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## **BRIGSTOCKE-LEWES**

The pretty little villages of Henllan and Llangeler were gaily bedecked yesterday inst), the occasion being the marriage of Miss Cecilia LEWES daughter of Colonel and Mrs. LEWES, Llysnewydd, to Mr. George Robert BRIGSTOCKE, son of the late Captain BRIGSTOCKE, 4<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards, and Mrs. BRIGSTOCKE, Ryde. The bride, who was deservedly popular in the district, comes of one of the oldest and most honourable families in the Vale of Teify, and is greatly beloved by all her kindness and good nature. Her parents too, are greatly thought of by the personification of courtliness and benevolence. The wedding was extremely popular, and one and all were filled with rejoicing at the happy event, and with fervent wishes for the future happiness of the bride and bridegroom. Amongst the decorations was a triumphal arch at the entrance by Llynsnewydd Lodge, bearing the motto "Hir Oes a Llwyddiant." whilst all along the road to the church there were numerous beautiful garlands and arches erected. Although it was the bride's wish that the ceremony should be a quiet one (only a few relatives being present), a large crowd of friends and wellwishers gathered together at Llangeler Church to catch a glimpse of the bride as she entered the sacred edifice leaning on the arm of her brother, Captain LEWES, who gave her away in the unavoidable absence of her father. She was charmingly attired in a beautiful gown of pearl satin, trimmed with Honiton lace, the gift of her mother. Over a wreath of orange blossom she wore a tulle veil, and her ornaments included a diamond necklace and diamond brooch, the gift of the bridegroom.

The Rev. W.W. WILLIAMS, vicar of Llangeler, officiated, assisted by the Rev. D. JONES (curate). Mr. W.P. BRIGSTOCKE supported his brother in the place of best man. Those present included Mrs. LEWES, Llysnewydd, Mr. and Mrs. PROTHEROE-BEYNON, Trewern; Mrs. LEWES, Plasgeler; Col. And Mrs. HOWELL, Pantgwyn; Miss SUMMERS, Mr. LEWES-BOWEN, and Dr. POWELL. The choir under the leadership of Mr. D. JONES, sang the hymn, and Miss Clara JONES, who presided at the organ, played the "Wedding March," as the bridal party left. On leaving the Church, the happy couple were pelted with showers of rice and confetti.

Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. BRIGSTOCKE left for North Wales for the honeymoon, the bride wearing a coat and skirt of tussau silk, and a large hat trimmed with pink roses. At night several bonfires were lit in the locality. There were a large number of presents, including a magnificent silver centre piece, presented to the bride by the tenants of the Llynsnewydd Estate, to show their esteem for their generous squire and his family. *Carmarthen Journal*.

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