Copley and Mrs. Fort.—In the Wadsworth Athenæum of this city hangs a portrait, on whose back is written: “John Singleton Copley, R.A., Portrait of Mrs. Seymour Fort, from the Morgan Collection.” It has frequently been called the finest Copley in America. The picture was obtained through Dowdeswells, London, in 1902. Is there any record of its exhibition and who was Mrs. Seymour Fort and where can some account of the Morgan Collection be found? 

Forrest Morgan.

Hartford, Conn.

Accidental Likenesses.—I have before me a photograph that shows a remarkable likeness to a human face in one part of it, which likeness I believe to be wholly accidental, and to have arisen out of some fault in the plate. Such resemblances have often been noticed in natural rocks, sections of pebbles, &c., and I should be glad to hear of any notable instances of a like kind, including any cases of accidental dark spotting on photographic prints—which would, of course, appear light on the negatives. I should suppose that such defective plates are usually at once discarded, but should be glad to know of examples, and of ways of accounting for them. The appearance above referred to resembles a good deal that of the rough surface of a patch of lichen, or that of a piece of stone or metal roughened by corrosion.

J. T. F.

Winterton, Lincs.

Ralph, Bishop of Meath 1726-31.—A friend has been kind enough to give me the maternal ancestry of this prelate, which is as follows: “He was son of George Lambert by Alice his wife, daughter of Ralph Smyth of Ballynacash, co. Antrim (see Smyth of Gaybrook in Burke’s ‘Landed Gentry of Ireland’). He was born in co. Louth, and matriculated at Trin. Coll., Dublin, June 13, 1681, aged 15.”

But who was George Lambert?

D. K. T.

Exemption from Income-Tax.—Can any one inform me as to whether priests of the Church of Rome are exempted in England, as they are in this country, from paying income-tax? 

Kathleen Ward.

Killiney, co. Dublin.

“Gun-cases.”—Could anybody kindly tell me the exact meaning and derivation of “gun-cases” (as applied to trousers)? The ‘N.E.D.’ gives only a judge’s tippet as a special meaning.

E. K. Limouzin.

Authors Wanted.—Who wrote the poem entitled ‘The Legend of St. George,’ commencing:

“St. George for Merrie England!”

Was once our battle-cry,

and in what publication did it appear?

There are seventeen stanzas. 

A. B.

......Pour out all as plain

As downright Shippen or as old Montaigne.

Razlitt twice gives this quotation in ‘The Spirit of the Age’: first in the article on ‘Mr. Brougham,’ and again in that on ‘Mr. Cobbett.’ Who was Downright Shippen?

Wm. H. Peet.

[There is a life of William Shippen (1673-1743)—“a pioneer of constitutional opposition”—in the ‘D.N.B.’]

Will some reader of ‘N. & Q.’ say where the following lines come from?

There is no death;

Ever near us, though unseen,

The dear immortal spirits tread.

There are no dead.

The first line reads the same as from the well-known stanza by Longfellow, but only the first line. 

J. Mackay Wilson.

Currygrane, Edgeworthstown.

Thomas Sheridan the Younger, graduated B.A. at Dublin, 1739.—According to the ‘Dict. Nat. Biog.’ “on 28 Nov., 1738, the University of Oxford ‘incorporated’ him as Master of Arts, and that of Cambridge did likewise on 16 March, 1769.” It would appear from Foster’s ‘Alum. Oxon.’ that he was incorporated B.A. at Oxford, Nov. 28, 1758, for there is no mention of M.A.; and his name is not to be found in the list of Cambridge graduates. What is the authority for Sheridan’s M.A. degrees at Oxford and Cambridge?

G. F. R. B.

The Rev. William Thomas, Rector of Ubley, Somerset.—When and whom did he marry? The ‘Dict. Nat. Biog.,’ lvi 197, does not give the desired information.

G. F. R. B.

“Old Gamel.”—In the Staffordshire Pipe Rolls, A.D. 1130, it is recorded that Liulf de Aldredeslega was fined 20 marks, 10 deerhounds, and 10 hawks for the murder of one Gamel.

Was this Gamel the Domesday owner of Alditheley (Audley), stated in the pedigree of the Sneyd family to be father of Adam de Alditheley, and grandfather of Lhilf de Alditheley? If so, the murder would have been that of