

# The Thetford & Watton Times

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## FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE AT MERTON.

The marriage of the Hon. Alexander Hugh Willoughby, youngest son of Lord Middleton, to Miss Mary Selina Honoria, the only daughter of late General the Hon. James Macdonald, and cousin to Lord and Lady Walsingham, was solemnized at the pretty little church at Merton on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Unfortunately the day was very wet, and just at the time of the ceremony rain was falling heavily. A large number of the *elite* of the neighbourhood were present. The church had been prettily adorned by Mr. George Howes, head gardener to Lord Walsingham. Crimson cloth was laid from the gateway on the north side leading to the church along the aisle to the alter steps. On the arrival of the bride at the church door the nuptial hymn, "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden," was sung by the congregation. The Rev. A. M. Reid, M.A., Rector, conducted the ceremony. The bride was given Away by her brother, Mr. George Macdonald, of the Grenadier Guards; while the Hon. Claude Willoughby attended his brother as best man. The bride's dress was composed of rich white satin, with long train of s me. The bodice was trimmed with Brussels lace, and draped with orange blossoms. She wore a veil of Brussels lace, and a small wreath of orange blossoms, which was fastened to the hair by two diamond stars and a sun. She carried in her hands a lovely bouquet of orange blossoms and orchids. The two bridesmaids were the two little daughters of the Duc de Marino, Donna-Isabella and Vittoria-Collonna. They were dressed in cream silk, with lace flounces. They each wore a moonstone and diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. A page of honour attended the bride, Master George De Grey, son of the Hon. John de Grey, who looked very pretty in his Highland costume. He carried a small watch presented to him by the bride and bridegroom. Before the exhortation the hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost," was sung, and at the conclusion of the service the bridal party adjourned to the family pew, where the registers were signed. In the meantime favours were distributed, consisting of

orange blossoms and heather. As the happy pair left the church Mendelssohn's Wedding March was ably played on the organ by Mr. P H. Chignell, organist of St. Martin's-at-Palace, Norwich. As the party proceeded to their carriage flowers were strewn in their path by the school children from the parishes of Thompson, Tottington, and Merton. Before entering their carriages the bridal party were photographed by Mr. W. L. Shrubsole, of Exchange Street, Norwich, who also by special appointment photographed a large group after the wedding breakfast. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests adjourned to the hall, the seat of Lord and Lady Walsingham, where the wedding breakfast was served. The cake was supplied by Buzzard, of Oxford Street, London. The bride's dress was made by Madame Labord, of Cavendish Square, London. Later in the afternoon the newly married pair drove to Buckenham Hall, the seat of W. A. T. Amherst, Esq., M.P., where they intended to pass their honeymoon. As they drove away a merry peal of bells was rung from the old Saxon tower. The following include the distinguished company present as guests at the hall:-Mrs. Locke, Hon. J. de Grey, Miss Macdonald, Mr. Angerstein, Mr. J. Angerstein, Miss Willoughby, Duc de Marino, Miss Amherst, Capt. And Mrs. Fortescue, Lord Wallscourt, Hon. C. Willoughby, Mr. H. Fortescue, Mr G. Macdonald, Donna Isabella and Vittoria Colonna, and Mr. Lambert.

The following is the list of presents:-

Breakfast set, Lord and Lady Cecil. Calendar Mrs Astley. Clock, Lord Templemore. Tortoiseshell paper knife, Mrs Rees Mogg. Silver box, Miss de Burgh. Pearl ring, Sir H and Lady Vivian. Diamond and sapphire ring, Lord Walsingham. Diamond bracelet, Mrs Hope Johnstone. Blotter and case, Mrs Jos Bagot. Pearl and turquoise heart brooch, Sir John Leslie. Silver egg spoons, Mr. Sidney Lane. Piano, Mrs A Upton. Silver brushes, Duchess St Theodore. Folding writing table, Lord Leslie. Ivory paper knife, Mrs Hervey. Travelling clock, Lord Bradford. Two old china plates and glass bowl, Mrs. Hozler. Riding habit, Mrs Locke. Chippendale table and tray, Miss M Grant. Diamond ring, Mr Cunard. Stick, Miss Cecil Fletite. Silver inkstand, Rev Charles Hudson. Moonstone necklace, Mrs Goodlake. Travelling clock, Lady Harrington. Coffee cups, Captain and Mrs A Fortescue. Silver acent bottle, Mr Ernest Land. Shoe horn, Captain and Mrs Acland Hood. Bureau and china cupboard, Mrs Claud Portman. Umbrella, Captain H and Mrs H Fortescue. Silver tray, Lady Blanche

Havgarth. Silver match box, Mr James Mitchell. Silver blotting book, Lady Ailesbury. Turquoise necklace, Mr. John De Grey. Moonstone and diamond bracelet, Lord and Lady Wharncliffe. Glass vases, Mrs Hope. Clock, Mrs H Fortescue. Cheque, Mr. Claude Willoughby. Cheque, Lady Mary Ailesbury. Curtains, Mrs Bosville. Fan, Mrs Chaine. Silver candlesticks, Mr. Charles H Villiers. Gold bracelet, ruby, and diamond, Lord Walsingham. Silver pepper and mustard pots, Mr and Mrs De Grey. Liqueur glass, Mr J De Grey. Cheque, Lord Reay. Bank note, Miss Macdonalds. Silver button hook and shoe lift, &c., Mr Harry Beaumont. Tortoiseshell card case and watch, Mr Reggy Astley. Lamp, Mary Leslie. Feather fan, Mr Jack Angerstein. Silver blotter, Isabella Colonna. Candles and paper cutter, Mr and Mrs Woods. Silver basket, Mr Kirwan. Silver knife, Miss Hervey. Silver whistle, Victoria Colonna. Travelling bag. Mr Angerstein. Travelling clock, Prince and Princess of Sax Weimar. Songs of the North, Miss Thorold. Envelope case, Miss Phipps. Diamond star, Lady Margaret Charteris. Poplin dress, ditto. Cheque, Lord Hopetown. Table, Lord and Lady Harewood. China, Miss Anna Thesson. Umbrella, Miss Wodehouse. Etui, Mrs Inigo Jones and Miss Charteris. Umbrella, Mr W Russell. Locket, Lady Ailesbury. Bottles, Mr Francis Fortescue. Salt bottle, Mr and Miss Mead. Inkstand, Lord Macdonald. Match box, Mrs Birch Reynardson. Two vases, Miss M and E Harcourt. Silver castors, Mr John Fenn. Butterfly brooch, Mr Grant. Fan, Miss Birch Reynardson. Dresden dessert forks and knives, Lady Cromartie. Brooch, pearl and moonstone, Miss A Amherst. Pearl and diamond brooch, Miss S M F Amherst. Cherry brandy, half dozen, Miss G Amherst. Looking glass, Rev A and Mrs Reid. Looking glass, Captain and Mrs Percy Lambert. Diamond and ruby brooch, Mrs Lyne Stephens. Gold and platina bracelet, General Claremont. Diamond and pearl bangle, Mrs H Johnson. Claret jug, Lady E and D Hope. Bellows, Miss Hills. Cheque, Tatton Willoughby. Bureau, Miss Milligan. Vases, Mrs Callendar. Pincushion, Mr Durrant. Pearl and diamond star, Mr and Mrs Tyssen-Amherst. Diamond sun, Lord Wallscourt. Looking glass, Misses Bower. Six silver salt cellars, presented by General Macdonald's old servants. The bride's gown, trimmed with Brussels lace, the gift of Lady Walsingham.