

# BURDEN-SLOANE WEDDING

Brilliant Assemblage in Trinity Church,  
at Lenox, Mass.

DECORATIONS OF WHITE AND GREEN

Ceremony Followed by a Reception at  
Elm Court, the Sloane Villa—Din-  
ners and Dances Afterward.

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR NEW-YORK GUESTS

Many Magnificent Presents—The Bridal  
Couple to Go Around  
the World.

LENOX, Mass., June 6.—Miss Florence Adele Sloane and Mr. James Abercrombie Burden, Jr., were married in Trinity Church to-day at high noon. The Rev. William M. Grosvenor, rector of the church, read the service, and Dr. John Hall of New-York bestowed upon the young couple the nuptial benediction.

The ceremony was unostentatious, the Episcopal service being followed and the ring used. The bride was given away by her father. Prof. Harry Warner of St. Bartholomew's Church of New-York, and

diamonds two inches in length. A pair of opera glasses, with barrels of old blue enamel, mounted on gold and platinum, brodered with tiny diamonds; a lyre, with a wreath of forget-me-nots and leaves of delicate tracery, inlaid in diamonds, surrounds one of the barrels, and upon the other is a monogram, "A. S. B.," woven in gems and adorned with a similar garland. An interesting gift of great intrinsic value is a chatelaine. It consists of seven pieces. The elongated pin, to which is attached exquisite accessories, is of incrustated Roman gold in Oriental design. An irregular scroll, emphasized at intervals by emeralds and gems, is the style of decoration. A tablet and tiny mirror depend from either end of the pin. In the centre hangs a purse, and at intervals the bonbonnière, combcase, pin-box, and pencil are suspended by three tiny links. Each article is made by hand, and consistently graceful outlines have been observed.

Miss Sloane is the great-granddaughter of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, the niece of Cornelius, Frederick W., William K., and George W. Vanderbilt, and of Mrs. W. Seward Webb and Mrs. H. McK. Twombly.

The large fortune in the Burden family originated in the iron works founded by the late Henry Burden at Troy. The bridegroom has an income of more than \$1,000,000.

Mr. Burden is a member of the Sons of the Revolution. His great-great-grandfather was Col. John Williams, a member of the New-York Provisional Congress, and commander of the Charlotte County (N. Y.) militia during the Revolution.



Mr. and Mrs. James A. Burden.

Prof. Jasper Tromoe of Trinity Church, officiated at the organ.

The wedding was notable in that it brought to Lenox a large number of representatives of the best society of the land, including members of the Vanderbilt family, to which the bride belongs, on her mother's side; and many members of the Diplomatic Corps from Washington. Accustomed as Lenox is to the presence of distinguished people, it never saw such a gathering of prominent society people as that of to-day.

Trinity Church, which could not begin to accommodate the assemblage, was beautifully decorated in white and green, these colors being used exclusively as a compliment to the Porcellian Club of Harvard, of which Mr. Burden is a member. The altar lamps were lighted and the chancel presented a most impressive appearance.

Palms, roses, white poppies, lilies, and white flowers in profusion were used in the decorations of the church, and at the house, the embellishment of which was similar to that of the church. Green and white also appeared as the colors of the bridesmaids' gowns, and many of the guests wore gowns of white silk and chiffon, with green trimmings.

No more beautiful and accomplished bride ever walked down the aisle of Trinity Church. Her white satin gown was very simple in style, but of the most exquisite texture. The rich point lace of the veil was the gift of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt. It was caught to her high coiffure by a spray of orange blossoms. She wore, the gift of her mother, a diamond and emerald necklace.

Two little maids of honor, Miss Jessie Sloane and Miss Ruth Twombly, preceded the bride, carrying baskets of lilies of the valley. They wore white silk gowns, trimmed with lace.

The bridesmaids, Miss Emily Vanderbilt Sloane, Miss Lila Vanderbilt Sloane, Miss Beatrice Bend, and Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt, were gowned in cream white silk, with green sashes. They wore white leghorn hats, trimmed with ostrich feathers.

The ushers were Thomas Nelson Perkins, G. Richmond Fearing, Jr., Columbus C. Baldwin, Louis Adams Frothingham, Rufus K. Thomas, and George Baty Blake. The best man was Frederic Winthrop. These men are all members of the Porcellian Club of Harvard.

After the ceremony the bridal party drove to Elm Court, the Sloanes' beautiful Summer home. Mr. and Mrs. Burden received in the spacious salon, which, like the other rooms of the house, was tastefully, though simply, decorated in green and white. Sherry of New-York served the wedding breakfast in a spacious tent on the lawn, and Lander's string and brass bands furnished music for dancing on the lawn.

Many of the guests returned to New-York on the special train, which left Lenox at 4:30 o'clock. Chauncey M. Depew went back in his private car, and had as his guests Mrs. Morton and the Misses Morton. Gov. Morton was unable to be present.

John Sloane was prevented by illness from giving a large dance to-night, as he planned.

Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes gave a large dance at Shadow Brook to-night, which was attended by many of the New-York guests. The carload of Harvard men, friends of Mr. Burden, remained over for the dance.

Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., also had many Yale classmates as his guests. Shadow Brook is entertaining about eighty guests, and many of the other cottagers have house parties, all of whom attended the wedding and dance.

The newly married pair took the Harlem train for New-York this afternoon. They will return to Elm Court for a short visit before starting on a tour around the world in August. Mr. Burden, who is interested with his father in the great Burden Iron Works in Troy, will go into business with the firm on his return.

William D. Sloane, father of the bride, attended personally to all the details of the wedding. The two vestibule trains which came up from New-York, brought over 250 guests. They were supplied with every comfort and luxury. Tea was served on the journey up, and Mr. Sloane gave a dinner on the train this afternoon on the return trip.

The wedding of Miss Sloane and Mr. Burden was one of the most elaborate and costly affairs of the kind ever given in this country. The bride's trousseau is said to have cost \$40,000. Mr. and Mrs. Sloane hired the Curtis Hotel, one of the largest hotels in Lenox, for the use of the wedding guests. For three days the hotel was kept exclusively for their benefit.

Another large item of expense was the carriages. Mr. and Mrs. Sloane desired broughams for the guests. Fifty broughams were found in or about Lenox, but 180 were brought from New-Haven. The expenses of transporting the 180 broughams by rail was \$40 each. Fifty freight cars were used in the transportation.

The presents were mostly of jewels. A conservative estimate placed the value of the gifts at \$700,000.

The bride received many magnificent jewels from members of the Vanderbilt family. Among the gifts was an Empire brooch of artistic design, costing \$3,000. The other gifts included a fleur-de-lis, in miniature, of gold, studded with tiny diamonds, each uniform in size and perfect in color, connected with a lover's knot fashioned of the same gems by two ropes of