

Father Kerley. The contracting parties were Mr J. Bowler, second son of Mr J. Bowler, of Taihape, and Miss Adeline, eldest daughter of Mr M. Lyons, of Tasmania. The bride, who wore a grey, tailor-made traveling costume, and large white picture hat, was given away by Mr J. W. Stank. The bride was attended by Miss Lily Stank, cousin of the bridegroom, who wore a white embroidered muslin robe and large pink and black picture hat. Mr D. O. Baxter, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

WILLOCK-SEYMOUR.

A wedding of considerable interest took place at Holy Trinity Church on August 31st, when Miss Seymour was married to Mr. Rex Willock, born of Melbourne. The Ven. Archbishop Williams performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. C. Thomas, looked very charming in a lovely gown of ivory satin trimmed with old rose Brussels point lace. She wore a necklace of family pearls and carried a bouquet of white violets. The bridesmaids, Misses Leibel and B. Black, wore dainty white embroidered muslins, large white hats trimmed with bunches of purple violets, and carried bouquets of purple violets. Two small members of the bride also attended her, both wearing white muslin frocks and bouquets, with tiny bunches of violets on either side.

Mrs. Thomas, sister of the bride, wore heliotrope robe, trimmed with velvet and lace, velvet hat to match. Mrs. Willock, Wedgwood blue velvet, trimmed with Oriental embroidery. Mrs. E. Black, blue velvet gown, large hat to match. Miss Willis, sage blue gown, black hat. Mrs. C. Seymour, black silk gown, black hat, pink roses. Mrs. Leibel, black dress, black hat. Mrs. Black, brown silk. Mrs. F. B. Barker, pink cloth trimmed with grey, grey hat. Mrs. Maclean, navy blue, flowered hat. Mrs. Murphy, white cloth, white hat. Mrs. Nolan, grey silk, black hat. Mrs. Williams, grey coat and skirt. Mrs. J. W. Williams, light blue coat and skirt, black hat. Mrs. Sherratt, heliotrope linen coat and skirt, large flower hat. Mrs. Barton, tweed tailor-made, large white hat. Mrs. Sykes, black and white tailor-made, black toque trimmed with roses. Mrs. Kennedy, pale blue and white costume. Mrs. Reynolds, grey coat and skirt, floral toque. Miss Sherratt, tweed costume, hat with flowers. Miss M. Sherratt, brown costume, heliotrope hat. Miss H. Nolan, grey costume, flowered crown-hat. Miss Sykes, brown tailor-made, large hat, pink roses. Miss Williams, blue costume, hat to match. Miss Bennett, grey costume. Miss Foster, green costume, hat to match. Miss Pyke, black velvet gown. Miss Agnew-Brown, white muslin, flowered toque. Miss Fergusson, pink cloth costume, large hat to match. Miss White, pink costume, hat to match. Miss E. Barker, pale blue tailor-made, hat with roses. Miss E. Barker, pale grey coat and skirt. Miss H. Black, navy blue coat and skirt.

Refreshments were provided in the dining room of Mrs. C. Thomas' residence. Kaffee, tea, tobacco, and, in fact, all the room being most daintily decorated with snowdrops and roses.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Willock left on Wednesday night for Napier, en route to Selwyn, where the honeymoon is to be spent. (See the corresponding page.)

SMITH-HICKSON.

A pretty wedding took place on Monday, the 13th September, at Holy Trinity Church, Napier, when the Rev. Mark H. Sutton married Miss Melina Hickson, daughter of Mr C. A. St. G. Hickson, Wellington, and Mr William White Smith, of Pahiatua. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely bridal gown of white satin silk, with ruffled train, and very handsomely trimmed with pink and red and gold ornaments. The bridesmaids, who were with her, wore white muslin frocks, and were given away by Mr. Leonard Horner, who acted as best man. After the ceremony the wedding tea was held at the residence of Mrs. John C. Galt. A wonderful amount of the bride's train was decorated with electric lights and candles. The bride, given away by the father, wore a lovely purple bag, and to the bridesmaid

a very handsome silver-backed hand mirror and brush. Mr W. L. Collins, of Pahiatua, was best man.

The bride travelled in a smart blue tailor-made cloth costume, and a large black and white hat.

Miss Hickson, sister of the bride, wore a very dainty cream cloth tailor-made, and a large mattier blue hat; Mrs John St. Clair, amethyst cloth coat and skirt, and black hat; Mrs Elliott, Elderslie, black; Mrs E. Black, very handsome costume; Mrs Black, cream tailor-made costume and toque to match; Mrs and Miss Reid; Mrs C. H. Wilson (Mr. Albert) cream serge, black hat; Misses Nonie, Pauline, and Vida St. Clair, wore cream serge costumes and large hats; Mr and Mrs Henderson (McDonnors), black silk; Miss Wood, embroidered grey cloth costume and hat to match; Miss Spicer, Miss F. Wilson, Mr O. Richter, Mr White Mr G. Black. (Auckland correspondent.)

HARTSHORN-SMITH.

An interesting but quiet wedding took place on Wednesday, 31st August, at St. John's Cathedral, Napier, by the Rev. Canon Mayne. The contracting parties were Evadne, eldest daughter of Mr F. G. Smith, Napier, and grand-daughter of the late John Newington, Esq., of Ryton Grange, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Frederick Charles, elder son of Mrs Hartshorn, Hastings. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a handsome white charmeuse gown, with elaborate pearl trimming and silk lace—wore the orthodox wreath of orange blossoms and veil, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet. Her attendants were her three sisters, viz. Dorothy, Ruthie, and Stella. The two former wore blue crystalline frocks, biscuit-coloured hats, with wreaths of pink and blue forget-me-nots and pink ribbons, and carried pink shower bouquets. The youngest wore a dainty white embroidered muslin dress, and white and blue hat, and carried a basket of pale violets and freesias. Mr George Hartshorn carried out the duties of best man, and Mr Vivian Smith those of the groomsmen.

After the ceremony, during which most beautiful music was rendered by Mr Horace Webber, organist, the guests were entertained by the bride's parents at their residence, "Ryton" Thompson-road. The bride, who subsequently left by motor, en route for Auckland, for their honeymoon. The bride wearing a brown tailor-made costume and a diel blue hat with a touch of brown.

In the evening a most enjoyable dance was given for the young people.

A few of the dresses worn were: Mrs Smith (mother of the bride), purple charmeuse gown, trimmed lace and buttons, purple hat, with violets, and carried bouquet of narcissi; Mrs Hartshorn (mother of bridegroom), black figured crepe de chine, relieved with white, black and white hats; Miss Smith (sister), handsome white embroidered robe, cream hat, with combower blue flowers; Mrs Newington (aunt of bride), a match helle, cloth gown, with handsome lace, the design being outlined in helle, hat of same shade, with large white Miss Neville, blue charmeuse, corsage prettily fringed, tussore Liberty hat with roses; Mrs F. G. Smith, jun., rose-lace green frock, burnt straw hat, with shaded roses; Mrs Ballantyne, violet rose; Shantung hat en suite; Mrs Gosseman, black, purple hat; Mrs Patterson, brown costume, brown hat; Mrs Ricknell, black costume, black hat; Miss Ricknell, sage blue costume, cream hat, with helle, and pink ribbons; Miss Patterson, purple Russian costume with black brocade, hat to correspond; Mrs D. M. Lennan, cream costume, Leathern hat, with purple and pink roses and ribbons; Miss Maddison, raisin de lux charmeuse robe, pale pink Paisley hat.

GIFFORD-HORNE.

On September 6th a very pretty wedding took place at the Church of the Nativity, Benheim, when Miss Lillian Horne, fourth daughter of the late Dr. Horne, of Benheim, was married to Mr. Gifford, eldest son of Captain Wm. Gifford, of the Buffs. The church was decorated in honour of the bride, and the services were fully clerical. The Rev. Archdeacon Grace performed the wedding ceremony, and the bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Leonard Horne, and was attired in a handsome gown of white satin charmeuse, the bodice of which was trimmed with tulle and chiffon, and finished off with Honiton lace, and the skirt was tastefully draped at the back with loops of the material. She wore the usual veil and orange bow-

soms, and round her neck she wore a pretty chain and pendant, set with pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. She also carried a very prettily-arranged bouquet composed of cyclamens and Christmas roses given her by a girl friend. She was attended by one bridesmaid—her niece, Miss Connie Clouston—who wore a pretty pale pink Paisley muslin frock, and large pink Oriental hat lined underneath with rose pink straw, and carried a pretty bouquet composed of pale pink carnations and Princess violets—arranged with maiden-hair fern. Mr. E. V. Stace acted as best man. At the conclusion of the wedding ceremony Miss S. Rogers played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's sister (Mrs. W. E. Clouston), at "St. Andrew's," where quite a number of immediate friends and relatives assembled. Mrs. W. Clouston received the guests in a stylish cream serge tailor-made costume, braided with cream, brown toque, with long, cream osprey; Mrs. L. Horne looked well in a cream tailor-made costume, set off with pretty purple hat; Mrs. B. Horne looked well in a navy costume, black hat with plumes; Miss Horne (sister of the bride) wore a purple and green striped gown, relieved with cream, black toque; Miss E. Horne, striped brown tailor-made, purple hat; Miss Z. Clouston wore a navy blue costume, old-rose hat; Miss Alva Clouston wore a cream serge Russian costume, cinnamon hat. Others present were:—Mrs. B. Clouston, rose-lace green taffeta gown, floral toque; Mrs. Monro, black chiffon taffeta, relieved with handsome cream lace scarf, black toque; Mrs. T. Horron, silver grey Bengaline, black toque; Mrs. R. McCallum, cream tailor-made costume, black hat trimmed with shaded roses; Mrs. Walker, navy blue costume, green hat with pink roses; Mrs. Macalister (Picton), black brocade, black bonnet relieved with pale blue; Mrs. Corry, sage blue striped silk voile with Oriental trimmings, black hat relieved with gold tissue; Miss E. Mowat, sage blue coat and skirt, hat to match; Miss Neville, navy blue costume, large black hat with pink roses; Miss Amy Neville, pale blue muslin frock, large tagal hat lined with pale blue, and set off with primulae; Miss Irene Horton, brown costume, brown hat with berries; Miss G. Cooper (Wellington), navy tailor-made, large navy hat lined with pale blue; Miss M. McNab, mauve costume, burnt straw hat with black; Miss MacLaine, white muslin, burnt straw hat wreathed with crimson roses; Miss S. Rogers, green sage blue costume, hat to match; Miss Z. Redwood, navy costume, hat trimmed with roses.

The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue tailor-made costume, set off with a smart, picturesque brown straw hat lined with black, and trimmed with scarlet French roses. (Benheim correspondent.)

HELMORE-HILL.

The marriage of Mr. W. Helmore (Argentine), son of Mr. J. C. Helmore, of Christchurch, and Miss Ella Hill (St. Albans), took place at St. Mary's church, which was prettily decorated with white flowers. The ceremony was performed by Archdeacon Gosset (vicar of the parish). The bride who was given away by her father, was attended by little Miss Theo. Boswick, as bridesmaid. Mr. Desmond Helmore acted as best man. The bride wore a pretty gown of white Shantung, a white Leghorn hat with a crown of soft lace, and carried a lovely bouquet. The bridesmaid's frock was of soft white silk, a white hat with pink roses; Mrs. Hill, a black chiffon velvet dress with lace and gold embroidery on the bodice, bonnet to match; her bouquet was of pink flowers. Mrs. George Helmore, a dark cloth costume. The guests were: Lady C. Bowen, wearing black and grey toilette; Miss Bowen, black and white coat and skirt, heliotrope hat; Mrs. Boswick, costume of blue Shantung; blue hat en suite; Mrs. N. Reeves, black and white coat and skirt, black hat with pink roses; Mrs. Crocollie Bowen; Mrs. and Miss Neave, Mrs. and Miss Elworthy, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Houston and Miss Maling. (Christchurch correspondent.)

Mr. Bloomer: "Did you ever? Miss De Talent, the wonderful actress, has married her manager." Mr. Bloomer: "I presume she got tired of being managed."

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 C. Anderson, eldest daughter of Mr W. D. Anderson, of "Barningham," Wanganui, to Mr H. Bruce Lethbridge, son of Mr J. P. Lethbridge, of Hastings, Hawke's Bay.

The Power of Woman.

For the encouragement of the Suffragists in the Old Country, someone has been looking up Roman history. You might suppose, says the "Daily Telegraph," there was not much to be made out of that. Certainly women have never had more honour and more influence than in the great days of the Roman Republic. But their influence was strictly confined to the domestic hearth, and the conduct expected of them is comprised in the phrase "Doni man sit, lanam fect," which is, being interpreted, "She kept at home and spun wool." However, there was once a woman's question at Rome, and the women won. Whereof let all derive such encouragement as they can. During the darkest hours of the struggle between Rome and Carthage, when the State was almost penniless, a sumptuary law was passed which ordained that no woman should possess more than a trifle of gold ornaments, or wear fine clothes, or ride in a carriage. When the war was over and won, some austere persons wished to maintain this law, but the women contrived to secure some of the statesmen of the day as their advocates, and the repeal was carried, and every woman could go as fine as her husband would allow or found no way to prevent. And doubtless in similar circumstances women would gain a similar triumph. If Mr Lloyd George's new Budget puts a tax on fine feathers and furberelous, we may be confident that women will rebel triumphantly. But if you ask what that proves, we must leave you to ask again. Doubtless to an acute mind it is the last conclusive argument in favour of votes for women. But if we all had acute minds we should see the absurdity of giving votes to anyone.

MONKEY BRAND Wont wash clothes but will clean metal and woodwork well

