place about 1630. When Donne knew that he was dying, he ordered from the carpenter a board the length of his body and a small wooden urn. He then caused himself to be wrapped in a winding-sheet and propped up against the board, with his feet in the urn, and in this posture his portrait was drawn by an artist. He kept the picture by his bed until his death a fortnight later.

Dr. Bentley’s may have been a similar morbid freak. Feeling his end approach, he may have caused himself to be laid in his coffin, in order to get used to it.

A MEMORY GAME (11 S. vi. 509; vii. 53).
—The game described in the query (not that described at the second reference) is discussed, with its variants, in Mrs. Gomme’s ‘Traditional Games,’ vol. ii., under the heading ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas.’

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THOMAS BAGSHAW (11 S. vii. 50).—1727, Demy of Magdalen. Elected Chaplain of Bromley College (succeeding his father) 17 Feb., 1734/5. Pres. to Addington, co. Buckingham, by Anne and Jane Busby, spinsters, 12 May, 1735. His mother was Abigail, daughter of Sir John Busby of Addington, Kt. He resigned his rectory on being inducted, January, 1779, to Southfleet, co. Kent. He was also licensed to the Perpetual Curacy of Bromley, 3 June, 1787, aged 77, and was buried at Bromley. On a mural monument on the south side of the altar in Bromley Church is the following inscription:


Above the inscription is a coat of arms, viz., Or, a bugle-horn stringed vert, between three roses gules, seeded or.

When Dr. Johnson was revising ‘his Dictionary’ in 1773, T. B. sent him additions too late to be inserted; but the Doctor replied: “If my readers had been as judicious, as diligent, and as communicative as yourself, my work had been better” (Boswell’s ‘Life,’ iii. 302, edition 1835). In 1798, he read the funeral service over the remains of Dr. Johnson’s wife at Bromley. In 1794, 12 July, the Doctor writes to ask permission to put up a monument.

“When it is done, if I have strength remaining, I will visit Bromley once again, and pay you part of the respect to which you have a right. From, Rev. Sir, your most humble servant, S. J.”—Ibid., viii. 355.

His benefactions to Bromley College are recorded on a tablet in the chapel. He also bequeathed a hundred pounds to Magdalen College.

College Order, 26 July, 1800:—
“That what remains unexpended of Mr. Bagshaw’s legacy of 94l. be left in the hands of the Librarian for the use of the Library.”

See Bloxam’s ‘Magd. Coll. Reg.,” vi. 216.

A. R. BAYLEY.

NOVELS IN ‘NORTHANGER ABBEY’ (11 S. vi. 449; vii. 14).—It seems to me that all the titles quoted were intended for works then known, but the titles are given in a careless manner. In ‘Hookham’s Library: English Catalogue’ (1849), I find “Orphans of the Rhine, 4 vols.”; “Horrid Mysteries, a novel, by P. Will, 4 vols.”; “The Mysterious Warning, a German tale, by Mrs. Parsons, 4 vols.”; and “The Castle of Wolfenbach, a German story, by Mrs. Parsons, 2 vols.” Allibone was not able to find any information about her.

These are in the first book I look at. I have little doubt that an hour’s further searching might produce the only unidentified one left—‘The Necromancer,’ which quite likely is only the second title, and might be ‘John Jones; or, The Necromancer.’

P. Will was minister of the German Lutheran Chapel in the Savoy.

RALPH THOMAS.

W. B. H. may be reminded that Jane Austen, in a letter to her sister Cassandra dated 24 Oct., 1798, writes:—

“My father is now reading the ‘Midnight Bell,’ which he has got from the Library.”—Brabourne, ‘Letters of Jane Austen,’ vol. i. p. 156.

R. A. A.-L.

REV. D. GEORGE GOYDER, F.E.S. (11 S. vi. 450, 514).—It is somewhat misleading to state that Goyder was “educated at Westminster,” for he was not educated at Westminster School, but at the Green Coat School, which at that time was situated on the outskirts of Tothill Fields, next to the Bridewell.

G. F. R. B.

“DOPE,” “TO DOPE,” “DOPER” (11 S. vi. 508; vii. 35).—An interesting account of the ‘Practice of Doping’ and ‘Methods of Detection’ will be found in The Daily Telegraph, Monday, 13 Jan., 1913.

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