at Cambridge, he entered orders, and became chaplain to William Cecil, Lord Burleigh, and subsequently to his son Robert Earl of Salisbury. At a later period he was clerk of the closet to James I. and Charles I.; and after passing through every order of the Church, and enjoying the rare honour of being translated to six different sees in succession, he became Archbishop of York, and died in 1640. Le Neve, in his Lives of the Bishops, says that the grandfather of the archbishop had a considerable estate and a very good preferment at court, both of which he lost in 1539, being ruined, and narrowly escaping with his life, owing to his conscientious opposition to the six articles. Would any of your correspondents kindly inform me who was the grandfather of the archbishop? Dr. Neile's seal, when Bishop of Durham, is to be found in History of Durham, vol. i. p. 482.

H. S. S.

Greenwood Family. — 1. Is there any family in England, by the name of Greenwood, bearing the following arms: argent, a fess sable; in chief his life, owing to his conscientious opposition to the archbishop? Dr. Neile's seal, when Bishop of Durham, is to be found in History of Durham, vol. i. p. 482.

2. Does such family possess any record of Miles Greenwood, an officer in the Puritan army of Cromwell?

3. Who was Capt. Greenwood, appointed for the garrison at Berwick in July, 1650?

New York.

Minor Queries with Answers.

Luff, the Mainstay Parting. — I have a manuscript poem in which occurs the following passage. The poem is descriptive of a voyage in which two ships come in contact at sea:

"The father gathers strength from his despair,
And all the sailor on his spirit comes.
His practic'd hands are busy — ho! ship, there!"

Luff — luff your helm, ye lubbers — the mainstay
Parts by the yard-arm and is swept away.

Now, what I wish to know is, if the command, "Luff — luff your helm," be correct under the circumstances? and can such a thing happen by vessels coming in contact as "the mainstay" being parted "from the yard-arm?"

William Bruce.

[Luff! is the order of the helmsman to put the tiller towards the lee-side of the ship, in order to make the ship sail nearer to the direction of the wind.] (Falconer.) How far this would prevent a collision between two ships must entirely depend upon their relative position. It might be the best command that could be given — it might be the worst. — The parting of the mainstay "by the yard-arm," i.e. at its superior extremity, would be a serious accident at any time, but especially at the moment of a collision. Does the poet mean to represent collision as the cause of the parting? Or have the two incidents only the same connexion as Tenterden Steeple and the Goodwin Sands?]