

## Byrd-Campbell Wedding.

Wednesday evening at St. Stephens Episcopal church a beautiful wedding was solemnized. The elegant little church was exquisitely decorated with southern smilax and white easter lilies and many many white candles with their bright golden flames like so many stars. The reserved seats were roped off with a heavy cord of green and white and each pew end from the beginning of the reserved seats up to the first pew bore an exquisite spike of Easter Lilies. At the end of the center aisle a double gate of lilies was fastened by a broad white satin bow. The chancel and aisle were all in white and all that was needed was the bridal party to complete the picture.

Mrs. Mable Powers Taylor entertained the audience with several beautiful numbers and then the notes of that exquisite old wedding march fell on our ears, at that moment Misses Mary Esther McGiffert and Maggie Cheney Brown entered and opened the lilly gates going through them and standing behind them thus holding them open for the party who were now coming up the aisle.

First the ushers in pairs Messrs. B. B. Barnes and Wm. Scears, Judge Bernard Harwood and C. M. A. Rogers, John D. McQueen and Jno. McKinley. Now the maids and men in couples, Misses Jamie Head and Minnie Cocke, Messrs Innes Thornton and Mat Murphy, Misses Estelle Barnes and Mary Wilson, Dr. Caldwell and Geo. Sexton, Misses Evelyn Byrd and Augusta Harwood, Price Kimbrough and Sumner Winn, Misses Julia Byrd and Nina Wheeler, Messrs Edgar Ferrell and Ed Kahn. Each of the young ladies bore a directoire staff of white with a large spike of lilies bound to its head with bands of silver.

After these young people had taken their places on the right and left of the chancel the men just back of the young ladies, the matron of honor, Mrs. C. M. A. Rogers entered followed quickly by the maid of honor, Miss Mary G. Harrison, next the dear little flower girl, Miss Fredrica Wheeler, then the beautiful bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Borden M. Campbell,

who gave her to the man of her choice. They were met at the chancel by Mr. John Byrd and his brother, Mr. Alex Byrd, who was best man and on reaching the altar found Rev. W. G. Clark waiting for them.

The ceremony was beautiful and impressive as the Episcopal marriage service always is. While speaking of this we pause to say a few words about the ring used on this occasion. Bound within the wedding ring was a tiny thread like ring of gold with which the grandmothers for four generations back had been married. This ring has been used for the marriage of one girl in the family for over three hundred years and has been given from mother to daughter or granddaughter until it has reached the hand of one of the very loveliest of all those brides for whom it has taken the important part as marriage ring.

Soon as the impressive service was concluded this happy young and popular couple left the sacred edifice followed by men and maids and with many friends soon reached the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. E. Campbell, where an elegant reception was given them.

The bride was gowned in one of the most striking of princess gowns with an imported crystal tunic; the material was of Charmaise in pearl white with court train which was caught in place on the front of the bodice by a real lace butterfly, jeweled with crystal and held in place at the back by another jeweled butterfly formed of Charmaise. Her veil was an imported one of real lace and orange blossoms held it in place on her dark hair. Her flowers were colonial roses and lilies of the valley in shower bouquet.

The maid of honor, Miss Harrison, of Augusta, Ga., whose mother was Miss Madie Campbell so well known to our people; was robed in an exquisite white satin dress made princess with court train trimmings of real silver embroidery and crystal. She carried white carnations. The matron of honor, Mrs. C. M. A. Rogers, wore an elegant princess dress of white messaline with real lace and her flowers were white carnations. Every maid was robed in green messaline draped with white tulle with trimmings of either

silver or swansdown with silver tulle fillets around the hair.

The Campbell home was beautifully decorated in white lilies and southern smilax in hall reception room and dining room. In the center of the dining room stood the bride's table with its pure white lace cover, crystal candelabra with white candles was in the center above which depending from the chandelier hung pure white easter lilies on this table was the bride's cake decorated by Mrs. Mary Ward in Easter and valley lilies of pure white icing.

Here a bountiful salad course was served the white of wafers and salad served on lettuce leaves and the green of olives and pickles carrying out the wedding colors perfectly. Coffee and punch of the best was passed and tiny green and white favors showed when all had been served Mrs. Tom Cheney McGiffert and Miss Mary Esther saw that all were provided for.

The punch table in its cosy nook was decorated in red and green and bore a large cut glass bowl of punch and all were served by Mrs. G. A. Moore and Mrs. John McKinley as they entered.

Many, many handsome gifts of cut glass, silver and china showed the popularity of this young couple.

Mrs. Campbell's reception was indeed elegant and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The young people left that night for a visit to New Orleans, La., and Mobile.

The Whig and Observer joins the many friends in wishing for John and Martha a long, happy and useful life. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kahn and Ed Kahn Jr., of Meridian, Miss., E. E. Ferrell, of Laurel, Miss., Miss Mary G. Harrison and Borden Campbell, of Augusta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler and daughter, Price Kimbrough, C. Y. Stollenwerck and Parham Borden, of Greensboro, Miss Mary Ella Pollard, of Neubern, Mrs. B. C. Brown and daughter, Maggie, of Demopolis, Mrs. Alice Borden and Mr. Geo. Sexton, of Ensley, Mrs. J. B. Head and daughter, Miss Jamie Head, Miss Minnie Cocke and Mat Murphy, of Birmingham.