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AN anonymous correspondent asks for information about St. Elidan.

G. I. MURDOCK.—See our volume for 1872, where the subject was treated.

J. B. HARPER.—(1.) Apply to the preachers themselves; (2.) Consult Maitland's "London," where you will find every particular you need.

D. A. (Pudding-lane).—Read Pearson on the Creed.

C. A. W.—Apply to a bookseller and you can easily obtain it.

T. B.—We are not aware that any particular-shaped surplice is ordered by the Church of England. Tastes vary, fashions change, and tailors exercise their ingenuity, sometimes with success, sometimes with failure. We cannot solve your difficulty.

O. E. G.—John Newton, the Olney poet. Mrs. ROBINSON acknowledges with sincere thanks the kind response she has received to her appeal for the Church of St. James-the-Less, Liverpool. £1 2s. 6d. has been already sent this month, in sums varying from 6d. to 2s. 6d.—117, Upper Parliament-street, Liverpool.

G. E. MOSSE.—It may be used next Passion-tide. Unsuitable now.

A. B. P.—The Queen of England is called "Defender of the Faith," because the title was given first to Henry VIII. The King of France is called "the Eldest Son of the Church," and "Most Christian;" and the King of Spain, "Most Catholic."

W. P.—A "cresset" is a standing-lamp. The term is not obsolete.

HAMLET, (Tewkesbury).—*Sudarium* is a mantle, or sudary.

The information which our obliging correspondent, Miss KATE THOMAS, gives us regarding a training-place for servants, had been already supplied by another, and will appear in our next number.

NEW BOOKS, &c.

WE have received from Messrs. F. Warno and Co. a batch of Christmas Toy-Books, which will be a welcome addition to the literature of the Nursery. They are most admirably got up, with pictured covers, and beautifully illustrated in colour, and cost only the small sum of one shilling. Their titles are as follows:—*The Nursery Alphabet*, *Dame Trot and her Cat*, *Home for the Holidays*, and *Bruin the Bear*. Another set, *Children of the Old and New Testament*,

illustrated with great spirit and power, deserve to be widely known by all.

A Tale of the Crusades, by Miss CROMPTON (London: Wells Gardner), is an attempt, by no means unsuccessful, to adapt incidents in a well-known historical tale to the capacities of young children.

The Story of the Domus Dei of Portsmouth, commonly called the Royal Garrison Church. By H. P. WRIGHT. (Oxford and London: J. Parker and Co., 1873.) The *Domus Dei* was founded by Peter de Rupibus, Bishop of Winchester, about A.D. 1205. It was a hospital for the sick, served by religious, and a vast amount of good was effected by its establishment, for three long and important centuries. At the Reformation it was suppressed, A.D. 1540. Although its property was seized, and most of its lands went into the Powerscourt family, yet in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when it was found necessary to fortify Portsmouth, the *Domus Dei* was carefully repaired at a cost of £500. In the reign of Edward VI. the Church of the Hospital was converted into a store for munitions of war. Later on it was happily used again as a church, the family of Staniford of Portsmouth having aided in the beautifying of the interior. Quite lately it has been restored, and almost rebuilt, by Mr. Street, forming one of his most successful works. No words can describe the contrast between what it was, and what it is. Every visitor to Portsmouth should see it in its present glory and completeness, for the interior is most beautiful. Archdeacon Wright's volume is a truly delightful and very complete record of all the changes it has undergone. It is very carefully and pleasantly written, full of maps, plans, and illustrations, and gives a thoroughly reliable account of its interesting subject. Although the book was evidently printed in the country, and is not quite as well got up as it might have been, it is one which we commend to our readers as exhibiting a striking feature in the efficient restoration of these days.

The Orphans, by E. C. PHILLIPS, is a very good children's story, in which a valuable lesson is conveyed in a very attractive manner. There is nothing strained or unnatural in the characters, and the style of writing is pointed and simple.

Our Church Schools and the New Code. A Lecture. By the Rev. W. MICHELL. (London: Hodges, 1873.) This is an admirable lecture from a very competent hand, setting forth the duties of Churchmen at the present crisis. If we would maintain the Christian character of our schools, a policy similar to that sketched out here, must be carefully observed; so we confidently commend this lecture, delivered before the Taunton School Union, by the Bath and Wells Diocesan Inspector, to schoolmasters as well as to the clergy.