SELECTIONS FROM THE MAIL

THE EARLS OF DENBIGH.

SIR PERCY FEILDING COMPLAINS OF EX-ATTACHE'S GENEALOGY.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: With regard to the article headed "Modern Antiques," which appeared in your issue of December 10, signed "Ex-Attaché," I would caution your readers against that not uncommon error into which he has fallen, viz., that of accepting as Gospel truth anything that appears in print. On the authority of an anonymous writer Ex-Attaché has repeated a great deal that is utterly false. It is therefore not surprising that he has to adopt a prefix which shows that he no longer belongs to a service in which truth and caution are considered to be essentials. Having applied to the author of "The Quarterly Review" article for the authority upon which he had based his statements respecting my family, he has admitted that the sole grounds upon which he based his assertion that the Earls of Denbigh are descended from a certain John Feldinge, and not from the Counts of Hapsburg, is what he calls a "visitation" pedigree of 1619, which he presumes was "entered by the family." That such a thing is quite impossible you will allow when I tell you that the compiler of the pedigree was unable to give the names of either the father or mother of the first Earl of Denbigh, who was then alive and in his prime. For the father is put "quere—William?" and for the mother "Daughter of Arden," Sir Henry Arden being the Earl's brother-in-law. This pedigree contains some ten other mistakes, and it is perhaps needless to say that it is not acknowledged in the College of Arms.

A full history of the Feilding family compiled in 1670 from documents still in existence is published in Nichols's "History of Leicestershire," and the descent from the House of Hapsburg is fully shown. Sir William Dugdale, who was Garter King of Arms about the middle of the seventeenth century, also published some of the documents, and the vouchers which satisfied such an eminent genealogist nearly 250 years ago would doubtless satisfy any one now. The writer of "The Quarterly Review" article might easily have seen them, as the Earl of Denbigh would have granted him ready access to the muniment-room at Newnham (in Warwickshire), which has been the chief seat of the family for 49 years, and where there are ample proofs, not only that the Earl of Denbigh is directly descended from the House of Hapsburg, but that he represents the only branch of this family in the male line now existing. This fact is fully acknowledged in Austria, as I have been myself informed by the Emperor himself. Such of your readers as may wish for fuller information may find it in Nichols's "History of Leicestershire." I will not allude to the mistakes and false statements respecting other families than my own, which have been published in "The Quarterly Review" article, as I fear that I have already trespassed too much on your valuable space.

London, Jan. 12, 1894. P. FEILDING, General.

EX-ATTACHE REPLIES.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: With reference to the letter of General Feilding, to which you have drawn my attention, I beg to state in reply that diligent research reveals no mention in the official roster of German counts of any such titles as those of Rheinfelden, of Hapsburg or of Laufenberg, to which both he and his nephew Lord Denbigh lay claim. Nor is there any official work now in existence in Germany that mentions the English house of Feilding, of which Lord Denbigh is the chief, in connection with the Imperial family of Hapsburg. Were General Feilding's assertion correct that his nephew, the Earl of Denbigh, represents the only branch of the house of Hapsburg in the male line direct now in existence, his place would manifestly be on the throne of Austria instead of on the benches of the British House of Lords, since the old German and present Austrian Constitution provides for the succession of the heirs in the female line only in default of any representatives of the male side of the house.

To use the words of Sir Bernard Burke, "It is almost a cruelty to thus ruthlessly pluck off such a very green leaf" as this unjustified and relatively modern claim of the Feilding family from the ancestral tree of the Earl of Denbigh. As late as in the year 1619 the Feilding family entered at the College of Heralds, in London, a pedigree which traced their origin to a simple Englishman, John Feldinge, and it was considerably later that the Lords of Denbigh put forward their claim to descent from the House of Hapsburg. The first Lord Denbigh was a plain and untitled English country gentleman, William Feilding by name, who had the good luck to marry the sister of the Duke of Buckingham, and thereupon rose with the latter, receiving in turn the titles of Baron and Viscount Feilding and the Earl of Denbigh.

With regard to General Feilding's statement that his claims to cousinship have been admitted by the Emperor of Austria in person, it may possibly interest him to know that there are a large number of Austrian and foreign nobles who can put forth analogous claim of relationship, which are smilingly and good-naturedly tolerated by that most amiable and considerate of all the crowned heads of Europe. Such admissions on the part of the Emperor are notoriously due to courtesy and kindheartedness rather than to genealogical research. They detract nothing from his grandeur, while they flatter the innocent and harmless vanity of his would-be relatives, such as General Feilding, who would doubtlessly better to content himself on his perfectly authentic relationship to the author of the romance of "Tom Jones," described by the great historian Gibbon as "that exquisite picture of human manners which will outlive the palace of the Escurial and the imperial eagle of the House of Austria."

In conclusion, I would state that not only do the German official peerages contain no mention of the Austrian titles of the Feilding family or the slightest reference to their house, but that even the courtly Sir Bernard Burke, who has fathered and repeated so many preposterous legends of titled families in England, merely refers to the alleged ancestry and foreign titles of the Feilding family as "claims," while the article in "The Quarterly Review," which derides these claims, and to which General Feilding takes so much exception, is written by one of the most eminent genealogists in Great Britain, and more than confirmed by that monumental work of "G. E. C.," initials that veil the identity of the greatest living authority of matters appertaining to ancestry and heraldry.

New-York, Feb. 1, 1894. EX-ATTACHE.

A BENEFACTOR TO BE HONORED.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I read with great interest the account of the celebration of the eightieth birthday of the Hon. Henry W. Sage, at Ithaca, and especially the editorial on the same. I commend most cordially the comments of The Tribune, especially so far as relates to the importance of rich men administering their own fortunes. Great and admirable, however, as have been Mr. Sage's benefactions to education, I think The Tribune hardly does full justice to New-York State when it leaves the impression that they are unequalled or even unparalleled. That full justice may be done to the State and a great denomination, I venture to call attention to the munificient gifts of James B. Colgate to Colgate University. These gifts include a new library building, costing over $150,000, a building for the academy which cost about $60,000, a large gift to the endowment fund of the academy, and recently the gift of the Dodge Memorial Fund of $1,000,000, to the endowment of the university as a whole. The total amount of his benefactions will not be less than $1,300,000. Mr. Colgate is still living, has been for many years president of the Board of Trustees, and has taken a very active part always in the management of the university. In a few days he will celebrate his seventy-sixth birthday. His attitude toward education and his relations to it seem to me to parallel very closely the career of Mr. Sage himself. NEW-YORK BAPTIST.

New-York, Feb. 5, 1894.

AN APPEAL FOR THE BURNHAM FARM.

To the Editor of the Tribune.

Sir: The account of the large sums now flowing from private coffers for the relief of the poor moves us to appeal through your columns in the interests of an institution whose work, fully supported, would aid many to self-maintenance and respectability who otherwise must drift into the pauper or criminal class. The Burnham Farm, at Canaan Four Corners, N. Y., receives boys from eight to sixteen years old who have unruly tendencies. The life is that of a farm and cottage home combined, and not that of a reformatory. The results of its seven years' work, even under great disadvantages, have been most satisfactory. We desire to emphasize the fact that this charity not only saves the individual, but prevents his becoming a centre of corruption to the community at large, and therefore commends itself to the heads and hearts of all thoughtful citizens.

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New-York City, Feb. 10, 1894.

WANTS ALL WORKERS TO HAVE A CHANCE.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Your effort for a new Republican party organization in New-York City is very commendable, but why for the city only? There is hardly a Republican town in the State where the party since 1888 has not been in great need of the same.

The old "machine" of the party is about all that has been in sight for many or a number of years, and the portion of the party that has not the taste to work with it has no chance since the victory of 1888 to work as it was willing to work.

There is no doubt that the "machine" party work is absolutely indispensable, but it is a great mistake and will bring defeat to the Republican party when those composing it think and act as though there was no other work to be done to insure success than that they are delegated to do. It is unreasonable to expect that they can do all that is required for a great party with a conscience.

We have men of different talents in the party, thuslasm and earnestness of the party, and add to its present and future strength.

We have a flourish a few weeks before election by the "machine," but what is done through the year? Nothing. And here I would say that Colonel J. S. Clarkson has given the party better advice and let all have a chance. Let the leaders in the new organization properly define the work for the "machine," and make room for those who would work in a way calculated to increase the enthan any party leader, more that would give us success, and if it had been heeded in 1892 would have greatly added to our chances of success. It was very unfortunate for the party that the National League of Republican Clubs in 1892 was put under the control of the National Committee (as it appeared), for it left thousands of workers no place to work in. When the League started it was a natural political home for many that were not of the "machine," and it is a pity that it was invaded and taken possession of by the politicians.

For one, I hope and pray that there will be a new organization of the Republican party at once throughout the State. For one, I want to see the "Grand Old Party" come as near to the true standard of its high calling, in methods and purpose, as possible. O. WITHERELL SHERMAN.

Pearsalls, N. Y., Dec. 26, 1893.

A BENEFACTOR OF THE RACE.

MR. CARNEGIE HAS PROVED HIS UNSELFISH MOTIVES.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: As a pointed and pertinent contribution to the volume of contention over the tariff and protection question we had the pleasure of copying into to-day's "Chronicle" the letter written to you under date of January 3 by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and The Tribune's reply. In that reply, and especially in a briefer editorial in The Tribune a day or so thereafter, you bitterly impugn the motives that actuated Mr. Carnegie (and inferentially his steel company), and you impute to him a chain of scheming designs and desires which involve a degree of moral turpitude that would do credit to a "Bill" Tweed or "Jack the Slasher." You suggest that Mr. Carnegie, and his steel company under the management of Mr. H. C. Frick, conscious of the power of their large capitalization, of their strength to endure the pressure and debilitating results of a "tariff for revenue only," are ready to acquiesce in the adoption by both parties of a destructive low tariff as a permanent compromise of the question because of the certainty that it would involve in irretrievable ruin all their steel-making rivals. The Carnegie Steel Company, thus surviving, would fall heir to a monumental monopoly that would for decades bar all rivalry. Thus, by the strangulation of their fellows, they would live and ultimately prosper. This interpretation of Mr. Carnegie's letter attributes to him and his associates, including Manager Frick, cruel and inhuman motives that are not manifest in the uniform liberality of the steel company toward their fellow-workers in all their industrial establishments. This liberality was conspicuously disclosed in the investigations growing out of the Homestead rebellion a year or so ago, and more recently in the conduct of Mr. Carnegie and the steel company with reference to the suffering unemployed in Pittsburg—a contribution of $5,000 a day, unparalleled in munificence—and in starting up their steel mills, giving employment to tens of thousands of distressed people, though at a daily loss to the company of thousand of dollars.

Do you not think that you have in your editorial strictures referred to—your imputation to Mr. Carnegie of sordid, selfish, unkind motives, of low cunning and hypocrisy—done grievous injustice to this great steel company, headed by Andrew Carnegie and H. C. Frick, men whose careers of energy, crowned with good luck, are bright examples for the encouragement and guidance of American youth? What is there in the careers of these enterprising manufacturers and developers showing them capable of purely sordid and selfish scheming, of despicable acts of hypocrisy, of cruelty and meanness toward their rivals or competitors, of any acts of dishonor? Have not they been liberal and constant employers of industry at generous wages? Has not that contributed unmeasured happiness to their race? Has not that employment, with its high scale of wages for expert work, enabled thousands of employes to acquire independence, homes, and rear families of intelligent citizens?

It is not a sufficient answer to say, "Had they not provided this employment others would have done so." That depends. Others are not now doing so to any alarming extent.

I esteem the men who, by their sagacity, courage, energy and large organizing capacity, establish needed and successful industrial enterprises that create, from bounteous nature in the rough, the forms and substances essential to civilization and progress, which contribute to the aggregate substantial happiness of mankind, as real benefactors of the human race. Conspicuous among these I place Henry C. Frick and Andrew Carnegie.

Washington, Jan. 14, 1894. J. Q. THOMPSON.

FOR A VIADUCT AROUND THE CITY.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The suggestion of "A. H. S." which was published in The Tribune on January 10, that viaducts could be built along the river fronts, reminded me of what seemed to me at the time to be the only decent and feasible plan of rapid transit in the city. I think Alfred Thorpe, the architect, was the designer of the plan, and made drawings which were published in the newspapers at the time. A viaduct around the city could be made to carry freight as well as passengers, and thus do away with much of the wagon traffic. I suppose it is known that much freight is carried by the railroad around Boston. For the purpose of a viaduct the land near the water front would not be so expensive as land in the middle of the city.

New-York, Jan. 30, 1894. MRS. J. D. T.

A PUZZLING QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Prominent persons are meeting to prompt legislation for the support of the unemployed. Among the persons are many clergymen. I noticed that many of the latter were outspoken against the Harrison Administration, but have never publicly offered a word against Cleveland and free trade. If the clergy of New-York are in favor of protection, and are loyal to the people and the Republic, how is it they were hostile to the Harrison, and are non-committal on the debilities of the present Administration? O. H. KIMBALL.

No. 26 Bowery, New-York City, Feb. 10, 1894.

NOTES FROM PRINCETON.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 12 (Special).—At the annual meeting of the freshman class to-day, the following officers were elected: President, P. H. Williams; vice-president, Robert Garrett; secretary, W. A. Reynolds; treasurer, G. O. Forbes; historian, D. Elliott; baseball manager, Harry Mattison.

Professor H. S. S. Smith, of the engineering department of the Scientific School, started this morning with the civil engineering students of the senior class on a three-days trip, to inspect various mills, bridge works, etc., in Eastern Pennsylvania. The party will visit, among other places, the Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley train-sheds, the Baldwin Locomotive Works and the Penroyd Iron Works, in Philadelphia, and the Bethlehem Iron Works.

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REAL ESTATE.

BUSINESS AT THE EXCHANGES.

All the auction sales yesterday were under foreclosure, and prices ruled rather low. At the Trinity Salesroom, Smyth & Ryan offered the northeast corner of One-hundred-and-thirty-first st. and Madison-ave., a five-story brick flat on a full lot. The plaintiff in the proceedings was the buyer for $32,900. William Kennelly offered No. 117 West Sixty-third-st., a four-story brick house on a lot 18.9x100. It was sold to Adler & Herman for $21,000. The same buyers took Nos. 785 and 787 Park-ave., five-story flats on lots each 19x95.11 for $39,200.

D. P. Ingraham & Co. offered under foreclosure a plot with one and two story sheds, lot 25x100, in Eleventh-ave., north of One-hundred-and-twenty-second-st. This property when put up was bid up to $8,500 by C. Ault, one of the defendants, but, he being unable to comply with the terms of the sale, the plot was put up again, and on the resale it was sold to A. M. MacKay for $7,000. Mr. Ault is therefore liable for the difference between the price of the first sale and that of the resale, which is about $1,500. The same auctioneers offered Nos. 437 and 439 West Forty-fourth-st., two five-story brick flats on a plot 40x100. A. R. Thompson, jr., was the buyer for $45,749.

Although the auction market continues dull and lifeless, there are not wanting indications of improvement, especially in private sales. C. W. Luyster has sold to Charles W. Lowree No. 21 West Seventy-sixth-st. a four-story brick and stone building, lot 25x100, for $65,000.

L. J. Adam has sold for Charles Sand to Walden Pell No. 479 Sixth-ave., between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth sts., a three-story brick building, lot 19x60, for about $45,000.

The Mercantile Building Company has sold to Clarence V. Kip a handsome private five-story dwelling, Ninety-third-st. and West End-ave., for about $25,000; also, this same company has sold the adjoining dwelling to a private party for about $24,000; also, No. 572 West End-ave., for about $26,000. The Mercantile Building Company completed the building of eight handsome five-story residences, southwest corner Ninety-third-st. and West End-ave., about sixty days ago, and all are sold except three.

Clarence V. Kip is reported to have sold his home, No. 35 West Ninety-fifth-st., to William J. Merrick; terms private.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Lots 3 and 4, n s Houston-st, map made by T R Ludlow; John H Heller, jr, and another, executors, trustees, to M Well.....	$40,000
Lot 105, map Rose Hill Farm, estate Nicholas Cruger; John Laird to William A Graham.....	20,500
22d-st, s s, 335 ft w of 4th-ave, 30x98.9; Geraldine M Durrie and another to A M Leon and another.....	37,500
22d-st, No 26, ½ part; A M Leon and another, trustees, etc, to G M Durrie and another.....	27,500
32d-st, No 122 East; Julia Hirsh and husband to M A C Levy.....	35,000
28th-st, s s, 125 ft e of Madison-ave, 25x98.9; John M Guiteau to Daniel Harnett.....	25,000
63d-st, n s, 152.1 ft w of 9th-ave, 18.9x125; Martin T McMahon, referee, to Caroline L Macy.....	15,000
72d-st, n s, 225 ft e of West End-ave, 25x102.2; Hugh Lamb and wife to J N Raymond.....	65,000
50th-st, n s, 85 ft e of 5th-ave, 15x50.2½; John Lambert, jr, to Augusta L Lambert.....	1
62d-st, n s, 156.6 ft w of 3d-ave; C Sommers and husband to C M Marjenhoff.....	16,250
Boston-ave, s e s, 80 ft s w of 164th-st, 25x100.5; G Rosenberg and wife to R Breckenridge.....	30,000

RECORDED MORTGAGES.

Abbot, Edward A, and wife to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co, s e corner Prince-st and South 5th-ave, and other property, 3 years.....	$75,000
Forbes, Wm, to J S Todd, n s 131st-st, e of 5th-ave, 1 year, 2 mortgages.....	27,000
Graham, Wm A, to John Laird, n s 23d-st, lot 105, map Rose Hill Farm, 5 years.....	10,000
Gerhardt, John, and wife to Charlotte R Smith, n s 46th-st, w of 2d-ave, 3 years.....	12,500
Herter, Peter, and wife to same and another, executors, etc, Nos 137 and 139 Wooster-st, etc, 1 year, 2 mortgages.....	95,000
Jung, Jacob, and wife to The Guarantee and Trust Co, n s 83d-st, w of Avenue A, 5 years..	18,000
Leon, Alexis M, et al to the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, s s 22d-st, w of 4th-ave, 1 year.	21,000
Lawton, Francis, and wife to N W Brown, s s 37th-st, w of 6th-ave, instalments, 2 mortgages	12,000
Marenhoff, Caroline M, to H Swartz and another, executors, etc, n s 62d-st, w of 3d-ave, 5 years.	10,000
Squier, Theodore A, and wife to Metropolitan Trust Company, New York, trustees, e s West End-ave, s 92d-st, 3 years.....	16,000
Veritzen, Sarah E, and husband to Mary A H Ickelheimer and another, e s Lexington-ave, n 53d-st, 5 years.....	12,500
Weil, Markus, and wife to Morris Kahn et al, 54 Sheriff-st, and other property, 3 years, 3 mortgages.....	30,000

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