ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 19th May 1883

INTERESTING WEDDING

On Wednesday last the Congregational Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding, and as the contracting parties belonged to two of the oldest and most respected of our Ryde families, unusual interest was displayed. The bridegroom was Mr. **William NORMAN**, only son of Mr. W. NORMAN of Queen's-road, and the bride, Miss **Bessie CARTER**, daughter of Mr. Francis CARTER, of Vernon Square. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. WAITE, of Cardiff, uncle of the bridegroom, who was assisted by the Rev. J.W. BROWN.

The bride was attired in a dress of ivory cashmere, trimmed with broché satin and lace, and wore the customary wreath and veil. She was attended by six bridesmaids – Miss Eliza CARTER, Miss Laura CARTER, Miss Alice CARTER (sisters of the bride), Miss Emily NORMAN, Miss Alice NORMAN (sisters of the bridegroom), and Miss BEEBEE. They each wore dressed of cream cashmere with gold trimmings and carried handsome bouquets, the gift of the bride's father. Dr. Hutton CASTLE acted as best man. The bride was given away by her father, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, as the wedding party left the church, the organist played the "Wedding March"

The wedding party then returned to the house of the bride's father. A tent had been pitched on the lawn by Mr. CANTELO, and here a *recherché* breakfast was provided by Mr. MARLOW, of Cross-street, in the style for which his establishment is gaining so wide a reputation. The happy pair have received the congratulations of a very numerous party of friends, and the bridegroom having replied to the toast of their health, left amidst many good wishes, for Devonshire, where they will spend the honeymoon.

In the evening, a dance, to about fifty of the friends and relatives, was given in Messrs. WALLIS, RIDDETT and DOWN'S Auction Rooms, in honour of the event.

The wedding presents were very numerous.

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