

have none of it, "I can show," said he, "by this genealogy in my hand that I am a son of Mesheck, that was the son of Naboth, that was the son of Shalem, that was the son of——" The Welshman here interrupted and told him that he could produce "shennalogy" as well as himself, for that he was "John ap Rice, ap Shenkin ap Shones." He then turned himself to the Censor and told him, in the same broken accent with much warmth, that the Jew must needs uphold that King Cadwallader was younger than Issachar. Mr. Bickerstaff, we are told, was very much inclined to give sentence against Dathan as being a Jew, but finding reasons, by some expressions which the Welshman let fall in asserting the antiquity of his family, to suspect that the said Welshman was a pre-Adamite, he allowed the Jury to consider their decision without any previous guidance from the Bench. It is almost unnecessary to add that, unfortunately for posterity, the Jury failed to settle the knotty point referred to them, but ordered both delinquents to be tossed in the same blanket and there adjust the superiority as they could agree on between themselves.

In the present instance one almost wishes that some twentieth-century Bickerstaff would re-construct a Court of Honour in order that the merits of the respective claimants from the Church, the Army, the Stage and, last, but not least, Journalism, may be considered and justice awarded to the satisfaction of the persons concerned and the domestic peace of the Welsh people themselves.

Taking the case of the Military first, we find that claims have been put forward on behalf of three officers of the Army, namely, Captain Charles Slack, who wrote to the *Standard* in July, 1911, advocating the formation of such a battalion; Sir Arthur Pendarvis Vivian, K.C.B., who publicly suggested a brigade of Welsh Guards at the opening of the Swansea Drill Hall in July, 1912; and Captain H. E. E. Phillips, who wrote to the Press and to the Military Authorities on the subject in September, 1914.

Apparently these suggestions were not very widely circulated, since the *Liverpool Daily Post* recently informed its readers that the Rev. Ll. Nicholas, the