ANTIOQUIES.

PUBLIC EXECUTIONS IN CARDIGAN.

In your last issue "Pendragon" asks: "Can any reader supply the date on which a condemned man was last hanged at Cardigan, who he was and what was his crime?" I happen to have in my possession an old pennant or bollard of 33 verses (presentation) of eight lines each composed by J. Lloyd, Cardigan, October 13th, 1821, on the occasion of the execution of one William James, who was executed at Cardigan for house-breaking and theft on the 3rd day of October in the year 1821. The ballad was printed by "Evans Jones, Hody-hydir, Cardigan," and dated 1821. On the front leaf appears the following:

Vychdyll Linellau

Ar y chwala o'r Powys

William James,

Dew hunge na mun red

Yr hwn o gaflod o Dduwch wynhaf

Yn Abertwp.

Ar y cyfi o'r hyd o'r Powys

Vystyn hwyd drwy lu o'r hyd o'r Powys

Yn un o'r roedd.

I want to know whether this was the last person executed at Cardigan, but it is quite evident from the first verse in the ballad that he was publicly hanged. The verse runs:

"Yn Aberystwyth oedd yr hwyd,

Traw ar gyfer yr hwyd yr hynel,

O'r blod o'rn lhwyd o'r Powys

Dduwch wynhaf o'r Powys

Ffach o'rn llwyd o'r Powys

Tywyn ysgolion o'r Powys.

Daeth o'rn sefydlia hon.

READER.

The Princess' Thanks.

TO THE MARYS OF CARDIGANSHIRE.

We have received the following letter from Lady Lyon-Thomas of Stradbroke:

Dear Mrs. Hope Morley,

I enclose a copy of the letter written by Princess Mary to the Hon. Mrs. Hope Morley, Chairman of the Committee of the "Mary's of the Empire Wedding Gift Fund," which I thought you might like to publish. Mrs. Hope Morley asks the committee to convey the thanks of the Goddess to all the ladies in the County of Cardigan, and I should like to join in expressing my heartfelt thanks personally to those who helped to bring in such a splendid sum (£532 5s. 6d.)

The total amount collected comes to £5,000, of which Princess Mary has given £5,000 for the founding of a Training Home for Girl Guides. The personal gift consists of a rope of 277 graduated Oriental pearls with diamond clasp.

Buckingham Palace,
March 3rd, 1922.

Dear Mrs. Hope Morley,

I wish to thank you and your Committee through you, as far as possible, all the Marys of the Empire for the splendid present they have combined to give me on the occasion of my marriage.

It will be a great pleasure to me to wear the beautiful pearl necklace, with which I am delighted.

In the future when I inspect Girl Guides I shall like to be shown that some of them have perhaps been trained at the Training Centre, which the generous gift of the Marys has enabled me to find.

As the subscribers live in all parts of the Empire, I have decided to spend the greater part of the present in the movement, which I hope will benefit the Girlhood of the Empire. Please convey my grateful thanks also to those who have helped you in the organisation.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) MARY.

TRADE REVIVAL.

INCREASED DEMAND FOR MOTOR TRANSPORT.

While business conditions are, in many industries, still unsettled, an indication of a revival of trade is contained in a statement issued by the Ford Motor Company, who report that at their Manchester Works the production and delivered 1,000 Cars, all Models during the week ending March 29th, 1922. So that the momentum of this production may be more readily appreciated by our readers, 1,000 Ford Cars are equal to a continuous line measuring two and three-quarter miles. This production has not been equaled since December 1920, and as the cars sold included...