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QUEST IN RUINS OF AN ANCIENT HALL.

A Rector Joined in the Search—The Cellar Might Have Been Place of Many a Carousal.

The ruins of Bradley Old Hall, Derbyshire, which were discovered recently, are being unearthed, and a large extent of the foundations has been laid bare. As yet, however, the cellars have not been entered, and a subterranean passage, that for generations has had a reputed existence, has not been discovered. But the archaeological interest in the investigations is completely dwarfed locally by the idea that hidden treasure may be found. The story goes that Prince Charlie sent a company of his followers from Derby to Bradley to seize a valuable collection of plate, and that they found some, but not the whole of it. The legend that a valuable hoard escaped their notice, and remains buried in the ruins of the old hall, has a tenacious hold in the district, and only the most careful search will dispel it. The Rector of Bradley (the Rev. R. H. Tomline) is an enthusiastic archaeologist, and is taking a working share in the digging out of the foundations. The rector may be found, spade in hand, some feet down among old walls and mullioned windows. In the midst of his work the rector told an interviewer that they had discovered a curious chamber, four or five feet square, the use of which was not quite clear. "We had to cut through the bricks—and such bricks—before it was revealed.

Carousal in the Cellars.

"It may have been a hiding-place in troublous times, or perhaps a bin for some of that special old port with which Dr. Johnson was regaled. He was a visitor at the Hall," said the rector, "and greatly enjoyed the luxuries of the well-laden tables." The rector would like to complete the search of the ruins, and to penetrate the whole range of cellars and passages, but for this funds will be needed. A corroboration of the story of the visit of the young Pretender's followers to Bradley Hall is contained in Hutton's "History of Derby," published in 1797. It is there stated that one James Sparks (an emissary, it is thought, of a Scotch minister who sent a message from Bradley to Prince Charlie) guided a number of soldiers to the old Hall, then in the possession of Hugo Meynell. The party had a carousal in the cellars, and eventually the Highlanders decamped, leaving their companion helplessly drunk. Sparks was discovered the next day by the Loyalists, taken before a magistrate, and committed. He was ultimately removed to York, there tried for high treason, condemned, and executed in 1746. Locally it is argued that the Highlanders did not travel from Derby all the way to a remote place like Bradley, with the Duke of Cumberland's army in hot advance, for the sole purpose of indulging in a drunken orgie. Was it the treasure they were after, and, if so, did they get away with the whole of it? Hutton's history states that before the Prince commenced his retreat northward from Derbyshire he had replenished his war-chest to the extent of some thousands of pounds.

King Promotes Official.

The King, according to a recent issue of The Gazette, has given the Master of the Horse—the Earl of Sefton—a tremendous step in the order of precedence.

Hitherto the Master of the Horse has ranked between the comptroller and the Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, in the table of precedence.

For the future he will take precedence of the Speaker, the Lords of Appeal, the bishops and barons, viscounts, earls, marquises and dukes, and will come immediately after the Chamberlain of the King's Household.

The Master of the Horse has charge of all matters relating to the sovereign's stables and horses, and has the privilege of using any of his master's horses, pages or footmen. His processional place is next behind the sovereign.

His dignity, however, depends on the vitality of the Ministry which appoints him, for his position is political, and he retires into private life with the other members of a defeated Government.

A Maori Funeral.

A strange scene occurred recently at Parihaka, on the West Coast of New Zealand, at the funeral of Tohu, a famous Maori prophet, who was credited by his followers with the attributes of divinity and immortality, and has caused great misgivings amongst the faithful by dying. A dispute arose as to whether the body should be placed in a coffin provided by some of the dead chief's followers. His relatives objected, and eventually it was agreed that the coffin should be lowered into the grave first, and the body placed on top of it. The coffin was accordingly let down into the ground and then smashed into matchwood. A kapok mattress was then lowered, and the body placed upon that. Numerous mats were laid on top of the body and the grave filled in. The burial ceremony was a great occasion for the Maori population, and so much importance was attached to it that the native health officer telegraphed to the Native Minister for permission to have intoxicating liquor at the funeral; but the request was not granted.

The Inventor of the Gyroscope.

"Mr. Brennan, whose gyroscope train seems to be the nearest approach to a flying-machine yet invented is," says The London Star, "an Irishman by birth. As a very young man he emigrated to Australia, and obtained a place in a department store at Melbourne. The proprietor received a large consignment of clocks from England, and found that they had been damaged in transit. Young Brennan showed mechanical aptitude for the first time by setting them right. From clocks he advanced (by stages) to torpedoes, and had the supreme good luck to sell the Brennan torpedo to the British Government for £120,000. Vast sums of money were spent on its manufacture, and then, in the autumn of last year, the Government decided to close the Brennan Factory [illegible] chain, from [illegible]

CANADA'S LATEST VISITOR.

Prince Fushimi a Worthy Representative of the Warlike Japs.

Prince Sadanaru Fushimi, who accompanies Earl Grey to Canada, is a worthy representative of the great warrior nation, Japan. He is a man of regular habits, keeps his engagements punctually, and plans out his days a long time ahead with extraordinary exactness. In manner he is simple and unostentatious—mysterious and inscrutable were, perhaps, the more appropriate term. To the many friends he has made in England, however, he has displayed an unusual frankness and a cordial attitude which have invited confidence from all. Prince Fushimi is, above everything else, a diplomatist. Unlike most of his countrymen, he is a great lover of horses, and is never so happy as when on is in the saddle. His favorite amusement is the Eastern game of "Go," a form of chess, and it is said that he is passionately fond of it, although, to quote a member of his entourage, "in spite of it being such a favorite pastime with him, he never spends more than two hours over it, and those usually after dinner."

The Prince's Smile.

By and by, all who are compelled to keep social engagements whether they are willing or not, should study the manners and countenance of Prince Fushimi. He shows the extreme of graciousness all the time. His smile looks bright and sincere, yet it never goes off. Whether it is rain or sunshine, whether he is being entertained by a dull dowager whose remarks he hardly understands, or is surrounded by a crowd of youngsters whose curiosity is stronger than their manners, whether he is being whirled through clouds of dust in a motor or standing still listening to the booming of guns he is ever smiling and indefatigably good-natured. Every one has voted him a really good sort.

A GOODLY HERITAGE.

Immense Area of Arable Land Available For Settlement.

Imagination is staggered by the statement just handed out from Ottawa regarding the area of arable land available for settlement in the west. Up to the end of this summer there will have been surveyed 130,000,000 acres, and north and east of Edmonton alone there is at least as much.

Evidently "The Last West," as American newspaper and magazine writers have dubbed our Canadian heritage, is a misnomer. There seems to be several last Wests, and we do not seem to be within sight of the penultimate one. It will be decades before what is now known as the last West shall have been filled up. Then will come to be exploited the Hudson Bay basin, the great territory north of the Saskatchewan, the northern foothills of the Rockies and, perhaps finally, the Peace River district.

And agriculture will by no means claim all of these. The Peace River district alone seems to be self-contained, with its vast stores of precious minerals, petroleum and coal. Its long days and comparatively mild temperature are well known in the prairie land. A man from four hundred miles north of Edmonton was talking in Winnipeg the other day. "I would not live in Manitoba," said he. "The winters are too cold. If you want a decent winter climate, come to Northern Alberta. The meteorological reports will bear me out."

And, when those reports were consulted, they did bear him out. Even in the Old West, the Last West is not nearly as well known as is Ontario or Quebec.—Canadian Courier.

FURTHER AID TO TEACHERS.

Superintendent of Education Foreshadows Important Changes.

In an address to the public school teachers of North York, delivered in the theatre of the Normal School, Toronto, recently, Dr. Seath, Superintendent of Education, gave intimation of some contemplated important measures affecting teachers. The compulsory portions of the minimum salary clauses, he said, had, as they knew, been abandoned, though the principle had been retained, and inducement had been substituted. Further changes were now under consideration, under which there would be still more inducement to the schools complying with the salary clauses of last year's act. He urged upon the teachers the necessity of improving their qualifications, as this was an aid in the securing of increased salaries. In this connection, he gave it as his opinion that the third-class teachers' certificates would gradually disappear. The teachers would have an opportunity of taking higher grade certificates by a division of the necessary work over several periods, instead of being crowded into a stated time, as now. The idea was to make the attaining of higher standing comparatively easier for the teacher.

Dr. Seath further stated that when the new normal schools were opened it was proposed to inaugurate a series of teachers' institutes, to be held in every county for two or three days in September of every year. These would be in addition to the usual summer school, would be under the guidance of members of the normal school staffs, and it was hoped that their work would be beneficial.

A Curious Toast.

"And now," said the clergyman, holding his glass of water high in air with a bacchanalian gesture, "and now I will propose a splendid toast."

He paused. Then he said earnestly:

"Rusty swords and dirty Bibles!"

The guests looked at one another. Was the toast not irreverent? Perceiving finally, however, that it was a toast to peace and godliness, they clinked their glasses merrily together.

Possibly.

"I see the flies are coming back. I wonder where they go to in the winter time."

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THINGS THEATRICAL

NOTES ON PLAYS, PLAYERS AND PLAY HOUSES

Open Air Theatre in Forest—Olga Nethersole to Play "The Awakening" Next January.

Seymour Hicks has denied the truth of a printed report that he and his wife, Elaline Terriss, were about to appear in "The Little Minister."

Mr. Sothern and Miss Marlowe are playing to capacity business in Shakespearian repertoire at the Academy of Music, New York. The warm weather is having no effect on the attendance.

Laurence Irving has undertaken the responsibilities of management by producing at the Coronet Theatre, in London, on the evening of Monday, June 24th, an English version of M. Brieux's "Les Hannetons."

Olga Nethersole is to produce an English version of Paul Hervieu's play "The Awakening," in the Astor Theatre next January. Later on she is to appear in the original piece, with a French cast at the Theatre Bernhardt in Paris.

Mrs. Langtry, having heard that David Belasco will not be able to stage her new American play in New York until Christmas, has decided to undertake a short season in London, beginning in September. A report of her approaching retirement from the stage is denied.

Sir Charles Wyndham, Mrs. Patrick Campbell, John Hare, Charles Groves, Lewis Waller, Miss Winifred Emery, and H. V. Esmond were among the volunteers who took part in the testimonial performance in honor of Miss Fanny Coleman, the veteran English actress, in London.

John Drew has just closed the greatest season of his great career. Pinero's play "His House in Order," proved a wonderful vehicle for the actor, and gave him an ideal part. Mr. Frohman has announced a new comedy for Mr. Drew next season, and which, as usual, will inaugurate the season at Mr. Frohman's Empire Theatre, New York. Mr. Drew will spend part of the summer in Europe.

M. Catulle Mendes has been talking about his project for the establishment of an open-air theatre in the forest of Saint-Germain, where he has a country seat. He has had the scheme in his mind for a long time, but took no active steps toward its realization, fearing opposition from the municipality. Discovering, however, that the forest belonged not to the municipality but to the state, he sought and obtained the requisite permission. The model which he proposes to imitate is an open-air theatre, in which Goethe produced some of his plays at Weimar. It is to seat 2,700 spectators, and to be covered over in wet weather. The first production will probably be Musset's "La Coupe et les Levres" and after that some of the younger dramatists with whose work M. Catulle Mendes sympathizes will have their chance.

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Miss Ellen F. Palmer, of Somerville, Mass., who during the thirty-three years' service as ticket and register clerk at the Bunker Hill monument, Boston, has rehearsed the story of the famous battle, pointed out the tablet that marks the spot where General Warren fell and explained the history and dimensions of the historic shaft to half a million people, representing every nation of the world, has resigned the position on account of declining health.

A REAL COUNTRY.

San Marino, the Smallest Country on Earth.

The littliest real country in the world and, perhaps, the most interesting and instructive in Europe, from a historical standpoint, is the tiny republic of San Marino. San Marino has a domain of fourteen square miles, has about 11,000 inhabitants, and has been an independent state for sixteen centuries, or longer than any of the present countries in Europe. It is, in fact, historically a survival, and the only survival, of the great Roman republic. It consists of the territory included in Monte Titano, which rises up in solitary grandeur from the Italian plains.

It is no sanctuary for brigands, nor is it kept independent like Monte Carlo for the sake of carrying on gambling. The citizens are all equal before the law and so law-abiding that its jail, which used to be the one fortress of the nation—the Rocca Fortress—is more often empty than occupied. It is perched on a superb cliff near the top of the republic, for being a single mountain this curious state runs up and down instead of across the earth. From the top of the Rocca Fortress can be seen the blue waters of the Adriatic Sea, and on the soil of San Marino you at once drift back through the centuries and seem to be transported into the middle ages, about the time when good Queen Elizabeth ruled over Merrie England and the United States was an event still in the womb of history.

Until the past year the land was ruled by a council of sixty, which was elected for life, just like the ancient Roman senate in the time of Julius Caesar. There were two consuls or captains-regent, who were elected for six months' service, one of whom must be a peasant and the other a nobleman. The Arengo was the ancient general assembly at which the heads of all the families in this tiny state were gathered and selected the council of sixty. Within the past year it has been arranged by the Arengo, which then met for the first time in 300 years, that twenty members of the council of sixty should retire from office every three years in place of holding this post for life. It all reads like the way the doges ruled Venice when that city was queen of the Adriatic and disputed the power of the ocean with Spain and Turkey before even England amounted to much as a sea power.

All the police are foreigners and not subjects of the little state. Each of the captain generals wears a long, black robe and a velvet cape which is lined with blue silk and tied up with gold cords having heavy gold tassels attached. These robes are hundreds of years old, and are the property of the ancient and peculiar republic of San Marino.

This tiny bit of state surrounded by Italian tereitory, and which has been fonged for by Austria, Italy and France, escaped from the terrible scourge of the sword of Napoleon, who spared it and its ancient independence. It has a position on land which closely resembles that of the great fortress of Gibraltar on the high seas. Its single mountain is extremely difficult for soldiers to attack, and the single town of San Marino is situated almost on the very top of its mountain of Monte Titano. It has but one gate, the Porta San Francisco, which is so narrow that no carriage could be driven through it.

The employees of this stable, if tiny, government do not receive very magnificent salaries. The secretary of the interior gets $400 a year salary, and the secretary of state, who handles the republic's affairs with foreign governments, also gets $400 per annum as his emolument. The state treasurer gets $300 a year. One curious official is a state doctor, who must attend to any citizen of the little republic, and gets $300 a year as his reward. If he refuses to attend any sick citizen at any time of the day or night when he has been called on he is liable to a heavy fine. The head educator and superintendent of education gets $90 a year, and a weather-beaten castle to live in. Yet everybody seems contented and happy, and there is almost no crime and practically no sucthing as a beggar or a pauper in the entire domains of this ancient and most curious relic of the mighty republic of Rome.

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