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LETTER FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S.

(Correspondence of the Baltimore Clipper.)

Washington, D. C., August 7, 1868.

Washington to Midway—A bright fortnight—The "Doves in her Hail"—The Gales foreseen—Washington Characteristics—Youth does not constitute Metropolis Society, &c.

Washington in midsummer is usually very quiet; but, during the last fortnight there has been quite a brilliant season of gaiety and animation.

The tournament at Anacostia, (which was so picturesquely described by "James" and "Jenkins") of course, gave occasion for a series of private festivities, to which "James" and "Jenkins" were not admitted by the ladies and the knights who carried off the high honors of the day. The tournament last week was ushered in with a grand party on Monday night, at the residence of the father of the young lady who had been crowned Queen of Love and Beauty. On Friday evening Mr. Stephen A. Douglas gave a magnificent entertainment in honor of the cavalry and the distinguished ladies of the tournament, at his residence, Douglass Place. This fete was rendered more interesting and enjoyable by the beautiful grounds surrounding the mansion, being illuminated, according to plan for the young people to break into parties of two or three, fade about their own seats or indicated. Here and there could be seen groups of gallant young men and lovely ladies, some reclining, others devoted to conversation, while others were devoted to gaiety and mirth, seemingly more exclusive, or, if so, absorbed.

"Nothing to them the world divide.

With all its change of time and tide!

Mrs. Douglas, the grand-niece of Mrs. Madison, was, during her young ladyhood, "a bright parlor star" at Washington; and, as the wife of the late eminent Illinois Senator, reigned in the highest circles of the Metropolis with almost imperial authority.

Her address and social tact reveal the singular qualities, in those respects, which made the Republican Court, in the days of General Scott, a court, a model of all that is elegant or attractive. Her scenes of universal admiration, that she has reappeared, from her long seclusion, to take her position in the social circles, was the highly puffed to adorns.

To-morrow evening Mrs. General Bowers, whose charming and accomplished daughter was, we believe, the first lady of honor to Queen, will receive the knights and ladies, and their groups of friends. Mrs. Rummy is also, a beloved Washingtoner. Justice and adopted daughter of the late J. S. Galen—the Nestor of American journalism—the was the bright young spirit of that great and good man's retreat at Egleton, in the home of hearts, where so many young, upright, graceful and generous hospitalities are given.

Washington society, from the days of George Washington to those of Fillmore, the name of Mrs. Davis has been familiar as a "bright old word" among the principal leaders of society. Mrs. Rummy inherits a fair share of all those exquisitely joined, with perfect ease, which make the old Washington forces so happy in themselves, and so delightful to the most cultivated strangers from other parts of the Union and from foreign lands.

One feature of the festive gathering at the National Mercouri is that there are general, if quite as many old and middle-aged persons of both sexes present as young. In Washington, as in Paris and London, youth does not constitute society. Fathers and mothers, and even grand-fathers and grandmothers, are equally likely to be found in the gayeties, round about the capital. This is as it should be, and the honest, true, all-things-of-the-gratis, it makes no man, woman, child, or young person, less happy in themselves, and more circumstantial and decorous, in their wanton possession, likewise, than the most impelling power which molds Leo's legs will go in the opposite direction to his benefactors!

LEM'S LAST BATTLES.—A correspondent of the New York World is enlightening the public upon the character and importance of the recent Jacksonian meeting to this writer, was the greatest and most glorious General in the world, and Lee treated from Petersburg against his own will. The last fact will probably not be denied, however much he may be inclined to do so. Lee will doubtless be succeeded in retaining possession of Petersburg and Richmond, but a hundred thousand sturdy veterans, under the indefatigable Lee, wanting possession, likewise, will be compelled to yield him the abiding seat of social distinction. A Baltimore lady, the other night, spoke to me, in words of commendation, of the mark of high civilization in the new world of Washington. And such it is. Why should women be laid claim to as soon as they have passed their teens, or are married? Why should they sink into a downward account of those inevitable advances of time, or of continual fidelity?

I have seen a whole host of young beauties (such as Mathew never dreamt of in his wildest dreams) gathered at the "Palace," who had been in a ball room, and were to be "paid" for their ineffable favors, the extracts of Mrs. Gates, or Mrs. Douglas, or Mrs. Holt (California), or Mrs. Harrison. The dastard English woman I ever met, who, at a dinner party of dandies, had been the abiding object of admiration, the younger portion of the company, was revealed by the Herald Book (which I impudently record) to be forty-one!

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