

MERRY OLD ENGLAND.

Record of Occurrences Among John Bull and His People.

Lord Cadogan recently presented the municipality of Chelsea with a chain of office to be worn by the mayor.

The banking power of the United Kingdom has increased from 132 millions in 1840 to over 1,000 millions at present.

The smallest objects that the most powerful instruments can reveal on the moon must be as large as St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Duchess of Buccleuch, who is now Mistress of the Robes for the fourth time, was the close personal friend of Queen Victoria.

Charles Noble, cashier to a London firm of solicitors for thirty years, has been sentenced to five years' penal servitude for embezzling £10,553.

A statue of Lord Salisbury as a Christian warrior appears in one of the niches of the interesting and beautiful reredos in the chapel of All Souls' College, Oxford.

The chapel in West street, Seven Dials, London, whose pulpit was filled by John Wesley on the commencement of his ministry there in 1743, is on the eve of demolition.

Some of the great main roads out of London are famous for their beauty, and are lined with some of the most charming villas and country mansions in England or the world.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of England at Birkenhead has decided to present a call to Rev. James Cameron, probationer, Govan, Glasgow.

The tramways, omnibuses and underground railways in and around London, within a radius of five miles, carry each year, it is calculated, about 453 millions of passengers.

The New Zealand Government are urging upon Mr. Chamberlain the establishment of a National Technical University for London, as a memorial to the late Queen Victoria.

Mr. Robert Buchanan's literary remains include several complete plays which are probably superior to his earlier dramatic efforts. Mr. Buchanan has left a vast mass of written material.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson on September 4th celebrated his birthday. He is 72 years of age. Peculiarly enough, the birthday fell at the beginning of the month that the first total abstinence pledge was taken in England.

Gipsies in England are, it is stated, desirous of special representation at the coronation. They claim that the modern van-dweller, by good behaviour and honesty, has lived down the evil reputation of former days.

Besides Kirkstall Abbey and Roundhay, Leeds has a park of recreation attached to practically every township in the city. There are a score of such places altogether, ranging from ten to seventy-eight acres in extent.

King Edward is a bibliophile in the true sense of being a lover of books, and His Majesty is devoting attention to the royal libraries. The library at Windsor was begun by Henry VIII., and now contains about 100,000 volumes.

The late Lord Morris, in defining to a jury the meaning of "prima facie evidence," said: "If you saw a man coming out of a public house wiping his mouth, that would be prima facie evidence that he had been having a drink."

The terms "dowager" and "chaperon" seem likely in the near future to fall into desuetude. Nowadays women not only refuse to grow old, but they dislike titles which seem significant of a too mature acquaintance with Anno Domini.

By comparing the statistics of England and Scotch universities in a given year, it was found that Scotland, with a population of 3,725,000, had 6,500 university students, while England had only 6,000 students out of a population about six times as great.

Commissioner Kerr, the head of the City of London Court, who is retiring after a long and honorable career, is a native of Glasgow. He would have left the bench some years ago but for the dispute about his pension, which will now be £3,000 a year. Mr. Kerr is about 80 years of age.

The locomotive builders in Great Britain are at present experiencing a decided increase in trade. In addition to the large numbers of locomotives that are under construction for the home railways, Natal has just entered into contracts with the leading firms for the supply of 75 locomotives, 600 freight and 54 passenger cars.

The new proprietor of Battle Abbey, where the late Duchess of Cleveland resided, has decided to sell the property, and it will be put into the market shortly. The ruins of the abbey, which was erected in celebration of the Norman victory, are yearly visited by thousands of persons, and it is a question, at least, whether this portion of the castle ought not to be purchased for the nation.—Birmingham Gazette.

In the near future a number of dentists will be included in the establishment of the Royal Army Medical Corps. Recently some temporary appointments without military rank were made for London and Aldershot, in order that the teeth of returned wounded might be looked after by experts. It has been decided to increase the number of dentists in the Cape hospitals, and four of them will be given the rank of captain, with pay at the rate of a pound per day, with servant and field allowance.

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Postal Card Sent to John Bunyan.

A postal curiosity of an unusual character has recently reached the Religious Tract Society in London. It is a fairly well written envelope from the African Gold Coast addressed to "John Bunyan, the Religious Tract Society."

The writer was apparently under the impression that Bunyan is in the service of the society, a view induced perhaps by the fact that the society is proud of the number of languages in which it has circulated the "Pilgrim's Progress."

But all this is not quite as bad a mistake as that of the Turkish authorities, who only a few years ago refused to admit some copies of certain epistles of St. Paul in the Turkish language until they had received assurances that St. Paul was dead.

Zinc in New South Wales.

Zinc ores are distributed widely over New South Wales. There have been received at the Department of Mines in Sydney specimens of ore from ninety-six different localities. There are several combinations of this ore among these specimens. Red oxide of zinc contains 80.3 per cent. of zinc. The carbonate of zinc contains 52 per cent. of zinc in combination with silver and zinc blende. Sulphide of zinc, containing 67 per cent. of zinc when pure, also often contains iron and sometimes cadmium.

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