

The Coronation Chair.

You are all, no doubt, familiar with historical accounts of the coronation of kings and queens. The placing of a crown or garland upon the head is a custom of great antiquity, and was used by both Greeks and Romans on solemn or joyous occasions to show especial honor to some favored man.

It was probably an adaptation of this general custom to an especial use that the practice of placing a crown on the head of a monarch at the commencement of his reign was instituted. The practice certainly is very ancient, for the Bible tells us that Solomon and Ahasiah were crowned. And there is probably scarcely a country in which it has not been followed in one form or another.

Generally coronation has been accompanied by what was regarded as the still more solemn rite of anointing with oil—a ceremony which from the time of the ancient Hebrews to our own has been peculiarly significant of consecration to the service of God. The term employed in the Saxon chronicle we find, is *gohalyod*—hallowed or consecrated. And it would seem that the ceremony was anciently performed at Kingston-on-Thames, or at Winchester was in all essentials the same as that which takes place in Westminster Abbey.

A copy of the Gospels is still in existence among the Cottonian manuscripts in the British Museum which is believed to be the identical copy on which the Saxon kings were sworn.

June 21, 1887, Queen Victoria took her seat once more in the most famous chair which this world holds today—the English "coronation chair."

The coronation chair in which the sovereigns of England have been crowned since Edward I. brought it hither from Scotland, nearly six hundred years ago, stands in the chapel of Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey. The chair is supported on four carved lions, and is constructed of hard and solid wood. The back and sides were formerly painted in various colors and richly gilt. As seen by visitors now it looks rather bare and comfortable, but when used for a coronation it is well cushioned and covered with cloth of gold.

In gazing at this ancient chair it is interesting to think of the contrasted characters and widely-different experiences of its successive occupants. Henry V., victor of Agincourt; the pitiless hunchback, Richard III.; bluff Henry VIII.; the gentle Edward VI.; cruel Mary; strong-minded Elizabeth, the Stuart, gray or gloomy, and monarchs of more modern date, have all come in their turn to the venerable abode to be enshrined upon this ancient stool.

In the lower part of the frame-work of the chair there is enshrined a relic for which such high antiquity is claimed that in comparison with it our Edwards and Henrys and Richards seem but as characters of yesterday. The old legend, which our forefathers appear to have found it easy to accept, declared this stone to be the very one which Jacob used as a pillow on the night of his memorable dream.

Another story tells how the stone was taken by a son of Cecrops, King of Athens, from Egypt to Spain, whence it was carried to Ireland. Irish historians say that this famous stone was brought to the Emerald Isle by a colony of Scythians, and that whenever one of the royal Scythian race sat down upon it to be crowned the stone groaned and spoke in tones of thunder. If the stone did not make this response the candidate was rejected as no true king.

But all these stories, to say the least, are doubtful. It is just possible that the tradition may be founded on the fact which tells how Fergus, the first king of Scotland, brought it over from Ireland, and was crowned upon it 330 B. C. At any rate, it is certain that it was used at Dunstaffnage and Scoone from a very early period in the coronation of the Scottish king. Kenneth II., when he united the Picts and Scots under his sovereignty in the ninth century, brought the "stone of destiny," as it was called, to Scoone, where it remained till Edward I. carried it off to London after his Scottish victories in 1200. Fordun says that the stone then bore an inscription to its effect:

"Except old laws do fall and wizard's wits be blind, The Scots in place must reign where they this stone shall find."

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