

MARRIAGE OF MISS PLATT.

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On Wednesday morning the marriage nuptials of Mr. Henry Champion and Miss Alice Platt were celebrated at St. Thomas's Church. Soon after ten o'clock the church was crowded with spectators anxious to witness the ceremony, and a very much larger number of people had to be denied admission, and remained outside to await the arrival of the wedding party. As the different carriages arrived great interest was manifested by the people, both inside and outside the church, the scene inside being of a very animated character. The garlands with which the place had been decorated for the Christmas festivities and the impressive mottoes hung on the walls still remained, and added considerably to the effect of the ceremony. Every available spot was occupied, and many were to be seen standing on the seats in the pews for the purpose of looking over the heads of their neighbours. The groomsmen, who were in good time, consisted of the following:—Mr. S. R. Platt, Mr. J. A. Platt, Mr. Meek, Mr. Banks, Mr. Hill, Mr. J. Champion, Mr. H. Platt, and Mr. R. Champion. The bride's party arrived at a quarter past eleven. Miss Platt was magnificently arrayed. Her dress was of white-satin, trimmed with Brussels lace. Her fall was of tulle, and she wore pearl ornaments. The bridesmaids, who carried elegant bouquets, wore dresses of celestial blue silk, trimmed with silver braid. Their hats were cream-coloured, with white feathers. The entrance of the bridal party created a very favourable impression, and many encomiums were passed upon the appropriateness of the ladies' *crousseau*. The following is a list of the bridesmaids:—Miss Radcliffe, Miss R. Champion, Miss A. Champion, Miss Birley, Miss Caird, Miss G. Platt, Miss M. Radcliffe, and Miss G. Radcliffe. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. C. Ellis, of Lansfirlechan, assisted by the Rev. T. Ireland, and was of a full choral character. Mr. Marsden presided at the organ, and was ably seconded by a full choir. The opening was an overture to Handel's "Occasional Oratorio," and as the party entered the church the whole assembly joined in "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" (St. Alphage). The other hymn during the service was "Oh Christ, the king of human life" (St. James); and as the last words of the marriage sacrament fell from the lips of the officiating minister, forth came from the organ, at a lively pace, Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." Mr. Marsden also gave the "Commemoration March." From the entrance of the bride into the sacred edifice until the last tones of the "Commemoration March" died on the ear, fully three-quarters of an hour had elapsed. All the rest of the day the bells of the parish church rang out merry peals of music. In the afternoon the ringers rang a peal consisting of 1,870 harmonious changes of Grandioso Triples, which was well brought round in one hour and eight minutes by the following persons:—1st Joseph Wilkinson, 2nd William Platt, 3rd John Whittaker, 4th Wm. Kenworthy, 5th William Ashworth, 6th George Garside, 7th Daniel Woodcock, 8th William Hinchcliffe. The peal was arranged and conducted by Mr. William Ashworth.

The party proceeded direct to Werneth Park, where every preparation that could be desired awaited them. Triumphant arches of evergreens were erected here and there in the progress through the grounds, and these were surmounted by banners. In the ball room at breakfast the following was the order of the guests, and it may be stated that the whole of them were present at the ceremony:—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Champion; Mr. H. Platt, and Mrs. Champion; Mr. Hibbert, and Mrs. H. Platt; Rev. R. S. Gooday, and Mrs. F. Platt; Mr. Thomson, Mrs. Duncuft; Mr. T. H. Sykes, Mrs. Ellis; Mr. Crossby, Mrs. J. H. Radcliffe; Mr. Josiah Radcliffe, Mrs. James Radcliffe; Mr. John Hargreaves, Miss Radcliffe; Mr. T. H. Radcliffe, Mrs. Walter Radcliffe; Mr. J. Champion, Mrs. Platt; Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Ireland; Rev. T. Ireland, Mrs. Thomson; Mr. Wilmot, Miss Schofield; Mr. F. Platt, Mrs. Crossley; Mr. J. W. Radcliffe, Mrs. Hargreaves; Mr. J. Radcliffe, Mrs. Josiah Radcliffe; Mr. James Radcliffe, Mrs. John Radcliffe; Mr. John Radcliffe, Mrs. J. H. Radcliffe; Mr. Sydney Platt, Mrs. James Platt; Master B. Champion, Miss G. Radcliffe; Mr. Hill, Miss A. Champion; Mr. J. A. Platt, Miss Caird; Mr. S. R. Platt, Miss L. Radcliffe; Mr. J. Champion, Miss A. G. Platt; Mr. Meek, Miss R. A. Champion; Mr. Bank, Miss Birley; Master H. Platt, Miss Mabel Radcliffe; Mr. J. H. Platt, Mr. Walter Radcliffe. The repast, which was of the most recherche description, was under the personal superintendence of Mr. Hiron. The following is the menu:—

SOUPS.

Bisque—Julienne.

FISH.

Salmon—Mayonnaise Sauce.

ENTREES.

Chartreuse of Oysters—Sweetbreads, with Truffles—

Lamb Cutlets—Green Peas—Salmi of Snipes.

Poultry.

Braised Beef—Calfsteak of Veal—Forequarter of Lamb—

Game Pie—Baked Chickens—Boast Chickens—Baked

Capons—Roast Capons—Ham—Turkeys.

FRUIT.

Roast Pheasants—Partridges—Aspic d'Eperovice—

Aspic d'Homard—Pâté de Foie Gras.

Russian Cakes—Champagne Jelly—Claret Jelly—

Marschano Jelly—Sherry Jelly—Apricot Cream—

Meringue Cream—Venetian Padding.

ICES.

Pipe Apple Cream—Orange Water.

FRUITS.

Among the toasts which were proposed were "The Bride and Bridegroom," to which Mr. Champion responded with some appropriate remarks; "Mrs. Platt and Mr. and Mrs. Champion," to which Major Platt and the bridegroom's