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Yesterday there was an interesting gathering in Lambeth Palace, where the Bishop of Dover was presented with his picture by Mr. Herkomer, R.A. The Archbishop of Canterbury and Viscount Cranbrook expressed on the part of the clergy and laity of the archdiocese their indebtedness to Bishop Parry for his incessant labours and genial kindness, the Lord President of the Council saying very happily that he combined the vigour of a sailor with the sanctity of a Bishop. The Primate, immediately the meeting was over, crossed the river to marry his old friend the Dean of Westminster's daughter to Mr. Birchenough, a name which suggested to some old Marlburians that in his preferment Dr. Bradley thought that he had had enough of the birch he so frequently wielded at school. The service was choral, and the Primate was assisted by Archdeacon Philpot, a relative of the bridegroom, Canon Westcott, and the Precentor. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of ivory duchesse satin, the corsage and petticoat being profusely draped with Limerick lace, and the train was borne by Masters Gilbert Woods and Godwin Birchenough, who wore effective suits of gold-brown velvet, with lace ruffles. Her veil of old lace and orange blossoms was fastened with diamond stars, her ornaments were pearls and diamonds, and her bouquet was composed of white Eucharis lilies and stephanotis. The bridesmaids - the Misses Bradley (3), Birchenough (2), Adshead (2), and Agatha Thynne - were gowned in crême satin merveilleux trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and the grown-up ones wore golden brown high velvet hats, with brown and cream feathers, while the children were in large brown velvet beefeater hats looped up with crimson ribbons. They had velvet muffs to match, pearl initial brooches and bouquets of roses on their dresses and muffs. The best man was Mr. Alfred Milner. Among the company were, besides a number of the relations of both families, Mrs Benson, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Coleridge, the American Minister and Mrs. Phelps, Lord Justice and Lady Bowen, Sir Horace and Lady

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Alcock, Sir George and Lady Grove, Mr. Robert Browning, Mrs. N. Montefiore, Mr. and Mrs. L. McIver, Sir Lewis and Lady Pelly, Mr. Justice and Lady Stephen, the Dean of Windsor, and Mr. Randall Davidson, the President of Trinity College, Oxford, and Mrs. Percival, Sir Julian and Lady Goldsmid, Lord and Lady Brabourne, Lord and Lady Sherbrooke, the canons of the Abbey and their families, Mr. and Mrs. John Thynne, Dr. and Mrs. Bridge, and many others. The presents numbered more than 250. Mrs. Bradley subsequently held a reception at the Deanery, and the bride and bridegroom left later for Tunbridge-wells *en route* for the Continent, Mrs. Birchenough's going-away dress being of golden brown cachemire d'Inde, with marten-tail fur bonnet to match.

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