

Old Centenarian

London: Perhaps the best birthday present for Mr William Stone, a bachelor of the old school, on his 100th anniversary, was a telegram of good wishes from the Queen.

For sixty years, Mr Stone has been landlord of Albany - and the tenants of these exclusive flats presented him with an illuminated ~~card~~ ^{book} ③

There was a giant cake for the grand "old squire of Piccadilly" (as he's called) - who numbered Charles Darwin and Disraeli among his friends - in the good old days.

Lord Mayor's Party

The Mansion House: At the annual children's Fancy dress party, the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Cullum Welch, and Lady Welch received the guests. ③ This was an ideal setting for the Dick Whittington story - even if it's not all "one-way traffic!"

For the small guests - it was far from a dignified occasion - and, as always, the ~~antics~~ ^{ANTICS} of Mr Punch greatly added to the fun.

Toy Fair

Yorkshire: The Harrogate International Toy Fair always proves a fascinating attraction, and this year, the Princess Royal was caught by its magic spell.

There were tea-sets designed specially for hard wear - and a doll that could walk its way into any child's heart.

Among the items, shown by some three hundred exhibitors were novelties - such as this tight-rope cyclist.

For the Royal Visitor, there were many excellent ideas for birthdays ahead... ~~and~~ The Fair is chiefly a shopwindow for British exhibitors and contributes some six million pounds a year to our toy-export trade.

France:meeting

Paris: A stormy by-election campaign enlivens the French political scene, and a Radical Party Rally is attended by ~~Mr~~ ^{M.} Mandes-France, the former Premier.

All was well - until one speaker attacked French Algerian policy - then a tear-gas bomb exploded on the rostrum.

After that, the meeting broke up - in more ways than one.

And in the by-election, the Radical Party candidate was also routed.