Kelly, ii. 207). On Dec. 21, 1809, this daughter (by Esten) Harriet Hunter Wildman Esten was married at St. George's, Hanover Square, to Thomas Darby Coventry, Esq., of Henley-on-Thames (Gentleman's Magazine, 1809, p. 1174); and on Oct. 15, 1812, Mrs. Esten became the third wife of Major John Scott-Waring, the indiscreet agent of Warren Hastings (Gentleman's Magazine, 1812, p. 390). Soon after the marriage, Major Scott-Waring moved from his former residence, Peterborough House, Parsons Green, Fulham, to the house in Half Moon Street, Piccadilly, where Mrs. Esten had been living for many years. The marriage of the famous couple elicited "the epigram of doubtful taste":—

Although well known for ages past,
She's not the worse for Waring.

Except for her connexion with the Duke of Hamilton, to whom she was a faithful wife in all but name for many years, nothing appears to be known against her reputation. The spiteful account of her career in 'The Fashionable Cypriad' (1799), i. 234-248, is wholly plagiarized from 'The Secret History of the Green-Room.' She outlived Major Scott-Waring, who died at Half Moon Street on May 5, 1819, by nearly forty-six years, surviving until April 29, 1865 (see Ma. GORDON GOODWIN, 10 S. iv. 296). It is amazing that a lady whose grandfather was born in the reign of Charles II. should be alive two years after the marriage of Queen Alexandra! The announcement of her death appeared in The Times on May 2:—

"On April 29, at 36 Queen's Gate Terrace, Kensington, at a very advanced age, Harriet, widow of the late Major Scott-Waring, E.I.C.S." She is reputed to have been a hundred years old.

Mrs. Esten was beautiful, talented, and successful, and her career is surely one of the most marvellous in theatrical annals. When she was born George III. was a young man; at the time of her death Queen Victoria was a middle-aged lady. When she was a girl the stage coach occupied twelve days in travelling from London to Edinburgh; the railway train did the journey in as many hours when she was an old woman. She was alive when Napoleon was born; before she died she may have shaken hands with Major Roberts. It is probable that she saw Garrick act; it is possible that she may have seen Henry Irving. It is only fifty-one years since she died. Surely there are persons still alive who knew this wonderful old lady.

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FROM LIVERPOOL TO WORCESTER: A CENTURY AND A HALF AGO.

(See ante, p. 21.)

Thursday 17th. It rained very hard howve after Breakfast we went to the Cathedral Church an antique, plain Building without, but the Gothic carved Work over the Seats is neat and being painted yellow gives it a rich Look. In the Altar is a Tomb and the Remains of a London Coffin which they say is the Burial Place of Henry IV.—Emperor of Germany. In the Evening Prayer Chapel is a peculiar Inscription considering it was no longer ago than 1748. The Beginning runs thus:—

"The Jew and Heathen divided: the Papist abased:
But be not thou ashamed of the Cross of Christ."

It is not for me to glory save in the Cross of Christ.

"By Baptism entered under the Standard of the Captain of our Salvation, etc., etc.,"

The Chapter House is a very neat habitable Room containing a Library. Under here lie the Remains of Richard Lupus... to William the Conqueror. This was formerly Parliament House under the Jurisdiction of the Earls of Chester. This Church was built in...* We walked round the Lines† which enclose the Town, they are extremely pleasant being sufficiently broad for 3 to walk abreast, well paved and commanding a beautiful Prospect of the Country and Places around which afford great Variety. From some Parts—rich Orchards with Meadows and the River Dee—from others—Houses, Churches, and the Falls of Water, in some to regale Smell are Paper Mills and Manufa. of Horn (?), in others to please both the Eye and Ear at the same time are Cow's calving and Xlonoem Chif.? There are two high Turrets and a small...* of the Embraures otherwise the Rest of the Walls are quite plain low parapet. The Walk goes entirely round clear of them and is about 3,800 Paces.

It has lately been repaired and is in good Order.

Chester...About...*o'Clock we set out from Chester and hearing that the Welch Road was as good as that thro' Whitchurch, and the same Distance I preferred it and we accordingly beat our March thro' Wrexham for Shrewsbury. Entered Flintshire in Wales about 5 M. f. Chester passed thro' the small village of Merford. Entered Denbighshire—when 8 Miles f. Chester. The

* Omitted.
† (?).
‡ Illegible, but apparently foreign.
Country As soon as we got into Wales was become finely romantic and hilly. The high Mountains and deep Valleys covered with Wood afforded very pleasing Prospects. The Road as far as Wrexham was very good, a new Turnpike Road has a good Bottom. Wrexham is 12 Miles f. Chester. we got there not till 11 p. 2. Till Dinner was ready I walked about the Town it happened to be Market Day ; saw many Handsome Losses with their...* Tins spluttering their Welch Dialect. The Exchange is a roomy, open Place, over it is the Assize Hall. I cannot pass much Compliment on the Cleanliness of the People if one were to judge from these Stairs and Rooms.

As soon as the Horses could guzzle down their Corn, they had no opportunity of digesting it—we went Wrexham † past 3—and drove as fast as the Road would permit to save our light into Ellismere. The Country is extremely beautiful, fine...+ Mountains with Trees overhanging the delightful Valleys below, decked with the picturesque Turnirs of the River Dee—presented a noble View.

We passed thro’ Pontpfrourd, a decent Village and Crossing over Dee Bridge—a M. f. Wrexham we entered Shropshire. The Road was all the Way very pleasant and in dry Weather I dare say very good being of a light chalky Soil was now rather bad, nay extremely so up one Hill. 2 Miles from Wrexham—excessive steep, slow; and slippery. The Rest of the Road was tolerably level. We did not reach Ellismere till † to 6; which is only 12 Miles f. Wrexham. We took up our Lodging at the... * an indifferent House, but very civil Landlord.

Friday 18th. After Breakfast I went with the Landlord to the Mount and ordered the Cavalry to follow. From this Mount there is a most extensive rich Prospect, see Chester from hence, and Port of eight Counties viz. Shropshire, Cheshire, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Montgomeryshire, Merionethshire, Staffordshire and...§ There is a very good Subscription Bowling Green on this Mount.

Ellismere is...* We joined the Cavalry at the top of the Hill out of Wrexham. The Road to Shrewsbury was very indifferent, great Part paved other extremely sandy—but the Country hills and plent... Miles we were... * Hours going—it we put up at the Raven, a House the best situated but the Attendance not so good as the Talbot—After dinner I dis- covered a special Messenger to the Post Office and to my Joy received the grateful Tidings of the Gallant being safe arrived and had fortunately escaped the Pirates that were out the Night before. We took a Walk about the Town, looked at the new Bridge building over the Severn—one of the Streams from the River is to be stopp'd up the Flood last Winter was over the Temporary Bridge yet did not carry it away. The Means used to secure it were laying Stones and the heaviest Things that could be got upon it—this had the desired Effect. We called upon Mr. Flint of the Post Office to whom I was recom- mended to get Cash for my Note. He was not at Home but his Wife very kindfly sent to two or three Places before it could be got—Cash being very scarce in the Town.

We then took a turn on their Parade and drove thro’ a fine Row of Trees to the River Side where there is a beautiful Serpentine Walk under the Trees along the Bank of the River with the con- venience of Benches offer-...§

Saturday 19th. Whilst we were at Breakfast Mr. Flint very civilly waited upon us and oblig- ingly invited us to dine with him but we being determined to get to Bridgenorth excused our- selves—he attended us round the Town, showed us the Infirmary: a plain brick Building, stand- ing very airy...+ backwards : here we saw a Model of the new Bridge, it is of 7 Arches, the Piers very neat, the Ornaments, etc. are pretty and the whole Bridge will be very elegant tho' I think rather too narrow, it is to cost 20,000—8000 are already laid out. We then went to his House and thro’ the public Walks to the River which we crossed in a Punt, walked up Constitution Hill to the Foundling Hospital, it is a very neat long Brick Building with Offices where are the Board, Wash House, etc. This House belongs to the Foundling Hospital at London, they had formerly many in the Kingdom but now only this one and one at Newcastle. Every- thing we saw in the Place was very neat and clean the Infirmary I was told was not there, quite a new Building the other Side the River, but the Hospital on the other Side the River, but the Infirmary I was told was not there, quite a different Part of the Town—went to the House to bespeak Supper, then marched to the Play House, we sat in the Stage Boxes, the Way to them is rather awkward as you are obliged to go behind the Scenes. The House is very neat and indeed good size, it will hold 200—it is rather long—there are no Side Boxes and the Front are a long Way from the Stage. They played Cambre line extremely well, the Scenery and Dresses were very proper and the Parts well performed. The Humours of the Jubilee are likewise exhibited with Eclat but Mids was too severely punished it was barbarously murthered. By the Time the Piece was ended our Patience was...+ Cash being...§

Shrewsbury is a very gay Place: many Persons of retired Fortunes living in it: there is a Card Assembly once a Week and a Ball every other Thursday.

NOTES AND QUERIES. [12 s. 3. Jan. 27, 1917.]
Appearance, the Sign of the White Hart—set off by 5 o’Clock, the Road extremely bad and the Night coming on we drove half an h. in the Dark; was very near being overtaken by a Waggon, however at last we reached Bridgnorth a second narrow Gateway. We put up at the Pig and Cane at a very indifferent House—it is 8 Miles f. Wenlock—20 from the Bridge at Salop. Bridgnorth is....

Sunday the 20th. Set out at 7 p. g. 7 walked down me. Steep Hill going out of Town, went upon the Walk very high overlooking the Bridge and River with a fine romantic View on the other Side. Got into the Carriage at the Bridge and finding that the Road thro’ Enfield to Kidderminster was 4 Miles farther and not a better Road, resolved to go the shortest, Lord Stafford’s House not meriting so much trouble. The Road we soon found extremely bad and continued so all the Way, very sandy and hilly—the last two Miles was somewhat better. We got to Kidderminster by 11, it is 14 Miles from Bridgnorth, breakfasted at the Golden Lion, it is a tolerable, country Inn. While here heard that Mr. Mainy* lives at Kidderminster. Baited here three Hours, and as for Martha there, she is a stock, still as a statute. -

Kidderminster....+ Baited here three Hours, set off at 2. The Road still extremely bad, hilly and very heavy — the Country rich and pleasant, and the Road within 6 Miles of Worcester began to mend and it being a fine Day hardened the Soil which was here common t.hilly and very heavy — the Country rich and set off at 2. The Road still extremely bad, hilly and very heavy — the Country rich and pleasant, and the Road within 6 Miles of Worcester began to mend and it being a fine Day hardened the Soil which was here common...t. near Bewdley. The House is old but very good.

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Worcester is 14 Miles f. Kidderminster, but is accounted 32 f. Shrewsbury.

PENNY LEWIS.

(To be continued.)