ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 15th June 1912

WEDDING. - At the Parish Church of All Saints on Saturday afternoon last the wedding was solemnised of Miss Elsie Benham PURNELL, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. PURNELL, of the Ferns, Ryde, and Mr. Cecil L. ELLERY, second son of Major J. ELLERY, of West Street, Ryde. Both Mr. PURNELL and Major ELLERY have been connected as churchwardens with All Saints Church for many years, and the contracting parties were thus very well-known in the parish, with the result that there was a crowded congregation. The officiating clergy were the Vicar (the Rev. Hugh le FLEMING), the Rev. C. L. BLAKE, and the Rev. C. B. ATYEO. The service was fully choral, the hymns being "The voice that Breathed" and "O, Perfect Love." The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very charming in a dress of cream satin with one corner turned back showing a lover's knot worked with silk braided cord and orange blossom. She also wore a wreath of orange blossom and veil, and she carried a sheaf of beautiful lilies. She was attended by four bridesmaids, Miss Mabel MEARS, Miss Ivy PURNELL, Miss Hilda PURNELL, and Miss Connie ELLERY, who wore extremely pretty dresses of cream eolienne with pink and blue chiffon roses. They carried posies and wore gold and pearl brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The duties of best man were carried out by the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Allan ELLERY. As the newly married couple left the church the organist, Dr. R. YATES MANDER, Mus. Doe., F.R.C.O., played MENDELSSOHN's "Wedding March." A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's mother which was very largely attended, and later the bride and bridegroom left for Cliftonville where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride went away in a navy costume. The presents, which were very handsome, numbered upwards of 120.

The dresses were supplied by Miss DERRICK, of Well Street, and the flowers by Mr. E. C. GOBLE.

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