grandfather by a grandson. Or was the murdered man Gamel de Tettesworth of Alderley, near Leek, co. Stafford?

Tradition has it that the murder took place at a spot known as Solomon's Hollow, near Leek, and, sixty years ago, men who were returning from Leek market would not cross the hollow for fear of seeing "Old Gamel," and stayed the night at an inn on the Leek side of the valley. In Domesday Alderley in Cheshire is spelled Aldredeslega, whilst Audley, near Newcastle, is spelled Aldidiley.

It appears from this evidence that Liulf de Alditheley and Liulf de Aldredeslega were two different persons.

Moreover, it is difficult to believe that Gamel, the Domesday owner of Aldidiley, was living up to 1130. Alderley is close to Solomon's Hollow, the place which tradition associates with the murder, whilst Audley is fifteen miles distant. I shall be glad of any information on these points.

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TEMPLE GROVE, EAST SHEEN.—There is an account of this estate in the 'Victoria History of Surrey' (vol. iv. p. 71), which concludes as follows:—

"It was bought by Sir Thomas Bernard, who rebuilt the Jacobean front of the house. The old front can be so described from a picture of it, and from the date 1611 preserved internally. Sir Thomas sold it about 1811 to the Rev. William Pearson for a school for boys. It continued as a well-known preparatory school till 1907, when the school was removed to Eastbourne, and the estate given over to builders."

Who painted the picture referred to, and where is it now? On Oct. 1, 1812, John Harris of St. Paul's Churchyard, London, published a print of the back of the house from the grounds, which was "engraved by Shury from a Drawing by J. F. Neale for the Beauties of England and Wales," on which the building is described as "the Seminary of the Revd Wm. Pearson." If the original drawing is still extant, I should like to know where it is.

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BROWN FAMILY IN SCOTLAND.—I am anxious to trace a family of this name in Scotland, a member of which, William Brown, in the seventeenth century emigrated to Virginia, where he left numerous descendants. A very distinguishing mark amongst these latter is that many of them have what are called "stiff fingers," that is, the fingers are lacking the first joints of the hands, and the fingers, although of normal length, cannot be bent at the first joint.

About ten years ago there appeared in a stock paper published in Chicago an advertisement from a William Brown in Scotland. A member of the Virginia family wrote to him, and found that not only had they a common ancestor, but that he also had the same family trait.

The address of this William Brown in Scotland has been lost. I shall be grateful for his address, or that of any other member of this family who has this very characteristic peculiarity.

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"Scribenda et legenda": Reference Wanted.—Richard Ford, in his 'Handbook of Spain' (ed. 1845, vol. i. p. 138), writes of Wellington's dispatches:—

"'Eodem anno scripsit quo bellavit et dnum scribendit legenda scribendit.' The iron energy of his sword passed like Caesar's into his didactic pen, and inscribed on tablets of bronze more enduring than the pyramids the truth."

Whence comes his quotation, or is it Ford's adaptation of Pliny's fine sentiment (Epist. vi. 17):—

"Equidem beatos puto quibus deorum munere datum est aut facere scribenda aut scribere legenda; beatissimos vero quibus utrumque?"

It looks more like a quotation, but I have quite failed to trace it.

W. H. CLAY.

"A la Caroline."—What is the meaning of this phrase? It occurs in a letter dated June 25, 1786, written by a member of my family. The context is:—

"We leave this to-morrow for Straubourg (where we have left two more of our sons at an Academy there), where we shall remain till the latter end of July, and from thence proceed to Mannheim, Mayence, Frencourt, Hesse Cassel, Brunswick, where I propose putting my third son, who is likewise an officer, a la Caroline there to remain three or four years, and we return home by," &c.

F. M. M.

BILLS OF MORTALITY.—A volume containing them from 1593 to 1758 was sold by Mr. Sotheby by auction, Feb. 25, 1822, and was bought by Evans, the printseller. What has become of them?

XYLOGRAPHER.

RYDER OR RIDER: SKYNNE.—I should be glad to receive from any reader of 'N. & Q.' information respecting (1) the parentage and ancestry of Thomas Ryder or Rider, who was in the East India Company's service about the middle of the eighteenth century, and became a Director of the East India Company. His daughter Frances