

MISS WATKINS'S WEDDING

A GREAT CROWD WITNESSES A UNIQUE CEREMONY.

The Colonel of the American Volunteers Married in Carnegie Hall to Her Secretary, Capt. Frederick A. Lindsay—She Sings a Solo Before Commander Booth Joins Them in Matrimony—Charges for Admission to the Hall and for Seats.

Col. Pattie Watkins of the headquarters division of Ballington Booth's Army of American Volunteers, and her stenographer, Capt. Fred A. Lindsay, Staff Captain in the corps of field officers of the Volunteers, were united in marriage at Carnegie Hall last night.

The wedding ceremony was very unique. It had a ring about it that reminded one of the clatter of a coin upon a marble slab on the desk of a cashier. The redeeming feature was found in the blushes and demeanor of the bride. She alone of all those present seemed to realize that a woman was giving her life into the keeping of a man.

Before the ceremony and after it there was a cry made from the Volunteers for money, and while these demands were being made Pattie Watkins blushed and looked embarrassed. The bridegroom did not. He looked pleased.

Commander Ballington Booth performed the marriage ceremony. It was one of his own arrangement. Save for the vows made by the bride and bridegroom and the solemn words of the Rev. Ross Taylor in finally pronouncing the two man and wife, the ceremony seemed a travesty upon marriage.

The announcement that Pattie Watkins was to be married at Carnegie Hall according to a rite provided by Commander Booth proved sufficient to almost pack the hall. When the ceremonies began, all the seats in the parquet were taken, the boxes in the first tier were all occupied, and also nearly all those on the second tier, and there were few seats left vacant in the gallery.

Ten Cents for Admission to the Hall.

It was a public show, this wedding. Any one who paid 10 cents could enter the hall; and those who were willing to pay 25 cents could secure reserved seats "near the stand." Box seats sold for 50 cents. After the ceremony a collection was taken up, "to pay the expenses of the evening and to help the bride and bridegroom to establish a home, and before that to take a journey necessary to the recuperation of the health of the bride," explained Commander Booth.

The bride sat upon the stage to the left of Mrs. Ballington Booth, who sat with her husband in the centre of the rostrum. The bridegroom sat at the Commander's right, and looked serenely and impassively happy. The bride looked intense. She alone of all the vast assemblage seemed to realize the importance of the event.

Behind these central figures on the stage was an array of Majors and Captains, male and female, of the Volunteers, and back of them, on tiers of seats, were at least 200 members of the rank and file of the army.

Commander Booth acted as Master of Ceremonies, and a half hour was given to the singing of the songs of the Volunteers.

"You needn't be afraid to clap your hands to-night," said the Commander at the conclusion of one song. "Join us in the merriment and melody—yea, I say melody advisedly—the great American institution of marriage."

The crowd applauded the sentiment. The Commander turned to the volunteers on the stage, and waved his hands. Immediately every head was bowed, and softly the soldiers sang:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me lose myself in Thee.

Capt. Masdolad prayed that God might be present in the hall during the ceremony that was to unite two young souls in wedlock, and after that the volunteers sang "You Carried Your Burden to Jesus."

The Bride Sings a Solo.

Except by the members of the army there had been but little interest shown by the crowd of people in the exercises until this time, but at this juncture Commander Booth introduced the bride and announced that she would sing a solo. Incidentally he introduced the bridegroom as her accompanist.

The bride and bridegroom were received with cheers. Miss Watkins advanced to the footlights, and Capt. Lindsay seated himself at the piano. To Capt. Lindsay's accompaniment, the bride sang one of the songs of the volunteers with a hallelujah chorus. The crowd joined in the chorus, and the effect was rather startling when one stopped to think that the young woman who stood before the assemblage marking time for its singing was within a few minutes to take upon herself the vows of matrimony.

"I desire to state briefly three things that make me happy to be with you to-night," said Commander Booth at the conclusion of the song. "In the first place, I am glad to be here to tie the knot which will bind these two together. They are two persons I have long known, and I know that they are taking this step through the light of God. Second, I am glad to be here to inform these two that married life is an honorable life and a wonderful institution. Third, I am glad to be here that I may record that these two have taken no back steps in the work they chose for life."

Taking the third division of his expression of gratitude as a text, Commander Booth arraigned the Salvation Army most severely. After that he told of the progress of the Volunteers. "We now have 75 local orders formed, and have 115 organizing officers in the field." The Commander said that 270,555 people had attended the services of the Volunteers held in barracks during August. He referred to the charges of bribe-giving made against him and his wife, and again declared that they were false.

He said that he had demanded from the officers of the Salvation Army the names of those who asserted that they had been offered bribes by himself and Mrs. Booth to leave the Salvation Army, but that he had received no answer.

The commander spoke at length upon the merits of the Volunteers, and gave the old organization several thrusts.

His address was interesting, but the crowd was impatient. It had gone to the hall to see a wedding of Volunteers, and it demanded that the marriage should be cele-

brated. Commander Booth finally concluded his address, and the congregation sang the song beginning—

Over and over, like a mighty sea,
Comes the love of Jesus, rolling over me.

The Wedding Ceremony Performed.

Then the wedding ceremony was performed.

Commander Booth ordered the standard bearers to bring the colors of the Volunteers and of the United States to the front. This was done. The Commander then took Capt. Lindsay by the hand and led him to a position under the United States flag. Mrs. Booth led Miss Watkins to a place beneath the standard of the Volunteers. The audience cheered again.

Commander Booth then read the articles of marriage which he had prepared for the occasion, and which will govern all marriages in the ranks of the American Volunteers hereafter. The articles were as follows:

"First—We have entered this marriage after much thought and earnest prayer, not only feeling it will bring true happiness to ourselves, but that it will help us in our work for God, making us unitedly more successful and useful than we have been during single service as Volunteers.

"Second—We have promised God and each other that our marriage shall not make us less earnest in work for Him, or less eager to seek the blessing and assisting of others. We are determined that, if anything, we will be unitedly more unselfish in our efforts for God and country, and our comrades and leaders shall see in us added zeal and labor in the interests of God's kingdom.

"Third—We are determined that our influence over each other shall be such as tends to strengthen our spiritual faith and deepen our interest in the cause of the benefiting of mankind.

"Fourth—We have promised to faithfully love and stand by one another, and do pledge that our married life shall be such as will prove to the world that where love of God exists, perfect oneness of purpose brings a union that grows stronger and more helpful daily, and that in sacrificing selfish interests the home life as well as the public relationship bears in a special way the marks of God's approval, and, as a consequence, peace and love reign through all the trials and anxieties as well as through the joys and successes of life."

"I here before God and in the presence of this audience declare in all honesty that I know of no cause why I, Pattie Watkins, may not be united in holy matrimony to Frederick A. Lindsay," the bride affirmed, at the dictation of Mrs. Booth.

The bridegroom made the same statement regarding himself and the bride.

"Will you have this woman to be your lawful wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love her, comfort her, honor and protect her in sickness and in health, seeking ever her highest good, and prove yourself worthy and faithful as a God-honoring and consecrated man to the vows and obligations of married life?"

Commander Booth asked the bridegroom, and Capt. Lindsay answered "I will."

Turning to the bride, Mrs. Booth asked her:

"Will you have this man to be your lawful wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Will you love him, comfort him, and honor him in sickness and in health, seeking ever his highest good, and prove yourself worthy and faithful as a God-honoring and consecrated woman to the vows and obligations of married life?"

She said: "I will."

The marriage vow was then taken. The same vow was made by both bride and bridegroom, except for the change in gender. The vow taken by the bridegroom was as follows:

"I, Frederick A. Lindsay, take thee, Pattie Watkins, to be my lawful wedded wife, to have and to hold, till death do us part, promising to be to thee a faithful and true husband, and to stand by thee in life, and shall, for better or worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness or health, according to God's holy ordinance, believing that God Himself will bless our union and keep us to each other and to Him."

From the recesses of his uniform coat Capt. Lindsay brought forth a plain gold ring, and, placing it upon the finger of his bride, he said: "With this ring I pledge to thee my love and honor, wedding thee in the presence of Almighty God, and in the good faith of the vows we have made before these witnesses here assembled."

The Rev. Ross Taylor then stepped forward and said:

"After the vows that you have solemnly made in the presence of these witnesses and in the fear and name of heaven, I, as a minister of the Gospel, and in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, do declare you to be husband and wife. Those whom God hath joined let no man put asunder."

And so Pattie Watkins was wedded to her stenographer.

Commander Booth offered a final prayer, and while it was in progress the bride and bridegroom left by the stage entrance, entered a carriage, and went to the home of a friend.

The Bridegroom Made a Major.

"I can say nothing to-night," said Col. Lindsay, as she entered the carriage. The bridal couple will go to Canada for their honeymoon. Commander Booth announced that the bride would hereafter be known as Col. Pattie Lindsay. The bridegroom he promoted to the rank of Major on the spot. The bride is still the bridegroom's senior in Volunteer ranks.

Pattie Watkins is well known in New-York and well loved here. She is a young woman of a most sympathetic nature, who has done a world of good among fallen men and women. She is twenty-eight years old. She was a member of the Salvation Army until the split took place, and then she went with Commander and Mrs. Ballington Booth. The bridegroom was her stenographer, and he left the organization with her to join the Volunteers. He is about thirty-five years old. He wears a long mustache. He operates upon the typewriter and plays the piano. His bride, intellectually, is a very gifted young woman.

Flurry in Cotton.

There was a spirited upward movement in the cotton market yesterday in consequence of the continued dry weather throughout the South and reports of expected scarcity of crops in certain sections. Prices of the various options advanced from 27 to 32 points, and the total sales aggregated 240,000 bales. January cotton was the most active feature of the market, its sales alone amounting to 118,600 bales.

Franklin J. Bischoff Weaker.

Lawyer Franklin J. Bischoff, who is in the prisoner's ward of Bellevue Hospital, on a charge of grand larceny, suffering with meningitis, was said last night to be very weak. He appears to be slightly demented.