

Orange Blossoms.

HEWITT—SCOTT.

A PRETTY wedding took place on June 3 at St. Andrew's Church, The Terrace, Wellington, Rev. W. Douglas, M.A., officiating,

when Miss Flo Scott, B.A., was married to Mr. William C. Hewitt, solicitor, Wai-pukurau. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. A. Scott, wore a gown of ivory satin charmeuse, with panels of Spanish lace and finishings of ivory silk cord. The three bridesmaids—Miss J. Scott (sister of the bride), and the Misses D. and M. Hewitt—wore charming frocks of wedgwood blue and lace, with large silk hats trimmed with ostrich plumes. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. Hewitt as best man, and Mr. A. E. Dobbie as groomsman. The bride's mother, Mrs. Scott, wore a dark striped tailor-made costume, with toque to match, and the bridegroom's mother wore a gown of black figured satin, with maroon coloured hat. After the ceremony a large reception was held at "Wynhaven," Upland-road, Kelburne, the residence of the bride's mother.

McKAY—HALL.

A pretty and interesting wedding was celebrated recently in St. Luke's Church, Havelock, by the Rev. A. Gardner, the contracting parties being Mr. W. McKay, eldest son of Mr. J. McKay, of Hastings, and Miss Maud Alice Hall, fourth daughter of Mr. P. Hill, of Havelock. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an Empire gown of cream silk lustre, and wore the orthodox wreath and veil, carrying a shower bouquet. She was attended by three bridesmaids—Misses I. and G. Hall (sisters of the bride) and Miss D. McKay (sister of the bridegroom), who wore Empire gowns of blue crepe de chine, with hats to

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his natural eagerness led him to master the typewriter.

"I taught him to count with similar blocks, and then, wishing to familiarise him with ideas of time, as well as the meaning and use of numbers, I placed in his hands several calendars and taught him their use. At five from his own studies of these he had devised a method of telling on what day of the week any given date would fall.

"His interest in anatomy was suddenly aroused by his discovering a skeleton in our house, a relic of my student days. It was almost gruesome to see the enthusiasm with which he studied the bones, identifying each by close comparison with the plates in a text book on anatomy. Within a very short time he knew so much about the structure of the body that he could pass a medical student's examination creditably at six years of age.

"His great interest in words gave me an opportunity to start him in the study of foreign languages. As I am a polyglot myself, I was usually able to answer his questions about the meaning of words in foreign languages, and to put him in the way of learning more. Thus after English he learned Russian, French, German, Latin and Greek."

By far the most remarkable achievement of the youthful William James Sidis is his exposition of what is termed the fourth dimension. The literature of the fourth dimension is now voluminous, and few there are who have not heard or read of this factor in intellectual processes. For some reason, however, it has been found extremely difficult to popularise the fourth dimensional idea. The practical problem of the fourth dimension, therefore, is less its validity as an intellectual concept than the correct mode of convincing the average person that it is anything more than an academic abstraction with no reference to the world of realities. For instance, in his lecture at Harvard, young Sidis used such words as "hecatonosi-hedrigon" and "hexacosihedrigon"—words invented by the boy himself to fit the exigencies of his explanation.

In its recent study of boy prodigies, with particular reference to the Harvard case, the "Revue Psychologique" finds that much of their performance is of the nature of memory work.

match. The bridegroom was supported by his brother, Mr. R. McKay, who acted as best man. The bride travelled in a tweed costume, with hat to match.

KEIGHLEY—SHIELDS.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Church of England, Te Kuiti, on June 2, the contracting parties being Mr. Richard Keighley, of Aria, and Miss Violet Maud Shields, also of Aria. The bridegroom was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Tasman Keighley, who acted as best man, and the bride by her sister, who was her bridesmaid. The bride wore a dress of cream satin, trimmed with silk lace, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid was dressed in white muslin, and carried a bouquet of pink and white roses. The wedding breakfast was held at Miss Reeves'.

YOUNG—FARMER.

A wedding took place on June 1st at the Matawhero Presbyterian Church, Poverty Bay, when Miss Irma Farmer, eldest daughter of Mr. G. Farmer, formerly of Matawhero, and Mr. W. Young, eldest son of Mr. Young, of Inglewood, Taranaki, were married. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Grant, of Gisborne. The bride, who looked charming, attired in a beautiful Princess robe of white Bengaline silk, and wearing the usual wreath of orange blossoms, with a particularly pretty veil, was given away by her grandfather, Mr. J. Parker. Associated with the bride as bridesmaids were Miss Mary Young (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss McLean, both of whom wore pretty cream cloth costumes with black picture hats, and Miss Addie Fairlie, in a dainty cream muslin dress with a saxe blue hat. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Robt. Young, as best man, and Mr. Alex. Cameron, jun., as groomsman. The bride's travelling dress was of dark brown, trimmed with black watered silk, and a brown hat trimmed with black and gold.

BONIFANT—COSTER.

At All Saints' Church, Nelson, on June 7, Miss Mary Edith Coster, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Coster, of Cambria-street, Nelson, was married to Mr. John Bonifant, jun., of Ashburton. The bride was wearing a white cloth coat and skirt, and a white plumed hat, and she carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums and other white flowers. The bridesmaids were Misses F. and N. Coster, and they wore becoming frocks of heliotrope chiffon taffetas with hats of the same colour, and they carried bouquets of violets and asparagus fern. Mr. George King, jun., attended the bridegroom as best man. The bride travelled in a grey coat and skirt, and she wore a large grey hat. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. S. Lucas.—(Nelson correspondent.)

McKENZIE—TAIT.

Miss Beattie Tait, eldest daughter of Mr. M. B. Tait, was married on June 1 at her parents' residence, Featherston, to Mr. K. G. McKenzie, son of Mr. Alex. McKenzie, buyer for the Wellington Meat Export Co. The Rev. G. K. Stowell performed the service. Miss Tait was, on Sunday afternoon, made a presentation by the parents of children attending the Presbyterian Sunday-school.

DE MONTALK—RENTOUL.

(An exceedingly pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Barnabas' Church, Mt. Eden, on June 1st, the Rev. E. J. MacFarlane officiating. The contracting parties were Mr. J. M. de Montalk, sixth son of the late Professor de Montalk, and Miss Lucy Isabel Du Quesne Rentoul, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rentoul, of Nelson. The bride, who was given away by Mr. H. W. Wilding, of Auckland, looked charming in a dress of chiffon taffeta, trimmed with pearls. She wore the usual wreath of orange blossoms and a handsomely-worked veil, and carried a lovely shower bouquet. She was attended by Miss Irene Low, of Roturua, who looked sweet in white French muslin, made very daintily, and a pale blue silk picture hat. Mr. R. Abbott acted as best man. Amongst those present at the church were: Mrs. de Montalk, mother of the bridegroom, who looked handsome in a black satin dress; Miss de Montalk, tailor-made costume;

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NOTICE.

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AUCKLAND.

June 11.

At Ellerslie.

THE last day of the Winter Meeting was quite the best, both in regard to the weather, races, and dressers. The finishes of several of the races were superb. There were a few spills but, fortunately, no accidents. The two prevailing colours frock, and amethyst hat; Mrs. Holgate, worn were blue in every shade, amethyst heliotrope, and purples. Mrs. O'Rorke looked well in a well-cut coat and skirt of Petrol blue cloth, black beaver hat, and lovely blue fox furs; Mrs. W. R. Bloomfield, black cloth, braided Princess frock, and an amethyst hat; Mrs. Holgate, grey tailor-made, faced with cream, and a becoming toque; Mrs. G. Bloomfield was smart in a dull amethyst cloth coat and skirt, faced with black, a hat to match, with shaded wings; Mrs. H. Bloomfield looked charming in white cloth and a large black velvet picture hat; Miss E. Gleeson wore navy blue coat and skirt, braided with black, and a most becoming black velvet hat with soft violet rose wings; Mrs. Woolfe, Mrs. Colbeck; Mrs. Ernest Bloomfield was much admired in violet rose cloth skirt and an Ottoman silk coat, braided in the same shade, black velvet hat, with uncurled ostrich feathers; Mrs. Duthie, navy blue cloth coat and skirt, amethyst straw toque; Miss Vera Duthie, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Markham wore cream cloth coat and skirt and a gun metal blue straw toque; Mrs. E. Fifth, putty coloured cloth coat and skirt, faced with black, and a large black velvet hat;

Miss Buckland, blue coat and skirt, large black hat; Miss E. Gorrie, fawn cloth coat and skirt, blue beaver hat wreathed with red roses; Mrs. Carrick, Mrs. Dargaville; Miss Dargaville, cream cloth coat and skirt, large black velvet hat massed with white plumes, and white fox furs; Mrs. Elliott; Mrs. F. Ross (Bruntwood), amethyst cloth, the coat made with pleated skirt, hat to match, and grey ostrich feather boa; Miss R. Buckland; Miss R. Gorrie, brown coat and skirt, pale green hat, with pink roses; Miss M. Saunders, "Gendarme" blue cloth coat and skirt, hat in the same shade; Miss B. Greig, navy blue coat and skirt, turquoise blue straw hat, trimmed with mole colour; Miss M. Towle, tweed coat and skirt, grey straw hat, and grey velvet scarf; Miss Florence, heliotrope coat and skirt, hat to match; Misses Muir Douglas wore blue coats and skirts, the elder wore a saxe blue beaver hat, and the younger vieux rose; Misses Duder (2), Misses Browning, Mrs. Alexander, Miss Walker; Mrs. Aubin, blue cloth coat and skirt, and a blue straw toque; Mrs. Marsack, blue serge braided in black, blue straw toque; Misses McLean (2), Mrs. Phillips, Miss Brewer (Wanganui).

Afternoon Tea.

Mrs. J. A. Tole, New-street, Ponsonby, gave a tea in honour of Mrs. Findlay, who was, with Dr. Findlay, Minister for Justice, on a short visit to Auckland. The guests were entertained by the Misses Tole (3), who gave some charming musical selections on the violin and piano. Among the guests were: Miss Tole, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. T. Cotter,

WICKMAN—TOOMAN.

Father Walters' Memorial Church, Ellerslie, Auckland, was the scene of a pretty wedding on June 10, when Miss Tooman, daughter of Mr. S. Tooman, Remuera, was married to Mr. Wickman, of Epsom. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in cream striped silk voile and embroidered tulle veil, and she carried a beautiful shower bouquet. Misses L. Tooman and Myra McKeen were bridesmaids, and they wore cream silk frocks with white felt hats with touches of black, and carried lovely bouquets. Mr. J. Duggan officiated as best man. The Rev. Father Tooman conducted the service. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at "Friell," Vincent-road, Remuera, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of, and the usual toasts proposed and duly honoured. The presents were numerous and handsome. Later Mr. and Mrs. Wickman left for Cambridge, the bride wearing a smart mauve costume with toque to match. Mrs. Tooman (mother of the bride) wore a black toilette; Mrs. Wickman (mother of the bridegroom) was attired in black silk.

ENGAGEMENTS.

No notice of Engagements or Marriages can be inserted unless Signed by Our Own Correspondent or by some responsible person with Full Name and Address.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hilda McNeill, only daughter of Mr. A. C. McNeill, Tuara-parahanga, Hinuera, Waikato, to Mr. Theo. Telling-Simeox, Okoroire, eldest son of Rev. F. E. Telling-Simeox, Vicar of St. Michael's, Porangahau, Hawke's Bay.

HOLMES—STAVELEY.

At St. Luke's Church (Christchurch), on Wednesday, June 8th, Mr. J. G. S. Holmes (Rakaia) was married to Miss Irene Staveley, daughter of Mr. E. G. Staveley, "Carlton House," Merivale. The ceremony was performed by the vicar of the parish, the Rev. Sedgewick. The church was prettily decorated with white flowers by the girl friends of the bride, and the organist played several voluntaries and the "Wedding March." The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by four bridesmaids—the Misses Holmes (2), Bloxam, and Ferguson. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. E. R. Guthrie, who acted as best man. The groomsmen were Messrs. S. Holmes, J. S. Guthrie, and Corder (Rakaia). After the ceremony a large reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Staveley at their residence, "Carlton House," Merivale.—(Christchurch correspondent.)

HESSE—CORNELIUS.

On June 8th, at St. Michael's Church (Christchurch), by the Rev. C. Fraer, Harold William, third son of F. F. Hesse, Esq. and Mrs. Hesse, of Richmond-Thames, England, was married to Gladys Kathleen Cornelius, daughter of Mrs. Finch, "Heathbank," Opawa.

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