

heifers." These words were repeated more than once in that prayer. I have a vivid recollection of them, but I desiderate the prayer itself; and if any of the correspondents of "N. & Q." will furnish me with it, or inform me where I can meet with a verbatim copy of it, I shall feel grateful.

BEVERLAC.

[The prayer used "by His Majesty's Special Command in all Cathedral, Collegiate, and Parochial Churches" on occasion of the mortality among the Cattle in 1748, was the following: "O Gracious God, who, in Thy great bounty to mankind, hast given them the beasts of the field for their provision and nourishment, continue to us, we humbly beseech Thee, this blessing, and suffer us not to be reduced to scarcity and distress by the contagious distemper, which has raged, and still rages, among the cattle in many parts of this kingdom. In this and all other Thy dispensations towards us, we see and adore the justice of Thy providence, and do with sorrowful and penitent hearts confess, that our manifold vices and impieties have deservedly provoked Thine anger and indignation against us. But we earnestly entreat Thee, Almighty Father, in this our calamitous state, to look down upon us with an eye of pity and compassion; and, if it be Thy blessed will, to forbid the spreading of this sore visitation, and, in Thy good time, to remove it from all the inhabitants of this land, for the sake of Thy mercies in Christ Jesus our only Saviour and Redeemer. Amen."]

REV. HENRY RUTTER.—I have before me the following book:—

"The Life of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as recorded by the Four Evangelists; with numerous Notes, Moral, Critical, and Explanatory, by the Rev. Henry Rutter, Author of the 'Key to the Old Testament,' &c. A new Edition, as revised and corrected by the Author. Edinburgh. (A. Fullarton & Co.) 8vo, n.d. Prefixed is a Recommendation by Andrew Carruthers, Vicar Apostolic of the Eastern District of Scotland, dated Edinburgh, March 3, 1849."

It is handsomely printed, and has numerous good engravings in outline. I believe this work was first published, London, 2 vols. 8vo, 1803. A second edition came out in London in 4to, 1831 (in sixpenny numbers).

Of Mr. Rutter's *Key to the Old Testament*, I can find no account anywhere. Information as to this author and his works will be acceptable.

S. Y. R.

[In the last edition [1857?] of the Rev. Henry Rutter's *Life, Doctrine, and Sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ*, with an Introduction by the very Rev. F. C. Husenbeth, D.D., V.G., is the following brief notice of the author: "The Rev. Henry Rutter was a learned divine and judicious critic, and had devoted his life to the careful study of the Holy Scriptures. He was the author of several valuable works analogous to the present. These were his *Explanation of St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews*, by an *Analysis*, a *Paraphrase*, and a *Commentary*, which he published in 1813, and which may be considered as supplementary to his *Life of Christ*: his *Catholic Epistle*

of *St. Jude*, with a *Paraphrase and Notes*, and his very valuable work, the *Key to the Old Testament*. Again, his *Summary View of the Apocalypse*, being a supplement to the preceding, as also to his *Life of Christ*; and his *Summary View and Explanation of the Ancient Prophets*. This was his last work, his death having occurred on the 17th of September, 1838. He died at Dodding Green, in the county of Westmoreland, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, having been one of the last survivors of the Catholic clergy, educated at Douay College."]

ANCIENT ENCAUSTIC TILES.—I should feel obliged if some of your numerous antiquarian readers would give me the names of some works that would throw light on ancient encaustic tiles; including some that treat of the numerous kinds in the Priory Church, Great Malvern, if such there be.

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[The most useful work to consult on this subject is the following: *Examples of Decorative Tiles, sometimes termed Encaustic*. Edited by John Gough Nichols, F.S.A., 1845, 4to. The Introductory Remarks on the history of Decorative Tiles contain many references to other works which will enable our correspondent to acquire a complete knowledge of early ornamental pavements. For notices of the yellow or orange-coloured tiles in the Priory Church of Great Malvern, consult the Rev. Dr. H. Card's *Dissertation on the Antiquities of the Priory of Great Malvern*, 4to, 1834, pp. 32—34, 53; Shaw's *Specimens of Tile Pavements*, 1852, 4to, No. II. plate 4; the *Gent. Mag.*, ciii. (ii.) 162, 301; New Series, xxi. 492; xxii. 25 (with plates); and Parker's *Glossary of Gothic Architecture*, edit. 1850, art. "Tiles."]

TURNER'S BIRTHDAY.—The day and year of Turner's birth are unknown. Mr. Ruskin says, in his *Lectures on Architecture and Painting*, that Joseph Mallord William Turner was born in Maiden Lane, London. The register was burned, and his age at his death could only be arrived at by conjecture.

The bishop's transcript of the parish register ought to be, and probably is, in existence; if so, perhaps some one will consult it and make his age known through "N. & Q."

K. P. D. E.

[Mr. Walter Thornbury thus commences his *Life of Turner*:—"John Mallord William Turner was born on St. George's day, the 23rd of April, 1775, and was baptised on the 14th of May following, in the parish church of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, where his name may still be seen in the register."]

Replies.

WASHINGTON NOT AN INFIDEL.

(3rd S. viii. 209, 275.)

It was with feelings of the deepest regret that I saw, at the latter reference given above, so good a churchman as LORD LYTTLETON quote the Rev.