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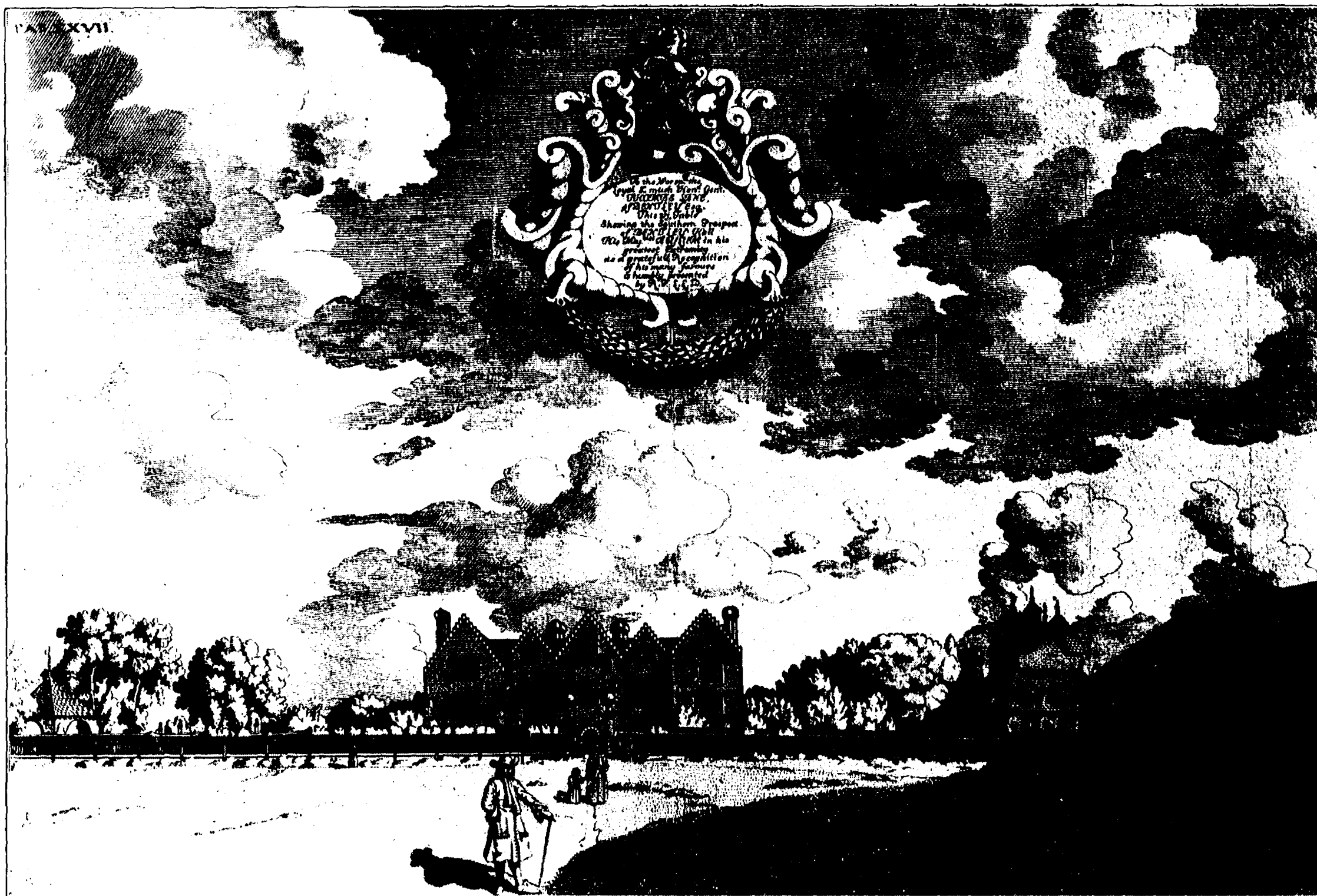
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From an Old Engraving.

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THIS ancient and loyal family has been seated in the county of Stafford for eight hundred years. The earliest name upon record is that of Sir Reginald de Lona of Halton, co. Chester, who was living in the reign of King Henry II., and married Elinor, daughter of Sir Adam de Bostock. His son and heir, Sir Richard de Lone, took to wife Alicia, daughter of Robert del Holme, Lord of the Manor of Tranmer.

The great-grandfather (?) of Sir Reginald came into England, according to Hollingshed, with the Conqueror, and the name occurs on the roll of Battle Abbey. Adam de Lona of Hampton, co. Stafford, and of Halton, co. Chester, son and heir of Sir Richard de Lone, married Isabella, daughter of Roger Cotgreave, by Elinor, daughter of Sir William Brereton. Among the Crusaders who went to the Holy Land under the banner of Cœur de Lion was Adam Lane, or Lone, of Hampton.

The Lanes of Halton intermarried with many of the leading Cheshire families. A Sir Ralph Lane, *temp.* William Rufus, married Agnes, daughter of Sir Hugh de Colverley; another Sir Ralph (of Halton and Bowden, co. Chester) married Joan, daughter of Sir Reginald Fitton. His son Richard married Matilda, daughter of Sir Matthew Ellis of Overleigh, co. Chester; and the son of this marriage, Reginald, of Halton, married Mabilia, daughter of Sir Edward Crosse of Crosse Hall, co. Lancaster. How or in what manner this Reginald "of Halton" was related to the Reginald "of Halton" who married Elinor Bostock does not appear.

John en la Lone, son of Adam and Isabella Cotgreave, had four sons, viz.: 1. Richard de la Lone, who was living anno 1316,

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9 Edward II. ; 2. Thomas de la Lone ; 3. William de la Lone ; and 4. Hervey de la Lone. Richard, the eldest son, was father of Andrew de la Lone, who was living anno 12 Edward III., 1338. This Andrew had two sons, John de la Lone and Thomas de la Lone. The eldest of these, John de la Lone (who was living 42 Edward III., 1368), was the father of Richard Lone of Halton, co. Chester, and of Hyde and Bentley, co. Stafford, who died in 1438, anno 16 Henry VI. This Richard was the first possessor of Bentley Hall, which remained in the family from 1427 until 1748. He married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Ralph de la Hyde, and was father of John Lone of Hyde and Bentley, who was living in 1452, anno 30 Henry VI.

In 1433 John Lone married Margery, daughter of Randle Egerton of Wrinehill, co. Stafford, by whom he had one son, Richard Lone of Hyde and Bentley, the first of the family called "Lane."

The ancient coat of Lane (or de Lona, de Lone, en la Lone, de la Lone and Lone) was, Or, a chevron, gules between three mullets azure. During the wars of the Roses—about the time of Richard Lane of Hyde and Bentley—the arms were changed into, Party per fess, or and azure, a chevron gules between three mullets counter-changed. Both coats are given by Dugdale and Vincent in their "Visitations of the County of Stafford."

Ralph Lane, Esq., of Hyde and Bentley, the son and heir of Richard, married Joyce, daughter of Ralph Cresset of co. Salop. He died in 1479, and his widow married Edward Burton, Esq. Ralph Lane (according to Vincent), left one son and two daughters, viz., Richard, his heir and successor, Christian, or Christina, and Margery. In the pedigree of Fowke of Gunston, Thomas Fowke of Gunston is said to have married Margery, "daughter of Roger Lane of Hide." Query, if this Margery (whose father's name was Ralph, not Roger) was meant, or her niece Margery, daughter of Richard, as will appear presently?

Richard Lane¹ of Hyde and Bentley, son and heir of Ralph, married Anne, daughter of John Harcourt of Raunton, co. Stafford, of the ancient family of Harcourt of Stanton Harcourt, Dukes of

¹ From the Record Office it appears that Richard Lane, son and heir of Ralph Lane, was baptized in the Parish Church of Brewood, June 25, 1474. Godparents Robert Giffard, Esq., and Christina Cresset. William Walhouse sent by Ralph Lane to Elizabeth, Prioress of the Black Nuns at Brewood, to ask her to be godmother to said Richard. Custody of Richard's lands of inheritance in hands of Edward Burton.

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Harcourt in France and Earls of Harcourt in England. Her father, John Harcourt, was son of Sir Richard Harcourt, by his second wife Eleanor, daughter of Sir Roger Lewkenor of Raunton ; her mother was Margaret, daughter of William Bray, or Bracy, of Pembroke. This Richard and Anne his wife were buried at Brewood, co. Stafford, in which church an alabaster slab about 7 feet long and 3 feet wide was discovered in 1878 by the removal of some paving in the south aisle. On this slab were two figures : that of a knight in full armour, with sword sheathed, and his lady with chain and pomander-box. Between the figures were two coats of arms, that of the knight being, Or, a chevron gules between three mullets azure ; that of the lady (Gules, two bars or) being undecipherable. At the foot of the slab were five small female figures and three males. The inscription round the slab ran thus : "Here lie Richard Lane, armiger, of the Hide, and Anna his wife. The former died 28 Jan., 1517, and the latter April the same year." Although one son and three daughters only are given by Vincent as the issue of Richard Lane and Anne Harcourt, it would appear from this monumental tablet that they had three sons and five daughters. John Lane, the eldest son (who succeeded his father in the estates of Hyde and Bentley), was born in 1512 and died November 15, 1576, having married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Patrich (by his first wife Alice Praers) and sister and heir of Roger Patrich, of King's Bromley, co. Stafford, Esq. The sisters of John Lane, given by Vincent, are : 1. Alice, wife of Roger Patrich of King's Bromley, who died January 12, 1570 ; 2. Margery, wife of Thomas Fowke of Gunston ; and 3. Dorothy, died unmarried.

John Lane, Esq., of Hyde and Bentley, by Margaret his wife, according to the monument at Brewood, where he was buried, had eight sons and nine daughters. The eldest son, Thomas Lane, Esq., of Hyde and Bentley, died in 1589, and was buried at Wolverhampton. The second son was named Richard, and the third John. One of the nine daughters was called Elizabeth. Thomas, the son and heir, married Catherine, fourth daughter of Richard Trentham of Rocester, co. Stafford, by Mary, daughter of David Ireland, of co. Salop, Esq. Catherine's brother, Thomas Trentham of Rocester, was father (by his wife Jane, daughter of Sir William Sneyde of Bradwell, co. Stafford) of Elizabeth, Countess of Oxford, wife of Edward de Vere, Earl of Oxford and Lord Great Chamberlain of England, who died in 1604, leaving issue. "This Lord Oxford," says Burke, "was the first person who introduced perfumes and embroidered gloves into England, and on his presenta-

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tion of a pair of the latter to Queen Elizabeth, her Majesty was so pleased with them that she had her picture painted with those gloves on."

By Catherine Trentham (aunt of Elizabeth, Countess of Oxford), Thomas Lane, Esq., had, according to the monument at Wolverhampton, five sons and seven daughters. The eldest son and heir, John Lane, was born in 1565 and died June 25, 1605, having married Jane, eldest daughter of Sir Edward Littleton of Pillaton, co. Stafford, by Alice, daughter of Francis Cokayne of Ashbourne, co. Derby, Esq. Another son was named Thomas, and one named Michael resided at Kearns, co. Monmouth. He was buried at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, May 26, 1625. One of the daughters, Cassandra, married Thomas Littleton, third son of Sir Edward Littleton, and had issue.

John Lane, Esq., of Hyde and Bentley, and Jane Littleton, had one son, Thomas, and a daughter, Alice, who married Alexander Wightwick, Esq., of Wightwick, co. Stafford, who died in 1661, leaving issue. The son, Thomas, who was born in 1586, succeeded his father in the estate of Bentley, and married Anne, eldest daughter of Walter Bagot, Esq., of Blithfield, co. Stafford, by Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Cave of Stanford, co. Northampton, Esq., and of Elizabeth (called Margaret by Collins), sister of William Lord Burleigh.

And now begins the more especially interesting part of this family history, namely, that which is connected with the troublous times of King Charles I., and the escape of King Charles II. after the battle of Worcester, September 3, 1651, the Lanes of Bentley having so materially assisted in saving the life of the King.

Thomas Lane of Bentley, who was buried at Wolverhampton, June 13, 1660, and Anne Bagot his wife had four sons and five daughters, viz. : 1. JOHN, a Colonel in the Royal army, born April 8, 1609, of whom presently. 2. Walter Lane, born in May, 1611. 3. William Lane of Shelton, baptized August 7, 1625, who settled in Ireland in 1667 and died in 1700, leaving three sons—Ambrose, Matthew, and Gilbert—the eldest of whom was father of John Lane, Esq., of Lane's Park, co. Tipperary, who married in May, 1727, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Matthew Bunbury, Esq., and by her had five sons and four daughters. The eldest son, John Lane, Esq., of Lane's Park, was father of Colonel John Hamilton Lane, of Lane's Park, who married Jane, sister of Sir Vere Hunt, Bart., and whose son John died in 1859, leaving issue. The fifth and youngest son, George Lane, became a Captain in the

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54th Regiment, and was Commandant at Chatham. His son, Major-General Ambrose Lane, died at Guernsey, January 12, 1857, having married February 11, 1811, Elizabeth, third surviving daughter of Peter Le Mesurier, Hereditary Governor of Alderney, and left two sons and five daughters, viz., George Le Mesurier Lane, an Officer in the 63rd Regiment, who died in India May 15, 1843, aged 18; and Alfred John Lane, a Captain in the 50th Regiment, who died at Ceylon, May 5, 1863. The youngest daughter, Annette Jane, married the Rev. T. W. Hayward of Flintham, co. Notts. The fourth and youngest son of Thomas Lane and Anne Bagot was named Richard. He became a Groom of the Bed-chamber, and of him we shall make mention later on.

The daughters of Thomas and Anne (and sisters of Colonel John Lane of Bentley) were: 1. JANE, of immortal memory, afterwards Lady Fisher. 2. Anne, married Edward Birch of Leacroft, co. Stafford, Esq. 3. Elizabeth. 4. Withy, married John Petre, Esq., of Horton, co. Bucks. 5. Mary, who was born in 1619, and married Edward Nicholas of Winterbourne, co. Wilts, Esq., son of Sir Oliver Nicholas, Cupbearer to King James I. and Carver to King Charles I. She died December, 1686. Of these, Jane, Withy, and Mary shared with their brothers, John and Richard, in the concealment and escape of King Charles II. after the battle of Worcester.

Thomas Lane, Esq., of Bentley, who married Anne Bagot, of Blithfield, is thus described by Lord Wilmot (afterwards Earl of Rochester) to the King: "He is a person of an excellent reputation for his fidelity to the King, but of so universal and general a good name that though he had a son who had been a Colonel in the King's service during the late war, and was then on his way to Worcester the very day of the defeat, men of all affections in the country and of all opinions paid the old man a very great respect; that he (Lord Wilmot) had been very civilly treated there, and that the old gentleman had used some diligence to find out where the King was, that he might get him to his house, where he was sure he could conceal him, till he might contrive a full deliverance" (Clarendon's "History of the Rebellion"). He had a fair estate, was exceedingly beloved, and was the oldest Justice of the Peace for the county of Stafford, adds the historian.

By the Committee of Stafford, May 17, 1644, it was ordered that Lieutenant Hill, in the march of the convoy to Birmingham, "do seize upon all the horses and cattell of Thomas Lane, Esq., of Bentley, or any of the malignant thereabouts, and theyr cattel so

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seized to make sale of, if they can, at Birmingham, and to return the monies to the Committee."

The Battle of Worcester was fought on Wednesday, September 3, 1651. The flight of the King (who was accompanied by Richard Lane, a Groom of the Bedchamber, Mr. Lane's youngest son, who rode on the King's "pad nag," one of the fourteen horses sent by Mrs. Mary Graves for the use of the King before the battle), the stay at White Ladies, the concealment at Boscobel, the incident of the Royal Oak, and the subsequent stay at Moseley, Mr. Whitgreave's house near Wolverhampton, are all events familiar to the readers of history.

It was on the evening of Tuesday, September 9, that Colonel Lane (Mr. Lane's eldest son) arrived at Moseley, and met his royal master in a corner of Mr. Whitgreave's orchard, and during the silent hours of the night, or, rather, of the early morning, the King was conducted to Bentley, and was led by the back stairs to an upper chamber, where he was securely lodged.

Colonel Lane had been for three years Governor for the King at Stafford, Rushall Hall, and Lichfield. When summoned by the Earl of Denbigh to surrender Rushall, he replied that he had orders to keep it for His Sacred Majesty, and therefore, if the Earl desired to prevent the shedding of blood, he must depart, for he would maintain His Majesty's commands to the loss of his dearest blood. This will show the character of the man in whose hands lay now the King's safe keeping.

On Wednesday, September 10, the King set off from Bentley in disguise as William Jackson, a groom of Colonel Lane's, who was to ride pillion fashion before Miss (or Mistress, as unmarried ladies of distinction were then called) Lane, she having a pass, signed by Captain Stone, the Parliamentary Governor of Stafford, for herself and her servant through the Parliamentary troops.

Sir Edwin Landseer has depicted the start from Bentley in a picture now in the possession of Charles Douglas Lane, Esq., in which Charles is represented as aiding the fair daughter of the house to mount the steed which was to carry them both on their perilous journey. Old Mrs. Lane is standing on the steps of the Hall, and remarking on the awkwardness of her daughter's new groom. The party consisted (in addition to mistress Jane Lane and William Jackson) of Mrs. Petre, a married sister of Jane's, and her husband, Mr. John Petre, of Horton, co. Bucks; a Mr. Henry Lascelles, who had been a Cornet in Colonel Lane's regiment; and a serving-man on horseback. Colonel Lane and Lord Wilmot



From the Historical Picture.]

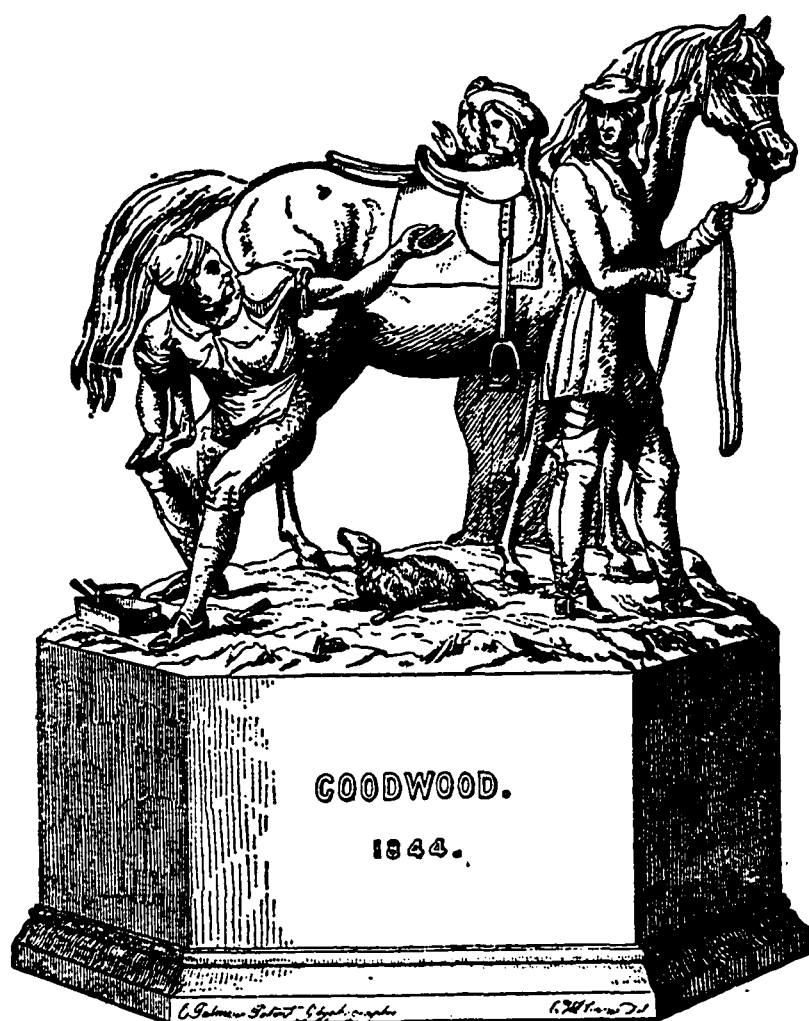
THE DEPARTURE OF JANE LANE AND THE KING FROM BENTLEY HALL.

[Photo by W. Hellis Davis, Bath.]

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joined the travellers at a little distance from the Hall, and accompanied them part of the way. It was on the way to Long Marston that the well-known adventure with the village blacksmith occurred, when the King declared that "If that rogue Charles Stuart were taken, he deserved hanging more than all the rest for bringing in the Scots." An artistic group, representing the King, Jane Lane, the horse, and the blacksmith, was chosen as the subject for the Goodwood Cup in 1844.

When duly housed for the night, the supposed groom had to descend into the kitchen, and being desired by the cook to wind the jack for her, set about doing it so clumsily that he excited her



anger. "I am but a poor tenant's son of Colonel Lane's," pleaded Charles, in excuse. "We seldom have roast meat; but when we have, we don't make use of a jack."

The next day, having parted with her sister and Mr. Petre, Jane continued her journey with "William Jackson" ¹ to Cirencester, and thence they proceeded to Abbot's Leigh, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Norton in Gloucestershire, where they remained three

¹ In his interesting and historically accurate novel of "Boscobel" Mr. Harrison Ainsworth gives Charles the name of "Will Jones." Why, it is difficult to say, as all the contemporary authorities (himself included) concur in stating that the name assumed by the King was William Jackson.

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days. During this stay the King was recognised by the butler, John Pope, who had frequently seen him when Prince of Wales, and narrowly escaped discovery by his own former chaplain, Dr. Gorges, who was a guest in the house.

On September 16 they left Abbot's Leigh for Castle Cary, the seat of Mr. Edward Kirton. On the following morning they continued their journey, and arrived at Trent House after a ride of ten miles, where Colonel Wyndham and his wife were anxiously awaiting their appearance.

Here the heroic sister of Colonel Lane took leave of her royal master, and departed with Mr. Lascelles on her return home.

One of the frescoes in the Houses of Parliament represents Jane Lane and Charles pursuing their eventful journey, and this subject was especially chosen by H.R.H. the late Prince Consort.

About the middle of December, 1651, Colonel Lane and his sister escaped from England in disguise, going on foot to Yarmouth, and from thence crossing to France. Jane Lane was received in Paris with great honour, the King himself, with the Queen, his mother, and the Dukes of York and Gloucester going out to meet her. Upon the first sight, His Majesty took her by the hand and saluted her with the words, "Welcome, my life." The French Court also regarded her with much respect and honour, together with her brother, Colonel Lane, who accompanied her thither. Upon his return to England, however, the Colonel fell into the hands of the Parliamentary forces. Both he and his father, the gallant old Squire of Bentley, were in prison in June, 1652, as appears by the following letter from the King to Jane Lane:

" 1652. The last of June.

" MRS. LANE,—I did not thinke I should ever have begun a letter to you in chiding, but you give so just cause by telling me you feare you are wearing out of my memory that I cannot chuse but tell you I take it very unkindly that after the obligations I have to you, 'tis possible for you to suspect I can ever be so wanting to myselfe as not to remember them on all occasions to your advantage, which I assure you I shall, and hope before it be long I shall have it in my power to give you those testimonyes of my kindnesse to you which I desire. I am very sorry to hear that your father and brother are in prison, but I hope it 'tis upon no other score than the general claping of all persons who wish me well, and I am the more sorry for it, now it hath hindered you from



King Charles the 2^d in Disguise riding before M^{re} Lane by which he made his Escape the Lord Wilton at a distance. November 1646.

From an old Engraving.

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coming along with my sister, that I might have assured you myself how truly I am

“Your most affectionate friend,
“For Mrs. Lane.” “CHARLES R.

Mr. Lane was probably released before his son, who, together with his uncle, Sir Hervey Bagot, and Lord Cromwell (Earl of Ardglass in Ireland), the Loyalist kinsman of the regicide Protector, was detained in captivity until September 14, 1659, when they were liberated on bail, that of the Colonel being fixed at double that of the other two.

The devotion of the Lanes was rewarded at the Restoration by the grant of £1,000 a year pension for life to the eldest daughter of the house, who on December 8, 1663, was married by the Most Rev. Gilbert Sheldon, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, to Sir Clement Fisher, of Packington Hall, co. Warwick, Bart., son of Sir Robert Fisher, Bart., by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Anthony Tyringham, of Tyringham, co. Bucks. An original portrait of the King, and a gold watch with his miniature set in diamonds, was also given to Mistress Lane, with the desire that it should always remain in the possession of the eldest daughter of the house for the time being. This precious family relic continued to be so handed down until it became the property of Maria, only surviving daughter of John Lane, Esq., of Bentley (the last of the family who owned that estate), who married the Rev. John Lucy, of Charlecote Park, co. Warwick, and she, having no sister or niece at the time of her marriage in 1788 to whom the watch might have been assigned, kept possession of it until her death in 1843, and shortly after it was stolen from Charlecote Park, with many other Lane and Lucy relics, and never heard of again.

In 1660 Mrs. Jane Lane indited the following letter to the Queen-mother, from which it is inferred that she had been appointed Lady in-Waiting to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York (mother of Queen Mary II. and Queen Anne). Meantime, she had been attached to the household of the Princess of Orange, whom she had accompanied to Cologne in 1654.

“Heath (Featherstone, near Barwood).
“For her Majestie.

“I was infinitely glad to have the honour to reseave a letter from your Ma^{tie}, for it was reported here that you ware not well, and indeed I was in much pane till I heard from my

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cosen Broughton. God be praised, the King is well, but the Duke is in phisick still, and so is the Duches. She is very gracious to me, but I do not go oft up to wait on her. The King has now given order for the settling of a thousand pounds a yeare upon me. I am very much bound to his Ma^{tie} for his gracious favour to me. I hope in time he will doe what is fit for your Ma^{tie} to expect from. it tys the opinion of many heare that your M^{tie} should com into England without an invitation, but I confes. I cannot tell how to advise your Ma^{tie} in this point. I think your Ma^{tie} the best judge on it yourself what is most proper for you to do. If I may be so happy as to know when your Ma^{tie} will com. I will not faile to paye my duty in waiting of your Ma^{tie} for noe soule a live is more

“Your M^{ties} most

“Obedient and most humble servant,

“J. LANE.”

But the distinguishing mark of honour bestowed upon the family was the Royal Grant of Augmentation of the Arms of England, added to the paternal coat on a canton.

The bestowal of this “notable mark or badge” of honour naturally places this ancient house in the front rank of England’s untitled aristocracy. It confers no actual precedency, but the lions of England having become the chief feature in the coat-of-arms, placed there by authority of the Sovereign, not as a quartering in the ordinary sense (to which many families are entitled as descended from the blood royal through heiresses), but as an integral part of the family coat, is an honour so great and a distinction so unparalleled as to warrant a courtesy precedence which has been and is invariably allowed. The late head of the family, John Lane, Esq., of King’s Bromley, who died in 1824, claimed and established his claim to be exempt from the tax on armorial bearings because he bore the royal arms.

The patent conferring this dignity upon the Lanes ran as follows :

To all and singular to whome these presents shall come We y^e Kings Heralds & Pursuivants of Armes send Greeting. Wheras the Right Hon^{ble} Henry Earle of Peterburgh, deputy wth his Maties approbacon to y^e Right Hono^{ble} Henry Earle of Norwich Earle Marshal of Engl^d hath und^r his hand & seale of the Earle Marshal’s office, signified vnto vs his Ma^{tie} Royal will & pleasure touching an Augmentacon to y^e pat^rnal armes of y^e descendts of John Lane of Bently in y^e County of Stafford Esqr. Lawfully Issued in these Words

Whereas the Kings most Excll^t Ma^{tie} hath vnder his Signett & Signe Manual signified vnto me, Henry Earle of Peterburgh (deputy wth his Ma^{ties} approbacon

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to ye Right honorable Henry Earle of Norwich, Earle Marshal of Eng^{ld}) his Royal pleasure touching an augmentacon to y^e paternal Coate of y^e descend^{ts} Lawfully Issued from y^e body of John Lane of Bently in Com. Stafford Esqr in y^e words following. Charles Rex, To our right trusty and Right welbeloued Cosen & Councellour, Henry Earle of Peterburgh, deputy, to our Right trusty & Right welbeloued Cosen, Henry Earle of Norwich, Earle Marshal of England, Greeting. Wee calling to mind, the great & signal servise pform'd to us by John Lane of Bentley in com. Stafford, Esqr deceased in ready Concurring to y^e p^rservacon of our Royal pson. after y^e Battle Worcester, att w^{ch} tyme contemning y^e threatnings publish'd by y^e Murtherers of o^r Royal Father, ag^t any whosoev^r should conceal or assist us, and disdaineing ye Rewards prposed to such as should be instrumental in y^e discovery, and distruction, of our pson & hee not valueing any hazard, his family might runn, hee wth y^e duty of an vnspotted alegiance, did by his great prudence & fidelity so conduct vs as that wee were able att length, to retire to places of safety beyond y^e seas,—Have therefore of our owne prper motion & free will given & granted unto y^e descen^{ts} lawfully Issued from the Body of the s^d John Lane this hono^{ble} Remuneracon, as a notable Mark, or Badge, of his Constant fidelity, (that is to say) that henceforth, they shal beare an Augmentacon to their paternal armes, thre lyons passant guardant or ; in Canton Gules And our will and pleasure is y^t y^e Require & Command our servants y^e Kings & officers of armes to Marshal and sett up, in all proper places & vpon all proper occasions y^e paternal armes, of the sd John Lane, wth y^e augmentacon aforesd & y^t y^e alsoe direct and require y^e Register of our Colledge of armes, to cause this our Consession, to be duly entered vpon Record in y^e sd Colledge of armes. Given vnd^r our Royall Signett & signe Manual, this twelfth day of July annoq. domini one thousand six hundred seaventy & seaven and in the twenty ninth yeare of our Reigne. By his Ma^{ties} Command I. Williamson.

These are therefore according to his Me^{ties} Royal wil & pleasure signified vnto me by his recited Grant to will & Require the Kings & other officers of arms, and to every of you, to do and pforme, from tyme to tyme as occasion shal require, all the duties & services which by his Ma^{tie} in & by his sd Grant are signified or appointed to be done, by you, every or any of you, for or on the behalf of y^e descend^t lawfully issued from the body of y^e sd John Lane & for your soe doing, this shall be unto you, and to every of you a sufficient warrant, dated vnder my hand & y^e seale of the Earle Marshall office, this eighteenth day of July, one thousand six hundred seaventy & seaven & in y^e twenty ninth yeare of his Maties reigne Peterburgh

Know yee therefore, that in psuance thereof wee have caused y^e same to be Registred, in the Records of our Colledge and haue Marshallled y^e sd Augmentacon wth y^e paternall arms of their Family (viz) party p. Fess or & azure, a Cheveron Gules, betwixt three Mulletts Counterchandg'd of y^e field, as in the Margin hereof more plainly appeares, Given vnder y^e Common Seale of the Colledge of armes, this twenty first day of July in the twenty Ninth yeare of ye Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles the second by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith &c. and in the yeare of our Lord God on thousand six hundred seaventie & seaven.

Like many other old county families, the Lanes had lost sight

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of their ancient crest.¹ The coat-of-arms, which had been handed down from Plantagenet times, having been thus augmented, it remained only to bestow a further mark of the royal favour by recording a crest, especially designed to commemorate the event which had for ever made the family famous : A strawberry roan horse saliant, couped at the flank, bridled sable, bitted and garnished or, supporting between the feet an imperial crown proper, was accordingly assigned to Captain Thomas Lane of Bentley and his descendants according to the laws of arms.

The grant ran as follows :

To All and Singular to whom these presents shall come Sir Will^m Dugdale Knt. Garter Principall King of Armes and Sir Henry St. George Knt. Norroy King of Armes send greeting : Whereas the Right Hon^{ble} Robert, Earl of Ailesbury Deputy wth his Majesties approbacion to his Grace Henry Duke of Norfolk Earl Marshall of Engl^d hath by Warrant or Order under his hand and the Seale of the Earl of Marshalls Office bearing date the 27th Day of January last past signified unto us that Thomas Lane of Bentley in the County of Stafford Esq^r. hath made application to him the said Deputy Earl Marshall for his Consent to have such a Crest granted and Assigned to him as may denote the Loyalty of his family and he and his Descendants may lawfully bear : And whereas the said Deputy Earl Marshall being highly sensible of the great and Signal Service perform'd by John Lane of Bentley aforesaid, Father of the said Thomas in his ready concurring to the preservacion of his Ma^{ty} person after the battel of Worcester (as by his Ma^{ty} late Warrant touching an Augmentacon to the Paternal Armes of the said John Lane, ent'r'd among the Records of the College of Armes may more fully appear) did signify unto us his Consent for our

¹ In modern times some members of the family have made use of a second crest, viz., "Out of a ducal coronet or, two wings conjoined in base argent," conceiving this to be the ancient crest of the family, to which they were properly entitled. The crest in question, however, is none other than that of Wyrley, the heiress of which ancient house married into the Lane family in 1702, and the arms of Wyrley have ever since her death in 1729 been quartered by the Lanes as her descendants. But it is well known that in English heraldry the right of bearing a quartering does not convey the right of bearing the crest of a family as well, unless the name is taken as an additional surname at the same time. Consequently, this was a mistake on the part of those who adopted this as a second Lane crest. In Ireland there exists a branch of the family descended from William Lane, a younger son of Thomas Lane of Bentley and Anne Bagot of Blithfield, who are not entitled to bear either the royal canton in the coat or the crest of the horse carrying the crown. A Mr. Lane, of Vernon Mount, Cork, who believed himself descended from this William Lane, bore as a crest a lion passant guardant or, its front paw resting on a mullet azure. This may have been the ancient crest of the family. At any rate, the Irish Lanes regarded it as such.

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Devysing granting and assigning unto the said Thomas Lane such Crest as abovesaid. Know ye therefore, that we the said Garter and Norroy in pursuance of the Consent of ye said Deputy Earl Marshall, and by the Authority of the King Letters Patents to each of us Respectively granted under the great Seal of Engl^d have devysed and do by these presents grant and assign unto the said Thomas Lane the Crest hereafter mentioned vizt. out of a wreath Or and azure a Demy Horse Strawberrie Colour ; bridled sable Bitted and garnished Or Supporting an Imperial Crown Gold^r as in the Margin hereof is plainly depicted : To be borne and used for ever hereafter by him the said Thomas Lane and the heirs and other Descendents of his body lawfully begotten at all times & upon all occasions according to the Law and practise of Armes without the lett Interup- tion dispute or contradiction of any person or persons whatsoever : In witnes whereof we the said Garter and Norroy Kings of Armes have to these presents subscribed Our names and Affixed the Seals of our Respective Offices this 5th Day of February in the One and Thirtieth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God King of Engl^d Scotland France and Irel^d Defender of the Faith etc^a Annoq Dni 1678

Signed

WILLM DUGDALE
Garter

HEN ST. GEORGE
Norroy

Examin^d. Tho : May, Chester, Gr. King Rouge dragon.

At a meeting of the Chester Historic Society in 1850 the Rev. Canon Slade exhibited a curious snuffbox, said to have been presented to Mrs. Jane Lane by King Charles II. And Mrs. Cheese of Amersham (descended from Jane, fourth daughter of Thomas Lane, Esq., of Bentley, who died in 1775) possesses a snuffbox with Charles II.'s portrait thereon, presented by him to his fair riding companion ("Flight of the King," by Allan Fea, p. 106).

As Mr. Hughes says in his Boscobel Tracts, an English matron of Lady Fisher's character was not likely to be mentioned in the subsequent annals of Charles's Court, where, however, her brother and herself were on all occasions received with distinction by the King. After twenty years of married life, Lady Fisher became a widow. Sir Clement died April 13, 1683, and was buried at Packington on the 15th of the same month.

Mrs. Jane Lane (Lady Fisher) died September 9, 1689. The entry in the parish register of Great Packington runs: "Jane ye Lady of ye late Sir Clement Fisher, buried September ye 12th, 1689."

During the last years of her life she worked a very curious piece of embroidery in silks and silver thread. At the four corners are portraits of King Charles I. and II. and James II., and the Earl of

^r In the drawing tricked at the head of the copy retained in the Coll. of Arms the velvet cap is marked "g" (*i.e.*, gules) and only the metal or.

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Derby or her own father or brother, it is uncertain which. This valuable relic is now in the possession of Mrs. Meyer of Wimborne. The legend, with the seal of the Lane arms attached, reads thus: "The work of Mrs. Jane Lane, who rode behind King Charles ye Second from Bentley to Bristol, from thence to Trent in Somersetshire, within two miles of Sherborne in Dorsetshire. The King appearing as her livery-servant, passing thro' the Rebel troops, and concealed by her dexterity he assum'd the name of William Jackson, passing for the son of one of the tenants of Colonel Lane, brother of Mrs. Jane Lane, who began this piece of work, but died before it was finished." To which was added: "For this service the Lane Family bear in their arms the Arms of England. Crest, a horse upholding the Crown of England in his fore-feet. Motto, *Garde le Roy.*"¹

A beautiful miniature, by Cooper, of Colonel Lane, and a gold pouncet-box, engraved with the Canton of England and arms of the Lanes, have descended through a grandniece of Mrs. Jane Lane to the Rev. Vernon G. Yonge of Charnes Hall, co. Stafford, on which is inscribed: "Given by Charles II. to Jane Lane." At the Stuart Exhibition, a crystal watch, the gift of Charles to Mrs. Lane, was lent by a Mr. Merry.

As a proof that the loyal devotion of the Lanes is not extinct, it

¹ The present Viscountess Bangor became possessed of several interesting relics of Jane Lane (Lady Fisher) by the marriage of her great-great-grandfather, Sir John Eccles, with Elizabeth Best of Hornby Castle, who is described on the back of her picture as "of an ancient Yorkshire family and niece to the celebrated Jane Lane." How she was related to the Lanes of Bentley has not as yet been ascertained, but the authenticity of the relics is undoubted. These consist of (1) Jane Lane's hair, (2) ditto when Lady Fisher, (3) the King's hair, (4) a chip of the oak, (5) a miniature of the King, (6) a painting of the Arms of Lane of Bentley with the Augmentation granted by His Majesty King Charles II., (7) a portrait of King Charles II. presented to Jane Lane at the Restoration, (8) a portrait of Colonel Lane, (9) a copy of "Boscobel or the Compleat History of His Sacred Majestie's most mirraculous preservation after the Battle of Worcester 1651." In a round and beautifully carved ivory box there is a parcel in white paper on which is written "Mrs. Jane Lane's hair. She saved Charles II.'s life after the Battle of Worcester, and he gave her a portrait by Lely, a miniature, a lock of his hair and a chip of the oak." On opening the parcel there are two packets labelled thus, "Jan Lane" and "Jan Fisher," the contents of each packet being a lock of bright brown hair. In the same ivory box is another packet containing a lock of the King's hair inscribed "King Chas ye 2d." On the packet containing a chip of the oak is written "A chip of the Royal oak." These four packets are pinned with very old looking and crooked white pins with round heads, proving their antiquity, and the paper is getting very worn with old age.

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may be mentioned here that some years ago General Sir Ronald Bertram Lane had an opportunity of hazarding his life, when bathing off the French coast with H.R.H., Prince Arthur (afterwards Duke of Connaught), in order to save that of Her Majesty's son. Both were suddenly in danger of drowning, when their peril was perceived and a man swam out to the rescue. He approached young Lane, who immediately exclaimed: "Save the Prince! Never mind me!" Happily, although he was taken at his word, and left for the moment to his fate, there was time to save them both.

In 1661 Colonel Lane sat in Parliament for Lichfield. It is said that he refused a Peerage, saying "he had not means enough to support it." His name was one of those included in the contemplated Order of Knights of the Royal Oak. His wife's name was Athaliah Anson, of whom an original portrait exists at Narford Hall, in Norfolk, the residence of Mr. Fountaine, who is lineally descended from Mary, the eldest daughter of Colonel John Lane and his wife Athaliah.

By her he had one son and eight daughters, of whom mention is made on the next page.

The monumental inscription in Manniford Bruce Church, co. Wilts, to Mary, the youngest daughter of Thomas Lane and Anne (Bagot), runs thus:

"Underneath lyeth the body of Mary Nicholas, daughter of Thomas Lane of Bentley, in the County of Stafford, Esq^r., a family as venerable for its antiquity as renown'd for its loyalty, of which ye wonderful preservation of King Charles ye Second, after ye defeat at Worcester, is an instance never to be forgotten, in which glorious action she herself bore a very considerable part, and that the memory of this extraordinary service might be continued to posterity, the family was dignified with the addition of this signall badge of honour, the arms of England in a canton. She was married to Edward Nicholas, the son of S^r Oliver Nicholas, Cupbearer to King James ye first and Carver to King Charles ye first, by whom she had one only son, who died before her. Near to whose body she desir'd her own might be interred. She died Decemb. 24th, Anno 1686. Aged 67 years."

Now here mention is made of the "very considerable part" which Mary Nicholas herself bore in this extraordinary service, but history is silent as to what that part was. That she did assist materially in the flight of the King is gathered from the Nicholas family papers; and she is said to be the person from whom Sir Walter Scott took the character of "Alice Lee" in his novel of "Woodstock." Old Sir Henry Lee is made to say she should

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entitle herself to have it written upon her tomb : “ Here lies she *who saved a King* ” ; but Jane, her eldest sister, had undoubtedly the greater part in the transaction.

In a scarce work called “ Monarchy Revived,” published in 1661, and dedicated to Jane Lane, the writer uses these words : “ She having by accident procured a pass from a Parliamentary officer for herself and a man to go thither (Bristol) *to see her sister*, who was then near her time of lying-in.” The author leaves Jane Lane and the King at Bristol. Can it be that Mary Nicholas, Jane’s sister, was at or in the neighbourhood of Bristol, and practically aiding in some way the escape of the King ? A miniature, purporting to be that of Jane Lane, is the property of Major Dilke of Maxstoke Castle. It represents a full, sweet, sad face, and the features have a resemblance to those of Mistress Lane in her portrait at King’s Bromley. It is interesting to conjecture that this may be Mary Lane, who married Edward Nicholas of Manningford Bruce, and whose epitaph distinctly records her participation in the King’s escape.

“ It seems to me,” continues Mr. Charles Penruddocke, in his “ Mistress Jane Lane ” (from which the above few lines have been taken), “ that the two sisters might very well have met at Bristol, and Jane taken the disguised King on to Mrs. Norton’s.”

Colonel John Lane, of Bentley, who died September, 1667, and was buried in the Lane Chapel at St. Peter’s, Wolverhampton, where a stately monument was erected to his memory, had one son and eight daughters, by Athaliah his wife. The son, Thomas Lane, served as Captain in the 12th (his father’s regiment), with his cousin, Arden Bagot, of Pipe Hall, their commissions bearing date June 13, 1667. He succeeded his father in the estate at Bentley, and married, at St. Andrew’s, Holborn, August 26, 1667, Abigail, Lady Williams, daughter of Samuel Wightwick, Esq., Prothonotary of the King’s Bench, son of Francis Wightwick of Wightwick, Esq., and relict of Sir Henry Williams, of Guernevet, co. Brecon, Bart. Captain Lane was buried in the Lane Chapel at Wolverhampton, January 25, 1715.

The daughters of Colonel John Lane were : 1. Mary, baptized June 1, 1632. She married Littleton Clent, Esq., of Knightwick, co. Worcester, who was aged three at the Visitation of that county in 1634. He was buried July 11, 1691, at Martley, co. Worcester, and his widow was also buried there February 13, 1741, in the ninetieth year of her age. From this marriage descends Algernon Charles Fountaine, Esq., of Narford Hall, co. Norfolk, and Mary Rothes

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Margaret, Baroness Amherst of Hackney. 2. Anne, baptized at Wolverhampton, February 11, 1633 (not mentioned as living unmarried June 28, 1669). 3. Grace, baptized April 6, 1637; died, unmarried, July 16, 1721, and was buried at Knightwick, co. Worcester. 4. Lettice (or Letitia) Lane, died, unmarried, November 23, 1709. In the Ashmolean Library at Oxford is preserved a small salver of wood, attached to which is a plate of silver with the following inscription: "This salver is part of that oak in which his Majesty King Charles 2d concealed himself from the Rebels, and was given to this University by Mrs. Lætitia Lane." 5. Elizabeth, married Sir Humphrey Jervis, Knight, Lord Mayor of Dublin. She died January 11, 1687-8, *s.p.*, and was buried at St. Werburgh's, Dublin. 6. Jane, living unmarried June 28, 1669. 7. Dorothy, born *c.* 1644; died, unmarried, November 22, 1726, and was buried at Knightwick. Her will was dated September 20, 1722, and proved at Worcester, March 3, 1729. 8. Frances, married William Offley, of Madeley Manor, co. Oxon, Esq. To Thomas Lane, Esq., of Bentley, and his descendants, was granted the crest of the horse and royal crown. By his wife Abigail he had two sons and one daughter, viz.: 1. John, born December 12, 1669. 2. Thomas Lane, born at Glassbury, October 11, 1672, and died at Sluys, returning from Flanders, April 3, 1697. Elizabeth, born June, 1676; died, unmarried, July 20, 1695.

John Lane, Esq., of Bentley, who succeeded his father in 1715, had married, April 30, 1702, Mary, eldest daughter and co-heir of Humphrey Wyrley, Esq., of Hamstead Hall, co. Stafford, by Mary, eldest daughter of Sir Henry Wroth, of Durance (or Durants), co. Middlesex, and the Hon. Anne Maynard, eldest daughter of William Lord Maynard. Sir Henry Wroth was descended from Sir John Wroth, Knight, *temp.* Richard II., who married Matilda, daughter and heir of Thomas Durant, of Enfield, co. Middlesex, the representative of the ancient houses of De Plessetis and De Wrotham, of Kent, the arms of both becoming in this way Lane quarterings. In 1846 the Rev. Charles Lane, a lineal descendant of this marriage, became Rector of Wrotham, in Kent, and restored the parish church, which had been founded by his ancestor, Richard de Wrotham, *temp.* Henry III. Sir Henry Wroth had two daughters: Mary, wife of Humphrey Wyrley, Esq. (mother of Mrs. Lane), and Jane, who married William de Zulestein, Earl of Rochford, who died in 1708, leaving issue. These two sisters were not heiresses in their lifetime, as they had a brother, Major-General Robert Wroth, whose issue, however,

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became extinct in 1770, after which the arms of Wroth, and the quarterings brought in by that family, were added to the other quarterings of the Lanes.

John Lane, Esq., was buried in the Lane Chapel at Wolverhampton, October 25, 1748, his wife, Mary Wyrley (niece of the Countess of Rochford) having died April 1, 1729, and been also buried at Wolverhampton. They had one son and three daughters, viz.: Thomas, born at Glassbury, April 28, 1703, who succeeded his father. 1. Mary, born December 10, 1706, married Thomas Fetherston Leigh, of Aldridge, and of Packwood, co. Warwick, who died February 22, 1755. She was buried at Packwood, November 29, 1735. From this marriage descends the family of Dilke, of Maxtoke Castle. 2. Elizabeth, born May 3, 1710; died unmarried, and was buried at Wolverhampton, September 2, 1735. 3. Jane, born March 28, 1715. She married her cousin, John Wyrley Birch, Esq., who took the surname of Wyrley, and died *s.p.* December 16, 1775. She was living a widow in 1788.

The son, Thomas Lane, Esq., married, when only eighteen years of age (*viz.*, July 6, 1721), Miss Anne Austen, by whom he had two sons and three daughters. She was buried at Wolverhampton, September 2, 1734. About 1740, Mr. Thomas Lane (who became possessed of Bentley Hall upon the death of his father in 1748) married, as his second wife, Miss Anne Sayer, of Lichfield, by whom he had four sons and two daughters. He was buried at Handsworth, January 25, 1775. His second wife was living in 1756. Of Mr. Lane's two sons by his first wife, only one survived, *viz.*, John, his eldest son and heir, who was born in November, 1723. The second son, Thomas, died young. The four sons by the second marriage were: 1. Rev. Thomas Lane, born 1746, who became Rector of Handsworth, co. Stafford, and married, May 18, 1779, his cousin, Esther Barbara, daughter of Sir Thomas Birch, Judge of the Common Pleas. He died *s.p.* October 12, 1802. 2. Charles Lane, baptized at Glassbury, March 30, 1750; died February 3, 1761. 3. William Lane, baptized July 27, 1753; was a Colonel in the army, and some time Governor of St. Helena. He married Margaret, daughter of John Camac, Esq., of Lurgan. co. Armagh and had, with other issue, Anne Maria, who married, in 1807, Joseph Cotton, Esq., who was born November 1, 1780, and died in January, 1828, leaving issue. 4. Edward Lane (his father's sixth and youngest son), baptized August 5, 1756, and died *s.p.* January 21, 1784. By his first wife,

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Mr. Lane had three daughters, viz : 1. Anne, who died young. 2. Elizabeth Sybilla, born January 7, 1727-8; married Roger Holmes, Esq., of Walsall. 3. Mary, baptized April 13, 1729; married John Taylor, Esq., of Walsall. The two daughters by Mr. Lane's second marriage were : 1. Jane, who married, January 29, 1771, John Freer, Esq., and had a son, the Rev. Thomas Lane Freer, who by Sarah, sister of Sir Charles Wetherell, Attorney-General, was father of the Venerable Richard Lane Freer, Arch-deacon of Hereford. 2. Anne, baptized at Glassbury, December 29, 1751; married, February 5, 1779, George Birch, Esq., of Hamstead. She was mother of Wyrley Birch, Esq., of Hamstead and of Wretham, co. Norfolk, who was born September 11, 1781, and died December 24, 1866, leaving issue.

The eldest son and heir, John Lane, was the last of the family who was "of Bentley," that estate being sold in the year 1748. He really succeeded his grandfather in the possession of the property, his father being only the nominal owner for a very short time. Bentley, so rich in historical associations, and for ever connected with the memory of the Lanes, was eventually purchased by an ancestor of the present Earl of Lichfield, to whom it now belongs. Young Mr. Lane married, October 15, 1750, Sarah, second daughter and (upon her father's death in 1752) co-heir of Richard Fowler, Esq., of Pendeford Hall, co. Stafford, by which marriage a number of quarterings were added to the Lane shield. It also brought a Royal descent, through the bride's great-grandmother, Elizabeth, Mrs. Fowler of Pendeford, who was daughter of Samuel Hinton, Esq., D.C.L., of Lichfield, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Chester, of Royston, Knight, whose wife, Anne, Lady Chester, was grand-daughter of Thomas Manners, Earl of Rutland, K.G., the grandson of Anne, Duchess of Exeter, eldest daughter of Richard, Duke of York, and sister of King Edward IV. and King Richard III. This was not the first time that the blood of the Plantagenets had mingled with that of the Lanes, as Catherine Trentham, the wife of Thomas Lane, of Hyde and Bentley, and great-grandmother of Colonel John Lane and Lady Fisher, was descended, through her grandmother, Elizabeth Corbet, of Morton Corbet, from Lady Alianora de Clare, wife of Hugh le Despenser the younger, and daughter of the Princess Joan of Acre, Countess of Gloucester, fourth daughter of King Edward I.

John Lane, Esq.—the last of Bentley—died June 28, 1782, and was buried at Wolverhampton, his wife, Sarah, surviving him one

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year and seven months. She died January 20, 1784. They had had four sons and three daughters.

The estate of Bentley, together with lands at Acton, Hyde, and other parts of the county, having been sold, it seemed as if the family so long seated, first at Hyde, and then at Bentley, was about to be lost to the county. The four brothers all embarked on professional careers. The two elder went to London and studied law. The third entered the navy, and the fourth and youngest became a clergyman. For twelve years after his father's death, the eldest son, John Lane (who was born at Pendeford, December 20, 1752), pursued his vocation in the Metropolis. His next brother, Thomas (born September 30, 1754), had married, September 4, 1784, his cousin Barbara, eldest daughter of Thomas Fowler, Esq., of Pendeford, and in December, 1794, had five children living out of seven—the eldest son of the marriage having been still-born, and the second and youngest daughter, Jane, who was born May 21, 1791, having lived only two months.

It was on December 24, 1794, that Mrs. (Miss) Elizabeth Newton, of King's Bromley, co. Stafford, the sole surviving sister and heir of John Newton, Esq., died, leaving that estate to her cousins John and Thomas Lane, who thus became landed proprietors in the county which had been the home of their ancestors since the time of Richard Cœur de Lion.

The families of Lane and Newton were connected in this wise.

On July 31, 1715, Elizabeth Fowler, aunt of Sarah Fowler (afterwards Mrs. Lane), had married at Tettenhall, co. Stafford, Samuel Newton, of King's Bromley, Esq. (son of John Newton, Esq., and Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Vernon), and on July 28, 1724, Mrs. Lane's uncle, Thomas Fowler (she being then a twelve-month old), married at Lichfield Cathedral Barbara Newton, sister of the said Samuel and daughter of John Newton and Mary Vernon. Mrs. Lane's father, Richard Fowler of Pendeford, and this Thomas and Elizabeth, were children of Charles Fowler, Esq., of Pendeford, and Sarah his wife, daughter, and in her issue sole heir, of Robert Leveson, Esq., of Wolverhampton, co. Stafford,¹ and consequently their children—viz., Mrs. Lane of

¹ By the marriage of Charles Fowler of Pendeford with this heiress, the Lanes became the representatives of the elder branch of the ancient family of Leveson, the younger branch of which house is represented by his Grace the Duke of Sutherland.

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Bentley, and Thomas Fowler, who succeeded his uncle, Richard Fowler, in the estate of Pendeford—and John Newton, of King's Bromley, and his sisters Sarah, who married Sir Lister Holt, of Aston Hall, Bart., and Elizabeth, who died unmarried in December, 1794, were all first cousins.

The two sons of Mrs. Lane, John (born 1752) and Thomas (born 1754) were Elizabeth Newton's first cousins once removed, and to them the old lady when she died bequeathed her extensive lands, including the mansion and park of King's Bromley. The property was divided between them, the manor-house and park devolving upon the elder brother John.

The third son of John Lane, Esq., and Sarah Fowler, Richard, who was born June 6, 1761, died unmarried a Captain in the Royal Navy, February 28, 1799. The fourth and youngest son, Newton Charles Lane, who was born February 16, 1763, became a Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, and Rector of Ingoldsby, co. Lincoln. He died unmarried March 6, 1846.

John Lane, Esq., the eldest son and heir of the last Lane of Bentley, took his degree of M.A. at Cambridge, where he became a Fellow of his College (Queens). As has been stated, he adopted the Law as his profession, and was called to the Bar. After succeeding to the estate of King's Bromley in Staffordshire, he was made a Deputy-Lieutenant of that county, and became High Steward of the town of Burton-upon-Trent. On January 20, 1800, he married Sarah, only surviving daughter of Thomas Lloyd, Esq., of Wyle Cop, co. Salop, and widow of Thomas Amler, Esq., of Ford Hall, in the same county. By her first marriage this lady had an only daughter, Frances, who married in 1811 William Edward Pretymann Tomline, Esq., eldest son of the Right Rev. George Pretymann Tomline, Lord Bishop of Winchester (formerly Bishop of Lincoln and Dean of St. Paul's) and Prelate of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. By him she was mother of Colonel George Tomline, of Orwell Park, co. Suffolk, and Riby Grove, co. Lincoln, who died, *s.p.*, August, 1889.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane had two sons, viz.: John Newton Lane, born at Aston Hall, co. Warwick, December 4, 1800, and Thomas Leveson Lane, born September 28, 1802. Mr. Lane, of King's Bromley, died December 21, 1824, his widow surviving him until April 1, 1855. The eldest son succeeded his father in the estate at King's Bromley. His brother (who graduated at St. John's College, Cambridge) took holy orders, and became Vicar

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of Baswick, co. Stafford, and of Wasperton, co. Warwick. He died unmarried October 8, 1883.

JOHN NEWTON LANE, Esq., of King's Bromley, married January 8, 1828, the Hon. Agnes Bagot, second daughter of William, 2nd Lord Bagot, by the Lady Louisa Legge, his wife, daughter of George, 3rd Earl of Dartmouth, K.G. This marriage brought a royal descent into the Lane family from King Henry VII.—Lady Bagot's mother, Frances, Countess of Dartmouth, being grand-daughter of Charles (the Proud), Duke of Somerset, K.G., who was lineally descended from Lady Catherine Grey, sister of the hapless Lady Jane Dudley (the nine days' Queen of England), and grand-daughter of Princess Mary, Queen of France and Duchess of Suffolk, third daughter of King Henry VII. This is the nearest approach in consanguinity to the English Crown which can be made by any person not descended from George I., Charles I., or James I., and the descendants of those three monarchs are, as is well known, either members of the reigning royal house in England or of the Continental royal or quasi-royal families of Europe.

By this lady (who died November 4, 1885) Mr. Lane had ten sons and four daughters, viz. :

1. John Henry Bagot Lane, born February 24, 1829, of whom more hereafter.

2. Albert William Lane, born April 12, 1830, ; died January 7, 1831.

3. SIDNEY LEVESON LANE, Esq., of Baldersby Park and Wykeham Abbey, co. York ; J.P. and D.L. : sometime Captain 1st Staffordshire Militia ; born April 13, 1831. He married January 6, 1863, his cousin, Mary Isabel, Viscountess Downe, fourth and youngest daughter of the Hon. and Right Rev. Richard Bagot, D.D., Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (by Lady Harriet Villiers, his wife, seventh and youngest daughter of George Bussey, 4th Earl of Jersey), and widow of William Henry Dawnay, Viscount Downe, who died January 26, 1857. By her first marriage Viscountess Downe was mother of the present Viscount, whose wife, Lady Cecilia Molyneux, daughter of the Earl of Sefton, K.G., was Lady-in-waiting to Queen Victoria. This was the third time a Lane had married a Bagot, Mr. Sidney Lane's mother having been a Bagot, and Mr. Lane of Bentley, the father of Colonel Lane and Jane Lady Fisher, having married Anne, daughter of Walter Bagot, of Blithfield, Esq., from whom William, second Lord Bagot, and his brother, the Bishop of

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Bath and Wells, were lineally descended.¹ Mr. Sidney Lane has had one son and one daughter, viz.: Sidney Ernald Ralph Lane, sometime Captain 3rd Battalion Princess of Wales's Yorkshire Regiment, born November 14, 1863; married, August 5, 1905, Mabel Emilia, daughter of Sir Edward Henry Scott, Bart., and widow of Captain Philip Green, late 9th Lancers, whose first wife was Lady Clementina Augusta Spencer Churchill, second daughter of George 5th Duke of Marlborough and widow of John Charles 3rd Marquess Camden. She died March 27, 1886. Mrs. Sidney Lane's mother, Emilia, daughter of Colonel Henry Packe, married secondly Horace Brand Farquhar. Lord Farquhar, G.C.V.O., late Master of His Majesty's Household and now Extra Lord-in-Waiting to the King. Beatrice Mary, married at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, October 24, 1891, to Walter Richard Shaw-Stewart, Esq., sometime Captain 4th Battalion Sutherland and Argyll Highlanders; 3rd son of Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., of Greenock, co. Renfrew, by the Lady Octavia Grosvenor, his wife, eighth daughter of Richard, Marquess of Westminster, K.G. He was born June 27, 1861. They have three sons, viz.: 1. Walter Guy Shaw-Stewart, born August 10, 1892, and 2. Niel Shaw-Stewart, born July 7, 1894. 3. Michael Sidney Shaw-Stewart, born June 29, 1905, and two daughters. Mary Isabel, Viscountess Downe, died April 14, 1900.

4. William Lane, born February 14, and died April 15, 1832.

5. Cecil Newton Lane, of Whiston Hall, co. Salop, J.P.; sometime Colonel 1st Staffordshire Militia; Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of SS. Michael and George; born May 27, 1833. He was for some years Her Majesty's Resident in the island of Cephalonia. He married, December 12, 1876, Adela Mary, fourth and youngest daughter of the Hon. and Rev. Frederick Bertie, Rector of Albury, co. Oxon, and Wytham, co. Berks, by the Lady Georgina Anne Emily Kerr, his wife, second daughter of Charlotte, Countess of Antrim, and Admiral Lord Mark Kerr, third son of William John, 5th Marquess of Lothian, K.T. Colonel Cecil Newton Lane died March 29, 1897, having had three sons and one daughter, viz.: 1. Newton Frederick Seymour Lane, born April 15, 1879. 2. Percy Ernald Lane, born January 15, 1881. 3. John Ronald Lane, born December 31, 1884. 1. Georgina Agnes Jane, born January 13, 1882.

¹ An elder brother of the Bishop of Bath and Wells was the Hon. Sir Charles Bagot, G.C.B., sometime Governor-General of Canada, who married Lady Mary Wellesley, daughter of William, fourth Earl of Mornington, and niece of Arthur, first Duke of Wellington, K.G.

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6. Greville Charles Lane, sometime Captain Rifle Brigade ; served in the Crimean and Indian Mutiny campaigns, and was mentioned in despatches ; born November 4, 1834 ; died unmarried December 1, 1878.

7. Very Rev. ERNALD LANE, Dean of Rochester, sometime Archdeacon of Stoke-upon-Trent and Rector of Leigh, co. Stafford ; born March 3, 1836 ; Fellow of All Souls Coll., Oxon, formerly Rector of Albury, co. Oxford, and Vicar of St. Michael's, Handsworth, co. Staff. ; married, July 1, 1879, Evelyn Adelaide, eldest daughter of John William Philips, Esq., of Heybridge, co. Staff., by Adelaide Louisa, second daughter of Sir Edward Manningham Buller, of Dilhorn Hall, co. Stafford, Bart. The Archdeacon has had one son and two daughters, viz. : 1. Geoffrey Ernald William Lane, born June 10, 1881. 1. Beatrice Mary Adelaide Jane, born March 25, 1880, and died May 23, 1881. 2. Marjorie Agnes Jane, born December 13, 1886.

8. Arthur Louis Lane, born July 18, 1840 ; died March 3, 1846.

9. Edward Alfred Reginald Lane, born August 12, 1841 ; R.N. ; died on board H.M.S. *James Watt*, September 29, 1854.

10. Major-General SIR RONALD BERTRAM LANE, K.C.V.O., C.B., Rifle Brigade, Assistant Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief ; sometime A.D.C. to Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught ; Deputy Governor of Chelsea Hospital ; Extra Equerry to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught ; born February 19, 1847 ; married at St. James's, Piccadilly, April 11, 1893, Augusta Sarah, third daughter of John A. Beaumont, Esq., of Wimbledon Park, co. Surrey. Colonel Ronald Lane served with distinction in the Zulu campaign when he was A.D.C. to General Newdegate, and was the last English officer (save Lieutenant Carey) who spoke with the lamented Prince Imperial. He has one son, George Ronald Lane (to whom H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge stood sponsor), born February 27, 1894. Page of Honour to His Majesty the King.

The daughters of John Newton Lane, Esq., and the Hon. Mrs. Lane were :

1. Agnes Louisa, born June 14, and died June 15, 1842.

2. Alice Frances Jane, born May 14, 1844 ; died February 17, 1846.

3. Edith Emmeline Mary, born January 23, 1846, married August 25, 1868, the Right Hon. Walter Henry James, Lord Northbourne (then eldest son of Sir Walter James, Bart.), of Betteshanger, co. Kent, who was born March 25, 1846, by whom she has had four sons and one daughter.

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4. Isabel Emma Beatrice, born June 14, 1849; married April 11, 1872, to Percy Brodrick Bernard, Esq., eldest son of the Hon and Right Rev. Charles Brodrick Bernard, Lord Bishop of Tuam (second son of James, 2nd Earl of Bandon), by the Hon. Jane Grace Dorothy Evans Freke, sister of George Patrick, Lord Carbery. Mrs. Percy Bernard died May 1, 1876, leaving an only son, Ronald Percy Hamilton Bernard, born March 18, 1875. Mr. Percy Bernard (who served as private secretary to the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., and the Duke of Marlborough, K.G., when respectively Lords-Lieutenant of Ireland) married, secondly, February 6, 1880, Mary Lissey, only sister and heir of John Thomas Macan Kirwan, Esq., of Castle Hacket, co. Galway, by whom he has two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Lane (the last) of Bentley, who died in 1782, by Sarah Fowler, his wife, had, as has been already mentioned, three daughters. These were: 1. Sarah, born November 2, 1750, and buried at Tettenhall May 16, 1751; 2. Maria, born January 29, 1757; and 3. Sarah, born March 30, 1759, who was buried at Tettenhall May 31, 1760. The only surviving daughter, Maria, married, April 28, 1788, the Rev. John Lucy, of Charlecote Park. co. Warwick,¹ who died January 12, 1823. Mrs. Lucy died November 4, 1843, leaving two surviving sons, viz.: 1. George, who succeeded his father in the estate at Charlecote; and 2. Rev. John Lucy, J.P., born August 19, 1790, who became Rector of Hampton Lucy and Vicar of Charlecote, co. Warwick, and died unmarried October 14, 1874. The eldest son, George Lucy, Esq. (who was born June 8, 1789), married, December 2, 1823, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Williams, of Bodelwyddan, Bart., by whom he had five sons and two daughters. Mr. Lucy died June 30, 1845, his widow surviving him until March 15, 1890. His eldest son, William Fulke Lucy, of Charlecote, died unmarried July 1, 1848, and was succeeded in the estate by his next brother, Henry Spencer Lucy, Esq., who married, July 5, 1865, Christina, eldest daughter of Alexander Campbell, Esq., of Monzie, co. Perth. He died November 6, 1890, leaving three daughters and co-heirs, the eldest of whom is the present Lady Ramsay-Fairfax-Lucy, of Charlecote Park.²

¹ Lineally descended from Sir Thomas Lucy, of Charlecote, M.P., who prosecuted William Shakespeare, the famous poet, for deer-stealing in Charlecote Park, and was immortalised by him as *Justice Shallow* in the "Merry Wives of Windsor."

² The writer has often been asked if the family of Lane of Badgemore, co. Oxford (now of Glenden, co. Dorset), was not a branch of his own family; viz.

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John Newton Lane, Esq., of King's Bromley (who was a Justice of the Peace and Deputy-Lieutenant for the county of Stafford), died October 13, 1869, and was succeeded by his eldest son, Colonel John Henry Bagot Lane, who had been educated at Eton, and taken his degree at Christ Church, Oxford, in 1851. Having raised a detachment of a hundred men, chiefly from the King's Own Staffordshire Militia, he served as an officer in the Coldstream Guards during the Crimean War, and retired from the army with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1867.

On January 28, 1864, he married Susan Anne, eldest daughter and co-heir of Henry William Vincent, of Lily Hill, co. Berks, by Elizabeth Anne, his wife, daughter of Colonel George Callander, of Craigforth, co. Stirling.¹ Mr. Vincent was grandson of Sir Francis Vincent, of Stoke d'Abernon, co. Surrey, and would have succeeded to the title had he survived his cousin, the tenth baronet.

Colonel Lane died at Lily Hill on March 22, 1886, having had three sons and four daughters—viz. :

- (1) John Henry Hervey Vincent Lane, born October 30, 1867, of whom presently.
- (2) Arthur Edward Cecil Lane, born August 28, 1871.
- (3) George Alfred Osborne Lane, Second Lieutenant Coldstream Guards, born July 10, 1875.
- (1) Agnes Mary Jane, born October 21, 1864, died March 13, 1871.

of the Lanes of Bentley, and he has had to explain that they are perfectly distinct and separate families, the Lanes of Badgemore neither bearing the same arms nor deriving from the same ancestors. But, curiously enough, the future head of the Badgemore (or, rather, Glenden) family, through his mother, the first wife of General Charles Powlett Lane, is, of course, related to the Lanes of King's Bromley, and is as much descended from the Colonel of famous memory as if he were a Lane of Bentley himself. She was Caroline, second and youngest daughter of George Lucy, Esq., of Charlecote, the descent being as follows: (1) Colonel John Lane of Bentley, died 1667.—(2) Captain Thomas Lane of Bentley, died 1715.—(3) John Lane, Esq., of Bentley, died 1748.—(4) Thomas Lane, Esq., of Bentley, died 1775.—(5) John Lane, Esq., of Bentley, died 1782.—(6) Maria Lane, Mrs. Lucy of Charlecote, died 1843.—(7) George Lucy, Esq., of Charlecote, died 1845.—(8) Caroline Lucy, Mrs. Powlett Lane, died 1864.—(9) Aymer Powlett Lane, Esq., born 1860.

¹ Mrs. Vincent's brother, James Henry Callander, of Craigforth and Ardkinlas, co. Argyle, by his first wife, the Hon. Jane Plumer Erskine, daughter of David Montague, Lord Erskine, was father of Jane Sevilla, who married, January 12, 1869, Lord Archibald Campbell, second son of his Grace the Duke of Argyll, K.G. and K.T.

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- (2) Florence Louisa Jane, born December 17, 1865, married at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, August 3, 1886, the Hon. Frederick William Anson, fourth son of Thomas George, Earl of Lichfield, by the Lady Harriet Georgina Louisa Hamilton, eldest daughter of James, Duke of Abercorn, K.G. They had three sons and three daughters—viz.: (1) Ernald Henry Anson, born June 28, 1893; (2) Frederick Anson, and (3) Arthur Anson, twins, born March 3, 1896. (1) Helen Frances, born June 7, 1892; (2) Sibyl Florence, born September 24, 1894. (3) Beryl Susan Anson, born November 12, 1904. The Hon. Mrs. Frederick Anson died February 11, 1908.
- (3) Constance Jane, born April 27, 1869.
- (4) Lilian Emily Isabel Jane, born December 9, 1878; married, at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, May 13, 1902, to Walter Bromley-Davenport, second son of Colonel W. Bromley-Davenport, M.P. They have two sons, viz., Walter Henry Bromley-Davenport and Arthur Richard Bromley-Davenport.

JOHN HENRY HERVEY VINCENT LANE, Esq., who succeeded his father in the estate and manor of King's Bromley, holds a commission in the 1st King's Own Staffordshire Militia, and is a Justice of the Peace for the county of Stafford. He is the lineal descendant, heir male, and representative of Sir Reginald de Lona, of Halton, co. Chester, *temp.* King Henry II., and of COLONEL JOHN LANE of Bentley, who, together with his sister JANE (afterwards Lady Fisher), and other members of the family, was so instrumental in saving the life of King Charles II. after the battle of Worcester. On April 13, 1902, Mr. Lane married, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, the Hon. Grace Louisa Edwardes, third daughter of William, 4th Lord Kensington, born March 11, 1872, by whom he has issue—viz.:

- (1) Thomas John Henry Vincent Lane, born January 24, 1905.
- (2) Richard William Walter de Lona Lane, born April 24, 1908.
- (1) Jane Lane, born January 21, 1903.
- (2) Grace Lilian Jane Lane, born January 29, 1904.
- (3) Katheryn Withy Jane Lane, born November 14, 1906.

Having now traced the history of the Lane family from the Norman era to the present day, we will conclude with a brief glance

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at the junior branch of the house, descended from Thomas Lane, the second son of John Lane (the last), of Bentley, who was born September 30, 1754.

As has been already mentioned, Mr. Thomas Lane married his cousin Barbara, eldest daughter of Thomas Fowler, of Pendeford, Esq.¹ By her he had four surviving sons and one surviving daughter. The daughter, Sarah, who was born May 31, 1790, married, February 14, 1812, William Cotton, Esq., of Walwood House, co. Essex, one of the directors of the Bank of England, and Governor in the years 1842–1844,² who was born September 12, 1786, and died December 1, 1866. His widow survived him until December 22, 1872. She had four sons and three daughters. The eldest son, the Rev. William Charles Cotton, who was born January 3, 1813, became Vicar of Frodsham, in Cheshire, and died, unmarried, June 22, 1879. His next brother, the Right Hon. Sir Henry Cotton (born May 20, 1821), was made a Lord Justice of Appeal and a Privy Councillor. He died February 22, 1892, leaving issue by his wife Clemence Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Thomas Streatfield, of Chart's Edge, co. Kent, who had predeceased him May 12, 1891. The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cotton—Sarah—married, July 14, 1846, Sir Henry Wentworth Acland, Bart., Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Oxford, third son of Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, Bart., of Killerton, co. Devon, who died October 16, 1900. She died October 25, 1878, having had seven sons and one daughter. Their eldest son, Vice-Admiral Sir William Alison Dyke Acland, Bart., C.V.O. (born December 18, 1847), married July 7, 1887, the Hon. Emily Anna, eldest daughter of the late Right Hon. William Henry Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, &c., and Viscountess Hambledon. His younger brother, Alfred Dyke Acland, Esq. (born August 19, 1858), married, July 30, 1885, the Hon. Beatrice Danvers, third daughter of the said Right Hon. William Henry Smith, M.P., and Viscountess Hambleden.

Mr. Thomas Lane, who shared the estate of King's Bromley,

¹ Her uncle, Charles Fowler, Esq., of Shrewsbury, left an only daughter, Frances Fowler, who married, September 6, 1804, Samuel Allsopp, Esq., of Burton-on-Trent, whose third son, Henry, was created a Baronet May 7, 1880, and raised to the peerage as Lord Hindlip of Hindlip, co. Worcester, February 16, 1886. He died April 3, 1887. His grandson, Charles Allsopp, born September 22, 1877, is the present peer.

² His elder brother, Joseph Cotton, Esq., had married in 1807 the daughter of Colonel William Lane, Governor of St. Helena, as has been already mentioned.

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co. Stafford, conjointly with his elder brother John, was appointed Clerk of the Goldsmiths' Company in the City of London. His country residence was at Leyton Grange, in Essex, where he died January 10, 1824, his wife having predeceased him on July 15, 1823.

His eldest surviving son, Thomas Goldsmith Fowler Lane, was born November 5, 1786, and died *s.p.* April 10, 1819, having married Rebecca (born August 1, 1793), daughter of John Howell, Esq., of Penrheol, co. Carmarthen, and widow of Captain John Napier R.N. She married thirdly Hugh Massy Ryves, Esq., and died November 28, 1844, having had two sons and one daughter by her third marriage.

The second (and ultimately eldest) surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, of Leyton Grange, John Lane, Esq., was born June 6, 1788, and succeeded his father at the Grange and also as Clerk of the Goldsmiths' Company. He married first, August 19, 1817, Jane, second daughter of the Rev. John Williams, Vicar of Marston Magna, co. Somerset, and Prebendary of Wells, grandson of Sydenham Williams, Esq., of Herringston, co. Dorset. By her he had an only child, Mary Jane, born June 10, 1818. She married, June 12, 1839, John Salt, Esq., of Lombard Street, banker, who died January 12, 1865, leaving issue. She died January 9, 1902. Mr. John Lane married secondly, January 17, 1825, Elizabeth, only surviving daughter and heir of William Carter, Esq., who died June 17, 1852, and by whom he had four sons and six daughters. Mr. Lane, of Leyton Grange, died January 16, 1852.

His eldest son, Newton John Lane, of Elmhurst Hall, co. Stafford, was born November 25, 1828, and died February 5, 1869, having married, October 26, 1854, Marianne Emily, only daughter of Henry Martin Blair, Esq. (who married secondly, August 20, 1872, her cousin, Alexander John Clark, Esq., and died September 9, 1872), by whom he had one son and two daughters—viz. : Arthur Lister Newton Lane, born September 28, 1858, and died June 18, 1867. (1) Minnie Florence Newton, married first, July 12, 1876, to Cecil Mark Fulford, Esq., third son of Major William Fulford, R.A., son of Baldwin Fulford, of Fulford, co. Devon, Esq., by whom she had one son and two daughters—viz. : Cecil William Lane Fulford, born September 4, and died October 4, 1879. 1. Muriel Florence, born April 20, 1877. 2. Sybil Mary, born November 27, 1880, and died, unmarried, October 29, 1903. Mr. Cecil Fulford died May 8, 1881, and his widow married secondly, June 15, 1882, Henry de la Poer Beresford Heywood, Esq., only son of Thomas Heywood, Esq., of Hatley St. George,

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co. Worcester. By her second marriage, Mrs. de la Poer Beresford Heywood has two sons and two daughters—viz. : (1) Marcus Beresford Heywood, born November 26, 1886 ; (2) Vere Newton Beresford Heywood, born March 30, 1890. (1) Olive Frances Emily, born June 25, 1891 ; (2) Margaret Joan, born August 20, 1892. Mrs. de la Poer Beresford Heywood is the heir-general and representative of Mr. Thomas Lane, of Leyton Grange and King's Bromley, the second son of John Lane, Esq. (the last), of Bentley.

Mr. Newton John Lane's second and youngest daughter, Menina Mary Newton, died August 20, 1864, when quite a child.

WILLIAM GOLDSMITH LISTER LANE, ESQ., the second son of Mr. John Lane, of Leyton Grange, was born December 7, 1835, died, unmarried, December 27, 1902, and was buried at Highgate Cemetery January 1, 1903.

Charles Leveson Lane, the third son, was born March 21, 1839. He entered the Indian Navy in 1854, and was appointed flag-midshipman to Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Leake. He served through the Persian Campaign 1856–57, and was present at the bombardment and capture of Mohammra. He retired from the Indian Navy in 1860, and was gazetted a cornet in the Royal Dragoons, from whence he exchanged as lieutenant into the Royal Fusiliers. On April 15, 1903, he died at Westcliff-on-Sea, and was buried at the Borough Cemetery, Southend, on the 20th of the same month. He had married, May 29, 1860, Fanny Henrietta Katherine, second daughter of Henry Manning, Esq., by whom he had five sons and one daughter—viz. : 1. CHARLES CHESTER LEVESON LANE, born January 22, 1862 ; married, April 25, 1892, Blanche, daughter of Sidney Glendinning, Esq., by whom he has had one son and two daughters, viz. 1. Charles Gerald Philip Leveson Lane, born September 21, and died October 12, 1894. 1. Blanche Evelyn Leveson Lane, born August 6, 1893. 2. Dorothy Mary Leveson Lane, born September 10, 1896. 2. Francis Leveson Lane, born May 1, and died May 9, 1864. 3. Guy Rupert Leveson Lane, born December 23, 1866 ; married July 14, 1894, Georgine Phyllis, daughter of George Lorimer, Esq., and has one son, Selby George Cassel Lane, born October 10, 1901. 4. Arthur Leveson Lane, born May 1, and died May 12, 1869. 5. Harry Thomas Fenton Leveson Lane, born August 16, 1871 ; married, October 8, 1896, Lily Agnes Clara, daughter of William Henry Vaughan, Esq., and has one son, John Chandos Lane, born April 4, 1897. 1. Evelyn Lucy, married, October 14, 1879, Carl

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Frederic Westergaard, and has one son, Evelyn Charles Christian Lane Kenelm Westergaard, born May 14, 1883.

Mr. (Charles) Leveson Lane is the heir male of Thomas Lane, Esq., of Leyton Grange and King's Bromley, and head of the second or junior branch of the family.

The fourth and youngest son of Mr. John Lane, of Leyton Grange, Harry Thomas Fowler Lane, was born July 3, 1842, and died unmarried April 2, 1871.

By his second marriage Mr. John Lane had six daughters, viz. :

1. Elizabeth Mary, born January 13, 1830, and baptized at St. John Zachary in the City of London, February 17 following; married, January 9, 1850, William Fowler Mountford Copeland, Esq., son of William Taylor Copeland, Esq., M.P. She died April 18, 1903, and he died April 11, 1908, without issue.

2. Adelaide Lucy, born January 16, and died July 21, 1831.

3. Florence, born December 4, 1833, died unmarried December 31, 1851.

Ada Barbara, born July 7, 1837, and baptized at St. John Zachary, August 6 following. She married, as his second wife, June 10, 1861, Arthur Vendigaid Davies Berrington, Esq., of Pant-y-goitre, co. Monmouth, born March 30, 1833, by whom she has had two sons (the eldest of whom, Evelyn Delahaye Davies Berrington, was born March 6, 1862, married, June 2, 1894, Eleanor Jane Witterton, and died July 3, 1908, leaving issue). Mr. Davies Berrington of Pant-y-goitre had also four daughters by his second marriage.¹ He died December 20, 1909.

5. Amelia Sarah Lucy, born March 9, 1840, and baptized at St. John Zachary, May 20 following. She married first, April 4, 1861, George Temple, Esq. (son of William Temple, Esq., of Bishopstrow, co. Wilts), who was born June 4, 1834, and died December 16, 1868, by whom she had three sons and one daughter. She married secondly, January 4, 1872, the Rev. Aylmer Anthony Astley, sixth and youngest son of Sir Francis Dugdale Astley, Bart., of Eversley, co. Wilts, by whom she has left one daughter, Margaret Violet Dorothea. Mrs. Aylmer Astley's eldest surviving son by her first marriage is the present Grenville Newton Temple, Esq., of Bishopstrow. She died January 30, 1902.

6. Alice Julia, born July 5, 1843, and baptized at St. John Zachary, November 30 following. She married, September 3, 1864,

¹ For his first marriage, *vide* page 42.

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Captain George Nicholl James Bradford, 8th (King's) Regiment who was born December 27, 1839, and died December 11, 1896, leaving issue. She died October 1, 1893.

The two younger sons of Mr. Thomas Lane, of Leyton Grange and King's Bromley, were : Charles, born February 2, 1793, and Richard, born October 2, 1794. With an account of their marriages and issue, this family history will now conclude.

Charles, the third (and eventually second) surviving son of Thomas Lane, Esq., of Leyton Grange and King's Bromley, was born at Goldsmiths' Hall, February 2, 1793, and baptized at St. John's Zachary, in the City of London, March 1 following. He was educated at Harrow (where he was fag to George Gordon, Lord Byron), and matriculated at Trinity College, Cambridge ; but afterwards went to the sister University and took his degree there (Queen's College, Oxon). Receiving holy orders, he served for some years as curate in the suburban parish of Fulham, where he formed a lifelong friendship with Dr. William Howley, then Bishop of London, and afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury.¹ In 1838, having held incumbencies at Torquay, in Devonshire, and Bognor, in Sussex, he was presented to the living of Deal, in Kent, and in 1846 became Rector of Wrotham, in the same county. He was also made Rural Dean of Shoreham and an Honorary Canon of Canterbury Cathedral. During his tenure of Wrotham Rectory (which he held for thirty-three years) he restored the ancient parish church, which, curiously enough, had been originally founded by his own ancestor, Richard de Wrotham, as already observed.²

The Rev. Charles Lane married, at Edinburgh, July 1, 1816, Frances Catherine, second daughter of the Right Rev. Daniel Sandford, D.D., Bishop of Edinburgh, by Helen Frances Catherine, his wife, eldest daughter and co-heir of Erskine Douglas, Esq., of Hexham, co. Northumberland. The paternal grandfather of this lady, the Rev. Daniel Sandford, of Sandford Hall, co. Salop (who married Sarah, daughter of the Rev. John Chapone, of Charlton Kings, co. Gloucester, and sister-in-law of the literary Mrs. Chapone), was the head of the house of Sandford of Sandford, one of the oldest families in the kingdom, they having been seated at Sandford since the time of the Conquest, and having in their possession letters from King Edward III. thanking the Sandford of

¹ In after years the Archbishop's family became connected with that of Lane by the marriage of Thomas Bruce Lane, the Canon's second surviving son, with Adelaide Belli, the niece of the Archbishop and Mrs. Howley.

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that day for services rendered on the field of Crecy. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Lane, of Wrotham, was the third surviving son of Sir William Douglas, of Kilhead, Bart. (by Helen, daughter of the Hon. Colonel John Erskine, Governor of Stirling Castle), and a devoted adherent of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, by whose side he fought at the Battle of Culloden (encountering one of his brothers on the opposite side). His elder brother, Sir John Douglas, was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1746 on a charge of aiding the Stuarts, but was released on bail in 1748.¹

The Rev. CANON LANE died at Wrotham, March 23, 1879, and was buried there 29th of the same month. His wife had predeceased him on October 26, 1875.² They had seven sons and six daughters, viz. :

1. Thomas Sandford Lane, born in Albemarle Street, London,

¹ His grandson, Sir Charles Douglas, of Kilhead, Bart., succeeded his kinsman William, fourth Duke of Queensberry, K.T., in 1810, as fifth Marquess of Queensberry, and dying December 8, 1837, was succeeded by his brother John as sixth Marquess, whose great-grandson, Percy Sholto, is the present and ninth Marquess of Queensberry.

² Mrs. Lane, of Wrotham, was descended from the Blood Royal of England, both paternally and maternally, as well as from James II., King of Scotland, through his daughter, the Princess Mary, Countess of Arran, whose second husband, James, Lord Hamilton, was ancestor of Margaret, Countess of Queensberry, grandmother of Sir William Douglas, of Kilhead aforesaid. Mrs. Lane's three brothers were : (1) Erskine Douglas Sandford, Esq., Sheriff of Galloway, who died September 4, 1861, leaving an only surviving son, William Graham Sandford, who died *s.p.*, having been a distinguished member of the Diplomatic Corps ; and a daughter, Frances Grace Margaret Sandford, who founded the Hospital for Incurables at Oxford, and died unmarried February 5, 1889. (2) Sir Daniel Keyte Sandford, M.P., who died February 4, 1838, and whose eldest son, the Right Hon. Sir Francis Sandford, K.C.B., was created Lord Sandford of Sandford, January 1, 1891, and died *s.p.* December 31, 1893. Sir Daniel's second son, Sir Herbert Bruce Sandford, K.C.M.G., died *s.p.* January 31, 1892, and his third and youngest son, the Right Rev. Daniel Fox Sandford, LL.D., sometime Bishop of Tasmania, and later assistant Bishop of Durham ; died August 20, 1906. (3) Ven. John Sandford, Archdeacon of Coventry, who died March 22, 1873, having married, first, Elizabeth, only daughter of Richard Poole, Esq., who died September 15, 1853 ; and secondly, April 3, 1856, Anna Lady Erskine, eldest daughter of William Cunningham Graham, Esq., of Gartmore, and widow of David Montague, Lord Erskine, who died March 6, 1886. By his first marriage, besides other sons and two daughters, the Archdeacon was father of the Right Rev. Charles Waldegrave Sandford, D.D., Lord Bishop of Gibraltar, died December 8, 1903, and the Ven. Ernest Grey Sandford, Archdeacon of Exeter, born August 16, 1839.

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September 27, 1818 ; privately baptized October 12 following, and publicly received into the Church at St. John's, Edinburgh, July 1, 1819. He died at Torquay, co. Devon, July 10, 1830, and was buried at Leyton, co. Essex, August 11 following. His remains (together with those of his brothers, Charles Edward and Charles Henry) were subsequently removed from Leyton and re-interred at Wrotham, Kent, January 8, 1852.

2. Charles Edward Lane, born at Fulham, co. Middlesex, July 23, 1820, and baptized there September 27 following. He died at Fulham on August 20, and was buried at Leyton on August 22, 1822.

3. RICHARD DOUGLAS HAY LANE, sometime Captain 17th Lancers, Light Dragoons, born at Fulham, December 8-9, 1823, and baptized there February 12, 1824. Died April 3, 1901, and was buried at Whissonsett, co. Norfolk, 9th of the same month. He married, first, at Brighton, co. Sussex, April 30, 1851, Elizabeth Middleton, only daughter and heir of Thomas Ward, Esq., of Heath House, co. Middlesex, who died at Woodbastwick Hall, co. Norfolk, February 12, 1874. Captain Douglas Lane married, secondly, at St. George's, Hanover Square, May 5, 1875, Genette Anne, fifth daughter of George Adshead, Esq., J.P., and widow of Robert Moon, Esq. She died September 30, 1876. By his first marriage he had four sons and one daughter, viz. : (1) Reginald Charles Douglas Lane, born April 6, 1852, and baptized at Wrotham, Kent, May 19 following ; married, June 17, 1875, Lucy Sadler Gardner, eldest daughter of the Rev. Augustus Pyne, Vicar of Horning, co. Norfolk. He died *s.p.* at Worthing, co. Sussex, December 27, 1892, and was buried in the Keene Cemetery there January 2, 1893. His widow died July 29, 1900. (2) Beaufort Cosmo Douglas Lane, born July 5, 1854, and baptized at Wrotham, August 14 following ; died unmarried at the Firs, Lymm, Cheshire, August 10, 1896, and was buried at Lymm 12th of the same month. (3) Cecil Thomas Edward Douglas Lane, born November 29, 1856, and baptized at Wrotham, February 1, 1857. Died unmarried at Brighton, February 23, 1898, and was buried at Worthing 26th of the same month. (4) Charles Middleton Robert Douglas Lane, born February 2, 1864, and baptized at Wrotham, May 10, following ; married, at Dinan, in France, June 13, 1888, Lelia Marion, second daughter of Thomas Theodore Brewer Hooke, Esq., of Norton Hall, co. Worcester, who died December 5, 1899, and was buried at Dinan 8th of the same month. He married secondly at St. Paul's Church, Penge, Surrey, August 11, 1900, Vera Georgina

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Pellew, daughter of James Stark Skipper, Esq., of Thorpe Hamlet, co. Norfolk. By his first marriage he had four sons and one daughter, viz.: (1) Graham Lewis Hay Douglas Lane, born December 15, 1893, and baptized at Dinan January 21, 1894. (2) Richard Middleton Douglas Lane, born January 25, 1895, and baptized at Dinan March 3 following; died at Dinan October 18, 1895, and buried there 20th of same month. (3) Robert Henry Douglas Lane, born February 15, 1896, and baptized at Dinan March 15 following. (4) George Edward Douglas Lane, born March 4, 1899, and baptized at Dinan April 2 following. (1) Genette Lelia May, born September 12, 1897, and baptized at Dinan October 10 following. Died at Dinan August 30, and buried there September 1, 1898. By his second marriage Mr. Douglas Lane has two sons and one daughter, viz.: (5) Charles Ivor Campbell Douglas Lane, born December 7, 1902, and baptized at Westleigh, co. Devon, February 4, 1903. (6) Gordon Middleton Douglas Lane, born April 12, 1905, and baptized at Westleigh, May 16 following. (2) Gladys Mary Douglas Lane, born March 24, 1904, and baptized at Westleigh May 23 following. (1) Blanche Elizabeth Lydston, born March 21, 1861; married, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, April 25, 1889, Captain Eric Edmund Moffat Davidson Manson, 1st Batt. South Lancashire Regiment; born December 12, 1857, and has issue, one son, Eric Douglas Manson, born April 14, 1893, and two daughters. Captain Douglas Lane, by his second marriage, had one daughter, viz., Frances Catherine Genette, born March 9, 1876, married at St. James's, Piccadilly, April 29, 1899, Richard Berwick Hope, Esq., sometime Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, born October 25, 1874, and has one daughter.

4. Charles Henry Lane, born January 16, 1829, and baptized at St. John's Church, Edinburgh, April 14 following, died at Torquay, co. Devon, May 29, 1832, and was buried at Leyton, co. Essex, June 11 following.

5. THOMAS BRUCE LANE, of the Hon. East India Company's Civil Service, born April 29, 1831; privately baptized September 8 following, and publicly received into the Church at Morebath, co. Devon, September 21, 1832; married at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, July 20, 1853, Adelaide Fanny Spring, fourth daughter of William Hallows Belli, Esq., of the Hon. East India Company Civil Service, and has had issue five sons and one daughter, viz.: (1) Cecil Bruce Lane, born December 11, 1857; married, at Nun-eaton, co. Warwick, September 21, 1885, Frances Mary, daughter

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of Joseph Martin, Esq., of Wood Green, co. Staffordshire, and has had three sons and two daughters, viz. : (1) Charles Arthur Bruce Lane, born December 16, 1887, and died August 26, 1888. (2) John Francis Bruce Lane, born May 26, 1890. (3) Edward de Lona Lane, born February 19, 1894. (1) Adelaide Mary, born November 12, 1888. (2) Mary Cecilia, born April 27, 1892. (2) Arthur Bruce Lane, born December 3, 1858. (3) Captain Frederick Charles Bruce Lane, Leinster Regiment, born January 5, 1860, and died *s.p.* January 11, 1890, having married, July 3, 1889, Margaret Cleonice, daughter of John Hickson, Esq. (who married secondly, June 24, 1897, Arthur Fawcett, Esq.). (4) Ernest Henry Bruce Lane, born October 19, 1861; died *s.p.* November 25, 1899, having married, February 17, 1889, Maud Ridley, eldest daughter of Ambrose Britain Buxton, Esq. (5) Major Herbert Edward Bruce Lane, Royal Garrison Artillery, born September 29, 1862; married, January 12, 1893, Lilian Evangeline, daughter of General A. Cadell, Royal Engineers, and has one daughter, Gladys Lilian Grace, born November 13, 1893. (1) Eva Frances, born July 29, 1856; baptized at Wrotham, Kent, August 22 following; died at Wrotham December 30, 1856, and buried there January 3, 1857.

6. HENRY MURRAY LANE,¹ ESQ., born at Leamington, co. Warwick, March 3, 1833, and baptized there May 5 following. Appointed Bluemantle Pursuivant of Arms August 23, 1849, and promoted to the rank of Chester Herald July 21, 1864, sometime Registrar of Her Majesty's College of Arms, London, and secretary to Garter Mission at the Court of St. Petersburg, 1867. Married first at Brighton, co. Sussex, October 9, 1862, Mary Isabella, eldest daughter of Richard Fiennes (second son of Fiennes Wykeham Martin, Esq., of Leeds Castle, co. Kent) by Mary, daughter of Neil Malcolm, Esq., of Poltalloch, co. Argyll, Esq.² She died at Brighton March 29, 1881, and was buried in the Extra Mural Cemetery there April 4 following. Mr. Murray Lane married secondly, at Geneva, February 16, 1885, Amelia Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Rev. Augustus Asgill Colville, Rector of Livermere, co. Suffolk. She died at Florence in Italy October 31, 1897, and was buried at the Allori Cemetery there November 4 following. He married thirdly

¹ His Majesty's Heralds are Esquires by creation, and invested with the collar of S.S.

² Her brother, John Malcolm, Esq., of Poltalloch, died May 30, 1893, having married Isabella Harriet, second daughter of Colonel the Hon. John Wingfield Stratford, of Addington Park, Kent, by whom he was father of the Right Hon. John Wingfield Malcolm, C.B., created Lord Malcolm of Poltalloch in 1896, and died *s.p.* 1902.

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at Canterbury February 18, 1901, Mary Grace, eldest daughter of Thomas Norman Wightwick, Esq., of Dane John House, Canterbury. This was the third time a Lane had married a Wightwick. Alice Lane, the aunt of Colonel Lane of Bentley, and of his sister Jane Lane, afterwards Lady Fisher, married Alexander Wightwick of Wightwick, Esq., whose nephew, Samuel Wightwick, was the father of Abigail Lady Williams of Guernevet, the wife of Captain Lane, the Colonel's only son. Lady Fisher's sister-in-law, Catherine, youngest daughter of Sir Robert Fisher of Packington, married Thomas Wightwick, Esq., sergeant-at-law, from whom (by his second marriage with Mercy, daughter of William Sandys, Esq.—afterwards Lady Knightley) lineally descended JANE WIGHTWICK KNIGHTLEY, who married May 7, 1846, John sixth Earl of Aylesford, himself the descendant and representative of the Fishers of Packington. By Mr. Murray Lane's first marriage he has one son, viz., Gerald Stratford Murray Lane,¹ born December 6, 1863, and baptized at Wrotham, Kent, January 17, 1864.

7. REV. FRANCIS CHARLES DE LONA LANE, Rector of Whissonsett-cum-Horningtoft, co. Norfolk, born June 21, 1834, and privately baptized at Morville House, co. Warwick, being received publicly into the Church at Brighton, co. Sussex, July 6, 1836. Married, at St. George's, Hanover Square, November 12, 1879, Mary Anne, only surviving daughter and heir of Archibald Dewhurst, Esq., of Clitheroe, co. Lancaster, and widow of Thomas Bracewell, Esq. She died May 8, 1902, and was buried at St. Heliers, Jersey, 12th of the same month.

The daughters of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Lane of Wrotham were :

(1) Jane, born May 29, 1817,² and baptized at St. John's Church, Edinburgh, July 1 following; married, at Deal, Kent, August 24, 1843, General Sir Edward Charles Warde, K.C.B. (then Captain Warde of the Royal Horse Artillery), eldest surviving son of General Sir Henry Warde, G.C.B., of Dean House, co. Hants. He commanded the British siege train before Sebastopol during the Crimean War, and was promoted for distinguished service in the field. Sir Edward Warde died June 11, 1884, leaving four surviving sons and three surviving daughters, viz., 1. Colonel

¹ The popular musical composer, *Gerald Lane*.

² "It is somewhat singular that a child of *Charles Lane* should be born on May 29, the Restoration. She is a true *King's Bromley Lane*, God bless her."—Extract from "Remains and Correspondence of *Right Rev. Daniel Sandford, D.D.*," vol. i. p. 303.

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Charles Edward Warde, sometime Captain 4th Hussars, M.P. for the Medway division of Kent, born December 20, 1845, married, July 10, 1890, Helen, daughter of Viscount de Stern and sister of the present Lord Wandsworth; 2. Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Murray Ashley Warde, sometime Captain 19th Hussars, Chief Constable of Kent, born September 3, 1850, married, March 31, 1880, his cousin, Louisa Anne, eldest daughter of Wilmot Lane, Esq. (see below), by whom he has three daughters, the eldest of whom—Louisa Kathleen Alice was born November 13, 1880; 3. Major St. Andrew Bruce Warde, Royal Artillery, Chief Constable of Hampshire, born November 23, 1852, married, April 18, 1882, Olivia Louisa, daughter of Colonel George McCall, of Elibank Lodge, co. Berks, by whom he has two daughters; 4. Alexander John Walter Warde, born March 19, 1855, and died August 20, 1907, having married, October 30, 1882, Enriqueta Petronilla, daughter of James Fair, Esq., by whom he had two sons—viz. (1) Richard Edward Warde, born December 21, 1884; (2) Basil Charles Conroy Warde, born February 28, 1892—and four daughters—(1) Frances Molina, married, August 2, 1872, Ralph Cromwell Gregg, Esq., born November 17, 1847, sometime Lieutenant 19th Hussars, second son of Charles Francis Gregg, Esq. (by Isabella, daughter of Ralph Carr, Esq.), and had three sons, the eldest of whom—Ralph Charles Edward Carr Gregg—was born November 27, 1874, and married September 17, 1903, Florence Mabel, daughter of Evan Kinsey, Esq. Mrs. (Frances Molina) Gregg died August 27, 1902, and Mr. Gregg married secondly, October 17, 1905, Anne Louisa, daughter of Captain George Mauleverer Gowan; (2) Edith Pierrepont; (3) Louisa Jane. Lady Warde died at Brighton April 20, 1895, and was buried at Wrotham, Kent, 25th of the same month.

(2) Eleanor Sarah, married at Wrotham, Kent, June 22, 1854, John Bourryau Broadley, Esq., of Kirk Ella, co. York, sometime Captain 17th Lancers, who was born May 3, 1817, and died *s.p.* June 29, 1867. She died March 9, 1909, and was buried at Wrotham 13th of the same month.

(3) Frances Lennox Heneage, born June 6, 1825, and baptized at Fulham July 18, following. Married, at Wrotham, November 23, 1853, Arthur Vendigaid Davies Berrington, Esq., only surviving son of J. Davies Berrington, Esq., of Woodland Castle, co. Glamorgan,¹ by Charlotte, only daughter of Benjamin Hall, Esq., of Aber-

¹ For his second wife, *vide* issue of John Lane, Esq., of Leyton Grange and King's Bromley, already given.

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carn, co. Monmouth, and Hensol Castle, co. Glamorgan, and sister of the Right Hon. Sir Benjamin Hall, Bart., who was created Lord Llanover June 27, 1859, and died April 27, 1867. Mrs. Arthur Davies Berrington died at Woodland Castle May 27, 1859, and was buried at Llanover, co. Monmouth. She left three sons and one daughter, the eldest son, Arthur Tewdyr Davies Berrington, was born September 7, 1854, and died February 18, 1909, having married July 21, 1901, Beatrice Maud, daughter of the Rev. James Rathborn, by whom he had one daughter.

(4) Louisa Anne, died unmarried August 24, 1902, and was buried at Wrotham 28th of the same month.

(5) Alice Howley, born at Bognor, co. Sussex, February 12, 1836, and baptized at Brighton July 6 following. Died at Wrotham, Kent, January 1, 1850, and was buried there 8th of the same month.

(6) Blanche Emma, born at Deal, Kent, October 2, 1839, and baptized there December 25 following. Died at Wrotham September 28, 1860, and was buried there October 6 following.

RICHARD LANE, ESQ., the youngest son of Thomas Lane, Esq., of Leyton Grange and King's Bromley, was born at Goldsmiths Hall, October 2, 1794, and baptized at St. John's Zachary in the City of London, 31st of the same month. He married at All Souls Church, Langham Place, co. Middlesex, April 24, 1827, Sarah Pink, third daughter of George Thomas Tracy, Esq., of Liskeard, co. Cornwall, and sister of Benjamin Wheatley Tracy, Esq., who claimed the title of Viscount Tracy of Rathcoole in Ireland. Mr. Richard Lane, who resided for many years at Brunswick Square, Brighton, died there January 27, 1870. His widow survived him until February 14, 1879. They had issue five sons and three daughters, viz. :

(1) Richard Stuart Lane, Esq., born at Beddington Park, co. Surrey, July 14, 1829. He was for several years attached to the Japanese Legation in London as English Secretary. He was a Knight Commander of the Spanish Order of Isabella the Catholic, of the Portuguese Order of Christ, and of the Japanese Order of the Rising Sun. Mr. Stuart Lane married, August 31, 1852, Emily Eliza, eldest daughter of Samuel Levison, Esq., and died in South Street, Park Lane, *s.p.*, June 16, 1892. He was buried at Highgate Cemetery. She died August 29, 1909.

(2) MAJOR-GENERAL CHARLES STUART LANE, Bengal Staff Corps, C.B., born at Beddington Park, February 9, 1831. He married, September 23, 1852, Anne Josephine, third daughter of

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the Rev. Richard Bethuel Boyes, by whom he has had issue five sons and five daughters, viz.: 1. Richard Stuart Lane, born October 19, 1854, and died February 16, 1855. 2. Charles Stuart Lane, born November 28, 1863, married April 16, 1890, Alice daughter of Richard N. Thweate of Chesterfield, U.S.A., and widow of Arthur Sandys, Esq., and has had one son, viz.: Charles Stuart Lane, born September 15, 1891, and died April 22, 1893; and one daughter, Florence, born November 16, 1895. 3. Arthur Blomefield Lane, born April 6, and died May 18, 1865. 4. Henry Arthur Lane, Major Indian Staff Corps, sometime 3rd Dragoon Guards, born October 6, 1868, married, March 5, 1899, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of General Henry Smithe, C.B., and has two daughters, viz.: (1) Eva Mary, born February 20, 1901; (2) Margaret Elizabeth, born August 17, 1905. 5. Frederick Cecil Lane, Major Royal Artillery, born April 30, 1871. 1. Lily Alice, born June 28, 1853, married March 26, 1873, Major-General George Robert James Shakespeare, Bengal Staff Corps, and has issue. 2. Annie, born May 8, 1856, married, November 24, 1875, Captain Robert Mitford, 3rd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment, and sometime 73rd Regiment, eldest surviving son of Edward Ledwich Osbaldeston Mitford, of Mitford Castle, co. Northumberland, Esq., born November 25, 1846; she has had three sons and five daughters, the eldest son, Bertram Lane Mitford, having been born November 2, 1876. 3. Emily Marion, born April 3, 1858, married, November 6, 1877, Captain Sholto E. Pemberton, Royal Artillery, who was born April 17, 1840, and died September 25, 1889, leaving one son, Sholto Pemberton, born November 13, 1883, and three daughters, Eva, Marion Ethel, and Violet. 4. Florence, born June 17, 1858, married, September 27, 1878, Lieut.-Colonel Leonard William Christopher, Bengal Staff Corps, born January 22, 1848, eldest son of General Leonard Raisbeck Christopher,¹ by whom she has two sons, viz.: 1. Leonard de Lona Christopher, born October 21, 1883. 2. Charles de Lona Christopher, born May 16, 1885; and two daughters, Muriel de Lona and Hazel de Lona. 5. Eva Mary, born August 28, 1861, married, October 29, 1883, Lieut.-Colonel Wentworth Grenville Bowyer, Royal Engineers, born May 8, 1850, and has had issue four sons (the eldest of whom, George Edward Wentworth Bowyer, was born January 16, 1886), and two daughters.

¹ General Christopher is the seventh and youngest son of the late George Christopher, Esq., of Morton House, who was the third son of Captain William Christopher, of Norton, co. Durham, the noted explorer and discoverer.

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(3) Thomas Blomefield Lane, Esq., of the Hon. E.I.C. Civil Service, born June 9, 1832, and baptized at the Chapel Royal, Brighton, December 20 following. He died unmarried October 30, 1872.

(4) WILMOT LANE, ESQ., Hon. E.I.C. Civil Service, born September 19, 1833, and baptized January 14, 1834, at the Chapel Royal, Brighton. He married first, at St. George's, Hanover Square, October 17, 1854, Louisa Sarah Anne, eldest daughter and co-heir of Charles Patten Vale, Esq. She died September 26, 1855. Mr. Wilmot Lane married secondly, December 16, 1862, Martha, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Henry Roche Osborn, Bengal Army. By his first marriage he has had an only daughter, Louisa Anne, born September 21, 1855, married, March 31, 1880, her cousin, Lieut.-Colonel Henry Murray Ashley Warde (see above). By his second marriage, Mr. Wilmot Lane has had seven sons and four daughters, viz.: 1. Henry Lane, born at Lucknow in India, December 26, 1864, died from wounds received in action July 9, 1900. 2. Robert Hugh Lane, born February 16, 1866. 3. Wilmot Ernest Lane, born at Winchester, March 20, 1869. 4. John Osborn Lane, born at Mussooree in India, July 28, 1872. 5. Alfred Blomefield Lane, born at Mynpoory, India, December 1, 1873. 6. Frank Bernard Lane, born at Rai Bareli, in India, August 16, 1879. 7. Septimus Arthur Lane, born at Rai Bareli, October 13, 1880. 1. Amy, born at Lucknow, November 15, 1863. 2. Elsie, born at Portsoy, in Scotland, June 22, 1867. 3. Mabel, born at Mynpoory, February 1, 1875. 4. Hilda, born August 22, 1876.

(5) Henry, born May 26, 1835, and baptized at the Chapel Royal, Brighton, July 31 following. By Royal Licence, bearing date March 4, 1856, he assumed the surname and arms of Lucas in addition to and before those of Lane. He died unmarried February 17, 1860.

(1) Frances Bain, born at Tours in France, May 27, 1828. Died October 26, 1835.

(2) Sarah Magdalene, born at Brighton, July 22, 1837, and baptized at the Chapel Royal there September 6 following: married, July 22, 1857, Captain Frederick John Helbert Helbert, sometime 5th Madras Light Cavalry, who died March 13, 1908. She died at St. Petersburg, March 8, 1874, having had four sons (the eldest of whom, Frederick de Courcy Helbert, was born July 14, 1860) and one daughter.

(3) Emily, born at Brighton, January 17, 1839, and baptized at

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St. Peter's Church there May 31 following; married, January 17, 1862, Edmund Bernhard Liebert, Esq., of Swinton Hall, co. Lancaster, sometime Captain 18th Hussars, and has had two sons (the eldest, Bernhard Robert Liebert, sometime Captain 7th Hussars, born January 9, 1865) and three daughters. She died January 17, 1905. He survived her until January 1, 1906.