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The Outlook.

THE minds of most thinking men have of late been disturbed by what is called The New Theology.

The writings of HAECKEL, the German philosopher and critic, are somewhat responsible for this, and during the last decade, the same doubts that hampered Bunyan's Pilgrims have beset latter-day Christians—as they will always beset until the end of time. But when we have read all that has been written of it in the Hibbert Journal and preached from the pulpit of the City Temple we are constrained to ask "What is there NEW about it?"

It has always been part of the propaganda of those who are opposed to the tenets of our faith to deny the Divinity of Christ; to repudiate the Immaculate Conception and Virgin birth of our Lord, and to reject the AT-ONE-MENT; for the past nineteen hundred years. It is recrudescence of Pantheism and not far removed from the Semetic belief. The acceptance of the "Godhood" in man is not new! are we not told that "We are all the Sons of God?" What is new in the New (!) Theology is the deplorable secession of Ministers of the Gospel from the vital principles of Christianity, We do expect to meet with opposition in the Atheist or the Agnostic but when our so-called teachers betray the master, where do the Laity stand?

There may be some of our readers who will think it unwise to enter into Religious Controversy. In a measure we should acquiesce in this opinion but we must bear in mind that a Religion that cannot be defended, becomes a Superstition. The time is coming when what we call "Reason" by continued knocking at the door of men's minds, will make them halt between two opinions, and those whose faith is sincere must be up and doing.

The New Theology whether it be taught by a few of our own pastors or by the Rev. R. J. Campbell must be fought by those who stand by the Cross of Christ, for the Redemption of Mankind. The danger is real. Reason—as we know it—denies that Christ was more than man when on Earth? The Atheist, the Jew, and the New Theologists are in agreement on this! whoever denies the deity of Christ cannot hold the name of Christian. The old theology differs from the New inasmuch that we believe that God took upon Him the form of man and brought Divinity down to Mankind. The New Theology teaches that Christ by His teaching brought man nearer Divinity! It is a Jugglery upon words with the exception of the Rejection of what is spoken of in scripture as miracles. The New Theologist totally repudiates them as being unworthy of credence and opposed to "Common-sense." Well, what is a miracle? It is something opposed to the course of Nature. But does Nature always run in the same groove? Nature's laws are *not* immutable although they appear to be so. Earthquakes *do not occur at regular intervals*. They violently arrest the course of Nature, climatic conditions do not always appear according to their appointed seasons or Famines would not be known. In the Physiological world does nothing ever occur that is miraculous?

Every thinking man knows full well that there is such a thing as the action of the Mind upon the Body. Fright,

fear, suspense and mental trouble frequently—too frequently—leave the indelible marks upon the unfortunate offspring of the afflicted parents, sometimes in a manner quite contrary to nature. If then the mind of Man can produce such effects, what can be within the range of possibility to the Mind of the Almighty? The Ant upon the Mountain side is greater in comparison than Man to His maker. Whether God became man in the manger at Bethlehem, or at the Waters of Jordan is immaterial to our Salvation, but if we believe His words at all we must accept those which make His Divinity beyond all doubt:—“And now O Father, glorify Thou me, with Thine own self, with the Glory which I had with Thee before the world was.”—*John 17-5.*

The utterances of Rev. R. J. Campbell at the City Temple have led us into this train of thought.—We fear his recantation will wreck the faith of many. Was it inspiration or prophecy that led the late Dr. Parker to say in the course of a sermon preached in the same pulpit on Nov. 29th, 1900.”—

The house in which we are now assembled may one day be as a den of wild beasts. We have had our opportunities of meeting God here, of reading the Holy Word, and besieging, as an army might a fortress, the altar known by its crimson hue; and yet some day a man may arise who will deny the Lord that bought him, who will preach a gospel without a Saviour, a salvation without a cross; then write Ichabod upon the frontals of the place, and let it be forgotten as a thing of shame, a memorial of unpardonable treason against the throne of God.

Yes, New Theologies may come and go but Christianity as delivered to the apostles we think will stand. If at the end it is found to be a fallacy, then it will have been a glorious fallacy. It has raised sunken humanity in this life to a higher level, and buoyed up with a sure and certain hope of a life to come, millions of souls across the river that would without it have been dark with the blackness of despair. The Kindly Light has led them to God's harbour, their faith was founded on a rock and that rock was Christ.

With this number our “Bellringer” as a weekly comes temporarily to an end. In our next issue—March 1st, we shall give in the Outlook Three Views of the Education Question, from standpoint of:—

- 1.—The Secularist. 2.—The Nonconformist.
- 3.—The Churchmen.

We hope our readers will not fail in supporting us as a “Monthly” about which we direct their attention this week to the “Post Bag,” where our difficulties and intentions are explained.

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THE OLD BELLRINGER'S CHRISTMAS STORY

CHAPTER III.—SUSPIRIA.

"It was the last night of the old year, and I took my way through the churchyard, to keep my lonely watch in the belfry. Snow covered the grass-grown graves; snow hung heavily upon the trees, and weighed down the branches, dropping from them in silent, sodden tears upon the kindred snow beneath. And the white cross gleamed whiter than ever as I passed it; but on my heart was a weight heavier than snow, and I mourned in the starlight, and wondered at the decrees which are always wise and good.

"I put my keys into the lock, and the door swung back heavily upon sullen hinges; the worn stairs seemed harder worn than ever, and more bitter the wind that circled about them. My old seat met my eyes blank and desolate, and the sound of my feet on the floor awoke no echoes from the dark forms of my giant friends overhead. All was sombre and still as the grave, except the iron heart that beat in the tower above to tell the flight of time.

"Look up at them, little one; the silent, grim, old warriors, always at their post! How many stories are written upon those coats of grimy mail? How many times have they rung solemnly the changes of life, and joy, and death? Many a sad heart has been sadder for them; many a glad one filled to overflowing at the sound of their merry music. And now, I put my hand to a rope, and sent forth upon the night air the passing bell for a soul which was gone from amongst us. And my bird perched upon my shoulder drearily, and croaked.

"There were pictures in the bells that night for me. As the hollow boom fell on my ear, the rough wood-work and the huge cobwebs, the broken floor and the dull wall, faded away from before me. I saw visions of a white-veiled maiden whose feet trod a path sprinkled with the scanty flowers of Christmas; and over her head, as she entered the church, hung a chaplet of everlasting flowers. Then a hand grasped mine, and an unsteady voice said, "Make them speak, old friend, up there in the belfry. Let us have a merry peal to-day."

"Only twelve months ago; and now here were my old arms tolling the passing bell, while his —. Then I saw another picture: blinds drawn over the windows, and

a sheet over the bed. A face with no crimson spot could touch again on the pillow; hands crossed upon a clay-cold breast, like the hands of the dead crusader in the chancel.

"Suddenly my raven hopped away from my shoulder; the whistling wind reached me no more; the clock itself seemed to cease its monotonous tick; and I bent my head to listen. For there, again, in the dead silence, came soft and clear, like voices heard in a dream, the fairy peal of marriage-bells. Again and again it swept along the dark row up above, and each time more faint and distant, but after it there was no knell.

"The clock struck, and we rang out the midnight peal, but the dismal knell was gone from that too, and I heard in it only a welcome for the new-born year."

The bellringer paused. A gleam of strange light passed across his face and softened its rugged lines; and his voice grew gentle, with a sudden tender pathos.

"Little maiden with the deep blue eyes, so like those other eyes now dim with weeping, listen. A sorrowful mother pressed your baby lips to the dead face on the pillow that January night. Go and tell her an old man's musing. Her husband waits for her, a silent link in God's great chain, to draw her heavenward; no bridal robes on earth so white and pure as theirs shall be, when next they meet. Tell the forlorn mourner what it is my bells mean. The marriage peal once rung, rings out for ever; but the dismal knell is of earth. Into the land where they will meet can come no earthly taint; no sound of sorrow, and no funeral knell."

— FINIS. —



Miscellaneous Reports.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Lewisham District).

Another very enjoyable and successful gathering took place on Saturday, January 12th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Deptford. In addition to the local band, ringers to the number of 80 were present from S. John's, Lewisham, Lec, Woolwich, Erith, Crayford, Dartford, Greenhithe, Swanscombe, Rochester, Chatham, Hayes, Sidcup, Eltham, Greenwich, and several other county and metropolitan churches.

Ringling commenced early, and (under the care of Mr. Thomas Groombridge, the esteemed District Secretary), continued satisfactorily until the hour fixed for Divine Service, which, it is gratifying to state, was exceedingly well attended. The congregation included the Mayor of Greenwich (Coun. Charles Stone, J.P.), who wore his robes and gold chain of office. His Worship was accompanied by the Mayoress (Miss Cecilia Stone), and his personal attendant (Mr. F. W. Thornton).

A shortened form of Evensong was used, and included Psalms 84 and 150; Special Lessons—Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, and Romans, chapter 12, together with appropriate hymns. The service throughout was of a truly bright and hearty character. The Vicar, Rev. Arthur Hart preached a powerful sermon from the text—"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Proverbs, 18 chap., 24 v.). In the course of his remarks the Vicar spoke of the great value of friendship which he said was a solid and true feature among bellringers. The basis of all friendship was mutual understanding, and where such existed there was bound to be joy. He liked the man who could grip another by the hand and call him "friend," thus creating a bond which was pure, genuine and real. Friendship was especially valuable in trial and difficulty, and there was nothing like the sympathy of a true friend. He was delighted to meet bellringers, because there was no music so sweet as the beautiful clanging of the church bells, and he trusted that in their work there would be an unbroken bond of friendship.

Service concluded, an adjournment was made to the Albany Institute, where, by the generosity of the Vicar, an excellent meat tea had been provided for the whole company. Each member upon arrival was announced in the prescribed form by Mr. Thornton, and received by the Mayor, who greeted them with a hearty shake of the hand. This little act of courtesy was much appreciated by the ringers.

At the Business Meeting which followed, the Rev. Arthur Hart was elected an honorary member of the Association, being proposed by churchwarden Fred G. Skinner and seconded by Mr. F. W. Thornton.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for their presence, Coun. Sydney Skinner alluded to the lively interest they took in all classes of society, from the humblest to the loftiest. The motion was ably seconded by Mr. Wm. Harper, of Swanscombe, and supported by the Vicar, who remarked that the Mayor had been unbounded in his kindness to St. Nicholas Parish, he having visited it five times since November.

During and after tea some really excellent selections were given by the Chislehurst Camden Handbell Ringers, a company of promising young men of whom more should be heard ere long in this particular branch of the art.

Ringling was again indulged in upon the tower bells, and a truly happy gathering came to a close at 9 p.m.

It is hoped to hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 20th, at S. Mary's Church, Woolwich.

CROYDEN PARISH CHURCH RINGERS AT DINNER.

The evening of January 12th, was passed in a very pleasant way by the Parish Church Ringers of Croydon, who held their Annual Dinner at the "Greyhound" on that date.

The Vicar of Croydon, the Rev. L. H. Burrows, was in the chair and amongst others present were the Mayor, Mr. Keatley Moore, Sir Frederick Edridge and Mr. Wm. Hooker (churchwardens), Dr. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. Chas. Dean (Hon. Sec. Surrey), Mr. A. A. Johnston, and Messrs. Wyatt, Read, Fayers, and Daniels from the towers of Ashted, Epsom, Mitcham, and Streatham. When the company present had demolished every particle of mutton, beef, horse-radish sauce, and apple tarts that the "Greyhound" establishment could muster, and empty glasses had been perforce refilled, the Chairman gave the loyal toast, "The King." Then Mr. Hooker, who complained of having been defrauded of his original duty, viz.: toasting the ringers, gave the health of the Mayor and Corporation, which the Mayor acknowledged in a short amusing speech. The next toast was "The Vicar," which was proposed by Mr. C. F. Johnson, who alluded to the Rev. gentleman's general popularity among his own band of Ringers. The Rev. L. H. Burrows, in replying said that he had personally known his predecessors, and that he had always understood from them how easy it was for the Vicar of Croydon to get on well with the Parishioners; and this fact he had fully proved for himself.

Mr. W. Lillico in proposing the "Churchwardens," asked for the company's approbation, seeing that he had formerly held that post for many years, and had turned out such efficient pupils as Sir Fred Edridge was at the present time, and Mr. Houlder had been in the past, Sir F. T. Edridge thanked those present for their good wishes towards the Churchwardens and reminded them of the void that had been created in Croydon by the death of Mr. Corbett Anderson, an old Croydonian, an enthusiastic Historian, and keen supporter of the Ringing Fraternity.

Mr. Anderson had been invaluable in preserving certain links of the past and it was to his researches alone that such things as the tomb of Archbishop Whitgift was able to be reproduced, after the fire of some 40 years ago had devastated the greater part of the building, including the Tower and the Bells.

The all-important toast of the "Ringers" was then proposed by Mr. Johnson of the Foundry, and was briefly responded to by Mr. W. Hill, who also asked the company present to drink to the health of the 'visitors' and to the prosperity of the "Surrey Association." Mr. Houlder replied for the former; whilst Mr. Chas. Dean replied for the latter, referring to a meeting of Ringers over which the Chairman had presided twenty years ago at Dorking.

One or two touches and tunes on the handbells, and Mr. Hill's Gramophone were to the fore; whilst a large repertoire of songs was contributed by Messrs Keatley Moore, H. P. Moore, Houlder, Aris, Peveritt, Packham, Pope, Harrison, Hubbard and C. Johnson.

"It's a long lane that has no turning," and in accordance with the gentle reminder "time, gentlemen please," a very happy evening at last broke up, on the brink of another Sunday.

Wit and Humour.

PROOF POSITIVE.

Mrs. Jimson: "I wonder if it's really true that fish is a brain food?"

Mrs. Toled: "Well, I'm sure they have some effect, for every time my husband goes fishing he comes home too dizzy to stand up."

AN UNEQUAL DIVISION.

"I see, Mary, that in our city there is to be one policeman for every 521 inhabitants," said the lady of the house.

"Don't know and don't care," was the maid's reply, "I've got mine already."

TOPICAL TOUCHES.

By "JINGLE."

THOSE estimable ladies who rejoice in the name of Suffragettes have been somewhat quiet of late, but as women are like volcanos we can look for another little holiday in Palace yard shortly. There is no doubt about it, they are bent on verifying women's strength of character. We may or may not sympathise with her attempt to enter the political arena but there is something decidedly funny in these repeated incursions into the lobby. Do I sympathise with them? That depends on whether Mrs. J is about. If she is, of course I do, if she is *non est* well—the idea is ridiculous. They are martyrs who want equal rights with the brute MAN so they ought to be more than satisfied when they get promptly *run in*. Adam is not humbly requested by the police to desist more than once if he creates a disturbance. If he don't go quickly he is unceremoniously bundled along on those vulgar vehicles known as truck or barrow but not so Madam. Woman *insists* on going with the men in blue and will take no refusal! Well, of course, they will get the vote sometime, but to raid the House of Commons as though the speaker could give each one there and then is absurd. There are many subjects upon which woman's voice is not only useful but essential and I have been a devoted reader of Mrs. Dora B Montifiore for years. She has seen the inside of Holloway for the "cause," but I am not quite converted. There is always the chance of votes for women making things unpleasant in the domestic circle. If mere man comes home from his labours and finds that some smooth-tongued canvasser has persuaded the wife to vote contrary to the husband, things are not likely to run amicably during the remainder of the evening. No, all things considered while the law holds "yours truly," responsible for the wife, the home and all young Jingles, I have an idea, that his vote will have to be paramount until further notice.

There is a ringing friend of mine—a first-class Ringer—who has called peals of Stedman and rung them double handed, too, who won't know what to do if women get the vote. He is the most obliging husband you ever saw. He cleans the knives and windows, blacks the grate, and scrubs the floor. If there is any "Mary Ann" work to do we never rely on him for a pealband. His good wife never likes him out of her sight. She is an avalanche on wheels, but what he goes through now is nothing compared to what will happen when woman get the vote. We shall certainly, in sporting parlance—have to "scratch him out of all engagements."

I once attended a "Women's Right" meeting in a certain capacity in the old days before "Suffragette" was

invented. On the platform were half-a-dozen vinegar looking hatchet-faced females who declaimed against the tyranny of Man, citing as samples, the drunkard and wife-beater, as though these were fair specimens of we lords of creation (!) Now and again withering glances would be thrown towards the Reporter's table but did we quail! Nary? we smiled back and enjoyed it. Near the door was a screen from behind which in the midst of an eloquent outburst; a face appeared. It was the embodiment of HENPECK—the sort one sees in reputed comic papers,—and a meek voice said "Maria, are you coming home."

Ha! Ha! was Maria going home? A burst of derisive laughter greeted him but henpeck screwed his courage up to the sticking point. Advancing to the platform he threw a black object upon it, saying, "Very well, take that."

The little mouse ran towards the "Chairman," when suddenly the scene changed. In a moment six hysterical Woman's Righters were upon our table shrieking for MAN?

Maria hopped towards the door from whence Henpeck took her home in triumph. The meeting closed abruptly—even without a vote of thanks, after which one of us picked up the mouse, which had stopped still as though frightened. It was a dummy, one you can buy for two-pence and wind up with a key.



The editor being indisposed to answer all his correspondents in the post-bag, has asked me to assist him in this page. Of course I will. Here is a letter from a Ringer who says, "We think of advising our Library Committee to place "The Bellringer" on the table; what do you think?" We think a good many things, one of them is that your Free Library wouldn't do us any good. If all the ringers in your town climb around that copy in the library instead of each buying one, don't you see we shall have to cut down our diet at this end. We are living now on light refreshments—very light—in order to pay our way, but if it gets any lighter, well, fresh air is good, but you cannot make a meal on it.

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on, but we regret to say we don't want any repeat orders at that price. I have been trying to think out all sorts of arithmetic to see if by any manner of reasoning any person can expect a penny paper for a halfpenny if he takes eight. At this rate of reduction eight for 4d., sixteen for 2d., thirty-two for nothing! I don't understand it; it makes my head ache. Visions of unlimited wealth disappear from before me. Will "W.H.S." write again please, and explain his scheme?

Our Anecdote Competition.

This competition has met with surprising success. We are glad to note that ringers are not void of humour if the number of competitors is any criterion—The task of adjudication will be most difficult.

We shall announce the result in our next issue. Matter for our competition page is unavoidably crowded out this week.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL.

THE SECOND SESSION of the SIXTH COUNCIL will be held at Exeter on Whitsun Tuesday, May 21st, 1907. Reports of Committees and any notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, 20th of April, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in 'The Bellringer.' Hon. Secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations will kindly bear in mind that Affiliation Fee^s (2/6 for each elected representative) became due on 1st. inst., and should be forwarded as soon as convenient. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be grateful if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in the address of themselves or of representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.

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Long have prayed that I might trace,
In the love I bear to Thee,
Token of Thy love to me.

Thou hast led me many years,
Now by hopes and now by fears;
Every needful want supplied,
Many a hurtful wish denied;
Called away from earth's vain toys.
Proffered Heaven's purer joys.

I have owned Thy just control,
Over "Body, spirit, soul;"
Sometimes felt that I was Thine;
Oft-times longed to know Thee mine;
Yet this wilful wandering heart,
From its idols cannot part.

Lukewarm heart, nor hot nor cold.
Earth and Heaven alike would hold;
Striving still its Lord to find,
Yet with glances cast behind,
Where the world with tempting smile,
Lures to linger yet awhile.

Lord, I weary of the smart
Of a still divided heart;
I would now be Thine alone,
Make me, keep me all Thine own;
Draw me from the world apart;
Whisper to my inmost heart;

Give me ears to hear Thy voice;
Give me strength to fix my choice
Though I follow in Thy way,
Too far from Thee, Lord, I stay;
Steadfast let me now abide,
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Manderings in London Churches.

THERE are many old London churches of special interest to artist, student, Antiquary, and man of letters. Great men have worshipped in them; the honoured dust of heroes lend them a sacred splendour. The reformed faith has been taught within their walls by eloquent tongues whose words still live in our memories; and they are associated with all that the heart most worships and the brain best comprehends. Let us then, as we ramble through the busiest of our Metropolitan thoroughfares, pause a while at some of these sacred structures. While we glance at their associations let the tide of labour surge on unheeded, unthought of. We shall be the better for the temporary abstraction; for obtaining from the stores of the past a pleasant forgetfulness of the anxieties of our daily life.

Near the Surrey side end of London Bridge, rises the gray old Tower of one of the finest of our London Churches—*St. Saviour's Southwark*—formerly the church of the rich priory of St. Mary Overy, and converted into a parish church when Henry VIII. and Cromwell that famous *malleus monarchorum*—dissolved the religious houses, and coolly appropriated the plunder. The choir and lady chapel are the only portions extant of the original structure, but they abundantly show how rich in conception, how fertile in fancy, how perfect in execution were the master-builders of the Plantagenets. These monastic architects were not only men of genius, but surely also men of undying zeal. It was their enthusiasm that perfected their work. They believed in it. Every stroke of the chisel, every blow of the hammer, was, it were, a practical prayer, a constant commentary on St. Bernard's axiom—*laborare est orare*.

The architecture of the choir and lady chapel at St. Saviour's is pure early English in style, and its details are inconceivably rich and graceful. As an audacious contrast the new nave erected 1840-1, may be regarded with something like admiration. It is difficult, however to understand how so great an incongruity could be perpetrated or allowed when conspicuous to the gaze of all in choir and lady chapel, shine forth the rarest graces of early Gothic Art. The memorial windows which record the noble courage of the great Martyrs of the Reformation, date from 1832. The reredos or altar screen, a very exquisite piece of workmanship, was erected by Fox, Bishop of Winchester, (about 1520), and is curiously adorned with his well-known device, a pelican. Fox was the Founder of Corpus Christi, College Oxford. His successor in the see of Winchester, Stephen Gardiner, was wont to make use of the lady chapel for his consistorial meetings.

The principal monument in the interior of St. Saviour's is the tomb and effigy of the poet Gower, removed from its original position (in a chantry which he founded on the north side of the church), to its present site, when restored and recoloured by Gower's descendant, the first Duke of Sutherland (1832). Stow describes his "tomb of stone, with his image also of stone over him; the haire of his head aburne long on his shoulders, but curling up; and a long forked beard; on his head a chaplet, like a coronet of foure roses; an habite of purple, damasked down to his feete; a collar of esses (S's) of gold about his neck, and under his feete the likenesse of three bookes, which he compiled." These were the "*Speculum Meditantis*," the "*Vox Clamantis*," and "*Confessio Amantis*"; the first, in French verse, very erudite and theological; the second, Latin elegiacs, chronicling the revolt of the Commons against Richard II.; and the third, written by the command of that monarch, a learned poetical treatise on the mysteries and philosophy of love, illustrated by numerous strikingly appropriate and moral narratives. Hence Chaucer's eulogium upon the "*moral Gower*." Our poet died at the age of seventy-four, in 1408, after nine years blindness. He, and his great "disciple and poete," Chaucer, were firm friends through many eventful years; a fact pleasant to record in reference to the two earliest masters of English poetry. They were not, however bound together by an equality of genius. There is no likeness between the smooth-versed platitudes and elaborate moralities of Gower, and the glowing strains and rich fertile fancies of him

"Who left untold the story of Cambuscan Bold."

Gower's Monument is still interesting in its parts, but the figures painted on the walls, of Charity, Mercy, and Pity, no longer exist. Each virtue, we are told was crowned, and bore a device in her hand.

Thus Charity exhibited the legend.—

"En toy qui es fils de Dieu le père,
Sauve soit qui gist soubz cest pierre."

Mercy said,—

"O bone Jesu, fais la mercie
A l'ame dont le corps gist icy."

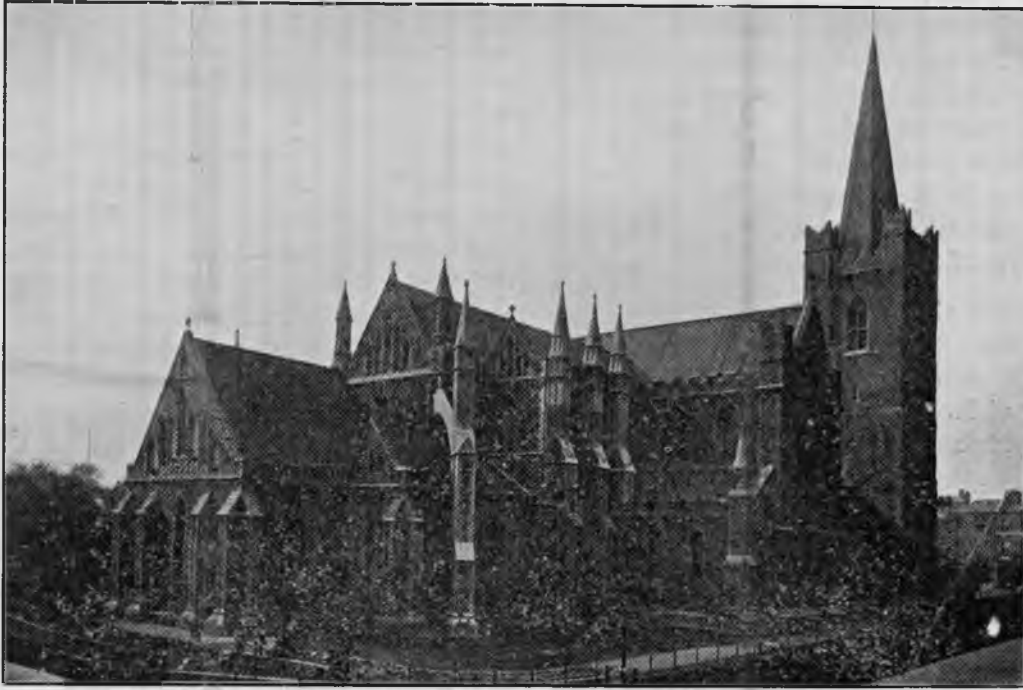
And Pity,—

"Par ta pitie, Jesu regarde,
Et mets cest alme en sauve garde."

A stately monument of Black and White Marble, with a full-length recumbent effigy commemorates the sagacious Bishop of Winchester, Lancelot Andrews, who died in 1626. Andrews was a scholarly divine and a man of ready wit. When James I. inquired of Bishop Neile whether he might lawfully tax episcopal property Neile fawningly replied, "Surely your Majesty is the breath of our nostrils," whereupon Andrews quickly rejoined, "Sire, you can take brother Neile's, for he offers it."

— To be Continued. —

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.



ITS TOWER and SPIRE is about 248 feet in height.

That celebrated wit Dean Swift held sway at St. Patrick's as a brass tablet let into the pavement testifies. There is a magnificent painting of him in the Deanery adjoining the Cathedral. Down the transept float the battlestained and shotted flags of many Irish Regiments, and some finely wrought brasses tell of those who fell in the Soudan War.

The tower contains a fine ring of ten bells, the tenor weighing 45 cwt., all hung in a massive iron frame by Messrs. Taylor, Bellfounders 1897, the whole being the gift of Lord Iveagh. The previous ring of bells in the tower were not allowed to be removed, but occupy an ornamental position in the clockroom. It was to St. Patrick's Society of Changeringers that the Cathedral owes the splendid new ring. After the Society had been some little time at work it was found that the old bells were in such an unsatis-

factory condition that nothing short of a new peal could meet the necessities of the case. The ringers then resolved that they would themselves endeavour to collect money for the purpose. When the Dean of St. Patrick's was consulted about the matter, knowing how much the Guinness Family had done for the Cathedral in the past and interest which they had always taken in it, the late Dean Jellett wrote to Lord Iveagh and received the generous response that he would pay the whole cost of the new peal. Among the many interesting occasions on which these bells have since been rung may be mentioned the muffled peal rung on January 26th, 1901 at the Funeral Commemoration Service for Queen Victoria. On this occasion the Rt. Hon. R. R. Cherry, K.C., Attorney General, rang in and conducted the peal of 5,021 changes, which took four hours and ten minutes.

The Right Hon. R. R. Cherry, M.P., K.C., LL.D.

Attorney General for Ireland.



THE Right Hon. Richard Robert Cherry was born on March 19th, 1859, near Waterford, being the youngest son of R. W. Cherry, Esq., Solicitor. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, took his B.A. in 1879. He holds the Double Gold Medals for Mental Science, History and Political Science. Student in Jurisprudence and Roman Law. Was first scholar in International Law at Middle Temple, London. He was called to the Bar (Irish) 1881, and made a Q.C. in 1896. He was examiner in Political Economy for India Civil Service, 1885-1889. Professor of Constitutional and Criminal Law University, Dublin 1889-1894. He contested the Kirkdale division of Liverpool, at the General Election of 1900, but was not returned. In January 1906, he fought and won the Exchange Division for which he sits in the House of Commons. As an Author he has published "The Irish Land Law and Purchase Acts," "Lectures on growth of Criminal Law in early communities," and "Outline of Criminal Law." (1892).

As a change-ringer, the Rt. Hon. Gentleman is best known in connection with St. Patrick's Cathedral. He has

been an enthusiast in ringing from his youth, and took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at his native place (Waterford Cathedral) some thirty years ago. He founded the Cathedral Society at St. Patricks in 1896, and his first touch on ten bells was rung when that noble ring was opened in August 1897. He then rang the 6th bell through 503 Grandsire Caters, conducted by W. Wilson; without the slightest previous practice. Since the arrival of Mr G. Lindoff at Dublin, Mr. Cherry has accomplished peals of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Treble Royal, also ringing two handbells 1-2 through a peal of Triples. Among those whom his enthusiasm has inspired to take part in the work are three tall nephews, who are now among the best Dublin Ringers. The responsibilities of his great position has not slackened his energy and any Sunday that permits his spending it in Dublin, finds the Attorney General for Ireland up in the Cathedral Belfry ringing the 9th bell. Like that illustrious statesman the late W. E. Gladstone, Mr. R. R. Cherry is a Liberal in politics altho a staunch Churchman in Religion, and every ringer is proud to own him as "one of us."

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PEALS.

Royal.

THE METROPOLIS. GREENWICH.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND
YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 19th, 1907, was rung in three hours and twenty minutes.

At the Church of S. Alphege.

A Peal of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 changes.

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 26 cwt.

James Parkertreble	George Paice 6
John T. Kentish ... 2	George A. Card ... 7
John H. Benstead ... 3	William Berry... .. 8
*James Saxby 4	Ernest S. Poll... .. 9
William Shimmins... 5	†Thomas Cardtenor

Composed by JOHN COX and conducted by THOMAS CARD.

*First peal on ten bells. †First peal on the bells as conductor.

Caters.

WESTMINSTER.

THE LONDON ASSOCIATION.

Late the S. James and the S. Margaret's Society.

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, was rung in three hours and twenty-five minutes.

At the Church of S. Margaret's

A Peal of STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 changes.

Tenor 26 cwt.

Horatio Gummer... ..treble	James E. Davis ... 6
Frederick J. Perin ... 2	John H. B. Hesse 7
*George Faulkner... .. 3	*Richard F. Deal... 8
Wm. F. Hartshorne ... 4	Arthur J. Neall ... 9
William Weatherstone 5	Arthur L. Hardy tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE and conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First Peal of Stedman Caters.

Major.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE S. MARGARETS' SOCIETY, BARKING.

On Saturday, January 10th, 1907, was rung in three hours and eighteen minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A Peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 changes.

In the Kent Variation. Tenor 22½ cwt.

Rowland Fenntreble	D'oyley S. Simons ... 5
George Cottis 2	Caleb Fenn 6
George W. Faulkner ... 3	Thomas Faulkner ... 7
Henry E. Parker 4	Albert C. Hardytenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Edward Parler,

PEALS—Continued.

NORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
Sheffield and District Society.

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, was rung in three hours and nine minutes.

At St. James's Church.

A Peal of BOB MAJOR, 5010 changes.

Tenor 16 cwt.

Walter Allwood ... <i>treble</i>	Clement Glenn... .. 5
John Goucher 2	*Gad Butcher 6
*Edwin James 3	Sam Thomas 7
*William G. Rose 4	William Biggin ... <i>tenor</i>

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS and conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Bob Major. This composition, now rung for the first time has the 6th alternately in 5-6 throughout.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Stockport and Bowdon Branch)

On Monday, January 21st, 1907, was rung in three hours and seven minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A Peal of BOB MAJOR, 5088 changes.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*William Butler... .. <i>treble</i>	Rev. A. T. Beeston ... 5
Alfred Barnes 2	*Thomas Ashton ... 6.
Egbert Stamper 3	*William Walker ... 7
William Lowery 4	Fred Holt <i>tenor</i>

Composed by F. HOPGOOD and conducted by Rev. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal in the method.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 21st, 1907, was rung in three hours and twenty-five minutes.

At the Priory Church.

A Peal of BOB MAJOR, 5040 changes.

Tenor 30 cwt.

Edward V. Hinton ... <i>treble</i>	Thomas Best 5
Frank Sparshott 2	Arthur N. Wooff 6
Stephen Best 3	Albert Best 7
Reginald Street 4	George Preston ... <i>tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

First peal of Bob Major on the bells, and by all the band.

BIRSTALL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22nd, was rung in three hours and nine minutes.

At S. Peter's Church.

A Peal of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. Rhodes <i>treble</i>	J. Kellett 5
E. Crabtree... .. 2	J. F. Clayton 6
W. Clark 3	E. Crowther 7
F. Clough 4	H. Peel <i>tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN DIXON and conducted by J. F. CLAYTON.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 22nd 1907, was rung in two hours and fifty-nine minutes.

At Christ Church.

A Peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 changes,

In the Kent variation. Tenor 8½ cwt.

George H. Howse ... <i>treble</i>	George Watson ... 5
*Ernest Gower 2	*Francis A. Kennett ... 6
Arthur Gower 3	Joseph Sharp... .. 7
George Penfold 4	Frank Bennett ... <i>tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS and conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Watson, the energetic Secretary of the Eastern Division, the band congratulating at the conclusion of the peal. It was also rang on the anniversary of His Majesty's Accession.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

AND THE

LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD and the

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, was rung in three hours and two minutes.

At the Church of Holy Trinity.

A peal of SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR,

5056 changes.

Tenor 19 cwt.

Edwin Barnett, jnr. ... <i>treble</i>	Edwin Barnett, sen. ... 5
John H. Cheesman 2	Charles Wilkins 6
Isaac G. Shade 3	William Pye 7
Bertram Prewett... .. 4	John R. Sharman ... <i>tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS and conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells,

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society).

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, was rung in three hours.

At the Parish Church.

A peal of DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

5040 changes.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

George W. Moss <i>treble</i>	William Lambert ... 5
Fredk. R. Barraclough ... 2	Arthur Craven 6
Benj. A. Knights 3	Arthur Knights 7
George Barraclough 4	John Flint <i>tenor</i>

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal of Double Norwich by 2nd and 4th.
Rung to oblige G. Barraclough of Leeds.

PEALS—continued.

Triples.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15th, 1907, was rung in two hours and fifty-six minutes.

At the Church of Ss. Peter and Paul.

A Peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes.

Tenor 19½ cwt. Lates's one part.

Thomas Harford ...treble	Herbert P. Harman... 5
Isaac Emery ... 2	Hubert J. Blackwell... 6
George Durling... 3	Thomas Groombridge 7
George Kill ... 4	Ernest B. Crowdet ... tenor

Conducted by HERBERT P. HARMAN.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19th, 1907, was rung in two hours and forty-five minutes,

At S. Cadoc Church.

A Peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Samuel Rogers ...treble	John Butler ... 5
Frederick Attwell ... 2	John W. Jones ... 6
Benson W. Millard ... 3	Francis E. B. Charles 7
John Bullen ... 4	Thomas Jenkins ... tenor

Composed by TAYLOR and conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal of triples for the ringers of the treble and tenor which are local men. The others are from Newport. It is 17 years since the last peal of triples was rung on the bells.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19th, 1907, was rung in two hours and fifty-eight minutes

At the Church of S. Andrew.

A Peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes.

Heywoods Variation of Thurstans. Tenor 12 cwt.

George A. Searle...treble	William Hillman ... 5
Thomas Searle ... 2	Arthur Hutchings ... 6
Frank Bennett ... 3	John Smart ... 7
George H. Phillips ... 4	Fredk. M. Lindup ... tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was arranged as the quarterly peal for the Western Division.

LEWISHAM LONDON.

On Tuesday, January 22nd, 1907, was rung in two hours and fifty-one minutes.

At the Church of S. Mary.

A Peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes.

Holts Original. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*Edwin F. Pike ...treble	Albert Darvill... 5
Harry Barrett ... 2	Charles H. Walker 6
Joseph Law ... 3	George H. Daynes 7
Thomas Taylor ... 4	Harry Warnett ... tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT.

Rung on the Anniversary of King Edward VII Accession to the Throne.

* First peal.

BLOXWICH. STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, was rung in two hours and fifty-nine minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A Peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes

Thurstans one-part.

*Joseph H. Birch...treble	Christopher Wallater 5
Alfred J. Wallater ... 2	William Fisher ... 6
Robert Pickering ... 3	Herbert Knight ... 7
John C. Adams ... 4	*Edward J. Stafford tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman.

ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, was rung in three hours.

At the Church of S. John the Baptist.

A Peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 changes

Thurstans four-part. Tenor 17 cwt.

George Williams ...treble	William T. Tucker 5
*Frank Smith ... 2	William H. George 6
Wilfred Andrews ... 3	Keith Hart ... 7
William Crute ... 4	+Walter H. Spiers ... tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Stedman. + First peal.

FLIXTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26th, 1907, was rung in two hours and fifty-three minutes.

At S. Michael's Parish Church.

A Peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 changes,

Taylors Bob and Singe Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

William Massey ...treble	Samuel Collier ... 5
*Arthur Ridyard ... 2	James H. Collier ... 6
Joseph Ridyard ... 3	Richard Ridyard ... 7
James Nuttall ... 4	+Wright Johnson ... tenor

Conducted by R. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. + First peal.
Rung in honour of the Rev. A. W. Smith to the Rectorship of Flixton Parish.

Minor.**LEYTONSTONE.****THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Thursday, January 24th, 1907, was rung in two hours and forty-seven minutes.

At the Church of S. John the Baptist.

A Peal of SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 changes,

Being 720 each of Carlyle, London, Wells, York, Durham, Worcester, and Chichester. Tenor 14 cwt.

George Dawsontreble	John Moule 4
George A. Black 2	William Miller 5
Samuel Hayes 3	Henry Torble... ..tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

Rung in honour of the Silver Wedding of Mr. R. Allingham, an honorary member of the St. John's Society.
This was the conductor's 50th Peal.

Miscellaneous.**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

Nuneaton—On Christmas Day for morning service 1008 of Bob Major, J. Ballard treble, H. Argyle 2, W. Martin 3, T. W. Chapman 4, T. Rippon 5, J. Goodyear 6, H. Cure 7, J. Clarke (cond) tenor.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Rainham—On Sunday January 6th, at St. Margaret's Church a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, by Edward Bishop treble, F. Macey 2, S. Marshall 3, W. J. Walker 4, J. H. Champion 5, C. Belsey (cond) tenor.

Gillingham—At the Parish Church, on Saturday January 5th, with the bells half muffled. A Quarter peal of Stedman Triples 1260 changes, J. E. Grensted treble, A. Robson 2, R. Staines 3, C. E. Smith 4, W. J. Walker 5, W. Haigh (cond) 6, W. Easter 7, O. J. Foreman Tenor.

The above was rung as a tribute of respect to the late Baroness Burdett Coutts. Also to James Oldham late vergier of this Church.

Lamberhurst—At the Parish Church 720 Double Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, A. Marshall treble. E. C. Lambert (cond) 2, F. Butchers 3, E. Lambert 4, J. Beach 5, F. J. Lambert tenor.

THE ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD.

Kensington—On Sunday January 6th for evening service at St. Mary Abbots Church 1120 Superlative Surprise Major, H. G. Miles treble, F. G. Symonds 2, G. H. Williams 3, A. V. Selby 4, E. G. Stibbons 5, J. R. Mackman 6, A. F. Harris 7, W. E. Garrard (cond) tenor.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Isleworth—On Sunday at All Saints, for morning Service 720 Grandsire Minor. E. Webb treble, G. Ransom 2, J. Basden (cond) 3, T. Beadle 4, C. Dell 5, A. Harding 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Seward tenor.

The last two were cover bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Swindon (Wilts.)—On Sunday January 6th, for morning service at the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples. T. Robinson treble, R. W. Hyner 2, A. Lawrence, 3, S. Palmer 4, J. H. Shepherd 5, E. Bishop (cond) 6, C. J. Gardner 7, A. W. Harrington tenor

For evening service 504 Stedman Triples also a course of Double Norwich.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Bridgewater (Somerset)—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 1st. 1907, in 47 minutes (between 12 and 1 o'clock a.m. to welcome the New Year) a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples 1260 changes by the following Band, Chas. Evans treble, E. C. Sweet 2, C. Tottle 3, H. Boobier 4, Rev. W. K. Warren, 5, A. O. Major 6, A. E. Coles (cond) 7, A. E. Hydon, tenor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

Coggeshall—At St. Peter-ad-Vincula on Monday January 7th 672 Cambridge and 336 Double Norwich Court Major R. Potter treble, W. Howell 2, W. Dyer 3, E. Buckingham 4, A. Shufflebotham 5, C. Norfolk 6, E. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott (cond) tenor.

Salleywood—At St. Michaels and All Angels Church, on Sunday evening, January 13th a peal of Grandsire Triples 1260 changes, G. Johnson treble first Quarter Peal, W. Roland, jun. 2, H. T. Cooper 3, C. Wasketh 4, H. R. Dawson 5, G. Green (cond) 6, A. Head 7, C. Hawkes tenor

Rang with the bells half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Lilley, wife of W. Lilley a member of the local Company.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

Leatherhead—On Sunday January 20th for evening service a date touch of Grandsire Caters 1907 changes, W. Messam treble, A. H. Winch 2, G. Marriner 3, W. E. Otway 4, H. Wood, 5, E. Hull 6, W. Marks 7, W. Crockford 8 A. Dean (cond) 9, E. Ventham tenor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

Wednesbury—On Tuesday, January 15th, 1907. For Practice at the Parish Church, 600 Forward Royal, Albert Blundell treble, Thomas Miller 2, A. J. Wallater 3, W. Fisher 4, C. Wallater 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Bates 7, Geo. Hughes (cond) 8, J. E. Groves 9, J. Lawton, Tenor.

On Sunday, January 20th, for Evening Service. A Quarter peal of Stedman Triples, A. Blundell treble, A. J. Wallater 2. Geo. Hughes 3, C. Wallater, (cond) 4, J. Bates 5, H. Belcher 6, W. Smith 7, W. Brittain tenor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Pontefract—On Sunday January 13th for evening Service A quarter peal of Stedman, composed by J. George, F. Moody treble, G. Spurr 2, J. Carten 3, S. Brook 4, W. Pearson (cond) 5, J. Jackson 6, A. Walker 7, T. Holden tenor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Pendleton—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Monday January 28th, for Practice 504 Grandsire Triples, George Harris treble, G. Turner 2, J. Turner 3, F. Smith 4, R. Newton 5, W. J. Moss 6, A. E. Wreaks (cond) 7, E. Evans, tenor.

Meetings.

The London County Association, late the S. James' Society. Established 1824.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at St. Luke's, Sydney St. Chelsea, S.W. Tower open for ringing 3 to 6 p.m. Service at 6 p.m.

Preacher the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan, D.D. Business meeting afterwards in the Church Schools near the Church. All members should endeavour to be present.

T. H. TAFFENDER, *Hon. Sec.*

4, Selborne Road, Denmark Hill, S.E.

The All Saints Fulham Society.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, 1907—Tower open 4 p.m.—Tea in the Church room 6 p.m. Meeting after. Those expecting to be present are requested to notify their intention to Mr. J. W. Driver, 387, New Kings' Road Fulham not later than Feb. 7th.

WILLIAM T. ELSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association of Ringers.

The February Meeting will be held at Stokesley (ring of 6, Tenor 8 cwt), including Whorlton-in-Cleveland (ring of 6, Tenor 9 cwt), on Saturday February 2nd.

Tea will be provided at the Bay Horse Hotel, at 5 p.m. 6d. per head to members, 1s. per head to non-members.

Members requiring Tea are requested to send in their names to the Reverend R. Hodson, Skelton-in-Cleveland S.O., not later than the 28th of January, including the names of friends who are not members.

Whorlton-in-Cleveland is about two miles from Potto station and six from Stokesley.

Skelton-in-Cleveland.

January, 1907.

The Chester Diocesan Guild. Stockport Branch.

The Next Quarterly Meeting will (D.V.) be held at St. George's Stockport, on Saturday February 2nd. Service at 4-30 at which an address will be given by the Vicar.

A. T. BEESTON, *Hon. Branch Secretary.*

New Mills.

The Essex Association. South Western Division.

A Meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Walthamstow, on Saturday February 9th 1907. Bells available from 3-30 p.m. Tea 9d. each to those who advise me beforehand that they are coming.

GEO. A. BLACK, *Dist Sec.*

5, Grove Crescent,
Woodford.

The Surrey Association of Change Ringers.

The next meeting will be held at the Mission Room close to All Saints' Church, Kingston-on-Thames on Sat. Feb. 9th 1907. The Bells at All Saints will be available from Three o'clock and Tea will be provided in the Mission Room, at 6 p.m. Free to Members.

CHAS. DEAN, *Hon. Sec.*

72 Lansdowne Road,
Croyden.

St. Martin's Guild of Church-Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham.

The usual quarterly and annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham. Chair to be taken at 8-30 p.m. As there will be important business for consideration, every member who can possibly make it convenient is requested to attend.

W. H. GODDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

61 Roland Road,
Handsworth, Birmingham.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church-Bell Ringers.

Eastern Counties Branch.

A quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Pinchbeck, near Spalding, on Saturday, February 9th, 1907. The order of proceedings will be as follows:—

12-30—Divine Service at the Parish Church, with short address.
Special Preacher: The Vicar of Cowbitt.

1-30 —Dinner at the "Bell Hotel." Tickets 2/- each.

2-30 —Business Meeting.

NOTE.—Will the various captains be good enough to send the number of members of the companies who intend to dine, to Mr. GEO. LADD, Ringer, &c., Pinchbeck, near Spalding, Lincolnshire, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 6th, 1907.

W. G. CROSS, *Hon. Sec.*

The Lancashire Association. Rossendale Branch.

The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, February 9th, 1907. Bells ready at 3-30. Meeting at 6-30 p.m.

ZEB LORD, *Branch Sec.*

Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at S. Peter's Ashton-under-Lyne. on Sat. Feb. 16th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 7.

W. H. SHUKER, *Branch Sec.*

The Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society

The usual monthly meeting will be held at North Wingfield, to-day, Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 10-0 p.m. (if required). Train leaves Sheffield (Midland) 3-15 p.m., cheap fares. The Rector has kindly offered to provide tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.

SIDNEY F. PALMER, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham and Newcastle Association.

The Pre-Lent Meeting will be held at Ghotley Bridge, on February 9th. The Bells of Benfieldside, (6, Tenor 13 cwt) and Consett (8 Tenor 17 cwt.) will be available.

Tea will be provided in St. Cuthbert's Hall, Benfieldside, at 5 p.m. Members 1/- Non-members 1/6.

Those intending to be present should notify the secretary before February 1st.

ARTHUR M. C. FIELD, *Hon. Sec.*

30, St. Cuthbert's Terrace,
Blackhill.

The Central Northamptonshire Association.

The Next Quarterly Meeting for the Northampton District of the above Association will be held at Brixworth on Sat. February 2nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting after.

FRED WILFORD, *Hon. Sec.*

The next Quarterley Meeting for the Wellingborough District of the above Association will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday February 2nd. Bells ready at 2 o'clock.

J. B. MARTIN, *Dis. Sec.*

The next Quarterly Meeting for the Raunds District of the above Association, will be held at Denford (one mile from Thrapston) on Saturday February 9th. Usual Arrangements.

FRED GILBERT, *Dis. Sec.*

P.S.—All Subscriptions are due and should be paid as early as possible.

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THE LEARNER'S PAGE.

"From Rounds to London Surprise."

If my young friends have succeeded in pricking or figuring—out what I suggested last week they will have got four complete "leads," and the bells will have come round again to 1 2 3 4 5. If they have *not* got as far, here is what is called "The Plain Course"...

1 2 3 4 5

2 1 4 3 5
2 4 1 5 3
4 2 5 1 3
4 5 2 3 1
5 4 3 2 1
5 3 4 1 2
3 5 1 4 2
3 1 5 2 4
1 3 2 5 4
1 3 5 2 4

Notice the work of the **2nd**.
It strikes over the treble in 5ths place,
and dodges on it's way down in 3-4.

3 1 2 5 4
3 2 1 4 5
2 3 4 1 5
2 4 3 5 1
4 2 5 3 1
4 5 2 1 3
5 4 1 2 3
5 1 4 3 2
1 5 3 4 2
1 5 4 3 2

Here it passes in 4ths place over
the treble and lays four blows behind
(in 5ths).

5 1 3 4 2
5 3 1 2 4
3 5 2 1 4
3 2 5 4 1
2 3 4 5 1
2 4 3 1 5
4 2 1 3 5
4 1 2 5 3
1 4 5 2 3
1 4 2 5 3

Here it passes in 3rds place over
the treble and dodges in.
3-4 up after which it continues
hunting up.

4 1 5 2 3
4 5 1 3 2
5 4 3 1 2
5 3 4 2 1
3 5 2 4 1
3 2 5 1 4
2 3 1 5 4
2 1 3 4 5
1 2 4 3 5
1 2 3 4 5

Here it passes in 2nds place or
what is called :—"The treble takes it
off the lead," and lays two blows in 2nds
place.

This is called the "Plain" Course, because the work is uninterrupted by any bob-making. You will notice that the treble simply "plain hunts" up and down. The other bells do the same with a little extra work thrown in, so to speak. By noticing where you pass over the Treble (1) you will know what work your bell must do. Thus you get these rules :—

If you pass (over the treble) in :—

5th :—dodge in 3-4 on your way *down* to lead.

4th :—make four blows behind.

3rds :—dodge 4-3 on your way *up* behind.

If treble takes you off lead :—Make two blows in 2nds, and lead again.

Notice that when you strike *two* blows in one position you 'make' the place. For instance in the above plain course the 3rd is "making 2nds place" at the first lead-end. At the second lead-end the 5th "makes 2nds. The next lead-end the 4th bell makes 2nds and of course at the finish, the 2nd does it.

Commit the rules to memory and then take a piece of paper and try to write out the whole course without looking at the above, except you feel set fast. Remember that the sequence of passing the treble runs backwards viz :—5ths first lead.

4ths second lead.
3rds third lead.
2nds fourth lead.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Editor's Post Bag.

TO OUR READERS:—We commenced this journal with one object in view—to give to the ringing community a paper of better class than hitherto. We have no secrets from our patrons. We are (beside the printer) two working men who are fighting against great odds to keep the “Bellringer” going. There is no fortune to be made nor anything like a living unless the ringers of this country, realise that there is a duty devolving upon *them*. There are numbers who with a groundless antipathy fail to support us notwithstanding we have been giving the exercise a journal that costs nearer 2d. than 1d. to produce. We set aside a sum of money that we were prepared to lose at the commencement. That sum is rapidly vanishing. We are willing to give ourselves for the wellbeing of “The Bellringer”; working for nothing in order to give the best paper that ringer's money can buy; but we are not prepared to work for nothing, and lose pounds per week at the same time. About the meanness of those few who have done their best to injure us by inducing others not to take “The Bellringer,” we prefer to say nothing at this juncture. To those four thousand manly MEN who have cheered us on we can only thank in words. For the present “The Bellringer” will cease as a *weekly*—but we have decided to issue it *monthly* in larger size. We can *deliver it post free* always on or *before* the first day of the month for the sum of 3½d. It will contain the month's ringing of all kinds with more additional matter, also not one but several portraits of Ringers, Churches, and Cathedrals. We ask every reader of these lines who is on our side to *send us a postcard* saying he will continue to take it as a monthly. For a postal order of 1½ we guarantee that you will receive “The Bellringer” by POST always on or before the first of the month for four months, or for 1½ will send it post free for six months. We can on our present circulation afford to do this on these terms. You will get a greater journal with all the month's news, and we shall save publishing and agent's cost. Will you send us a postcard and we can communicate with you direct? By this means we hope to keep “The Bellringer's” head above water, and by increased circulation come out again as soon as possible as a weekly. We are doing much for you. Will you do this for us? We shall still work for nothing, willing to spend and be spent in the cause. In the meantime we shall pull our belts tighter. If the Bellringer is to die he will die ‘game,’ but he will not succumb unless you desert him. Our battle-cry on your behalf is “NO MONOPOLY”: *what is your answer?* We pause for your reply—on a postcard. Yours in the work.

W. C. H.
W. W.

EXETER TENOR.

Sir,

I see in your last issue a letter from Mr. Hessi *re* the turning in of the above bell, and I must say I cannot share his opinion that it's because the wearing surface of the bell getting dry, that has prevented some of our heavy bell ringers from turning her in, it's out of all reason to compare the bearings of a bell with machinery with plenty of spindles on machinery that travels a thousand revolutions a minute, whereas a bell that weight would not turn about 23 times a minute at the most. He also says that if you examine the wearing surface of a bell after a peal it is dry, if that is the case it's simply because the bells are not properly greased or otherwise the bearings are out of order and throw the grease out.

I am in a position to state that such was not the case at Exeter when I rang the tenor, as the bell went just as perfect in the last coarse as if did in the first which is sufficient to prove that the bearings was not dry. I may say that I have had many arguments about the turning in of this bell to a peal since I was there, and I always said as I say now, it's beyond the power of any human being, of course in ringing as in everything else those who know all about it are generally those who have not the slightest idea of what ringing a bell that weight is like, my opinion is that those persons who still try to lead people to believe they could do it, do so for the sake of hearing themselves talk. The tower was open to any one for over three years and those that did not avail themselves of the opportunity might have done so if they had been very ambitious.

There are three obstacles in the way of turning the bell. Firstly the bell is not hung for turning in, its huge steel stock counter-balances it too much. Secondly the bearings are three inches in diameter, which makes the bell turn slowly, and thirdly the next heaviest bell to you has about 30 cwt. less metal than yourself, these three things greatly handicap a tenor man.

The bell is hung for strength, and as Mr. Taylor told me in a private correspondence he never expected it to be rung single handed to a peal let alone turned in. The re-hanging of the whole peal is admirably carried out, and it would be a wise policy if some of these firms who call themselves bellhangers would take an object lesson from it.

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