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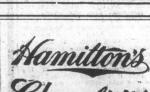
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British Commons Dates Back to Rt. Hon. Edward Ellice of Mont-J. BELL & CO., 1863 John A. Roebuck Was Next and There Have Been Several Since Plate Glass and Dr. Henry J. Morgan, the well-General Insurance, known biographer, read a more than usually interesting paper on "Our 05 HOLLIS ST. First Representatives at Westmin-ster," before the English literary sec-HATIFAX N. S.

A "LAKE OF LIFE"

This country's earliest representa-tive in the British House of Commons English Explorer Finds a Strange Ellice, a banker and fur trader, born Body of Water In Nigeria. P. Amaury Talbot, a district commissioner in southern Nigeria, has made another remarkable discovery. Some months ago, when he returned to England on a visit, he told how he found the Lake of the Desd in the Oban country. He now tells how he and his wife explored the Sacred Lake of Life.

When Mr. Talbot returned to Nigeria he found that the news of the discovery of the Lake of the Dead had brought to light the fact that another sheet of water be which mystrious powers were ascribed existed in the neighborhood of Life-Obo, the chief town of the Ibibios, and one afternoon Mr. Talbot and Mr. Eakin, accompanied by Mrs. Talbot and hersister, set out to locate it.

Hitherto the knowledge of the had been kept a fealously guarded secret from, all Europeans, and not even the natives, with the acception of the high priests, had been allowed to approach the sacred water, the dwelling place of the guardest deity of the race. P. Amaury Talbot, a district com-nissioner in southern Nigeria, has lade another remarkable discovery. in Montreal in 1781, and educated at Aberdeen. He was first returned to of the Privy Council in 1833, being the first native of Canada to be elevated to that exaited position. Afterwards he declined a seet in the Melbourne Cabinet. Mr. Elines was given the freedom of the city of Aberdeen in 1833, and was later made a Deputy Lieutenant of Inverness-shire, and an L.L.D. of the ancient University of St. Andrews. He married first the sister of Earl Grey, and after her death the dowager Countess of Leicester. A truly remarkable man in every way, and of the widest and most varied experience, his death called forth wellfounded and sincere regret.

Our second representative, the Rt. Hon. John Arthur Roebuck, was not a native Canadian, having been born in India. But he as brought to this country in childhood, and was reared on a farm in the country of Grenville, and it was there that he acquired the main portion of his education and contracted those habits and tastes the effect of which, as he acknowledged, gave him whatever of mental power he possessed. Moreover, it was while plowing in the fields of Augusta or canoeing or skating on the beautiful St. Lawrence that he practiced public speaking and resolved to enter public life. Accordingly he hied away to London, where he was called to and became, ultimately, one of the leaders of the Bar. He was also given a seat in the House of Commons, which he held practically for a life-time. His constituents were so well pleased with his course there that they upon two occasions presented him with a heavy purse of money.

Access to the lake was through a sacred grove so, cumingly contrived that a stranger might pase within a few yards of yet never find the holy pool. Mr. Talbot and his party, guided to the spot, found that the water was full of great fish, on the welfare of which depended the life of the libito race. welfare of which depended the life of the Ibibio race.

The fish were so tame that they ted from the hand of the reigning high priest, the only native human being allowed to look on the water. Form-erly many victims were annually sacrificed here, though at the present day human life is not permitted to be taken.

Countless legends had grown up round the spot. It was said to have been placed by its first guardian, the thunder god, under the care of a py-

hunder god, under the care of a py them and a leopard, which ceaselessly keep watch as ward and destroy any one rash enough to seek to penetrate its mysteries. It is especially sacred as the dwelling place of the most powerful deity—the Great Mother Isuma (the Face of Love)—whose symbol is a holy rock facing the entrance. Near by the travelers found a second pool, ancillary to the lake itself. In the centre of this is a pelm tree, near which, in the water, are stationated a man, a girl and a boy who bear the name of the goddess, as they were granted to the parents in direct answer to prayer. Mr. Talbot will send home a complete account of the discovery at an early date.

The contents in very microscopic handwriting of a tiny book described in the catalogue of the Bodelan library as "the smallest manuscript in the library," have at last been described.

the library," have at last been deciphered.

The book has been in the library for more than two centuries and a half; its pages measure three-quarters of an inch in length and three-quarters of an inch in breadth; if is bound in black leather with silver corners and it is attached to a chain and kept in a red leather box. The pages are covered with a very minute shorthand. An enthusiastic stemographic expert has identified it as a sermon transcribed by a famous seventeenth century practitioner of the art, Jeremiah Rich, who boasted that he "could write so small that his pen could scarcely be seen to move."

These facts were more common in those days than in our own. It ap-Jeremy Bentham, Joseph Hume, John Stuart Mill, Lord Grey, Lord John Russell, Lord Melbourne, Lord Brougham and the great Daniel O'Connell, and an able, brave, fearless and independent champion on the side of the people. He drove Lord Aberdeen's Government from power, and we made Chairman of the Schoe. the side of the people. He drove Lord Aberdeen's Government from power, and was made Chairman of the Sebastopol Committee of Inquiry by Lord Palmerston. Called, like Ellice, to the Privy Council, he in his latter days earned the encomiums of both Mr. Gladstone and Lord Beaconsfield, and died universally regretted. While he was still a member of the Commons he became the colleague of John MacGregor, a native of Stornoway, in Scotland, but who had been brought to Prince Edward Island when five years of age. Here Mr. MacGregor had become sheriff of the island and subsequently member of the Assembly

those days than in our own. It appears that the same penman presented Charles II. with another specimen of his skill, a copy of the same sermon, written on fine paper, bound in crimwritten on fine paper, bound in crimson, "with silver clasps and corners," the book and its covers being "less than the nail of his little finger." The whereabouts of this curosity are unknown. It is one of those books that are not intended to be read, but it may have been preserved.

Except—
From time immemorial there had been a law in Applegate, County Warwick, England, to the effect that the mayor had the best of everything in town, and, for instance, should one say he had the best coat in the place he must add, "except the mayor."
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landlord, "I've had the best dinner in the country."

The Landlord—Except the mayor. The Stranger—Except nothing!
As a result the tourist was called before the magistrate and fined \$50 for his breaking of the laws of the place, when the man had paid his fine he bowed to the judge and said, "I'm the biggest fool in town, except the mayor."

Doomed Old City House.

Anothes quaint old London city house is disappearing. It is No. 18 Salisbury square, and evidently was built over 300 years ago, when it would be regarded as a West-end mansion. An unmistakable old world air lingers about the rooms with its uneven floors, deep window sills, watns-cotted walls, fireplace hobe and corner cupboards. upboards.

A visit to the basement of this house

A visit to the basement of this house is interesting to a lover of antiquities, by reason of its arched vaults, its diminutive windows and capacious fireplaces, and the huge beams supporting each low-pitched kitchen ceiling. The cellar doors have solid iron holdfasts, and an iron cistern still in use bears an embossed date—1780. Taking a Pieblachta.

The Vicar of St. Andrew's, West Kensington, England, (Bev. C. Douglas Castledon), is taking the views of his congregation on the subject of the services held on Sunday mornings, it having been stated that they are too long and fatiguing. Referendum pepers have been issued to the communicants and members of the congregation.

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THE POET LAUREATE. Origin of the Post Is Buried In

Oblivion. The origin of the post of Poet Lau-The origin of the post of Poet Lau-reate, which was conferred the other day upon Dr. Robert Bridges, in suc-cession to the late Alfred Austin, is buried in oblivion, but there is no doubt that it existed in England in early Plantagenet times. The King in those days had his verse-maker in the same way as he had his jester, or seme way as he had his jester, or paid humorist, a Poet Laureate being hired to write posms to order in praise of his royal master.

Part of the emolument of a Poet Laureate in former times consisted of a free grain of a Butt of canary or sack from the royal cellar. This grant was highly apprediated by the royal verse-makers.

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The payment of the early Poets Laureste was spi to he a very irregular business. Farring in regard to quantity and kind. Some were granted pensions, others had to be content with glory as their need.

The first salaried Poet Laureste was Ben Jonsen, who was appointed by letters potent on Feb. 2, 1616. After this the lauresteship became a recognized institution of court life, the Laureste being expected to wear a court uniform and write odes not only to the King, but upon all occasions of great national rejecting or sorrow.

During the life-time of Jonson the royal but of sack found its way regularly to the post's cellar. Davenant, and then Dryden, succeeded to the bays; but Dryden seems to have been born under an unlocky stay, for during the Lauresteship James II. abolished the grant of a butt of sack, and so the poet had perforce to do without. William III, revived the grant of whe, but our of the Laurestes, Henry James Pye, who evidently had a sound business instinct, elected to accept a pearly sum of \$135 in place of the wine, and this smount is now paid to the Poet Laureste's fee amounted in recent times to more than \$360 a year.

Though the first Laurestes were only humble verse-makers, many famous names are on the roll of the Laureste. and year of the Laureste sor, Tennyeon. Lord Tennyson may be said to have been a born Poet Laureste, or, Tennyeon. Lord Tennyson may be said to have been a born Poet Laureste, or, Tennyeon to Lord Tennyson may be said to have been a born Poet Laureste, or, Tennyeon. Lord Tennyson may be said to have been a born Poet Laureste, pour poets.

Wrong Envelopes. The Hon. Lionel Tollemache tells an amusing story in his book "Nuts and Chestruits." & missionary, whom it will be wise to call Mr. M., was about to leave England when he received two letters, one from Archbishop Tails requesting him to dine, and the other from a very old friend, the secretary of a religious society, eaking him to preach. He accepted the archbishop's invitation, and at the same time wrote to the secretary, but placed the letters in the wrong envelopes.

After the dinner at Lambeth the archbishop said: "Mr. M., do you always answer your dinner invitations in the same way?"

Mr. M., somewhat disconcerted, replied: "I do not understand your grace."

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The letter, which was then shown to him, read as follows: "You old rascal! Why did you not ask me before? You know perfectly well that I shall be on the high seas on the date you name."

A Bashful Peer.

Lord Ashton shuns publicity, and it is very rarely one comes across a photograph of him. Moreover, despite his many benefactions to Lancaster, including a town hall costing \$600,000, he has consistently refused honors which his town's folk desired to confer on him in return. He has refused the mayoralty of the town, the honorary freedom of the borough, and the corporation's offer to erect a statue of him in the town hall, being quite content with a simple expression of thanks.

As head of a carpet and lineleum works established by his father at Lancaster, Lord Ashton is one of the wealthiest men in the British peerage. He is very generous in his benefactions, and the town of Lancaster is indebted to him it diverse ways.

Beautiful Furniture. Beautiful Furniture.

At the sais of Sir William Base's furniture at Spridey Lodge, Purton. Eng., the chief, interest centered in a magnificent, billiard table which Sir William's father purchased for a thousand guineas at the Royal Jubilee Exhibition at Manchester. Beautifully carreed, it shows in historical procession round the table the principal links connecting Queen Victoria with William the Conqueror. The carving also illustrates the diversity and breadth of the British Empire. Mr. John Baunfield, of Oldfield Hall, Utoxater, bought the table for 233 guineas.

The "Adelle Blizzard." A wireless message has been received from Dr. Mawson's base in the Antarctic, stating that the first number of the "Adelie Blizzard," which is to be a monthly publication, has been produced. The paper consists of twenty-six pages, and its first issue had a circulation of seven copies, "the whole population of the Antarctic continent subscribing." Mis Ront

Putilling the only condition of the tenure of the estate of Strathfieldsaye, Hampshire, Eng., the Duke of Wellington, grandson of the first duke, handed the King a small French flag at Windsor Castle on the recent anniversary of Waterloo.

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REVISING PRAYER BOOK. Changes Necessary.

Considerable comment has been stir ed up in Anglican circles the world English bishop for a drastic revision of the Prayer Book, some parts of which he declares approach "danger-ously near the nonsense." Canadian members of the Church of England have also voiced their sentiments very vigorously — mostly in favor of a change—and, indeed, such a work is at

change—and, indeed, such a work is at present in progress.

"Unless the Prayer Book Revision Committee of the Church of England in Canada decide upon more drastic revision than the mere alteration of words and phrases, another revision will be necessary in ten years time."

This was the opinion expressed by an Ontario Anglican dergyman in a recent interview. in referring to the

This was the opinion expressed by an Ontario Anglican dergyman in a recent interview, in referring to the suggestion that the object of the committee's labors was to correct certain out-of-date language, and to make verbal changes in isolated expressions, and that their work was largely a matter of translation.

"Teke, for instance, the Psalms," said he. "The present arrangement of getting through them once a month, irrespective of length or suttability, is very unsatisfactory. The use of what are known as the cursing Psalms by a Christian congregation cannot reasonably be defended. Morning and Evering Prayer also needs some rearrangement, so as to do away with useless repetition, such as the use of the Lord's Prayer twice or thrice in one service.

"It is also high time that the Athanasian Creed was made optional, if not placed at the end of the Prayer Book, with no rubric whatever concerning it. Some alterations are also needed in the Baptismal service. Many phrases in the prayers are scancely suitable for the occasion. Besides being generally archaic, some parts of the acrivice savor of the harsh aprirt of the Middle 'Ages.

"No doubt the present Revision Committee will deal with the marriage service. The exhortation should be entirely rewritten, new prayers introduced, and some of those now in use omitted.

"The Burial Service needs drastic.

omitted.
"The Burial Service needs drastic alteration. The lesson is much too alteration. The lesson is much too long, and in parts unsuitable, while the spirit of some of the prayers is out of keeping with modern thought. The Lectionerry, of course, needs drastic revision, as may of the lessons that are now read are quite unintelligible as well as unsuitable for public reading. "But with all such changes the greatest need of the day is elasticity in the services, so that our ordinances may be the more readily adapted to meet the peculiar needs and varying conditions of the people. Room should be made for extemporary prayer, and the whole Prayer Book arranged so as to attract rather than

should be made for extemporary prayer, and the whole Prayer Book arranged so as to attract rather than repel the outsider."

Bev. Prof. W. T. Hailam stated that the Canadian committees which were working on the revision of the Book of Common Prayer were working with a view to providing additional services for missions and unorganized districts, to remove all obsolete and obscure expressions, and were governed by an understanding that nothing doctrinal should be touched.

The removal of the obsolete and obscure expressions, he pointed out, was in line with the suggestion at Canterbury. Some of the expressions complained of were not only archaio, but were, the result of inaccurate translations. Opinion in the Canadian General Synod had, he remarked, been varied, some being of the opinion that only obsolete expressions should be changed, while other believed that there should be a thorough house cleaning. Though some had opposed revision the general feeling, he thought was in favor of such a course.

Chaffing Packer.

Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., was delightfully chaffed by Punch in a recent issue. The vacant throne of Albania is the subject, and after reviewing the qualifications of several public men. Punch comes to Sir Gilbert and says:

"Another formidable candidate, indeed in some ways the most formidable, of all, is Sir Gilbert Parker. Interviewed last Saturday by a representative of The Prinzend Gazette, Sir Gilbert is reported to have said that he would cheerfully accept the responsibilities of founding a Gilbertian dynasty provided he could count on the loyal co-operation of his varied subjects. He pointed cut as a curious presentiment of the position he was destined to fill that he wrote. The Seate of the Mighty no fewer than fifteen years ago. As for his other qualifications, he laid stress on his early travels in the South Sea Islands, and his addiction to golf, a game simirably suited to the climate and configuration of Albania. A photograph of Sir Gilbert Parker. In the nestional costume, carrying a two-handed battle-axe in his teeth, is being extensively circulated in the Blue Albanian Highlands."

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> Two years subsequent thereto the Hon. Thomas Chandler Haliburton, known in the annals of literature as the author of "Sam Slick, the Clock Maker," and other humorous works, and who was pronounced by Artemus Ward to be the founder of the American school of humor, was, at the instance of his friend, the Duke of Northumberland, returned to the Commons for the borough of Launces. ton. Unawars of the presence there of either Ellice or Roebuck, he thanked the electors for the honor "not merely in his own name but on behalf of four million British subjects on the other side of the water who, up to that time, had not had one individual in the House of Commons through whom they might be heard." He sat only during one Parliament, during which he does not seem to have taken a very active part in the discussions in the chamber. He was born as Windsor, N.S., on Dec. 17, 1796, and closed his career in England on Aug. 27, 1886. He was a D.C.L. of Oxford, and subsequent to his death her late Majesty Queen Victoria raised his youngest son, who was a well-equipped administrator in her service, to the peerage, as Baron Haliburton.
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