

Nov. 30. 1901

WYTHAM-ON-THE-HILL.

PARISH TEA AND DANCE.—On Tuesday week, during the Feast of the Dedication of the Parish Church, a most successful parochial gathering took place in the new School. The arrangements were carried out by a committee of ladies, including Mrs. Brackenbury, Miss Kuipo, Mrs. Moxon, Mrs. Thos. Pick, Mrs. Watts, and Mrs. Webster, all of whom presided at trays. Though the evening was wet, over one hundred sat down to tea, which commenced at six o'clock. After tea, the room was cleared for dancing, which was kept up with much spirit until 11.30. Mr. J. H. Berry, of Bourne, was the accompanist. Notwithstanding the heavy expenses entailed by hiring a piano from Bourne, the Committee found themselves solvent, with a small balance to the good. It is agreed by all that the evening was a great success, and that those who took part in it thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

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WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL.

A VISIT TO THE HOMETOWN.—Amongst the passengers by the Lucania, which arrived in Liverpool on Friday week, were Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew. Mr. Andrew is a brother of the late Mr. John Andrew, and a representative of one of the oldest families of this parish. He went out to America twenty-one years ago, and, for the last seventeen years, has acted as manager on the extensive stock farms of the Hon. Leander J. McCormac. Before leaving for England, Mr. Andrew was the recipient of a valuable silver cup, presented to him by the Hon. L. J. McCormac, and also of another silver cup, presented by his personal friends in Lake County, Ill., U.S.A. Mrs. Andrews also received gifts from her friends before parting. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew will remain here for some considerable time.

MARRIAGE OF Miss VIOLET JOHNSON.—On Saturday afternoon last, the 23rd inst., the wedding took place of Miss Violet Mary Johnson, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson, of Witham Hall, and 57, Earl's Court-square, London, with Mr. Cecil Reginald Vavasour Jervis-Waldy, son of Major Jervis-Waldy, of Howden Court, Devon. The marriage was solemnised in the Parish Church of St. Matthias, Earl's Court, by the Vicar, the Rev. Willoughby Carter, M.A., assisted by the Rev. L. H. Cooley, M.A., Vicar of Witham-on-the-Hill, and the Rev. E. P. Lewis, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, Brixton. The service was fully choral, and was rendered with the ornate and dignified ceremonial which is customary in this Church. The procession, which met the bridal party at the west end of the Church, was headed by the processional crucifix, and on either side acolytes in scarlet cassocks carried lighted candles. The officiating priest wore a cope of cloth of gold, richly jewelled, and the assisting priests were vested in cottas. On the altar, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, burned six tall tapers, and the sanctuary was illuminated by numerous candelabra. The Church, with which Mr. Johnson and his family have long been closely connected, was completely filled by a large congregation of friends and well-wishers. During the procession, the hymn, "The King of Love," was sung, and in the course of the service, an anthem, "Love Divine, all loves excelling," was ably rendered by the choir. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of white duchesse satin; the bodice, which was full, was trimmed with pearl and sequin passementerie, and made with a yoke of tucked chiffon; the skirt was made plain, with the exception of several very narrow frills of chiffon round the bottom; the train was of white satin. She wore a wreath of orange blossom on her hair and a lovely Brussels lace veil, lent by her mother, which was kept in place by a pearl ornament; and carried a magnificent bouquet of choice white flowers. The bridesmaids wore gowns of cream Indian muslin over cream silk; the skirts were trimmed with three tucked frills round the hem, the bodices were tucked and made with fichus of muslin edged with lace; long Eton blue sashes of soft silk, and large picturesque black crinoline straw hats trimmed with black feathers and large buckles completed their attire. They carried bouquets of Neapolitan violets and lilies-of-the-valley, which with gold curb chain bracelets and pendants of a four-leaved shamrock were the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride's travelling gown was a light blue frieze coat and skirt with a velvet collar and steel buttons, a white satin shirt trimmed with eoru lace, and a large black velvet hat trimmed with feathers. Mrs. Johnson afterwards held a reception at 57, Earl's Court-square, which was attended by a large and fashionable gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jervis-Waldy left in the course of the afternoon for Dover, en route for the South of France, where the honeymoon will be spent. Among the numerous presents were the following from tenants on the Witham estate:—Mrs. Andrew and Mr. Wm. Andrew, set of silver spoons and sugar-tongs; Mr. Thos. Pick, silver butter-dish and knife; Mr. R. C. B. Watts, silver fruit-spoons. During the day, and also on the following Sunday, poles were rung at Witham-on-the-Hill in honour of the event.