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A FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE IN DEVONSHIRE

On 14th of October 1887 *The Mercury* newspaper reported on the marriage of Cyril St. Clair Cameron.

From a Devonshire paper we learn that Captain Cyril St. Clair Cameron (9th Lancers), son of the Hon. Donald Cameron, of Fordon, Tasmania, was married to Margaret Honeywood Hughes, second daughter of General W. T. Hughes, C.B., of Dunley, Bovey Tracey, in August last. The morning opened with bright sunshine and blue sky, but as the day advanced rain fell heavily, and thick banks of fog rolled over the moor, giving the surrounding country a very miserable appearance. The wedding party was timed to leave Dunley at 2 p.m., and shortly after that hour the heavy mist rolled away and the sun shone out brightly. The town presented a very gay appearance, flags and banners flying from the principal places of business, whilst the entrance to the parish church was very beautifully decorated with flowers and appropriate mottoes and flags were flying from the old tower. The bride and bridegroom were conveyed to the sacred edifice in a carriage and pair, and the bridesmaids-four in number-followed in a char-a-banc drawn by four splendid greys mounted by liveried postilions. The service at the church was fully choral, and was conducted by the hon. and Rev. Canon Courtenay. The bride was given away by her father, General Hughes, and Colonel Legge acted as best man. The bridesmaids were the Misses Edith, Gertrude, and Jannette Hughes (sisters of the bride), and Miss May Hughes (cousin). The bride wore a dress of white satin draped with old Limerick lace, and her jewellery consisted of a necklace and pendant of pearls, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, the parents of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were attired in white China silk with Leghorn hats, in which were white ostrich feathers to match, and each carried a charming bouquet of marguerites, tied with the colours of the 9th Lancers,

the gift of the bridegroom, and wore gold bangles set with diamonds presented to them by the same gentleman. On leaving the church the path to the carriage was strewn with flowers by the children of the local schools, and as the happy couple drove away they were sent off with rounds of hearty cheers by a large number of villagers assembled outside the church. Our Devonshire contemporary goes on to give a long list of the more notable guests present, and a very long list of the presents sent by friends to the bride and bridegroom.