

Reports of John Percy Taylor wedding

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WEDDING AT RIVINGTON.

TAYLOR—LAWRENCE.

The Unitarian Chapel, Rivington, was this afternoon the scene of a pretty marriage, the contracting parties being Miss Ellen Lawrence, eldest daughter of Alderman James Lawrence, J.P., C.C., Anderton Hall, Chorley, who recently contested Chorley in the Liberal interest, and Mr. John Percy Taylor, B.A., J.P., of The Glen, Bolton. Both bride and bridegroom are members of well-known families, and the event aroused considerable interest.

The chapel was prettily decorated for the occasion. There were five bridesmaids, viz., Miss Rachael Lawrence, sister of the bride; Miss Taylor, sister of the bridegroom; Misses Edith and Margery Cropper, nieces of the bridegroom; and Miss Mary Lawrence, sister of the bride. Mr. Edward Lawrence, brother of the bride, was best man. The bride was given away by her father. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Wetherhall, of Bolton, and the Rev. S. Thompson, of Rivington. The bride was attired in white satin duchesse, trimmed with chiffon and point de gourre lace and sprays of orange blossom. She also wore a tulle veil and wreath of orange blossom. The bridesmaids wore dresses of white taffetas of the early Victorian style, trimmed with apple green chiffon and bonnets of the 1830 period. Their bouquets were of sweet peas. The bride's mother was dressed in pale green crepe de chine, relieved with black, with toque to match. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The mother of the bridegroom wore a dress of blue silk relieved with white. Her bouquet was of pink roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Anderton Hall, about 200 guests having been invited, among them being Mr. E. Crawshaw-Williams, the probable Liberal candidate for Chorley at the next election. Included among the list of presents were a silver tray from the bridegroom's workpeople, and a cut-glass and silver salad bowl from the Adlington Women's Liberal Association, of which the bride's mother is president. During the afternoon the newly-married couple left for London, en route to the Continent, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Interesting Wedding at Rivington.

TAYLOB—LAWRENCE.

At the prettily rural Presbyterian Chapel, Rivington, this afternoon, a wedding was solemnised which created considerable interest both in Rivington and Bolton, the chapel being for the occasion tastefully decorated with flowers. The contracting parties were Mr. John Percy Taylor, J.P., The Glen, Bolton, and Miss Ellen Lawrence, eldest daughter of Ald. W. Lawrence, J.P., and Mrs. Lawrence, Anderton Hall. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of satin duchesse, trimmed with chiffon and point de guerre lace and sprays of orange blossom and white heather. She wore a tulle veil surmounted by a wreath of orange blossom. Her bridesmaids were Miss Taylor (sister of the bridegroom), Misses Edith and Marjory Cropper (nieces of the bridegroom), and Misses Rachel and Mary Lawrence (sisters of the bride). They were attired in the early Victorian style, their dresses being of white taffeta trimmed with apple green chiffon, and they wore bonnets of the 1830 pattern, trimmed with sweet peas, which matched the bouquet each carried. The bride's mother was gowned in pale green crêpe de chine, relieved with black, and wore a toque en suite; she also carried a handsome bouquet of pink carnations. The dress of Mrs. Taylor was of blue silk relieved with cream, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses. The bridegroom had as his best man Mr. Edward Lawrence (brother of the bride), and Messrs. A. Crompton (Rivington Hall), Lester Haselden (Bolton), and W. and P. Lawrence (brothers of the bride) officiated as stewards. The marriage service was performed by the Rev. J. H. Weatherall, M.A., minister of Bank-st. Unitarian Chapel, assisted by the Rev. S. Thompson, Rivington. After the ceremony a reception was held at Anderton Hall to about two hundred guests (who were photographed by Mr. N. S. Kay, Bolton) and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, who were the recipients of many hearty felicitations, left White Bear Station (L. and N.W., Adlington) at 3.55 for London, en-route for the Continent, where the honeymoon will be spent. The wedding presents, which were many and handsome, included a cut glass and silver salad bowl from the Adlington Women's Liberal Association (of which Mrs. Lawrence is president); a silver salver from the workpeople at Croft Mills; and Morley's "Life of Gladstone" from the Men's Sunday School Class at Bank-st. Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will shortly take up their residence at "Woodlands," Heaton.