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Married Fifty Years!

Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Rowe Celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary—Speech by Rev. J. M. Sheridan.

THE Fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Rev. Robert Semple Rowe, of Fredericksburg, Va., to Miss Lavinia Greenwood, of Baltimore, Md., was quietly observed by them at their home in Kennedyville, Md., on Sunday, Dec. 6th, 1903, they having been married in Baltimore, Md., Tuesday, Dec. 6th, at 4 p. m., by the Rev. John G. Rowe, a brother of the groom. The celebration of the happy event was however anticipated by the home coming of the children and grand-children of the venerable couple, and a very large gathering of the members of the Kennedyville M. P. Church, of which Mr. Rowe is the pastor, and very many of their friends, who came to the parsonage on Saturday evening, Dec. 5th. No cards were issued—it was just a voluntary and a spontaneous assembly of the relatives, parishioners and other friends, who brought with them an over-abundance of the most delicious refreshments and spread a table most pleasing to the eye, tempting to the taste and satisfying to the appetites of all, the central piece being a very large pyramidical wedding cake, of three tiers, elaborately decorated, and being surmounted by an ornament of orange blossoms, doves, and a marriage bell, the entire cake being studded with fifty golden wax candles all alighted. Rev. and Mrs. Rowe are a well preserved couple and they received the hearty and heartfelt congratulations of the large company present with their usual ease and grace. They were the recipients of numerous valuable presents, among which were three purses, one of gold and currency from their parishioners and friends, one of gold from their children, and one of gold from their grand-children. The house was beautifully and tastefully decorated and festooned with evergreen and gold. One of their grand-daughters, Miss Doris Marguerite Shelley, skillfully rendered several beautiful violin selections, her mother, Mrs. E. H. Shelley, being the accompanist on the organ. During the anniversary exercises Mrs. M. J. H. Othoson gave a most befitting recitation. Miss Lillie May Rowe, a grand-daughter, presided at the organ and rendered the wedding march while the bridal pair, of fifty years of wedded life, proceeded to the parlor, preceded by their only living son and daughter, Mr. George G. Rowe, of Middletown, Del., and Mrs. E. H. Shelley, of Brooklyn, N.Y., where the following most appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. J. M. Sheridan.

ADDRESS OF REV. SHERIDAN.

Robert Semple Rowe and Lavinia Greenwood married December 6, 1853. Through the infinite and loving Providence of God permitted on this day, December 6th, 1903, to celebrate the golden wedding of that happy bridal occasion of so long ago. I congratulate you as you stand before me, showing conclusively that the years have dealt so gently with you. *50 years* of married life. Words easily spoken, but contain in experience and daily living whole volumes of blissful realities of two hearts beating in perfect unsion, and two lives blended by the strong, (and what God intended) the indissoluble bonds of the marriage vow. "Those whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

50 years in which you have borne one another's sorrows, and shared one another's joys, and in which you my *brother* have realized

"O what a treasure is a virtuous wife
Discreet and loving! Not one gift on earth
Makes a man's life so nighly bound to heaven;
She gives him double peace to endure,
And to enjoy, by being one with him,
Feeling his joys and griefs with equal sense."

While you my *sister*, the bride of fifty summers. with the rose tint still upon your cheek, may say:

"What joy, What honor can compare
With holy nuptials, when they are
Made out of equal parts
Of years, of states, of hands, of hearts;
When in the happy choice
The spouse and the espoused have foremost voice."

While you can both unite with Whittier, in saying:

"Lord living here are we, as fast united yet
As when our hearts and hands by thee together first were knit.
And in thanksgiving now sing we will thy praise,
For that thou dost as well prolong our loving days."

50 years of sunshine and sh adow, and yet never a shadow but what there has been behind it a silver lining.

50 years of labor and toil. Labor and toil incident to the experience of all who have trod the way of life together and found it necessary to gain a livelihood by the sweat of the brow.

50 years of consecrated labor in the Master's service, where the highest aim and noblest ambition has been to glorify God, extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and shed the fragrance of your pure and noble lives upon sinful, needy humanity; about 40 years of that long period spent in the changes, toil and trials of the itinerant life in the Methodist Protestant ministry.

50 years of beautiful social and home life in which you have fully recognized God's first conception and institution of society in the family relation. As Cowper says:

"Domestic happiness, thou only bliss
of Paradise; that has survived the fall."

50 years in which the children like olive trees about thy table, have brought joy and gladness in their childhood and now in mature life, with enlarged visions and new experiences of life crowding thick and fast upon them and blending their hearts and lives with others have come from afar to the home of their childhood to show their undying affection for father and mother, to cheer your hearts and to gladden their own lives by this happy reunion, and this unique and fitting celebration.

50 years in which the people of your parish, to whom you constantly minister in holy things, with true affection, and with right and just concedtion of character, enabling them to appreciate and love an old man in the ministry, have gathered here with their congratulations and best wishes for many years of happy married union before there shall fall athwart your path the dark shadow which shall sever this blessed union and make all that was but a dream.

I personally appreciate the invitation and the privilege which comes with it of mingling with you this hour, and unite my sincere congratulations with all who are here. In the walk of life it has not been my privilege to often come into close social relation with you, but in that other relation of Christian brotherhood taught in the in the Holy Word, "One is your master, even Christ, and ye are brethren." And in the church relation, the strong bonds of which can only be known by those who have been thus closely united for years, I have learned to love you both, loved you for your own sake, for the church's sake and for Christ's sake.

Accept my congratulations on this, the golden jubilee of your married life, my best wishes for your continued health and happiness. And that now in the evening time of life with you it may be light. That the mellow rays of God's love may fall across your pathway and that sweetly and lovingly you may continue the way you have with so much honor to yourselves traversed until God shall say it is enough, come up higher.

"In that pure home of tearless joy
Earth's parted friends shall meet.
With smiles of love that never fade,
And blessedness complete.
There, adieus are sounds unknown;
Death frowns not on that scene,
But life and glorious beauty shine,
Untroubled and serene."

Amen. So let it be.

Public School Reports.

Following are the averages made by the pupils of the Chestertown Public School during the past month:

NINTH GRADE.—Oswald Saunders 99, Daisy Barnes 96, Nellie Nicholson 95, Ethel Jacquette 94, Laura Lambert 93, Ethel Bacchus 92, Lizzie Davis 86.

EIGHTH GRADE—Grace Brooks 94, Cora Moffett 94, Raymond Moody 94, Fred Hirons 93, Henrietta Merritt 93, Maude Duyer 92, Murrell Dunbracco 91, Pearl Woodall 89, Lester Ford 89, Nettie Sutton 88, Eunice Lambert 88, Augusta Aldridge 88, Mary Hines 87, Rose Duyer 85.

SEVENTH GRADE, FIRST DIVISION—Carrie Wright 96, Ethel Ringgold 94, James M. Cain 94, Eva Hurlock 93, Clara Sappington 91, Inez Russell 90, Reba Strong 89, Herman Blackway 88, Merrit Brown 87.

SEVENTH GRADE, SECOND DIVISION—Etta Cooper 90, Olive Pennell 88, Edna Copper 87, Agnes Estes 85, Nellie McWhorter 83, Louise Brown 82, Ethel Brown 82, Merle Dadds 81, Isabel Lambert 73, Florence Beck 72.

SECOND SIXTH,--Anna Smyth 96, Elma Roberts 94, Mary Miller 93, Eva Gardner 92, Emerson Roberts 92, Mamie Layman 91, Mollie Ringgold 89, Gilbert Jarman 86, Harold Matthews 85, Carl Bordley 79, Myra Benny 62, Marguerite Howard 58, Robert Brown 48.

FIRST SIXTH FIRST DIVISION,—Elizabeth Russell 96, Hallie Kelley 95, Jessie Anthony 94, Marguerite Skipper 92, Robert Moffett 90, Wallis Jester 88, Bernard Boyd 86, Earle Thomas 84, David Connelly 80, Samuel Armstrong 68, Roy Duyer 60, Walter Copper 60.

FIRST SIXTH SECOND DIVISION,—Susie Frazier 92, Joseph Wheatley 87, Dora Hodgkins 81, Gladys Aldridge 81, Eddie Blackway 80, Randolph Waddell 80, Mary Smith 77, Josephine Hicks 70.

FIFTH GRADE,—Josephine Wheatley 97, May Willis 94, Rebekah McFeely 91, James Bacchus 91, Mildred Davis 88, Dan Hall, 87, Hope Hudson 87, Samuel Clark 86, Townsend Anthony 85, Maggie Davis 84, Reba Davis 84, Jessie Robinson 84, Preston Ivens 84, Hepbron Gill 84, Genevieve Dixion 83, Anna Calder 83, Harvey Harris 83, Nettie Blount 82, Louisa Murphy 82, Edith Dunbracco 81, Rebecca Levine 81, Estalena Deringer 78, Joe Westcott 75, Elizabeth Connelly 74, Wilmer Coleman 74. Joe Lewis 44.

FOURTH GRAE—Norman Crouch 90, Ida Smith 89, Sophia Levine 88, Hallie Cooper 87, Elsie Blyman 86, Myrtle Ireland 86, Virginia Cain 85, Frazier Russell 85, Ida Wise 84, Rebekah Aldridge 84, Alice Allcutt 83, Robert Hendrix 82, Clyde Copper 82, Frank Jarman 81, Arthur Skipper 81, Madge Pennell 80, Graham Nelson 79, Nellie Westcott 78, Frank Lambert 77, Leon Hicks 77, Leslie Needles 76, Annie Lewis 72, Carrie Henry 68, Eunice Storke 67, Barbara Elliott 64, Julian Brown 63, Harvey Blyman 63, Edmund Nugent 63, Howard Patten 68, Jonas Chambers 57, May Duyer 55, Augusta Stoops 53, Leslie Duyer 48, Clifford Cooper 47, Benjamin Middleton 47, Annie King 46, Louis Rust 42, Gilbert Newton 37.

THIRD GRADE— Brice Fountain 91, Morris Barroll 87, Price Rolph 87, Norman Hirons 86, Lucy Frazier 86, Albert Duyer 86, Carrie Johnson 85, Charlie Drinkwater 84, Mary Lambert 83, Charlie Lambert 82, Rebecca Toulson 82, Laura Cole 81, Ethel Hines 81, Jessie Thompson 80, Julian Duyer 80, Laurence Russell 80, Hewett Patten 80, Clayten Wright 79, Harry Steele 79, Merel White 78, Willie Davis 78, Carmeta Russell 78, Raymond Storke 78, Massey Hines 77, Willie Worden 75, Lewin Howard 75, Jewell Armstrong 72, Romie Patrick 71, Ruth Lambert 71, Clarence Wise 70, Sue Miller 70, Charles Smith 69. Ruth Fitton 69, Percy Chambers 69, Eli Elliott 67, Grace Cole 63, Lee Robinson 65, Elmer Newton 50.

SECOND GRADE—Russell Wheatley 94, Lully Davis 92, Carey Jarman 91, Oscar Benton 89, Helen Boyd 88, Robie Robinson 88, Louise Crane 88, Lonise Nugent 86, Frank Connelly 85, Annie Ireland 85, Russell Moore 83, Margaret Jarman 83, Irving Sparks 83, Herbert Usilton 81, Allan Harris 81, Mason Latham 80, Earle Hendrix 80, Willie Henry 79, Marion Dixon 79, Dumont Lambert 74, Alvin Coleman 74, Rosalie Cain 74, Maud Robinson 73, Lillian Benney 73, Louise Armstrong 73, Polly Westcott 71, Lillian Hicks 70, Bryan Newton 70, Duncan Derringer 66, Frances Howard 65, Rose Levine 65, Willie Norris 57.

FIRST GRADE—Mary Rouse 92, Marguerite King 90, Daisy Patrick 88, Elsie Whiteley 87, Robert Benton 87, Clara Coleman 87, Luke Wise 87, John Greenwood 87, James Coleman 87, Hope Barroll 84, Mildred Middleton 84, Martha Skipper 84, Arthur Cooper 84, Frances Miller 84, William Embert 83, Dolly Johnson 82, Lida Hendrix 82, Allie Blyman 82, Lillian Rawleigh 82, Carolene McKee 82, George Patrick 82, John Morris 83, Edward Duyer 81, Anna Newton 81, Nellie Kennard 81, Wilbur Storke 80, Eugene Waddell 80, Thomas Wise 79, Jack Barroll 79, Nathum Blum 78, Bryan Ireland 78, Price Jones 78, Harry Jones 78, Lilly Truitt 78, Henry Lambert 77, Clarence Usilton 77, Rolph Townshend 76, Cecil Robinson 75, Louise Strong 66, Kitty Chambers 62, Louise Rawleigh 58, Norman Cooker 53, Alice Johnson 50.

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Local Court Reversed.

What will the horse "Christian" cost? is becoming a serious problem. The case of J. Nelson Ricards vs. Mollie E. Ricards was heard before the Court of Appeals and Judgment of Circuit Court for Kent county reversed, with costs above and below, and new trial awarded. Opinion by Chief Judge McSherry. The question in this case was as to the binding force of a barter or trade confessedly consummated and fully executed on Sunday.

On Sunday December 28, 1902, Dr. Harry M. Ricards, acting as agent for his wife, Mollie E. Ricards, traded a horse belonging to her to the appellant, J. N. Ricards, and forthwith delivered the horse to him. Two days afterward the appellee sued out a writ of replevin to recover the horse. The judgment of the lower court, as raised by them to the jury, was that the barter or trade of the horse by Mrs. Ricards was not binding on her, because made by her husband. her agent, on Sunday. It was held that, as a contract of trade on Sunday is invalid, the principal, Mrs. Ricards, cannot be bound by the illegal act of her agent and that she may, therefore, repudiate the transaction and reclaim the horse.

The Appellate Court holds, however, that while an executory contract made on Sunday cannot be enforced, an executed one, though made on Sunday, cannot be avoided merely because it was entered into on a *dies non*. A contract entered into on Sunday is a conprohibited by the law, but, as said by Lord Chief Justice Wilmot, "whoeyer is a party to an unlawful contract, if he hath once paid the money stipulated to be paid pursuance thereof, he shall not have the help of the court to fetch it back again; you shall not have a right of action when you come into a court of justice in this unclean manner to recover it back."

The court further holds that as the agent's authority was general and unrestricted, the fact that the contract was consummated on Sunday, and consequently was unlawful, did not take it out of the scope of the agent's authority to make the contract, as contended for by Mrs. Ricards.

IN MEMORIAM.

In sad and loving remembrance of my dear husband ENOCH A. MOFFETT and daughter, BESSIE E. MOFFETT, who both went to dwell with God just three years ago December 6th.

Three mournful years has vanished
Think we while the teardrops start.
But the memory of our dear loved ones
Still is fresh within our hearts.
Oh; the misery of that dreary mourn
When we stood around their bed,
Till death stole upon them softly
And we knew their soul had fled.
Oh; since then our lives are saddened
But when all trials and sorrow are past,
And Jesus shall beckon us home,
We shall meet our dear loved ones
Around God's white robed thrown.

WIFE.

CASTORIA.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the estate in Kent county, Md., of

SAMUEL MALLALIEU,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same. with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of May, 1904, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 24th day of November, 1903.

JOSEPH MALLALIEU,
Nov. 28, 1903—4t. Administrator.

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Chestertown, Up-town.

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WILLIAM WATTS,

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FRANKLIN H. HARPER,
d5 4t. Executor.

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