

but lately the weather has been too uncertain for either. I must conclude now, with love.—From Cousin ALICIA.

[Dear Cousin Alicia.—We are pleased to have a big girl cousin, and I hope you will be a good correspondent. We have quite a number of southern cousins, but they are mostly from the North Island. I have not started tennis yet, but hope to this week; it is a grand game. Most of the clubs have opened here. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Riwaka.

Dear Cousin Kate.—May I become one of your cousins? I am eight years of age, and am in the third class. I wish you could come and have some of our peaches, apricots, apples, and plums. They are lovely fruits. I did not go to school today, as it was so wet, and I thought I would like to write to you. We hope to get a croquet set soon. I would like a badge very much, if you could give me one. My letter is very short, but I will write a longer one next time. With love to all the cousins.—From Cousin MARJORIE.

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[Dear Cousin Marjorie.—Yes, we are glad to have you for a new little cousin. I wish I could pop in and see you when all that lovely fruit is ripe. I think I could have a very nice time if I came visiting Nelson district; I have a lot of cousins there. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Hawterville.

Dear Cousin Kate.—We get the "Graphic" and I always like to read the cousins' letters, and I would like to write to you. When you write, please send me a blue badge. My favourite game is cricket. We have a horse and pig, and the horse's name is Daily. We have also five ducks and a drake. I have two rabbits, which my mother gave to me for my birthday. My best study is geography and reading, which I get the highest marks for. As I have no more to tell you, I will close now. With love for all the cousins, not forgetting yourself.—From Cousin HANOLD.

[Dear Cousin Harold.—I am very pleased you want to be a cousin, but you have not sent your full name and address. Do this, and I will send you a blue badge, with pleasure. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Dear Cousin Kate.—Thank you for the beautiful badge you sent me. My little brother will be six months old on Guy Fawkes Day. Love.—From BERTY.

[Dear Cousin Percy.—What a funny little fellow you sent me. I am glad you liked the badge. Now don't forget to write to me again, but get some paper with lines on it, and then you will write straight. What a jolly day for a birthday; did he have lots of fireworks. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Mataura.

Dear Cousin Kate.—Do you think you could find room for me amongst your cousins? I would like to be a cousin very much. I have a garden with lots of violets and daffodils. Mataura is situated on the Mataura river, a few miles south of Gore. We have a paper mill, a freezing works, a flour mill, and a fish factory. The streets are lighted by electricity. Although I live so far south, I was born in Auckland, and have been living here for eight years. Will you please send me a pale blue badge? I must close now.—With love from Cousin CIBBIE.

[Dear Cousin Cibbie.—I am sure we can find a place for a cousin from the south, especially as you were born here. Thank you for the very interesting letter you sent. I am never tired in your part of the world, though I have been to Dunedin, which I liked very much, but I was only passing through. With love.—Cousin Kate.]

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Motumohoa.

Dear Cousin Kate.—Albert is home again, and walks about all over the place. It has been raining hard here for the last three days. My pet cow Dot has got a rook cair. The willows and silver poplars look very pretty now. There are a few silver poplars here, but there are not many willows. We have 29 cows milking, and have nine more to come in yet. Is the answer to Cousin Daisy's riddle? As I stood on the harbour I saw a ship sailing, and what was the name of the captain? "What? I will now close with a riddle: "Why is the heart of a tree like the tail of a dog?"—With love, Cousin LENA.

Dear Cousin Kate.—I am sorry I did not write before, but I had no time in the hospital. I was seven weeks in the hospital and six in bed. I received my badge all right, and I thank you very much for it. I have no more to say. I will close now, with love, Cousin ALBERT.

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Motumohoa.

Dear Cousin Kate.—I have not written for a long time, but I had no time. I received my badge, and I think it is very much. We have 23 cows in milk. I am going to Hamilton West school now. There are seventy children in Standard II; forty of them are girls and thirty boys. My birthday is on the 24th October. I am expecting my grandmother to stay for a long time. My favourite games are football and cricket. I will close with love, from Cousin (N) L. I.

[Dear Cousin Lena, Albert and Cullin.—I did not know that Cousin Albert had been so ill. How glad you must all be to have him home again. I am pleased you liked your badge. "What" is the right answer to the riddle. With love, Cousin Kate.]

[Dear Cousin Marjorie.—Will you please send your full address? Tokoroa will not find you, I am afraid. In this, and your badge will be sent.—With love, Cousin Kate.]

# Orange Blossoms.

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### KNIGHT—HINDMARSH.

A WEDDING of particular interest to a large number of residents of Napier and of Hawke's Bay generally was celebrated at Taradale, when Mr. A. B. Knight, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Knight, of Taboraiti, was married to Miss Barbara Hindmarsh, the third daughter of Mr. J. Hindmarsh, of Greenmeadows, Napier. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. Robertshaw, B.A., vicar of St. John's, Dannevirke, and uncle of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. A. P. Clarke, vicar of All Saints', Taradale. A number of the bridegroom's relatives and friends in the Dannevirke district were present, and the friends of the bride attended in strong force, the church being crowded. The bridesmaids were the Misses Meg and Cicely Hindmarsh (sisters of the bride) and Miss Tweed, of Wellington. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Tripe (Wellington) as best man, and by his brother (Mr. Eric Knight) and Mr. St. John Hindmarsh as groomsmen. The bride, who looked charming, was attired in a handsome dress of ivory chamoisee, trimmed with silk and pearl lace, with the customary veil of orange blossoms, and carrying a shower bouquet. The bridesmaids wore dresses of white tulle de soie, with black picture hats, trimmed with pink roses, and each carried a beautiful pink shower bouquet. Afterwards a reception was held at "Ngawiro," the residence of the bride's parents, where a large number of guests were entertained to afternoon tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight are spending their honeymoon in the South Island. The bride's going-away dress was of pastel pink cloth, with a straw hat of a deeper shade, trimmed with chrysanthemums. Among the dresses were the following:—Mrs. Hindmarsh (mother of the bride), mauve and green shot silk, with a mauve toque and bouquet of mauve sweet peas; Mrs. W. F. Knight (mother of the bridegroom), black and white striped ninon, black toque and pink roses; Miss Hindmarsh, white muslin and picture hat; Mrs. H. Cowper (sister of the bridegroom), old rose silk, black and pink hat, pink peony; Mrs. Douglas Williams (sister of the bridegroom), electric blue coat and skirt, with burnt straw hat, trimmed with blue and black roses; Mrs. Robertshaw, Royal blue silk grenadine and toque to match; Mrs. Gilbertson (Waipukurau), black and white costume, hat to match; Miss Robertshaw, purple linen coat and skirt, mauve and red roses in hat; Mrs. S. Bolton (Woodville), blue Shantung, toque to match; Mrs. Beetham (Masteron, cousin of the bride), white costume; Miss Young, shot green and green Shantung, large picture hat, pink roses; Miss Dorothy Knight, cream serge costume, white hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight received many congratulations on their marriage, and the presents were very numerous and exceptionally valuable in character.

### BALLARD—DAVIES.

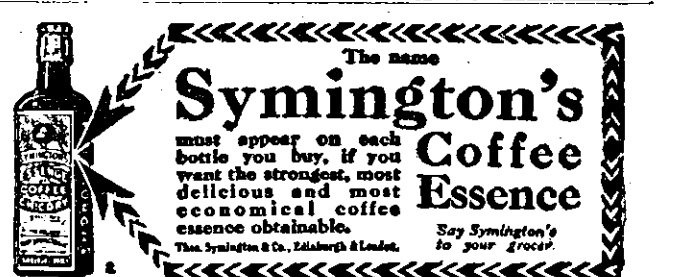
A pretty wedding was celebrated in the Methodist Church, Onehunga, on October 28, when Miss Mena Davies, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Davies, of Meadow Bank, Onehunga, was married to Mr. James Ballard, of Drury, the Rev. Dewsbury being the officiating minister. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of "The Wedding March," which was played by Miss Somerville. The bride was charmingly robed in white taffeta silk, daintily trimmed with silk lace insertion. The orthodox veil and orange blossoms, with a handsome shower bouquet, completed the bridal costume. The bridesmaids were Miss Davies (sister of the bride), who was becomingly dressed in pale blue voile, with a pretty hat to match, and who carried a bouquet of roses; Miss Edna

Davies (also sister of the bride) and Miss Ruth Ashby (niece of the bridegroom) were prettily attired in cream silk dresses, and wore hats wreathed with roses. They carried dainty baskets of Argentine sweet pea and asparagus fern. Mr. Bert Moss acted as best man, with Mr. P. Snell and Mr. H. Davies as groomsmen. A large number of guests attended the wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents. The bridegroom's gifts to the bridesmaids were a gold bracelet and greenstone and gold brooches. The bride's travelling costume was navy blue tansore silk, with becoming hat to match.

### GEORGE—DEVORE.

The marriage of Miss Lillian Alberta Devore, third daughter of Mr. A. K. Devore, one of Auckland's best known solicitors, with Mr. Reginald Harold George, of New Plymouth, was celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral, Parnell, Auckland, on Tuesday, 15th inst., in the presence of a brilliant assemblage of guests. Large numbers of spectators also assembled in the church. Archdeacon Calder officiated, assisted by Canon MacMurray. The chancel of the church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, a handsome wedding bell of white flowers and greenery being suspended from the arch. Dr. Thomas presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very handsome in a lovely white satin robe, with rose point lace overdress, looped up at intervals with tiny wreaths of lilies of the valley. She wore a wreath of myrtle, lilies of the valley and orange blossoms under a beautiful embroidered veil, and carried a pretty shower bouquet. There were four bridesmaids in attendance, the Misses Katie and Blanche Devore, Winnie George and Nellie Douglas. They were charmingly frocked in white crepe de chine, with short trains and gathered at the back near the trains, with silk lace on the bodices. Their large white hats had straight brims with dome crowns, and were covered with gathered fancy net, and finished with large net water lilies and scarlet velvet bands, and posies of scarlet pimpernels. They wore scarlet shoes and stockings, and carried scarlet carnation bouquets. Mr. Nicholson, of New Plymouth, officiated as best man. After the nuptial ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Devore held a reception at "Levington," St. Stephen's Avenue, Parnell. The customary toasts were heartily responded to. The popularity of the wedded pair was attested to in numerous and valuable presents, which were on view. The bride's going-away frock was a rose pink ninon, with black picture hat. Mrs. Devore (mother of the bride), was exquisitely gowned in a bright copper coloured satin chamoisee, subdued under black ninon, and Chantilly lace and aluminium net, and a black and mole bonnet with shaded roses; Mrs. A. C. H. Collins (sister of the bride), gown of opal-tinted poplin, with cream lace bolero and slashed with black chiffon, and a blue and pink shot hat with sheaf of blue wheat ears, was very effective; Miss Isabel Devore was very pretty in ciel blue crepe de chine

and blue hat; Miss George, dainty white lace frock, and white hat with cream roses; Mrs. W. C. W. McDowell wore a pretty vieux rose ninon gown with cream lace, and white hat with rose pink; Mrs. Caller was in a peacock blue silk poplin, and blue bonnet; Mrs. A. M. Myers, smart Quaker grey moire crepe coat and skirt, and large grey plumed hat; Miss Levi was stylishly frocked in white cloth and black en suite; Mrs. Read (Taumarunui), white embroidered gown, and black hat; Mrs. Parritt, mauve costume, and hat en suite; Mrs. Rankin Reed, very stylish pearl grey ninon, with touches of bright maize; and white hat with plumes and large maize flat rosette in front; Mrs. Mac Murray, black silk toilette; Mrs. Lawrence, pretty ciel crepe de soie frock, and large black hat; Mrs. Rainger, smart French grey ninon and souteache on narrow skirt, black and white toque wreathed with peach blossoms; Mrs. Cotter, handsome black Chantilly lace frock over white silk, black jetted Shah toque with brush aigrette; Mrs. Paul Hansen, white linen and broderie Anglaise gown, and pale blue crinoline toque with pink roses; Mrs. Scherff, black silk toilette; Mrs. Purby, dove grey silk with touches of black lace and black toque; Mrs. Walker, black and white check silk gown, and black and white hat; Mrs. Segar, silver grey silk and floral toque of pink roses; Mrs. J. A. Tole, black bean de soie gown with white guimpe and black plumed hat; Mrs. Bedford, stylish pearl grey ninon gown, and large black hat; Miss Kimling, smart white embroidered linen frock, and black hat with groups of blush pink roses; Mrs. Assin, swallow blue and brown striped silk gown, and hat en suite; Mrs. Steele, black silk toilette, and black hat with roses; Miss Winifred Leys, pretty ciel blue frock, and blue hat with velvet ribbon and pink roses; Miss Violet Tibben, blue and white pin-appointed muslin, and pale blue hat; Mrs. Zimma, Havana brown silk gown, and shaded mauve toque; Miss Dunnet, stylish grey and white striped crepe chali, and white and black hat; Mrs. W. H. Thomas, mole grey costume, hat with pink roses; Mrs. Weetman, black ninon over white glaze silk, black velvet hat wreathed with scarlet geraniums; Mrs. Benjamin, mauve toilette, with toque en suite; Miss Tye, black silk toilette; Mrs. Moir, brown silk; Mrs. Colegrove, mole grey costume with souteache, and black crinoline hat; Miss Landsford, cream ninon frock, and hat wreathed with groups of polyanthus; Mrs. Kirker, cream shantung coat and skirt, and black toque; Miss Kirker, white Indian muslin frock over pink; Mrs. Bach, black brocade gown; Mrs. Ernest Williams, petunia satin soule gown, and hat en suite; Mrs. Alison, cream ninon with old gold bands, and black and gold Napoleon hat; Mrs. T. Peacock, mauve crepe chali, and black bonnet; Miss Peacock, roseda green silk, green hat swathed with amethyst silk; Mrs. Hay, cyclamen coloured silk, hat en suite; Miss Foote, pretty malmation pink crepe de soie, and black hat; Mrs. O'Hanrahan, black silk with white lace guimpe, gold tissue toque; Mrs. Keesing, black toilette, and smart black Napoleon hat with posies of vari-coloured flowers; Mrs. Gray, black and white costume; Mrs. Fotheringham, dainty azure blue ninon, and large blue hat; Mrs. Cooper, hands some black Chantilly lace gown over white silk, black toque with pink roses; Mrs. Hay, rose pink ninon, and black picture hat; Mrs. Cruickshank, white satin chamoisee, and large black and white hat; Mrs. W. S. Douglas, black and white costume; Miss Douglas, white embroidered muslin, white hat with sheaf of maize-coloured wheat ears; Mrs. Ralph, French grey costume, and white toque; Mrs. Munro Wilson, stylish green mesaline silk with Paisley design, and hat en suite; Mrs. Coates, French grey costume; Mrs. J. E. W. Somerville, bisquit-tinted costume, and black hat; Mrs. F. W. King, heliotrope silk, and large



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