

LORD AND LADY APSLEY.

Presentations at Cirencester.

Countess Bathurst yesterday entertained upwards of 1,000 guests at a garden party at Cirencester Park in celebration of the marriage in February last of Lord Apsley, D.S.O., M.C., M.P., with Miss Violet Meeking, and advantage was taken of the opportunity to present the wedding gifts subscribed by the town of Cirencester, the Hunt, and other friends and neighbours. The company included a contingent of 70 or 80 of Lord Apsley's constituents from Southampton.

Major F. W. B. Cripps, D.S.O., presented to Lord Apsley the portrait of Lady Apsley painted by Mr. De Laszlo, together with a Jacobean silver tea service to Lady Apsley, and an illuminated album, containing the names of eight hundred subscribers, residents of the town of Cirencester, members of the V.W.H. (Earl of Bathurst's) Hunt, the Cirencester Park Farm tenants, and the estate staff. In doing so he said the gifts represented the good feeling and affection in which the donors held Lord Apsley and his parents, and the cordiality with which they welcomed Lady Apsley to her Gloucestershire home.

Lord and Lady Apsley both expressed their gratitude for the gifts. Lord Bathurst added his acknowledgments of the honour that was done Lady Bathurst and himself on the occasion of their own marriage, an honour which he was proud should be paid by their kind friends and neighbours, and referring to Mr. De Laszlo's picture, he said he believed that as a work of art it would occupy a high, if not the foremost, place among the portraits of ladies of the family during ten generations.

HUNT PUPPY SHOW.

Earlier in the day the young entry to Lord Bathurst's pack of foxhounds had been judged by Major Jackson, ex-Master of the Cotswold Hounds, Ben Wilkinson, Lord Bathurst's former huntsman, and Joe Willis, huntsman to the V.W.H. (Cricklade). The prizes were awarded as follows:

Couples.—1st, Chantress and Charming, walked at home; 2nd, Startle and Stella, walked by Mrs. Oswald, Harrison; 3rd, Stentor and Stormer, walked by Mr. Holland. Dog-hounds.—1st, Visitor, walked by Mr. S. Pettifer (no other prize awarded, as the next two hounds had won a prize for couples). Bitches.—Here, again, the selected first had won a prize in the class for couples, and therefore the first prize went to Trespass, walked by Major Ritchie; 2nd, Violet, walked by Mr. Hayward; 3rd, Volatile, walked by Major Cripps; 4th, Transport, walked by Mr. Chillingworth; 5th, Gauntlett, walked by Mr. Hoskins.