



Una Celebrazione Magnifica

By the Kind Permission of the Royal Opera House and under the Direct Sponsorship of Her Grace, the Duchess of Omnium

You are cordially invited to an elegant and exclusive **fiesta di compleanno** in the opulent Crimson and Gold Crush Room at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden on Sunday, 22nd April 2012 from 2.00pm until carriages at 6.00pm, in order to celebrate the birthday of that illustrious author, Mr Anthony Trollope .

Ladies are invited to wear their finest tea gowns while the discerning gentlemen may consider a tie, or cravat of distinction , embellished with a seasonable boutonniere, to be essential.

Entertainment will include readings and presentations in the very best of taste and a light repast of exquisite variety will be served.

Because of the exclusivity of the occasion, early application for tickets, which are strictly limited, is recommended. The Duchess regrets that Sir Orlando Drought, Sir Timothy Beeswax or any of their adherents, need not apply.

Tickets, at an astonishingly low cost, may be obtained on polite application, using the form provided, from the Offices of the Trollope Society.

'Isn't it odd?', the Duchess said to her friend, Mrs Finn, 'that one can't have a few friends up from the country without such a fuss about it as people are making?'

Mrs Finn did not think it at all odd and so she said. Invitations to the event to celebrate the birthday of that indefatigable author, Mr Anthony Trollope, had been begged for abjectly.

'I know if I should be honoured with such an invitation', mused Mr Quintus Slide, 'I should obey such a call with the greatest alacrity, and would devote my pen and the public organ which is at my disposal to Her Grace's service with the readiest good will'.