

Rev and Mrs DW Snyder's wedding and their voyage to the Congo

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TO GO TO AFRICA

**Brooklyn Girl, Married Yesterday, Will
Accompany Her Husband to His
Congo Station.**

Miss Gertrude Louisa Wood, who is well known in local missionary work, was married yesterday afternoon in the Classon Avenue Presbyterian Church, to the Rev. Dr. DeWitt C. Snyder, who for five years has been in charge of a Presbyterian mission in Luebo, Congo Free State, Africa. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Africa, and will sail next month for Europe, en route to the groom's missionary station. Although simplicity marked every detail of the ceremony, the wedding was somewhat out of the ordinary.

The bride wore a gown of old gold poplin, trimmed with violet velvet and lace. The lace was very beautiful. It was made by nuns on the Isle of Wight and was a gift of the groom. There were no bridesmaids or maids of honor. Sir Arthur Farquhar of London, England, was the best man. Miss Wood entered the church on the arm of her uncle, James Hardenburg. The decorations of the altar consisted of palms and chrysanthemums. A pretty feature of the ceremony was the presence of several hundred children from the Wyckoff Heights Mission, a branch of the Classon Avenue Church, where Miss Wood had been a teacher.

After the ceremony had been performed and as the newly married couple passed down the aisle the children scattered flowers before them. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. A. F. Schaeffer, superintendent of the Presbyterian Church city missions. He was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Burrell, the pastor of the church. The ushers were M. Wood, F. Moffatt, Conrad Keyes and Dr. R. Black of the Homeopathic Hospital.



THE REV. AND MRS. D. W. SNYDER.

Dr. Snyder is a medical missionary. Seven years ago he began work in Tampa, Fla., and was sent to Africa by the Southern Mission Board, and placed in charge of the Congo mission. The mission is about one thousand miles from the coast and on a branch of the Congo River. The doctor returned to this country in June. He is having a boat built in Richmond, Va., to be used in transporting mail and provisions to the mission. In Luebo Dr. Snyder has several schools and a church, with a native membership of about two hundred and fifty. He has acquired some fame by his translations of the Bible into the native languages. The mission is in the center of a territory which was formerly occupied by cannibal tribes.

The bride is equally fitted for the work in which she will assist her husband. She has been engaged in missionary work for about ten years, and was recently granted a diploma as a trained nurse by the trustees of the Homeopathic Hospital, where in one year, by her proficiency, she overcame the rule that calls for a three years' course. The father of the bride died about two years ago. He was a prominent business man in Brooklyn for thirty years.

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