A LARGE AND FASHIONABLE CONGREGATION

Lest we be accused of offering Cobbwebs that are too masculine in interest, here we tell of a wedding which took place 120 years ago in which high fashion was foremost.

*The Court Journal* tells us….

‘A large and fashionable congregation assembled in the Pro-Cathedral, Kensington on Thursday (18th January 1894) to witness the wedding of Mr. Charles Macdonnell Anderson, son of the late Colonel J. C. Anderson, R.E., C.S.I., with Miss Maud Cobbold, daughter of Mr. Henry Chevallier Cobbold, 29 Campden House Road, Kensington.

The bride wore a gown of rich white satin duchesse, the petticoat draped with soft silk muslin and sprays of orange blossom; the Court train of rich satin, trimmed at one side and corner with silk muslin and orange blossom. The cape effect on the bodice was bordered with orange blossom over a yoke of silk muslin, large bishop sleeves of satin with collar and cuffs embroidered with fine pearls, a wreath of real orange blossoms and tulle veil fastened with a diamond crescent, the gift of the bridegroom, a diamond bracelet and carried a superb bouquet of orange blossoms, eucharis lilies and white lilac.

There were six bridesmaids. Their dresses were white ondine silk, trimmed with light blue velvet and otter fur and their hats were white satin, with the brims lined with black velvet and trimmed with black feathers tipped with pale blue and blue rosettes.’
Maud Chevallier Cobbold (1867-1954) is # 339 on the family tree and our thanks to Maud’s granddaughter, Dr. Virginia Mary van de Lande for the Court Journal cutting.

Costume worn by Miss Cobbold’s Bridesmaids