

Orange Blossoms.

NOTICE TO OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENTS.

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RITCHES—CARRINGTON.

A VERY pretty wedding was solemnised in the Presbyterian Church, Taumarunui, recently, when Miss Ellen Mabel Carrington, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carrington, of Taumarunui, was married to Mr. Alexander Ritchies, second son of Mrs. Ritchies, also of Taumarunui. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Mr. J. E. Ward. The bride was given away by her father, and looked very pretty in a handsome gown of cream satin relieved with fine silk lace. In her hair was worn a wreath of orange blossoms, underneath a long silk net embroidered veil. Misses Ettie Wackrow, Alice Carrington, Zelma Ritchies acted as bridesmaids. The former was attired in a dainty lettuce green silk, trimmed with cream insertion, with large pale green straw hat massed with pink foliage. The two other bridesmaids wore pretty white silk empire frocks, and large white drawn silk hats. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. Harry Ritchies. After the ceremony a reception was held. The bride going-away dress was a brown tailor-made, and pretty brown hat.

BOWMAR—HARTLEY.

Their friends in Wellington, Dunedin and the South generally will be interested to hear of the marriage of Mr. Stanley Bowmar, of Wellington, and Miss M. A. L. Hartley, of Dunedin (says our London correspondent). This New Zealand couple were married in Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A., on February 10. While in London, Mr. Bowmar joined the staff of Mr. Joseph Fels, the American millionaire who is practically financing the Single Tax movement all over the world, and after acting as his secretary for some time, Mr. Bowmar accepted a position with the Fels Fund Commission, which directs the campaigns for the taxation of land values in the United States. Miss Hartley has for the last two years been studying art in London.

UPTON—LEYS.

In consequence of the terrible down-pour in Auckland on Thursday, the marriage of Miss Winifred Leys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Leys, and Mr. Selwyn Upton, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Upton, which was to have been solemnised in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Auckland, was held at "Afton," the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. I. Jollie, M.A., was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a beautiful trained gown of crepe de chine, the panels embroidered with

silk roses, and trimmed with heavy silk fringe. The bodice was fully draped with rose point lace, and the veil richly embroidered in silk. She wore a handsome pearl necklace, the gift of her brother, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaids—Misses Nellie Upton (sister of the bridegroom), Q. Nelson, and M. Mueller—were attired in lovely pink nixon, draped over chamoise, and wore large velvet picture hats, trimmed with pink. Their pendents of aqua marine and pearls were the gift of the bridegroom. The mother of the bride wore a handsome amethyst silk gown, trimmed with silk fringe, and hat to match. Mrs. J. H. Upton's dress was a rich black silk.

Mr. Upton was supported by Mr. Cecil Leys, and Messrs. H. P. R. Foster and E. Craig acted as ushers. The service was held in the dining room of the residence, and afterwards the wedding party adjourned, by a covered way, to a large marquee on the lawn. The big tent was elaborately decorated with flags, and here for a time the fact was entirely lost sight of that outside the weather was still unpleasant, even if the fury of the elements had slightly abated. The floral decoration of the tables in magnificent white chrysanthemums, largely from the gardens of Mr. H. Brett at Lake Takapuna, were greatly admired. The Rev. Mr. Jollie was particularly happy in proposing the health of the young couple. Afterwards the guests wandered back into the house, where a band was playing on the verandah, and a sitting-room was entirely taken up for the display of the wedding presents. Later, the newly-married pair, upon whom shaves of congratulatory telegrams had descended from all corners of the Dominion, left on their wedding tour through the Hot Lakes district. The bride's travelling costume was of brown cloth, beautifully braided, small bonnet-shaped hat, trimmed with velvet and roses.

The guests were: Rev. and Mrs. Jolly, Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Robertson, Canon and Mrs. Nelson, Archdeacon and Mrs. Calder, Mr. and Mrs. Brett, Mr. and Mrs. Cotter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Myers, Mrs. Louis Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Rathbone, Mr. and Miss Tibbs, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rainger, Mr. Mrs., and Miss Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Upton, Mr. and Mrs. Alb. Upton, Mr. Wm. Upton, Mr. J. W. and Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Alice Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. T. Brown Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. Parkes, Dr. McKellar, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Roch Hughes, Miss Ella Brigham, Mr. Mrs., and Miss Mueller, Mrs. Watt, Mr. and Mrs. John Oxley and the Misses Oxley, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bagnall, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gorrie, Miss Gorrie (Epsom), Mrs. and Miss Campbell, Mrs. Carrick, Mr. J. and Miss Kirker, Mr. and Mrs. Goring Thomas, Mrs. Oxley, Miss Oxley, Miss A. Oxley, Miss Lennox, Mr. and Mrs. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. M. McLean, Miss McLean, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mahon, Mrs. Edmonds, Mrs. Dufaur, Mrs. V. Mascfield, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Whitelaw, Miss Whitelaw, Mrs. Tom Whitelaw, Miss Devore.

PERCY—NORDEN.

A very pretty wedding took place on April 18th at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, when Miss Edith Blanche Norden, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Norden, of Ierne Bay, was married to Mr. Alexander Thomas Percy, son of Thomas Percy, Parnell. The church was beautifully decorated, and a great many people were there. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom and all guests returned to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was served. The young couple left by the "Rarawa" for New Plymouth at 5 o'clock. Amongst the guests were the Misses Smith (2), Miss Speight, Misses Percy (2), Mrs. Percy, Messrs. Speight, D. Ford, Tudehope, Ellison, McMaisters, Miss Maud Norden and Miss Smith were the bridesmaids.

BRUNSKILL—OVERTON.

An exceedingly pretty wedding was solemnised on Wednesday afternoon in the Tauroora Schoolroom, when Miss Doris Overton, of Christchurch, was married to Mr. Seymour Brunskill, second son of Mr. W. S. Brunskill, of Tauroora (says our Cambridge correspondent). The Ven. Archdeacon Willis was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her brother, (Mr. J. P. Overton) looked very sweet in a white silk gown trimmed with silk insertion, and the customary wreath and veil, and carried a lovely shower bouquet. She was attended by Miss May Brunskill, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a white silk frock and white lace hat with mauve bows, and carried a mauve bouquet. Mr. Parry, of Auckland, was best man. Mrs. W. S. Brunskill, mother of the bridegroom, wore rich black silk, and green hat trimmed with green tulle; Miss Brunskill, pink muslin trimmed with brown, and a pink and brown hat; Miss E. Brunskill, soft white muslin and pink and mauve hat; Mrs. J. P. Overton, tweed tailor-made and small green hat; Mrs. Hayward (Christchurch) sister of the bride, navy blue coat and skirt trimmed with braid, and black picture hat; Mrs. W. Ewen, grey gown trimmed with black, black bonnet with pink roses; Mrs. C. Brunskill, white silk gown with biscuit-coloured hat, trimmed with daisies; Mrs. G. Hunter, navy blue coat and skirt, and green hat; Miss K. Willis, grey tailor-made and hat to match; Miss Ewen, grey coat and skirt, black and white hat; Miss E. Ewen, green costume and green hat trimmed with green ribbon; Miss M. Hunter, creme frock and creme hat trimmed with white ribbon. The bride's travelling dress was a brown tailor-made and brown picture hat, lined with peacock blue and trimmed with the same.

WILLIAMS—ANDERSON.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Augustine's Church, Napier, on April 18th, when Miss Helen Maud Anderson, second daughter of Mr. A. Anderson, of Napier, was married to Mr. Douglas Stanley Williams, youngster son of Mrs. N. Williams, Napier. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely gown of white satin with over-dress of nixon caught in with a band of silver trimming. Her tulle veil was arranged over a wreath of orange blossom, and she carried a lovely shower bouquet of white flowers and maiden-hair fern. Her three bridesmaids, Miss G. Anderson (sister of the bride), Miss May Williams and Miss Jacobsen (Wellington), were attired in blue charmeuse veiled in nixon, with picture hats of mole coloured velvet turned up at the side with blue and silver roses, and lined with blue. They carried pink bouquets of roses and bouvardias. Canon Tuka was the officiating clergyman. Mr. Keith White acted as best man, and Messrs. Grant and Coleman were groomsmen.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. Mrs. Anderson (mother of the bride) received her guests in a smart gown of black nixon over white silk, and black velvet toque with a white feather. Mrs. N. Williams (mother of the bridegroom), wore a handsome black silk gown, black hat with feathers, and black ostrich feather boa.

PEARCE—DRISCOLL.

The Buckle-street Chapel, Wellington, was the scene of an interesting wedding on Wednesday, April 19, between Mr. William S. Pearce (seventh son of Mr. Edward Pearce), and Miss May Driscoll, eldest daughter of the late Mr. T. Driscoll, of Wellington. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Captain Traak, looked charming in her ivory satin attire, the nixon tunic delicately embroidered in silver and crystal. She had a coronet of orange blossom in her fair hair, under the long tulle veil, and her bouquet was composed of white azaleas and cosmos. The only bridesmaid, Miss Eileen Driscoll, wore palest mauve satin with a tunic of nixon in the same shade, a mole hat wreathed with pink and mauve flowers. The bridegroom presented her with a moonstone and gold necklace. She carried a beautiful bouquet of rose and purple glorioxias deftly mingled with autumn foliage. After the wedding there was a reception at the residence of Captain and Mrs. Traak, where the flowers—mainly having come specially from Nelson—were unusually beautiful and well arranged. Mrs. Traak wore amethyst charmeuse, with a net yoke, embroidery

of purple and dull gold, amethyst hat, and bouquet of purple dahlias; Mrs. Arthur Pearce, same coloured charmeuse veiled in mole nixon, black picture hat; Mrs. George Pearce, black and white nixon de soie with entire deux of lace, black plumed hat; Mrs. Charles Pearce, ivory cloth tailor-made, beaver hat with gold rosettes; Miss M. Pearce, grey Shantung, and grey hat with pale blue wings; Mrs. K. Gilmer, black tailor-made, black hat with copper brown fantasia.

Mrs. W. Pearce's going away dress was of a navy blue tailor-made, braided in black, and with this she wore a royal blue legal hat with loops of shaded blue ribbon, and a set of black fox fur, the latter being a gift from the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. W. Pearce left for Sydney by the Uimataro, and intend to spend some weeks in Australia before returning to Wellington.

THORNE-GEORGE—CLARK.

A most interesting, and certainly a very beautiful wedding was that of Isabel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Clark, of "The Brae's," Remuera, and Sydney, youngest son of the Hon. Seymour Thorne-George and Mrs. Thorne-George, St. Stephens-avenue, Parnell. The wedding service, which was a choral one, was held in St. Marks, Remuera, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Beatty. The church was beautifully decorated with white chrysanthemums, and was quite filled with guests. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, looked lovely in her pure white robe of satin, veiled with nixon with a crepe effect; a wide satin sash was draped round the knees. Round the hem of the frock and the very long train were flat dots of the nixon, the same smart effect was used on the top of the collarless bodice, which had some lovely real lace on it. A plain tulle veil, with true lovers knots embroidered on the corners, and a lovely shower bouquet completed an exquisite toilette. The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by two little pages, Masters Stewart Colbeck and Ian Horton, dressed in white knickers and white silk shirts, carrying walking canes of black and silver. Then came two lovely little girls, Leslie Waller and Gwen Ross, who looked sweet in dainty white nixon frocks, pretty drawn silk bonnets in a blue grey tone of charmeuse lined with pink. They carried flat muffs of satin lined with shirred white nixon, and a pink rose on one corner. The four grown up maids were Miss Sybil Payton, cousin of the bride, Miss Vera Duthie, Miss C. Osgon, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Neville Thorne-George, a sister of the bridegroom's, who wore frocks of blue grey charmeuse with the bodices covered with silver net, the whole being veiled with white nixon, with washes of white nixon, quaint charmeuse hats lined with black, and one large white rose and autumn leaves at the side. Large flat muffs of the charmeuse lined with shirred white nixon, and a cluster of pink roses in one corner, gave a charming finish to an artistic scheme. The bridegroom's gifts to the bridesmaids were dainty strings of seed pearls. The bridegroom was attended by Dr. Milson as best man. The three groomsmen were Mr. Murray Thorne-George, Mr. Sinclair Reid, and Mr. Humphrey Clark.

The wedding reception was held at "The Brae's," one of the most charming homes in Remuera. After the guests had congratulated the bridal pair and their parents, they roamed about the house, looking at the beautiful display of wedding presents, which simply filled the billiard room, and admired the floral decorations all over the house, and then wandered out into the garden, the weather being simply perfect. The stirring



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fields and lanes. In winter he skates on the ponds on his estate and last year won the prize for figure skating. "He swatted at his tenants' ball for three hours without stopping."

To sum up the Speaker of the House of Commons in a sentence, as the London Post does, he is "a splendid specimen of the English country gentleman." He is also staunchly conservative. He leads a somewhat patriarchal life among his tenants, who worship him, and who send him to Parliament because his father and his grandfather went there before him. The Right Honourable James William Lowther, we read in the same conservative daily, gets his opinions of things in general just as he came by his vast wealth—by inheritance. He has no especial use for ideas. One never hears of contributions to thought from his pen, such as have conferred fame upon Mr. Arthur James Balfour. He does not shine in general conversation. He has never done or said an original thing. He is thoroughly English in his gratification at being an average man. That is the secret of his success in a difficult post. The office of Speaker, explains the London News, does not demand rare qualities. It demands common ones in a rare degree.