

reasonably tyme a [to] come togedir to her [their] counsell of the whiche charges, manors and semble as is write and taught in the boke of our charges wherfor I leve hit at this time."

Thus much is contained in the MS. from line 611 to 642. Subsequently, in lines 688-719, which appear to have been taken from what is above called the "boke of charges," the legend is repeated in these words:

"In this manner was the forsayde art begunne in the lond of Egypt bi the forsayd maister Englad [Euclid] and so hit went fro londe to londe and fro kyngdome to kyngdome. After that, many yeris, in the tyme of kyng Adheistone wiche was sum tyme kyng of Englonde bi his counsell and other grete lordys of the londe bi comin [common] assent for grete default if fennde [found] among masons thei ordeyned a certayne reule amongys hem, [them,] On [one] tyme of the yere or in iii yere, as nede were to the kyng and gret lordys of the londe and all the comente, [community,] fro provynce to provynce and fro countre to countre congregacions scholde be made by maisters, of all maisters masons and felaus in the forsayd art. And so at such congregacions they that he made maisters schold be examined of the articuls after written and be ransacked [thoroughly examined] whether thei be abull and kunnyng [able and skillful] to the profyete of the lordys hem to serve [to serve them] and to the honour of the forsaid art."

Seventy years later, in 1560, the "Landsdoun MS." was written, and in it we find the legend still further developed, and Prince Edwin for the first time introduced by name. The manuscript reads thus:

"Soone after the Decease of St. Albones, the came Diverse Warrs into England out of Diverse Nations, so that the good rule of Masons was dishired [disturbed] and put downe until the tyme of *King Aditston*, in his tyme there was a worthy King in England, that brought this Land into good rest and he builded many great workes and buildings, therefore he loved well Masons, for he had a sonne called *Edwin*, the which Loved Masons, much more than his Father did, and he was soe practized in Geometry, that he delighted much to come and talke with Masons and to learne of them the Craft, And after, for the love he had to Masons and to the Craft, he was made *Mason* at Windsor, and he gott of the King his Father, a Charter and commission once every yere to have Assembly within the Realme where they would within England and to correct within themselves Faults & Trespases that were done as touching the Craft, and he held them an Assembly and there he made Masons and gave them Charges and taught them the Manners and Comands the same to be kept ever afterwards. And tooke them the Charter and Commission to keep their Assembly and Ordained that it should be renewed from *King* to *King*, and when the Assembly were gathered togeather he made a Cry, that all old Masons or young, that had any Writings or Understanding of the Charges and manners that weere made before their Lands, wheresoever they were made *Masons*, that they should shew them forth, they were found some in French, some in Greek, some in Hebrew, and some in English, and some in other Languages, and when they were read over and seen well the intent of them was understood to be all one, and then he caused a Book to be made thereof how this worthy Craft of *Masonrie* was first founded, and he himself commanded, and also then caused, that it should be read at any tyme when it should happen any Mason or Masons to be made, to give him or them their Charges, and from