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It was, as I anticipated, simply perfect (again, the kind of thing Carolyn and I could never have pulled off). Jeremy's description of the ceremony is accurate as far as it goes, though the coughing was a very minor thing. Wren's participation was a great touch! Laura's dress was simple, dignified and beautiful, as befitted its wearer. She was indeed tanned and lovely (shock of shocks). The ceremony's program (I'm sure Laura has/will show it to you) began with a perfect Shakespearean quote and very much reflected Jon and Laura: the readings were just right, the two celebrants were each good in their own way (one more loquacious than the other, but, again, appropriately so). The music was lovely: when I first got seated in the church, the traditional Irish/Scottish tune "The Water is Wide" was being played, and it just got better from there. Before I forget, may I also add that Laura selected the best bridesmaids' dresses I've ever seen (they're usually so bad): not that I was surprised. The reception was equally perfect: set on the lovely grounds of this great (architecturally speaking) mansion. The food was excellent and the wedding cake was genuinely good. Most importantly, people looked very happy! Jon and Laura seemed very relaxed, seemed to enjoy the ceremony and reception (which isn't always the case) and being among friends and family. In short, the stars were all in their proper places and the gods clearly pleased with the match. It would be hard not to concede that Jon is, indeed, the right guy to take care of our friend over the long haul, protecting and nurturing her "pilgrim soul" *.As for myself, I was very glad I went and bore witness to such a lovely and important event. I also enjoyed seeing and talking with Jeremy. We covered many disparate topics, from Review Board happenings to Northern Ireland to Bill Clinton. I'm afraid we didn't mingle much with the other guests, which eventually seemed to concern Laura and Jon: I knew it was time to go when they began to usher people over to talk to us! When you become a social burden on the bride and groom at their own reception, you've clearly stayed too long! ["I'm a blues man: I know when to leave." Stephen Stills]. That's my take on it. Sorry you missed it, but I trust your grandmother's celebration went off well?* "How many loved your moments of glad grace, And loved your beauty with a love false or true. But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you, And the sorrows of your changing face."W.B. YeatsP.S. Is Bob safely returned, and is he still a bachelor??To: Joseph Freeman/ARRBcc:From:Kevin Tiernan/ARRB Date:07/14/97 01:15:00 PMSubject:Tell me about the

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