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## WEDDING AT CROWTON.

## WATTS—GARFIT.

An interesting marriage was solemnised at the parish church of Crowton last week. The contracting parties were Mr. John I. Watts, of Fairleigh, Northwich, son of Dr. John Watts, Manchester, and Miss Ada Mary Garfit, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles T. Garfit, of Ruloe. Mr. C. T. Garfit, who for more than 30 years has held the responsible position of agent for the Clive, Crowton, Cuddington, Huxley, Norley, Oakmere, Sparrowgrove, and Weaver estates, as well as other important offices, by his kind and affable disposition, is greatly respected by landlords and tenants alike. His daughter, too, has ever shown herself ready to assist in any good work. She has prominently identified herself with concerts, entertainments, etc., arranged in order to further various worthy organisations. She has taken an active part in Church and Sunday school work, and the following inscription, in a splendidly-bound large edition of Hymns Ancient and Modern speaks for itself: "Presented to Miss Ada Mary Garfit, by the Vicar, and teachers and pupils past and present, of the Sunday School of Christ Church, Crowton, on the occasion of her wedding, in recognition of her earnest labours in the Sunday School during the last ten years. January 1st, 1902." This is supplemented by an address, of which the following is the text:—"To Miss Garfit. A few friends at Christ Church, Crowton, desire to offer you their hearty felicitations upon your approaching marriage, and beg that you will accept the accompanying silver jug as a small token of the esteem with which you are regarded in the parish. They also desire to place on record their high appreciation of your unflinching courtesy, kind sympathy, and deep interest in all matters connected with the parish, and they sincerely trust that every happiness may be yours in your new sphere of life. Signed on behalf of the subscribers, Barton Gandy, Thomas Moreton." On the jug itself is inscribed:—"Presented to Miss Garfit on the occasion of her marriage, by a few friends. Christ Church, Crowton." The tenants, with whom the bride's father is so closely associated, were filled with an equal determination to show their kindly feeling, and on the event becoming known, Mr. McGregor, of Crowton Hall, taking the initiative, a committee consisting of himself as secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. John Robinson (Crabtree Green), John Wing (Cuddington), Samuel Trelfa (Weaver), George Beckett (Clive), and Samuel Robinson (Norley) was formed. These gentlemen experienced no difficulty whatever in obtaining subscriptions, with which a most handsome gift was purchased. The tenants on the Bechtton and Norley estates also forwarded gifts. Mr. McGregor also received a communication from Mr. Williamson, of Stapely, intimating that the Nantwich tenants are sending a present. The bridegroom has for many years been the manager of works at Winnington, belonging to Messrs. Brunner, Mond, and Company. In this responsible position he has carried out his manifold and difficult duties in a manner which has secured him the good opinion of all grades of workmen engaged at the extensive concern. The list of presents includes one containing the following inscription:—"With best wishes for your future happiness from the following members of the drawing office: John J. Harper, A. Ryder, J. J. Hardie, E. J. Shaw, W. E. Brierley, G. T. Starkey, H. Yeomans, A. Hollows, C. T. Kirkham, E. Clegg, J. G. Gandy, and A. H. Cowap." He is the president of the Winnington Co-operative Society. Mr. Watts has long taken a deep and active interest in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and under his able guidance the Mid-Cheshire branch is generally acknowledged to be one of the most successful in the country. His other offices include membership of the Northwich Board of Guardians. A striking proof of the determination of the tenants in the neighbourhood to do honour to the event was to be seen in the decorations along the route from the residence of Mr. Garfit to Crowton Parish Church.

The ceremony at the church was timed for two o'clock, but fully an hour before then the residents of the surrounding parishes began to assemble and secure places of vantage. Only privileged ones, however, were permitted to enter the sacred edifice. These found the church prettily decorated, the Christmas embellishments having been enhanced by choice plants and blooms. The guests and friends continued to arrive, and at the appointed time the sacred edifice was filled. In the congregation were Lady Brunner, Mrs. Wilbraham and family, Mr. Heath and family, and many residents from the surrounding townships, as well as from Northwich and Hartford. At two o'clock the bride, accompanied by her father, arrived. She looked exceedingly pretty, being attired in Ivory Duchesse satin, with bodice handsomely trimmed with Limerick lace, the gift of Mrs. Eyre Williams, with Spanish lace mantilla, the gift of Mrs. Grenfell. Her ornaments consisted of pearl and diamond necklace, pearl swallows, and diamond bracelets, the gifts of the bridegroom. She carried a lovely bouquet of roses, lilies and other white flowers. She was attended by three bridesmaids, namely, Misses Maude and Dorothy Garfit (sisters), and Miss Gertrude Davies (niece of the bridegroom). Miss Maude Garfit was costumed in pale pink, and Miss Davies in pale blue crepe de chine, while Miss Dorothy was in cream liberty muslin, trimmed with white satin. They each wore a hat to match and carried beautiful bouquets, which, with the gold bracelets, were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mrs. Garfit was gowned in black voile, trimmed with heliotrope and guipure lace; with toque of velvet panne. Her bouquet consisted of orchids. The duties of best man were ably performed by Mr. Harold J. Reid. The service, which was fully choral, included the singing of the well-known hymn "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" and the anthem "Blessed is the man," by Dr. J. Clark Whitfield. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Driver, ably acquitted themselves. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. Joseph F. Phelps, vicar of Christ Church, Crowton, assisted by the Rev. E. Eddowes, vicar of Hartford. During a short address the former clergyman spoke of the sacred character of the marriage tie, and expressed a sincere hope that the lives of the contracting parties would be happy. The bride was given away by her father. The responses of the bride and bridegroom were audible throughout the crowded church. After the ceremony the interested parties repaired to the vestry and signed the register. On departing Mrs. Phelps, who presided at the organ, played Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and the same lady during the time the congregation assembled performed several suitable selections. On the bridal pair emerging from the church they were showered with confetti. They and the guests left for the residence of the bride's parents, amid the clanging of the bells. The reception was confined exclusively to relatives. The table was beautifully decorated with flowers by Mr. Thompson. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Watts left for London, en route for the Riviera, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's travelling costume consisted of grey cloth, strapped with black panne, the white collar being embroidered with pink roses. She wore a white cloth toque trimmed with Parma violets, also fur-lined cloak, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Garfit.

The newly-married pair were the recipients of numerous expressions of goodwill, including one signed by Mr. J. E. Fletcher, chairman, and Mr. J. A. Cowley, clerk, saying: "Library Committee heartily congratulate you and wish you much happiness."

The following is a list of the presents:—  
Bridegroom to bride, pearl and diamond necklace, pearl ornaments, diamond bracelet; Bride to bridegroom, silver photograph frame, picture; Mr. and Mrs. Garfit, fur-lined driving coat; Dr. and Mrs. Garfit, silver tea caddy; Miss Maude Garfit, silver cake dish; Miss Dorothy Garfit, mat; Mr. Guy Watts, silver buckle; Tenants and Friends on the Clive, Crowton, Cuddington, Huxley, Norley, Oakmere, Sparrowgrove and Weaver estates, sterling silver kettle on stand with sterling silver tea service; Tenants on the Bechtton estate, sterling silver hot water jug; Servants, Tradesmen and Employees on the Delamere House estate, sterling silver rose bowl; Colonel and Mrs. Lascelles, silver salver; Mrs. Stewart Kelly, jam jar; Mr. and Mrs. Bolland, cut-glass silver-mounted scent bottle; Mrs. McCrea, silver buckle; Dr. and Mrs. Smith, silver cake dish and luck handkerchief; Miss Gaskell, crescent china tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Newton Davies, writing table; Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Smith, silver card case; Miss Hannah Yearsley, cushion cover; Miss Oultram and Miss Leigh, silver-mounted ash trays; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, turquoise and pearl bracelet; Mr. and Mrs. George Garfit, silver-backed brushes; the Rev. W. H. Binney, Bible; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cleeve, pearl and turquoise bracelet; Miss Anderson and Miss Leah, purse; the Rev. and Mrs. Day, silver bon-bon dishes; Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Dean, silver-backed manicure set; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Deane, silver powder box; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carey and Mr. Walter Carey, silver mustard pot; Mr. and Mrs. Wallis, turquoise and pearl brooch; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Melville, silver rose bowl; Miss Hurst, silver toast rack; Mr. and Mrs. Saner, photograph frame; the Misses Clarke, silver bon-bon dish; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clarke, silver tea caddy; Mr. Watson, silver paper cutter; Mrs. William Robinson, tray cloth; Mrs. Johnson, lace handkerchiefs; Mr. and Mrs. F. Slaytor, silver mustard pot; Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Thompson, silver clock in case; Miss Thompson, scent sachets; Mr. Hampson, oil painting; Miss Gertrude Davies, walking-stick; Miss Kearsley, Wedgwood teapot and sugar basin; Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, tablecloth; Mr. and Mrs. Schwelch, lobster forks; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hind, copper kettle; Mrs. J. Robinson, teapot; Mr. Glendinning, etching; Sir John and Lady Brunner, engraving; Inspector and Mrs. Owen, cake dish; Mr. and Mrs. Capes, glass and silver vase; Miss Nessie Davies, painted satin table centre; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. S. Watts, fire screen; Miss Giles, dessert d'oyleys; Mr. J. Markham, silver box; Mr. Williamson, silver paper knife; Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Garfit, silver vases and button hook; Crowton Sunday School Scholars, Teachers and Vicar, handsome A. and M. hymn-book with music; Mrs. Moreton, silver-backed hair brush; Miss Moreton, silver-backed clothes brush; Miss Watts, cushion; Mrs. Maingay, brass scissors in case; Mrs. Rogers, table centre; Mrs. Brock, silver shoehorn; Mr. Stevens, silver photo frame; Mrs. Norris, silver calendar; Miss Mansfield, cake mats; Mrs. and Miss Whitley, silver photo frame; Mr. and Mrs. G. Davies, fruit spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Sutherst, silver and glass flower vases; Mr. Reid, Venetian glass vases; Mrs. H. Humphrey, glass flower vase; Miss Yonard, book; the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Payne, salt cellars; Mrs. Beaton, silver photo frames; Miss Gamson, silver box; Miss Aileen Good, nightdress case; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbraham, gold and turquoise muff chain; the Misses and Master Wilbraham, pearl and turquoise brooch; Mr. and Mrs. Harlock, silver vases; Dr. and Mrs. Reginald Moreton, silver buttonhook and shoehorn; Miss Shepherd, silver paper cutter; the Rev. and Mrs. Minton, silver photo frame;

Dr. and Mrs. Thorpe, silver hot water jug; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Davies, silver candlesticks; Mr. and Mrs. Jarmay, silver cake dish; Miss Daisy Sutherst, silver ornament; Miss Maggie Wood, cushion; Mr. Mathewson, silver bon-bon dishes; Mr. Carey, silver hot water jug; Mrs. and the Misses Havard, tea table cloth; Dr. Woodyatt, silver salt cellar; Mrs. Bird, old silver vases; Mrs. Davies, silver vase; Mrs. Heath, silver buttons; Mrs. Sidebotham, silver vases; Mrs. Cross, silver-topped scent bottle; Mrs. Ball, purse; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Davies, silver cake dish; Mr. and Mrs. Ozanne, egg boiler; Captain and Mrs. Leah, silver pepper pots; the Rev. and Mrs. Eddowes, silver clock stand; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Brunner, screen; Dr. and Mrs. Hewitt, Wedgwood coffee cups; Mrs. and Miss Gandy, muffin dish; Mrs. and Miss Lacy, silver toast rack; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Irish crochet collar and neckband; Mr. and Mrs. Milner, silver ice stand and two silver boxes; Captain and Mrs. Mackay, silver box and curling tongs; Dr. Moreton, cheque; Mrs. Cathcart, silver bon-bon dishes; Mr. T. A. Beckett, silver dish; Mr. and Mrs. Linnell, cushion; Miss Harriet Blain, jam dish; Miss Harris, worked bag; Mr. Grenfell, Spanish lace mantilla; Mrs. Eyre Williams, lace; Miss Bracken, silver-mounted photograph frames; Mr. and Mrs. Youd, jam dish; Mr. C. Youd, nut crackers; Mr. Lee, tortoiseshell hair brush and comb; Mr. Tangye, pewter tea service and tray; Mrs. Wallis, mustard pot; Mrs. Malan, glass vases; Dr. and Mrs. Schad, silver flower stands; Mr. and Mrs. C. Humphrey, oyster forks; Mr. and Mrs. Rigby, tablecloth; Drawing Office Staff Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co., claret jug; Mrs. Ashbrook, scent sachet; Mr. Allen, silver fruit dish; Mrs. Fred. Tittle, fretwork letter rack; Miss Fanny Barker, cruet stand; Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, silver serviette rings; Mr. Guy Hubbach, silver-topped scent bottle; Mrs. and Miss Hubbach, table centre; Mrs. C. H. Slaytor, silver photo frame; the Rev. and Mrs. Long, silver toast rack; Mr. and Mrs. A. Fletcher, Charles Kingsley's works; Mr. and Mrs. John Whitley, cruet stand; Mr. J. H. Corringham, old silver candlesticks; Mrs. C. Corringham, crumb brush and tray; Mrs. Lewis, salt cellar; Miss Peggy McGregor, scent bag; Mr. William Wood, tea set; Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Bombay blackwood table; Mr. and Mrs. G. Pollock, teapot and hot water jug; Mrs. C. Robinson, glass dish; Madame Douglas Adams, brass calendar; the Rev. and Mrs. France-Hayhurst, silver flower pots; Mr. C. Matthews, driving whip; Mrs. Grundy, letter case; the Misses Grundy, brass candlesticks; Mr. Hawkins, buttonhook; Mr. and Mrs. W. France-Hayhurst, silver candlesticks; Mr. Owen, two palms; Mr. and Mrs. Naylor, four bon-bon dishes; Mr. and Mrs. F. Brock, pair of silver vases; Mr. and Mrs. Forgan, pair of silver vases; Mr. Sherratt, electric pocket lamp; Mr. and Mrs. Richards, work basket; Friends from Christ Church, Crowton, silver jug and address; Dr. and Mrs. Brown, breakfast warmer; Mr. and Mrs. Cling, drawn thread bedspread; Mr. and Mrs. Bell (Norley), embossed brass clock; Mrs. Hannah Pickering, jam jar; Mrs. Henry Bell and family, flower vase; Mrs. Henry Wilbraham, copper kettle on stand; Nantwich Tenants, silver-framed mirror; Mr. J. Nash Stephenson, silver box.