

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

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"Across the long stretch of years, embracing half a century, along the same pathway, hand in hand, heart to heart, with united interests and a devotion which each succeeding year has served to deepen and hallow, our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jordan P. Wright, have journeyed. Fitting, indeed, that at the conclusion of such a record the "golden wedding," or jubilee, should occur; golden, because, rich with the memory of years that have been filled with sorrow and gladness, cloud and sunshine, shared mutually, making a chain of golden links to bind securely and forever two hearts and lives that have borne the struggle, and now the golden sunset makes resplendent the whole retrospect, illumines the future pathway, and assures for each other a crown of perpetual peace and satisfaction.

How, down the long years the wedding bells chime their greeting, and blend sweetly with the music of this their jubilee, as if rejoicing in a union so perfect and complete, and filled with the prophecy of future years, yet more bright and peaceful!

What an example to the youth of our community; what a stimulus to the many lives united in holy wedlock!

May we interpret aright the meaning of these lives rounding into perfect beauty, and ripe with experience and affection.

May the fruit be as the flower, rich and full of sweetness, so that as long as life shall last each succeeding year may be a jewel to adorn the life of each. And so we greet you and we try to catch an inspiration which shall enrich our own lives, and make us better for having known and loved you, our dear old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

The marriage certificate was read by Mr. G. Howland Leavitt, and signed by all present, only one being present whose signature was on the first certificate.

The house was beautifully and artistically decorated with flowers, mantel-pieces banked with roses, daisies, syringa and snow balls, after which they were sent to the sick and suffering in the hospital to gladden the hearts of the poor invalids.

Mrs. Eliza H. Bell wrote and read the following beautiful lines in honor of the occasion, and presented the poem to Mr. and Mrs. Wright:—

FOR THE GOLDEN WEDDING OF JORDAN
AND MARY WRIGHT.

And *fifty years* hath passed away,
Adown the stream of time,
Since first upon that wedding day
Your hearts were linked in one.

For, with "Divine Assistance,"
Through all life's changing scene,
Attending to the "Light Within,"
How great your joy has been.

How true "the promise" has been kept
That bound your hearts in love;
You "would be faithful" unto death,
Your useful lives have proved.

"When, "in the presence of the Lord,"
And loving friends around,
You "took each other by the hand,"
To walk life's journey through.

And as the "record" we review
Along your pathway bright,
We see the *home* you builded then
Is happier than you knew.

For children dear around you cling,
And clasp you to their hearts,
With fond and loving tenderness
That will your time outlast.

And children's children, too, art here,
To greet you with their love,
And smile to see your *latter days*
So bright for heaven above.

But *those* who taught your infant years
To walk in Wisdom's path,
Long since have gone to dwell on high
And meet their just reward.

But their spirits mingle with you,
Though "unseen by mortal eye,"
As we mingle here this evening
To celebrate this happy day.

There's naught on earth so precious
As a fond mother's love
To all her earthly children,
As we can daily prove.