

and has reference to some royal gift of jewellery about to be presented to his niece, on the occasion of her marriage. Thus it reads: "Sir. I forgot to mention to you yesterday that I have been commissioned, very privately, to find out if the jewels that are to be seen at the jeweller's you employed to set the H. P.'s picture, are bespoken; which, though not believed or certainly expected, as a future present; yet the Family would avoid giving duplicates, if that was the case. All the letters from Windsor to-day speak highly in praises of the H. P.; and it is only wished he may be as well pleased. Yours, W. H." The note is dated April 18, 1797. "H. P." denotes "Hereditary Prince," i. e. of Wirtemberg, Stutgardt. He was married with great pomp May 17, 1797, at the Chapel Royal, St. James', to Charlotte Augusta Matilda, Princess Royal of Great Britain, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York both officiating. The Duke of Gloucester, the writer of the preceding note, was present. (See Annual Register 1797; Chronicle, p. 29.) Among the letters from which I selected the above note, was one written nineteen years later by the princess then married. She was now Queen of Wirtemberg, but a widow; and she speaks of her great affliction and of the unpleasant state of her monetary affairs; she owes, she says, the King's heirs four thousand pounds, which sum she is anxious that her brother, the Prince Regent of England, should assist her to pay. One more addendum to this group of "Leaves They Have Touched," is Queen Charlotte's copy of "Advice from a Lady of Quality to her Children"—the presentation copy from the translator. This book is further interesting as coming from the press of Robert Raikes, Gloucester, the memorable philanthropist. The date is 1778. (2) I add to the general literary and scientific relics, a volume once the property of Narcissus Luttrell, and containing his autograph. It is entitled, "The Magazine of Honour, or a Treatise on the Several Degrees of Nobility of this Kingdom, with their Rights and Privileges:" collected by Master Bird; but enlarged by Sir John Doderidge. London, 1642. Lord Macaulay has many references to Luttrell's "Brief Historical Relation of State Affairs from September, 1678, to April 1714:" in six octavo volumes. Narcissus Luttrell's collection of fugitive pieces, poetical satires, squibs, &c., on national occurrences and events in high and low life, from 1640 to 1688, bound up in eight folio volumes, fetched at auction in London, in 1820, the sum of £781. (3) A letter written by the seventh Earl of Elgin, father of our Canadian Lord