

Rector of Flint Parish Church, was "entitled to the honour of having first mooted the desirability of forming a Battalion of Welsh Guards," he having suggested it at a drumhead service on Empire Sunday in May of last year.

It is not surprising to find that, human nature being what it is, this claim of the Established Church could not be allowed to go unchallenged, so we were subsequently informed in a letter to the Press by Mr. E. Tyrrell Green that "the honour of having made the first public and definite effort towards the formation of a regiment of Welsh Guards belongs to Mr. D. E. Davies, of Lampeter," who in a letter to the Press in December, 1910, urged the formation of such a battalion, and approached at the same time several leading Welshmen and the Military Authorities.

With such a number of claimants springing up like the buds on Aaron's rod, it is not surprising to find that the Fourth Estate desires full credit for originality, and the *South Wales Daily News* has entered the lists, and under the heading "Genesis of the Proposal" seeks to finally settle the matter by its declaration that "the suggestion first emanated from our London representative some four or five years ago." What one likes about this statement is its delightful vagueness; but the writer had evidently left out of account the Dramatic Profession, which felt that by this time that it, too, had some title to be heard.

"Some seven or eight years ago," writes another correspondent to the Press, "I saw the production of Miss Cicely Hamilton's Comedy, 'Diana of Dobson's,' and I remember that among the characters was an Officer and a Private of the Welsh Guards. Miss Hamilton no doubt . . . intended her characters to be prophetic, as indeed they now prove to have been."

It now remains for someone to appear with a claim to have inspired Miss Cicely Hamilton, and we may later be able to trace the evolution of the idea from the actual date of its inception to that particular day in February, 1915, when Mr. J. Aubrey Rees, grasping the psychological moment, wrote his letter to *The Times* which led to official sanction being given to the proposal so shortly afterwards.