



### Marriage of Miss Emily Grove 1866

This picturesque and usually quiet village was the scene of much excitement on Thursday owing to the marriage of Miss Emily Charlotte Grove, the eldest daughter of the rector, the Rev C H Grove, with the Rev C H Townsend, vicar of the neighbouring parish of Mere.

The bride elect, by her constant and assiduous care of all who required her aid, had made herself, as was obvious, an object of universal regard and affection.

The pretty village church was most tastefully decorated and long before the bridal party arrived, both the interior and approaches were thronged with the parishioners, and many were the blessings audibly invoked on the head of her who had so often proved a friend and comforter in time of want and sorrow.

The bride was dressed in rich white silk, with tulle veil, trimmed with myrtle and orange blossoms, and wreath of the same, was attended by eight bridesmaids, viz the Misses Julia, Phillippa, Agnes and Alice Grove, Miss Townsend, Miss Jane Townsend, and the Misses Henrietta and Grace Hussey, who, in their dresses of white grenadine, wreaths of water lilies and coral, tulle veils, and rich coral coloured sashes, added not a little to the charms of the scene.

Each of the bridesmaids also wore a crystal and coral locket, the gift of the bridegroom.

The marriage service was impressively read by the Rev. Prebendary Selwyn and the Rev Subdean Eyre, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the assembled guests partook of the kind hospitalities of the rector, and shortly afterwards the happy pair started for town, en route for the continent.

Amongst the numerous relatives and friends on the occasion were Mr T F Grove MP, and Mrs and Miss Grove; Mrs George Grove; Mr J Waddington (Langrish); Mrs Phelps (Montacute) and Mr W Phelps; Mr W H Helyar (Coker); Mr James Hussey, Mrs and the Misses Hussey; Mr J A Hussey (53<sup>rd</sup> Regiment); Mr J F Hussey; Mr G Troyte Bullock; Mr G B Townsend and the Misses Townsend; Rev Subdean and Miss Eyre; Mrs Colt; Rev Sidney Selwyn; Mr G Gordon (Wincombe); Messrs F and S Gordon; Captain and Mrs Phelps; Mr Leatham; Rev J H Johnson and Rev G A E Kempson.

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