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## Notes.

## MEMOIRS OF GRAMMONT.

(Vol. viii., pp. 461. 549.; Vol. ix., pp. 3. 204. 356.)

"Des gens qui écrivent pour le Comte de Grammont peuvent compter sur quelque indulgence."—Vide Introduction to the Memoirs.

Grammont's first visit to England may have been in Nov. 1655, when Bordeaux, the French ambassador, concluded a treaty with Cromwell, whereby France agreed totally to abandon the interests of Charles II.; and Cromwell, on his part, declared war against Spain, by which we gained Jamaica. Another opportunity occurred in 1657, when Cromwell's son-in-law, Lord Fauconberg, was sent to compliment Louis XIV. and Cardinal Mazarin, who were near Dunkirk. The ambassador presented some horses to the King and his brother, and also to the Cardinal. They made the ambassador handsome presents, and the King sent the Duke de Crequi as his ambassador extraordinary to the Protector, accompanied by several persons of distinction.

Grammont was at the siege of Montmedi, which surrendered on the 6th August, 1657.

He accompanied his brother, the Marshal, to Madrid in 1660, to demand the hand of the Infanta for his sovereign. On the Kings entry into Paris the same year with his Queen, Madame de Maintenon writes:

"The Chevalier de Grammont, Rouville, Bellefont, and some other courtiers, followed the household of Cardinal Mazarin, which surprised everybody: it was said it was out of flattery. The Chevalier was dressed in a flame-coloured suit, and was very brilliant."

In 1662 he was disgraced on account of Madlle de la Motte Houdancourt, aggravated also, it is said, by his having watched the King getting over the tiles into the apartments of the maids of honour, and spread the report about.

The writer of the notes to the *Memoirs* supposes that the Count's circumstances were not very flourishing on his arrival in England, and that he endeavoured to support himself by his literary acquirements. A scarce little work in Latin and French on King Charles's coronation was attributed to him, the initials to which were P. D. C., which it was said might stand for Philibert de Cramont. There seems no reason for this supposition: his finances were no worse in England than they had been in France; and there is no doubt he made his appearance at the Court of England under the greatest advantages. His family were specially protected by the Duke and Duchess of Orleans, the favourite sister of King Charles; and the Count was personally known to the King and to the Duke of York; and from a letter of Comminges', dated 20th Dec. 1662, it may be almost inferred that the Duke sent his own yacht to fetch the Count to London. Bussi-Rabutin writes of the Count, that he wrote almost worse than any one, and therefore not very likely to recruit his finances by authorship.

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The exact date of Grammont's marriage has yet to be fixed: probably a search at Doctors' Commons for the licence, or in the Whitehall Registers, if such exist, would determine the day. The first child, a boy, was born on the 28th August, O. S., 7th September, 1664, but did not live long. This would indicate that the marriage took place in December, 1663. From Comminges' letters, dated in that month, it must have been on a day subsequent to the 24th December. Their youngest child, who was afterwards an abbess, was born on the 27th December, 1667.

It has been stated that Grammont was the hero of Molière's *Mariage forcée*, which was performed before the Court at Versailles in 1664. Comminges' letter of May 19-24, 1664, may allude to the Count's conduct to Miss Hamilton. He was twenty years older than the lady.

Under date of October 24-November 3, 1664, Comminges announces the departure from London of the Count and Countess de Grammont.

The Count was present with the King at the conquest of Franche Comte in 1660, and in particular at the siege of Dôle in February, 1668. The Count and Countess were subsequently in England, as King Charles himself writes to the Duchess of Orleans on the 24th October, 1669, that the Count and Countess, with their family, were returning to France by way of Dieppe.

In 1668, according to St. Evremond, the Count was successful in procuring the recall of his nephew, the Count de Guiche.

Evelyn mentions in his *Diary* dining on the 10th May, 1671, at Sir Thomas Clifford's, "where dined Monsieur de Grammont and several French noblemen."

Madame de Sévigné names the Count in her letter of 5th January, 1672.

He was present at the siege of Maestricht, which surrendered to the King in person on the 29th June, 1673.

Madame de Sévigné names the Count again in her letter of the 31st July, 1675.

The Duchess of Orleans (the second) relates the great favour in which the Count was with the King.

He was present at the sieges of Cambray and Namur in April, 1677, and February, 1678.

We obtain many glimpses of the Count and Countess in subsequent years in the pages of Madame de Sévigné, Dangeau, and others, which may be consulted in preference to filling your columns with extracts.

In 1688, Grammont was sent by the Duke of Orleans to congratulate James II. on the birth of his son; in the *Ellis Correspondence*, under the date of 10th July, 1688, it appears there was to have been an exhibition of fire-works, but it was postponed, and the following intimation of the cause was hinted at by a person behind the scenes:

"The young Prince is ill, but it is a secret; I think he will not hold. The foreign ministers, Zulestein and Grammont, stay to see the issue."

Grammont died on the 30th January, 1707, aged eighty-six years; his Countess survived him only until the 3rd June, 1708, when she expired, aged sixty-seven years. They only left one child, namely, Claude Charlotte, married on the 6th April, 1694, to Henry Howard, Earl of Stafford; Marie Elizabeth de Grammont, born the 27th December, 1667, Abbess of Sainte Marine de Poussey, in Lorraine, having died in 1706, previous to her parents.

Maurepas says that Grammont's eldest daughter was maid of honour to the second Duchess of Orleans, who suspected her of intriguing with her son, afterwards the celebrated Regent. The Duchess, he adds, married her to Lord Stafford.

Another writer says, that although Grammont's daughters were not handsome, yet they caused as much observation at Court as those who were.

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Count Hamilton is little to be trusted to in his chronology, from a mischievous custom that he has of, whenever he has to record a marriage or love affair between two parties considerably different in age, adding to that difference extravagantly, to make the thing more ridiculous. Sir John Denham is a well-known instance of this; but another, which is not noticed by the editor of Bohn's edition, nor any other that I have seen, is his making out Col. John Russell, a younger brother of the first Duke of Bedford, to have been seventy years of age in 1664, although his eldest brother was born in 1612, and the colonel could have been little older than, if as old as, De Grammont himself.

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- P. 87. In his Dedication, Junius says: "If an honest, and, I may truly affirm, a laborious zeal." Bohn turns it into nonsense, by printing it: "If an honest man, and I may truly," &c.
- P. 105. In Letter I., Junius speaks of "distributing the *offices* of state, by rotation." Bohn has it "officers."
- P. 113. In Letter II., Sir W. Draper says that "all Junius's *assertions* are false and scandalous." Bohn prints it "*exertions*."
- P. 206. In Letter XXII., Junius says, "it may be advisable to gut the resolution." Bohn has it "to put."
- P. 240. In Letter XXX., Junius says: "And, if possible, to perplex *us with* the multitude of their offences." Bohn omits the words "*us with*."
- P. 319. In Letter XLII., Junius speaks of the "future projects" of the ministry. Bohn prints it "future prospects."
- P. 322. In the same letter, Junius says: "How far people may be animated *to resistance*, under the present administration." Bohn omits "*to resistance*."
- P. 382. In Letter LIII., Horne says: "And in case of refusal, *threaten* to write them down." Bohn omits "*threaten*."
- P. 428. In Letter LXI., Philo-Junius says, "his view is to change a court of *common law into a court of* equity." Bohn omits the words "*common law into a court of*."
- P. 437. In Letter LXIII., Junius writes, "love and kindness to Lord Chatham." Bohn omits "and kindness."
- P. 439. In Letter LXIV., Junius speaks of "a multitude of *prerogative writs*." Bohn has it "a multitude of *prerogatives*."
- P. 446. In Letter LXVIII., Junius says to Lord Mansfield: "If, on your part, you should have no plain, substantial *defence*." Bohn substitutes "*evidence*" for "*defence*."

These are the most important errors, but not all that I have found in the text. I now turn to the reprint of Dr. Mason Good's Preliminary Essay. The editor says: "The omission of a quotation or two, of no present interest, and the correction of a few inaccuracies of language, are the only alterations that have been made in the Preliminary Essay." We shall see how far this is true. Such alterations as "arrogance" for "insolence," p. 2.; "classic purity" for "classical chastity," p. 3.; "severe" for "atrocious," p. 15., I shall not particularise farther; but merely observe that, so far from being merely "corrections of inaccuracies of language," they are frequently changes of meaning.

At pp. 4. and 5., extracts from speeches by Burke and North are introduced into the text. In Woodfall, they are given in a note, so as not to interrupt the writer's argument.

Occasionally, a sentence is partly rewritten. I take one specimen. Dr. Good says that, "But for the Letters of Junius, the Commons of England might still ... have been exposed to the absurd and obnoxious harassment of parliamentary arrests, upon a violation of privileges undefined and incapable of being appealed against—defrauded of their estates upon an arbitrary and interested claim of the crown." In Bohn, p. 5., the words are altered to "have been exposed to arbitrary violations of individual liberty, under undefined pretexts of parliamentary privileges, against which there were (?) no appeal—defrauded of their estates upon capricious and interested claims of the crown."

Dr. Good, to show that Burke could not be Junius, cites several passages from his works; and then proves, by quotations from Junius, that the opinions of the one were opposed to those of the other. In Bohn's edition all these quotations, which occupy twelve octavo pages in Woodfall, are omitted as unnecessary, although the writer's argument is partly founded upon them; and yet the editor has retained (evidently through carelessness), at p. 66., Dr. Good's subsequent reference to these very quotations, where, being about to give some extracts from General Lee's letters, he says: "They may be compared with those of Junius, that follow the preceding extracts from Mr. Burke." This reference is retained, but the extracts spoken of are omitted.

Some of Woodfall's notes are wholly left out; but I will not lengthen these remarks by specially

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pointing them out. The new notes of Bohn's editor offer much matter for animadversion, but I confine myself to one point. In a note to Sir W. Draper's first letter (p. 116.), we are told that Sir William "married a Miss De Lancy, who died in 1778, *leaving him a daughter*." In another note relating to Sir William (p. 227.), it is stated that "he married a daughter of the second son of the Duke of St. Alban's. Her ladyship died in 1778, *leaving him no issue*." How are we to reconcile these statements?

H. MARTIN.

Halifax.

[The work professes to be edited by Mr. Wade. Mr. Wade therefore, and not Mr. Bohn, is responsible for the errors pointed out by our correspondent.—Ed.]

## Minor Notes.

Mutilating Books.—Swift, in a letter to Stella, Jan. 16, 1711, says, "I went to Bateman's the bookseller, and laid out eight-and-forty shillings for books. I bought three little volumes of Lucian in French, for our Stella." This Bateman would never allow any one to look into a book in his shop; and when asked the reason, he would say, "I suppose you may be a physician, or an author, and want some recipe or quotation; and if you buy it I will engage it to be perfect before you leave me, but not after; as I have suffered by leaves being torn out, and the books returned, to my very great loss and prejudice.

ARHRA

The Plymouth Calendar.—To your collection of verses (Vol. vii. passim) illustrative of local circumstances, incidents, &c., allow me to add the following:

"The West wind always brings wet weather,
The East wind wet and cold together;
The South wind surely brings us rain,
The North wind blows it back again.
If the Sun in red should set,
The next day surely will be wet;
If the Sun should set in grey,
The next will be a rainy day."

BALLIOLENSIS.

Divinity Professorships.—In the last number of *The Journal of Sacred Literature* (April, 1854), there is a well-deserved eulogium on the biblical labours of Dr. Kitto; who, though in the enjoyment of the title of D.D. (conferred on him some years ago by a Continental University), is nevertheless a layman, and not, as is very commonly imagined, in orders. The article, however, to which I refer, contains a curious mistake. Michaelis is cited (p. 122.) as an instance of a layman being able, on the Continent, to hold a professorship relating to theology and biblical science, in contrast to what is assumed to be the invariable system at the English Universities. It is true, indeed, that for the most part such professorships are here held by clergymen; but from several of them laymen are not excluded by any law. At Cambridge, the Norrisian Professor of Divinity, for example, may be a layman.

With respect to the degree of D.D., it is observed by the Writer of the article, p. 127.:

"In Germany this degree is given to laymen, but in England it is exclusively appropriated to the clergy. This led to the very general impression among strangers, that Dr. Kitto is a clergyman."

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[We have frequently seen the celebrated Nonjuror Henry Dodwell noticed as in orders, perhaps from his portrait exhibiting him in gown and bands as Camden Professor of History at Oxford. Miss Strickland, too, in her *Lives of the Queens of England*, vol. vii. p. 202., and vol. viii. p. 352., edit. 1853, speaks of that worthy layman, Robert Nelson, both as a *Doctor* and a clergyman!—Ed.]

## Queries.

## SEPULCHRAL MONUMENTS.

(Concluded from p. 539.)

A divine, reasoning philosophically with a lady on the possibility of the appearance of ghosts, was much perplexed by her simple inquiry as to where the clothes came from. If then the mediæval effigies are alive, how can the costume be reconciled with their position? Where do their clothes come from? The theory advanced in the two preceding Numbers seems to offer a ready solution. Another corroborative fact remains to be stated, that when a kneeling attitude superseded the recumbent, the brasses were placed upon the wall, testifying, in some degree at least, that the

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horizontal figures were not traditionally regarded as living portraits. In anticipation of objections, it can only be said that "they have no speculation in their eyes;" that out of the thousands in existence, a few exceptions will only prove the rule; and that their incongruities were conventional.

It is now my purpose to offer a few more reasons for releasing the sculptors of the present day from a rigid adherence to the uplifted hands and the straight head. That there is grace, dignity, and pious serenity occasionally perceptible in these interesting relics of bygone days, which so appropriately furnish our magnificent cathedrals, and embellish numbers of our parochial churches, is freely admitted; but that they are formal, conventional, monotonous, and consequently unfitted for modern imitation, cannot reasonably be denied by a person with pretensions to taste. From the study of anatomy, the improvement in painting, the invention of engraving, our acquaintance with the matchless works of Greece, and other causes, this branch of art has made considerable advance. Why, then, should a sculptor be now "cabin'd, cribb'd, confined, bound in," by such inflexible conditions? If some variation is discoverable in the ancient types, why should he not have the advantage of selection, and avail himself of that attitude best adapted to the situation of the tomb and the character of the deceased? Not to multiply examples of deviation—the Queen of Henry IV., in Canterbury Cathedral, has one arm reposing at her side, and the other upon her breast. The arms of Edward III., in Westminster Abbey, are both stretched at his side. An abbot of Peterborough, in that cathedral, holds a book and a pastoral staff. The hands of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick, in his beautiful chapel, are raised, but separate. Several have the arms crossed, expressive of humility and resignation. Others (lay as well as clerical) press a holy book to their bosom; and some place the right hand upon the heart, denoting the warmth of their love and faith. In his description of Italian monuments, Mr. Ruskin remarks, that "though in general, in tombs of this kind, the face of the statue is slightly turned towards the spectator, in one case it is turned away" (Stones of Venice, vol. iii. p. 14.); and instances are not unfrequent of similar inclinations of the head at home. Why then should this poor choice be denied? Why should he be fettered by austere taskmasters to this stereotyped treatment, to the proverbial stiffness of "our grandsires cut in alabaster." Indignation has been excited in many quarters against that retrograde movement termed "pre-Raphaelism," yet what in fact is this severe, angular, antiquated style, but identically the same thing in stone? What but pre-Angeloism? Upon the supposition that the effigies have departed this life, or even that the spirit is only about to take its flight, anatomical and physiological difficulties present themselves, for strong action would be required to hold the hands in this attitude of prayer. The drapery, too, hanging in straight folds, has been always apparently designed from upright figures, circumstances evincing how little the rules of propriety were then regarded. Their profusion occasions a familiarity which demands a change, for the range is here as confined as that of the sign-painter, who could only depict lions, and was therefore precluded from varying his signs, except by an alteration in the colour. Such is the yearning of taste for diversity, that in the equestrian procession on the frieze of the Parthenon, out of about ninety horses, not two are in the same attitude; yet to whatever extent our churches may be thronged with these sepulchral tombs, all must be, as it were, cast in the same mould, till by repetition their beauty

"Fades in the eye and palls upon the sense."

It is evidently imitating the works of antiquity under a disadvantage, inasmuch as modern costume is far inferior in picturesque effect to the episcopal vestments, the romantic armour, and numerous elegant habiliments of an earlier day. Every lesser embellishment and minuteness of detail are regarded by an artist who has more enlarged views of his profession as foreign to the main design; yet the robes, millinery, jewellery, and accoutrements usually held a place with the carvers of that time of equal importance with the face, and engaged as large a share of their attention.

The comparative easiness of execution forms another argument. Having received the simple commission for a monument (specifications are needless), the workmen (as may be imagined) fixes the armour of the defunct knight upon his table, places a mask moulded from nature on the helmet-pillow, fits on a pair of hands with which, like an assortment of gloves, his studio is provided, diligently applies his compasses to insure exact equality by means of a receipt, perchance imparts some devotional expression, and the work is ready to be transferred to stone.

Mr. Petit, in the preface (page x.) to his Architectural Studies, after due praise, asserts—

"That no sculptor anxious to advance his own reputation and art will ever set up a mediæval statue as his model. He may acknowledge its merits, and learn much from a careful examination of it, but still he will not look up to its designer as his master and guide."

Again, the efforts of genius are cramped by such uncompromising terms. The feet must unavoidably be directed towards the east; still, whatever the situation of the tomb may chance to be, from whatever point it may be viewed, or whether the light may fall on this side or on that, no way of escape is open, and no ingenuity can be employed to grapple with the uncontrollable obstruction. Portrait painters can choose the position most favourable to the features, but the monumental sculptor of the nineteenth century may only exhibit what is generally shunned, the direct profile; the contour of the face, and the wide expanse of brow, which might probably give the most lively indications of intellectual power, amiability of disposition, and devout tranquility of soul, must be sacrificed to this unbending law "which altereth not." Sculptors, we are told,

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should overcome difficulties; but here they are required to "strive with impossibilities, yea, get the better of them." Whether painted windows, or some other ornament, or a tomb alone in harmony with the architecture (the form and features of the individual being elsewhere preserved), may constitute a more desirable memorial, is a separate question, but as statues are only admissible in a recumbent posture, some little latitude must be allowed. Like our reformers in higher things, it behoves us to discard what is objectionable in art, while we cherish that which is to be admired. Instead of treading in the footsteps of those lofty spirits, we should endeavour to follow the same road. Fully appreciating their excellences, let us avoid the distorted drawing of their brilliant glass, their irregularities in architectural design, the irreverence of their carving, and the conventionalism of their monumental sculpture.

C. T.

I agree with C. T. in thinking that the usual recumbent figure on mediæval tombs was intended to represent a dead body, and more particularly to represent the body as it had lain in state, or had been borne to the grave; and I will add one or two additional reasons for this opinion. In the description in Speed, of the intended monument of Henry VIII., taken from a MS. given to Speed by that industrious herald master, Charles Lancaster, the following direction occurs:—

"Item, upon the same basement shall be made two tombes of blacke touch, that is to say, on either side one, and upon the said tombes of blacke touch shall be made the image of the King and Queen, on both sides, not as death [dead], but as persons sleeping, because to shewe that famous princes leaving behind them great fame never doe die, and shall be in royall apparels after the antique manner."—Speed's *Hist. of Great Brit.*, p. 1037. ed. 1632.

The distinction here taken between a dead and a sleeping figure, and the reason assigned for the latter, show, I think, that at that time a recumbent figure generally was supposed to represent death. In a monument of Sir Roger Aston, at Cranford, Middlesex, in Lysons' *Environs of London*, the knight and his two wives are represented praying, and by the side of the knight *lies* the infant son who had died in his lifetime. In the monument of Pope Innocent VIII. (Pistolesi, *Il Vaticano*, vol. i. plate 63.), the Pope is in one part represented in a living action, and in another as lying on his tomb, and from the contrast which would thus be afforded between life and death, the latter representation seems to indicate death.

The hands raised in prayer are accounted for by C. T. Open eyes, I think, may be intended to express, by their direction towards heaven, the hope in which the deceased died. This is suggested by the description of the funeral car of Henry V.

"Preparations were made to convey the body of Henry from Rouen to England. It was placed within a car, on which reclined his figure made of boiled leather, elegantly painted. A rich crown of gold was on its head. The right hand held a sceptre, and the left a golden ball. *The face seemed to contemplate the heavens.*"—Turner's *Hist. of Eng.*, vol. ii. p. 465.

I must, however, add that on referring to Monstrelet, I doubt whether Turner does not go too far in this last particular. Monstrelet merely says, "le visage vers le ciel." (Monst. *Chron.* vol. i. 325. ed. 1595.) Speed adds an additional circumstance: "The body (of this figure) was clothed with a purple roabe furred with ermine." From the mutilated state of the tomb it is impossible to say how far the recumbent effigy resembled this boiled figure, but it is evidently just such a representation of the king as might have been laid on his tomb, and so far it tends to support the opinion that the effigy on a tomb represents the deceased as he had lain in state, or was borne to and placed in his tomb, an opinion fully borne out by the agreement which, in some cases, has been found to exist between the effigy on a tomb and the body discovered within it, or between the effigy and the description of the body as it had lain in state. See the tombs of King John, Robert Lord Hungerford, and Henry II., in Stothard's *Monumental Effigies of Great Britain*, and the Introduction to that work.

I think it is not irrelevant to remark that at a very early period a recumbent figure was sometimes placed on a tomb as in a state of death. The recumbent Etruscan figures generally represent a state of repose or of sensual enjoyment; but there is one given by Micali (*Monumenti inediti a Illustrazione degli Antichi Popoli Italiani*, Tav. 48. p. 303.), which is, undoubtedly, that of a dead person. In his description of it, Micali says, "On the first view of it one would say it was a sepulchral monument of the Middle Ages, so greatly does it resemble one." Mrs. Gray, too (*Tour to the Sepulchres of Etruria*, p. 264.), mentions a sepulchral urn, "very large, with a woman robed, and with a dog upon it, exactly like an English monument of the Middle Ages." If it were not for the dog, I should suppose this to be the one given by Micali. Though it may be too much to suppose that this form of representation may have been not uncommon, and may have passed into early Christian monuments, the instance in Micali at least shows that the idea of representing a dead body on a tomb is a very ancient one. It may be added, perhaps, that it is an obvious one.

Though the reasons for thinking that the ordinary mediæval figure represents death may not be conclusive, still that opinion is, I think, entitled to be looked upon as the more probable one, until some satisfactory reason is given why a *living* person should be represented outstretched, and lying on his back—a position, as it seems to me, more inconsistent with life than the open eyes and hands joined in prayer are with death. For too much weight is not to be attached to slight

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inconsistencies. These would probably be disregarded for the sake of expressing some favourite idea or sentiment. Thus, in the proposed monument of Henry VIII., though the king and queen are directed to be represented as living, their souls are to be represented in the hand of "the Father."

In modern tombs the mediæval idea has been entirely departed from, and the recumbent position sometimes expresses neither death, nor even sleep, but simple repose, or contemplation, resignation, hope, &c. If it is proper or desirable to express these or other sentiments in a recumbent figure, it seems unreasonable to exclude them for the sake of a rigid adherence to a form, of which the import is either obscure, or, if rightly conjectured, has, by the change of customs, become idle and unmeaning.

F. S. B. E.

## ROGER ASCHAM AND HIS LETTERS.

To the epistles of Roger Ascham, given in Elstob's edition, have since been added several to Raven and others<sup>[1]</sup>, two to Cecil<sup>[2]</sup>, and several to Mrs. Astley, Bp. Gardiner, Sir Thos. Smith, Mr. Callibut, Sir W. Pawlett, Queen Elizabeth, the Earl of Leicester, and Mr. C. H.[owe]. Some of your correspondents will, doubtless, be able farther to enlarge this list of printed letters.

In a MS. volume, once belonging to Bp. Moore, now in the University Library, Cambridge, is a volume of transcripts<sup>[4]</sup>, containing, amongst other documents, letters from Ascham to Petre<sup>[5]</sup> and to Cecil; one (p. 44.) "written by R. A., for a gent to a gentlewoman, in waie of marriage," and one to the B. of W.[inchester], which, though without a signature, is certainly Ascham's. In another MS. volume, in the same collection (Ee. v. 23.), are copies of Ascham's letter to his wife on the death of their child<sup>[6]</sup>, and of a letter to Mr. Richard Goodrich. Lastly, Ascham's College (St. John's) possesses his original letter to Cardinal Pole, written on the fly-leaf of a copy of Osorius *De nobilitate civili*<sup>[7]</sup>; and also the original MS. of the translation of Œcumenius, accompanied by a Latin letter to Seton.<sup>[8]</sup>

These unpublished letters will shortly be printed for the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. Early information respecting any other MS. works of Ascham, or collations of his published letters with the originals, will be thankfully acknowledged.

J. E. B. Mayor.

St. John's College, Cambridge.

P. S.—I may add that we have at St. John's a copy of Ascham's Letters (ed. Elstob), with many dates and corrections in Baker's hand. There may be something new in Kennett's biographical notice of Ascham (Lansdowne MSS. 981. art. 41.)

## Footnote 1:(return)

In *The English Works of Roger Ascham*, London, 1815, 8vo.: this edition is reprinted from Bennet's, with additions. Bennet took these letters from Baker's extracts (in his MSS. xiii. 275-295., now in the Harleian Collection), "from originals in Mr. Strype's hands." One letter is more fully given by Mr. Tytler, *England under Edward VI. and Mary*, vol. ii. p. 124.

## Footnote 2:(return)

In Sir H. Ellis's *Letters of Eminent Literary Men*, Camden Soc. Nos. 4 and 5. Correcter copies than had before appeared from the Lansdowne MSS.

#### Footnote 3:(return)

Most incorrectly printed in Whitaker's *History of Richmondshire*, vol. i. p. 270. seq. The letters themselves are highly important and curious.

## Footnote 4:(return)

Dd. ix. 14. Some of the letters are transcribed by Baker, MSS. xxxii. p. 520. seq.

#### Footnote 5:(return)

This letter has many sentences in common with that to Gardiner, of the date Jan. 18 [1554], printed by Whitaker (p. 271. seq.)

## Footnote 6:(return)

Whitaker, who prints this (p. 289. seq.) says that it had been printed before. Where?

### Footnote 7:(return)

This, I believe, unpublished letter is referred to by Osorius, in a letter to Ascham (Aschami Epistolæ, p. 397.: Oxon. 1703).

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## **Minor Queries.**

Symbolism in Raphael's Pictures.—In some of the most beautiful pictures of "The Virgin and Child" of Raphael, and other old masters, our Lord is represented with His right foot placed upon the right foot of the blessed Virgin. What is the symbolism of this position? In the Church of Rome, the God-parent at Holy Confirmation is, if I remember right, directed by a rubric to place his or her right foot upon the right foot of the person confirmed. Is this ceremony at all connected with the symbolism I have noticed?

WM. FRASER, B.C.L.

"*Obtains.*"—Every one must have observed the frequent recurrence of this word, more especially those whose study is the law: "This practice on that principle *obtains.*" How did the word acquire the meaning given to it in such a sentence?

Y. S. M.

Army Lists for Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.—Where are they to be found? Not at the Horse Guards, as the records there go back only to 1795. I want particulars of many officers in both centuries; some of them who came to Ireland temp. Charles I., and during Cromwell's Protectorate, and others early in the last century.

Y. S. M.

Anonymous Poet.—

"It is not to the people of the west of Scotland that the energetic reproach of the poet can apply. I allude to the passage in which he speaks of—

'All Scotia's weary days of civil strife—
When the poor Whig was lavish of his life,
And bought, stern rushing upon Clavers' spears,
The freedom and the scorn of after years.'"

Peter's Letters to his Kinsfolk, vol. iii. p. 263. Edin. 1819.

Who is "the poet?"

Anon.

*John Bale.*—Strype, in his *Life of Parker*, book iv. sec. 3. p. 539. edit. 1711, speaking of Bale, says: "He set himself to search many libraries in Oxford, Cambridge," &c.

Bale himself, in the list of his own writings, enumerates "ex diversis bibliothecis."

Did this piece contain any account of his researches in libraries alluded to? If so, has it ever been published? Tanner makes no mention of it in his *Bibliotheca Britannico-Hibernica*.

H. F. S.

Cambridge.

A short Sermon.—In an essay on Benevolence, by the Rev. David Simpson of Macclesfield, it is reported of Dean Swift, that he once delivered in his trite and laconic manner the following short sermon, in advocating the cause of a charitable institution, the text and discourse containing thirty-four words only:

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will He pay him again. Now, my brethren, if you like the security, down with your money."

When and where did this occur, and what was the result?

HENRY EDWARDS.

## Minor Queries with Answers.

Quakers' Calendar.—What month would the Quakers mean by "12th month," a century and a half since?

D.

[Before the statute 24 Geo. II., for altering the Calendar in Great Britain, the Quakers began their year on the 25th of March, which they called the *first* month; but at the yearly meeting for Sufferings in London, Oct. 1751, a Committee was appointed to consider what advice might be necessary to be given to the Friends in relation to the statute in question. The opinion of the Committee was, "That in all the records and writings of Friends from and after the last day of the month, called December, next, the computation of time established by the said act should be observed; and that, accordingly, the first day of the eleventh month, commonly called January, next, should

be reckoned and deemed by Friends the first day of the *first* month of the year 1752." Consequently the twelfth month, a century and a half since, would be *February*. See Nicolas's *Chronology*, p. 169.]

"Rodondo, or the State Jugglers."—Who was the author of this political squib, three cantos, 1763-70; reproduced in Ruddiman's Collection, Edinburgh, 1785? In my copy I have written Hugh Dalrymple, but know not upon what authority. It is noticed in the Scots Mag., vol. xxv., where it is ascribed to "a Caledonian, who has laid about him so well as to vindicate his country from the imputation of the North Briton, that there is neither wit nor humour on the other side the Tweed."

J. O.

[A copy of this work in the British Museum contains the following MS. entry: "The author of the three Cantos of *Rodondo* was Hugh Dalrymple, Esq. He also wrote *Woodstock*, an elegy reprinted in Pearch's *Collection of Poems*. At the time of his death he was Attorney-General for the Grenades, where he died, March 9, 1774. His daughter married Dr., afterwards Sir John Elliott, from whom she was divorced, and became a celebrated courtezan."]

Rathlin Island.—Has any detailed account of this island, which is frequently called Rahery, and is a few miles from the northern coast of Ireland, appeared in print? The locality is most interesting in many particulars, historical and geological, and might therefore be made the subject of an instructive paper. A brief account was inserted, I think, a few years ago in an English periodical.

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[An interesting and detailed account of this island, which he calls Raghery, is given in Hamilton's *Letters concerning the Northern Coast of the County of Antrim*, 1790, 8vo., pp. 13-33. Consult also Lewis's *Topographical History of Ireland*, vol. ii. p. 501.]

Parochial Registers.—When and where were parochial registers first established? The earliest extant at the present day?

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[We fear our correspondent has not consulted that useful and amusing work, Burn's History of Parish Registers in England, also of the Registers of Scotland, Ireland, the East and West Indies, the Fleet, King's Bench, Mint, Chapel Royal, &c., 8vo. 1829, which contains a curious collection of miscellaneous particulars concerning them.]

"Trevelyan," &c.—Who was the author of two novels, published about twenty years ago, called A Marriage in High Life and Trevelyan: the latter the later of the two?

Uneda.

Philadelphia.

[These works are by the Hon. Caroline Lucy Scott, at present residing at Petersham, in Surrey.]

*Grammar School of St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester.*—Can you give me the name of the master of the Grammar School of St. Mary de Crypt in 1728?

SIGMA (1).

[Daniel Bond, B.A., was elected master March 25, 1724, and was also vicar of Leigh. He died in 1750.]

## Replies.

## CRANMER'S MARTYRDOM.

(Vol. ix., pp. 392. 547.)

I thank G. W. R. for his courteous remarks on my note on Cranmer. Perhaps I have overstated the effect of pain on the nervous system; certainly I was wrong in making a wider assertion than was required by my case, which is, that no man could hold his hand over unconfined flame till it was "entirely consumed" or "burnt to a coal." "Bruslée à feu de souphre" does not go so far as that, nor is it said at what time of the burning Ravaillac raised his head to look at his hand.

J. H. has mistaken my intention. I have always carefully avoided everything which tended to religious or moral controversy in "N. & Q." I treated Cranmer's case on physiological grounds only. I did not look for "cotemporaneous evidence against that usually received," any more than I should for such evidence that St. Denis did not walk from Paris to Montmartre with his head in his hand. If either case is called a miracle, I have nothing to say upon it *here*; and for the same reason that I avoid such discussion, I add, that in not noticing J. H.'s opinions on Cranmer, I must not be understood as assenting to or differing from them. J. H. says:

"It would surely be easy to produce facts of almost every week from the evidence given in coroners' inquests, in which persons have had their limbs burnt off—to say nothing of farther injury—without the shock producing death."

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If favoured with one such fact, I will do my best to inquire into it. None such has fallen within my observation or reading.

The heart remaining "entire and unconsumed among the ashes," is a minor point. It does not seem impossible to J. H., "in its plain and obvious meaning." Do the words admit two meanings? Burnet says:

"But it was no small matter of astonishment to find his heart entire, and not consumed among the ashes; which, though the reformed would not carry so far as to make a miracle of it, and a clear proof that his heart had continued true, though his hand had erred; yet they objected it to the Papists, that it was certainly such a thing, that if it had fallen out in any of their church, they had made it a miracle."—Vol. ii. p. 429.

H. B. C.

U. U. Club.

Permit me to offer to H. B. C.'s consideration the case of Mutius Scævola, who, failing in his attempt to kill Porsenna in his own camp, and being taken before the king, thrust his right hand into the fire, and held it there until burnt; at the same time declaring that he knew three hundred men who would not flinch from doing the same thing. To a certain extent, I am inclined to think with Alfred Gatty (Vol. ix., p. 246.), "that an exalted state of feeling may be attained;" which, though it will not render the religious or political martyr insensible to pain, it will yet nerve him to go through his martyrdom without demonstration of extreme suffering.

This ability to endure pain may be accounted for in either of the following ways:

- 1. An exalted state of feeling; instance Joan of Arc.
- 2. Fortitude; instance Mutius Scævola.
- 3. Nervous insensibility; which carries the vanquished American Indian through the most exquisite tortures, and enables him to fall asleep on the least respite of his agony.

Should these three be united in one individual, it is needless to say that he could undergo any bodily pain without a murmur.

JOHN P. STILWELL.

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## COLERIDGE'S UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS.

(Vol. ix., pp. 496. 543.)

Every admirer of Coleridge's writings must feel, as I do, grateful to Mr. Green for the detailed account he has rendered of the manuscripts committed to his care. A few points, however, in his reply call for a rejoinder on my part. I will be as brief as possible.

I never doubted for an instant that, had I "sought a private explanation of the matters" comprised in my Note, Mr. Green would have courteously responded to the application. This is just what I did *not* want: a public explanation was what I desired. "N. & Q." (Vol. iv., p. 411.; Vol. vi., p. 533.; Vol. viii., p. 43.) will bear witness to the fact that the public required to know the reason why works of Coleridge, presumed to exist in manuscript, were still withheld from publication: and I utterly deny the justice of Mr. Green's allegation, that because I have *explicitly* stated the charge *implied* by Mr. Alsop (the editor of *Letters, Conversations, and Recollections of Coleridge*) in his strictures, I have made an inconsiderate, not to say a coarse, attack upon him (Mr. Green). When a long series of appeals to the fortunate possessor of the Coleridge manuscripts (whoever he might turn out to be) had been met with silent indifference, I felt that the time was come to address an appeal personally to Mr. Green himself. That he has acted with the approbation of Coleridge's family, nobody can doubt; for the public (thanks to Mr. Alsop) know too well how little the greatest of modern philosophers was indebted to that family in his lifetime, to attach much importance to their approbation or disapprobation.

No believer in the philosophy of Coleridge can look with greater anxiety than I do for the forthcoming work of Mr. Green. That the pupil of Coleridge, and the author of *Vital Dynamics*, will worthily acquit himself in this great field, who can question? But I, for one, must enter my protest against the publication of Mr. Green's book being made the pretext of depriving the public of their right (may I say?) to the perusal of such works as do exist in manuscript, finished or unfinished. Again I beg most respectfully to urge on Mr. Green the expediency, not to say paramount duty, of his giving to the world *intact* the *Logic* (consisting of the *Canon* and other parts), the *Cosmogony*, and, as far as possible, the *History of Philosophy*. If his plea, that these works are not in a finished state, had been heretofore held good in bar of publication, we should probably have lost the inestimable privilege of reading and possessing those fragmentary works of the great philosopher which have already been made public.

C. Mansfield Ingleby.

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## LIFE.

(Vol. vii., pp. 429. 560. 608.; Vol. viii., pp. 43. 550.)

Your correspondent H. C. K. (Vol. vii., 560.) quotes a passage from Sir Thomas Browne's *Religio Medici*, sect. xlii. The following passage from the same writer's *Christian Morals* is much more to the point:

"When the Stoic said ('Vitam nemo acciperet, si daretur scientibus'—Seneca) that life would not be accepted if it were offered unto such as knew it, he spoke too meanly of that state of being which placeth us in the form of men. It more depreciates the value of this life, that men would not live it over again; for although they would still live on, yet few or none can endure to think of being twice the same men upon earth, and some had rather never have lived than to tread over their days once more. Cicero, in a prosperous state, had not the patience to think of beginning in a cradle again. ('Si quis Deus mihi largiatur, ut repuerascam et in cunis vagiam, valdè recusem.'-De Senectute.) Job would not only curse the day of his nativity, but also of his renascency, if he were to act over his disasters and the miseries of the dunghill. But the greatest underweening of this life is to undervalue that unto which this is but exordial, or a passage leading unto it. The great advantage of this mean life is thereby to stand in a capacity of a better; for the colonies of heaven must be drawn from earth, and the sons of the first Adam are only heirs unto the second. Thus Adam came into this world with the power also of another; not only to replenish the earth, but the everlasting mansions of heaven."—Part III. sect. xxv.

"Looking back we see the dreadful train
Of woes anew, which, were we to sustain,
We should refuse to tread the path again."
Prior's *Solomon*, b. iii.

The crown is won by the cross, the victor's wreath in the battle of life:

"This is the condition of the battle [9] which man that is born upon the earth shall fight. That if he be overcome he shall suffer as thou hast said, but if he get the victory, he shall receive the thing that I say."—2 *Esdr.* vii. 57.

Our grade in the other world is determined by our probation here. To use a simile of Asgill's, this life of time is a university in which we take our degree for eternity. Heaven is a pyramid, or everascending scale; the world of evil is an inverted pyramid, or ever-descending scale. Life is motion. There is no such thing as stagnation: everything is either advancing or retrograding. Corruption itself is an activity, and evil is ever growing. According to the *habits* formed within us, we are ascending or descending; we cannot stand still.

A man, then, in whom the higher life predominates, were he to live life over again, would grow from grace to grace, and his status in the spirit world would be higher than in the first life, and  $vice\ vers \hat{a}$ ; an evil man<sup>[10]</sup> would be more completely evil, and would rank in a darker and more bestial form. They who hear not the good tidings will not be persuaded though one rose from the dead; and those with whom the experience of one life failed would not repent in the second.

The testimony of the Shunamite's son, Lazarus, and of those who rose from the dead at the crucifixion, is not recorded; but they who have escaped from the jaws of death, by recovery from sickness or preservation from danger, may in a certain sense be said to live life over again. After the fright is over the warning in most cases loses its influence, and we have a verification of the two proverbs, "Out of sight out of mind," and—

"The devil was sick, the devil a monk would be; The devil was well, the devil a monk would he."

In a word, this experiment of a second life would best succeed with him whose habits are formed for good, and whose life is already overshadowed by the divine life. Even of such an one it might be said, "Man is frail, the battle is sore, and the flesh is weak; even a good man may fall and become a castaway." The most unceasing circumspection is ever requisite. The most polished steel rusts in this corrosive atmosphere, and purest metals get discoloured.

Finally, it is very probable that God gives every man a complete probation; that is to say, He cuts not man's thread of life till he be at the same side of the line he should be were he to live myriads of years. Every man is made up of a mixture of good and evil: these two principles never become soluble together, but ever tend each to eliminate the other. They hurry on in circles, alternately intersecting and gaining the ascendancy, till one is at last precipitated to the bottom, and pure good or evil remains. In the nature of things there are critical moments and tides of circumstances which become turning-points when time merges into eternity and mutability into permanence: and such a crisis may occur in the course of a short life as well as in many lives lived over again.

EIRIONNACH.

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#### Footnote 10:(return)

See a recent novel by Frederick Souillet, entitled Si Jeunesse savait, Si Vieillesse pouvait.

*Life and Death* (Vol. ix., p. 481.).—The following is on a monument at Lowestoft, co. Suffolk, to the memory of John, son of John and Anne Wilde, who died February 9, 1714, aged five years and six months:

"Quem Dii amant moritur Juvenis."

SIGMA.

The following may be added to the parallel passages collected by Eirionnach. Chateaubriand says, in his *Memoirs*, that the greatest misfortune which can happen to a man is to be born, and the next greatest is to have a child. As Chateaubriand had no children, the most natural comment on the last branch of his remark is "sour grapes."

UNEDA.

Philadelphia.

## INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS.

(Vol. ix., p. 109.)

St. Nicholas Church, Sidmouth.—Having, on October 21, 1850, taken intaglios in pressing-wax of the inscription forwarded by Mr. Gordon, from which plaster casts were made, the writer is able to speak of it with some degree of confidence. The inscription, however, is not peculiar to Sidmouth: it is found at other places in the county of Devon, and perhaps elsewhere. In Harvey's Sidmouth Directory for March, 1851, there is an article descriptive of all the six bells at this place, in which there is a fac-simile, engraved on wood, of the inscription in question. The words run all round the bell; and each word is placed on a cartouche. The Rev. Dr. Oliver of Exeter, in his communication to the writer on this subject, calls the bell the "Jesus Bell." The Directory observes:

"It was formerly the practice to christen bells with ceremonies similar to, but even more solemn than, those attending the naming of children; and they were frequently dedicated to Christ (as this is), to the Virgin, or some saint."

Dr. Oliver to the writer says:

"I have met with it at Whitstone, near this city [Exeter], at East Teignmouth, &c.; *michi* for *mihi*; **inc**, the abbreviation for Jesus. Very often the word *veneratum* occurs instead of *amatum*, and *illud* instead of *istud*."

The tht stands thus: ihc. The *Directory*, on this abbreviated word, remarks,—

"The IHS, as an abbreviation for Jesus, is a blunder. Casley, in his *Catalogue of the King's MSS.*, observes, p. 23., that 'in Latin MSS. the Greek letters of the word Christus, as also Jesus, are always retained, except that the terminations are changed according to the Latin language. Jesus is written  $\overline{IHS}$ , or in small characters ihs, which is the Greek  $\overline{IH\Sigma}$  or  $\overline{i\eta\zeta}$ , an abbreviation for  $i\eta\sigma\sigma\iota$ . However, the scribes knew nothing of this for a thousand years before the invention of printing, for if they had they would not have written  $\overline{ihs}$  for  $i\eta\sigma\iota\iota$ ; but they ignorantly copied after one another such letters as they found put for these words. Nay, at length they pretended to find *Jesus Hominum Salvator* comprehended in the word  $\overline{IHS}$ , which is another proof that they took the middle letter for h, not  $\eta$ . The dash also over the word, which is a sign of abbreviation, some have changed to the sign of the cross' [Hone's *Mysteries*, p. 282.]. The old way of spelling Jhesus with an h may perhaps be referred to the same mistake. The inscription, then, runs thus:

## Est mihi collatum Jesus istud nomen amatum.

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This fourth bell is the oldest in the tower. The third, dated 1667, has quite a modern appearance

as compared with it. The second, fifth, and sixth are all dated 1708, and the first, or smallest, was added in 1824.

PETER ORLANDO HUTCHINSON.

Sidmouth.

An appropriate inscription is to be found on the bell of St. John's Cathedral in this colony, date London, 1845. It is in the words of St. Paul's mission, Acts xxii. 21.: "I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles."

W. T. M.

Hong Kong.

Here is a modern achievement in this kind of literature. It exists on one of the eight bells belonging to the church tower of Pilton, Devon:

"Recast by John Taylor and Son,
Who the best prize for church bells won
At the Great Ex-hi-bi-ti-on
In London, 1—8—5 and 1."

R. W. C.

I continue (from Vol. viii., p. 248.) my Notes of inscriptions on bells.

Mathon, Worcestershire. A peal of six bells:

- 1. "Peace and good neighbourhood."
- 2. "Glory to God."
- 3. "Fear God and honour the King."
- 4. "God preserve our Church and State."
- 5. "Prosperity to the town."
- 6. "The living to the church I call, And to the grave do summon all."

Bromsgrove, Worcestershire. Ten bells; the inscriptions on two are as follows, the rest merely bearing the names of churchwardens, &c.:

- 5. "God prosper the parish. A. R. 1701."
- 10. "I to the church the living call, And to the grave do summon all. 1773."

The latter seems to be a favourite inscription. The Rev. W. S. Simpson mentions it (Vol. viii., p. 448.) on a bell in one of the Oxfordshire churches.

Fotheringay, Northamptonshire. Four bells:

- 1. "Thomas Norris made me. 1634."
- 2. "Domini laudem, 1614, non verbo sed voce resonabo."

The two others respectively bear the dates 1609, 1595, with the initials of the rector and churchwarden, and (on the fourth bell) the words "Praise God." On a recent visit to this church I copied the following inscription from a bell, which, being cracked, is no longer used, and is now placed within the nave of the church. This bell is not mentioned by Archdeacon Bonney in his *Historic Notices of Fotheringay*, though he gives the inscriptions on the four others.

"Non clamor sed amor cantat in aure Dei. A. M. R. R. W. W. I. L. 1602."

The inscription is in Lombardic characters. Mr. Simpson notes the same at Girton, Cambridgeshire (Vol. viii., p. 108.).

Godmanchester, Hunts. Eight bells:

- 1. "Thomas Osborn, Downham, fecit, 1794. Intactum sillo. Percute dulce cano."
- 4. "T. Osborn fecit.  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Our voices shall with joyful sound} \\ \text{Make hills and valleys echo round.} \end{array} \right\}$  1794."
- 8. "Rev. Castel Sherard, rector; Jno. Martin, Robert Waller, bailiffs; John Scott, Richard Mills, churchwardens; T. Osborn *fecit*. 1794."

Morborne, Hunts. Two bells:

- 1. "Cum voco ad ecclesiam, venite."
- 2. "Henry Penn fusore. 1712."

Stilton, Hunts. Two bells:

1. "Thomas Norris made me. 1689."

CUTHBERT BEDE, B.A.

At Bedale, in Yorkshire, is a bell weighing by estimation twenty-six hundredweight, which is probably of the same date, or nearly so, as the Dyrham bell. It measures four feet two inches and a half across the lip, and has the following inscription round the crown:

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"X IOU : EGO : CUM : FIAM : CRUCE : CUSTOS : LAUDO : MARIAM : DIGNA : DEI : LAUDE : MATER : DIGNISSIMA : GAUDE;"
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the commencement of which I do not understand. There are five smaller bells belonging to the peal at Bedale, and a prayer bell. They bear inscriptions in the following order:

The prayer bell:

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"Voco. Veni. Precare. 1713."
S.S.
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The first, or lightest of the peal:

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"Gloria in excelsis Deo. 1755. Edwd Place, rector;
E.
Seller,
Ebor.
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Jn<sup>o</sup> Pullein, churchwarden."

The second:

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"Iesus be ovr speed. P. S., T. W., H. S., I. W., M. W. 1664."
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The third:

"Deo Gloria pxa Hominibus. 1627."

The fourth:

"Jesus be our speed. 1625."

The fifth:

"Soli Deo Gloria Pax Hominibus, 1631."

The letters P. S., on the second bell, are the initials of Dr. Peter Samwaies, who died April 5, 1693, having been thirty-one years rector of Bedale.

On the fly-leaf of one of the later registers at Hornby, near Bedale, is written the following memorandum:

"Inscription on the third bell at Hornby:

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'When I do ring,
God's praises sing;
When I do toll,
Pray heart and soul.'
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This bell was given to the parish church of Hornby by the Lord Conyers in the reign of Henry VII., but, being broken, was recast by William Lord D'Arcy and Conyers, the second of the name, 1656."

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Charwelton Church, Northants:

- 1. Broken to pieces: some fragments in the vestry. On one piece, "Ave Maria."
- 2. "Jesus Nazarenus rex Judeorum fili Dei miserere mei. 1630."
- 3. appears a collection of Saxon letters put together without connexion.
- 4. "Nunquam ad preces cupies ire, Cum sono si non vis venire. 1630."

Heyford Church, Northants:

- 1. "God saue the King. 1638."
- 2. "Cum cum Praie. 1601."
- 3. "Henry Penn made me. 1704.

  John Paine, Thmoas [sic] Middleton, churchwardens."
- 4. "Thomas Morgan, Esquier, gave me To the Church of Heford, frank and free. 1601."

With coat of arms of the Morgans on the side.

Floore Church, Northants:

- 1. "Russell of Wooton, near Bedford, made me. 1743. James Phillips, Thomas Clark, churchwardens."
- 2. "Cantate Domino cantum novum. 1679."
- 3. "Henry Bagley made mee. 1679."
- 4. "Matthew Bagley made mee. 1679."
- 5. "John Phillips and Robert Bullocke, churchwardens. 1679."
- 6. "To the church the living call, And to the grave do summonds [sic] all. Russell of Wooton made me, In seventeen hundred and forty-three."

Three coins inserted round the top.

Slapton Church, Northants:

- 1. [The Sancte bell] "Richard de Wambis me fesit" [sic].
- 2. "Xpe audi nos."
- 3. "Ultima sum trina campana vocor Katerina."

All in Saxon letters. No dates.

Inscription cut on the frame of Slapton bells:

"BE . IT . KNO
WEN . UN
TO . ALL . TH
IS . SAME . TH
AT . THOMAS
COWPER . OF
WOODEND .
MADE . THIS . FRAME.
1634."

## Hellidon Church, Northants:

- 1. "God save the King. 1635."
- 2. "Ihs Nazarenus rex Judæorum fili Dei miserere mei. 1635."
- 3. "Celorum Christe platiat [sic] tibi rex sonus iste. 1615."
- 4. Same as 2.

## Dodford Church, Northants:

- 1. "Matthew Bagley made me. 1679."
- 2. "Campana gravida peperit filias. 1674."
- 3. "IHS Nazarenus [&c., as before]. 1632."
- 4. "Ex Dono Johannis Wyrley Armiger. 1614."

And five coins round the lip.

- 5. Inscription same as 3. Date 1626.
- 6. Ditto ditto Date 1624.

Wappenham Church, Northants:

- 1. "Henry Bagley made me. 1664."
- 2. "R. T. 1518. 🟋"
- 3. "Praise the Lord. 1599."
- 4. "GOD SAVE KING JAMES. R. A. 1610."

Three coins on lip and bell-founder's arms.

The Sancte bell was recast in 1842, and hangs now in the north window of belfry.

Brackley, St. Peter's Church, Northants:

- 1. "Jesus Nazarenus [&c., as before]. 1628."
- 2. "God save the King. 1628."
- 3. Same as 1.

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- 4. "Celorum Christe platiat [sic] tibi rex sonus iste. 1628."
- 5. "Cum sono si non vis venire, Nunquam ad preces cupies ire 1628."

Dunton Church, Leicestershire:

- 1. "IHS Nazarenus [&c., as before]. 1619."
- "Be it knone to all that doth me see,
   That Clay of Leicester made me.
   Nick. Harald and John More, churchwardens. 1711."
- 3. Same as 1. Date 1621.

Leire Church, Leicestershire:

- 1. "Jesus be oure good speed. 1654."
- 2. "Henricus Bagley fecit. 1675."
- 3. "Recast A.D. 1755, John Sleath, C.W.; Tho<sup>s</sup> Eyre de Kettering *fecit*."

Frolesworth Church, Leicestershire:

- 1. "Jesus Nazarenus [&c., as before]. 1635."
- 2. In Old English characters (no date):

"Dum Rosa precata mundi Maria vocata."

3. Same as 1.

J. R. M., M.A.

The legend noted from a bell at Sidmouth (Vol. ix., p. 109.), namely,—

"Est michi collatum Ihc istud nomen amatum,"

is not an unusual inscription on mediæval black-letter bells, if I may use the expression. The characters are small. It is on two bells at Teignmouth, and is on one of the bells in this tower:

- 1. "X Voce mea viva depello cuncta nociva."
- 2. "X Est michi collatum Ihc istud nomen amatum."
- 3. "Embrace trew museck."

A correspondent,  $M_R$ . W. S.  $S_{\text{IMPSON}}$  (Vol. viii., p. 448.), asks the date of the earliest known examples of bells.

Dates on mediæval bells are, I believe, very rare in England. I have but few notes of any. My impression is that such bells are as old as the towers which contain them, judging from the character of the letter, the wear and tear of the iron work, aye, of the bell itself. Many old bells have been recast, and on *such* there is often a record of the date of its prototype. For instance, at St. Peter's, Exeter:

"Ex dono Petri Courtenay," &c., "1484;" "renovat," &c., "1676."

At Chester-le-Street:

"Thomas Langley dedit," &c., "1409;" "refounded," &c., "1665."

I will add two or three with dates.

Bruton. Somerset:

"Est Stephanus primus lapidatus gracia plenus. 1528."

At St. Alkmond's, Derby:

"Ut tuba sic resono, ad templa venite pii. 1586."

At Lympey Stoke, Somerset:

"W. P., I. A. F. 1596."

Hexham. Old bells taken down 1742:

- 1. "Ad primos cantus pulsat nos Rex gloriosus."
- 2. "Et cantare ... faciet nos vox Nicholai."
- 3. "Est nobis digna Katerine vox benigna."
- 4. "Omnibus in Annis est vox Deo grata Johannis.

  A.D. MCCCCIIII."
- 5. "Andrea mi care Johanne consociare.

  A.D. MCCCCIIII."
- 6. "Est mea vox orata dum sim Maria vocata.
  A.D. MCCCCIIII."

Any earlier dates would be acceptable.

On the Continent bells are usually dated. I will extract, from Roccha *De Campanis*, those at St. Peter's at Rome.

The great bell:

"In nomine Domini, Matris, Petriq., Pauliq.
Accipe devotum, parvum licet, accipe munus,
Quod tibi Christe datū Petri, Pauliq. triūphum,
Explicat, et nostram petit, populiq. salutem
Ipsorum pietate dari, meritisq. refundi
Et verbum caro factum est.
Anno milleno trecento cum quinquageno
Additis et tribus Septembris mense colatur;
Ponderat et millia decies septiesq. librarum."

2. "In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amē. Ad honorem Dei, et Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, Et Beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, Verbum Caro factum est, Solve jubente Deo terrarū Petre cathenas, qui facis, Ut pateant cœlestia Regna beatis,

Hæc campana cum alia majore ponderante  $\frac{M}{NM}$ 

Post consumptionem ignito fulgure, anno precedente imminente, fusa est, anno Domini MCCCLIII.

Mense Junii, et ponderat hæc MX et centena librarum.

Amen."

- 3. "Nomine Dominico Patris, prolisq. spirati Ordine tertiam Petri primæ succedere noscant. Per dies paucos quotquot sub nomine dicto Sanctam Ecclesiam colunt in agmine trino. Amen."
- 4. "Anno Domini MCCLXXXVIIII. ad honorem Dei, et Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, et Sancti Thomæ Apostoli Tempore Fratris Joannis de Leodio Ministri, factum fuit hoc opus de legato quondam Domini Rikardi Domini Papæ Notarii. Guidottus Pisanus me fecit."

On a small bell:

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"Mentem Sanctam Spontaneam, honorem Deo, Et Patris liberationem. Ave Maria gratia plena Dominus tecum; Benedicta tu in mulieribus Et benedictus fructus ventris tui."

In the Church of St. John Lateran was a bell with a mutilated inscription; but the date is plain, 1389. The name of Boniface IX. is on it, who was Sum. Pont. in that year.

In the Church of St. Mariæ Majoris were two bells dated anno Dom. 1285; and another 1291.

In the Church of the Jesuits was a bell with this inscription, brought from England:

"Facta fuit A. Dom. 1400, Die vi Mēsis Septēbris. Sancta Barbara, ora pro nobis."

Roccha, who published his Commentary 1612, says:

"In multis Campanis *fit mentio de Anno, in quo facta est Campana,* necnon de ipsius Ecclesiæ Rectore, vel optime merito, et Campanæ artifice, *ut ego ipse vidi Romæ,* ubi præcipuarum Ecclesiarum, et Basilicarum inscriptiones Campanis incisas perlegi."—P. 55.

So that it would appear that the practice of inscribing dates on bells was usual on the Continent, though for some reason or other it did not generally obtain in England till after the Reformation. I have a Note of another foreign bell or two with an early date.

At Strasburg:

"X O Rex gloriæ Christe, veni cum pace! MCCCLXXV. tertio Nonas Augusti."

On another:

"Vox ego sum vitæ, voco vos, orate, venite. 1461."

On a bell called St. D'Esprit:

"Anno Dom. MCCCCXXVII mense Julio fusa sum, per Magistrum Joannem Gremp de Argentina. Nuncio festa, metum, nova quædam flebile lethum."

A bell called the Magistrates:

"Als man zahlt 1475 Jahr War Kaiser Friedrick hier offenbar: Da hat mich Meister Thomas Jost gegossen Dem Rath zu laüten ohnverdrossen."

On another:

"Nomen Domini sit benedictum. 1806."

I would beg to add a Note of one more early and interesting bell which was at Upsala:

"MAnno . Domini . MDXIIII . fusa . est . ista . Campana . in . honorem . Sancti . Erici . Regis . et . Martiris . Rex . erat . Ericus . humilis . devotus . honestus . prudens . V."

What V. means is rather a puzzle.

I fear I have already extended this reply to a length beyond all fair limit. I may at some future time (if desirable) send you a long roll of legends on mediæval bells without dates, and others of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, some of a devotional character, and others of the style of unseemly and godless epitaphs. But it is to be hoped that in these, as in other like matters, a better taste is beginning to predominate; and it must be a subject of congratulation that

"Jam nova progenies cœlo demittitur alto."

H. T. Ellacombe.

Rectory, Clyst St. George.

In the steeple of Foulden Church, South Greenhoe Hd., Norfolk, are six bells with inscriptions as under:

- 1. "Thos. Osborn *fecit.* 1802. Peace and good neighbourhood."
- 2. "The laws to praise, my voice I raise."

- 3. "Thos. Osborn fecit, Downham, Norfolk."
- 4. "Our voices shall with joyful sound Make hill and valley echo round."
- 5. "I to the church the living call, And to the grave I summon all."
- 6. "Long live King George the Third. Thomas Osborn *fecit*, 1802."

GODDARD JOHNSON.

## DE BEAUVOIR PEDIGREE.

(Vol. ix., p. 349.)

Your correspondent Mr. Thomas Russell Potter inquires whether any descendants of the De Beauvoirs of Guernsey are still existing. The family was, at one time, so numerous in that island that there are few of the gentry who cannot claim a De Beauvoir among their ancestors; but the name itself became extinct there by the death of Osmond de Beauvoir, Esq., in 1810. Some few years later, the last of a branch of the family settled in England died, leaving a very large property, which was inherited by a Mr. Benyon, who assumed the name of De Beauvoir.

The name is also to be found in the Irish baronetcy; a baronet of the name of Brown having married the daughter and heiress of the Rev. Peter de Beauvoir, the widow I believe of an Admiral M'Dougal, and thereupon taking up his wife's maiden name.

With respect to the pedigree which Mr. Potter quotes, and of which many copies exist in this island, it is without doubt one of the most impudent forgeries in that way ever perpetrated. From internal evidence, it was drawn up at the latter end of the reign of Elizabeth, or at the beginning of the reign of James I., as the compiler speaks of Roger, Earl of Rutland, as being living. This nobleman succeeded to the title in 1588, and died in 1612. The pedigree ends in the Guernsey line with Henry de Beauvoir; whom we may therefore presume to have been still alive, or but recently deceased; and whose great-grandfather, according to the pedigree, was the first of the name in the island. Allowing three generations to a century, this would throw back the arrival of the first of the De Beauvoirs to some part of the sixteenth century; but we have proof that they were settled here long before that time. In an authentic document, preserved among the records of the island, the extent of the crown revenues drawn up by order of Edward III. in 1331, the names of Pierre and Guillaume de Beauvoir are found. Another Pierre de Beauvoir, apparently the great-grandson of the above-mentioned Pierre, was Bailiff of Guernsey from 1470 to 1480. As for the family of Harryes, no such I believe ever existed in Guernsey; but a gentleman of the name of Peter Henry, belonging to a family of very ancient standing in the island, bought property in Salisbury in the year 1551, where the name seems to have been Anglicised to Harrys or Harris; as the name of his son Andrew, who was a jurat of the Royal Court of Guernsey, appears as often on the records of the island in the one form as in the other. One of Peter Henry's or Harris's daughters was married at Salisbury to a Henry de Beauvoir; and I have no doubt this is the marriage with which the pedigree ends. If I am right, the Harryes' pedigree has no more claim to authenticity than the De Beauvoir. If Mr. Potter wishes for farther information, and will communicate with me, I shall be happy to answer his inquiries as far as I am able.

The pedigree itself, however, suggests two or three Queries which I should like to see answered.

The heading is signed Hamlet Sankye or Saukye. Is anything known of such a person?

The pedigree speaks of Sir Robert de Beauveir of Tarwell, Knt., *now living*. Was there ever a family of the name of De Beauveir, De Beauveir, or Beaver, of Tarwell, in Nottinghamshire? And if there was, what arms did they bear?

If there was such a family, was it in any way connected with any of the early proprietors of Belvoir Castle?

Is anything known of a family of the name of Harryes or Harris of Orton, and what were their arms?

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Guernsey.

## RIGHT OF REFUGE IN THE CHURCH PORCH.

(Vol. ix., p. 325.)

The following entry appears in a Corporation Book of this city, under the year 1662:

"Thomas Corbold, who hath a loathesome disease, have, with his wife and two children, layne in the Porch of St. Peters per Mountegate above one year; it is now ordered by

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the Court that he be put into some place in the Pest-houses during the pleasure of the Court, untill the Lazar-houses be repaired."

How they were supported during the year does not appear, or if he belonged to the parish; nor is it said that it was considered he gained settlement on the parish by continuing in the porch one

I have heard of similar instances under an idea that any person may lodge in a church porch, and are not removable; but I believe it is an erroneous idea.

GODDARD JOHNSON.

In proof of the idea being current among the lower orders, that the church porch is a place of refuge for any houseless parishioners, I beg to state that a poor woman of the adjoining parish of Langford, came the other day to ask whether I, as a magistrate, could render her any assistance, as, in consequence of her husband's father and mother having gone to America, she and her family had become houseless, and were obliged to take up their abode in the church porch.

A. S.

West Tofts Rectory, Brandon, Norfolk.

I know an instance where a person found a temporary, but at the same time an involuntary, home in a church porch. There was a dispute between the parishes of Frodingham and Broughton, co. Lincoln, some twelve months ago, as to the settlement of an old woman. She had been living for some time in, and had become chargeable to the latter parish, but was said to belong to the former. By some means or other the woman's son was induced to convey his mother to the parish of Frodingham, which he did; and as he knew quite well that the overseer of the parish would not receive her at his hands, he adopted the somewhat strange course of leaving her in the church porch, where she remained until evening, when the overseer of Frodingham took her away, fearing that her life might be in danger from exposure to the cold, she being far advanced in years. Until I saw Cheverells' Query, I thought the depository of the old woman in the church porch was, so far as the place of deposit was concerned, more accidental than designed; but after all it may be the remnant of some such custom as that of which he speaks, and I, for one, should be glad to see farther inquiry made into it. To which of J. H. Parker's Parochial Tales does CHEVERELLS allude?

W. E. HOWLETT.

Kirton-in-Lindsey.

## FERDINAND CHARLES III., DUKE OF PARMA.

(Vol. ix., p. 417.)

The late Duke of Parma was not the first lineal representative of the Stuarts, as stated by E. S. S. W. Victor Emanuel, King of Sardinia, who succeeded in 1802, left by his wife Maria Theresa of Austria four daughters. The eldest of these four, Beatrix, born in 1792, married, in 1812, Francis IV., Duke of Modena, and by him (who died on the 21st of January, 1846) had issue two sons and two daughters. The eldest of these sons, Francis V., the present reigning Duke of Modena, is therefore the person who would be now sitting on the English throne had the Stuarts kept the succession. He has no children, I believe, by his wife Adelgonda of Bavaria; and the next person in succession would therefore be Dorothea, the infant daughter of his deceased brother Victor.

Victor Emanuel's second daughter was Maria Theresa, who married Charles Duke of Parma, as stated by E. S. S. W.

The present Countess of Chambord is Maria Theresa Beatrice-Gaëtana, the eldest of the two sisters of Francis V., Duke of Modena. She is therefore wife of the representative of the House of Bourbon, and sister to the representative of the House of Stuart.

S. L. P.

Oxford and Cambridge Club.

Allow me to correct the statement made by your correspondent, that the Duke of Parma represented the Royal House of Stuart. The mother of the late Duke of Parma had an elder sister, Maria Beatrice, who married Francis IV., late Duke of Modena, and upon her death, in 1840, the representation devolved upon her son, Francis V., the present Duke of Modena, who was born in 1819.

P. V.

Allow me to remark on the article of E. S. S. W. (Vol. ix., p. 417.) respecting the House of Stuart, that he is in error in assigning that honour to the late Duke of Parma, and, as a consequence, to his infant son and successor, Robert, now Duke of Parma. The late Duke was undoubtedly a descendant of Charles I. through his mother; but his mother had an elder sister, Beatrice, late Duchess of Modena, whose son, Francis V., now Duke of Modena, born 1st June, 1819, is the unquestionable heir to the House of Stuart, and, as a Jacobite would say, if any such curiosity there be in existence, legitimate King of Great Britain and Ireland.

J. REYNELL WREFORD.

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## PHOTOGRAPHIC CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Townsend's Wax-paper Process.—At the last meeting of the Photographic Society a paper was read by Mr. Townsend, giving the results of a series of experiments instituted by him in reference to the wax-paper process. One of the great objections hitherto made to this process has been its slowness, as compared with the original calotype process, and its various modifications; and another, that its preparation involved some complexity of manipulation. Mr. Townsend has simplified the process materially, having found that the use of the fluoride and cyanide of potassium, as directed by Le Gray, in no way adds to the efficiency of the process, either in accelerating or otherwise. The iodide and bromide of potassium with free iodine give a paper which produces rapid, sure, and clean results. He discards whey, sugar of milk, grape sugar, &c., hitherto deemed essential, but which his experience shows to be unnecessary. He exhibited three negatives of the same view taken consecutively at eight o'clock in the morning, with the respective exposures of thirty seconds, two and a half minutes, and ten minutes, each of which was good and perfect. The formula he adopts is:

Iodide of potassium 600 grs.

Bromide of potassium, from 150 to 250 "

Re-sublimed iodine 6 "

Distilled water 40 oz.

The waxed papers are wholly immersed in this solution, and left to soak at least two hours, and are then hung to dry in the usual way. The papers are made sensitive by wholly immersing them in aceto-nitrate of silver of the following proportions:

Nitrate of silver 30 grs.

Acetic acid 30 minims.

Distilled water 1 oz.

The papers remaining in this solution not less than eight minutes. They are washed in two waters for eight minutes each, and then blotted off in the ordinary manner. Mr. Townsend states that there is no need to fear leaving the paper in the sensitive bath too long. He has left it in the bath fourteen hours without any injury. The paper thus prepared will keep ten or twelve days; it may be longer, but his experience does not extend beyond that time. With paper thus prepared a portrait was exhibited, taken in fifty-five seconds, in a room with a side light; but it must be added, that in this instance the paper was not washed, but was blotted off immediately on its leaving the sensitive bath, though not used until two hours had elapsed. Mr. Townsend uses for developing a saturated solution of gallic acid with a drachm of aceto-nitrate to every four ounces of it, but he considers that this proportion of aceto-nitrate may be beneficially lessened. He finds that by this process he is certain of success, and is never troubled with that browning over of the paper which so often attends the use of the other methods of preparation. Besides the rapidity of action which he states, there is the farther advantage that a lengthened exposure is not injurious. The proportion of bromide may vary from 150 grs. to 250 grs.; less than 150 is not sufficient to produce a maximum of rapidity, whilst more than 250 adds nothing to the effect.

Photographic Litigation.—Will you allow me, through the medium of "N. & Q.," to suggest to those who take an interest in the collodion process, the desirableness of making a subscription to aid Mr. Henderson in his defence against the proceedings commenced by Mr. Talbot, to restrain him (and through him, no doubt, all others) from taking collodion portraits. [11]

It does not appear just that one person should bear the whole expense of a defence in which so many are interested; and I have no doubt that if a subscription be set on foot, many photographers will willingly contribute. A subscription, besides its material aid to Mr. Henderson, would also serve to show that public opinion is opposed to such absurd and unjust attempts at monopoly.

It is difficult to imagine how a claim can be established to a right in an invention made many years subsequent to the date of the patent under which the claim is made—not only made by another person, but differing so widely in principle from the patent process. The advertisement in the *Athenæum* of Saturday last (June 10) shows plainly that it is intended, if possible, to prevent the production of portraits on collodion by any person not licensed by Mr. Talbot; and the harshness of this proceeding, after the process has been in public use for several years, needs no comment.

H. C. SANDS.

30. Spring Gardens, Bradford.

## Footnote 11:(return)

The words of the advertisement are "making and selling."

[We insert this communication, because we believe it gives expression to a sentiment shared by many. Subscriptions in favour of M. La Roche, whose case stands first for trial,

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are received by Messrs. Horne and Thornthwaite. Our correspondent does not, however, accurately represent the caution issued by Mr. F. Talbot's solicitors, which is against "making and selling" photographic portraits by the collodion process. When giving up his patent to the public, Mr. Fox Talbot reserved "in the hands of his own licensees the application of the invention to the taking photographic portraits for sale," and we have always regretted that Mr. F. Talbot should have made such reservation, founded, as it is, upon a very questionable right.—Ed. "N. & Q."]

## Replies to Minor Queries.

*Vandyking* (Vol. ix., p. 452.).—Your correspondent P. C. S. S. asks the meaning of the term *Vandyking*, in the following passage of a letter from Secretary Windebanke to the Lord Deputy Wentworth, dated Westminster, Nov. 20, 1633, the Lord Deputy being then in Ireland:—

"Now, my Lord, for my own observations of your carriage since you had the conduct of affairs there [in Ireland], because you press me so earnestly, I shall take the boldness to deliver myself as freely.

"First, though while we had the happiness and honour to have your assistance here at the Council Board, you made many ill faces with your pen (pardon, I beseech your Lordship, the over free censure of your Vandyking), and worse, oftentimes, with your speeches, especially in the business of the Lord Falconberg, Sir Thomas Gore, Vermuyden, and others; yet I understand you make worse there in Ireland, and there never appeared a worse face under a cork upon a bottle, than your Lordship hath caused some to make in disgorging such church livings as their zeal had eaten up."—Strafford's Letters, vol. i. p. 161.

This passage, as well as what follows, is written in a strain of banter, and is intended to compliment the great Lord Deputy under the pretence of a free censure of his conduct. The first part of the second paragraph evidently alludes to Wentworth's habit of drawing faces upon paper when he was sitting at the Council Table, and the word *Vandyking* is used in the sense of *portrait-painting*. Vandyck was born in 1599; he visited England for a short time in 1620, and in 1632 he came to England permanently, was lodged by the king, and knighted; in the following year he received a pension of 200*l*. for life, and the title of painter to his Majesty. It was therefore quite natural that Windebanke should, in November, 1633, use the term *Vandyking* as equivalent to *portrait-painting*.

In the latter part of the same paragraph, the allusion is to the wry faces, which the speeches of this imperious member of council sometimes caused. Can any of your correspondents explain the expression, "a worse face under a cork upon a bottle?"

L.

Monteith (Vol. ix., p. 452.).—The Monteith was a kind of punch-bowl (sometimes of delf ware) with scallops or indentations in the brim, the object of which was to convert it into a convenient tray for bringing in the glasses. These were of wine-glass shape, and being placed with the brims downwards, and radiating from the centre, and with the handles protruding through the indentations in the bowl, were easily carried, without much jingling or risk of breakage. Of course the bowl was empty of liquor at the time.

P. P.

A. M. and M. A. (Vol. ix., p. 475.).—Juverna, M. A., is certainly wrong in stating that "Masters of Arts of Oxford are styled 'M. A.,' in contradistinction to the Masters of Arts in every other university." A. B., A. M., are the proper initials for *Baccalaureus* and *Magister Artium*, and should therefore only be used when the name is in Latin. B.A. and M.A. are those for Bachelor and Master of Arts, and are the only ones to be used where the name is expressed in English. Thus John Smith, had he taken his first degree in Arts at any university, might indicate the fact by signing John Smith, B.A., or Johannes S., A.B. If he put John Smith, A.B., a doubt might exist whether he were not an *able-bodied* seaman, for that is implied by A.B. attached to an English name. The editor of Farindon's *Sermons*, who is, I believe, a Dissenter, styles himself the Reverend T. Jackson, S.T.P., *i. e.* Sacrosanctæ Theologiæ Professor. He might as well have part of his title in Sanscrit, as part in English and part in Latin.

I believe this mistake is made more frequently by graduates of Cambridge than by those of Oxford. Indeed, they have now created a new degree, Master of Laws, with the initials LL.M. (Legum Magister). But they are usually infelicitous in their nomenclature, as witness their *voluntary* theological examination, now made *compulsory* by all the bishops.

E. G. R., M.A.

Cambridge.

*Greek denounced by the Monks* (Vol. ix., p. 467).—In his *History of the Reformation* (b. I. ch. iii.), D'Aubigné says,—

"The monks asserted that all heresies arose from those two languages [Greek and Hebrew], and particularly from the Greek. 'The New Testament,' said one of them, 'is a book full of serpents and thorns. Greek,' continued he, 'is a new and recently-invented

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language, and we must be upon our guard against it. As for Hebrew, my dear brethren, it is certain that all who learn it immediately become Jews.' Heresbach, a friend of Erasmus and a respectable author, reports these expressions."

Had there been more authority, probably D'Aubigné would have quoted it.

B. H. C.

In Lewis's *History of the English Translation of the Bible*, edit. London, 1818, pp. 54, 55., the following passage occurs:

"These proceedings for the advancement of learning and knowledge, especially in divine matters, alarmed the ignorant and illiterate monks, insomuch that they declaimed from the pulpits, that 'there was now a *new language* discovered called Greek, of which people should beware, since it was that which produced all the heresies; that in this language was come forth a book called the *New Testament*, which was now in everybody's hands, and was full of thorns and briers: that there was also another language now started up which they called Hebrew, and that they who learnt it were termed Hebrews.'"

The authority quoted for this statement is Hody, De Bibliorum Textibus, p. 465.

See also the rebuke administered by Henry VIII. to a preacher who had "launched forth against Greek and its new interpreters," in Erasmus, *Epp.*, p. 347., quoted in D'Aubigné's *Reformation*, book XVIII. 1.

C. W. BINGHAM.

Caldecott's Translation of the New Testament (Vol. viii., p. 410.).—J. M. Caldecott, the translator of the New Testament, referred to by your correspondent S. A. S., is the son of the late Caldecott, Esq., of Rugby Lodge, and was educated at Rugby School, where I believe he obtained one or more prizes as a first-class Greek and Hebrew scholar. After completing his studies at this school, his father purchased for him a commission in the East India Company's service; but soon after his arrival in India, conceiving a dislike to the army, he sold his commission and returned to England. Being somewhat singular in his notions, and altogether eccentric both in manner and appearance, he estranged himself from his family and friends, and, as I have been informed, took up his temporary abode in this city about the year 1828. Although his income was at that time little short of 3001. per annum, he had neither house nor servant of his own; but boarded in the house of a respectable tradesman, living on the plainest fare (so as he was wont to say), to enable him to give the more to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. In this way, and by being frequently imposed upon by worthless characters, he gave away, in a few years, nearly all his property, leaving himself almost destitute: and, indeed, would have been entirely so, but for a weekly allowance made to him by his mother (sometime since deceased), on which he is at the present time living in great obscurity in one of our large seaport towns; but may be occasionally seen in the streets with a long beard, and a broad-brimmed hat, addressing a group of idlers and half-naked children. I could furnish your correspondent S. A. S. with more information if needful.

T. J.

Chester.

Blue Bells of Scotland (Vol. viii., p. 388. Vol. ix., p. 209.).—Surely we of Philadelphia is right in supposing that the Blue Bell of Scotland, in the ballad which goes by that name, is a bell painted blue, and used as the sign of an inn, and not the flower so called, as asserted by Henry Stephens, unless indeed there be an older ballad than the one commonly sung, which, as many of your readers must be aware, contains this line,—

"He dwells in merry Scotland, At the *sign* of the Blue Bell."

I remember to have heard that the popularity of this song dates from the time when it was sung on the stage by Mrs. Jordan.

Can any one inform me whether the air is ancient or modern?

Honoré de Mareville.

Guernsey.

"De male quæsitis gaudet non tertius hæres" (Vol. ii., p. 167.).—The quotation here wanted has hitherto been neglected. The words may be found, with a slight variation, in *Bellochii Praxis Moralis Theologiæ, de casibus reservatis, &c.*, Venetiis, 1627, 4to. As the work is not common, I send the passage for insertion, which I know will be acceptable to other correspondents as well as to the querist:

"Divino judicio permittitur ut tales surreptores rerum sacrarum diu ipsis rebus furtivis non lætentur, sed imo ab aliis nequioribus furibus præfatæ res illis abripiantur, ut de se ipso fassus est ille, qui in suis ædibus hoc distichon inscripsit, ut refert Jo. Bonif., lib. de furt., § contrectatio, num. 134. in fin.:

'Congeries lapidum variis constructa rapinis, Aut uret, aut ruet, aut raptor alter habebit.'

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Et juxta illud:

'De rebus male acquisitis, non gaudebit tertius hæres.'

Lazar (de monitorio), sect. 4. 9. 4., num. 16., imo nec secundus, ut ingenuè et perbellè fatetur in suo poemate, nostro idiomate Jerusalem celeste acquistata, cant. x. num. 88. Pater Frater Augustinus Gallutius de Mandulcho, ita canendo:

'D'un' acquisto sacrilego e immondo, Gode di rado il successor secondo, Pero che il primo e mal' accorto herede Senza discretion li da di piedi.'"

BIBLIOTHECAR, CHETHAM.

Mawkin (Vol. ix., pp. 303. 385.).—Is not mawkin merely a corruption for mannikin? I strongly suspect it to be so, though Forby, in his *Vocabulary of East Anglia*, gives the word maukin as if peculiar to Norfolk and Suffolk, and derives it, like L., from Mal, for Moll or Mary.

F. C. H.

This word, in the Scottish dialect spelt maukin, means a hare. It occurs in the following verse of Burns in  $Tam\ Samson's\ Elegy$ :

"Rejoice, ye birring paitricks a';
Ye cootie moorcocks, crousely craw;
Ye maukins, cock your fud fu' braw,
Withouten dread;
Your mortal fae is now awa',
Tam Samson's dead!"

KENNEDY M'NAB.

"Putting a spoke in his wheel" (Vol. viii., pp. 269. 351. 576.).—There is no doubt that "putting a spoke in his wheel" is "offering an obstruction." But I have always understood the "spoke" to be, not a radius of the wheel, but a bar put between the spokes at right angles, so as to prevent the turning of the wheel; a rude mode of "locking," which I have often seen practised. The correctness of the metaphor is thus evident.

WM. HAZEL.

Dog Latin (Vol. viii., p. 523.).—The return of a sheriff to a writ which he had not been able to serve, owing to the defendant's secreting himself in a swamp, will be new to English readers. It was "Non come-at-ibus in swampo."

Since the adoption of the Federal Constitution, the motto of the United States has been "E pluribus unum." A country sign-painter in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, painted "E pluribur unibus," instead of it on a sign.

UNEDA.

## Philadelphia.

Swedish Words current in England (Vol. vii., pp. 231. 366.).—Very many Swedish words are current in the north of England, e. gr. barn or bearn (Scottice bairn), Sw. barn; bleit or blate, bashful, Sw. blöd; to cleam, to fasten, to spread thickly over, Sw. klemma; cod, pillow, Sw. kudde; to gly, to squint, Sw. glo; to lope, to leap, Sw. löpa; to late (Cumberland), to seek, Sw. leta; sackless, without crime, Sw. saklös; sark, shirt, Sw. särk; to thole (Derbyshire), to endure, Sw. tala; to walt, to totter, to overthrow, Sw. wälta; to warp, to lay eggs, Sw. wärpa; wogh (Lancashire), wall, Sw. wägg, &c. It is a fact very little known, that the Swedish language bears the closest resemblance of all modern languages to the English as regards grammatical structure, not even the Danish excepted.

Suecas.

*Mob* (Vol. viii., p. 524.).—I have always understood that this word was derived from the Latin expression *mobile vulgus*, which is, I believe, in Virgil.

UNEDA.

## Philadelphia.

"Days of my Youth" (Vol. viii., p. 467.).—In answer to the inquiry made a few months since, whether Judge St. George Tucker, of Virginia, was the author of the lines beginning—

"Days of my youth."

the undersigned states that he was a friend and relative of Judge Tucker, and knows him to have been the author. They had a great run at the time, and found their way not only into the newspapers, but even into the almanacs of the day.

G. T.

## Philadelphia.

*Encore* (Vol. viii., pp. 387. 524.).—A writer in an English magazine, a few years ago, proposed that the Latin word *repetitus* should be used instead of *encore*. Among other advantages he

suggested that the people in the gallery of a theatre would pronounce it *repeat-it-us*, and thus make English of it.

UNEDA.

Philadelphia.

Richard Plantagenet, Earl of Cambridge (Vol. ix., p. 493.).—Your correspondent will find his question answered by referring to the *History of the Royal Family*, 8vo., Lond., 1741, pp. 119. 156. For an account of this book, which is founded upon the well-known Sandford's *Genealogical History*, see Clarke's *Bibliotheca Legum*, edit. 1819, p. 174.

T. E. T.

Islington.

Right of redeeming Property (Vol. viii., p. 516.).—This right formerly existed in Normandy, and, I believe, in other parts of France. In the bailiwick of Guernsey, the laws of which are based on the ancient custom of Normandy, the right is still exercised, although it has been abolished for some years in the neighbouring island of Jersey.

The law only applies to real property, which, by the Norman custom, was divided in certain proportions among all the children; and this right of "retrait," as it is technically termed, was doubtless intended to counteract in some measure the too minute division of land, and to preserve inheritances in families. It must be exercised within a year of the purchase. For farther information on the subject, Berry's *History of Guernsey*, p. 176., may be consulted.

Honoré de Mareville.

Guernsey.

Latin Inscription on Lindsey Court-house (Vol. ix., pp. 492. 552.).—I cannot but express my surprise at the learned (?) trifling of some of your correspondents on the inscription upon Lindsey Court-house. Try it thus:

"Fiat Justitia, 1619, Hæc domus Odit, amat, punit, conservat, honorat, Nequitiam, pacem, crimina, jura, bonos."

which will make two lines, an hexameter and a pentameter, the first letters, O and N, having perhaps been effaced by time or accident.

Neglectus.

[That this emendation is the right one is clear from the communication of another correspondent, B. R. A. Y., who makes the same, and adds in confirmation, "The following lines existed formerly (and do, perhaps, now) on the Market-house at Much Wenlock, Shropshire, which will explain their meaning:

'Hic locus

Odit, amat, punit, conservat, honorat,

Nequitiam, pacem, crimina, jura, bonos.'

The O and N, being at the beginning of the lines as given by your correspondent, were doubtless obliterated by age."]

The restoration of this inscription proposed by me is erroneous, and must be corrected from the perfect inscription as preserved at Pistoia and Much Wenlock, cited by another correspondent in p. 552. The three inscriptions are slightly varied. Perhaps "amat pacem" is better than "amat leges," on account of the tautology with "conservat jura."

L.

Myrtle Bee (Vol. ix., p. 205. &c.).—"I have carefully read and reread the articles on the myrtle bee, and I can come to no other conclusion than that it is not a bird at all, but an insect, one of the hawkmoths, and probably the humming-bird hawkmoth. We have so many indefatigable genuine field naturalists, picking up every straggler which is blown to our coasts, that I cannot think it possible there is a bird at all common to any district of England, and yet totally unknown to science. Now, insects are often exceedingly abundant in particular localities, yet scarcely known beyond them. The size C. Brown describes as certainly not larger than half that of the common wren. The humming-bird (H. M.) is scarcely so large as this, but its vibratory motion would make it look somewhat larger than it really is. Its breadth, from tip to tip of the wings, is twenty to twenty-four lines. The myrtle bee's "short flight is rapid, steady, and direct," exactly that of the hawkmoth. The tongue of the myrtle bee is "round, sharp, and pointed at the end, appearing capable of penetration," not a bad popular description of the suctorial trunk of the hawkmoth, from which it gains its generic name, Macroglossa. Its second pair of wings are of a rusty yellow colour, which, when closed, would give it it the appearance of being "tinged with yellow about the vent." It has also a tuft of scaly hairs at the extremity of the abdomen, which would suggest the idea of a tail. In fact, on the wing, it appears very like a little bird, as attested by its common name. In habit it generally retires from the mid-day sun, which would account for its being "put up" by the dogs. The furze-chat, mentioned by C. Brown, is the Saxicola rubetra, commonly also called the whinchat.

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*Mousehunt* (Vol. ix., p. 65. &c.).—G. Tennyson identifies the mousehunt with the beechmartin, the *very largest* of our *Mustelidæ*, on the authority of Henley "the dramatic commentator." Was he a naturalist too? I never heard of him as such.

Now, Mr. W. R. D. Salmon, who first asked the question, speaks of it as *less* than the common weasel, and quotes Mr. Colquhoun's opinion, that it is only "the young of the year." I have no doubt at all that this is correct. The young of all the *Mustelidæ* hunt, and to a casual observer exhibit all the actions of full-grown animals, when not more than half the size of their parents. There seems no reason to suppose that there are more than four species known in England, the weasel, the stoat or ermine, the polecat, and the martin. The full-grown female of the weasel is much smaller than the male. Go to any zealous gamekeeper's exhibition, and you will see them of many gradations in size.

WM. HAZEL.

Longfellow's "Hyperion" (Vol. ix., p. 495.).—I would offer the following rather as a suggestion than as an answer to Mordan Gillott. But it has always appeared to me that Longfellow has himself explained, by a simple allusion in the work, the *reason* which dictated the name of his *Hyperion*. As the ancients fabled Hyperion to be the offspring of the heavens and the earth; so, in his aspirations, and his weakness and sorrows, Flemming (the hero of the work) personifies, as it were, the mingling of heaven and earth in the heart and mind of a man of true nobility. The passage to which I allude is the following:

"Noble examples of a high purpose, and a fixed will! Do they not move, Hyperion-like, on high? Were they not likewise sons of heaven and earth?"—Book iv. ch. 1.

Seleucus.

*Benjamin Rush* (Vol. ix., p. 451.).—Inquirer asks "Why the freedom of Edinburgh was conferred upon him?" I have looked into the Records of the Town Council, and found the following entry:

"4th March, 1767. The Council admit and receive Richard Stocktoun, Esquire, of New Jersey, Councillour at Law, and Benjamin Rush, Esquire, of Philadelphia, to be burgesses and gild brethren of this city, in the most ample form."

But there is no reason assigned.

James Laurie, Conjoint Town Clerk.

*Quakers executed in North America* (Vol. ix., p. 305.).—A fuller account of these nefarious proceedings is detailed in an abstract of the sufferings of the people called Quakers, in 2 vols., 1733; vol. i. (Appendix) pp. 491-514., and in vol. iii. pp. 195-232.

E. D.

## **Notices to Correspondents.**

For the purpose of inserting as many Replies as possible in this, the closing Number of our Ninth Volume, we have this week omitted our usual Notes on Books and Lists of Books wanted to purchase.

W. W. (Malta). Received with many thanks.

R. H. (Oxford). For Kentish Men and Men of Kent, see "N. & Q.," Vol. v., pp. 321. 615.

Mr. Long's easy Calotype Process reached us too late for insertion this week. It shall appear in our next.

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