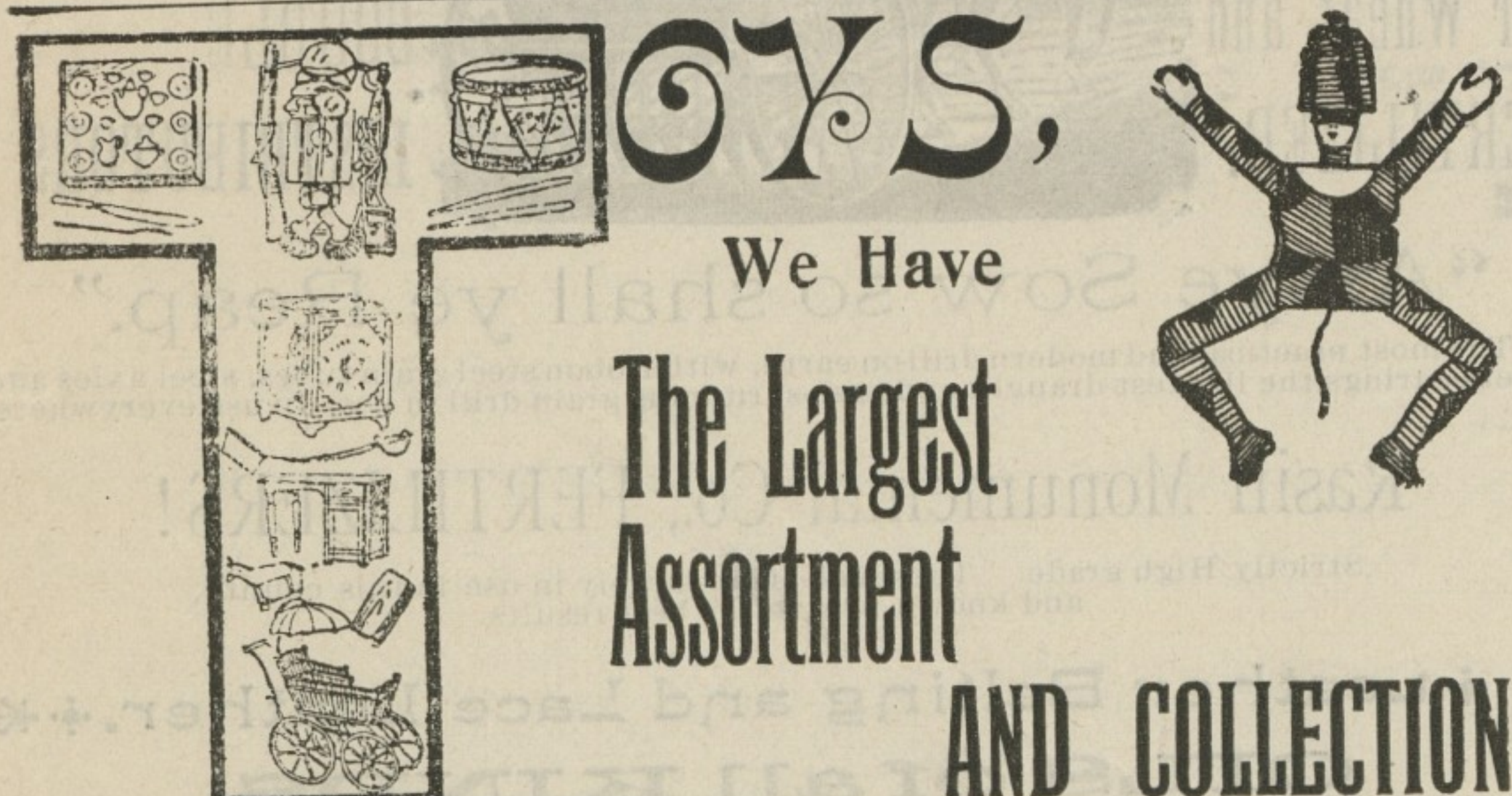


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THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF REV. AND MRS. R. S. ROWE.

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. Robert S. Rowe, son of the Rev. George and Lucy Rowe, of Fredericksburg, Va., to Miss Lavina Greenwood, daughter of William S. and Araminta Greenwood, of Baltimore, Md., which was solemnized and performed by the Rev. John G. Rowe, a brother of the groom, on Tuesday, December 6th, 1853, at 4 P. M., was quietly and gratefully observed by the aged couple at the M. P. Parsonage, their home in Kennedyville, Md., in company with their children and grandchildren, on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1903. It was a day of sweet communion with one another; a time of thankful retrospection of the past, of happy contemplation of the present and of most hopeful outlook for the future. They "thanked God and took courage." Their parishioners and friends, however, determined that it was such an important and such an unusual event that it demanded some recognition on their part and so they decided that as it occurred on the Sabbath they would anticipate it by a celebration of it on the Saturday evening previous, and, desiring to surprise their greatly loved and respected pastor and wife, it was arranged to have them spend the afternoon and take tea at the hospitable and elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, about two miles distant from Kennedyville, and while they were thus away, the friends gathered at the parsonage and trimmed it with wreaths of evergreen, golden chrysanthemums and festoons of evergreen and gold. The house was brilliantly illuminated, interior and exterior. The host and hostess of the parson and his wife, having promised to return them home at an early hour, announced to them about 7.30 P. M., that the carriage was at the door, entering which they were brought to their home. Before reaching it, however, Mr. Rowe observed to his host, and the other occupants of the carriage, "What is the meaning of all those lights in Kennedyville?" and Mr. Davis hinted that they might be the lights in the store, but after reaching the village and turning down the street upon which the parsonage is located, it was settled beyond question that something unusual was transpiring at the parsonage, and so it was. For relatives, parishioners and friends from a far and near had gathered to do honor to and show respect to their present pastor and wife, who had also ministered to some of them and to the parents of others of them, in holy things from the pulpit of their own church and from the pulpit of the four other churches which constituted Kent Circuit 40 years ago. Upon alighting from the carriage, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe were directed to enter the house and ascend the stairway and prepare themselves for the wedding ceremony, the minister, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, who was to perform the service, being present for that purpose; then the bride and groom of fifty years ago, preceded by their only son, Mr. George G. Rowe, of Middletown, Del., and their only daughter, Mrs. E. H. Shelly, of Brooklyn, N. Y., descended to the parlor and stood before the parson, receiving his words of cheer, encouragement and congratulation. Brother Sheridan delivered a beautiful and appropriate address. This was followed by a very appropriate reading by Mrs. M. J. H. Othoon, then came the presentation of a purse of gold from their children, another purse of gold from their grandchildren, and another purse of gold and currency from their parishioners and friends. Then came the congratulations from the assembled company—it was a perfect ovation—a royal time. Congratulations being over, then came the wedding feast prepared by the congregation and friends of Kennedyville M. P. church, and it was a feast indeed of a superabundance of the most tempting viands, cakes, fruits, ices, etc. The central piece was a massive bridal cake of three tiers, elaborately ornamented and studded with fifty candles of golden wax, all lighted, surmounted by a pair of doves and crowned with a marriage bell, supported by columns entwined with vines of the valley and orange blossoms. Miss Lillie May Rowe, a grand-daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Rowe, presided at the organ during the bridal services and rendered well the wedding marches, and during the evening Miss Davis, Margaret Shelley, another grand-daughter, rendered several selections on the violin, her mother, Mrs. E. H. Shelly, being the accompanist on the organ. At a late hour the happy company departed to their respective homes with the prayer and best wishes of the aged couple. Besides the above purses, Rev. and Mrs. Rowe received several valuable presents from friends at a distance, although they themselves sent no cards to any one—not even to their closest friends. Among those present were: Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Rowe, Miss Lillie M. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Rowe, Mr. Harry W. Rowe, Misses Ethel F. and Helen G. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shelley, Misses Ethel R. Davis, M. and Winifred V. Shelley, Rev. J. M. Sheridan, Mr. R. G. Nicholson, Mrs. Lizzie Walraven, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, Misses Mattie and Emma Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, Mrs. S. E. Barwick, Miss Nellie Barwick, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Barwick, Miss Elizabeth Barwick, Mr. and Mrs. Tilgman Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Othoon, Miss Nellie Othoon, Mr. W. J. Hurlock, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hague, Miss Mabel Hague, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leonard Price, Mrs. Emma Strong, Mrs. M. E. Bryan, Mrs. Joshua Jarrell, Miss Hettie Jarrell, Master Theodore Jarrell, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Baxter, Miss Helen Baxter, Mr. Howard Clendaniel, Miss Emma Clendaniel, Miss Mamie Clendaniel, Mr. and Mrs. William Whitley, Mrs. Wilhelmina Redmile, Mrs. Rachel Redmile, Mrs. Isaac Cleaver, Mrs. Susie Shallcross, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herzog, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Redmile, Mr. and Mrs. Wattie McKnett, Mr. Bryan, Miss Russell, Mr. W. T. Jones, Miss Lizzie Jones, Mr. W. S. Hurlock, Miss Mae Hurlock, Miss Ada Hurlock, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Weer, Master Hartley Weer, Miss Ellen Copper, Mr. Nat Johnston, Mr. Robt. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy, Miss Mamie Kennedy, Master Roger Kennedy, Mrs. James Cain, Miss Ada Cain, Mr. Carroll Stafford, Mr. William Fogwell.

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