from a bag concealed under his coat." When applying to Boulton for a job at the Soho works, he went in "a top hat made from a block of wood by his own hands."

Messrs. Tangye Brothers, of Birmingham, have placed a granite tablet on Murdoch's cottage at Redruth, containing the following inscription:

"William Murdoch lived in this house 1782–1798; made the first locomotive here, and tested it in 1784; invented gas-lighting and used it in this house 1792."

Murdock* is buried in the parish church (St. Mary's), Handsworth, near Birmingham. A tablet to his memory is on the south chancel wall, exactly opposite a memorial to Boulton. Murdoch's bust, by Chantrey, occupies a place immediately above the tablet, which is thus inscribed:

Sacred to the memory of

William Murdoch

who died November the 15th 1839

in the 86th year of his age

also of

his son William Murdoch

who died June the 11th 1831

in the 44th year of his age

and of his second son

John Murdock

who died January the 20th 1862

in the 72nd year of his age.

West Haddon, Northamptonshire.

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Sagrada Ataranz, Arc., p. 32 should be p. 65, and "Extracto del Breve de Inocencio XI." p. 65, should be p. 32. At the end, p. 89, is an account, which was sent to him by a friend when the relation was almost ready for the press—i.e., in 1722—of the imprisonment of a French Protestant, M. Louis Rame, for eight years, 1679–87, by the Spanish Inquisition in Mexico and Spain, and of five English sailors, prisoners from the galleons. A.D. Jones. Oxford.

THE LATE H. S. ASHBE (9th S. vi. 121, 176).—Mr. THOMAS states at the first reference that "Mr. Ashbee has left his books (including those which will never appear in the catalogue) and prints to the British Museum." Supplementing this, the following may be interesting (Daily Telegraph, 26 September):

"Mr. Ashbee bequeathed to the Bibliographical Society of London all copies in his or their possession of his 'Iconography of Don Quixote,' or of any book written by him for the Society, and the plates for the same, and he bequeathed to James FitzMaurice Kelly, of 14, Palace Gardens, 1,000., partly to remunerate him for the trouble of examining the testator's manuscripts, and if he considers them, or any of them, worth publishing, the executors are to pay the cost of publication. The testator bequeathed to Alexander Graham one hundred of his books, and he bequeathed the remainder of his books at Fowler's Park and at his chambers in Gray's Inn, to the trustees, to select a part of the 'Ashbee Collection.'... He bequeathed his paintings and water-colour drawings to the trustees, to select some London gallery (the National Gallery to be preferred, or the gallery at South Kensington), to be held in trust for the use and enjoyment of the English nation; and he bequeathed all of his antiquities and curiosities in glass, or earthenware, or metal, or other material, from Cyprus, Egypt, Peru, or other countries, to the British Museum, to be kept in the Department for Antiquities or other suitable department, and any rejected articles are to be presented to the South Kensington Museum. He bequeathed to the British Museum, to be kept in the Print Room or other suitable department, all of the engravings in his possession, framed or in portfolios."

This is an example of public spirit too little followed.

F. MARCHAM.

THE LOCOMOTIVE AND GAS (9th S. vi. 227).—In the Daily Graphic of 25 March, 1893, there appeared an illustration of William Murdoch's house at Redruth, "The First House lighted by Coal Gas." In the letter-press which accompanied the picture the story of the clergyman's fright on beholding Murdoch's locomotive engine is alluded to. It is also recorded that he created astonishment and terror "by taking with him to and from the mine a lantern lit with gas supplied...