Some copies read gore. See this word in "The Agony."

"Repentance."

"Man's age is two hours' work, or three."

What does this mean? The expression, "Angel's age," is used in the poem entitled "Prayer."

"Jordan."

"May no lines pass, except they do their duty Not to a true, but painted chair?"

What chair is here alluded to?

"Riddle who list, for me, and pull for prime."

What is meant by pulling for prime? It can hardly mean, I presume, ringing for matins. Does it refer to the old game "Primero"?*

"Sin."

"So devils are our sins in perspective."

Query, Does this mean that our sins in perspective appear to have "some good" in them?

"The Quiddity."

"But it [a verse] is that which while I use I am with thee, and most take all."

Some copies read, "must take all." Does not "take" here mean captivate? It seems to be so used in the poem entitled "Gratefulness."

"Christmas."

"We sing one common Lord; wherefore he should Himself the candle hold."

Should there not be a comma after "should" and "candle"; "hold" meaning, as I think, "stay"?

"Virtue."

"Only a sweet and virtuous soul, Like season'd timber, never gives; But when the whole world turns to coal, Then chiefly lives."

Some copies read: "But tho' the whole world turn to coal." Neither reading makes the sense very clear.

All the editions of The Temple I have met with differ materially in many parts, and I much doubt whether there is one that is free from many errors.

J. D.

INEDITED LETTER FROM LORD JEFFREY TO BERNARD BARTON.

"Edinburgh, Jan. 28th, 1820.

"Dear Sir,—I have very little time for correspondence—especially at this season, or I should have great pleasure in cultivating yours. My answer to your former letter to me makes it less necessary to write at large in this. The novelty of a Quaker poem will rather attract notice and curiosity, I should imagine, than repel it. The novelty of a Quaker poem will rather attract my attention, I should imagine, than repel it.

"The penmanship is as hard to decipher as any MS. in modern English well can be."

J. D. CAMPBELL.

BOOK HAWKING.

I should like you to publish the following as a Note, worthy of remembrance of all literary persons. A man, dressed in a suit of black, with a white neckcloth, called recently at my private residence; and, as I was at my office, he expressed a wish to see my wife. On entering her room, he stated that he had been requested by the rector of the parish to call upon me, and wished to see me personally. My wife told him I returned

* In the Works of George Herbert, edit. 1859, 8vo (Bell & Dalby), is the following note to this line: "Pull for prime." A French phrase, meaning, "to pull, or draw, for the first place," especially in sports involving a trial of strength." Video "N. & Q." 2nd S. iv. 496.—Ed.]