

white ribbon. The chief bridesmaid (Miss Jean Jones) wore a dress of dove grey corduroy, trimmed with cross-over of grey satin and fancy buttons to match, two-piece skirt, trimmed with grey satin; Miss Olive Jones (second bridesmaid) wore a dove-grey corduroy, trimmed with passementerie and gimp lace. Both bridesmaids carried shower bouquets of gold chrysanthemums and autumn foliage, and wore black hats with grey plumes.

The bride's mother wore a black silk dress, trimmed with black silk braid and silk fringe and a black toque with violet Lancer plume. The mother of the bridegroom wore a smart tailor-made costume and black hat. Among the presents received was a silver tea service from the staff of the Post and Telegraph Department. The bride's travelling dress was a mole-colored costume and smart set of black enny furs.

THORNTON—ISITT.

The marriage of Miss Frances Isitt, only daughter of Mr. L. M. Isitt, M.P. (Christchurch), to Mr. Cuthbert Thornton (Christchurch) was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents, Cashmere Hills, last week. The bride's uncle, the Rev. F. W. Isitt, officiated. The ceremony took place in a large marquee, which was prettily decorated with flowers and evergreens. The hymn, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden," was sung. One end of the marquee was arranged as a vestry, and partitioned off with a screen of evergreens and flowers. A large marriage bell composed of marguerites was suspended from above where the bridal pair stood. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely gown of white crepe de chine, the bodice trimmed with some beautiful lace (a wedding gift), a full tulle veil embroidered with fine seed pearls, which was also a wedding present, and carried a lovely bridal bouquet. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Ida Scher (chief) and Miss Caverhill (consort of the bride), wearing pretty frocks of white spotted muslin and edgings of Valenciennes lace, also large brown straw hats with bunches of brown chrysanthemums and a touch of languine silk. Their bouquets were brown and yellow chrysanthemums mixed with autumn leaves. Two tiny flower girls wore white muslin frocks and Juliet caps edged with pearls, and carried baskets of brown chrysanthemums and autumn leaves.

After the ceremony the guests (of whom there were a large number) were received at the house by Mrs. Isitt, who wore a becoming gown of brown silk crepe, relieved with touches of gold, brown velvet hat lined with black velvet, shaded brown and black ostrich feathers, and carried a lovely bouquet of pink geraniums. Mrs. Thornton wore a gown of black silk (voile, with net yoke of dull silver, black velvet and seal tone. Amongst those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Salter, Miss Caverhill, Mr. and Mrs. Smellie and the Misses Smellie, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Miss Gordon, Mrs. and Miss Bain, the Misses Saunders (2), Salter, Way, Thornton (2), Caverhill, Guthrie, Mrs. Alford, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Stocks, the Misses Taylor (4), Mrs. Donnelly, Miss Francis. The bride's travelling dress was a tailor-made coat and skirt of brown tweed, brown hat with brown and gold ribbons.

SMITH—BAUMBER.

On Tuesday afternoon, at the Durham-street Church, the marriage of Mr Douglas Smith, eldest son of the Hon. G. J. Smith, M.L.C. (Christchurch), and Miss Estelle Baumber, second daughter of the Rev. W. Baumber, of Nelson, took place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. Baumber, assisted by the Rev. M. C. H. Laws. The service was fully choral, and at the close of the ceremony the Wedding March was played. Mr. Smith was attended by a military wedding by the colors of the Regiment, who stood in lines and formed an arch of swords over the happy pair as they left the church. The bride, who looked very pretty, wore a simple and elegant gown of soft white satin and lace, flowing veil of white tulle, second by sprays of orange blossoms, and carried a lovely bouquet of white flowers and maiden-hair ferns. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Baumber (sister of the bride), chief, Miss Smith (bridegroom's sister), and Mrs. England. They were prettily gowned in half-trope silk, made with fawn boleros, long gloves, and shoes to match the frocks, and wore pretty Juliet caps of fine cream lace edged with pearls; their bouquets were of beautiful violets. The wedding party adjourned to the Art

Gallery, where a reception was held by the bride's parents. The scene was an unusually bright and pretty one, owing to the full military costumes worn by the bridegroom and his fellow officers. The wedding presents were very numerous and handsome; especially so was a massive silver salver, engraved with the autographs of all the officers present.

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 Mr. Clifford Campbell Rae, of Auckland, and Miss Lila Carlisle Patterson, of Otahuhu. The engagement is announced of Miss Elsie Gabriel Rae, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Rae, Auckland, to Mr. C. Little, Auckland.

The engagement is announced of Miss Claire Bates, third daughter of Mr. H. D. Bates, "Matangi," St. John's Hill, Wanganui, to Mr. R. W. Orton, of Bucks, England.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marjorie H. Morrison, third daughter of Mr. W. B. A. Morrison, of "Wapiti," Epsom, and Mr. Hugh J. Dobbie, son of Mr. H. B. Dobbie, of Market-road, Epsom.

Peace in the Holy City.

The terrible jealousies that mark the guarding of the various holy spots in and about Jerusalem are well illustrated by an incident recorded by a French correspondent. Jerusalem has been in a state of ferment recently over a padlock, says the correspondent. Some time ago the padlock of the door of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was found to have been broken. The keys of the tomb of Christ are in the hands of a Mussulman family in which the guardianship has descended for generations, but the documents establishing the family's rights to hold the key say nothing about the padlock. There was no precedent to go upon, and the authorities were much embarrassed to know to whom to confide the mending of the lock. The choice lay between the Catholics, the Orthodox priests, the Armenians, the Melchites, the Copts, and the Abyssinians. All Jerusalem prepared for riots. The councillors and the Governor of Jerusalem held a meeting, and decided to replace the padlock temporarily by a strong cordon of troops and police. They then entrusted the president of the municipality with the mission of having a new lock made, and decreed that the president should himself solemnly attach the new padlock. This has been done, and peace reigns once more in the Holy City.

Men's Preference for Silly Women.

That men dislike and will not marry clever women is the complaint of an interesting article by Mrs. Macrosty in the current number of the "Englishwoman." Two women have honoured her with their confidence within the past month:

"One is pretty; the other is beautiful. One possesses private means . . . the other earns several hundred pounds a year. . . . Both would make ideal mothers. Yet both these women have confided to me that during all the fifteen years of their marriageable age no offer has been made to them. 'No man has ever looked at me with love in his eyes,' said one, and she added sadly a second afterwards, 'I wish it were otherwise.' Mrs. Macrosty takes the mere man to task for his folly. 'Domestic problems are not solved by stupidity,' she says, 'nor is college training any bar to the supervision of servants. The husband who marries, knowing that his wife must spend a good part of her days in cooking, sewing, and superintending the cleaning, is far more likely to find what he wants in a man who has never ceased to add to her knowledge. . . . The silly woman has learned only the art of doing nothing. As an outlet for her activities the clever woman bakes cakes, bottles fruit, and learns to make her own pressed and potted meats instead of purchasing at the shops the glass jars which contain so little nutriment. The silly woman finds sufficient stimulation

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All copy intended for publication in these columns must reach the office not later than Saturday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

AUCKLAND.

May 20th.

A Successful Dance.

MRS. SOUTHEY BAKER gave a successful dance party on Tuesday. "Keswick" is just an ideal house for parties. The house stands on a rise, with beautiful grounds all round it. The whole place was lighted with large Japanese lanterns. All the wide verandahs were canvased in, and furnished with comfortable seats. The large hall was used for dancing, also the drawing-rooms, which open out from it. The hall is a delightful room panelled with stained wood, and there was a light decoration of lycopodium and yellow chrysanthemums. The walls were lined with interesting and valuable heirlooms. The upper hall was used as a lounge, and teas were served there. A charming morning-room was a favourite setting-out place. The dance was given in honour of Miss Dorothy Baker's coming out, and the debutants looked sweet in a very dainty frock of silk crepe de chine and a lovely shower bouquet. A delicious supper was served at small round tables, all beautifully decorated with red dahlia and red gun-blossoms, and lighted with red-shaded candles.

Mrs. Baker wore a smart frock of grey charmeuse, with tunic of lovely embroidered grey net; Miss Lloyd, a becoming frock of palest lemon colour, with some lovely lace on it; Lady Lockhart, a handsome toilette of yellow brocade, with some lovely lace on it; Mrs. Hickley, a smart black frock; Mrs. C. Buddle, black with a fichu of fine white lace and a large deep-pink rose; Mrs. W. Lloyd, white silk and a draped scarf of languine.

Among the guests were: Mrs. C. Pollen, in a handsome grey frock; Mrs. Archie Clark, a smart black frock; Mrs. J. R. Reed, a pretty blue frock; Mrs. Duthie looked smart in black charmeuse with tunic of spangled net; Mrs. Caldwell wore a black frock of charmeuse, with short tunic effect of lovely embroidery; Mrs. H. Marsack, a smart pink with touches of black; Mrs. Brodie, black charmeuse with tunic of beetle's wing, spangled net; Mrs. Sydney Thorne George looked charming in a lovely frock of palest champagne with trimmings of brown fur; Mrs. Braithwaite, a becoming frock of pale yellow; Mrs. C. Young, bronze-green charmeuse with overdress of gold beaded net; Mrs. A. Herrold, white charmeuse with tunic of nixon; Miss Merle Pollen looked charming in her lovely little coming-out frock; Miss Isidore Cumming, a pretty pink frock; Mrs. Jim Carpenter looked charming in a lovely white satin frock with tunic of lovely gold embroidered net; Mrs. W. Colbeck wore a dainty little grey frock; Mrs. Fred Waller, natter blue nixon over white charmeuse and a lovely large deep pink rose in the corsage; Mrs. Harold Cooper (Palmerston North) was very much admired in a

lovely grace frock of blue charmeuse with tunic of silver-beaded net, and cluster of tiny pink roses, and a large blue tulle bow in her hair; Mrs. E. Anderson looked smart in emerald green and black; Mrs. Edmunds, cream lace and crepe de chine; Miss Vesta Thomas looked graceful in black; her sister in blue; Misses Reed, who were welcomed back from their trip to England, looked charming; Miss Mavis in palest lemon-coloured nixon over charmeuse, and Miss Enid in a pretty white frock; Miss Nora Moore, pretty coming-out frock; Miss Crumpton (England), floral silk and lace; Miss Blanche Peacocke, blue charmeuse and pink roses; Miss Bay Tole looked smart in blue; Miss Margie Tole looked dainty in a pretty palest blue frock; Miss Jenny Nicoll, white; Miss Rossie Greig, saxe-blue with fichu of white lace; Miss Dorothy Nolan, pretty blue frock with brown fur; Miss Dorothy Nathan was dainty in pink; Miss Phyllis Macfarlane, white satin and pink roses; Miss Olive Aickin, natter blue crepe, pink roses; Miss Ruth Spencer, looked very pretty in a blue frock; Miss M. Cooper, blue charmeuse and fur; Miss Vera Duthie, yellow and blue; Miss Mab Rice, saxe-blue nixon over white charmeuse; Miss Dorothy Nicol, pretty blue charmeuse frock; Miss Earl, white; Miss Nora Buddle looked charming in a dainty frock of finest white muslin over palest pink, with touches of saxe-blue; Miss Neville looked very pretty in a lovely little white frock with touches of pink; Miss Thelma Bloomfield, pale green and a becoming touch of red; Miss Lena Saunders looked dainty in pink and pale blue; Miss Eileen Dyer (Rotorua) looked smart in natter blue crepe de chine; Mrs. Noel Bamford, erise, and her sister, Miss Moyra Nation, most charming little frock of finest white spotted silk muslin over palest pink charmeuse, with dainty frills of palest blue; Miss G. Cole, pale pink nixon over charmeuse; Miss Winnie Alexander looked sweet in a lovely pink and grey frock; Miss Hipkin looked pretty in a dainty white frock with pink roses and a mob cap wreathed with roses; Misses Martin, pretty blue, blue and gold, and pale yellow frocks respectively; Miss Finmore (Fiji) looked dainty in palest yellow nixon over charmeuse.

St. John's Ambulance Society.

St. John's Ambulance Society held their annual general meeting on Wednesday night in the concert chamber of the Town Hall. His Excellency the Governor Lord Islington presided, and her Excellency Lady Islington presented the diplomas to the successful competitors. A most interesting item on the programme was an exhibition of ambulance work given by squads of the Boy Scouts. Miss M. Lusher played two interesting pianoforte solos. Madame Chambers sang charmingly, and Mr. O. Farrow was in fine voice. Her Excellency, as usual, looked charming in a pretty clinging black frock and a lovely coat of red

in gazing at the shop windows, scolding the servants, and adorning her person."

THE CHILD'S START IN LIFE.

There is another point in favour of the clever wife. The child born of a wise mother, taking maternity seriously, is likely to have a good start in life—not only because of his inheritance, but also by reason of a prudent upbringing, free from uncertain alternations of petting and scolding.

Still, Mrs. Macrosty concludes what she calls her "grumble" in a hopeful vein. There have been signs in the last two or three years, she thinks, that

clever men are marrying clever women, and that female ability is no longer the bar to marriage it once was. It is not that the supply of silly women is running short, but that men are beginning to recognise the wealth of inheritance which they may bequeath to their children if they give them wise mothers.

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