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In Memoriam.



W. B. K. Pollock.

Born, 21st February 1859.

Died, 5th October 1896.

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W.W.

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Part I—Portrait, Biography, and 70 Games, played in England, Ireland, and Holland, selected, annotated, and illustrated by the late W. H. K. POLLOCK.

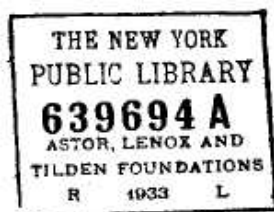
Part II—A selection of Games played in the United States, and Canada, including his matches with EUGENE DELMAR, JACKSON SHOWALTER, and G. H. D. GOSSIP; End Games, Problems, and items of interest connected with the Chess career of the late Master.

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PREFACE.



THE following biography of the late W. H. K. Pollock is compiled from personal recollections, and from the *British Chess Magazine* and the *Dublin Evening Mail*. The English games were selected, annotated, and diagrammed by Mr. Pollock, in 1895-6, possibly with a view of publication, but there is no record of any expressed wish on his part concerning them. Of the games played in America and Canada, the majority have not been hitherto published in this country. Many were kindly contributed by Mr. Miron Hazeltine, Chess Editor *New York Clipper*, and Professor Howard J. Rogers, Albany, New York. Others were selected from interesting MSS. books, belonging to Mr. Pollock, which contained about 3,000 games entered by himself, and played by Masters and distinguished amateurs, with critical remarks by Mr. Pollock.

This work is issued as a small tribute to the memory of a dear friend, who was one of the brightest ornaments in Caissa's diadem.

Here I thank those who have so kindly aided me in its publication.

FRIDESWIDE F. ROWLAND.

KINGSTOWN, IRELAND,

November 1899.

W. H. K. POLLOCK.

W hen round Caissa's board we meet,
I n pensive evening's hour,
L oved friends and hands to warmly greet
L inked by her magic power.
I n vain we seek amidst the scene
A genius rare as thine hast been,
M arvels to weave with insight keen.

H allowed by fire divine thou wert,
E 'er bright thy smile—thy heart
N e'er changed, through all the waste of years
R emembered still thou art,
Y et is that memory fraught with tears.

K een critic; oft thy sparkling wit
R egilt the classic page,
A nd in Chess lore thy games are writ
U ndimmed by change or age.
S o brief thy life—an April day,
E arly its sunshine passed away.

P erchance death's shadow oft was strewn
O 'er youthful sunny days,
L ike clouds that flit across the moon
L oom darkly near her rays.
O h, still to thee, and scenes of yore,
C ling hearts and friends on distant shore,
K ing in our game till time be o'er.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

WILLIAM HENRY KRAUSE POLLOCK was a son of the Rev. William J. Pollock, M.A., formerly Rector of St. Saviour's, Bath, but now Chaplain of the Blind Asylum, Bristol. He was born at Cheltenham, on 21st February 1859, and was educated at Clifton College and Somersetshire College, Bath. He was intended for the medical profession, and made considerable progress with his studies from 1880-2, during which period he was a resident pupil at Dr. Steeven's Hospital, Dublin. He qualified in 1882 as a licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin.

Pollock learnt to play Chess early in life; in 1878 he had a reputation as a good player in the local Chess circles of Bristol and Dublin. His first published game and problem appeared during 1882, in "The Practical Farmer," the only newspaper in Dublin which then contained Chess news.

The year 1885 found him competing in the Master Tournament of the British Chess Association's first Congress, and this Tournament was the first really important public contest in which he took part. Being somewhat nervous, he made a bad start, and lost successively to Messrs. Bird, Gunsberg, Donisthorpe, and the late Rev. G. A. MacDonnell. After these reverses his play improved, and he defeated Messrs. Runboll, Mackeson, Mills, and Mortimer, closing his first week's engagements with 4 wins and 4 losses. The next week he showed to better advantage, and scored 6 out of the 7 games played—the seventh, with Mr. Guest, being drawn. In the final score he was fourth, with $10\frac{1}{2}$ out of a possible 15; after Messrs. I. Gunsberg, $14\frac{1}{2}$; H. E. Bird and A. Guest, 12; but above Messrs. MacDonnell and Loman, 10 each. Mr. Pollock also competed in the "Tennyson" competition, in the same Congress, and won the first prize (a copy of the Poet Laureate's works, with his autograph), with the fine score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of a possible 7. In the same year (1885) he played in the Master Tournament at the Hereford Congress of the Counties Association, but fared badly. In 1885 he also played in the Master Tournament of the Irish Chess Association, coming out first, with 9 points, thereby winning the Irish championship. Mr. Porterfield Rynd (of Dublin) was second, with $8\frac{1}{2}$. In the Handicap, however, Mr. Pollock only tied for second and third places, Mr. Rynd being first.

In 1886 Mr. Pollock played in the Master Tournament of the British Chess Club, but did not secure a prize, Messrs. Blackburne, Bird, Gunsberg, and Mason being the prize-winners, in the order named. He also took part in the International Master Tournament of the