

A LARGE number of Letters, Verses, and other contributions—Queries as well as Replies—have reached us too late for notice or detailed acknowledgment in this number. Let it be noted, too, that we cannot, except under very exceptional circumstances, undertake to write private letters to correspondents.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS.—ARTHUR INGLEBY (Cambridge).—MISS STUART.—S. D. B.—H. WELCHMAN.—C. T. (Ferriard Park).—FLORA.—L. A. (Shanklin).—R. R.—CRUX.—MRS. ROBINSON (Liverpool).

L. T. has given us no address, and no name. How is it possible for us to comply with his request?

"A Few Thoughts on Flowers" is declined with thanks.

H. M. (Leicester).—Cleave's Sermons on the Holy Communion (Masters).

M. C. C.—Declined with thanks.

MARIE.—Not of general interest.

MARGHERITA.—No doubt because those who enquired concerning them were ignorant, and wanted the information sought after. This is the only reason which occurs to us.

MISS DAVIS (Tiverton).—Should apply to Messrs. Novello, London.

A. G. D.—We do not often insert music.

MRS. H. COOPER will obtain such from Messrs. Warne and Co., whose illustrated children's books are admirable.

P. M. DUNX.—Apply to the office of the National Society, Westminster.

LINEs.—Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, are the same as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

ROSEBUD.—(1.) Brett's Anglican "Paradise of the Soul;" (2.) A figure of St. James would be most appropriate for the banner.

PHILIP.—Competent authorities have pronounced the Letter of Publius Lentulus to be a forgery.

LETTERS by post have been sent to Misses EGERTON, DOBREE, and LEMPRIERE.

J. R. H.—"Even Homer sometimes slumbers." It was inserted by pure inadvertence. We are always annoyed when second-hand contributions are palmed off on us as original. Thanks.

MISS BILLINGS.—Answered by post.

R. METCALF (Worthing).—Thanks for "St. Gudule's Bells," which is retained for insertion. We ought to receive communications appropriate for particular seasons at least two months before they appear.

ALICE's question has been answered, directly or indirectly, at least a dozen times in the PENNY POST. See volumes v., viii., xi., xiii., xvi., xvii., and xx.

E. L.—Apply for the List of the S.P.C.K.

DARK BLUE.—Unsuitable.

MISS EGERTON should apply to the Editor of "Notes and Queries."

MISS CURREY will find what she needs in Butler's "Lives of the Saints," published at 1s. per volume by Richardson.

MISS EMPSON (Lewisham).—Declined, and returned by post.

We are obliged for MISS STUART's poem; for H. M. L.'s translation from the French; also to F. E. B. for her two poems; to R. M. for that on Flowers; and likewise to E. B. A. M. for her musical verses. They shall in due course appear.

M. J. "From the German."—Declined with thanks.

MISS M. L. B. KER has given no address in her letter.

M. H.—Declined with thanks.

WITH every respect for the rights of PHLOX, I must say that he sets a deplorable example in withholding from inspection his old MSS. of "Macbeth." It is fortunate for the republic of letters that a more generous spirit prevails among its constituents. Here is the position. It is asserted and believed that there are extant only two seventeenth-century MSS. of plays by Shakespeare; viz., the Proctor MS. of the "Merry Wives of Windsor," and the Dering MS. of "Henry IV." There is, however, the Bright MS. of the "Eighth Sonnet," which escaped the notice of the Cambridge editors. This was the state of the case when Mr. H. H. Furness was printing his Variorum Edition of "Macbeth." At this juncture PHLOX announces in your columns his being in possession of an early MS. of "Macbeth," from which he cites a curious reading. Naturally, as a friend of Mr. Furness, and a student of Shakespeare, I am anxious to give Mr. Furness's Edition the benefit of this newly-discovered MS., which might possibly turn out to be an independent authority. With this object in view, I asked PHLOX to allow me to inspect it. As he can see no difference between my case and that of "every other person in the kingdom," he refuses me this favour. I am quite sure no other Shakespearean in England would have done so. Will PHLOX state the date, or probable date, of his MS., and give me, privately or publicly, a few of the readings peculiar to that copy?

C. M. INGLEBY.

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WILL each subscriber to the PENNY POST kindly contribute six penny stamps or more, towards the completion of the building of the church of St. James-the-Less, Liverpool? There are 10,000 of the very poorest class, and not one person in the parish of any affluence to assist them. Contributions will be most gratefully received by Mrs. ROBINSON, 117, Upper Parliament-st., Liverpool.