

TRIBUTES TO MISS LOUISE CARNEGIE MILLER.

TENANTRY AND STAFF HONOUR YOUNG BRIDE.

The reception given to Miss Louise Carnegie Miller at a dinner and dance in the Carnegie Hall, Cashmore, on Friday night warmly expressed the high regard in which she is held by tenants and employees on the vast Skibo Estate. About two hundred guests sat down to a splendid dinner, following which two magnificent gifts were presented to Miss Miller on the occasion of her wedding to Mr J. F. Gordon Thomson, advocate, Edinburgh, which took place in Dornoch Cathedral at noon yesterday. Mr J. P. Whittet, factor, filled the role of chairman admirably, while various speakers testified to the goodwill in which the young bride was held by tenantry and staff.

THE DINNER.

The dinner was given by Mrs Carnegie and was purveyed in excellent style by Mr and Mrs Thomas Wooley of the Caledonian Hotel, Bonar-Bridge. Full justice was done to the menu, the guests being seated round tables elegantly adorned with a profusion of lovely blooms. Miss Miller, who sat beside her fiance was accompanied at the table by Mrs Louise Carnegie (her grandmother), Mr and Mrs Rosewell Miller (her father and mother), her two sisters, Margaret and Barbara, Mr J. P. Whittet and others. Several of Miss Miller's bridesmaids were also present. The menu consisted of,—Cream of tomato soup, kidney soup; roast chicken, roast sirloin beef, roast lamb, green peas, potatoes; trifle, fruit salad, jellies, creams.

A CHARMING LADY.

After dinner Mr Whittet who announced the purpose of their gathering that night, said that he had known Miss Miller for the past six years. She was a charming young lady. (Cheers). She had shown wisdom in choosing counsel, and to him (the Chairman) this appeared to be the best counsel in the world. (Cheers).

WITH WARMEST AFFECTIONS.

Addressing Miss Miller, Mr K. A. Morrison, head butler, said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform that night, and on the occasion of her approaching marriage. Mr Leith and he had, on behalf of the Skibo and Aultnagar employees, been asked to present to her a token of their very sincere regard. With it they were also asked to convey to her the warmest affections of all the subscribers, all of whom hoped that it might prove a constant reminder of the happy

(Cheers). After alluding to Miss Miller's illustrious grandfather, Mr Grant said Miss Miller was going one better than becoming a citizen of Scotland. She was becoming a citizen of Edinburgh, one of the finest and most historical cities in the World. The gift of all tenants conveyed to Miss Miller their goodwill and they hoped she and Mr Thomson would have a most happy and useful life together.

GIFT HANDED OVER.

Mr John Sutherland, crofter, and Welford Review veteran, Astle, said it was with the very greatest of pleasure he had to ask Miss Miller to accept the gift in name of all tenants. (Applause). The gift consisted of a beautiful rose bowl.

OVERWHELMED.

In accepting the present, Miss Miller said she was overwhelmed to have received two beautiful gifts in one night. (Cheers).

Thereafter the company drank the health of Miss Miller.

Both gifts were appropriately inscribed.

TOASTS.

Mr Angus Macpherson, who said he had known Mrs Carnegie longer than most of them, since 1888 to be precise, paid a tribute to the good qualities and benefactions of the kind lady of Skibo. He proposed her health. This was heartily pledged and the company sang "For She's a jolly Good Fellow."

Deeply moved by the spontaneous way in which the toast was pledged, Mrs Carnegie briefly replied.

Mr W. D. Munro, Overskibo, wittily proposed the health of Mr and Mrs Miller. They had everyone's blessing and he wished them continued health and happiness.

Both Mr and Mrs Miller made witty replies to the good wishes extended to them, Mrs Miller concluding by remarking, "That's one off." (Laughter).

THE BALL.

After the beautifully decorated and illuminated hall had been cleared the company entered into the dance programme with zest. Ideal music was provided by Logan's Band, Inverness, and Pipe-Major Hugh Grant, Skibo. Mr Ewen Mackay, Clashmore, made a proficient master of ceremonies. Mrs Carnegie led off the grand march with Mr Whittet. Mrs Whittet and Mr Miller came next, while third in the row came the young couple, Mr Thomson, like Mr Miller, being in Highland costume. The function was one of the most enjoyable in the annals of a hall gifted by the late Mr Andrew Carnegie many years ago. Everyone went home with happy recollections of a splendid night's entertainment.

days spent in Skibo and New York. (Applause). Continuing, Mr Morrison said, "It is most fitting that you, the first bride who has gone out of Skibo for 200 years, is being married in the Highlands and from Skibo in this year which is the 40th anniversary of Mrs Carnegie's ownership and about her 50th year in Scotland. To most of us being Scots, we are happy that you are coming back to live in the native land of your illustrious grandfather, whose memory is ever green among his people of Skibo, though those among us who have the privilege of being with Mrs Carnegie in her home in New York will greatly miss you there, our thoughts and our earnest wishes for your happiness, however, will always be with you." (Cheers).

Turning to Mr Thomson, Mr Morrison said they all congratulated him on his choice. They who attended Miss Louise from her babyhood knew Mr Thomson to be a very lucky man. Some of them had been acquainted with Mr Thomson for a good many years, and they felt very happy that Miss Louise's husband was no stranger to them, but a person they had already learned to like and respect. They wished them both long life, good health and much happiness. (Prolonged cheers).

ONE OF AMERICA'S FAIREST DAUGHTERS.

Mr Donald Leith, Skibo Estate Office, said he was sure they all wished to be associated with the remarks made by Mr Morrison. (Applause). The sons of Scotland had in no small measure contributed to the prosperity and the position that great country—The United States of America—held in the World to-day. It was, therefore, only right that Scotland should now claim one of America's fairest and lovely daughters. (Hear, hear). He had much pleasure on behalf of the staff employed in various departments on Skibo Estate in asking Miss Miller to accept of a candelabra as a wedding present and as a token of their regard and affection. (Cheers). They would all like to wish her and the man of her choice long life, good health and much happiness. (Applause).

DELIGHTED.

In rising to reply Miss Miller was received with vociferous applause. She said she could not tell them how delighted she was with the gift. She could tell them she would use it in their new home. She had grown up to know them all, and their present to her would long remind her of their happy associations. (Cheers).

TENANTRY'S CONGRATULATIONS.

In conveying the tenantry's congratulations, Mr G. J. Grant, Pulrossie, said they were all proud of the fact that Miss Miller was marrying a Scot, and through the marriage she would become a citizen of the finest country in the world.