
EXPLORER RICE WEDS MRS. G. D. WIDENER

**Law Requiring Five Days' Delay After Securing License
Waived by a Court Order.**

PLANS FOR SECRECY FAIL

**Bishop Lawrence Officiates at Ceremony in Emmanuel Church Vestry
Witnessed by Twelve Persons.**

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BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 6.—In order to avoid the publicity involved in the wedding in Trinity Church announced for tomorrow, Dr. A. Hamilton Rice of Boston and Mrs. George D. Widener of Philadelphia and Newport, donor of the new Harry Elkins Widener Memorial Library at Harvard, were married shortly after noon today in the vestry of Emmanuel Church, Newbury Street, by Bishop William Lawrence.

Though reporters were barred from the church it was learned that there were about a dozen persons in the wedding party. These included Mrs. Widener's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dixon of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. T. Suffern Tailor of Newport and New York, and their children, Larry and Betty Tailor, and the brother of the bridegroom, John C. Rice, a prominent Boston attorney, who acted as best man. The couple found no difficulty in getting around the Massachusetts law requiring five days' delay after securing the license.

John C. Rice appeared at the registry of births, marriages, and deaths in the City Hall Annex this morning armed with a power of attorney from Dr. Rice. He requested a blank for a petition to the court, asking a waiver of the five-day law. This he filled out, and at the courthouse he presented it to Judge Grant. The Judge without delay issued the waiver. The five-day restraint on the bridegroom-to-be and his betrothed bride was thus dissolved and rendered of no more force than if such a law did not exist.

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