

Seend Wedding Celebration 1881

On Thursday last at the village church of Seend, Wiltshire, was celebrated the marriage of the eldest daughter of Admiral Montagu with the Rev W F Dashwood Lang, Rector of Instow, the eldest son of the late Rev Dashwood Lang Vicar of Westleigh, North Devon.

Floral arches bearing appropriate and expressive wishes for the bride and bridegroom spanned the road, flags fluttered in the somewhat rough breeze. Along the pathway leading to the church a canopy was erected, while scarlet cloth covered the way into the sacred edifice, and the aisle and the chancel was decked with choice white flowers, interspersed with ferns.

The church itself was filled to overflowing. The time fixed for the ceremony was a quarter past eleven, soon after which the wedding party arrived at the church, and all eyes were centred on the bride as she walked towards the altar leaning on the arm of her aged father. She was elegantly dressed in ivory white poult de soie, trimmed with ivory satin broche, Brussels lace and orange flowers, orange and myrtle wreath and a splendid Brussels lace veil; and carried in her hand a sweet bouquet of white flowers, the gift of the bridegroom. Attending her were four bridesmaids – Miss Emily Montagu (the bride's sister), Emily M Montagu (cousin of the bride), Miss Brodrick and Miss Albinia Penruddocke.

The ceremony was performed by the vicar of the parish the Rev A B Thynne who was assisted by Rev A Brodrick of Broughton Gifford. On leaving the church the pathway of the happy pair was strewed with flowers by school children. At the Manor House a party of friends and relatives assembled to greet them and wish them a long life of happiness, and an elegant dejeuner was afterwards partaken of.

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