidly. Among those who were present were: Mrs. Guinness, in a "Harris" tweed skirt and blouse and Burberry hat to match, looked very nice; Mrs. Napier looked hand-some in a long purple knitted coat faced with black, worn over a black skirt, and a straw toque to match; Mrs. Benjamin, black coat and skirt and large black hat; Mrs. Duder, white linen coat and skirt, black hat and black feather hat; Mrs. Ryan, smart brown coat and skirt with hat to match; Miss Dunster, brown coat and skirt, braided with black, smart hat with vieux rose wings; Mrs. Newell, white linen frock, cream dust coat, burnt straw hat with brown velvet band; Misses Alison (3); Miss Harrison, in white; Miss Duder; Mrs. Atkinson, dark red skirt and cream blouse, and green cloth hat; Miss Newell, Miss Garland, Miss Stewart, Miss Taylor.

The Orchestral Concert.

The Choral Hall was packed both nights, and on Thursday night, when I was present, the audience seemed to be very appreciative. Miss Edith White-law delighted us all with her solo. Of these I noticed were: The Brisco and Mrs. Neegan and their two daughters, Mrs. Cole and Miss Cole, Mrs. Hope Lewis; Mrs. Parkes, in grey crepe de chine and a handsome grey coat; Mrs. G. Pierce and Miss E. Pierce, the latter wearing a lovely cream cloak; Mrs. Fala and the Misses Toke (2), and Miss Lawes, Mr. and Mrs. Leys, the latter in a lovely soft cream dress with touches of gold; Miss Nelson; Miss J. Draper, cream and pale blue; Miss U. Draper, black velvet; Miss Beresford, in black and white; Mrs. Doris Beresford, white crepe de chine, and a pretty white and silver cloak; Miss Pleasance; Miss Bader; Mrs. Louis Myers, black silk and white lace; Miss B. Greig, Mrs. Es-sin; Madam Wicheart looked charming in a black frock and silver shawl; Madam Chambers, white silk; Mrs. E. Horton, black frock, grey cloak with handsome embroidery; Misses Peacock.

Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Erl Williams are in Auckland for a short visit.
Mrs. Hain, who has been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hain, sojourns to her home in Sydney on the Maheno, which leaves on the 11th.
Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, who have come up from South, to join the Mores, leaving Auckland on the 11th, are staying at the Grand Hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have come over from the "Esplanade," and are now staying with Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes at the Grand Hotel.
Mrs. Lucas Bloomfield has been on a visit to Rotomanu.

Mr. and Miss Walker, who for the past five months have been staying at the Grand Hotel, leave on the Mores for their home in Brisbane.

The marriage of Miss Dora Stevenson, daughter of Mr. J. Stevenson, Mt. Eden, to Mr. Norval Speerly, of Hawke's Bay, is announced to take place on the 27th of this month. The ceremony is to be very quiet.

Miss Billing, who has been staying at "Cargen" for the past few months, is returning to England in the P. and O. s.s. Mores.

Miss Tilden, Professor of Botany at the University of Minnesota, has arrived in Auckland, and is staying at "Cargen." Miss Tilden is accompanied by Mrs. Tilden and Mrs. Parrott. Miss Tilden has been collecting botanical specimens throughout the Dominion, and purposes returning next year for further research. Amongst other visitors staying at "Cargen" are Mrs. Humphrey and Mrs. Ensay (Gisborne), Mr. and Mrs. F. Tiffin and Miss Bone (Hawke's Bay), Mrs. R. S. Matthews (Inglewood), Mrs. Henderson (Oxford), Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Howard, of Temuka.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. H. Sinclair, of Mt. Roskill, are spending a short holiday at Te Aroha.

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