

all the sovereigns of England, since the time of Edward I., have sat at coronation. Under it, is the famous stone on which the Scottish kings were crowned. It was brought from Seone by Edward I. in 1296. Legend says "it was the stony pillar on which Jacob slept at Bethel. After being in Egypt it was brought to Spain by Cærops, King of Athens. From Spain it was taken by Simon Brock to Ireland. There, on the sacred hill of Tara, it became *Lia Fáil*, 'The Stone of Destiny.' Fergus, the founder of the Scottish monarchy, took it to Scotland." The second chair was made for the coronation of William and Mary.

P. 36, l. 14. **forfeit**, fine demanded from any one who has sat in the chair.

P. 36, l. 15. **trepanned**. More correct form, *trapanned*, caught in a trap.

P. 36, l. 29. **The evil**, scrofula or "king's evil." The touch of the king was believed to cure persons afflicted with it. The belief dates from the fifth century. Dr. Johnson remembered having been touched, when less than two years old, by Queen Anne. Cp. *Much*, IV. 3, 140-156.

P. 36, l. 36. **Whig**. The Whigs were the active opponents of James II. and really the successors of the old Parliamentary party of the reign of Charles I. See note on l. 25, p. 25.

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P. 37, l. 25. **new tragedy**, *The Distressed Mother*, an adaptation of Racine's *Andromaque*, by Ambrose Philips, one of Addison's friends. The following outline of the plot will explain some of the allusions of this paper: "At the fall of Troy, Andromache, widow of Hector, was given in the distribution of captives to Pyrrhus, King of Epirus, along with her son Astyanax. Falling in love with her, Pyrrhus wished her to become his wife, but she refused. At the same time he was madly loved by Hermione, daughter of Helen and Menelaus, who had been betrothed to Orestes, but promised in marriage by her father to Pyrrhus. An embassy was sent from Greece, under the lead of Orestes, to demand the surrender of Astyanax, in order that he might be put to death, and so prevented from growing to manhood and avenging his father's death. Pyrrhus promised Andromache that he would protect her son against all Greece if she would marry him, and at last she consented, and they were married, Hermione giving way to a passion of jealousy. In the midst of the marriage ceremonies the Greek ambassadors suddenly attacked and slew Pyrrhus, who, however, placed the crown, as he fell, upon Andromache's head. She was now Queen of Epirus, and the ambassadors made a hasty flight back to Greece. Hermione, hearing of the death of Pyrrhus, stabbed herself and died." (Wilcroft)

P. 37, l. 27. **The Committee or Faithful Irishman**. A comedy by Sir R. Howard, the brother-in-law of Dryden. "It was monarchical and anti-puritanic in a high degree."