

Johnson, John G.

Gladden, Miss Fannie

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GAY BELLS, GOLDEN BELLS, WEDDING BELLS!

Bethesda M.E. Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding at noon on the 18th inst. Mr. John G. Johnston of Rocky Mount and Miss Fannie Gladden of Mitford were united in marriage by the Rev. R.A. Young in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

Miss Evelyn Hall rendered the inspiring strains of the wedding march on the organ as the bridal party entered, ushered by Messrs, D.M. Dixon and Elliott H. Hall.

Mr. James McDowell and Miss Maggie Gladden proceeded up the right aisle, keeping time with Mr. W.A. Gladden and Miss Kathleen Hall who traversed the left aisle. These couples crossed over to their respective positions, being immediately followed by the bridal pair, who took their place in front of the minister.

As the solemn and beautiful service began, and while it continued, the music changed to a soft weird strain (from Mendelssohn) as if coming from afar and its beauty and solemnity had a thrilling effect.

After the service was over and the bridal party had retired from the church, friends gathered around the happy pair and offered heartfelt congratulations.

Mr. Johnston is the worth son of worth parents and Miss Fannie, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Gladden, of Chester County, is an amiable and beautiful young lade.

The groom and groomsmen wore handsome dress suits, and the bride and her maids, elegant church dresses.

Mr. and Mrs. James g. Johnston, parents of the groom, gave the bridal party a delightful reception at their hospitable home. The young people are lavish in their praises of the beautiful table and its beautiful decorations. The bride received a number of presents.

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