

WEDDING BELLS.

It was an especially interesting event to Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses, when the marriage of Miss Ellen Webb, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., of Lindos, Cooden Drive, Bexhill-on-Sea, and Alderman Arthur Davis Thorpe, J.P., was solemnised at All Souls' Church, Langham Place, W.1, at noon on January 12th.

Most tastefully arranged pyramids of white lilac and blue iris, relieved by tall palms and ferns, decorated the interior of the church, and the rich crimson carpet gave a sense of warmth and welcome on a cold, though fitfully sunny day. A large congregation of relatives and friends were present at the very beautiful choral ceremony, the officiating clergy being the Rev. Canon Askwith, M.A., Rector of St. Matthew's, St. Leonards-on-Sea, and the Rev. Oswald Brenton, M.A.

The bride, charmingly attired in ash pink cloq bordered with sable, carrying a bouquet of orchids, attended by a maid of honour, Miss Marjorie Bruce, wearing a period dress of ice blue faile, passed up the aisle to the strains of the hymn "Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us."

The bride was given away by Mr. Frederick Birch, and Dr. W. H. Thorpe, M.A., of Jesus College, Cambridge, acted as best man. The choir rendered beautifully the Psalm "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills," and the hymns, "Love divine, all loves excelling" and "God be in my head."

During the signing of the register, to an accompaniment of soft music, one of the choristers sang perfectly the Anthem "O for the wings of a dove."

After the ceremony, the bridal party and guests proceeded to the drawing room of the famous Langham Hotel, where the bride and bridegroom received their guests, and sherry and cocktails were served.

All assembled, bride and bridegroom led the way to the dining room, where some hundred and twenty guests were entertained to a perfect six-course lunch, and wines of rare vintage.

The tables were gay with yellow and saffron tulips. The wedding cake, placed on a stand, had a conspicuous position opposite the high table, and was well cut by the united efforts of the bride and bridegroom.

In proposing the toast of the bride and bridegroom, Lord Meston of Agra, late President of the Buchanan Hospital, said it was not possible in a very brief speech to convey the tremendous work the bridegroom had done for the public welfare. For many years his great public

spirit and generosity had made him revered by the whole county of Sussex.

Lord Meston felt sure everyone present knew of the wonderful work the bride had done as Matron of the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

In the course of his reply, the bridegroom said he was sure of one thing, that he and the lady who had honoured him—his wife—would see that, like Dr. Banardo's Homes, the doors of their house at Highfield, would ever be open to their friends, and only closed to keep the draught out, and, at night, to guard the beautiful gifts everyone had showered upon them.

Passing through the thronged hall, the happy pair departed amidst a shower of confetti; the bridegroom's gift to his bride was an ermine coat and a fine car; the bride's to the bridegroom a writing desk, and Alderman Thorpe gave Miss Bruce, the maid of honour, a gold wristlet watch.

Among the many guests were to be seen professional friends of the bride; a courteous invitation was sent to the British College of Nurses, of which the bride is a Fellow, and it was represented by the Secretary, Miss A. Stewart Bryson, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., who greatly enjoyed the wedding ceremony and subsequent festivities, and considered it a privilege to be present on this happy occasion.

Mr. A. D. Thorpe, J.P., is the late Chairman of the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea, and was the donor of over £20,000 towards many improvements as well as its extension.

Our readers will, we are sure, join with us in wishing every happiness in their new life to Alderman and Mrs. Thorpe, who are so united in their zeal for the public good.

LEAGUE OF SISTER TUTORS.

The Annual Dinner of the League of Sister Tutors was held on Saturday, January 26th. Despite the inclemency of the weather there was a good company present.

The President, Miss Ballard, in the unavoidable absence of Miss Stevens, announced the result of the recent ballot for the Executive Committee. Miss Challenger was nominated Hon. Secretary, and Miss Nelson was unanimously asked to continue as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Owing to the success of the last Conference it was decided to hold another meeting in March, further details of which will be announced later. An increase in membership was reported.

The loyal toast of "The King," was proposed by Miss Courtenay.



Alderman A. D. Thorpe, J.P., and
Mrs. Thorpe, F.B.C.N.

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