

Wedding Bells.

MINCHIN—McDONALD.

[Contributed].

A wedding of great interest to residents of East Beverley and district was solemnised in the East Beverley Hall on Wednesday, March 22nd, the bride being Miss Jean McDonald, 3rd daughter of Mr. F. McDonald, J.P., of "Dunbeath," East Beverley, Chairman of the Beverley Roads Board, and the bridegroom Mr. J. Basil Minchin, D.S.O., M.M., late Lieutenant of the A.I.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Minchin, of Balkuling. The hall was most artistically decorated by friends of the bride. A pretty arch softly draped with curtains and decorated with a wedding bell, lucky horeshoes, and initials of the bride and groom, occupied the centre of the hall. As the bride entered on the arm of her father (who gave her away) the guests sang the Wedding Hymn, which was played by Miss McLeod (cousin of the bride), who also played the Wedding March. Rev. A. Schroeder was the officiating clergyman.

The bride was charmingly attired in a modest frock of white crepe de chine, embroidered with white beads, having soft drapings of georgette at either side, the waist being encircled with a wreath of hand-made flowers in pink and silver. A handsome wreath and veil was worn, which was lent for the occasion by Mrs. H. Francis, of Fremantle (an old friend of the bride).

The bridesmaids were Miss F. McDonald (sister of the bride) and Miss M. Minchin (sister of the bridegroom). The first-named wore a smart frock of apricot crepe de chine, hand embroidered, with which was worn a pretty hat of accordion pleated georgette in puffy and apricot tones, finished with posy. The second bridesmaid wore a dainty frock of mole crepe de chine, hand embroidered in pink, with pink pipings and soft swathing at waist, and pretty hat of pink straw with ribbon and floral trimmings. Both carried sheaves of Easter lilies in tone with their frocks. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. S. Minchin (brother) as best man, and F. McDonald (brother of bride) as groomsman.

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After the ceremony the happy couple received the congratulations of their friends, after which all adjourned to the supper room, where a most recherche wedding tea was served, the tables being beautifully decorated with perennial aster, asparagus fern and carnations. A handsome three-tiered wedding cake occupied the centre of the bridal table.

A short toast list was honored. Bride and bridegroom, proposed by Rev. A. Schroeder, responded to by the bridegroom, who proposed the toast of the bridesmaids. Mr. S. Minchin responded and also read a number of congratulatory telegrams from distant friends. The parents of bride and groom, proposed by Mr. Hastings, of Balkuling, responded to by Mr. F. McDonald and Mr. J. Minchin, *senr.*

A number of handsome and useful wedding gifts were received by the happy couple, testifying to the esteem with which both are held.

A dance, interspersed with musical items and recitations, brought a happy evening to a close, during which the happy couple left to catch the train to Albany, where the honeymoon was spent, the bride travelling in a smart coat and skirt of fawn gabardine, with small hat of white soft straw, trimmed with daisies.

A few weeks prior to the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Hastings, of Balkuling, gave the bride-elect a kitchen tea, at which a valuable collection of kitchen utensils was presented, all present spending a most enjoyable evening.