

stooped and saluted a man loading his team with wood. He was found to be the deacon in the little church in the place, and to the inquiry made, he confessed he feared his wife was not a Christian. Uncle John got permission to call upon her, the deacon the meanwhile continuing his work till it dawned upon him that here was a man more interested in his wife's conversion than he himself. Unhitching his horses, the deacon started for the barn with them, and arrived at the house just in time to hear his wife pray herself into the kingdom. A fire was started on that hearth which spread till forty-two others joined the little church.

Dr. Andrew Bonar, who writes the preface to this record of thirty years of toil, invites us to 'come and see a man in real earnest for souls.' On every page of this 'Life' this fact stands forth. And through it all nothing is more prominent than the spirit of service, for which this anxious world is waiting. We have no right to call ourselves disciples unless we seek for a goodly measure of it.

Royal Laborers.

The crowned heads of Europe and others of royal blood, says the New York 'Journal,' have proved that knowledge of a trade or of professional matters does not disqualify one from being considered in good social standing. It is a fact that almost all the reigning monarchs to-day have either learned by practical experience some trade or calling, or else devoted themselves to some branch of science in which they have become really expert.

Queen Amelia of Portugal is a born milliner. She has a room set apart in the palace where hats and bonnets are continually in process of construction for the queen. In no affair of the kingdom does her highness take more interest than in the work that goes on under the deft hands of the milliner from Paris. Queen Amelia sometimes will devote an entire morning to millinery work, just as if she were an apprentice of the Parisian woman, and she fashions all sorts of remarkable contrivances, and also creates new fashions.

The taste of the queen is excellent, and if anything were to happen to the royal family the queen could go to Paris and be sure of finding remunerative employment in a high-class millinery establishment.

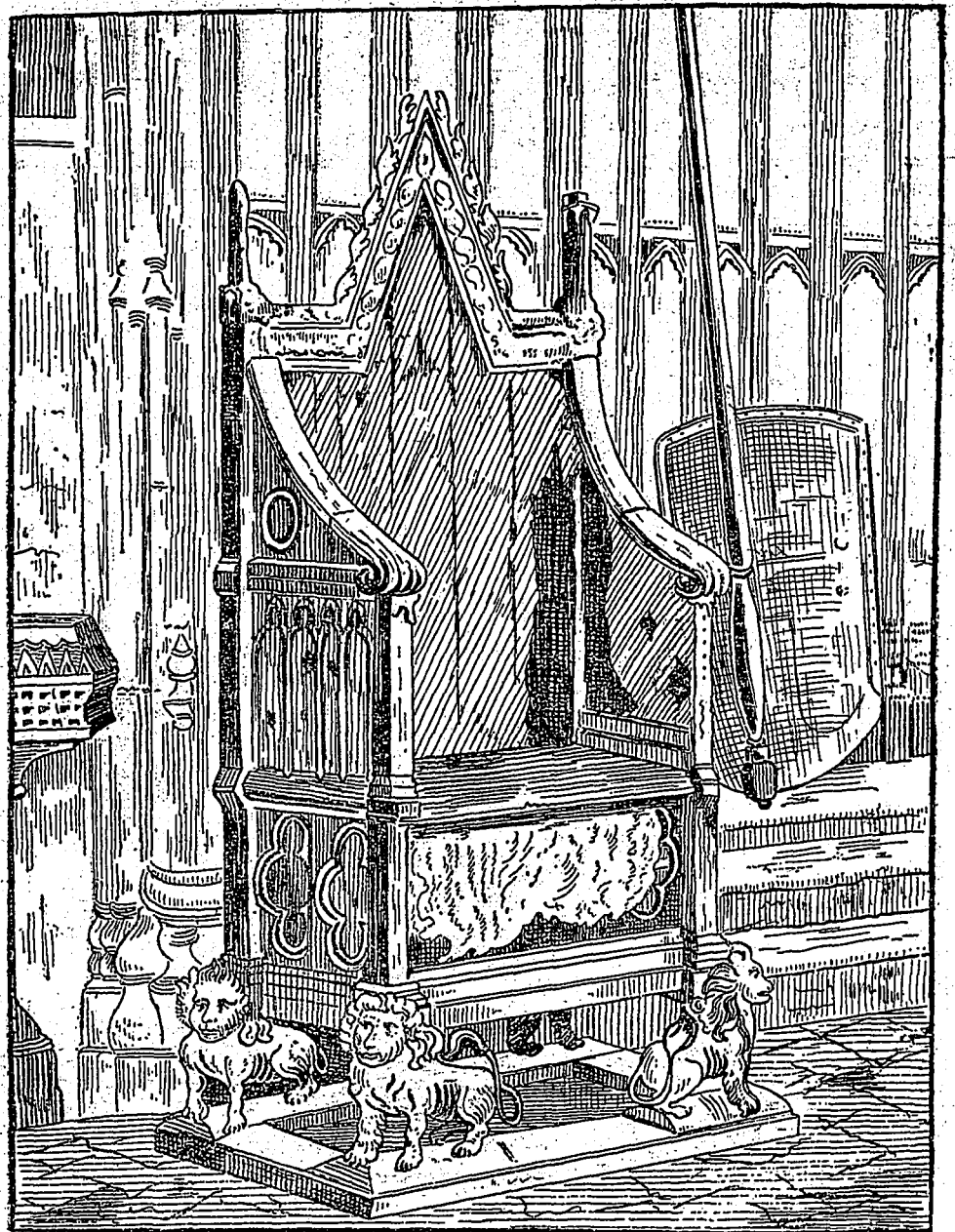
The Czar of Russia believes that to till the soil is the noblest occupation for man. Before he became the Czar he took a practical course in agriculture. He can plough, reap and sow, and he can milk a cow. The care of horses and cattle he understands thoroughly. In fact, there is very little about farm work of which he is ignorant.

The Emperor William is probably the most versatile of all the rulers of Europe. There is nothing that he has turned his hand to that he has not accomplished. His particular fad, so far as trades are concerned, is printing, and it is related of him that not long ago, after he had composed a piece of music, he went into printing office, 'set up' and corrected the music, and made it ready to be printed.

King Humbert of Italy is the only royal cobbler. He is an expert at either making or mending shoes. There are several pairs of very excellent footgear in the royal apartments which testify to his skill in the noble trade sacred to St. Crispin. The king is also an artist and paints with no little skill.

King Oscar of Sweden is an expert woodsman. He can fell a tree with the ease of a veteran woodchopper. He braves the severest weather to secure his favorite exercise.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York is a



THE CORONATION CHAIR AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

An engraving of the chair of St. Edward is of much interest. It was brought, with regalia, from Scotland, by King Edward I., in the year 1279, after he had overcome John Balliol, King of Scots, in several battles, and offered to St. Edward's shrine. The stone under the seat is reported to be Jacob's pillow. In this chair all the reigning sover-

eigns have been crowned since Edward I. The other chair was made for Queen Mary II. At the coronation one or both of them are covered with gold tissue, and placed before the altar, behind which they now stand. The Queen sat in the Chair of St. Edward at the Jubilee service in Westminster Abbey.

ropemaker. He learned to do the trick in his seafaring days. An old sailor taught him. The duke is as good a ropemaker as he is a sailor, and no better seaman walks the decks of Her Majesty's fleet.

The Princess of Wales is an expert dairymaid. She knows all about what to do with the morning and evening milkings. She can discuss cream separators learnedly, and knows how to churn.—'Wellspring.'

Human Responsibility.

Daniel Webster was present one day at a dinner party given at the Astor House by some New York friends, and in order to draw him out, we are told that one of the company put to him the following question:

'Would you please tell us, Mr. Webster, what was the most important thought that ever occupied your mind?'

Mr. Webster merely raised his head, and, passing his hand slowly over his forehead, said, 'Is there any one here who doesn't know me?'

'No, sir!' was the reply; 'we all know you, and are your friends.'

'Then,' said he, looking over the table, 'the most important thought that ever occupied my mind was that of my individual responsibility to God.'—'Forward.'

The 'Messenger' Appreciated.

Elder J. N. Kitchen, of Westzell, Mich., who has introduced a club of 'Northern Messenger' into the Sabbath-school, says that a lonely feeling crept over him when he received a copy of his old Sabbath-school paper, as he had not seen a copy for many years. He considers it as good as ever, if not better.

Entertainment For All.

'In trying to add my tribute of praise for your little paper, the 'Northern Messenger,' I would say that in every issue there is something to entertain and inform those of mature years. There is no household where the children should be without it, as its cheapness brings it within the reach of all.

JAMES JACKSON,
Supt. Sunday-School.

Chesley P.O., Ont.

Mistaken Policy.

I think that many of our Canadian schools make a mistake in sending across the line for Sunday-school papers, when we have such good ones at home. Some of the United States papers are indeed very good and strive to teach patriotism, but it is hardly the patriotism we wish to see instilled into our Canadian young people. I have written you before telling you something of how I esteem the 'Witness' and 'Northern Messenger.'

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