

Wedding Bells.

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BEARD—MARTIN.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated by the Rev A L Marshall in St John's Church, on Wednesday, 8th instant, the contracting parties being Mr J. Beard, third son of Mr John Beard, of Malabaine, and Miss E. Martin, youngest daughter of Mr John Martin, of Southern Brook. Mr F. Beard, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a lovely dress of white silk, prettily trimmed with a panel of lace gathered in at the hem, a band of insertion at front, long train, the bodice had a lace yoke and sleeves, and straps over shoulders, also the customary orange blossom wreath and veil. She carried a sweet bouquet of white roses, fern and heather, with silk streamers. Miss M. Dudley the bridesmaid, looked charming in white muslin, tunic skirt trimmed with Val. insertion and lace, she wore a smart white hat trimmed with pink roses and heather, and carried a large bouquet of pink carnations, fern, and heather. After the ceremony the party drove to the Southern Brook Agricultural Hall where some forty relatives and friends sat down to the wedding breakfast. The health of the bride and bridegroom was enthusiastically honored, as also were the toasts of the bridesmaid, the parents, and the ladies. The happy couple had to leave early in order to catch the evening train for Perth, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling dress was a nice butcher blue striped tunic, tunic skirt, trimmed with silk braid and rosettes, hat to match. Both the wedding and travelling dresses were made by Miss Kirchener, of Kennedy Bros., Northam, and constituted masterpieces of art and taste. The popularity of the young couple was amply demonstrated in the evening when about 200 people arrived to do them honor. Dancing was indulged in till early morning, and everyone voted the function one of the most successful ever held in the district. Many wedding presents, both valuable and artistic, were received, some of which are given below —

Bridegroom to bride, gold watch and chain; bride to bridegroom, gold scarf pin; bridegroom to bridesmaid, gold brooch; Mr Hubert Beard, cheque; Mr and Mrs Albert Lawrence, water jug with glasses; Mrs and Miss Bonser, sugar, butter, and jam basins; Mr and Mrs Ivimey, brilliant backcomb; Mr H. Gale waterjug; Mr F. Beard, jun, pair fruit dishes; Mr H. Matthews, teapot, butter, and sugar basins; Mr and Mrs A. E. Dudley, w. and g. china cups and saucers; May and Hilda Dudley, brush and crumb tray; Mr and Mrs C. Christmas, set carvers; Mr L. McPherson, pair photo frames; Mr and Mrs Lewis Beard, pair water jugs; Mr J. Gale, fruit dish; Mr and Mrs D. Matthews, bread board and knife; Miss M. Martin, water jug and glass; Mr and Mrs James Dudley, dair cake stands; Mr C. Christensen, half-

M. Martin, water jug and glass; Mr and Mrs James Dudley, dair cake stands; Mr C. Christensen, half-dozen silver teaspoons; Mr and Mrs R. H. Matthews, flower bowl; Mr and Mrs Bert Giblett, s m pickle jar; Mr and Mrs Greenwood, large lamp; Mr and Mrs Atkinson, half-doz wine glasses; Mr and Mrs Hansen, pair vases and pair fruit plates; Miss Alice Martin, handsome cushion.