ated loaf called St. Nicholas is thrown in
the river, which it would float down on,
and stop as soon as it gains the spot with
the corpse underneath, after turning three
times round (Collin de Plancy, 'Dictionnaire
Critique des Reliques et des Images miracu-
For similar uses of a button from the waist-
coat of the drowned in England, and ot a
lighted candle accompanied with the reading
of a formula in Belgium, see Hazlitt,

KUMAGUSU MINAKATA.
Tanabe, Kii.

PROFESSOR JOHN GORDON, GRES-
HAM COLLEGE. — John Gordon
(1702-39) is described by Grove ('Diet,
of Music') as the son of "an eminent watch-
maker of the same names." His father may
have been the John Gordon, Black Spread
Eagle, Ludgate, who was admitted to the
Clock Makers' Company in 1698. The
latter John may have been the man who
sent a petition to the Middlesex Sessions,
December, 1689, praying to be relieved from
his apprenticeship with Sara Fellowes,
watch-case maker, as she had gone into
Salisbury Court and was altogether unable
to provide for him. She was ordered by
the Sessions to hand over John to a freeman
of the City (Middlesex Sessions books,
No. 470).

J. M. BULLOCH.

EXECUTION OF SIR JOHN HOTHAM.
—I notice an inaccuracy in Dr. Gar-
diner's 'History of the Civil War,' vol. ii,
p. 47 (edn. 1886-91), with regard to the
affair of the Hothams, to which it may
be worth drawing attention.
A very full and careful account of this
curious incident is given, yet nearly all
the dates are incorrect.
It is stated that Sir John Hotham was
led out to die on the morning of Jan. 1,
1644/45, but was reprieved on his way by
a warrant from the House of Lords, who
ordered the execution to be postponed for
four days. Upon instructions, however,
from the House of Commons, the unfor-
tunate man was again led out on Jan. 3,
and beheaded. As a fact, it was on the
morning of Dec. 31, 1644, that he was led
out for the first time, and was reprieved
until Jan. 4, which is four days from the
31st, his execution actually taking place on
the morning of Jan. 2.

It is also stated that the execution of his
son, Captain Hotham, took place on Jan. 2,
whereas it took place on Jan. 1.
These errors have not been corrected in
the later (1893) edition, nor in the list of
torra. In the contemporary newspapers
—Mercurius Civicus and The Parliament
Scout—both given by Dr. Gardiner as his
references, the dates are perfectly correct.

CHARLES LINDSAY.

A REAL PILGRIM.—One hears much
about pilgrimages that are conducted
with comfort; but pilgrims of the true
kind are rare. I am not alluding to Asia
and Africa. In a considerable touring of
the South of Europe, I have seen only one
genuine specimen, and he presented himself
to my astonished gaze about twenty years
ago, at Avila in Spain. He was walking on
foot from shrine to shrine, and then visiting
that of St. Teresa. He had in his right
hand a long staff, with something like a
banneret rolled round the upper end. Even
in Spain he was such an uncommon object
that the boys ran after him. I hope he
obtained all that he prayed for.

RICHARD H. THORNTON.

CORRIGENDA TO SOUTHEY'S 'LIFE
OF NELSON.'—Robert Southey in his
'Life of Nelson' makes the following mis-
leading statements:
Chapter II.—"He was at this time wooing
the niece of his friend the president, then in
her eighteenth year, the widow of Dr. Nisbet,
a physician. She had one child, a son, by name
Josiah, who was three years old."
They were married on March 11, 1787.
Chapter III:—"Josiah, his stepsou, went
with him as midshipman" [in the Agamem-
non, which he commissioned 30 January, 1793].
Ibid.—In Lord Nelson's 'Memoir of his Ser-
vice,' he confirms the date of the marriage as
March, 1787, and he states that he went to the
Leeward Island station in the 'Boreas' in the
spring of 1784.

Mrs. Hilda Gamlin's 'Nelson's Friend-
ships,' vol. ii. pp. 275-6, gives a photo-
graph of the tomb of Frances Herbert,
Viscountess Nelson, "who departed this
life 6 May, 1831, aged 73," and of Josiah
Nesbit, "who departed this life 14 July,
1830, aged 50," at Littleham, Devonshire.
These dates make Mr. Nesbit, Midshipman,
13 instead of 9 years of age in 1793; and
the widow 29 years of age when she cap-
tured Captain Horatio Nelson, who was
born Sept. 29, 1758.

JOHN A. RUPERT-JONES.