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MILWAUKEE, Oct. 3.

Upon Thursday, Oct. 2, at noon, All Saints Cathedral was made brilliant with ~~eloquent~~^{Elegant} people, beautiful flowers and sweet music, to witness the marriage of Miss Kathryn Smith and Rev. S. De Lancey Townsend, which was celebrated at the appointed hour, twelve o'clock. Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cranston Smith, of this city, while the Rev. Mr. Townsend, who took orders last autumn, is at present in charge of a parish at White-water, Wis. The gentleman is from the East, and of remarkable ability. The wedding party comprised two processions, the first entering the cathedral from the sacristy, as follows: The choir boys, singing the bridal hymn, by Mozart, followed by Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, bishop of Springfield, who came especially to perform the ceremony. Bishop Seymour was accompanied by Bishop Weller, of Wisconsin, and following these the attending clergy in their robes; next the groom, attended by his best man, Mr. Sidney Shepard. As the choir boys were seated, the second procession entered the center aisle through the main entrance. Three ushers abreast — Messrs. Wm. Pitt Lynde, Jr., Abbott Lawrence and Wm. Colvin; next the bride's mother, escorted by the chief usher, Mr. Bradley G. Schley; these were followed by the bride, assisted by her father. The groom and his best man preceded Bishop Seymour from the chancel rail to the choir steps, and there met the bride, where the solemn betrothal was performed. Up to this moment the choir boys continued their songs, but now the music comes from the organ alone, continuing through the service. At the conclusion of the betrothal, the bride and groom follow the bishop to the altar, where the marriage ceremony proper is performed. After the marriage, the wedded pair, closely followed by Mr. Shepard, preceded the other members of the party out of the church, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and the four ushers, the choir boys again resuming the bridal hymn.

The bride's dress was of remarkable richness, composed of heavy white satin, en traine, Princess back. The entire front was covered with deep flounces of valenciennes lace and garnitures of white day lilies; waist and sleeves profusely trimmed with valenciennes lace; corsage boquet of white lilies, tulle veil, and one white lily in the hand.

Mrs. Smith wore a costume of black gros grain en train, with front composed of wide chantilly flounces over white silk. Mrs. Charles Hibbard, the bride's sister, was attired in an elegant dress of uncut velvet brocade, a combination of fawn and sapphire blue, with bonnet to correspond. The mother of the groom appeared in black brocade, rich with black lace and abundant in jet embroidery. Beside Bishops Seymour and Welles, were present of the clergy, Rev. Dr. Wm. Bliss Ashley, Dean Erastus Spaulding, Rev. C. L. Mallory, Rev. H. N. Skinner, and Howard B. St. George. There were also present relatives of both families from out of the city, and a large delegation from Mr. Townsend's congregation, at Whitewater, Wis. The ceremony at the church was followed by a wedding breakfast, and at 4 o'clock the bride and groom departed for the East.

For the above occasion the Cathedral was made very beautiful with good taste and handsome decorations. The altar was banked up with hot-house flowers, made more graceful with drooping ferns and vines. The chancel rail was entirely hidden amid tropical plants, and those in full bloom. This hedge continued from the chancel rail down the aisle to the choir steps, and there terminated in high arrangements of plants and flowers. The pulpit and font were also beautified in the same manner.

Among the treasure of presents, none contained more beauty of sentiment than the prayer-book and hymnal presented by Bishop Seymour to the bride, and used by him in performing the ceremony. Upon the outside cover of one we find the name, Miss Kathryn Smith, and on the reverse cover of the other Rev. DeLancey Townsend. The two books are joined by the center covers being united. This prayer-book was the instrument making them one, the last thing Miss Smith received, and the first thing received by Mrs. Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have many friends, who were most sincere in their congratulations, as each is well deserving the excellency possessed by the other.

The Bride.



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Possibly the bride's mother, but not sure.