

LOVELL—AKROYD.

A quiet and pretty wedding took place at Holy Trinity Church, Gisborne, on Wednesday morning, December 11, when Miss Gertrude Akroyd, eldest daughter of Mr. W. E. Akroyd, was married to Mr. Mark Wesley Lovell, eldest son of Mr. Mark Lovell, of Napier. The bride looked charming in a smart grey coat and skirt. The bridesmaids were Misses E. Akroyd and Cecil de Lantour, and they were attired in pretty white muslin dresses, with hats to match. Mr. P. W. Bass acted as best man, and Mr. Olsen as groomsman. The happy couple left later for Auckland, where the honeymoon will be spent.

RAE—PATTERSON.

Holy Trinity Church, Otahuhu, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, on Wednesday, 4th inst., when Miss Lila Carlisle Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Patterson, of Otahuhu, and Mr. Clifton Campbell Rae, of Auckland, were married by the Rev. G. Morse. The bride, who was given away by her cousin, Mr. W. H. Brown, of Otahuhu, was beautifully dressed in duchess mousseline satin, veiled with handsome point Venice lace, and elaborately sheathed with pearls; she also wore the customary veil with a coronet of pearls, caught at the side with a rosette of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Jean Patterson, and Miss Elsie Rae, sister of the bridegroom, both looking dainty in charmesse satin veiled with spotted net, trimmed with silk lace. Both wore very pretty bay green hats. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a pair of opaline earrings set in gold. Mr. Lye carried out the duties of best man, and Mr. Little acted as groomsman. After the ceremony, a reception was held at "Lovonia," the residence of the bride's parents. Mrs. Patterson received the guests in black Duchesse mousseline satin, veiled with nylon. The bridegroom's mother was attired in faded rose Duchesse mousseline satin veiled with black silk lace, and carried a bouquet of roses.

The Sun and Wireless Telegraphy.

A series of notable experiments in wireless telegraphy were tried in Paris on April 17 during the eclipse of the sun. It has been noticed by scientists that the distances over which wireless messages can be dispatched varies greatly according to the time of day and the direction. A message sent by rapid vibrations, which will not carry more than 700 miles during the day, can be sent over twice that distance at sunset, especially towards the south. When slower vibrations are used, it can be transmitted further in the day time. It is believed that these curious facts are due to the activity of the so-called ultra-violet rays of the sun, the theory being that these rays are a powerful factor in the energy of the Hertzian waves. The eclipse, when a great part of these rays were suddenly cut off, proved an ideal occasion for decisive tests, and the wireless station on the Eiffel tower sent messages continuously from a little before the eclipse until a little after it, in several directions. The conclusions to be drawn from these experiments are awaited with keen interest.

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ENGAGEMENTS.

No notices 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 Linda Fenwick, daughter of Mr. George Fenwick, to Mr. Wilfred White, of "The Levels," South Canterbury.

The engagement is announced of Miss T. Paterson, younger daughter of Mr. A. S. Paterson, to Lieutenant Renwick, of the Terra Nova.

The engagement is announced of Miss M. Kennedy, of Takapuna, Auckland, to Mr. J. R. Cramer, of Messrs Cramer and Co., Napier.

The Drift from Christianity.

The vicar of Carrington, Rev. A. W. Blunt, in a "Hibbert Journal" article, traces the present drift of modern life away from organised Christianity to two main causes. First, the tendency to substitute morality for spirituality, an ethical idea and a social inspiration for the idea of holiness and communion with God. Second, the modern love of personal freedom and dislike for discipline. While Mr Blunt admits that there is a good deal of philanthropic and social effort apart from organised Christianity, he does not think the result satisfactory, simply because it has no spiritual basis in prayer and communion with God. "It is all fuss and little power." If organised Christianity is to survive effectively in England, in his opinion it on the one hand must be prepared for a conflict with the spirit of the age. On the other hand, the Church—he is thinking of his own Church—must reform. "Every tinge of the old false sacerdotalism must go." We know now that, according to primitive Christian doctrine, "the priestly body is the whole Church first, and that the clergy are but representatives of the Church. Any notion of a special and exclusive grace belonging to the clergy as such and only mediated to the Church by their agency is neither Scriptural nor Catholic."

THE USE OF FACE CREAMS.

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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.

December 16.

Tea Party.

THE Misses Oliphant gave a charming tea party in honour of Miss Hazel Lindsay on Tuesday, the eve of her marriage. The tea table looked delightful with artistically arranged white flowers and the palest pink, large white soft satin bow at one corner, and from the centre was suspended a china "lucky shoe," with dainty ribbons hanging from it, and wedding favours of silver horse-shoes. Dainty strawberry ices were handed round before tea. In the conservatory, off the tea-room, was placed on a table an autograph album, in which each guest was asked to sign her name, and this was later on presented to the bride-elect. There was some delightful music contributed by Miss Stella McLean, Miss Winnie Kent, and Miss Elsie Commons, and Miss Milly Earl recited. Mrs. Oliphant wore white inserted with Irish crochet; the Misses Mary, Margaret, Beatrice and Janie Oliphant were in dainty white frocks, and made charming hostesses. Miss Hazel Lindsay wore a pretty frock of blue and white silk muslin, bordered with dark blue, and touches

of emerald green, and very becoming black hat; Mrs. Lindsay, pale shade of natter blue, and a black hat; the Misses Marjory and Phyllis Lindsay, white, with pretty flower-wreathed hats; Mrs. W. Donald, white embroidered lawn, putty-coloured hat with black feathers; Mrs. Milson, white embroidered linen, black hat with white lace bows; Mrs. E. Davis, smart black and white frock, with cerise suede belt and white hat; Mrs. Marshall, white crepe de chine, lovely black Spanish lace scarf, black

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