tion is incorrect. *Brash* or *water-brash* is a Yorkshire expression, and denotes acidity in the mouth occasioned by a disordered stomach.

F. C. Birkbeck Terry.

**Queries.**

We must request correspondents desiring information on family matters of only private interest, to affix their names and addresses to their queries, in order that the answers may be addressed to them direct.

**An Autograph of Shakespeare.** — In the *Mirror* for August 12, 1843, a correspondent writes:

"I have read so much about the only known autographs of the Great Bard that I think it right to inform you that thirty years ago I saw his signature to a fine in Queen Elizabeth's reign, then deposited in the Chapter House at Westminster. It was shown to me by a Mr. Ellis. This is probably the deed referred to by a former correspondent, Mr. Devon, from which the autograph has been cut off and purloined. If so, there can be no difficulty in fixing the responsibility. We have proof that the deed was uncut in 1813; in whose official hands has it since been?"

I can find in the *Mirror* no reply to this question, so I send it for solution to 'N. & Q.'

E. Walford, M.A.
Hyde Park Mansions, N.W.

**Books in the Bodleian Library.** — Paul Deschamps, in his *Dictionnaire de Géographie* (Paris, 1870), states that the Bodleian Library possesses several books printed at Bârta, in Hungary, in 1643 and 1650. Can any reader supply me with the names of the authors; or, if printed anonymously, with some other clue by which I can identify these books in the printed catalogue?

L. L. K.

**Sir Robert Stone.** — Who were the parents of Sir Robert Stone, who was cup-bearer to Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, in 1641? Any other facts regarding the Stone family will be highly appreciated.

M. L. M.

**Regimental Colours.** — I should feel obliged by a reply to the following queries. When new colours are presented to a regiment, who takes charge of the old colours; and who is entitled to assign them for a place in a church?

**Enquirer.**

**Claines Church, Worcester.** — Wanted, the register of marriages solemnized in this church during the year 1736, supposed to have been cut out of the register-book.

W. M. L.
The Firs, Westbury-on-Trym.

**Sir Roger de Coverley.** — In what published work shall I find an authentic steel or copper plate portrait of Roger Burgoyne, Bart. (the sup-

posed Sir Roger de Coverley of the *Spectator*), who died in 1716?

**Westminster Library.** — In 'The Picture of London for 1815,' p. 292, I read:

"The Westminster Library, Jermyn Street, is the first of those metropolitan establishments since known under the name of institutions, and is supported by annual subscriptions, for the purchase of newspapers and new publications."

How long did this institution flourish; and what became of its collections?

J. Dykes Campbell.

**Laurence Tomson's New Testament.** — Will any one who has a copy of Laurence Tomson's New Testament of 1576 kindly tell me if Alpha and Omega, in the thirteenth verse of the last chapter of Revelation, are in Greek characters or in words?

J. R. Dore.

**Huddersfield.**

**Turnpike Gates.** — Can any reader inform me whether the turnpike gates are still existing on the roads in Scotland and Ireland; or whether they are gradually disappearing as in England, and if a highway rate is levied instead?

L. T. Surrey.

**Date of Engraving Wanted.** — I have an engraving (6 in. by 4 in.) of an ancestor in a flowing wig, in a medallion, round which is printed, "Henry Maydman of Portsmouth aged 52." On a pedestal below:

When England's Rule in British Seas doth cease,
Farwel their wealth, their glory and their Peace.

Under that is "F. H. Van. Hove, sculp." I should be greatly obliged if any of your readers could inform me of the date of the engraving, and of any particulars of the person it represents.

Henry Alers Hankey.

**Robinson Family.** — Can any reader give information as to the ancestry of Rowland Robinson, who was born in 1654 in Long Burgh, six miles from Carlisle, Cumberland co. He came to America in 1675, and was a prominent person in the colony of Rhode Island. His children were: John, Joseph, Elizabeth, Margaret, Sarah, Rowland, Mercy, William, Mary, Rowland again, Sarah again, and Ruth. Rowland appears to have been a favourite name, and it is hoped that its appearance in some English pedigree may identify the emigrant's family. The following Robinson arms have been used by the family in America for several generations: Vert, three cinquefoils gules, on a chevron between three bucks trippant or.

William A. Robinson.
37, Angell Street, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.

**Earthquake in London.** — Dr. John Taylor died 1766, at his residuary house, Amen Corner. He speaks of the last of the two London earthquakes,