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THE unavoidable delay which has occurred in the completion of this INDEX has been eventually useful; having afforded the opportunity of again and again recurring to a minute examination of the whole Work, and of noticing occasional errors both of the pen and of the press. Some of these might have escaped the Reader's observation; and others would have been readily excused and corrected\*. By far the greater part, however, are improvements derived from subsequent researches and communications; having received from several intelligent Friends substantial evidence of their honouring the "Anecdotes" by an attentive perusal. Those remarks I was gradually incorporating for the press, and had actually printed more than 50 pages; but such is already their extent, that they would appear wholly out of place at the end of an Index in which they could not be included. As the only alternative, therefore, I have determined to continue the "Typographical Annals" by One more Volume; to which the various "Additions" may conveniently be appended. Two or three of the *Errata graviora* must in the mean time here be corrected.

In Vol. II. p. 240, there is a material error respecting the Epitaph on Mrs. Mason †.

\* "Whoever thinks a faultless piece to see,  
Thinks what ne'er was, nor is, nor e'er shall be."

† Which should have been printed thus:

"MARY the daughter of

WILLIAM SHERMAN, of Kingston-upon-Hull, Esq.

and wife of the Rev WILLIAM MASON,

died March 27th, 1767, aged 28.

Take, Holy Earth, all that my Soul holds dear;

Take that best gift, which Heav'n so lately gave;

To Bristol's fount I bore with trembling care

Her faded form; she bow'd to taste the wave,

And died. Does Youth, does Beauty, read the line?

Does sympathetic fear their breasts alarm?

Speak, dead MARIA! breathe a strain divine;

Ev'n from the grave thou shalt have power to charm.

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In vol. II. p. 285, l. 22, the Rev. *Stephen White*, rector of *Holton*, Suffolk, is said to have "died

Bid them be chaste, be innocent, like thee ;  
 Bid them in Duty's sphere as meekly move ;  
 And if so fair, from vanity as free,  
 As firm in friendship, and as fond in love.  
 Tell them, though tis an awful thing to die,  
 ('Twas ev'n to thee) ; yet, the dread path once trod,  
 Heav'n lifts its everlasting portals high,  
 And bids " the pure in heart behold their God !"

The Author of a late "Account of all the Watering Places," mentioning *Southampton* and *Romsey*, speaks of "Lord Palmerston's monumental inscription on his Lady at the latter as too long to transcribe;" but, "holding it right to do justice to his Lordship, as the original Author of some Lines of Poetry on her death, which have been ascribed to *others*," subjoins those printed in Vol. II. p. 240, with the addition of the following lines:

"Ordain'd to lose the partner of my breast,  
 Whose virtue warm'd me, and whose beauty blest ;  
 Fram'd every tic, that binds the soul to prove  
 Her duty friendship — and her friendship love.  
 But yet — rememb'ring thus the parting sigh  
 Appoints the just to slumber, not to die ;  
 The starting tear I check'd — I kiss'd the rod,  
 And not to earth resign'd her — but to God."

These lines, originally published under the title of "Inscriptive Verses, written by a Gentleman whose Lady died at Bristol Wells" (see *Gent. Mag.* vol. XLVII. p. 240), have occasioned several strange mistakes; and certainly were *not* Lord Palmerston's, whose Epitaph on his Lady, wholly in prose, is in these words:

"In the vault beneath are deposited the remains of FRANCES Viscountess PALMERSTON, daughter of Sir Francis Poole, Bart. She was married to Henry Viscount Palmerston, October 6, 1767; and died in childbed June 1, 1769. — With the nobler virtues that elevate our nature, she possessed the softer talents that adorn it: pious, humble, benevolent, candid, and sincere, she followed the duties of humanity; and her heart was warm with all its best affections. Her sense was strong, her judgment accurate, her wit engaging, and her taste refined; while the elegance of her form, the graces of her manners, and the natural propriety that ever accompanied her words and actions, made her virtues doubly attractive, and taught her equally to command respect and love. Such she lived, and such she died; calm and resigned to the dispensations of Heaven, leaving her disconsolate friends to deplore her loss, and cherish the dear remembrance of that worth they honoured living and lament in death. To the memory of the best of wives, the best of friends, he, for whom she joined those tender names, dedicates this marble."

The verses in p. 240, it now turns out, were written by Dr. Hawkesworth (*not* on the death of his own wife, who long survived



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Oct. 24, 1755, aged 71." This observation belongs to the Rev. *John White*, rector of Nayland\*.

A very strange blunder occurs in volume III. p. 183; where (by an accidental transposition of some lines in the final correction of a proof-sheet) an unfavourable account is given of the latter days of Sir Joseph Ayloff's grandfather; which account, in fact, belongs to a licentious cousin of Lord Lyttelton †.

Having had occasion (in vol. III. p. 545.) to mention that *Caxton* was a *Mercer*, and not a *Stationer*; I hastily added, that "Caxton opened a shop, in 1464, at the Sun in Fleet Street." But the earliest book that is known to have been printed by Caxton is the *Recueil des Histoires de Troye*, which was not completed till 1471, during his abode on the Continent. His residence when he returned to this country was in Westminster; where Wynkin de Worde succeeded him in business, and removed afterwards to the Sun in Fleet Street.

survived him, but) on the death of Mrs. Jordan, wife of Thomas Jordan esq of Pheasant Lodge, Chislehurst, Kent, and mother of Mrs. Udney; late Sub-governess to Princess Charlotte of Wales. *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXXIII. pp. 14. 219.

\* The following inscription is from a monument at Holton :

"To the memory of  
the Rev. STEPHEN WHITE, M. A. Rector of this Church;  
who, in the 76th year of his age,  
departed from a life dedicated to the service of God.

He was adorned with the virtues  
of Faith, Orthodoxy, and Devotion;  
and, as a Minister of Christ,  
was laborious and charitable.

On April 12th, 1773, being Easter Monday,  
as he was officiating in the Church,  
he was suddenly called away from  
his labours, to receive their reward;  
and expired in that School which his piety had raised

*Blessed is that servant whom his Lord  
when he cometh shall find watching.*

ANNE WHITE, his Relict, departed this life  
Dec. 31, 1781, aged 82."

† From "who during," l. 34, to "death," l. 38, should have been introduced after "blush to read," p. 182; and the word "years" should be "year," as it was only during the greater part of the last year of his life that Captain Ayscough resided at Kirk Ireton.

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One article more shall be noticed, though it is rather an omission than an error.—In vol. I. p. 151, the name of my good friend Andrew Strahan, esq. should have been joined to that of his worthy Father, as an instance of a Printer and Bookseller being a Member of the Great Council of the Nation; and, to the honour of the profession, Joseph Butterworth, esq. a Law Bookseller of first-rate reputation, has since been chosen a Representative in the present Parliament for his native City of Coventry\*.

Of GILES HUSSEY, Esq. the “*Pictorum Princps*” of Dorsetshire, a separate Article and Portrait will appear in the Eighth Volume—with Portraits of my late much-respected Friend GEORGE ALLAN, Esq. Bp. CREWE, Dr. BROWNE WILLIS, the Rev. Sir JOHN CULLUM, Bart. and the late Mr. JAMES BASIRE.—Those of some other WORTHIES will probably be contributed by surviving Relatives.

I must repeat my acknowledgments to the young Friend by whose skill and assiduity this full and satisfactory Index has been completed; the extensive Work which it illustrates being of so desultory and miscellaneous a nature, that such a key to it became indispensably requisite. Having been employed, for nearly twelve months, in revising the sheets through the press, I confidently anticipate that those who can best appreciate its merits will be the most ready to pardon occasional defects.

May 17, 1813.

J. N.

\* Not to mention the *Churchills* and the *Tonsons* of old times, three other Members of the Company of Stationers have also been honoured by Seats in Parliament—Sir Matthew Bloxam, Sheriff of London 1787, and Alderman in 1803; Richard Ramsbottom, esq. and George Longman, esq.—Of Lord Mayors, they may boast of Sir John Davis, Sir Stephen Theodore Janssen, Thomas Wright, esq. William Gill, esq. John Boydell, esq.; and they look forward with no small degree of satisfaction to Michaelmas-day 1813, when Mr. Alderman Domville, one of their most meritorious Assistants, is next in rotation for that high and important office.—Of Sheriffs they have had an abundant harvest; (see *Gent. Mag.* vol. LXXIV. p. 965); and Mr. Alderman Magnay and George Longman, esq. late M. P. for Maidstone, stand prominent for the ensuing year.

PREFACE