

WEDDING OF MRS CARNEGIE'S GRAND-DAUGHTER.

Brilliant Ceremonial at Dornoch.

Great Rejoicing.

Never in its long history, which dates back to 1224, has the interior of Dornoch Cathedral looked more beautiful than it did yesterday, when within its ancient walls the wedding took place of Miss Louise Carnegie Miller, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roswell Miller, Skibo Castle, and granddaughter of Mrs Andrew Carnegie, widow of Mr Andrew Carnegie, the Scots-American millionaire and philanthropist, to Mr J. F. Gordon Thomson, advocate and Junior Counsel to the Treasury, Edinburgh. Never has any bridal party who emerged from the portals of the ancient building received a more spontaneous reception. The wedding of such a distinguished couple added yet another chapter to the pristine glory of the Cathedral. From lone sheilings, from crofters' cottages, and from every hamlet and village in the county, hundreds flocked to the Royal and Ancient Burgh to get a glimpse of the radiantly attired bride and her learned husband. Omnibuses and motor cars brought their quota, while others travelled by train and other conveyances. All along the two main routes to Dornoch little groups of men and women awaited their own particular means of transportation. Within the Burgh itself the citizens made the day one of gaiety. Flags and streamers were hoisted at various parts of Castle Street, two huge flags bearing the Scottish Lion being prominent. First headlight of the day was the arrival of the charming, smiling bride, who entered the West door on the arm of her father and thence through the Nave to the Chancel of the Cathedral, where the simple, yet impressive and dignified ceremony took place. The crowd surged round the bridal car and craned their necks to get a better

father, Mr Roswell Miller, wore a dress of ivory satin with lace sleeves and V neck and long satin train. The lace veil was the one worn by her mother at her wedding. Her bouquet was of Auratum lilies and maidenhair fern. The bride also wore a pearl pendant.

BRIDESMAIDS.

The duties of maid of honour were entrusted to Miss Martha Kennedy, New York City; while the bridesmaids were:— Miss Barbara Miller (sister of the bride), Miss Veronica Lombe-Taylor (cousin of the bridegroom), Miss Eleanor White, New York City; Miss Margaret Brenner, New York City.

The Maid of Honour and bridesmaids wore dresses of deep shell pink satin crepe with puff sleeves and V neck. They wore Leghorn picture hats trimmed with velvet ribbon to match the dresses. Their bouquets consisted of sweet peas in pastel shades to tone with their dresses.

FLOWER-GIRLS.

The following acted as flower-girls:— Miss Margaret Miller (sister of the bride); Miss Sheila Dickson (niece of the bridegroom), and Miss Margaret Upton (cousin of the bridegroom). They wore net dresses with small off the face Leghorn hats and carried old-fashioned bouquets.

BEST MAN.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr T. B. Simpson, Advocate, Edinburgh.

USHERS.

The ushers were:—Mr Roswell Miller (brother of the bride), Dr Malcolm Campbell (cousin of the bridegroom), Mr Robert Gordon Scott (cousin of the bridegroom), Mr William H. Stewart, Jr. (cousin of the bride), Mr Basil Ivory, Mr T. M. Taylor, Mr

drew Carnegie, steel master and philanthropist.

Mr Roswell Miller, father of the bride, is a son of the late Mr Roswell Miller, President of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, and of Mrs Roswell Miller of New York City and of Millbrook, New York. Mr Roswell Miller served during the Great War in the American Field Service with the French army and later joined the United States Navy. After the war, on 22nd April, 1919, he married Miss Margaret Carnegie. Mr Miller thereafter continued his engineering studies at Princeton University. He graduated in 1921 with the degree of Civil Engineer. After graduation, he was for ten years on the staff of the Engineering Department of New York University. He is now in real estate business. Mr Miller has done a considerable amount of work in coloured photography in connection with the American Museum of Natural History and has specialised in under-sea pictures, which were shown two years ago in Edinburgh at the request of the Royal Geographical Society. He is a Trustee of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and of the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh.

Mrs Roswell Miller, the bride's mother, is the only child of the late Mr Andrew Carnegie and of Mrs Carnegie. She was born in New York. She graduated from Spence School, New York City, and has spent nearly every summer at Skibo Castle. Mr and Mrs Roswell Miller have four children, of whom the bride is the eldest.

Miss Louise Carnegie Miller, the bride, was born in New York City, and graduated from Spence School, New York City, in 1937. She usually spends her summers at Skibo Castle. She is fond of outdoor life, and in particular, of shooting, fishing, yachting, swimming and photography.

Mr J. F. Gordon Thomson, the bridegroom, is the son of the late Mr William Thomson, advocate, Edinburgh. He was educated at Edinburgh Academy and at Clayesmore, Berkshire. He served in the Great War in Gallipoli, Egypt and France with the 5th Batt. The Royal Scots (Queen's Edinburgh Rifles) and later with the 5/6th Batt. The Royal Scots. He was wounded at Nieuport in the summer of 1917. After the war he studied law at the Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow. He is an M.A. of Edinburgh University. He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates at the end of

the band, advanced and presented to Miss Miller a beautiful Bible from members of the Dornoch Pipe Band. It bore the inscription "With kind regards and all good wishes from the Dornoch Pipe Band to Miss Louise Carnegie Miller, on the occasion of her marriage, 27th July, 1938. Let there be light."

In making the presentation Dr MacLachan said: "It gives me greater pleasure than I can express to be here this evening with the Dornoch Pipe Band and to have the privilege of conveying to you and Mr Thomson our warmest good wishes. We wish you every blessing and a long life together. I have seen you, Miss Miller, grow up from babyhood, and I have known your future husband since he was a very small boy. Believe me, I have the deepest regard for you both. My memory takes me back to the days when your grandfather first came amongst us. I need not remind you how his name is revered from one end of the civilised world to the other. Your future husband's father was an intimate friend of mine, and in him I retain the memory of a good man. We are glad to have with us to-night the great lady of Skibo—your grandmother—revered and respected by all who know her. Long may she be spared to us. I have now much pleasure in handing over to you this simple book. May it bring to you both the joy and peace it has brought to your forbears through the generations."

Miss Miller in a happy speech acknowledged the gift as also did Mr Thomson.

The Band were afterwards hospitably entertained.

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pressive and dignified ceremony took place. The crowd surged round the bridal car and craned their necks to get a better view. They were, however, the essence of orderliness and good humour, and with a little coaxing from the police they resumed their places further back. Handsome and debonair the groom awaited the arrival of his bride in company with the best man. Mellow music from an organ gifted by her grandfather to the Cathedral in 1893, greeted the bride as she proceeded to the altar. It was a wedding march. When bride, bridegroom and their attendants had taken up their allotted places, and after close on 500 guests were comfortably seated the hymn, "O Perfect Love," was sung by the Cathedral Choir. The short and appropriate wedding ceremony followed, the bride's responses being audible in every part of the Cathedral. Then followed the anthem, "God be Merciful to Us," by the Choir. After the Doxology, Mr and Mrs Thomson, both looking the essence of good health and happiness, walked slowly down the Nave and through the West door, where for a few minutes they posed to the camera crew. The crowd raised their voices in cheering. Mr and Mrs Thomson smiled and bowed their acknowledgment. They entered their car and proceeded on their four-mile journey to Skibo with the blessing and good wishes of the hundreds who saw them depart. Other attendants followed, and then came the bride's mother and grandmother, both of whom were cheered to the echo. From windows people waved their handkerchiefs and voiced their good wishes. It was a brilliant ceremony and one which will long be remembered. As if to add to the magnificent scene, the sky was all bright blue and the sun shone forth in all its summer glory. The lady guests favoured tweeds and summer dresses, while the gentlemen were attired in evening dress or Highland costume. The contrast was very marked.

And here's to the bride and bridegroom. May the sun shine on them always as it did on their happy wedding day.

After the guests left, two thousand people passed through the Cathedral to have a look at the floral display.

The reception given by Mrs Carnegie at Skibo Castle was a splendid affair, the scene inside the spacious grounds being exquisitely picturesque.

The day's proceedings concluded with a huge bonfire on a hill at Overskibo and in close proximity to Skibo Castle. The huge pile took hours to burn itself out, and the flames could be seen for miles around.

Throughout the whole elegant proceedings guests and sightseers were courteously received by the police and other officials.

OFFICIATING CLERGYMEN.

The ministers who officiated were:—The Very Rev. James Black, D.D., Moderator of the Church of Scotland; Dr William P. Merrill, New York City; and the Rev. John Levack, Minister of Dornoch Cathedral.

Mr Bassett W. Hough, New York City, and Mr W. H. Innes, Dornoch Cathedral, ably acted as organists.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC.

Before the service a programme of music was played on the organ. The bridal party presented a pretty picture when they entered to the strains of Wagner's Wedding March from Lohengrin. During the service an anthem was sung by Dornoch Cathedral Choir. Following the service the bridal party left the Cathedral to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

bell (cousin of the bridegroom), Mr Robert Gordon Scott (cousin of the bridegroom), Mr William H. Stewart, Jr. (cousin of the bride), Mr Basil Ivory, Mr T. M. Taylor, Mr G. P. S. Macpherson and Mr Donald Barrow.

FLORAL DECORATIONS.

At the east end of the Cathedral where the service took place, palms, ferns and Easter lilies were used for decoration. The stained-glass windows were banked with ferns, lilies and smilax.

THE RECEPTION.

After the wedding a reception was held by Mrs Carnegie at Skibo Castle. The breakfast for the bridal party was served in the dining-room of the Castle, and for the guests at small tables in a large marquee on the lawn. During the breakfast, music was provided by the Dornoch Pipe Band. When the bridal party proceeded from the Castle to cut the wedding cake in the marquee the bride was piped out by Mrs Carnegie's piper, Pipe-Major Hugh Grant.

SOME OF THE GUESTS.

Among acceptances to the wedding were the following:—

Mr Archd. and Miss Argo, Golspie; Mr and Mrs J. H. Arthur, Dornoch; Mr E. Bainbridge and Miss De Prinna, Gledfield; Dr Jas. MacLachlan, Dornoch; Mr and Mrs A. Barrow, Skibo; Mrs John Bell, Dornoch; Sir Robert and Lady Brooke, Midfean; Mr J. C. Buist, Broughly Ferry; Miss Margaret Cameron, Bonar-Bridge; Rev. A. D. Cameron, Creich; Mr H. F. Campbell, Dornoch; Sheriff and Mrs J. W. Forbes, Twynholm; Mrs Gilmour and Miss Gilmour, Invernauld; Mrs Grant, Dornoch; Mr Jas. F. Hardie, Dornoch; Mr and Mrs T. J. Hardie, Dornoch; Mr and Mrs T. W. Kennedy, Dornoch; Rev. J. G. and Mrs Levack, Dornoch; Mrs Sykes and Miss Mould, Dornoch Castle; Mrs Menzies, Blarich; Provost and Mrs Murray, Dornoch; Sir Alfred and Lady Macaulay, Golspie; Lady Marjory Mackenzie, Gairloch; Rev. Mr and Mrs McKinnon, Edderton; Rev. W. and Mrs Macleod, Dornoch; Sir Stewart Macpherson, Newtonmore; Dr and Mrs J. D. Macrae, Bonar-Bridge; Mr and Mrs D. K. Macrae, Golspie; Miss Nisbet, Dornoch; Mr and Mrs Carleton-Paget, Mrs Robichaud, Dornoch; Mrs Philip Scruthland; Mr and Mrs H. A. Ross, Brora; Mr T. Salvesen, Carbisdale Castle; Mr and Mrs R. J. Serjeantson, Brora; Dr and Mrs B. S. Simpson, Golspie; Miss Simpson, Golspie; Miss Ann Sinclair, Golspie; Mr and Mrs Stewart, Bonar-Bridge; Mr and Mrs Sudlow, Ospisdale; Rear-Admiral and Mrs Watson; Mr C. Heron Watson, West Garty; Mrs Shaw; Mrs Wignall and friend, Cambusmore; Dr and Mrs J. B. Simpson, Golspie; Rev. Archd. Alexander, London; Miss Alexander, Dunfermline; Mr and Mrs A. F. Barbour-Fleming, Stirling; Dr and Mrs Barlow Simpson, Edinburgh; Mr and Mrs J. P. Whittet, Clashmore House; Mr and Mrs Barrett, Edinburgh; Lady Beauchamp, London; Mrs James Bertram, New Rochdale, New York; Rev. Dr Black, Miss Black, Mr Black, Edinburgh; Sheriff Burnett, Edinburgh; Mr and Mrs John Sutherland, Dornoch; Mr Jas. L. R. Burke, New York; Mrs Archd. Campbell, Edinburgh; Colonel and Mrs Gunn, Craoich; Mr and Mrs A. B. Campbell, Edinburgh; Dr Malcolm Campbell, Droitwich; Dr and Mrs Campbell, Droitwich; Lord and Lady Carmont, North Berwick; Mr and Mrs W. A. Cochrane, Edinburgh; Mr and Mrs Alex. M. Haddon, New York; Miss Lewis; Mrs Melville, London; Sir Norman and Lady Macpherson, Edinburgh; Mrs Wm. O. Partridge, New York; Mr Geo. Ritchie, Iona; Mr and Mrs Stewart, Miss Mary L. Stewart and Mr W. H. Stewart, junr., New York. Other guests came from Aberdeenshire, Morayshire, Ross-shire, Sutherland, Farnborough, Edinburgh, Haddington, etc.

HONEYMOON.

Later, the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon which will be spent abroad. The bride's travelling dress was a three-piece powder-blue suit, trimmed with grey fox. She wore a small grey hat and grey accessories.

of Edinburgh and Glasgow. He is an M. A. of Edinburgh University. He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates at the end of 1924. Mr Thomson has a large junior practice and he holds the appointment of Junior Counsel to the Treasury in Scotland. He is interested in politics and he was recently adopted as Unionist Candidate for Stirling and Falkirk District of Burghs. His recreations are shooting, fishing and golf.

Mr Roswell Miller and Mr Thomson were both on holiday in Dornoch. Since then Mr Thomson has been a frequent visitor at Skibo Castle where he met Miss Miller.

The bride and bridegroom will make their home in Edinburgh. Mr Thomson will continue his practice as an Advocate.

IMPORTANT PRESENTS.

These include the following:—
Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the City of Dunfermline—Chest of lined Royal Burgh of Dornoch—Illuminated dress.
Dornoch Pipe Band—Bible.
House and Estate Employees, Skibo Castle—Silver candelabra.
Tenants and Feuars on Skibo Estate—Silver rose bowl.
Dornoch Games Committee—Paper knife.
Creich Church—Bible.
Household of 9 East 90th Street, New York—Sandwich tray.
Trustees and Office Staff of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust and Hero Fund—Silver tray.
Women's Institute of Dunfermline—Set of horn spoons.
Carnegie Veteran Association of New York—Silver dish.
Dornoch Cathedral Women's Guild—Hymnary and Psalter.

DORNOCH'S TESTIMONIAL READS

To
MISS LOUISE CARNEGIE MILLER
SKIBO CASTLE, DORNOCH.

MAY IT PLEASE YOU, MADAM,

We, the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the Royal Burgh of Dornoch for ourselves and as representing the whole community of the Burgh, do hereby tender to you our heartfelt congratulations on your forthcoming marriage.

By reason of the spiritual and temporal bonds established by the many happy associations between your family and our ancient Town, your marriage is of special significance to all of us, and we pray that in the good providence of God a long and happy married life will be your portion.

Given in our name and by our appointment, and Sealed with our Common Seal, in Council assembled at Dornoch this fifth day of July Nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

(Sgd.) JOHN MURRAY,
Provost.

(..) J. SUTHERLAND,
Town Clerk.

PIPE BAND'S TRIBUTE.

The Dornoch Pipe Band paid their first visit to Clashmore on Thursday evening when they played before a large and appreciative audience. Later, they proceeded to Skibo Castle, and when the young couple—Miss Louise Carnegie Miller and Mr J. F. Gordon Thomson appeared, followed by Mrs Carnegie, Mr and Mrs Roswell Miller, and Mr and Mrs