

BOARDING-HOUSE FOR YOUNG CLERKS.—'G. J.' writes:—Can any of your readers tell me of any place in London (not under the management of the extreme party in the Church) where a boy of fifteen, a gentleman's son, commencing office-work in the City, could be boarded and lodged at more moderate cost than in most private families, and would be under some supervision and obliged to conform to rules?

RULES FOR PARISH GUILDS AND TEMPERANCE SOCIETIES.—The Rev. Fred. Burnside, Hertfordbury Rectory, Hertford, writes:—I shall be glad if you will kindly allow me, through your paper, to ask of any one who will be good enough to send it, a copy of the Rules of,—1. A Guild, or Society, for Union among Communicants. 2. Society for the Promotion of Temperance. 3. Bell-ringers' Club.

ANSWERS TO SCEPTICAL ARGUMENTS.—'E. M. B.' asks, Can any of your readers give me the names of one or two really good books, stating the arguments and objections of modern sceptics and 'secularists,' and the answers to them?

ERRATUM.—In Dr. Hayman's letter, in our last issue, in 4th par. line 4, 'noe assaye' should be 'me assaye.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—G. F. L.; A London Layman; J. R. O.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A few Queries about Triples.

SIR.—If the Instructor of the Chester ringers, whose achievements are chronicled in *Church Bells* of Nov. 22, will kindly answer a question or two upon the method by which he has secured such marvellous results, he will confer a great obligation upon less successful aspirants to the honours of Grandsire Triple ringing. I would ask him,—

(1.) Has he found it necessary to put all his ringers through the preliminary processes of 4, 5, and 6 bell-ringing?

(2.) Upon what rules for hunting down and dodging do his ringers mainly rely?

There appear to be three distinct rules, viz.:—

(1.) By place; i.e. after 5 bells, after 4, &c.

(2.) By the course bell.

(3.) By a knowledge of the coursing order, and the modifications introduced into it by dodges and bobs.

Of these (1) appears to me the soundest, but difficult to follow on more than 5 bells. (2) is easy, but fails in the dodges. (3) is easiest to learn for any one with a clear head, but unsafe because superficial.

I shall be thankful to receive an opinion on these points from so successful an instructor.

GEORGE BURN, M.A.

Hatfield Broad Oak Vicarage, Essex.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

On Monday, the 24th ult., the Quarterly Meeting of the members of this Association was held at Darlington, the branches represented being Barnard Castle, St. John's, Darlington, St. Oswald's, Durham, Hurworth, Newcastle, North Shields, and Stockton. The town possesses two rings—one of eight at St. Cuthbert's, and one of six at St. John's, at both of which the ringing was well kept up throughout the day, consisting of Bob Major, Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major, at St. Cuthbert's; and Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, at St. John's. At two o'clock the members and their friends, to the number of forty-one, sat down to dinner at the Fleece Hotel under the presidency of the Rev. F. E. Hodgson, Vicar of Darlington; there being also present the Revs. E. Cheese, W. E. Houldey, J. Irwin, W. Venables, and C. Skidmore, Esq. After the dinner, which was provided by the liberality of the Church people of Darlington, the usual toasts were duly proposed and honoured, fourteen new members elected, and Houghton-le-Spring chosen as the place of the next meeting. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the hand-bells, and the ringers then returned to the towers.

Ringling at Reigate, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., being the ninety-sixth anniversary of the opening of the bells, eight members of the Reigate Society, which was formed last year, attempted their first peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part), but ceased after ringing 3178 changes in 1 hr. 58 mins. on account of the sixth bell going wrong. J. Havard, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; W. Tidey, 3; W. Argent, 4; T. Fuller, 5; J. Burt, 6; W. Webb, 7; E. Kenward, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. 3 qrs.

Change-ringing at the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 24th ult., was rung a date touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1879 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins., as a mark of respect to the Rev. D. S. Murray, M.A., Precentor, on the occasion of his leaving Wigan. T. Halliwell (conductor), 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. Layland, 3; G. Turner, 4; W. Bentham, 5; S. Hall, 6; J. W. Hall and G. C. Hall, 7; R. Fisher and J. Clements, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Change-ringing at Norwich.

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of St. Michael's Coslany Association rang, in 3 hrs. 9 mins., Mr Annable's peal of Bob Major, consisting of 5040 changes. G. Clark, 1; J. Smith, 2; P. Sadler, 3; J. Fildamant, 4; W. Freeman, 5; W. Smith, 6; T. Wright, 7; G. Smith (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. This is the first peal rung in Norwich for twenty years, and also the first peal rung by seven of the members.

Essex Change-ringing Association.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Association, residing within the district of Writtle, rang 1008 Bob Major. M. Rolfe, 1; J. Drake, 2; J. Dines, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; James Young, 5; J. Parmenter, 6; Joseph Young, 7; H. Ayent (conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.

The Association meets at Barking on the 11th instant.

Writtle Vicarage.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec.

Oxford University Society of Change-ringers.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., a touch of 504 Stedman's Triples, the first in the method by the above Society *alone*, was rung with Mr. Seage's apparatus at New College. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 1; W. S. Willett, 2; H. E. Holme, 3; F. A. H. Du Boulay, 4; H. A. Cockey, 5; R. E. Fiske, 6; G. F. Coleridge, 7; A. B. Perceval, 8.

Change-ringing at Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., six members of the above Society rang 720 changes of Cambridge Surprise, in 29 mins. J. Tann, sen. (conductor), 1; W. Matthews, 2; F. Matthews, 3; J. Tann, jun., 4; R. Whiting, 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F sharp.

Change-ringing by the Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., six members of the Doncaster Society and two of Sheffield rang at Doncaster the late Mr. Holt's Original One-Course peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 23 mins. R. Bailes (1st peal), 1; H. G. Wilson, 2; T. Hattersley (conductor), 3; H. Marwood, 4; C. H. Rawson, 5; C. Crawford, 6; W. Burkinshaw, 7; S. Holmes (1st peal), 8. Tenor, 31 cwt. This is the first peal rung by the present company, and the first time it has been rung in St. George's Church.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5040 changes was rung at St. Andrew's, Gargrave, in 3 hrs. 9 mins., in the following methods:—College Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, Echoes of Airedale, Craven Delight, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford Treble Bob. A. Birtwhistle, 1; J. T. Middlebrook (conductor), 2; H. Birtwhistle, 3; W. Mallinson, 4; C. Lancaster, 5; J. McKell, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Change-ringing at St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., six members of the L. A. C. R. rang a variety of changes, 1044 in number, of Grandsire Minor, in 38 mins., as a mark of respect to Mr. Meadows of Childwall, one of the oldest ringers in this county. The performance consisted of as many changes as Mr. Meadows is months old. P. Barton, 1; P. Case, 2; J. Aspinwall (composer and conductor), 3; G. W. Hughes, 4; J. Large, 5; W. Wild, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. in G.

Change-ringing at Stretton, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., the Daresbury Society rang at St. Matthew's the following methods: viz., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins., J. Ellison, conductor; 720 College Single in 25 mins., P. Hamblett, conductor; and a touch each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. in A. This is said to be the first time that the methods of Treble Bob and College Single have ever been rung on these bells.

Change-ringing at Kingswood, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., five of the Nutfield Society, assisted by Mr. W. Webb of Chipstead, rang Hamman's peal of Grandsire Minor, comprising 720 changes, without a plain lead, in 27 mins. W. Burkin, 1; J. Tidey, 2; E. Fuller, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; J. Burkin, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6. This is the first time this peal has been rung on these bells. Also a peal of Oxford Single Bob in 27 mins. E. Fuller, 1; J. Tidey, 2; W. Hawkins, 3; J. Burkin, 4; W. Burkin, 5; W. Webb (conductor), 6.

Ringling at St. Laurence, Appleton, Berks.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., the following members of the Oxford Society, with Mr. Henry Woodwards of Appleton, rang a peal of Stedman's Triples (Thurston's composition), in 2 hrs. 53 mins. E. Harrison, 1; H. Janaway, 2; W. S. Willett, Esq., 3; C. Honnslow, 4; C. D. P. Davies, Esq., 5; W. Smith (conductor), 6; F. Coleridge, Esq., 7; H. Woodwards, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Change-ringing at North Shields by the Durham Association.

On Sunday afternoon, the 30th ult. (being St. Andrew's Day), eight members of the North Shields branch of the above Association rang at Christ Church the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 24 mins. M. Gray, 1; W. Reed (conductor), 2; R. Willans, 3; J. Gibson, 4; W. Waugh, 5; R. Smith, 6; J. Hern, 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

[We suppose rung for service, not for pleasure.—ED.]

Change-ringing at Lytham, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 1st inst., the Lytham Parish Church ringers rang, for the third time, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Mr. E. Taylor's well-known Bob-and-Single Variation), comprising 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 5 mins. W. Miller, 1; J. Miller, 2; W. Atkinson, 3; Jas. Miller, 4; J. Fisher, 5; H. Gregson, 6; R. Atkinson, 7; W. R. Allinson, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. This was the first peal of John Miller and Wm. Atkinson, who are each 22 years of age.

Ring at Upton Bishop, Herefordshire.

A NEW Treble, by Messrs. Taylor, has lately been added to the old five. The whole has been rehung and fitted complete with new timber, &c.

NOTICE.—Friends who favour us with List of Rings in Counties are requested to be well assured of their correctness—three of Eight have been omitted in the Lincolnshire List.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. Tinker; F. N. Macnamara; D. Hayward; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

'ROPE-SIGHT': an INTRODUCTION to CHANGE-RINGING.

By Jasper Whitfield Snowdon.

MR. SNOWDON has written a book that is very much wanted. In the present state of Change-ringing it is not an uncommon thing to find a band of men who want to learn the mysteries of Change-ringing, and who yet do not know how to set about it. A clergyman sometimes finds himself in charge of a ring of bells, and he naturally wants to make the best of them, as of all other appliances in his parish. He finds a set of round-ringers, who pull and catch the ropes with cart-horse strength, and then say that ringing is harder than mowing, and, of course, requires more beer. His ring of bells gives him a fine field for benefiting the more thoughtful and refined of his youthful parishioners. But how can he do it? This book undertakes to show him.

Mr. Snowdon is peculiarly fitted for the post of teacher of such a party. An accomplished ringer himself, such as few can expect to equal and none to excel, he has, nevertheless, not rung from childhood. He has been in this dilemma himself. He cannot say he rang a 5000 before he was fifteen; and he would not have written so good a book if he could: for he would have forgotten his early difficulties, and so got into the peculiar phraseology of ringing that it would have become his natural language. He would have forgotten that these phrases are pretty sure to be read the wrong way by a beginner; especially a beginner without a teacher. The omission of a comma causes hours of thought, which a man, who is not a man of leisure, cannot give. Dodge in 3 4 up is pretty sure to be read dodge in thirty-four up; in and out at 2 is sure to be read in at 2 and out at 2.

Now this book avoids these things and explains these difficulties. It only undertakes to teach Plain Bob; and this system is the foundation of all ringing. Treble Bob, the Surprise peals, are all superstructures built upon Plain Bob. Mr. Snowdon thinks, and rightly, that if a man can ring Plain Bob well, he can easily go on to other systems without much further instruction; and that he will be in a position to understand at once what is said in any book about them.

But for any system what this book professes mainly to teach is essential, namely, the management of a bell and the power of reading the ropes. The former is a matter of practice, as the preface says; but even that may be much curtailed if Mr. Snowdon's teaching be followed. But reading the ropes is like reading a book. When a child learns to read it spells out the letters, and is confused by the words, especially if the words be hard and the print small. So a novice, entering a tower, sees nothing but confusion: the ropes seem all to come together, especially if the bells are rung quickly. But a good reader reads words, not letters: and yet he sees at a glance, by the look of a word, whether it is misspelt. And so a ringer sees at once who is leading, who is behind, which is dodging with which; and he can stand behind any ringer and follow his bell right through the peal. Now the more carefully a young ringer attends to the directions of this book the sooner will he learn to read the ropes. If he neglects them he will still learn by practice: but he is like a person learning to read without an instructor, or who is careless of instruction. He will do it in time, but in a long time.

Mr. Snowdon adopts the plan of commencing with three bells. It would have been better if he had followed Mr. Troyte's plan, and begun with two. Then he adds a fourth, then a fifth, and so on. At first there cannot be too few bells, nor can they be rung too slowly. It teaches the beginners to keep their bells up, and they can see the ropes more clearly when they go slowly; and the addition of an extra rope is a very serious addition to the family, especially when it is about the sixth.

The author's remarks about teaching another how to deal with a bell for the first time are especially valuable. The writer of this article took the book into a belfry and did exactly according to the directions. He taught three persons successively to set a bell at hand and backstroke, so that he could sit down and watch them, without danger to themselves or the machinery. This was done in 2½ hours, and none of them had ever rung a bell before, or hardly touched one.

Books on ringing are generally to be obtained of the author or from a bell-founder, and are frequently out of print. This book is no exception to the first part of his statement. It must be obtained of the author, or of Messrs. Warner the bell-founders, at 1s., and postage. Of course a saving to the buyer is effected by this means. There is no twenty-five per cent, or thirteen copies for twelve as a bookseller's profit. But on the other hand the clergyman aforesaid would go to his bookseller, who would go to his catalogues, and tell him that there was no such book as *Rope-Sight*, and even when convinced of the fact would not get it except as a favour to a regular customer.

Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

IN consequence of unforeseen circumstances, the Hunslet Society of Ringers find that they cannot carry out their intention of holding the next meeting of the Association at Hunslet. The Quarterly Meeting will therefore be held on Saturday, January 3rd, at the head-quarters, Leeds, when the twelve bells of St. Peter's will be at the service of the members.

Ringing at Hertford.

ON Thursday, the 13th ult., the Benington Society, by the kind invitation of the authorities of the town of Hertford, visited All Saints' Church and opened the ring of ten bells, which has been thoroughly repaired by Mr. John Gray of Little Munden, Herts, first, by a touch of Stedman's Triples. Ringers from London, Waltham Abbey, Sawbridgeworth, and from the neighbouring towns and villages, were present. The ringing during the

day was varied with Stedman's Caters, Treble Bob Royal in the Kent variation, Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Major, and Cambridge Surprise Major, all rung during the day. A dinner was kindly prepared at the Green Dragon Hotel, where a large company assembled, under the presidency of the Rev. Woolmore Wigram, Rector of St. Andrew's. All returned to their homes delighted.

Change-ringing at SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON Sunday evening (see note), the 30th ult., a 360 of Court Bob (10 singles); after service a 720 Dixon's Variations (138 bobs, 6 singles, 4 extremes). J. S. Wright, 1; R. Clark, 2; W. Tyler, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Creasey, 6. The first, second, fourth, and sixth, conductors.

ON Thursday, the 4th inst., a peal of Bob Minor (30 bobs, 2 singles) in 26 mins. J. Willson, 1; G. L. Richardson, 2; R. Mackman, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; R. Clark, 5; W. Tyler (conductor), 6.

ON Sunday, the 7th inst., for early service (7 p.m.), a peal of London Singles (18 bobs, 2 singles). At 10 p.m. a half-peal of 360 Plain Bob (21 singles). After service, a peal of Plain Bob (Mr. Holt's Original), consisting of 21 bobs, in 26 mins. R. Creasey, conductor.

[In answer to our Editorial remark in our issue for November 29th, why a peal was rung at Spalding on Sunday, the 23rd of that month, the ringers reply that it is their duty to ring six Sunday nights before Christmas. They would also like to know what three rings of eight were omitted in the Lincolnshire List.]

Change-ringing at Benington, Herts.

ON Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the Benington Society rang on the eight bells of the parish church a touch of Cambridge Surprise Major, consisting of 1344 changes, which was much admired by many friends and ringers assembled. N. Warner, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Proctor, 4; S. Page, 5; Joseph Kitchener, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; T. Page (conductor), 8.

St. Michael and All Angels, Braintree, Essex.

ON Wednesday, the 3rd inst., six of the Braintree members of the Essex Association rang a 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 26 mins. T. Watson, 1; G. Livermore (conductor), 2; W. H. Dyson, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; S. Hammond, 5; A. Huxson, 6. This is the first 720 in the above method rung on these bells.

Oxford University Society of Change-ringers.

ON Wednesday, the 3rd inst., by the kind invitation of R. E. Fiske, six members visited North Leigh, and rang two peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob respectively; the latter being the first in the method ever accomplished by members of the Society alone. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 1; A. E. Holme, 2; W. S. Willett, 3; R. E. Fiske, 4; G. F. Coleridge, 5; C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 6.

ON Friday, Dec. 5th, six members, with two of the City Society, rang on Mr. Seage's apparatus at New College a quarter peal (1260) Stedman's Triples, in 51 mins. H. A. Cockey, 1; R. E. Fiske, 2; W. Smith, 3; C. D. P. Davies, 4; J. Field, 5; W. S. Willett (conductor), 6; G. F. Coleridge, 7; F. A. H. Du Boulay, 8.

ON Saturday, Dec. 6th, a company, composed of six present members with Rev. F. E. Robinson and W. H. Poole, Esq., life members, visited Coln St. Aldwyn's, where, after several attempts at a peal of Stedman's Triples, a quarter peal of Grandsire was brought round in 41 mins. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 1; R. E. Fiske, 2; W. H. Poole, 3; W. S. Willett, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 6; G. F. Coleridge, 7; H. A. Cockey, 8. Tenor, 8 cwt.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.

ON Thursday, the 4th inst., ten members of the above Society rang at St. James' Church, Bermondsey, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, containing 5080 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. J. Pettit, 1; R. French, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; S. Reeves, 4; G. Dorrington, 5; W. Jones, 6; E. Carter, 7; E. Gibbs, 8; E. Horrex, 9; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. W. Harrison of Mottram, and has the sixth twenty-four times at home.

Change-ringing by the Lancashire Association.

ON Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the St. Philip's, Hulme (Manchester), Society, also members of the Lancashire Association, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, at the above church, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. * J. Woods, 1; W. Barry (conductor), 2; J. Stindle, 3; F. Ettock, 4; T. Heald, 5; * J. Scott, 6; A. Wood, 7; W. Baldwin, 8. This five-part peal, which is very rarely rung, is the composition of the late Mr. Thomas Thurston, of Birmingham, and contains 75 bobs and 175 singles, the last 1008 changes containing the twenty-four 6-7's. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G. [* Their first peal.]

Change-ringing at St. Peter's, Sheffield.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., six of Sheffield and two of the Bradfield Society rang, in 2 hrs. 58 mins., Mr. J. Holt's Original One-Course Peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes. W. Bugar (1st peal), 1; J. Dixon, 2; M. Hamlet, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; T. Hattersley (conductor), 5; C. Steer, 6th; A. Brearley (1st peal), 7; D. Brearley (1st peal), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Clappers and Hammers for Bells.

SOME of our readers will like to know that the patent taken out in May 17 by Messrs. Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie, of Harleston, co. Norfolk, for the invention of improvements applicable to bell-clappers, was published on Saturday last, Dec. 6, and may now be obtained for Sixpence from the Patent Office, 38 Cursitor Street, Chancery Lane, or through any bookseller. Perhaps some of our friends will favour us with their opinions.—Ed.

RECEIVED ALSO.—D. Hayward; W. Fottanfall—all Editors have the privilege of inserting or rejecting what they please; Caleb; and others.

NOTICE.—The weight of the Tenor is always requested.

BEFORE THE SERMON.—A Constant Reader of Church Bells' begs to inform 'Layman,' that the beautiful practice of the preacher saying before sermon 'The Lord be with you,' and the congregation responding, 'And with thy spirit,' is observed at St. Luke's Church, Rosemary Road, a very poor neighbourhood at the back of the Commercial Road, Peckham, S.E. The sittings in this church are all free, and the services remarkably hearty and earnest.

NIHILISM.—M. E. F. asks for an exact definition of the term 'Nihilism' or 'Nihilist,' having failed to find a satisfactory one.

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. G. O.; Weddings; W. M. B.; A Member of the C. M. S.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Queries about Grandsire Triples.

Sir,—In answer to the Rev. G. Burn of Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex, in regard to the mode of instruction which has been given to the Chester Cathedral ringers, which has been the means of producing such satisfactory results; and what rules I have found it necessary to adopt to teach them Grandsire Triples; I will inform him. Two questions are asked: Have I found it necessary to put my ringers through the processes of 4, 5, and 6-bell ringing? 2nd, Upon what rules for hunting up and down do they rely? There are three rules laid down by our ringing leaders, namely:—1st, by place; 2nd, by the course bell; 3rd, by the knowledge of the coursing order, &c. All the above systems have been in practice here one time or the other. My experience has proved it to be very unwise to cram them with too much theory; they only want sufficient to make them acquainted how to write out a plain course, with instruction to make bobs and singles, &c. It is practice that they want, and if we give them plenty of it whilst learning and keeping their minds clear, they, as a rule, will soon progress. I will give the plan of teaching here. A curfew is rung every evening for fifteen minutes; the learners attend to be taught how to ring a bell on the set; a plain course of Grandsire Triples, with instruction how to make Bobs and Singles, is written out for them; then ups and downs upon the hand-bells; then a few called changes to make them more dextrous in the handling of them. In a short time they commence on the hand-bells a plain course; in six or seven weeks the most intelligent are placed at the ropes (generally two at a time) to attempt a short touch of Triples, with a permanent ringer placed behind each to guide them into their respective positions, gradually impressing upon them the absolute necessity of listening or watching for the leading of the treble, and conveying to them the various observations which inform them whether they are dodging in or out. Of course this takes time and careful tuition; nevertheless, it is by far the quickest and surest way that I have ever found. Now, for dodging in or out, the easiest way that I know of, and which they readily pick up, is, for going out, watch which bell strikes over you, then you strike over her, and so on till you hunt behind; to hunt down, you watch her you struck last, then cut under her; whilst you are doing this you will perceive the bell that you are over, then cut under her and so on, until you come to the front. Of course bobs and singles when made cause retrograde movements for the time; but when complete the same course is pursued. Sometimes they are liable to forget when dodging whether they are to go in or out, &c. A simple rule for this is to watch which way you are pulling the last blow of the dodging; if you are coming down at the end of the rope (or back way) under the bell you have been dodging with, this tells them that they are coming in to lead, &c.; or, *vice versa*, if you strike over her at the tuft (or front way) then you are going out, &c. Having tried every plan of getting them on, I have found the above to be the quickest by far. My great idea is, practice, practice, practice—plenty of it whilst learning: they will soon be able to find the observations for themselves and be a real pleasure to all concerned.

FREEMAN BAILL, Head Ringer Chester Cathedral.

Examine your Clappers.

BELL-CLAPPERS, like everything else in constant use, suffer from wear and tear—so much so that the bulb often strikes below the thickest part of the sound-bow, and then, sooner or later, the bell is cracked, for which there is no remedy but the melting-pot. The ringers are often to blame for not reporting at once any such cases. Last week the fourth bell at Alfreton, Derbyshire, was so cracked while ringing, although the ringers knew that the clapper had long been striking too low. On some former occasion the clapper was altered by some unintelligent workman, who did not shorten the shank sufficiently for the bulb to strike at the proper place. Therefore we advise all rectors, vicars, curates, and churchwardens, to examine the clappers of their bells, and to be careful whom they employ to repair anything they may find out of order.

New Hour-bell at Burton-on-Trent.

M. T. BASS, Esq., M.P., has just given an Hour-bell (23 cwt.) to St. Paul's Institute, Burton-on-Trent, to which is annexed a set of Westminster Quarters. The work has been done by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.

New Clock, Chimes, and Bells, at Holborn Town Hall, London.

MESSRS. GILLET and BLAND, of Croydon, have just set up a massive clock of superior construction. The bells were cast on their own premises. The hour bell is 20 cwt., in B flat. They also supplied the four quarter bells.

Date Touch at Diss, Norfolk.

ON Monday evening, the 1st inst., eight members of the Norwich Association rang at St. Mary's Church 1879 changes of Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. A. Knight (composer and conductor), 1; W. Seales, 2; F. Day, 3; W. Ireland, 4; E. Francis, 5; W. Brown, 6; E. Collins, 7; R. Barnes, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. in D.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, Fressingfield, Suffolk.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., seven members of the Fressingfield Society, with Captain Moore of Redenhall (being also members of the above Association), rang 5280 changes of Kent Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 15 mins. The peal was taken from the *Clavis*. H. E. Barber (conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; R. Welton, 3; J. Motts, 4; R. Harper, 5; R. Alger, 6; W. Riches, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, Middlesex.

THE new ring of eight bells at the Chapel-of-Ease, Holloway Road, from Messrs. John Warner & Son, was inaugurated by a special dedication service on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., when a sermon was preached by Bishop Claughton, Archdeacon of London, and special hymns and anthems were sung by the choir. The bells—tenor, 19 cwt., in E—were rung at intervals by the parochial ringers—Messrs. Holland, C. Spicer, sen., C. Spicer, jun., W. Spicer, sen., Barry, Marshall, Williams, and Lewis—during the day. After Divine service a band of the Royal Cumberland Society handled the ropes, and first rang a touch of Stedman's Triples. Some Kent Treble Bob Major was then rung, after which a touch of Grandsire Triples, under Conductor John Cox, brought the opening day to a close.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., six members of the L.A.C.R. met at St. Luke's Church, Farnworth, Widnes, Lancashire, by kind permission of the Rev. G. Holloway, Vicar, and rang a date touch consisting of 1879 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins., namely, 720 changes of Grandsire Minor and 5 scores of Grandsire Doubles, with 3rd bell the observation; and 4 scores and 79 changes with 5th the observation-bell. This is the first date touch supposed to have been rung here. P. Case, 1; P. Barton, 2; J. Large (conductor), 3; T. H. Mawdsley, 4; G. W. Hughes, 5; J. Aspinwall (composer), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

Ringling at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., the Oxford Society of Change-ringers rang 5040 of Stedman's Triples, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. J. Field (conductor), 1; H. Janaway, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; F. Williamson, 4; R. Annis, 5; W. Smith, 6; E. Harrison, 7; A. Strange, 8. Tenor, 42 cwt.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., the following members of the above Society rang at the Church of St. John, Wilton Road, Pimlico, Holt's Original One-course Peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. F. E. Dawe (first peal), 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; S. Reeves, 3; W. Jones, 4; G. Mash, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; E. Horrex, 7; F. T. Gover, 8. After ringing the peal the company were hospitably entertained at tea by the Rev. Wharton B. Smith, the Vicar.

Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars).

ON Saturday evening, the 13th inst., the following members rang at St. Mary's, Lambeth, Surrey, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 5312 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. J. Cox (conductor), 1; H. Dains, 2; J. Perks, 3; J. Nelms, 4; C. Hopkins, 5; H. Swain, 6; D. Stackwood, 7; H. Hopkins, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. This peal is a variation of an original production by H. Dains, obtained since the publication of Mr. J. Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, and is given below. It has the 5th and 6th each the extent in 5-6, retained in that position throughout the peal, the 5th and 6th placed at the last five course-ends of each part respectively, and is the first two-part composition with this property.

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THE PEAL.					THE VARIATION.				
2	3	4	5	6	M.	O.	W.	H.	
5	4	3	2	6	1	—	2	2	
3	6	2	4	5	2	—	2	2	
2	5	4	6	3	2	—	2	2	
5	3	4	6	2	1	—	2	2	
3	5	2	6	4	—	1	2		
2	6	3	5	4	—	1	1		
5	3	6	2	4	1	—	2		
3	2	6	5	4	1	—			
5	4	3	2	6	1	—	2	2	
5	3	2	4	6	—	1	2		
2	6	4	3	5	2	—	2	2	
4	5	3	6	2	2	—	2	2	
2	5	4	6	3	—	1			
5	2	3	6	4	—	1	2		
5	4	2	6	3	—	1	1		
4	3	2	6	5	1	—			

Each repeated.

Change-ringing at St. Mary's, Frittenden, Kent.

ON Monday, the 15th inst., five ringers of this place, with two from Maidstone and Mr. Hyder from Aldington, rang a peal of 5760 changes in 3 hrs. 14 mins. H. Pearce (first peal), 1; J. Potter, 2; C. Payne, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Taylor, 5; T. Potter, 6; E. Hyder, 7; T. Daynes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

ON Sunday, the 14th inst., was rung for Evening Service, in 23 mins., a 720 of Bob Minor. E. Taylor, 1; G. Rootes, 2; E. Potter, 3; T. Potter, 4; J. Potter, 5; J. Taylor (conductor), 6.

Change-ringing at Emmanuel Church, Streatham, Surrey.

ON Monday evening, the 15th inst., five members of the Streatham Company, assisted by Mr. James Cawley of the Beddington Company, rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27 mins., on the back six. J. Baldwin, 1; H. Laffin, 2; D. Springall, 3; J. Cawley, 4; S. Greenwood (conductor), 5; G. Pell, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

RECEIVED ALSO.—E. R. Dale;

NOTICE.—Contributors to our Bell column are requested to write with ink, not pencil.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Muffled Peal at Newington, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., seven members of the Manchester Unity of Odd-fellows (South London District), assisted by Mr. J. Green of the Foresters' Society, rang at Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey, a muffled peal, as a last mark of respect to J. W. Sears, late Secretary of the 'Pride of the Thames' Lodge, South London District. G. Woodage (conductor), 1; W. Pritchett, 2; W. Pettengell, 3; P. W. Russell, 4; H. McDougal, 5; G. Partridge, 6; J. Waghorn, 7; J. Green, 8.

Bells at Spitalfields, London.

CHRIST CHURCH, Spitalfields, boasts of a heavy ring of eight bells. They were recast after the great fire which destroyed the interior of the steeple about forty years ago, and are about the heaviest eight in London. One of the first acts of the present Rector was to put the bells into the hands of the College Youths. They had not been long in the belfry before it was found that, owing to neglect, the bells were in a very insecure condition. All has now been put to rights, at a cost of about 50l., and these fine bells will ring out a merry peal to welcome the New Year.

Subscriptions for a Stone Tower at New Westminster, British Columbia.

Sir,—From a leaflet just issued by the Bishop of New Westminster, I find that the Cathedral Church of New Westminster possesses a fine ring of eight bells, which have not been rung for years, owing to the insecurity of the tower, which is of wood. 280l. is in hand towards the construction of a stone tower, but fully three times that sum is required to complete the work.

I heartily commend this to my fellow-lovers of bell-ringing. I find that the Treasurers of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts are willing to receive contributions. To hear such a peal ring out over the waters of the Fraser River would be to our fellow-countrymen music hardly conceivable to us to whom it is of daily occurrence, and I for one will most heartily contribute to afford them a pleasure which so closely unites our sympathies.

J. P.

Change-ringing at South Shields by the Durham Association.

On Monday, the 15th inst., six members of the North and South Branch of the above Association rang on St. Hilda's bells a 720 of Double Court Bob Minor in 25 mins. R. Smith, 1; J. Moffat, 2; J. Hern, 3; R. Williams, 4; W. Reed, 5; J. T. Gibson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. Also a 120 of Stedman's Doubles. R. Smith, 1; J. T. Gibson, 2; J. Hern, 3; R. Williams, 4; W. Reed (conductor), 5.

THE OBSERVATION BELL.

THE Observation Bell is the bell by which the calling is made. Any bell in any peal may be taken for this purpose except the treble, but in Stedman's principle the treble also may be taken.

When a peal or touch is written by the lead-ends, or the bob-ends only (as, for instance, Holt's one-part peal), there is no observation. In fact, no bell has been selected for the observation. But if a peal be written by course-ends or part-ends, the composer has then selected a bell for the observation, by which he directs what work is to be done inside the courses or parts. Composers almost always select the tenor as observation, because it is the most convenient whenever a peal is arranged in courses or parts, as will be seen hereafter. For instance, Holt's ten-part peal, as generally pricked by the bob-ends, has no observation. But when, instead of being pricked, it is called thus: Call the 2nd out of the hunt, once in the middle, in and out at 5, once right, &c., then the 2nd is selected for the observation bell.

The Treble Bob touch as written out in figures below has no observation. But when we write it

2 3 4 5 6 M. B. W. H.
6 5 4 3 2 2 1 2 1 repeated,

then 8 is the observation.

The conductor's may or may not be an observation bell. If he calls the peal from the position of his own bell at the bobs and singles, his bell is the observation bell for that particular production of the peal. But if he calls it by noticing the position of another bell at the bobs and singles he is not ringing an observation bell, but only watching one. In that case he is ringing and calling from an inside bell, as Mr. Snowden says of Treble Bob, because in Treble Bob the peals are arranged in courses and parts, with the tenor as the composer's observation bell, and any other bell would be an inside bell. It is impossible to use the treble as an observation bell because she, being at the lead at all the lead-ends, bob-ends, or single-ends, is too regular in her work for the purpose. It makes no difference to her work whatever calls are made, and therefore there is nothing distinctive in her work so as to guide the treble man in making the calls. When, as is frequently the case, the treble man does make the calls, he is really observing another bell, which is the observation bell, and he is calling from an inside bell. Again, another bell may be too irregular to be a convenient observation bell. A bell might sometimes be taken that is so irregular in its working as to have a separate direction for every call throughout the peal. The most convenient evidently is the bell for which the calls are repeated in the same order as much as possible, so as to make the calling as short and easy to be remembered as possible. The bell which does this will be one which comes home to its own place at every course-end and every part-end, when the peal is arranged in courses and parts, and that is the tenor. In Stedman the treble does exactly the same work as any other bell, and therefore may be selected for the observation as conveniently as other bells.

The observation bell has sometimes been defined to be one of these convenient bells to the exclusion of all others: as a bell that works regularly and

comes home at the course-ends and part-ends. It will be seen that this is only a particular case of the definition given at the top of this paper. And if this exclusive definition be insisted on it will be so at the expense of the doctors disagreeing; for in that case Mr. Troyte has in his book no less than eleven touches which he calls by an observation bell, but which according to this definition have no observation.

Now in the general sense a bell is 'at home' or 'right' when she is in her own place. Thus 6 is 'at home' or 'right' when she is in 6th's place. And a bell is said to be 'wrong' if she is in the place of the bell with which she is dodging when at home. So that the 6th bell is 'wrong' when she is in 5th's, and the 5th when in 6th's. But for the purpose of calling this is altered. In this case the places at the lead-ends, i.e. at the back-stroke lead of the treble, have certain names given to them. The 3rd place is called 'the before,' the last place is called 'the home,' or 'right;' the last but one, 'the wrong;' and the last but two, 'the middle,' whatever the number of bells. These are doubtless originally taken from eight bells, for when the 8th is in either of these places, and bobs are called, the bobs do not separate the tenors. The 'home' is the home of the 8th, that is, the last place; the 'wrong' is the wrong of the 8th, or the 7th's place, the last place but one; the 'middle' is when the 8th is dodging in the middle dodging-place. The dodging-places are three: 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8; and when she is dodging in 5-6 down she is in 6th's at the lead-end, the last place but two, which is therefore called 'the middle.' Hence, for the purposes of calling, the 6th will be 'at home' or 'right' when she is in 8th's place in Major, and she will be 'wrong' when in 7th's. But otherwise she is 'at home' when she is in 6th's, and 'wrong' when she is in 5th's. In addition to this, the name of the 2nd's place is 'in the hunt,' for systems that have a hunt bell, namely, Grandsire and Treble Bob, because the bell that is in 2nd's place at any lead-end in those systems is the bell that is going into the hunt. The name of the 3rd's and 4th's places (in addition to the 'before' already mentioned as another name for 3rd's place) is 'out of the hunt' for Treble Bob and Grandsire respectively; because the bell that is in 3rd's at a Treble Bob, or 4th's at a Grandsire lead-end, has been in the hunt during the last lead, and is just coming out of the hunt.

To recapitulate: If we have a lead-end—1 0 0 &c. 0 0 0, where the 0's stand for any bells in the 2nd's, 3rd's, 4th's, &c., places, the names of the places are as written:—

Before. Middle. Wrong. Home.
1 0 0 0 &c. 0 0 0 0

(a) Into the hunt.

(b) Out.

(c) Out.

(a) For Grandsire and Treble Bob.

(b) For T. B.

(c) For Grandsire.

The other places that have no names are called 4th's, 5th's, &c., as the case may be.

Whatever bell is taken for the observation bell is said to be 'called' at a bob or single, whether the bob or single affect her or not. Thus, a bell may be in 4th's at the bob. The phrase is, 'Call her in 4th's,' and that, whether the bob is the means of bringing her into 4th's, or whether she come in 4th's quite independently of the bob. In the example, at the first bob the 6th is in 2nd's place, i.e. going into the hunt. And she would be there whether there was a bob or not: yet the phrase is, 'Call her into the hunt.' The 7th is at home, and is brought there by the bob. The phrase would be just the same if the 7th were taken for the observation, 'Call her home.'

I said that one bell was more convenient than another for calling. For a peal or touch in parts, the calling of the second part will not be the same as that of the first, unless the observation start from the same place in each case—that is, unless she come home (her own home) at the part-end. Take the Treble Bob touch adjoining. For this calling, namely, two the middle, or middle with a double; before; two the wrong, or wrong with a double; home; repeated, 8 is the observation. The complete touch is given in the margin.

Take 4 as the observation. The calling is: 'Call her out with a double;' two in fourths; in; fourths, repeated.

Take 6 as the observation. The calling is, for Part I.: 'In and out; wrong; middle, with a double; in.' And now, since she is not at home (her own home, 6th's) at the end of Part I., she will not work in Part II. as she did in Part I., and thus her calling will be different from what it was in Part I. It is for Part II., 4th's and in; 5th's; two the home; middle. And so with the other bells.

Rempestone Rectory, Notts.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Freeman Ball; G. Burn; Thomas Clark; Geo. Grundy; W. Inch-cliff; and others.

PART I.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4	2	6	3	8	5	7
6	4	2	3	8	5	7
2	6	4	3	8	5	7
4	2	8	6	7	3	5
8	4	7	2	5	6	3
7	8	4	2	5	6	3
4	7	5	8	3	2	6
5	4	3	7	6	8	2
3	5	4	7	6	8	2
4	3	5	7	6	8	2
5	4	6	3	2	7	8
6	5	4	3	2	7	8

PART II.

4	6	2	5	8	3	7
2	4	6	5	8	3	7
6	2	4	5	8	3	7
4	6	8	2	7	5	3
8	4	7	6	3	2	5
7	8	4	6	3	2	5
4	7	3	8	5	6	2
3	4	5	7	2	8	6
5	3	4	7	2	8	6
4	5	3	7	2	8	6
3	4	2	5	6	7	8
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

GEO. POPE.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Dedication of an augmented and restored Ring of Ten Bells, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

THE Dedication of these Bells took place on Christmas Eve (when a large congregation assembled), on which occasion a most appropriate address was delivered by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, formerly Vicar of the Parish. During the singing of Hymn 203 (*A. & M.*), 'Thou art coming, O my Saviour,' the Bishop with the Vicar and other clergy, and the churchwardens, proceeded to the bell-chamber (where a platform had been prepared by removing the wheels); the Bishop then, laying his hand on one of the bells, said the Prayers of Dedication. By a signal the same prayers were simultaneously offered up by a clergyman officiating in the church. The Bishop and clergy returning resumed their places, and the following special hymn by the Rev. Wharton B. Smith, and 'Hark! the herald angels sing,' were sung, and the Bishop dismissed the congregation with the Blessing.

Raised between the earth and heaven,
Now our Bells are set on high;
In the Name of Him Who giveth
Skill, and strength, and industry.

For His praise we meekly lay them
As a gift beneath His Throne;
All their sweet and noblest music
Shall resound for Him alone.

Faithful men afar shall listen,
'Mid their daily toil or rest,
While the melody shall bid them
Love the Church where all are blest.

Earth's rejoicings, bright and holy,
Shall be signed with joyful peal;
And the music from the steeple
Shall our faith and love reveal.

They who languish, sick and lonely,
Shall be minded as they sigh
Of the Church's one communion,
God's true Home and Family.

When the spirits of the faithful
Pass away to light and peace,
Solemn tones shall then forewarn us
Soon our life and work must cease.

May these loud and well-tuned voices,
Pealing forth in grand accord,
Lift our hearts through joy and sorrow,
To Thy Throne, most gracious Lord.

Glorify be from earth and heaven,
To the Blessed Trinity;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Glorify evermore to Thee.

The bells were afterwards chimed by members of the Cumberland Society. The two additional bells have been well spliced by Messrs. Warner, and all the fittings and the new cage of English oak, with Ellacombe's chiming hammers, are of the very best. We hope to report a first peal in our next issue.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above Association will be held at Kenninghall on Monday, January 12th. Members intending to be present are requested to communicate with the Secretary on or before the 6th. Dinner Tickets, 1s. 6d. each. G. H. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.

Notice.—Diss, Norfolk.

THE Forty-seventh Anniversary of St. Mary's Church Bells will be held on Tuesday, January 6th, when all friends will be cordially welcomed.

W. IRELAND, Secretary.

Ringing at Chester Cathedral.

Sir,—I beg to tender my best thanks to the leader of the Chester Cathedral ringers for kindly replying to my questions about his method of teaching Grandsire Triples. I gather from his letter that he does not find it necessary to teach Doubles and Minor first, but that after due instruction in the method young ringers are set to ring Triples at once. This, however, I presume he would not do unless a majority of the band were already practised ringers. Also, I infer that much of his success is due to his placing an experienced ringer behind the young hand to guide him at the ropes. With regard to his rule for 'Hunting down,' it seems to me that confusion must sometimes arise from it except among experienced ringers. For suppose A, while hunting down, to strike after B. At the next blow B will be watching A to strike over him. But if each is looking to the other for guidance what security is there that they will strike in time with the other bells? G. BURN.

Hatfield Broad Oak.

The Clanging, Clashing, or Firing of Bells.

Sir,—It is the practice here upon festive occasions to clang the bells, &c., such as three times three, cross-fire, alternately, and twenty-one times for royalty. Is there any danger likely to arise from the practice or not? An early answer will greatly oblige. FREEMAN BALL, Chester.

[In reply to the above we most unhesitatingly and emphatically denounce the practice as being most uproarious, most unmusical, and unscientific. It can do no good to the bell-gear, and if the bells are heavy, and any parts of the steeple are in a doubtful state of soundness, it might be most damaging to the upper part of the fabric: besides, it is a great nuisance to persons living near. Throughout Christendom the law does not allow even a single bell to be a nuisance to a neighbour, and if appealed to, will issue an injunction to silence it. If a nuisance to the neighbourhood and otherwise objectionable, why does the Dean allow it to be continued? It is a prostitution of the bells of a church to be used for purposes for which they were never intended—having been originally set for ecclesiastical uses and for occasions in which the Church may rejoice with thankfulness.—ED.]

Ringing by the Norwich Diocesan Association at Framsdon, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., eight of the Helmingham Branch of the above Society rang at St. Mary's Church a date touch of Grandsire Triples (the composition of Mr. J. Fosdike of Woodbridge), comprising 1879 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Dye (conductor), 1; W. Whiting, 2; J. Knights, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; G. Sharman, 5; A. Whiting, 6; J. Oecborow, 7; E. Oecborow, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

On Saturday, the 6th ult., six of the above Society rang at St. Mary's,

Otley, in 28 mins., a 720 of Grandsire Minor, taken from Mr. Troyte's work. It has a call every lead. J. Whiting, 1; J. Oecborow, 2; W. Dye (conductor), 3; G. Thurlow, 4; G. Sharman, 5; W. Whiting, 6. Tenor, 11½ cwt. This is the first time this peal has been rung at this place, and supposed to be the first time that it was ever rung in Suffolk. The above company, with the substitution of G. F. Meadows, Esq., afterwards rang it a second time.

Change-ringing at St. Mary's, Oldham, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., five members of the above church, assisted by five visiting friends, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5021 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. J. T. Hartley (first peal), 1; J. Whittaker, 2; P. Coop, 3; W. Ashworth (conductor), 4; J. Wilkinson, 5; G. Longdin, 6; J. Withers, 7; J. Eadels, 8; J. Scholey, 9; H. Ince, 10. Tenor, 34 cwt.

Muffled Peal at St. Margaret's, Leicester.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., the ringers of the above church rang, in 3 hrs. 39 mins., a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters (in the titmuses), consisting of 5057 changes, as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Edward Biggs, who died on the 1st instant. The deceased had been a member of St. Margaret's Society for fifty-one years, and his loss is severely felt. J. Jarvis, 1; W. Cooper, 2; G. Burrows, 3; W. Bail (1st peal), 4; J. Wilson, 5; T. Wilson, 6; J. Cooper, 7; S. Cooper (composer), 8; J. Buttery (conductor), 9; W. Walker, 10. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D.

Change-ringing at SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., a date touch of 1879 was rung in method as follows:—79 of Plain Bob, 4 bobs and 2 singles; 360 of Court Bob, 10 singles; 720 of London Single, 18 bobs and 2 singles; 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 9 bobs; in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. S. Wright, 1; R. Clark, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, the 21st ult., a 720 of London Single, 18 bobs and 2 singles.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 15 bobs. R. Creasey, conductor.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., a 720 of Plain Bob, 18 bobs and 2 singles. R. Creasey, conductor.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., a 720 of Plain Bob, 42 singles. Composed by Mr. Jackson of Hull. Conducted by R. Mackman. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Muffled Peal at Leeds Parish Church.

On Thursday, the 18th ult. a muffled peal was rung in memory of the late Mr. Christopher Iles, who had been a member of the Leeds Company since 1827, and a ringer for sixty-eight years. He continued to ring up to the last. Mr. Iles had rung many 5000's and upwards, and had travelled hundreds of miles for that purpose.

Ringing at Ripon Cathedral.

On Friday, the 19th ult., the ringers of Ripon Cathedral rang 1120 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 46 mins. J. Strodder, sen., 1; J. Orton, 2; J. Lickley, 3; F. Strodder, 4; J. Strodder, jun. 5; T. Clark, 6; J. Trevor (conductor), 7; H. Humboldt, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E. This is supposed to be the longest length ever rung in this musical method by any Society of Ringers belonging to this Cathedral.

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Ancient Society of College Youths.
Established 1637.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., at St. Paul's, Shadwell, the annexed peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung, in 3 hrs. 4 mins., by G. Dorrington, 1; W. Tanner, 2; W. S. Willett, 3; W. Jones, 4; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 5; C. D. P. Davies, Esq., 6; M. A. Wood (conductor), 7; E. Gibbs, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

	2	3	4	5	6	M.	W.	H.
5	2	3	4	5	6	2	2	2
2	5	4	6	3	2	2		2
5	3	4	6	2	1			2
6	2	3	4	5	1	2	2	
3	5	4	2	6	2	1	2	
5	3	6	2	4	1			2
2	4	3	6	5	1	2	2	

W. HARRISON.

Snowdon, Part II. p. 42.

On the same day eight members rang at the parish church, Croydon, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. H. Haley, jun. (conductor), 1; R. French, 2; S. Reeves, 3; J. M. Hayes, 4; T. Verrall, 5; W. Sanders, 6; A. Bruce, 7; C. Walker and C. Roser, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt.

Muffled Peal at Huntsham, Devon.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Huntsham Society—which is a branch of the Devon Guild of Change-ringers—rang several touches of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect and esteem for the late Rev. J. L. Langdon Fulford, M.A., who was the originator of the Guild and carried on the duties of Secretary from the commencement. He died, after a short illness, on the 13th ult., aged thirty-seven. The bells were rung and changes struck partly in half pulls and partly in whole pulls.

Muffled Peal by the Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., the Society rang at All Saints, Otley, in 3 hrs. 2 mins., a muffled peal of 5056 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Christopher Iles, one of the Leeds parish church ringers, formerly of the Otley Society, who died at Leeds on the 16th ult., in his eighty-fifth year. C. Ralph, 1; B. Lightfoot, 2; F. Maston, 3; J. Barraclough, 4; L. Cawood, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; T. Lockwood, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The peal (the reverse of the 5056, Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part II., page 39) was composed and conducted by T. Lockwood.

A Correction.

We are requested to state that the Holborn Town Hall hour bell is E flat; the quarter bells are F, B flat, and D.

RECEIVED ALSO.—O. V. Hunt; J. Parker; W. Whitaker; F. Finn; William Grcome; and others.

can no more become the spiritual grace of the Body and Blood of Christ than the water of Baptism can become—I refrain from saying Whom: it would be blasphemy to say it, and it seems to us almost equal blasphemy to say that the living Christ can be made out of bread and wine. The ministers of this section are utterly unconscious of possessing the power to make the elements anything different to what they are; they deny that they can place in the hands of their people anything more than bread and wine; and the people deny that they receive at the hands of their ministers anything more.

This, then, is the point at issue. It is a question of tremendous moment. If the one section is right, it is impossible to exaggerate the fearful case of the other large section of the Church. We who received our Orders and commission from the same hands that the priests of Dr. Pusey's section did, are possessed of a tremendous power, which we are not only neglecting but deny that we possess; we are withholding from our people, and our people are neither receiving nor seeking from us, the Body of Christ, which is necessary to their salvation; unless, indeed, there are two ways in which to eat the Body and drink the Blood of Christ. If there is only one way, and that the way which Dr. Pusey and the clergy of his section teach, as they love our souls they ought to say to us in all plainness, 'You are not feeding upon the Body of Christ, and "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of God, and drink His Blood, ye have no life in you."' But if, on the other hand, the spiritual sense in which we believe we eat the Body and drink the Blood of Christ is the true way, and the way which Dr. Pusey teaches is not possible, then the position of his section of the Church is very awful. They are making that necessary to salvation which is not so. They are claiming a power which they do not really possess. They are making the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ dependent upon something it does not depend upon. And their people are deluding themselves that they are receiving Christ in a way in which He cannot be received. As we love their souls we must tell them in all plainness, 'You are making a God and falling down and worshipping it. You are under a strong delusion. You are saying to poor souls, hungering and thirsting for Christ, "We can make Christ for you. The way to receive Christ is to eat the bread that we give you, and that not merely as a means, not merely as a sign to the faithful use of which Christ has attached a promised gift, but as in itself Very Christ."' C. P.

Juvenile Temperance Societies.

SIR,—As I have seen no answer in your columns to the request of 'M. E. M.' in *Church Bells* of Nov. 15th, for hints as to the working of a Juvenile Temperance Society, I shall be happy to give what information I can, if 'M. E. M.' will write to me. I have had fortnightly meetings of the kind described for the last two years. We begin with prayers, then one or two hymns from the C. E. T. S. collection. Then the boys recite their pieces, if they have learnt anything by heart, otherwise I read to them something either instructive or amusing, as I think best. Sometimes an elder boy brings up something he likes to read to the others. Sometimes I tell them anything encouraging about temperance work in other places, or repeat something from speeches or lectures I have heard or read. Afterwards we sing songs out of the C. E. T. S. book. Very hearty singing it is, but not very harmonious, for they are always in such high spirits that they shout vigorously. We end with the National Anthem or a hymn. I have had no difficulty in keeping up the meetings, for the boys thoroughly enjoy them. We only number, however, about ten or twelve. They bring their monthly pennies very gladly, and though at first starting several boys broke their pledge, it is a thing of rare occurrence now.

CHARLOTTE C. BERNARD.

Anglican Church History.

SIR,—In your paper of the 20th ult., I observe mention is made of the Bishop of Carlisle's remarks at the Huddersfield Church Institute a few days previously, relative to the ignorance of Church principles betrayed by many who profess to be Churchmen. The remarks at that meeting were applied particularly to emigrants, but also to Churchmen generally. May I call the attention of those interested in gaining or extending a knowledge of Church history (especially as regards its endowments), to a work recently published, called, *An Epitome of Anglican Church History*, by E. Webley-Parry, sold by Messrs. Griffith and Farran, St. Paul's Churchyard. Price 7s. 6d. This volume divides the history into centuries, dealing with each in turn. It is written in an interesting manner, and is a compilation from the highest authorities, each authority and reference being clearly stated at the foot of the page. It has already received high commendation from many quarters, and if carefully read it would go far in dispersing the erroneous notions prevalent amongst many classes of Church-people.

ANGLICAN.

The Lord's Prayer in the Prayer-book.

SIR,—Ought the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of the Communion Service to be said by the people with the priest? It is printed in the summary as in other parts of the Prayer-book, with clauses beginning with a capital letter, and the 'Amen' in the ordinary type, and the rubric before the first Lord's Prayer in the Morning Service says the people are to repeat it wherever it occurs in divine service. Can any of your readers also tell me what translation or version the Prayer-book Lord's Prayer comes from? I have never met with any exactly like it.

R. S. T.

A QUERY.—'Agar' writes: 'At the early celebration on Christmas Day, a well-known Dissenting Minister presented himself as a communicant without giving any notice of his intention of doing so. I should be glad to know how my brother-priests would have acted under similar circumstances.'

CHILDREN'S BOOT AND SHOE CLUB.—'Miss Fawcett, Yarm, Yorkshire, wishes to form a Children's Boot and Shoe Club in connexion with our Sunday School, and will be glad if any of our readers will kindly give her any hints on the subject, or send her copies of rules.'

NOTICE.—'O. J.' has a complete set of *Church Bells* for 1879, which she will be happy to give to any one who can send them away to any clergyman abroad.

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. A. B.; Johannes; W. B. Berry; C.; H. C. Sturges; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

WE have already noticed the dedication of the bells by the Bishop of Lichfield, formerly Vicar of the church. At the evening service he delivered an address from the pulpit, so excellent and appropriate that we gladly publish the following notes, kindly supplied by a friend who was present:—

In the course of his simple and admirable address the Bishop alluded to the history of church bells, showing that so far back as the time when church towers and parish churches were first erected the church bell was introduced—perhaps 1000 years since. The bells of this parish carried them back, although they were not very ancient (the old bells being only about 100 years old), to the time when they sounded as the hamlet or village bells over pastures and fields. These bells would sound for many years, until, perhaps, their children's children would be erecting another new building on this same site, and these bells would call the worshippers in the future. These were solemn thoughts, and solemn thoughts often come and go at the sound of the bells. At times—perhaps now—to the family who may remember that at the time they last sounded there were those who were not here to-night; there would be the memories of some who had passed away, and of others who were now in foreign lands.

Our Church only recognises two services where bells are to be used. When they were used for the triumphs of political parties he would strongly say that 'it ought not so to be.' The first recognised service for the church bells was to be found as described in the Preface in the Prayer-book, and the second in a Canon. The first was to the effect that the curate should cause a bell to be tolled before the morning and evening prayer, that the people may come to hear God's Word, and to pray with him—it was a call to others to join with him in prayer. The other was to give notice that when a single soul was passing away the minister was not to be slack in doing his duty, and for the end that others who heard it might enter in spirit into the chamber of death, and not only pray for the mourners, but for the departing soul.

The sound of the church bell, then, was a call to service in the house of God, and a call to judgment—a call to the service in the courts of the Lord here, and to the courts above; a call of pilgrimage of the Christian, and a call of home. It was not only a call for those who could come to the church to prayer, but to all in the parish, as one family, to enter into the spirit of prayer; to the sick, or those recovering, that they should have an upward thought or an upward prayer. A call to the passers-by, to the merchant, the shop-assistant and shopkeeper, the labourer, the mother at home, the children, to say some passage of Scripture, such as, 'O Thou that hearest prayer, unto Thee shall all flesh come.' Or of the passing-bell, to remind of the soul passing away, to call for intercession for the consolation of the mourners; every event and every time when such a sound should be heard, to be the means of knitting them together in the communion of saints.

It had been the Bishop's intention for a long period, if he had remained among them as their Vicar, when the bells were again sounded in his parish, to suggest that a bell should be sounded by a few strokes at ten o'clock every night, to call the time for family prayers, which he hoped would have met with response.

The opening of this ring took place on New-year's Eve. The ringers, Messrs. J. Cox, J. Nelms, J. Perks, W. Hoverd, H. Dains, D. Stackwood, W. Baron, C. and H. Hopkins, of the Royal Cumberland Society, had the honour of ringing the first touch, which was Stedman's Caters. The bells were then muffled, a knell for the passing year, 1879, was rung, and the watch service commenced at a given signal from the church. The tenor bell struck the hour of twelve. Divine service being concluded, and the muffers removed, the ringers rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Caters, and then welcomed the new year.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., the same party rang touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal and Stedman's Caters. The Hon. and Rev. E. Carr-Glyn, and one of the churchwardens, were present during the ringing.

The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday last the January meeting of this Society was held at Leeds. Amongst other business transacted at the General Meeting an addition to the rules was passed, which will enable members who do not reside in the county of York to become 'Non-resident Members,' when the subscription paid by them amounts to 5s., after which their names will be retained on the books of the Society, without payment of further fees, during the time they continue to reside out of the county. The next General Meeting was appointed to be held at Doncaster on the Saturday of Easter week.

St. Paul's Cathedral, 1880.

THE bells will be rung on the following days throughout the year:—

Thursday, Jan. 1. (New-year's Day)	7 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 26. (Dedication Festival)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 28. (Easter Day)	9.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.
Thursday, May 6. (Ascension Day)	9.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.
Sunday, May 16. (Whit Sunday)	9.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.
Monday, May 24. (Queen's Birthday)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 20. (Queen's Accession)	9.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 1. (All Saints' Day)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 9. (Lord Mayor's Day)	12 noon & 3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 24. (Christmas Eve)	11 to 12 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 25. (Christmas Day)	9.30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 31. (New-year's Eve)	11 to 12 p.m.

And on the following Tuesday evenings, at 8 p.m. for practice:—Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 2 and 30, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Dec. 7.

New Bells at Southgate, Middlesex.

THE ring of six at the above church has just been augmented by the addition of two new trebles, which were furnished by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of the Whitechapel foundry, who, in fact, cast the whole of them. They are rather heavy bells, the tenor being 24 cwt., in D flat.

⌘ Ringing at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, by Members of the Oxford Society.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., by permission of the Very Rev. the Dean, ten members rang a peal of Stedman's Caters, comprising 5079 changes, in 3 hrs. 33 mins., supposed to be the first peal of Caters in the method on these bells. J. Field (conductor), 1; R. Annis, 2; W. Thomas, 3; H. Janaway, 4; C. Hounslow, 5; F. Williamson, 6; G. Warner, 7; W. Smith, 8; E. Harrison, 9; A. Strange, 10.

Change-ringing at Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., seven of the St. John's Society, with the assistance of Mr. T. Gwynn of the Worcester Society, rang at the parish church a peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. O. James, 1; G. Bourne, 2; T. Gwynn, 3; R. Broomfield, 4; E. Crump (conductor), 5; G. Hayward, 6; W. Rea, 7; J. Parry, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Change-ringing at the Parish Church, Westhoughton, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., a mixed band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples (Mr. J. Reeves's variation), consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. G. Grundy (conductor), 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Houghton, 3; H. Heaton, 4; J. Curtis, 5; A. Hodgkinson, 6; J. Whittingham, 7; H. Hodgkinson, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

Change-ringing at Garston, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., at St. Michael's, Garston, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, was rung. S. Gough, 1; J. Nicolls, 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; P. Barton, 4; J. Large, 5; T. H. Mawdsley, 6; G. W. Hughes, 7; J. Prestcott, 8. Also a 720 of Grandsire Minor. S. Gough, 1; T. H. Mawdsley, 2; J. Large, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; J. Prescott, 5; G. W. Hughes (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Change-ringing at St. Michael's, Lichfield.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. W. Hopley, 1; H. Meacham, 2; W. A. Wood, 3; F. J. Cope, 4; Rev. J. J. Serjeantson, 5; T. Meredith (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in this method ever rung in Lichfield, or by any of the above-named ringers.

Change-ringing at North Shields, &c., by Members of the Durham Association.

On Christmas Day eight members of the above Association rang at Christ Church the first half of Mr. E. Taylor's peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 22 mins. W. Rossiter, 1; J. Gibson, 2; E. Wallis, 3; R. Smith, 4; R. Willans, 5; W. Reed (conductor), 6; J. Hurn, 7; S. Knott, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

On Wednesday evening, 31st ult., at Christ Church, North Shields, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with the bells muffled on both sides.

On Jan. 1st, 1880, at 12 a.m., a touch of Bob Major; at 10.50 a.m., 720 Grandsire Minor. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Michael's Church, Bishop Wearmouth, at 4 p.m., a 720 of College Single. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Trinity Church, Sunderland, at 5.30 p.m., a start was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples; after ringing 1600 changes 'Stand!' was called, the tenor ringer being properly beat, owing to the bell being out of order. W. Rossiter, 1; R. Smith, 2; E. Wallis, 3; J. Gibson; R. Willans, 5; W. Reed, Esq., 6; J. Hurn, 7; S. Knott, 8.

Muffled Peal at SS. Peter and Paul, Sall, Norfolk.

For many years it has been the custom to ring a muffled peal to commemorate the Festival of St. Stephen, the first martyr. This was rung on Friday, the 26th ult., in Bob Minor, containing 720 changes. E. Gladden, 1; S. Timbers, 2; U. Timbers, 3; E. Page, 4; R. Page, 5; A. Gladden (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Change-ringing at St. Mary's, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

On Friday, the 26th ult., eight of the Yorkshire Association (and also College Youths) rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 6080 changes, in 3 hrs. 50 mins. H. Hattersley, 1; W. Richardson, 2; G. S. Tyas, 3; W. Whitaker, 4; R. Sparks, 5; A. Brearley, 6; T. Hattersley (conductor), 7; R. H. Pease, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Change-ringing at Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., six of the Farnham Ringers rang six consecutive peals of Grandsire Doubles, making 720 changes, in 27 mins. G. Buckland, 1; J. Basden, 2; G. Basden, 3; J. Parker (conductor), 4; R. Flaxman, 5; J. Baldwin, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Change-ringing at Raunds, Northamptonshire.

On December 27, 1779, six young men of Raunds met in the belfry of the parish church and succeeded in ringing 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 27 mins. The changes were made up of the following six-bell peals:—Plain Bob Minor, Oxford Single Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Double Bob, Court Single Bob, College Pleasure, and Plain Bob Minor reversed. Tenor, 17 cwt. A Tablet was erected in the belfry showing the names of the ringers and the above peals, and remains there at the present time.

To commemorate the above event, the belfry was open to all comers on Saturday, the 27th ult., when the Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Titchmarsh, and Rushden Companies, rang the following:—Two peals of Plain Bob Minor, two of Oxford Single Bob, some touches of Oxford Treble Bob, and six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. One of the peals of Oxford

Single Bob contained 38 Bobs and 22 Singles. It was composed by Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham, Sussex, and is but little known. A. Couthbert, W. Groome, J. Houghton, J. Thompson, W. Parker, A. Wright (conductor). There was also one peal of London Singles.

Change-ringing at St. Nicholas, Deptford, Kent.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Lewisham Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. T. Sharman, 1; W. Pead, 2; I. G. Shade, 3; C. E. Golds, 4; G. Freeman, 5; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 6; H. Freeman, 7; T. Taylor, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

Change-ringing at St. Clement Danes, London.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang at the above church, in 4 hrs. 8 mins., a peal of Stedman's Caters, comprising 6264 changes. M. A. Wood, 1; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 2; G. Dorrington, 3; R. French, 4; W. Jones, 5; J. Pettit, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; F. Bate, 9; E. Horrex, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat. Composed by Mr. H. Hubbard.

Change-ringing at Mersham, Kent.

On Nov. 20th a 720 of Yorkshire Court Bob. G. Pain, 1; D. Pain, 2; E. Ruck, 3; G. Finn, sen. 4; F. Finn (conductor), 5; E. Finn, 6.

On Dec. 24th a 720 Bob Minor, with 26 Singles and 4 Bobs. F. Fian, jun. 1; Rev. R. Hugessen, 2; E. Ruck, 3; G. Finn, sen. 4; F. Finn, sen. (conductor) 5; E. Finn, 6.

On Christmas Day, for service, a 720 Yorkshire Court Bob. F. Finn, jun. 1; E. Ruck, 2; G. Pain, 3; G. Finn, sen. 4; F. Finn, sen. (conductor), 5; E. Finn, 6.

On Saturday, Dec. 27th a 720 Double Court Bob, with 18 Singles and 3 Bobs. 5th and 6th the observation. F. Finn, jun. 1; E. Ruck, 2; G. Finn, jun. 3; G. Finn, sen. 4; F. Finn (conductor), 5; E. Finn, 6. Tenor in G.

Change-ringing at Brighton, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., the Brighton Society rang at St. Nicholas Church touches of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect and esteem for their late Secretary, Mr. Charles Warner. He had been a member of the Society twenty-seven years, and held the office of Secretary for twenty years. By the kind permission of their respected Vicar, the Rev. J. J. Hannah, the body was conveyed to St. Nicholas Church, where part of the service was read by the Rev. Vicar, after which the body was taken to the parochial cemetery, and laid in its last resting-place, the members of the Society following. Only a few days previous to his death the members had presented him with a testimonial for his long-continued and faithful services. Those who took part in the ringing were the father of the Society, Mr. Dury (who has been a member more than fifty years), 1; E. Hilder, 2; H. Boast, 3; — Pelham, 4; H. Boniface, 5; — Harvey, 6; J. Jay (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8.

Ringing the Old Year Out and the New Year In, at Halifax, Yorkshire.

On Wednesday, the 31st ult., the Halifax Parish Church Company rang out the Old Year with a muffled peal; and when the clock struck twelve they rang an open touch of Treble Bob Royal, consisting of 1880 changes, in 1 hr. 26 mins. G. Harper, 1; P. Whiteley, 2; H. Higgingbottom, 3; J. Clegg (composer and conductor), 4; J. First, 5; C. Bradley, 6; J. Shaw, 7; G. Clayton, 8; J. Lockwood, 9; E. Harper, 10.

Change-ringing at Bennington, Herts.

THE Bennington Society on Wednesday, the 31st ult., rang out at midnight the departure of the Old Year and the incoming of the New Year, by a touch of 1008 changes, Double Norwich Court Bob Major. N. Warner, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Carter, 4; S. Page, 5; J. Kitchener, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; T. Page (conductor), 8.

Change-ringing by the Holywell (Oxford) Society.

At the parish church, on New-year's Eve, six members of this Society rang 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles, the first 120 rung by members *only* of this Society since its formation. J. Eley, 1; H. Payne, 2; W. Payne, 3; W. Coxhill, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; G. Lapworth, 6.

Change-ringing at Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

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On New-year's Eve, the 31st ult., six members of the St. Lawrence Society rang, with the bells half muffled for midnight service, Mr. B. Annable's 720 of Bob Minor, as annexed, in 28 mins. W. Grice, 1;	3	5	6	4	2
S. Clarke, 2; R. Hickton, 3; A. Widdowson, 4;	3	5	4	2	6
W. Gibson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor,	6	4	3	5	2
11 cwt., in G.	3	6	4	5	2
	4	3	6	5	2
	4	3	5	2	6
	5	4	3	2	6
	5	3	6	4	2
	6	4	3	2	5
	6	4	3	2	5
	4	2	6	5	3
	2	5	4	3	6
	2	5	4	3	6

Plain Leads. Repeated.

Change-ringing at St. Peter's, Liverpool.

On Wednesday evening, the 31st ult., six members rang on the six large bells a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 31 mins. G. Helsby, 1; J. Mears, 2; W. Woodhead, 3; R. Williams, jun., 4; E. Booth, 5; J. Egerton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 25 cwt. The peal contained fifteen bobs, composed by the late John Heron, jun., and is the first time of being rung.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Rev. C. J. Walton—no Rules different from Town Bell Rules. If you want instruction we advise you to get Mr. Goslin's Part II. of *Musical Hand-bell Ringers' Instructor*. Tubal Cain—we advise him to spend Sixpence for a copy of the Patent, No. 1751; and then, having studied the invention, to favour the public with his opinion, taking care to avoid libel. W. Pearson; F. E. N.; C. Young; H. Johnson; W. Whitaker; Freeman Ball; several Date Touches; D. Miller; and others. Ringing at Drayton not received.

NOTICE.—Contributors are requested to write with ink, and not with pencil.

He thinks, he says, that your readers will agree with him that it is the opponents of the use of the vestments who have made the most noise. Let that be a matter of opinion, but the question is, Who have been the cause of all the noise and hubbub? and the answer is too plain and evident to need being stated—*'Omnibus hoc notum est tonsoribus atque poetis.'*

He imagines me to be mistaken in thinking that the Church Association would, in the case I supposed, let persons wear the said vestments at the whole of the service, and says that they would not do more than 'touch them with the point of the tongs to commit them to the flames.' The *virus* would be taken out of them by the plan I suggested, and I believe the members of the said body would be only too glad to see the wearers of the 'garments' deprived of their grievance, and committed to silence and quiet by its being thus taken away. They want to wear them at part of the service: make them wear them at the whole of it, if they then care to wear them at all. I cannot conclude without again thanking a 'London Layman' for the very valuable piece of information he has given us, in telling us that the Office for the Communion Service is distinct from that of Morning Prayer. He must be a deeply learned man to have found that out, and every 'Country Parson' like myself must feel deeply indebted to him for such an addition to the stock of his knowledge. 'I thank thee, "London Layman," for teaching me that word.'

One only question I would ask of him. His friends tell us every now and then that there is no rubric for such things as a hymn before the sermon, or after it, or for this, that, and the other. 'What I want to know,' as J. Bright is so fond of saying, is, where is the rubric for any change of dress, at, or after, or between, any service or services, in the Book of Common Prayer? Such a learned man can, of course, tell us. As to the 'sanctity' of the said garb, if there is not supposed to be any, why do his friends make such a pother about it?

F. O. MORRIS.

Weak Throat.

SIR,—I have lately noticed in your valuable little paper some letters on the art of breathing whilst speaking or reading. I am very glad that attention has thus been called to this most important subject, because I feel convinced that, if only we clergy can learn, as all great singers have learnt, the art of using our lungs, mouth, and teeth, aright, we should hear no more of clergyman's throat or other inconveniences arising from the use of the voice. Mr. J. Elwin, of 21 Coleherne Road, West Brompton, has lately been lecturing on this subject for Canon King to the candidates for ordination at Oxford, and also to the clergy at different centres. I, for one, can testify to the immense relief to the throat which his system of taking breath has been to me. Other clergymen have told me, who used to suffer from their throat, how invaluable his system has been to them. It is a strange fact that scarcely one man in a hundred knows how to fill his lungs properly. The usual plan is to take a deep breath with the mouth half open, which must of necessity cause a great waste of air, as most of the breath escapes before the mouth can be shut. Mr. Elwin teaches that the breath should be taken through the mouth nearly closed, the teeth almost meeting, and through the nose. The head should be kept well back and the chin should rest upon the collar. With the lungs inflated in this way, the ribs being sensibly drawn up, it is quite wonderful what a power the lungs become if they are kept full. This was the great secret of the late Bishop Wilberforce's charmingly distinct and clear utterance. He had learnt the art of using his lungs as a bellows, and his lips, and teeth, and tongue, which were indefatigable to bite, as it were, the breath which gently escaped from his lungs, into words. I would most strongly recommend any clergyman suffering from a weak throat, or a difficulty in making himself heard, to take a few lessons from Mr. Elwin. I believe his charge for a lesson at his own house to the clergy is only six shillings.

HERBERT C. STURGES.

Marriage Customs.

SIR,—In reply to 'Weddings,' permit me to give an extract from Wheatley *On the Common Prayer*. He says:—

'The remaining part of this Rubric (which was added to the foregoing part at the Restoration) is concerning the *position of the parties*, whom it orders to stand, *the man on the right hand and the woman on the left*, i.e. *the man on the right hand of the woman, and the woman on the left hand of the man*, as it is worded in the Salisbury Manual. The reason that is there given for it is a very weak one, viz., because the side out of which the woman was formed was taken out of the left rib of Adam. The true reason, to be sure, is because the right hand is the most honourable place, which is, therefore, both by the Latin and Greek, and all Christian Churches, assigned to the man, as being the head of the wife. The Jews are the only persons that, I ever heard, acted otherwise, who place the woman on the right hand of her husband in allusion to that expression in the Forty-fifth Psalm, "*At Thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, &c.*"

JOHANNES.

'W. B. L.' also writes to the same effect.

Books for the Navvies' Mission.

SIR,—A short time ago you kindly inserted a letter from me asking for contributions of books, &c. in order to start Lending Libraries for Navvies in connexion with the Navy Mission Society. I should like to ask that donors in the neighbourhood of London and in the south of England would kindly direct their parcels to the Hon. G. Kinnaird, 2 Pall Mall East, London, S.W., who will be glad to receive books for me.

ELIZABETH GARNELL.

Sr. BEIT.—'Antiqua' writes: 'Can any one tell me who St. Beit was? The old metropolitan church of Prague was dedicated to him. When did he live? and is that dedication unique?'

TRURO CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND.—We have forwarded to the Bishop of Truro three shillings received from Miss Pilling, Summerside House, Great Malvern. All future subscriptions should be sent direct to the Bishop, Kenwyn, Truro, Cornwall.

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. A. B.; C. L. E.; H. P.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Aldington, Kent.

SIR,—Seeing that *The Change-ringers' Guide* omits Aldington, I have selected ten peals and rung them, purposely to inform my brother ringers that Aldington has been a ringing village for a century, and is situated two miles from Smethth Station, on the South-eastern Railway.

On Dec. 4, 1879, a 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles.

On the 11th, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, one 12 bobs and the other 15 bobs.

On the 18th, a 720 Bob Minor, 9 bobs and 6 singles.

On the 18th, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 12 bobs.

On the 27th, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, 12 bobs each peal.

On the 29th, a 720 Treble Bob, 9 bobs; 720 Bob Minors, 42 singles, in three equal parts.

On Jan. 1, 1880, a 720 Bob Minor, 18 bobs and 2 singles.

EDWARD HYDER.

Ringling by the Norwich Diocesan Association at Coddendam, Suffolk.

On Friday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Helmingham Branch of the above rang, at St. Mary's Church, Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. T. Sadler, 1; J. Knight, 2; W. Dye, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; G. Sharrman, 5; W. Whiting, 6; J. Oxborrow (conductor), 7; E. Oxborrow, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Change-ringing at All Saints, Carshalton, Surrey.

On New-year's Eve, eight members of the St. Mary's Society, Beddington, who are also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang at the above church Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. Plowman, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; J. Branch, 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. Gordon, 6; J. Zealey, 7; J. Clark, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt., in G sharp.

Muffled Peal at St. Michael and All Angels, Hackford-with-Whitwell, Norfolk.

On the 31st ult., a muffled peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung at the above church as a mark of esteem to Mrs. Holley, widow of the late Rev. Edward Holley, for many years Rector of these parishes. T. Hawes, 1; R. Gladden, 2; R. Manthorpe, 3; G. Timbers (conductor), 4; W. Timbers, 5; H. Hawes, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in A.

St. Edmund's Church, Salisbury.

THE usual Belfry Service was held on the last night of the year for the Sarum St. Edmund Society of Church Bell-ringers. Muffled peals were rung from 11 o'clock. At 11.40, after a few words from the Rector, a short service was said, consisting of appropriate collects and a special prayer. After which all remained kneeling in silent prayer, till after twelve strokes on the tenor had marked that one year was ended and another begun, when the *Gloria* was said and a Blessing pronounced. After an open peal the members repaired to St. Edmund's House hard by for tea or coffee. We are glad to find that the efforts which have been made in this parish to make church bell-ringing more of a religious act are not unappreciated by the parishioners and others. Besides the regular members there are several honorary members, including the Dean, the Rev. Chancellor Swayne, and others. This is the third year of the Society's existence, so that we may regard it as now fairly established.

The Society of Change-ringers, Doncaster.

On New-year's Day the Sheffield ringers, on an invitation from the above Society, rang at St. George's Church, in 3 hrs. 19 mins., the late Mr. John Holt's One-Course peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes. T. Hattersley (conductor), 1; H. G. Wilson, 2; H. Marwood, 3; C. Crawford, 4; J. Dixon, 5; C. H. Rawson, 6; W. Burchinshaw, 7; S. Holmes, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt., in E flat. Twenty-six sat down to a substantial dinner at the Elephant Hotel, when two beautiful illuminated Addresses were presented by Mr. Pease (the Chairman) to Messrs. T. Hattersley and C. H. Rawson for the perseverance and attention rendered to the Society.

Change-ringing at Balcombe, Sussex.

On New-year's Day the Capel ringers visited Balcombe, by kind permission of the Rector, and rang a 720 of College Pleasure (at the first attempt) on the new bells, in 25 mins. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Holloway, 3; A. Tidy, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

After which touches of College Exercise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Oxford Double, in which G. Mills, R. Worsfold, and J. Edwards, took part. Those being the first peals of the kind on the bells.

Also at St. John's, Capel, on Friday, the 9th inst., a 720 of Stedman's Slow Course, in 25 mins. G. Mills, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Holloway, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6.

Change-ringing by the Yorkshire Association at Holbeck, Leeds.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 1 min. S. Bassnett, 1; G. Holmes, 2; G. Barraclough, 3; J. W. Rowbotham, 4; J. E. Hern, 5; T. Lockwood, 6; D. Brearley, 7; J. W. Snowden, Esq., 8. The peal (Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part I. p. 39) was composed and conducted by Tom Lockwood. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Also a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 6184 changes, was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min. S. Bassnett, 1; G. Holmes, 2; G. Barraclough, 3; J. W. Rowbotham, 4; J. E. Hern, 5; T. Lockwood (conductor), 6; D. Brearley, 7; J. W. Snowden, Esq., 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Change-ringing at Chester Cathedral.

ON Saturday evening, the 3rd inst., eight ringers of the Chester Cathedral Society rang three courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, or 960 changes, two wrong and one right, twice repeated, in 41 mins. A. Cross, 1; J. Moulton, 2; T. Bethell, 3; W. Woods, 4; B. Stevens, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; W. Walton, 7; F. Ball (conductor), 8. This is supposed to be the greatest performance ever achieved on the bells in Treble Bob Major, and is the longest touch that has been rung by the first seven ringers of the Company, who have only been taught this method since November 15th, 1879.—Attested by C. Price. Tenor, 33 cwt., in C.

Muffled Peal at Birchington, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., the bells in the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, were rung muffled, as a last mark of respect to Mr. T. Clark, who died Dec. 27th at the advanced age of ninety-two. P. A. Reed, 1; W. Tucker, 2; Z. Wilcher, 3; T. B. Reed, jun., 4; T. B. Reed, sen. (conductor), 5; T. Mount, 6; A. Pointer, 7; G. Wilcher, 8; C. Tucker, 9; J. Kempton, 10. He was the last surviving ringer of the old band raised by the late J. P. Powell, then owner of Quex Park, and instructed by the celebrated W. Shipway, who was engaged by Mr. Powell to teach the young band the art of change-ringing. Mr. Clark's last performance as a ringer was on his eighty-fourth birthday, when he rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

ON Wednesday, the 7th inst., the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a district meeting at Cirencester. The Cheltenham band rang a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples. About seventy members attended Divine service at the parish church, when an address was delivered by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Millar; they afterwards dined at the Fleece Hotel, the Rev. Dr. Millar presided, and was supported by the Rev. M. Trotter, Rector of St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester (Treasurer to the Association); the Rev. Pitt Ekyn, France Lynch (Secretary), with other clergymen and gentlemen. After the repast the Vicar welcomed the Society to Cirencester, and submitted the toast of Church and State, which was well received. The Rev. Mowbray Trotter responded, and said he hoped that Church and State would stand together, and stand for long. Mr. Drinkwater gave 'The health of the Chairman,' and spoke in warm terms of the discourse he had given them. Dr. Millar replied, and said it was a gratification to him when the Society was formed in the diocese, and now again to welcome so many of them around the festive board. Several new members were elected, and Tewkesbury was fixed upon as the next place of meeting, to be held early in April. A mixed company then rang several touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters; and a mixed company of six-bell ringers also visited Siddington, and rang upwards of a thousand changes in the Plain Bob and Grandsire methods.

Change-ringing at Appleton, Berkshire.

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Appleton Society rang at the parish church a peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. F. S. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; J. Avery, 5; G. Holifield (conductor), 6; F. White, 7; H. Woodwards, 7. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Change-ringing at Drayton, Berks.

ON the Feast of the Epiphany the Vicar of Drayton, Berks, received a visit from his friends at Appleton, and with them rang at the parish church a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. F. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; G. Holifield, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6. This is the last performance on the present ring, which is about to be augmented to a ring of eight.

Visit of the Long Eaton (Derbyshire) Ringers to Woodhouse, Leicestershire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., several ringers from Long Eaton visited the above place, and by the kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. L. Hayes), rang touches of Bob Minor, Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles. Afterwards, with the assistance of Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., and Mr. A. Archer of Loughboro', a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. S. Clarke, 1; A. Archer, 2; R. Hickton, 3; J. W. Taylor, jun., 4; W. Gilson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Change-ringing at Stratford St. Mary, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., the Stratford and Higham Company rang a 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins., being the first 720 of Treble Bob ever rung on these newly-hung and rich-toned bells. R. Wright, 1; C. Wright, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Smith, 4; John Smith, 5; G. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Change-ringing at St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 12th inst., a mixed set of ringers rang in 27 mins, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. S. Gough, 1; R. Rowlands, 2; T. Elson, 3; W. Meadows, 4; T. H. Mawdsley (conductor), 5; G. W. Hughes, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

Notice to Bellfounders.

WE are sorry to hear that some of our Bellfounders feel aggrieved that we do not report their work and commend them in our pages. We request them to understand that the fault is all their own. We have always declined to tout for any particular firm, or to commend one in preference to another. Neither do we hunt up bell news in other papers, but request each to report direct to our Editor if they desire to be recorded in our columns.—Ed.

A New Chiming Apparatus.

A NEW chiming apparatus, designed by Mr. G. Kingman, of Lansdown Road, Bath, has just been completed, and erected by him in the tower of the parish church, Keynsham, near Bristol. By its means one person is enabled to chime the whole ring of eight bells; and on Sunday last several tunes and

changes were very effectively played on the bells by the designer and Mr. F. Goodman, a Bath amateur.

MUSICAL HAND-BELL RINGERS' INSTRUCTOR.—This is a very clever and valuable addition to bell literature, and we advise all who are desirous of making progress with Hand-bells to get it from the author, Mr. Goslin, 8 Crescent, Cripplegate, London; the price is 2s. The brochure is historically most interesting.

A CORRECTION.—In our report of the ringing and opening of the ring at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, Messrs. J. Rogers and H. Swain should have been mentioned.

DATE TOUCHES.

At Burton-on-Trent, Derbyshire.

ON Thursday, the 17th ult., the parish church ringers, assisted by Mr. W. Potts, rang at the above church a date touch of 1879 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Leatherhead, Surrey.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., a date touch of 1879 Grandsire Caters in the titlums, was rung at the above church in 1 hr. 23 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Liverpool.

ON Wednesday evening, the 31st ult., a date touch of 720 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at the above church in 31 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At Birstall, Yorkshire.

AT St. Peter's, Birstall, the Old Year was rung out and 1880 ushered in with a touch of 1880 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 9 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

1880

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 8
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8
3 2 4 1 6 5 8 7
3 4 2 1 5 6 7 8
4 3 1 2 6 5 8 7
4 1 3 6 2 8 5 7
1 4 6 3 8 2 7 5
1 6 4 8 3 7 2 5

STANT.
1 6 3 4 2 8 5 7
1 6 2 3 5 4 7 8

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

THE New Year was ushered in by ringing a date touch of 1880 Grandsire Major. The calling once repeated. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Without the 7 in 2 it has the 6th twelve times wrong and the 5th twelve times right.

Time, 1 hr. 7 mins.

3 5 2 6 4 8 2
2 5 4 6 3 - M
4 5 3 6 2 - M
5 3 4 6 2 - H
3 4 5 6 2 - H
5 4 2 6 3 - M
4 2 5 6 3 - H
5 2 3 6 4 - M
3 2 4 6 5 - M
2 4 3 6 5 - H
4 3 2 6 5 - H
5 4 3 6 2 7 2

At Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 1st inst., a date touch of 1880 Treble Bob Royal was rung at the above church in 1 hr. 20 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Stockport, Cheshire.

ON New-year's Morning, immediately after midnight service, the ringers of the above church rang a date touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. James's, Tong, Yorkshire.

ON the evening of New-year's Day the ringers belonging to this church, and who are members of the Yorkshire Association, commemorated the birth of the New Year by ringing a date touch of 1880 changes in 1 hr. 7 mins. composed from the eight following methods; viz. 200 changes of College Treble, and 240 changes each of Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Tulip, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, and College Pleasure. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Bradford, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., ten members of the Bradford St. Peter's Company, being a contingent of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, rang at the parish church, Bradford, in 1 hr. 18 mins., a date touch of 1880 changes of Kent Treble Bob Royals. Tenor, 27 cwt.

At St. Lawrence, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday evening, the 4th inst., six of the ringers of this church, with the assistance of Messrs. Haley and Bolland of the Tong Society, rang for the evening service, in 1 hr. 8 mins., a touch of 1880 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Kirkburton, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday, the 4th inst., a date touch was rung for morning service, consisting of 1880 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 8 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At Diss, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 6th inst., being the 47th Anniversary of St. Mary's Church Bells, ringers from Eye, Kenninghall, &c., attended to enjoy a pull on its fine ring of bells. Ringing commenced (after morning service) with a date touch of 1880 changes of Kent Treble Major in 1 hr. 18 mins. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. After dinner some touches in the Kent, Oxford, and Grandsire Methods, were rung. During the past year 62,126 changes have been rung on the bells in six different methods.

AT Otley, Suffolk, by the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

ON Saturday evening, the 10th inst., a date touch of 1880 changes (consisting of 80 Grandsire Doubles, 360 Grandsire Minor, 720 ditto Hammond's peal, with a call in every lead, and 720 ditto Mr. Noyte's peal, also with a call in every lead) was rung in 1 hr. 7 mins. Tenor, 11½ cwt., in G sharp.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Rawmarsh Touch—no name; T. D. R. Rabbits; C. J. Butterworth; J. R. Jerram; Matthew Jarvis—hand-bell ringing not inserted; A. C. Fussell; and others.

Holy Eucharist in a spirit of burning love and ardent thankfulness to Jesus; give glory to God; do not think of what Christ's death did for you (Low-Church view), or what the memorial of it may do for you (High-Church view). Centre your remembrance, or memorial, not in self-advantage, but on Him. (2.) 'Take, eat; this is My body,' &c. Whatever else you do, come to the Holy Communion in a spirit of love to the brethren; seek really for their blessing as well as for your own; do not think only of what blessing communicating will bring to your own soul; centre the object of the feast in the brotherhood, not in self. Thus feeling, thus desiring, thus praying, thus remembering, thus communicating, all must be love—love to God, love to man—'Glory to God in the highest, good-will towards men.' Thus might strife cease and controversy die, because their root would cease to exist; and it might be, that standing (as assuredly in Holy Eucharist and Communion we do) at the gate of heaven, in this spirit, the love without might lead the Love within to open the gate, and, sooner than even we hope, let us in, where Truth is one because Love reigns. 'Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.' So shall Thy kingdom come, first in us, secondly to us. 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.' C. L. E.

High Celebration.

SIR,—Will you allow me to suggest to your correspondent, 'J. C. H.,' that he should examine the Rubrics of his Prayer-book, and he will find the words 'said or sung' equally used with reference to the Creed and *Gloria in Excelsis* in the Communion Office, and the *Vente* and Creed in the Order for Morning Prayer? By this it will be seen that the compilers of the Prayer-book did contemplate choral celebration. It often strikes one as surprising that Matins and Evensong should have come to be made so much of when, in point of fact, the service of the Holy Communion is the only one of Divine appointment and command (with exception, of course, of the Sacrament of Baptism, which now would be reckoned amongst the 'occasional services'). If we go straight to the Bible, there is no command for morning and evening prayer, as used on Sundays and other days; but there is the distinct command, 'Do this in remembrance of Me!' In fact, a command to priests to celebrate the Holy Communion. Our present Matins and Evensong were framed from the 'Seven Hours' Services of the Roman Breviary, so they may truly be said to be of Roman origin; but the Holy Communion, the service of which is rendered in the majority of our churches, with almost the silence and caution of the days of persecution, and as though an armed force were expected at the doors, is distinctly the one Divine ordinance ordained for perpetual use until the Lord's coming again. 'J. C. H.' will say, doubtless, that there were no choral celebrations in the days of the Apostles. Granted. But why? Because the days of the worship of the Temple were scarcely of the past, and the new Christian Church had to struggle through a period of war and persecution ere she could 'worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.' The days may come when once more the Service of the Holy Communion may have its proper place and dignity in the worship of the Sanctuary. Not in arguing, not in bickering, will this desired end be attained; but a careful study of Rubrics and early Church history, by rich as well as poor, will do much; a prayerful, earnest longing for the truth to be made clear, will do more.

'For Right is right since God is God,
And Right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.'

C.

The late Bishop of Durham.

THE REV. W. Hedley, Vicar of Hebburn-on-Tyne, notices the omission of the late Bishop of Durham's name in the leading article of our first issue of this year, in which reference was made to the loss the Church had sustained by the decease of some of her brightest ornaments. Mr. Hedley writes:—'Though the Bishop was an extreme Low Churchman, few have worked harder or accomplished more in the Episcopate than he. During the seventeen years he was Bishop of Durham, 119 churches were erected, at a cost of 363,830*l.*: 130 churches were restored and enlarged at a cost of 179,870*l.*: burial-grounds, 18,531*l.*: 194 schools, new and enlarged, 138,265*l.*—total, 700,491*l.* 102 new parishes were formed; 189 additional clergy; 73,517 confirmed; 396 newly ordained. Dr. Baring was his own secretary, and many cheering letters did his clergy receive from him. Besides his munificent gifts for church and school purposes, his acts of private benevolence were both numerous and touching. Such a Bishop ought not to be forgotten.'

[Our correspondent is correct in his assumption that no slight to the late prelate's memory was intended by the writer of the article; in fact, the names mentioned were not intended to be accepted as in any way a complete enumeration of the losses the Church had sustained during 1879.]

Dissenters at Communion.

SIR,—'Agar' raises an interesting and important question. The wrongful abuse of the regulation given in the first rubric before the Office for Holy Communion, is sure to place the clergy sometimes in a false position. But, assuming that previous notice is not required from intending communicants, I, for my part, do not think that any person, other than those intended by the second and third rubrics, ought to be repelled, if he virtually shows his orthodoxy by joining in the Nicene Creed, which is an integral part of the Communion Service. The officiating priest ought to assume that he is orthodox, and ask no question for conscience sake. A. M. WILCOX.

Eccentricities of Ritualism.

SIR,—I hope the excellent tone of your spirited and interesting paper will long continue to hold the balance between Puritan barrenness and negation on the one hand, and the mischievous follies of ultra-Ritualism on the other. Happily, Puritanism is rapidly becoming a thing of the past in the Church of England; but is not great danger to be feared to the interests of our Church from those at the opposite pole of the theological world? I have heard people say, 'It is meaningless to talk about "moderate" Ritual.' One does not hold up as a model a 'moderately' brave man, or a 'moderately' virtuous

woman. So completely has the revival of 'decency and order' in the Church of England been distorted and misrepresented, and hence has arisen the adoption of practices for which there is not a shadow of authority in our formularies. To give a few instances that have come under my own observation. At St. Barnabas, Pimlico, once a moderate church compared with many, this year there are special hymns for St. Thomas of Canterbury, and the altar vested in red in honour of that prelate, whose name was struck out of the Kalendar at the very commencement of the Reformation, and a new banner was carried round the church on Christmas Day, on which the chalice and a large wafer were the only emblems depicted; the sermon was more about the Virgin Mary than about our blessed Lord, and she was styled the 'representative of humanity.' At a neighbouring mission church (St. Mary-the-Virgin) several saints' days have 'octaves' assigned to them, and other days intercalated simply because so arranged in the Roman Kalendar; and here I witnessed for the first time the ceremony of the 'lavabo' (i.e. the priest washing his hands at the altar), and the Sacramental bread put into the mouths of the people as ordered by the Roman rite, but in flat contradiction to our own, and many other gestures which are prescribed in the missal. I conclude that those who have adopted these strange deviations from Anglican ritual can give reasons for what they do (possibly the author of *Words for Peace* can). I am fairly puzzled to think on what ground they can be defended at all, and my only wonder is how anyone could ever have thought of practising them in the Church of England. H. A. B.

The Lord's Prayer in the Prayer-book.

'R. S. T.' will find that the Prayer-book rendering of the Lord's Prayer is taken from the King's Book, 1543, except the part 'Lead us not,' &c., which agrees in form with the A. V.—See *Prayer-book Interleaved*, p. 61: Campion and Beaumont.

REV. E. DANIEL, in *History of the Prayer-book*, p. 87, suggests that the words 'and whensoever else,' were probably 'inserted by an oversight' in the rubric of 1662, 'there being no direction for the people to repeat the Lord's Prayer with the priest in the opening of the Communion Service.'

THE changes in the manner of repeating the Lord's Prayer, which are very interesting, are given in both the above-named books. I. M.

Fasting Communion.

SIR,—Can any of your readers put me in the way of finding succinctly stated the Ritualist case for the imposition, so far as may be, of fasting as an obligation in connexion with Holy Communion, distinguishing between abstract arguments in favour of the practice, and authorities for its prevalence and repute in ancient times? When authorities are mentioned, a particular reference will oblige. Also, why is not fasting enjoined upon those who make what is called 'spiritual communion'? Perhaps the Editor would kindly send on any letter addressed to INQUIRER.

RECEIVED ALSO.—E. CUNYNS Sharland; T. E.; Robert Halket; J. C. Thring; J. W. T.; George Ridley; H. G. O.; Black Gown; F. L. S.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Fall of a Church Tower.

THE parish church of Holy Trinity, at Milton Damerel, is situated in North Devon. Exactly at midnight, last New-year's Eve, an ominous sound was heard in the village, together with the momentary clashing of bells. It was soon found that the church tower had suddenly fallen, and that in its fall two of the three bells had clashed together; and thus just on the stroke of twelve, as the old year was dying out, it rang its own funeral knell. The tower fell without any previous warning and without injuring any one. About twenty years ago we visited the church: the tower was then in a most dilapidated state, and might have been expected to fall at any time. The church itself had been well cared for by the Rector.

Clappers.

SIR,—Seeing a paragraph in a late issue calling attention to bell clappers, allow me to mention a few of the mishaps likely to be occasioned by neglect. All clappers, of whatever construction, are liable to wear loose and strike too slow; but the chief danger is with the wooden strap bawderick-clappers, which are not uncommon. These consist of a wooden strap clasp the crown staple, with a block inserted below, and the clapper itself fitted between the flats of the strap, and secured by a couple of bolts. These straps are mostly made of ash, and through the top a rivet is inserted to prevent them from splitting. In many cases, where I have rehung bells, I have found that the wood has been allowed to wear completely away, and the rivet working on the centre of the crown staple has in some cases nearly cut it in two. Another of the same kind, where an iron strap lined with leather is used, is most objectionable, inasmuch as, unless the leather be frequently renewed, the iron soon comes into contact with the crown staple; and I have seen some crown staples worn down to about half an inch, or less, on the top and bottom sides through neglect. Although this sort of clapper is very ancient, it is by no means uncommon. I believe that, after all, the *clap-to* sort of clapper is the best, where a couple of blocks of hard wood are made to clasp the crown staple in two halves, and where the bolts used are so inserted as for it to be impossible for them to come in contact with it with any ordinary wear. In cases of bells which have been quartered it is better to insert a block of hard wood in the crown of the bell, and make the clapper to work in this with a fork end and bolt through the whole, except in cases of large bells, where this would bring the centre on which the clapper swings too high, and consequently cause the bell to rise FALSE. In these cases a false staple must be resorted to.

J. R. JERRAM, Bell-hanger, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A District Meeting of the above Association was held at Kenninghall, on the 12th instant. The attendance of ringers was not quite so large as was expected, but in other respects the meeting was a satisfactory one, and there were good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Plain Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung during the day. At two o'clock, the members adjourned to the White Horse, where they sat down to dinner under the presidency of the Rev. A. Sutton, who was supported by the Revs. J. F. James (vicar), W. W. Hutt, W. T. M. Young, N. Bolingbroke, and G. H. Harris (secretary); Captain Moore, R. and L. Sutton, Esqs., &c. The usual toasts were proposed and duly responded to, the Chairman congratulating the meeting on the prosperous condition of the Association, the number of members now exceeding 400. A suggestion was thrown out that, in addition to the district meetings, there might be gatherings of a less formal character, when the ringers of a certain neighbourhood might meet together at a later hour and partake of a tea, the honorary members of the district and others being invited to attend. The peal-book, with its entries of the first year's peals, was handed round, and gave great satisfaction to the members, the work having been beautifully done by Mr. J. Butler of London. After dinner the tower was again visited, and as long as time permitted the bells were kept agoing merrily.

St. Sidwell's Ringers' Institute, Exeter.

THE members of this Society met together to celebrate the opening of their new room, at 160 St. Sidwell's, on Monday evening, 19th inst. when they partook of a substantial supper provided by Mrs. W. B. Fulford. The Society has been established to advance the science of change-ringing, and it now offers the attraction of church-bell practice and the use of the Institute-room. The Committee of the Institute are:—Messrs. C. A. W. Troyte, president; W. B. Fulford, foreman; Rev. H. W. McGrath, treasurer; Messrs. F. Shepherd, H. Swift, J. Alford, and S. Herbert. The chair on Monday night was occupied by Mr. W. B. Fulford, and on removal of the cloth a toast-list was gone through. In proposing 'Success to the Institute,' the Chairman said he believed that it would be the means of establishing a much stronger bond of fellowship among the members of the Society than had hitherto existed, and that it would also enable them to study with more comfort than formerly the science of change-ringing. He hoped to see as one result increased improvement in their ringing; and he trusted that the successful accomplishment of a peal of triples, or a peal of Stedman's, was not far distant. Mr. Seage proposed, 'The Health of the Officers and Committee of the Institute,' and Mr. Marsh responded. A beautifully illuminated scroll, containing a copy of the rules, has been executed and presented to the Society by Mr. W. Southwood, engraver, of this city, who is one of the originators of the movement.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

THE next meeting of the above Society will (D.V.) be held at Sleaford, on Saturday, February 7th, when the eight bells of the parish church (tenor, 21 cwt.) will be at the disposal of the members. Dinner will be provided at the Bristol Arms Hotel at 3 p.m., at a charge of 2s. per head. All members intending to be present must send in their names to me before January 23rd next.

JAMES RICHARD JERRAM, *Secretary to the S. L. C. R. A.*

Waterloo Society, London.—Established 1868.

THE annual election of officers of the Society was held at their meeting-house, 96 Waterloo Road, S.E., on Wednesday, the 14th inst., when the following officers were elected:—Master, Mr. R. K. Knight; Secretary, Mr. J. Barry; Steward, Mr. A. Rolfe; and Mr. W. Coppage was re-elected Treasurer.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE members of this Association will hold their next Quarterly Meeting on Monday, Feb. 9th, at Houghton-le-Spring. A dinner will be provided, towards which the usual contributions will be made from the funds.

G. J. CLARKSON, *Sec.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire.

ON Boxing Day eight members of the Crendon Society rang at the parish church a peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. T. Hims, 1; L. Ing, 2; J. Warner, jun., 3; J. Warner, sen. (conductor), 4; G. Warner, 5; G. Cadle (1st peal), 6; W. Cadle, 7; J. M. Warner, 8. Tenor, 1 ton.

At Mersham, Kent.

AT 11.40 on New-year's Eve, to New-year's Morning, a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 38 Bobs and 22 Singles. H. Ruck, 1; E. Ruck (conductor), 2; G. Pain, 3; G. Finn, sen., 4; F. Finn, 5; E. Finn, 6.

ON Saturday evening, the 3rd inst., a 720 of Bob Minor. G. Pain (conductor), 1; D. Pain, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; H. Ruck, 4; F. Finn, 5; E. Finn, 6.

ALSO the same evening, a 720 of Treble Bob Minor, in the Oxford variation. H. Ruck, 1; E. Ruck (conductor), 2; W. Hyder, 3; G. Pain, 4; F. Finn, 5; E. Finn, 6.

AND on 13th inst., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. E. Ruck, 1; D. Pain, 2; W. Jay, 3; G. Finn, jun., 4; G. Penn (conductor), 5; E. Finn, 6.

At All Saints, Bingley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a length of Treble Bob Major, consisting of 1880 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. B. Lightfoot (conductor), 1; J. Barraclough, 2; W. Kendall, 3; W. Wilks, 4; J. Smith, 5; R. Rushworth, 6; J. Mountain, 7; J. Foster, 8.

By the Yorkshire Association.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., at St. Chad's, Headingley, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 5024 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. T. Harrison, 1; S. Basnett, 2; J. Lockwood, 3; J. Whitaker, 4; G. Barraclough, 5; T. Lockwood, 6; J. Winder, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 8. The peal, the reverse of the 5056 (Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part II., p. 48), transposed to give the 4th and 6th their extent, was composed and conducted by Tom Lockwood. Tenor, 19 cwt.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., at St. Oswald's, Guisley, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Barraclough, 1; L. Cawood, 2; F. Maston, 3; D. Rhodes, 4; T. Lockwood, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 8. The peal, the reverse of H. Dains' 5184 (Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part II., p. 76), was conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire.

ON Sunday, the 11th inst., by permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. Newton, five members of the Slough branch of the West Middlesex Association rang, for evening service, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. W. Leader, 1; W. Fussell, 2; R. Flaxman (conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Steel, 5. Tenor, 12 cwt. This is the first performance in the Grandsire method upon these bells.

Six members of the above Association also rang the first six-score upon the bells of Old Windsor parish church about five months ago, by permission of the Vicar, Rev. E. Harwood.

At Eckington, Derbyshire.

ON Monday, the 12th inst., the Eckington Society rang a 720 each of Violet, Oxford Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure, in 1 hr. 24 mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Shaw, 3; G. Norman, 4; T. Lunn, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. John's, Worcester.

ON Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., the St. John's Society rang in 27 mins. a 720 of Grandsire Minor. W. King, sen., 1; G. Hobbs, 2; J. Hinton, jun., 3; T. Gwyn, 4; W. Webb, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Ardeley, Herts.

ON Wednesday, the 14th inst., was rung at St. Laurence's, Ardeley, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. D. P. Davies, Esq., 1; S. Page, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 4; L. Chapman, 5; T. Page, 6.

At SS. Philip and James, Clifton, Yorkshire.

ON Wednesday, the 14th inst., was rung a 720 of Double Oxford Court Bob Minor, in 27 mins., by members of York and Clifton Societies combined. W. Morrell, 1; T. Haigh, 2; A. Haigh, 3; C. Underwood, 4; W. Howard, 5; G. Breed (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in this method upon the bells. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At All Saints, Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Wednesday evening, the 14th inst., the Daresbury Society rang, in 1 hr. 7 mins., a Date Touch of 1880 changes, in the following methods, viz.: Plain Bob, 80 changes; College Single, 360; Kent Treble Bob, 720; and Oxford Treble Bob, 720. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G. During the past year, 51,900 changes have been rung by this Society in six different methods.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., the Lewisham Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. T. Sharman, 1; W. Pead, 2; C. E. Golds, 3; H. J. Shade, 4; G. Freeman, 5; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 6; I. G. Shade, 7; T. Taylor, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

At Doncaster, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eight of the Doncaster Society rang at the parish church of St. George, in 1 hr. 15 mins., a touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1880 changes, being the date of the present year. R. Bayles, 1; H. G. Wilson, 2; W. Laurence, 3; H. Marwood, 4; W. Gardiner, 5; W. Burkinshaw, 6; C. Crawford, 7; S. Holmes, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt. in E flat. Composed by Mr. H. Jenkinson (Hull), and conducted by Mr. H. G. Wilson (Doncaster). This is the first touch of any length accomplished by the present company without assistance.

At Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

ON the 21st inst. a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's Church, Rawmarsh. J. Ensor, 1; V. Hawkins, 2; T. Whitworth, 3; S. Whitworth (composer and conductor), 4; T. Wild, 5; J. Ensor, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; J. Schofield, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. [No time is mentioned.]

New Chiming Apparatus.

A CHIMER would like to know the difference between the new chiming apparatus lately set up at Keynsham, near Bristol, and that in daily use at St. Paul's and Worcester Cathedrals, at Kensington, &c. &c., commonly known as Ellacombe's hammers.

[A chiming apparatus of any sort is very tempting for tune-playing, but tunes are not allowed at any of the above churches, nor should they be allowed anywhere, not being in accordance with Church order.—ED.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—T. W. Stickney—no name of the church sent; Bob Major; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

STR.—Some time since I saw in *Church Bells* that ordinary country rope-makers were not the proper persons to supply church bell-ropes. Now, I do not wish you to tout for one firm, but if you, in your next issue, would mention two or three makers, I should be much obliged.

HENRY LUDGATER.

Aylthorpe Roding, Dunmow.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

A GENERAL Meeting for the transaction of business will be held at St. Paul's Schoolroom, Exeter, on Wednesday, February 4th, at 2.30 p.m. *Agenda*: To consider the election of a Secretary in the place of the late Rev. J. L. Langdon Fulford; to elect members; to arrange the meetings for the year, &c. A Committee Meeting will take place on the same day and place at 1.45 p.m.

W. BARTHOLOMEW FULFORD, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Essex Association of Change-Ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Colchester on Thursday, February 5th. The last meeting was held at Barking, Dec. 11th, when, owing to the remarkable fog, there was only a small assemblage: but there were some very good ringing and hand-bell practice. The Ven. Archdeacon Blomfield presided, and became an honorary member. The Rev. F. H. Powell, Curate of Barking, was also elected, with several other gentlemen, and also nine performing members and probationers. The bells of St. Margaret's Abbey, Barking, have been put into perfect ringing order; and the state of the belfry and all connected with it betokens great care, and reflect great credit on the painstaking chief ringer of the old abbey, Mr. Sewell.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

New Bells at Teignmouth, Devon.

A NEW ring of bells, augmented from three to eight, with new English oak frames, fittings, and apparatus for chiming, has been erected in St. James's Church by public subscription. The key of the peal is F; the bells are from the celebrated foundry of Mears & Stainbank.

Examine your Clappers.

WE lately said a few words on this subject: we would now say something more as to what should be done when a bell gets cracked. Don't consult any architect, nor builder, nor smith, nor any middle-man, unless you wish to add commission-money to the expenses. Consult at once your pet bell-founder—well experienced, honest, and true. Don't attempt to get the recasting done *cheap*. The usual cost of recasting is about 42s. per cwt. The price of copper and tin is regulated by a tariff, issued periodically; therefore, the price of all good bell-metal should be the same everywhere. Metal of a lower price cannot be offered without adulteration. The cost of rehanging may vary according to circumstances. If the cracked bell is an ancient one, and long-waisted, with heavy cannon, let the new bell be cast without cannons, especially if you go in for change-ringing. Indeed, in the re-hanging of any of these fine, old, long-waisted bells, picturesque as they are, we advise you to allow the cannons and argent to be cut off, and hung up with bolts, passed through holes to be drilled in the heads. Don't be afraid of damaging the tone of the bell, for the cannons have no more to do with the tone than the rope has, being suspended by one, pulled by the other. We have known bells without any head at all—musical, too, in peal; and others with ornamental openings in the waist, and of good tone. The tone depends on the perfect soundness of the sound-bow, and in the *continuity* of the edge, or brim, of the bell without flaw or crack, which nothing but the furnace can mend.—*Edn.*

Death of Mr. Wm. Harrison of Mottram.

WE are informed by our valued correspondent, Mr. Snowden, that Mr. William Harrison, of Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire, died at Upper Mill, Saddleworth, Yorkshire, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., and was buried at Mottram on the 24th. Mr. Harrison was born on September 26th, 1820, and was, therefore, in his 59th year. From his able compositions, especially those in the Treble Bob methods, and for the willingness with which he was always ready to impart the information which his studies of these matters had made so valuable, Mr. Harrison will long be remembered by his friends. His peal of 8896 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung in 1876 by the Cumberland Youths, still remains the longest length ever composed in this method, without parting the tenors or any deviation from the system.

After the interment a mixed society rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 768 changes, corresponding as near as possible with the number of months which the deceased had lived. W. Fawcett, 1; H. Shaw, 2; R. Shaw, 3; W. Middleton, 4; G. Longden, 5; E. Buckley, 6; G. Wood, 7; J. Thorpe (composer and conductor), 8. And on Sunday, the 25th inst., a muffled touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Ashton.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Bishop's Waltham, Hants.

ON New-year's Eve the members of the Bishop's Waltham Society rang, at St. Vitus's Church, a half-muffled six-score of Grandsire Doubles. W. Linter, 1; J. H. Garnett, 2; T. Shorney, 3; A. House, 4; E. N. Garnett, jun., 5; C. B. Brock, Esq., 6. And on Monday, the 19th inst., six of them rang twelve six-score of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Linter, 1; J. H. Garnett, 2; T. Shorney, 3; J. Miles, 4; E. N. Garrett, jun. (conductor), 5; A. House, 6. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F.

At St. Michael's, Framlingham, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Framlingham Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major

in 3 hrs. 20 mins. P. Meadows (conductor), 1; R. Hayward, 2; W. Flory, 3; S. Whiteman, 4; E. Hall, junr., 5; R. Ruth, 6; D. Collins, 7; E. Collins, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., a 720 of Plain Bob, comprising 42 Singles. G. Harrison, 1; W. A. Tyler, 2; R. Creasey (conductor), 3; R. Clark, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6.

ON Tuesday, the 20th inst., a 720 of Plain Bob, comprising 14 Bobs and 2 Singles. J. Willson, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; R. Clark, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

ON Tuesday, the 27th inst., a 720 of Plain Bob, comprising 9 Bobs and 6 Singles. J. Willson, 1; R. Clark, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At All Saints, Kingston-on-Thames.

ON Thursday, the 22nd inst., a muffled quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins., as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Henry Shrubsole, Mayor of Kingston, who died suddenly, while distributing gifts to the aged poor at their annual dinner, on the 15th. A. Challis, 1; W. Duffell, 2; T. Duffell, 3; H. Parslow, 4; J. Parslow, 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Wright (conductor), 7; W. Phillips, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt.

At All Saints, Maidstone, Kent.

ON Thursday, the 22nd inst., the Maidstone Youths rang a 720 Grandsire Minor in 2¼ mins. M. Relf, 1; W. Elliott, 2; R. Simmonds, 3; A. Moorcraft, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; H. Pearce (composer and conductor), 6.

At St. Stephen's, Lindley, Yorkshire.

ON Thursday, the 22nd inst., the Society of Change-ringers rang 1880 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, being the date of the present year, in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. Kitson, 1; E. Ellam, 2; A. Sykes, 3; B. Shaw, 4; C. Craven, 5; B. Berry, 6; J. Royston, 7; F. Schofield (conductor), 8. Composed by E. T. Jowitt of Birstall. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

At Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 20th inst., the St. Nicholas' Company rang at the parish church 1008 changes Plain Bob Major. Twenty-four years have passed since so large a number of changes in this method was rung by a Yarmouth company. W. Blyth, 1; W. Lee, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secrett, 4; D. Hayward, 5; M. Long (conductor), 6; W. Fletcher, 7; J. Matthews, 8.

Also the first half of Holt's Ten-part Peal of 2520 changes Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 45 mins. W. Blyth, 1; W. Lee (conductor), 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secrett, 4; D. Hayward, 5; M. Long, 6; W. Fletcher, 7; J. Matthews, 8; H. Wright, 9. Tenor, 31 cwt., in D.

At St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 24th inst., six members of the Gargrave Society rang, in 1 hr. 11 mins., a peal of 1880 changes, viz., 720 Violet, 440 Bob Minor, and 720 Kent Treble Bob. W. Clarke, 1; W. Stephenson, 2; H. Birtwhistle (conductor), 3; W. Mallinson, 4; J. T. Middlebrook, 5; J. McKell, 6. Also, for a service peal on Sunday morning, in 26 mins., a 720 Bob Minor, comprising 26 Singles and 16 Bobs. A. Birtwhistle, 1; J. T. Middlebrook, 2; H. Birtwhistle, 3; W. Mallinson, 4; C. Lancaster, 5; J. McKell (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. This peal was composed by Mr. J. Pewning, of Saffron Walden, Essex. It is supposed to be the first time that such a peal was rung in Yorkshire. This beautiful ring of six is being augmented to eight, and as such will be opened on Saturday, February 5th, by members of the Yorkshire Association.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 24th inst., a muffled peal was rung by members of the Battersea Youths' Bell-ringing Society, as a tribute of respect to the late Philip Cazenove, Esq., one of the patrons of the Society, who died on the 20th inst., as reported in our last issue. F. J. G., and W. Ambrose, Allen, Orchard, Ludwig, Longhurst, Taylor, Durrant, and Thomas. Conducted by H. S. Thomas. [The order in which the men stood should have been given.] We have received the list of officers and the rules of the above Society, which was founded in 1777 and re-constituted in 1877, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke, Vicar of Battersea.

At St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 24th inst., a muffled date touch of 1880 (Grandsire Triples) was rung in 1 hr. 14 mins., as a mark of respect to the late John Lightbody, Esq., of Grassendale, brother to the donor of the bells. S. Gough, 1; R. Rowlands, 2; P. Barton, 3; J. Aspinwall (composer and conductor), 4; J. Large, 5; G. W. Hughes, 6; T. H. Mawdsley, 7; Serjeant-Major Turner, 8. Tenor 12½ cwt.

At Doncaster, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday, the 25th inst., the Doncaster Society rang for Divine service a quarter peal of 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. C. Armitage, 1; H. G. Wilson, 2; W. Lawrence, 3; H. Marwood, 4; W. Gardiner, 5; C. Crawford (conductor), 6; W. Burkinshaw, 7; S. Holmes, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt., in E flat. [Name of the church not mentioned.]

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday, the 27th inst., the Daresbury Society rang a 720 Bob Minor (Dixon's Variations), in 27 mins., containing 138 Bobs, 6 Singles, and 6 Extremes. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

A CORRECTION.—In our paragraph on clappers last week, lines 3 and 4, for too slow read too low.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Muffled Ringing at Leigh—no name: D. Hayward; F. Goodman; G. Eaton; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Manchester on February 28, 1880, beginning with Divine Service in the Cathedral at 8.30 p.m. Special Sermon by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester. Tea will be served immediately after service in the Manchester Coffee Tavern Rooms, 16 Cannon Street. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, can be had from any of the Committee up to February 21st, 1880. After tea the usual yearly business will be gone through, the Rev. Canon Birley, M.A., R.D., Rector of St. Philip's, Hulme, presiding. *Retiring Officers:* John Mason, *President*; Samuel Gough and William Albinson, *Committee*; James B. Rogers, *Hon. Sec.*

WILLIAM BARRY & JAMES B. ROGERS, *Hon. Secs.*

65 Bold Street, Chorlton Road, Manchester.

The 'Change-Ringers' Guide.'

SIR,—I am sorry your correspondent, Mr. Edward Hyder (No. 473, Jan. 17), should have been disappointed in not finding Aldington mentioned in the *Change-Ringers' Guide*; but, as we stated in our preface, the *Guide* does not profess to be in any way *exhaustive*, owing to the difficulty of getting accurate information, as well as the neglect of many to answer our courteous circulars. If, however, Mr. Hyder will kindly send me, with regard to Aldington, the information we ask for on the back of the title-page of the *Guide*, I shall be most happy to record it for a future edition. If other ringers, whose Societies have been omitted, would kindly do the same, we may hope that the next edition of the *Guide* will be more nearly perfect than the present one. I should be glad to take this opportunity of drawing attention to my change of address since the publication of the *Guide*.

R. ACLAND-TROTTE.

Leighland Vicarage, Washford, Somerset.

Clappers.

SIR,—Permit me to make a few remarks on the subject of Clappers, as treated by Mr. Jerram in your issue for January 24th. I fully endorse his statement as to the mischievous character of the 'iron strap lined with leather.' With regard to the wooden strap bawdrick clapper, the danger, to my mind, is that of cracking the bell rather than the wearing through of the crown staple. My own experience of these fittings is, that as a rule, by the time the wood has worn down to the rivets, or even before, the clapper having become too long, takes to rolling, or swinging round, inside the bell, instead of right across; and doubtless to this circumstance many a bell owes its escape from being cracked. The neglect, however, which allows bells to fall into such a condition is highly reprehensible, and is rather chargeable on the sexton or steeple-keeper, who ought to report these matters to the authorities. In replacing these bawdricks—which I frequently have to do—I dispense with the rivets, adopting instead a very simple method to prevent splitting. Mr. J. advocates, under certain conditions, the use of a false staple. Now, Sir, I submit that a false staple ought never to be inserted in any bell so long as its own crown staple will remain firm; they are false in every sense of the word, as they invariably get loose, and cause the bell to rise false and to strike false when up. I have known more than one bell cracked through the false staple getting out of place. The difficulty in the case of large bells which have been quartered can be got over without a false staple, and is frequently done with bells of over 20 cwt.; but to do it effectively, requires something more in the re-hanging than the mere adjusting of the clapper.

Titchmarsh, Thrapston, Northants.

G. EATON, Bellhanger.

Tune-playing on Church Bells.

SIR,—In an article in your issue of the 24th January, speaking of the new chiming apparatus lately set up at Keynsham, near Bristol, and those in daily use at St. Paul's and Worcester Cathedrals, Kensington, &c. &c., the following paragraph appears:—'A chiming apparatus of any sort is very tempting for tune-playing; but tunes are not allowed at any of the above churches, nor should they be allowed anywhere, not being in accordance with Church order.' May I, therefore, ask on what grounds tune-playing on church bells is not in accordance with Church order, and in what work do we read of its being prohibited? If the playing of sacred tunes on church bells is not a right thing to do, surely it is much more a wrong to allow the setting up of carillons in connexion with church clocks, which play all manner of peculiar tunes throughout the week, and then revert to sacred tunes on Sundays.

F. GOODMAN.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Aldington, Kent.

On Thursday, the 22nd ult., a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Slingsby, 1; F. Slingsby, 2; T. Post, 3; W. Hyder, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

On Monday, the 26th ult., a 720 of Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 10 singles. C. Slingsby, 1; F. Slingsby, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; W. Hyder, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, with 12 bobs. C. Slingsby, 1; F. Slingsby, 2; W. Hyder (conductor), 3; C. Bolding, 4; F. Hyder, 5; W. Post, 6. Also, the same evening, a 720 Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 14 singles. C. Slingsby, 1; F. Slingsby, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; C. Bolding, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6.

At St. Thomas's, Newby, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 24th ult., the Rochdale and District Association rang Mr. John Holt's Ten-part Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 48 mins. R. Warburton, 1; J. Felton, 2; J. Groves, 3; W. Maud, 4; T. F. Wild, 5; W. Lumb, 6; A. Clegg (conductor), 7; W. Fielding, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

On Sunday, the 25th ult., a mixed band rang for service a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Gibson, 1; C. Price, 2; J. Moulton, 3; B. Stevens (conductor), 4; C. Thomas, 5; W. Manning, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F.

At Kirkham, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 26th ult., six ringers from Lytham visited Kirkham, where, assisted by two of the Kirkham ringers, they rang Mr. John Holt's Original Ten-part Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 7 mins. W. Miller, 1; J. Miller (conductor), 2; R. Atkinson (Kirkham), 3; R. Redman (Kirkham), 4; J. Fisher, 5; H. Gregson, 6; R. Atkinson, 7; R. Allanson, 8. The first peal ever rung by the two Kirkham men. It is also the first peal of Grandsire Triples on these bells. In the year 1846 there was a 5000 of Bob Major rung.

At St. Peter's, Mitcham, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., seven members of the Beddington Society, with Mr. G. Turner, verger of All Saints, Benhilton, rang 5040 changes of Holt's Ten-part Grandsire Triples (reversed) in 2 hrs. 57 mins. C. Bance, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; J. Trappitt, 3; J. Plowman, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. Gordon, 6; J. Zealey, 7; G. Turner, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

At St. Nicholas, Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

On Thursday evening, the 29th ult., five of the ringers of this church, with the assistance of Mr. E. Wallace of Ashchurch, rang 1488 changes in Grandsire Minor in 49 mins. C. Wittle, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux, 3; C. Bown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. The changes consisted of two 720's of Grandsire Minor and the Plain Course.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637), rang Mr. John Reeves' peal of 5360 of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 39 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; R. French, 2; W. Cecil, 3; G. Mash, 4; G. Dorrington, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; S. Reeves, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; E. Gibbs, 9; E. Horrex, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

At St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., the West Ham ringers, assisted by Mr. J. Nunn of Walthamstow, rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Gobbett, 1; J. Nunn, 2; W. Steele, 3; J. Potter, 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; S. Jarman, 6; Tenor, 13 cwt. Also three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, Mr. J. Sands assisting.

At St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., four members of the Stavely branch of the Yorkshire Association, assisted by four members of the Leeds district, rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 10 mins. H. Hubbard, jun. (Hunslet), 1; H. Maden, composer and conductor (Staveley), 2; W. Rawson (Leeds), 3; J. Hutchinson (Hunslet), 4; W. Worthington (Staveley), 5; T. West (Leeds), 6; J. Hunt (Staveley), 7; J. Broadhead (Staveley), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., ten members of the Ipswich Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 5039 of Grandsire Cateters in 3 hrs. 29 mins. W. L. Catchpole, 1; H. Bevan, 2; J. Fosdike, 3; W. Meadows, 4; R. Hawes, 5; H. Bowell, 6; D. Prentice, 7; R. Brundle, 8; E. Pemberton, 9; H. Taylor, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. The peal was composed by H. Hubbard and conducted by W. L. Catchpole.

At Willenhall, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., eight of the Walsall band rang at the parish church a peal of 5024 changes of Grandsire Major in 3 hrs. 11 mins. W. Walker, 1; J. Astbury, sen., 2; E. Lightwood, 3; J. Carter, 4; D. Westley, 5; J. Astbury, jun., 6; D. Chapman, 7; W. Hallsworth, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in F sharp. This peal, which has the 6th her extent wrong and right, and the 5th twenty-four times at home, was composed and conducted by Mr. W. Hallsworth. It is in two parts, both called alike, having thirty-three courses in each, the first part-end being 2 4 3 5 6. The following 'observations' worked out will produce it:—Two middle; 8th in 2; 7th in 2 (thrice); 7th in 3; 7th in 2 (thrice); 7th in 3; 7th in 2 (thrice); 8th in 2; two middles and 7th in 3, once repeated; two middles; 8th in three and two homes, twice repeated; 8th in 3. The whole of this calling being repeated completes the peal.

At Stroud, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., the Society of St. Lawrence, Stroud, rang the first half of Mr. John Holt's Ten-part Peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 29 mins. G. Gregory, 1; W. F. Sloman, 2; C. King, 3; N. King, 4; J. Nash, 5; G. Latham (conductor), 6; F. Stephens, 7; A. Long, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

Date Touches.

On New-year's Morning, at Lytham, Lancashire, was rung 1880 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 2 mins. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., at St. John's, Beeston, Notts, was rung 1880 changes in 1 hr. 15 mins. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in F.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., the Hull Branch of the Yorkshire Association rang 1880 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Reply about Bell Ropes.

WITHOUT *troubling* for either, we reproduce from our pages the following list of Church Bell-rope Makers:—J. Banks, Shambles, Worcester; J. Crapper, Lester Lane, Leeds; Mrs. Day, Market Street, Oxford; G. Goodrick, Horsefair, Birmingham; E. Holsworth, Albert Square, Walsall; Jos. Horton, 143 Green Street, Bethnal Green, London; J. Nicholls, Blue Anchor Road, Bermondsey, London; Smith & Son, Gomersal, near Leeds; Messrs. Tyrral, Welch Back, Bristol.

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RECEIVED ALSO.—Blockley Rules; G. Langdon; J. W. Stickney; Richd. Brunston; Clement W. Mackey; J. Franklin Llewelyn; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Clappers.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. G. Eaton's remarks in last week's issue on my letter, allow me to say (1st), that I fully agree with him that the rivet in the wooden strap bawderick may be easily dispensed with by a very simple substitute; (2nd), that I only advocate, and, in fact, can see no object in a false crown staple, unless a bell has been quartered, and even then that it is only necessary under certain circumstances, known only, as a rule, to bell-hangers; (3rd) I also admit, that 'to do this effectively requires more than the mere re-hanging and adjusting of the clapper.' I am inclined to think that he cannot have altogether understood my meaning. J. R. JERRAM.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

On Monday, the 9th inst., a Quarterly Meeting of the members of this Association was held at Houghton-le-Spring, and was attended by ringers from Durham, Newcastle, Newton, Hull, North and South Shields, and Stockton. The meeting, although small, was the usual pleasant gathering, and the ringing consisted of Plain Bob College Singles, and Kent and Treble Bob Minor. At two o'clock the company sat down to dinner at the White Lion Hotel, W. Reed, Esq., President of the Association, occupying the chair. At the conclusion of the dinner some new members were elected, and the President addressed a few words to the company, referring to the retrograde condition of the ringing at Newcastle, which was a subject of regret to himself and the Secretary, who had both always hoped that Newcastle, with its four rings, would take its proper place as the head-quarters of change-ringing in the diocese of Durham. The Secretary then referred to the reports for last year, which were issued at this meeting, and requested each branch to do its best to supply materials for insertion in the reports for the present year. The next meeting will be held on Whit Monday at North Shields, the bells at the disposal of the ringers on that occasion being the ten at Christ Church, North Shields, and the six at St. Hilda's, South Shields.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

The Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Standish, on Saturday, the 28th inst. The Committee will meet at the Black Horse hotel at three o'clock. JOHN HIGSON, Secretary.

Tune-playing on Church Bells.—A Reply to Mr. Goodman.

The original use of bells was for the services of the church, and they were never allowed to be used for secular purposes; and we consider the playing of tunes is not in accordance with such solemn intention. Without wishing to return to those times, it should be remembered that the present mode of using church bells, viz. ringing changes and long peals, is of post-Reformation invention, arising from the introduction of whole wheels about 1620. Before that time the people, from long usage, could thoroughly understand from the bells what service was about to be celebrated. For the same reason bells of different tones were introduced and used accordingly—morning, noon, and evening. Three bells were considered sufficient for parish churches. So now, chiming should be simply for calling the people to prayers; and as of old, so now, a full peal would be rung for special occasions. These rules may be found in many ancient books and MSS. on the services of the Church.

As for carillons, we have never approved of secular tunes being attached to any in connexion with church towers; but if people like to have them, let their merry tunes be sounded from a town-hall or other civic building.

Sonning, Berks.

A GUILD of Change-ringers has lately been formed for the Deanery of Sonning, Berks. We shall be pleased to receive a copy of the rules.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Michael's, Withington, Gloucestershire.

On Thursday, the 22nd ult., on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Gustavus Arthur Talbot (son of the Hon. and Rev. G. G. C. Talbot, Rector of this parish) with Miss Susan Frances Elwes, of Congham, Norfolk, 1000 changes of Grandsire and Old Doubles were rung by the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association:—T. Belcher, 1; C. Humphris (conductor), 2; R. Brunsdon, 3; R. Smith, 4; J. Robins, 5; F. Skerlin, 6.

And on the 30th ult. an 1880 date touch in 1 hr. 12 mins. Tenor, 13 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. Nicholas, Godstone, Surrey.

On Thursday evening, the 29th ult., the Nutfield Ringers rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. T. Bryant, 1; J. Tidey, 2; E. Fuller, 3; W. Hawkins, 4; W. Webb, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), tenor.

Also a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Sendall, 1; J. Tidey, 2; W. Webb, 3; J. Burkin, 4; L. Killick, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. This is the first time the methods of Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob Minor have been rung on these bells.

At Hingham, Norfolk.

On Friday, the 30th ult., six members of the Hingham Company, also members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, rang a 720 of Bob Minor, in three parts, with 42 singles, in 28 mins. E. Eagling (conductor), 1; H. Rudderham, 2; J. Rudderham, 3; M. Jarvis (composer), 4; C. E. Jarvis, 5; G. Sayer, 6.

Also on Monday, the 2nd inst., a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 30 mins. W. Websdale, 1; E. Eagling, 2; C. E. Jarvis, 3; M. Jarvis (conductor), 4; G. J. Harwood, 5; G. Sayer, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F.

At Chester Cathedral.

On Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Chester Cathedral Society rang six courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, 2208 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Gibson, 1; G. Moulton, 2; W. Woods, 3; A. Cross, 4; B.

Stevens, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; W. Walton, 7; F. Ball, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt., in C. The above was composed and conducted by Freeman Ball, and is the furthest extent ever rung on the bells in Treble Bob, and likewise the first by ringers of the Company. It is sixty years on the 20th of this month since a peal of Treble Bob Major was rung in Chester, which was performed on the bells of St. John's on the banks of the river Dee.

At St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the above parish rang, in 1 hr. 35 mins., 2520 changes, the first half of Mr. John Holt's Ten-part Peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Newman, 1; W. H. Tucker, 2; F. W. Elbourn, 3; G. Martin, 4; J. Newman, 5; C. Martin, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; W. Woodcock, 8. Tenor, 2 cwt. This is the longest length ever rung by the present society.

At All Saints, Maidstone, Kent.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., the Maidstone Youths rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 43 mins. R. Simmonds, 1; H. Pearce, 2; S. Kemp, 3; M. Blake, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; C. Payne (composer and conductor), 6; G. Pawley, 7; A. Moorecroft, 8.

At St. James's, Barrow-in-Furness.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., seven of the ringers, with the assistance of Mr. Charles Fox of Kendal, rang Mr. J. Reeves' Ten-part Peal of 5040 changes (Grandsire Triples) in 3 hrs. R. M. Graham, 1; S. O. Kendall, 2; C. Pass, 3; C. Fox (conductor), 4; S. Brotherton, 5; J. Hague, 6; J. Mercer, 7; R. Bowker, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt. It is satisfactory to hear that the debt of 63l. owing on account of these bells has been cleared off. A bazaar was promoted by the Committee, and a sum of nearly 170l. was realised on January 29. This result tends to show how much the ringing of the bells is appreciated by the parishioners and townspeople. It is suggested to deposit a portion of the surplus as a 'Belfry Fund,' to be used when needed for repairs and ropes.

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter.

On Saturday evening, the 7th inst., the following members of the St. Sidwell's Society and Guild of Devonshire Ringers, rang the first half of Taylor's peal of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 37 mins. H. Swift, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. H. Marsh, 3; C. Daniel, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; W. C. Marsh (conductor), 6; W. B. Fulford, 7; J. F. Alford, 8.

THE PEAL.

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At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at the above church, in 2 hrs. 26 mins., by eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right, with 8 6's, 8 6 7's, and 6 7 8's, in the least possible number of changes, and is the first ever obtained on this plan. Composed by H. Dains and conducted by F. Bate. H. W. Haley, 1; W. Cooter, 2; C. Horrex, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; G. Dorrington, 5; J. Pettit, 6; F. Bate, 7; E. Gibbs, 8.

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By the Norwich Diocesan Association.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., six members of the Diss Branch of the above Association rang, with Messrs. E. Pemberton and R. Brundle, of the St. Mary-le-Tower Company, Ipswich (members of the Association), at St. Mary's, Diss, a peal of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 19 mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; J. Rudd, 2; W. Seales, 3; A. Knights, 4; E. Francis, 5; R. Brundle, 6; W. Brown, 7; E. Pemberton, 8. The peal, which has all the 8 6 7's and 6 7 8's, was composed by Mr. J. Lockwood (see Hubbard's 4th Edition, p. 92). Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

On Monday, the 9th inst., four members of the Diss Branch, assisted by four members of the Kenninghall Branch of the above Association, rang at St. Mary's, Diss, a peal of 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; J. Rudd, 2; H. Eagling, 3; A. Knight, 4; R. Hutton, 5; T. Clark, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Mordey, 8. The peal, which has now been rung for the first time, was composed by Mr. H. Hubbard, sen., and has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, Surrey.

On Monday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, in 3 hrs., 5040 changes of Holt's Original One-course Peal of Grandsire Triples. F. E. Dawe, 1; W. Collings, 2; F. Wear, 3; H. Cutter, 4; S. Reeves, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8.

DATE TOUCH.—On the 2nd inst. at St. Mary's, Eccles, Lancashire, a touch of 1880 changes was rung by members of the Lancashire Association, in 1 hr. 4 mins. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

NOTICE.—We hope our ringing friends will not forget that the Church is now observing the Lenten season, during which time we doubt not that all who respect Church discipline will abstain from pleasure peals and touches.

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can but fail if he attempt to supply this want in his school. Men don't come; or don't come in any appreciable numbers. With women it is but little otherwise. Given a vestry, a north chapel, a side-aisle, a canvass of the parish, and an earnest teacher, and there would be hope of great success. But this is ruled to be irregular; according to the Act of Uniformity it seems to be so: churches may not be used for classes; laymen may not enter church as teachers; and until this measure of common sense and reasonable liberty be won for us, we must be content to see ourselves outdone in these matters of primary usefulness by Wesleyans and others, who labour under no such disadvantages. I write this to elicit information; and I beg you will permit others to give the readers of *Church Bells* facts within their own experience bearing on the important question raised. ΔΕΥΤΑ.

Temperance.

SIR,—Granted, as 'R. H.' says, that 'Temperance is the fashion,' is not it because the extreme opposite is, alas, also the fashion? 'R. H.' is too sweeping in his assertion that 'the wine mentioned in Scripture was certainly fermented, and therefore intoxicating.' He forgets that no less than nine words are employed in the Hebrew Bible to express the different kinds of various beverages formerly in use, all of which products or preparations are expressed in our English version by the single term 'wine.' The term wine, as used in the Bible, is to be regarded as a generic term, comprehending different kinds of beverages, and of very different qualities, some of which were bad, some good, some to be used frequently and freely, some seldom and sparingly, and some to be utterly and at all times avoided. 'R. H.' says our Blessed Lord created 'wine in such abundance for the wedding feast at Cana.' This is jumping at a conclusion with a vengeance. I beg to be allowed to suggest to 'R. H.' to read a very excellent article on 'How much Water-Wine?' by Professor Stanley Leathes, in the *Expositor*, vol. v. pp. 304-311; or to the *Speaker's Commentary*, 'St. John's Gospel,' p. 38, and I am convinced that he will not speak so decidedly on the quantity of wine our Blessed Lord made on that occasion. I give one extract from the able article of Professor Leathes,—'When, therefore, the ruler of the feast had tasted the water which had now become wine, and knew not whence it was, though the servants which had drawn the water knew, he called the bridegroom,' &c. Now, we observe here that the same word is used by the Evangelist of the action of the servants as that which had been used to them by our Lord. The drawing of the water, therefore, refers not to their drawing it from the well to fill the vessels, but to their drawing from the stone vessels as the Lord had bidden them. And we observe, also, that when they then drew it, the writer still calls it water, not as he afterwards does, "water that had become wine," for at that time it was as yet unchanged. . . . All that was known was that Jesus had turned the water into wine, and that the supply was commensurate with the want, and was limited only by the want.' The Italics are my own. Is 'R. H.'s' experience so extensive that he is able authoritatively to assert that 'it is not very often that total abstinence leads to Christ?' My experience is the contrary. I know several men who were once drunkards who are now God-fearing, Christ-loving men, who but for their total abstinence would have remained in open rebellion against God. He is right when he says, 'Coming first to Christ is certain to lead to sobriety.' But does the poor drunkard come within the sound of the Gospel? Very rarely, indeed. While the drunkard continues drinking he is not very likely to enter a church. Drink keeps thousands away from Christ, and, therefore, we say let us remove it because it is a stumbling-block to them. There is no superiority, and no self-denial, in total abstinence. We, who are total abstainers, are so for the sake of our brethren, and also because St. Paul says, 'It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.' S. HOOKE.

Septuagesima Sunday on January 25th.

SIR,—I believe the supposition that seventy-three years have elapsed since Septuagesima Sunday last fell on the day of the Feast of St. Paul's Conversion to be perfectly correct. The connexion noted by Mr. Wilcox between the portions of Holy Scripture appointed for the Gospel of either day with the other is interesting. The article 'Chronology of History,' in Dr. Lardner's *Cyclopadia* (Table K), shows the coincidence of this Sunday with the Festival to occur three (sometimes four) times in a century. In the twelfth century alone it seems to have occurred five times, viz. 1103, 1114, 1125, 1187, 1198. The interval of seventy-three years has been twice equalled (935-1008, and 677-750), and once only exceeded (761-840=79 years). In last century it happened three times under the Old Style—1719, 1730, 1741; next after which was 1807. If present arrangements continue undisturbed, the coincidence will occur three times in next century, 1948, 1959, and 1970. P. CALVERT.

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. Wilcox, is quite right. The last time that Septuagesima Sunday fell on St. Paul's Day was in 1807. This was the first time since the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar in England. It will happen again in 1891, 1948, 1959, 1970. If Mr. Wilcox is curious in these matters, he will find in the *Chronology of History*, by Sir Harris Nicolas, tables showing the time of Easter according to the Old Style, from A.D. 1000 to 1752, and the New Style from A.D. 1583 to 1999. Also tables showing when the other sixteen important days fall according to the date of Easter Sunday. LUCY SINGLETON.

Notices to Correspondents.

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'REV. H. PEARSON.'—We regret that we cannot insert your letter, as the correspondence on the General Thanksgiving is closed.

'TRURO CATHEDRAL FUND.'—The Bishop of Truro requests to acknowledge 3s. from three ladies, readers of *Church Bells*; 5s. from five readers of *Church Bells*.

'RECEIVED ALSO.'—C. Moore; Hibernicus; The Reviewer; G. H. F.; Rev. G. W. Cole; W. M. B.; J. H. Swanning; Common Sense; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

WHAT IS A COURSE?

THE persistence of some in calling Holt's One-part Peal a one-course peal, notwithstanding a reasonable objection to the contrary, leads naturally to the inquiry what a course is.

A plain course is well defined by Banister as 'the extreme number of changes obtainable by rule only'—that is, it must contain no bobs or singles. It is not necessary that it commence and end with rounds; but it must commence from a treble lead, unless the distinctive work of the treble is to be given to another bell, and will therefore end with the same lead end.

This is the definition of a plain course in any system; but the plain course of a particular system will be the extreme number of changes obtainable by the rule of that system, only commencing from, and ending with, rounds.

Now a course, that is a course which is not plain, will evidently be a plain course with bobs or singles inserted. It will be analogous to a plain course as a bob or single lead is analogous to a plain lead, or a bob or single end to a plain lead end.

Further, it is evident, if any bell work through a part of a peal in exactly the same positions that it would work through a plain course, that that part of the peal will be a plain course as far as that bell is concerned, and will be a course as far as the other bells are concerned. It is not necessary for that bell to come home at the course end, but only to start from, and come back to, the same place. Thus 5 2 3 6 4 9 7 8 is a course end in Grandsire, and yet not one of the bells is at home. And the plain coursing of the bell that determines the course may be lengthened or shortened by bobs. Thus, in Treble Bob Major a course may be lengthened by bobs from seven to thirteen leads. A bob calling the tenor in 4ths causes the tenor to do three leads over again, and thus lengthens the course three leads. And in Superlative Surprise a bob before causes the tenor to omit the work of three leads, thus shortening the course by three leads. In Stedman's Triples a bob causes one bell to go forward eight sixes, or else to do over again the work of six sixes; and the same bob causes another bell to omit the work of four sixes, or else to do over again the work of ten sixes. In the one case she omits a great part of her work in a plain course; in the other she does it over again—or, in other words, mixes up parts of two plain courses into one.

And it is also evident that the bells that determine different courses in a peal need not be the same bell. For instance, in Grandsire Caters (Banister, p. 61, the 1188), we have two course-ends thus:—

5 2 3 4 6 7 9 8

2 4 3 5 6—8 in 3

3 2 4 5 6—7 in 3

where '8 in 3' calls 8 and 6 into the hunt, and the bells that do plain coursing are 7, 9, and 3, which determine that course. But '7 in 3' calls 7 and 9 into the hunt, and the bells that do plain-coursing work are 8 and 6, which determine this course. It follows, then, that any peal may be divided into courses by taking first one bell to determine a course, then another, and so on.

Again, as the fact of a bell's coming home or to the same place does not make the course to end there (as in the case of T. B. with bobs at home), it follows that a course may be of any length. And thus Holt's One-part Peal may be regarded as consisting of one course only or of many. Hence a course of a peal may be considered as almost an arbitrary division, only involving that some bell in the lead end from which the course begins must be in the same place at the course end. If, therefore, a peal falls naturally into divisions, in consequence of the same bell or bells coming periodically to the same place (as when Taylor's peal of Grandsire is divided by the 3rd coming home every third lead), it is regarded as divided into courses; when the irregularity is so great that the courses are not noticeable, it is not regarded as divided into courses. The following is the commencement of Holt's One-part Peal, and it may be divided into courses either by the brackets on the right or the left-hand side, or indeed in many other ways:—

	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	-	7	5	2	6	3	4
	-	7	6	5	4	2	3
	-	7	4	6	3	5	2
4 determines this course	-	2	3	7	5	4	6
	-	2	5	3	6	7	4
	-	2	6	5	4	3	7
	-	7	4	2	3	6	5
	-	7	3	4	5	2	6
	-	6	5	7	2	3	4
4 or 5	-	6	2	5	4	7	3
	-	3	4	6	7	2	5
	-	3	7	4	5	6	2
	-	3	5	7	2	4	6
	-	3	2	5	6	7	4
	-	3	6	2	4	5	7
	-	7	4	3	5	6	2
	-	7	5	4	2	3	6
	-	7	2	5	6	4	3
	-	7	6	2	3	5	4
	-	7	3	6	4	2	5
	-	5	4	7	2	3	6
							&c.

GEO. POPE, M.A.

Rempstone Rectory.

Tune-playing on Church Bells.

SIR,—The use of church bells for tunes is a whimsical fancy. The mediæval church clock that periodically set a lot of galloping dolls in motion would naturally set a carillon in motion to play a ditty on the bells upon which it struck. The whole thing is worthy only of an age when professional jesters were employed to crack jokes, or of foreign towns where they solemnly set themselves to keep a carnival.

O.
SIR,—I do not know whether tune-playing on church bells is contrary to Church order, but it appears to me to be contrary to common sense. It is like using a steam-hammer to crack nuts, an operation that would be much better done by a pair of nut-crackers. In this country rings of more than eight bells are not very common, and in most churches five or six is the number: they are, and must be, all tuned so as to produce a scale, or part of a scale, in one key only. Thus all tunes upon church bells must be in one key, and the tunes that can be rung on eight bells only are the very simplest: there can be no harmony, or scarcely any. Again, bells in England are hung so as to be rung, so as to get the full tone and power from instruments intended to be powerful. But for tunes to be played the power must be reduced either by the dangerous trick of clocking the clappers, or by some other expedient, like carillons or a chiming apparatus, for the purpose of making them more manageable. If, however, it be contended that tunes can be rung in the proper sense of the word on church bells, it would take eight, ten, or twelve men to produce one psalm tune; and then it must not contain an accidental, and be almost without harmony. What a loss of power! I always feel myself that a carillon playing 'Rory O'More,' if not contrary to Church order, is contrary to the spirit of the Church's teaching, and is an anomaly in a church tower. If it were in the tower of a town-hall it would be a different thing. But even then for a fine set of bells to be worked on by a barrel with their powers reduced for the purpose, seems to me as incongruous as it would be to find a cathedral organist grinding a hurdy-gurdy. If ringers want tunes they had better retire to the proper instrument—the organ.

A LOVER OF BOTH BELL AND ORGAN MUSIC.

The late Muffled Peal at Battersea, Surrey.

SIR,—Having seen in *Church Bells*, Jan. 31st, under the head of 'Change-ringing,' the report of a muffled peal rung at St. Mary's, Battersea, on January 24th, with a note on the order in which the men stood, may I be allowed, for myself and others, to ask, is it not equally important that the method, number of changes, time in ringing, &c., be given? No doubt Mr. Thomas will kindly favour us with those particulars, that the ringing world may know something of the skill of the Battersea Youths' Society.

E. R.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.—Architects' Belfry Arrangements.

ON Saturday, Feb. 7th, the above Society held their Quarterly Meeting at Sleaford. The eight bells of the parish church were raised at 9.30 a.m., and a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung on the first six, with the 7th and tenor behind. J. R. Jerram, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; R. Clark, 3; R. Mackman, 4; W. A. Tyler, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6; T. Blackburn, 7; E. Mason, 8. This was followed by a few touches of Grandsire Triples by several of the above members, assisted by T. Holdich, T. H. Holdich, O. P. Yerburgh of Sleaford, and Mr. Lowndes of Grantham. At 2 p.m. the members dined at the Bristol Arms Hotel, the Rev. R. Yerburgh, Vicar of Sleaford, presiding. After dinner the minutes of the last meeting were read, and fourteen new members enrolled. The party then went to Boston, and attempted one or two touches on the bells of the parish church, but owing to the awkward belfry arrangements nothing could be done. The ringers have been placed in a chamber, about seven feet high, close to the bells, so that the tuftings of the heavier bells are actually through the sheave-boxes when the bells are set at hand-stroke, and the whole of the middle of the chamber is occupied by the dome of the ceiling below; the ringers on one side can only just see the face of the man on the opposite side, and with a tenor of 26 cwt. it is almost impossible to ring the bell in rounds decently. This is the architect's arrangement. The above deserves to be called attention to; as also the irreverent habit of some of the ringers in coming into the belfry with their hats on, and smoking whilst there. The party proceeded to Skirbeck in the evening, and rang one or two peals of Grandsire Doubles on the five bells. They were kindly entertained by the Rector, the Rev. R. E. Roy, at the Rectory, and separated about 9 p.m.

[Such characters as are mentioned above never ought to be allowed to enter a belfry. They are persons who have done great injury to the cause of ringing, and lower all ringers in public opinion.—ED.]

A New Ring of Eight at St. Peter's, Lancaster.

THIS new ring of eight bells, from Messrs. Warner of London, presented by the late Mr. John Gardner, a retired tradesman of Lancaster, was opened on Tuesday, the 20th ult., by the ringers from the parish church. They rang a touch of one part of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. Tenor, 25 cwt.

A new Ring of Eight at St. James's, Teignmouth, Devon.

THE new ring of eight bells at St. James's, Teignmouth, was opened on Monday, the 9th inst., at the request of the Vicar and Churchwardens, by the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, represented by the St. Sidwell's Society, the first touch being 1104 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. H. Swift, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; W. H. Marsh, 3; C. Daniels, 4; F. Shepherd, 5; W. C. March (conductor), 6; W. B. Fulford, 7; J. F. Alford, 8. During the afternoon other touches of 504, 336, and 304, were rung, in which other members of the Guild rang; viz. W. G. Goss, W. J. Southwood, A. Peardon, S. Herbert, and E. Shepherd. The band sat down to a very substantial tea, provided most kindly by the Vicar and Churchwardens, at the Temperance Hall. Previous to the special service the band rang a good touch, as also immediately after the service. The Vicar preached.

Augmentation of Bells at Gargrave, Yorkshire.

THE ring of six bells at St. Andrew's having been augmented to eight, was opened on Saturday, the 7th inst., by members of the Yorkshire Association from Shipley, when touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The Dedication Service commenced at four o'clock, when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Jeckyll, M.A., Rector of Rylstone. The bells (two trebles) are from the foundry of John Warner and Sons. The hanging, &c., was entrusted to Mr. Thos. Mallaby, Masham. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Augmentation of the Parish Bells, South Weald, Essex.

THE fine old ring of bells at the parish church having just had a treble added, a short preliminary opening was held on Thursday evening, the 12th inst. The work has been executed by Messrs. Mears and Co., of the White-chapel Foundry. Peals of old Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were rung; also a 720 Bob Minor in 32 mins. H. Cornish, 1; D. Sage, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; T. Aldridge, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., the Daresbury Society rang a 720 of Bob Minor, containing 3 Singles and 9 Extremes, or one call to each course, in 26 mins. T. Houghton, jun., conductor.

ON Sunday, the 8th inst., for afternoon service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Ellison, conductor.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., a 720 of Grandsire Minor, containing 20 Bobs and 30 Singles, in 27 mins. T. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5. T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

At Ilford, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., mixed bands from Romford, Hornchurch, &c., including several members of the Royal Cumberlands, rang the following:—First, a 720. A touch of 240 by G. Garnett,* 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Gobbett, 3; S. Jarman, 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. A Six-course of Grandsire Doubles. G. Garnett, 1; W. Wood, 2; G. Newson, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; T. Wheal, 5; W. Mapes, 6. Also a 720 of Plain Bob. W. Halls,* 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Newson* (conductor), 3; T. Rush, 4; G. Dear, 5; I. Dear, 6. Time, 29 mins. Tenor, 9 cwt. Those marked * are members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers.

At Whalley, Lancashire.

THE change-ringers of Whalley having issued circulars to several bands in North-east Lancashire for a friendly meeting of six-bell ringers, met on Saturday, the 7th inst., when bands came from Church, Padiham, Blackburn, Waddington, &c. &c. Each band rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor, and then retired for supper. The next meeting is expected to take place at Mytton, on April 17th.

At Holy Trinity, Long Melford, Suffolk.

ON Monday, the 9th inst., five members of the Glemsford and three members of the Saffron Walden Societies rang at the above church a peal of 5488 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. The peal was curtailed from the peal of 8064, thirty courses, composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow of Saffron Walden; the bells being brought round by a bob at home at the second part-end. S. Slater, 1; J. Penning, 2; N. J. Pitstow, 3; Z. Slater, 4; C. Adams, 5; F. Wells, 6; J. Slater, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. A variation of this peal may be had by calling a bob at home in the sixth course, and omitting the bob at the middle in the seventh course.

At the Parish Church, Spalding.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., being the fortieth anniversary of her Majesty's wedding, the Spalding members rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. S. Wright, 1; R. Clark, 2; W. Tyler, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At Gillingham, Kent.

ON Friday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Gillingham Society rang their first touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. B. King, 1; J. McLeod, 2; T. Allin, 3; C. Garratt, 4; A. Radcliffe, 5; S. Baker, 6; E. Andrews (conductor), 7; F. Giles, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

At St. Lawrence, Pudsey, near Leeds.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., five members of the Tong Company, with the assistance of J. Ross of Pudsey, rang a peal of 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 9 mins., composed from the following methods, and being the first 5000 ever rung at this church upon six bells:—Morning Exercise, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Oxford, and Violet. G. Carter, 1; J. Ross, 2; E. Webster, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; J. Haley, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

[We are sorry to observe that the ringing at Gillingham and at Pudsey, as reported above, took place in Lent. Surely there can be no church feeling there, at least among the ringers; and we wonder why the authorities allowed it.]

DATE TOUCH.—On Saturday, the 7th inst., at St. Mark's Church, Sheffield, in 1 hr. 15 mins., 1880 changes of Grandsire Triples, being the date of the present year. Tenor, 25 cwt.

A Correction.

SIR,—In your issue of Jan. 30th you published a peal rung by the Daresbury Society of Bob Minor, Dixon Variations, 138 bobs, 6 singles, and 6 extremes. I wish to say the peal is false; there should be but 4 extremes.

R. MACKMAN.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. Penning—bell poetry not admitted in our columns; R. S. Kitson; A. Lent Ringer; Mr. Dawson; Norwich Diocesan; All Saints; Wombourn; Bristol Youths; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to state, through your columns, that the *Change-ringers' Guide* can be obtained from Messrs. Wells Gardner, Darton, and Co., but that I do not myself keep a large number of copies in stock. I constantly receive requests for the *Guide*, and I am afraid intending purchasers are inconvenienced by the delay occasioned by my being obliged to return their stamps and inform them where the book can be obtained. It may save them much inconvenience and myself some trouble if you would kindly insert this.

R. AGLAND-TROYTE.

P. S.—Messrs. Warner and Son, Cripplegate, E.C., have the *Guide* on their list.

Change-ringing at Spalding.

SIR,—In the reports of the ringing at Spalding, at various times, the tenor is always quoted at 21 cwt. This is a most ridiculous mistake, as the bell is only 44 inches in diameter, the note being between F and E, so that she cannot weigh more than 16 cwt. at the outside. I shall be obliged if you will correct this blunder.

J. R. JERRAM, *Secretary to S. L. C. R. A.*

[We know nothing of the weight of tenors but as reported.—ED.]

The Daresbury Peal.

SIR,—In your last week's issue appears a Correction as to the mode of ringing Bob Minor, Dixon's Variations. I beg to say the above, as rung by the Daresbury Society, with 6 extremes, was a true and complete peal. Treble leads can be had for proof if required. In the same number of *Church Bells* a mistake occurs. In the 720 of Grandsire Minor rung by the above Society, instead of 20 bobs and 30 singles it should be 30 bobs and 30 singles.

P. HAMBLETT.

East Derbyshire Ringers' Association.

THIS Society, established at Beighton Aug. 13, 1870, held their Tenth Annual Meeting at the 'Devonshire Arms Inn,' Staveley, on Saturday, the 21st inst., for the purpose of arranging where the next festival should be held on Easter Monday next. A large number of ringers from Staveley, Eckington, Dronfield, Beighton, Barlboro', and Bolsover, were present, and it was decided that the meeting should take place at Staveley on the above date. Members, 2s. 6d. each.

Dumb Practice Apparatus.

MR. SEAGE's clever contrivance for silent practice has been put up in the belfry of St. James', Weybridge, and is found to answer admirably. For places where silent ringing in Lent is the rule, or where a party of young hands are beginning to struggle with the difficulties of 'the method,' it is likely to prove a great boon.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Kenninghall Branch rang at St. Mary's Church a peal of 5056 Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 12 mins., the composition of Mr. H. Hubbard, with the 6th its extent wrong and right. W. Ozer, 1; R. Hutton, 2; G. Edwards, 3; C. Everett, 4; E. Eayling, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. In the course of the year 1879, 63,378 changes were rung in the tower in seven different methods.

At All Saints, Kingston-on-Thames.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., eight members of the above Society rang 2520 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 32 mins. A. Challis, 1; W. Duffill, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Parslow, 4; T. Duffill, 5; J. Strutt, 6; J. Wright (conductor), 7; J. Chester, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt.

At Wombourn, Staffordshire.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., the St. Benedict Society rang six consecutive six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, making 720 changes, in 26 mins. J. Claridge, 1; C. Sadler, 2; H. Dean, 3; W. Devy, 4; R. Cartwright (conductor), 5; H. Chick, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in 4. This is the first 720 rung by Wombourn ringers, although the bells have been hung since 1774. With the exception of the conductor, the above members have only been in the Society eight months.

Ancient Society of Bristol and St. James's Union Youths.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., six members of the above Society rang at St. Luke's, Westminster, a 720 of Grandsire Minor. G. Morgan, 1; E. Walters, 2; C. Thomas, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; R. Knill, 5; J. Norton, 6.

DATE TOUCHES.—On Sunday, the 15th inst., at St. Luke's, Heywood, Lancashire, 1880 changes in Shipway's Reverse, in 1 hr. 17 mins. Tenor, 22½ cwt. Rung for service.

Lately, at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, 1880 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt.

A Correction.

RINGING AT WEST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—There was a mistake in the report last week of touches rung by members of the Devonshire Guild. The touches were:—1105, 350, 388, and 168 Grandsire Triples.

NOTICE.—NEW RING OF EIGHT AT LANCASTER.—When we published this in our last issue we had been misled. Had the truth been communicated to us, it would not have been inserted. St. Peter's is not one of our churches.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting, whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO.—A Devonshire Ringer; H. Janaway; John Hollis; M. D.; W. Coole; & others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

BERMONDSEY, SURREY. (Tablet in the Belfry.)

1044. SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Established 1637.—On Thursday, Sept. 25th, 1845, the Undermentioned Persons rang at St. James's, Bermondsey, A true Peal of Stedman's Caters, containing 6701 changes, in 4 hours and 45 minutes, being the greatest number obtainable with the treble in 2nd's place with Bobs only:—

John Cox, Treble.	Samuel Austin, Fifth.	Joseph Harper, Ninth.
Abm. Antill, Second.	Geo. Stockham, Sixth.	Thos. Taylor, Tenor.
Geo. Menday, Third.	Jas. Mash, Seventh.	Composed and Conducted
Jas. Hughes, Fourth.	Ed. Lansdell, Eighth.	by John Cox.
	Mr. Thos. Legg, Churchwardens.	
	Mr. R. Redman, } Churchwardens.	

This Peal (containing 60 Courses, 2 Sixes excepted, with the Treble 7th, 8th, and 9th Undisturbed) may be found in Mr. Hubbard's Book of 1854, page 126.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

1045. On Saturday, Sept. 2nd, 1820, was rung in this steeple by the Junior Society of College Youths of London, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5039 changes, which was performed in 3 hours and twenty minutes, by the following persons, viz.:

Henry Symondson, First.	Frans. Marshall, Fourth.	Thos. Edwards, Eighth.
Hy. Symondson, jun. Second.	John James, Fifth.	Elijah De Ville, Ninth.
Thos. Welch, Third.	Thos. Thomas, Sixth.	Henry Smith, Tenor.
	Thos. Cummings, Seventh.	

Conducted by Henry Symondson, sen.

Robt. Hawke, } Churchwardens.

John Scott, }

The above is the first Peal on the ten Bells.

1046. FEBRUARY 8th, 1827, was rung in this Steeple, by the Bps. Stortford Society, a Peal of Bob Triples consisting of 5040 changes, which was performed in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes by the following persons, viz.:

Josh. Tucker, First.	Thos. Sadler, Fourth.	Michl. Dunage, Sixth.
Henry Thorby, Second.	Robt. Thorby, Fifth.	Josh. Chapman, Seventh.
Danl. Prior, Third.		Jas. Gray, Tenor.

Composed and conducted by Robt. Thorby.

1047. ON Thursday, June 4th, 1829, was rung in this steeple by the Bps. Stortford Society, a peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, which was performed in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes by the following persons, viz.:

Ezek. Thorby, First.	Henry Thorby, Fourth.	Robt. Thorby, Sixth.
Wm. Waterman, Second.	Michl. Dunage, Fifth.	Josh. Chapman, Seventh.
Josh. Tucker, Third.		Jas. Gray, Tenor.

Conducted by Robt. Thorby.

1048. DEC. 30th, 1830, was rung in this Steeple, by the Bps. Stortford Society, a peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 6156 changes, which was performed in Four Hours and Five Minutes by the following persons, viz.:

Cors. Player, First.	Josh. Bradford, Fourth.	Robt. Thorby, Eighth.
Mali. Thorby, Second.	Willm. Waterman, Fifth.	Josh. Chapman, Ninth.
Josh. Tucker, Third.	Henry Thorby, Sixth.	Jas. Gray, Tenor.
	Michl. Dunage, Seventh.	

Composed and conducted by Robert Thorby.

1049. ON Wednesday, the 7th day of March, 1830, was rung in this steeple, by the Bps. Stortford Society, a peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by Mr. Holt, consisting of 5040 changes, which was performed in Three Hours and Seven Minutes by the following persons, viz.:

Cors. Player, First.	Alfred Tucker, Fourth.	Chas. Martin, Sixth.
Willm. H. Tucker, Second.	Fred. Tucker, Fifth.	James Bowtell, Seventh.
Willm. Turner, Third.		John Scootney, Tenor.

Conducted by Chas. Martin.

This peal, although reported as Mr. Holt's, is not so, as it is one of the variations taken from *Clavis*, the Sixth the Observation bell, but through a Double or Common Single being instead of the Single, as is therein directed, the peal is a false one, as the same changes occur the first lead after the Double or Common Single as occur at the 6th Bob in the first part of the peal.

Namely, 352746 6th Bob.	As proved by
537264 First Part.	H. J. Tucker.
537264 First Plain.	S. Hayes.
352746 Lead, 6th Part.	

CHADDESLEY CORBETT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1050. ON Thursday, the 28th of December, 1826, A Complete Peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 5040 Changes, was performed in this Tower by the following persons, in 3 hours and 1 minute. And much to the credit of 6 of these performers, a twelvemonth ago this noble art and manly exercise was to them a hidden mystery. Instructed by Mr. Edmund Taylor. Composed and conducted by Mr. Richard Pearce.

John Broad, Treble.	Samuel Potter, Fourth.	Thomas Jackson, Sixth.
Richard Pearce, Second.	John Perry, Fifth.	Thomas Pickin, Seventh.
James Duffill, Third.		Daniel Perry, Tenor.

1051. ON Thursday, the 29th October, 1829, A true and Complete Peal of 5040 Changes Grandsire Tripples, without a single, in 3 hours and 8 minutes. Composed by the late Charles Ravenscroft, of Bromsgrove. Conducted by Richard Pearce.

John Broad, Treble.	William Jackson, Fourth.	Thomas Pickin, Sixth.
Henry Broad, Second.	Samuel Potter, Fifth.	John Perry, Seventh.
Richard Pearce, Third.		Daniel Perry, Tenor.

1052. ON Thursday, the 30th December, 1830, was rung a Complete Peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 59 minutes. Conducted by William Pugh.

John Broad, Treble.	Thomas Cook, Fourth.	William Pugh, Sixth.
Henry Broad, Second.	Samuel Potter, Fifth.	Joseph Paget, Seventh.
Thomas Perks, Third.		William Jackson, Tenor.

ST. MICHAEL'S, GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

(New Tablet lately set up in the Belfry.)

1053. AT the consecration of this Church on Thursday, 29th Sept. 1873, the new Ring of eight Bells, cast by Warner of London, were first used. Leonard Proctor, Esquire, of Benington, kindly attended, with his band of Ringers, on this occasion, and 5060 changes were rung by them in the ten following methods:—

London Surprise Major.	Double Norwich Court Bob.	Bob Major.
Cambridge Surprise.	Double London Court Bob.	Stedman's Triples.
Superlative Surprise.	Oxford Treble Bob.	Grandsire Triples.
	Kent Treble Bob.	

H. C. de Lisle, Incumbent.
H. Spight, } Churchwardens.
T. Olley, }

Names of the Benington Ringers:—

Leonard Proctor.	Charles Shambrook.	Leonard Chapman.
John Kitchener.	Jeremiah Miller.	Charles Hollingsworth.
Samuel Page.	Nathan Warner.	Thomas Page (conductor).

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me of some simple recitations suitable for boys to recite at Penny Readings, in a small village? Any piece arranged for three or four boys to take part in would be most useful. M.

BOYS AND YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETIES.—The Rev. A. P. Howes, Malvern Terrace, Holbeck, Leeds, will be obliged for copies of rules and winter programmes, or any information respecting the working of Boys' and Young Men's Improvement Societies in town parishes.

TRURO CATHEDRAL.—The Bishop of Truro (Kenwyn, Truro), desires to acknowledge, with his best thanks, the receipt of 1*l.* for Truro Cathedral Fund from 'Two Well-wishers.'

JOHN WESLEY'S LIFE.—'W. E. C.' writes:—Would any readers of *Church Bells* kindly inform me of the name of an interesting, and not too stiff, book on the Life, Opinions, &c., of John Wesley? Southey's *Life of Wesley* I already know.—[Tyerman's *Life of Wesley* is published by Hodder and Stoughton.—Ed.]

KEMBLE'S JUJUBES, composed of clarified gum arabic (not gum mastic), honey, and lemon, may be obtained from the Apothecaries' Hall, London.

RECEIVED ALSO.—R. L. H.; C. Pickering Clarke; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

WHAT IS A SNAP?

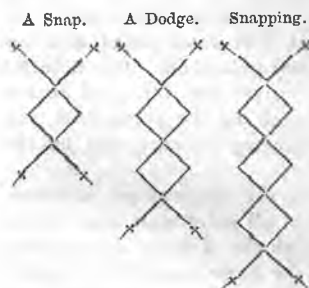
SIR,—In my communication about the Tittums I was told that I had used the words 'snapping lead' wrongly for 'dodging lead,' when the treble leads a half pull in Treble Bob. My reply was, that I erred in the good company of Messrs. Troyte and Wigram. To which it was rejoined, that it was an error all the same; and in confirmation of this I was referred to Shipway, and the definition of a snap was quoted from the *Clavis*. Now there is no doubt that the treble at its single leads in Treble Bob behaves in exactly the same way as she does when dodging behind, and, indeed, as any bells do in Plain Bob when dodging behind; and, therefore, unless snapping and dodging be the same, we are all wrong in calling that lead a snapping lead. Banister defines 'Snapping' as 'a movement in which a bell is made to hunt more than one place up or down, and return without making a place, described "a snap at lead;" "a snap behind;" or in 2nds, 3rds, as the case may be.' From this it appears that a snap may be anywhere; but it is not necessary that it should hunt more than one place, as will be presently seen.

The following definitions will, I think, be found necessary to include all snaps, and sufficient to exclude everything which is not a snap. But first we must define the 'direction' of a bell. The direction of a bell is the path it takes in hunting any two consecutive places. The direction is, therefore, always either up behind or down to lead; and when it is making a place it has a direction neither way, and therefore no direction, but simply lies still.

DEF. 1.—If a bell change her direction once she is said to snap in the place where she changes it. If she change her direction twice in the smallest possible number of changes it is a dodge. If three times, she snaps twice; if four times, she dodges twice. And, generally, if a bell change her direction an odd number of times she is snapping; if an even number, she is dodging. In every case it must be in the smallest number of changes or rows possible. The bell she changes places with (and it will always be the same bell throughout the snapping or dodging—it can be no other) is said to be snapping or dodging with her respectively, and they are said to be snapping or dodging together. A double snap may, therefore, be regarded as a dodge and a snap. And if a bell snap in two consecutive places, thus—suppose 5 snaps in 3rds, and then in 4ths at the next change, it is a dodge in 3, 4. Thus the work of a snap is half the work of a dodge, i.e. a snap is half a dodge. Not that a double snap is a dodge, for a double snap means that a bell snaps twice in the same place; if she snap once in two consecutive changes it is a dodge. The following definition is easy as well as necessary and sufficient.

DEF. 2.—If two bells change places once it is an ordinary pass. If they change places twice it is a snap, and they are said to snap together; if thrice, it is a dodge, and they dodge together; if four times, they snap together twice; if five, they make a double dodge together, &c. And, generally, if two bells change places an even number of times they are snapping; if odd (being more than once), they are dodging.

DEF. 3.—It may also be defined from the paths the bells trace out. The crossing of the paths of two bells



when snapping once forms a diamond-shaped figure. If they are dodging once they form two diamonds. And, generally, if an odd number of diamonds are formed, they are snapping; if an even, they are dodging. From a diagram, therefore, of the course of the bells in any lead it will be at once seen where the dodging and the snaps are. The most common cases of snapping are in Stedman, where the bell that makes a half turn snaps with the bell that makes the whole turn; and in London Surprise, where there is snapping before and double snapping behind. In London Place Major there is snapping everywhere except in 3rd's place.

You see, Sir, I acknowledge and alter my error. I hope Messrs. Troyte and Wigram will alter it also in their next editions. The latter has the same error in connexion with Cambridge Delight. Nothing is of more importance in a science claiming to be an exact science than clear definitions, which are used for their purpose, and only for their purpose. GEO. POPE, M.A.

Church Bells and Bell Thumping.

WE reproduce the following letter from our contemporary, the last week's *Church Times*, and commend the subject to our readers:—

'SIR,—St. Paul's now ranks inferior to none of our Cathedrals in matters appertaining unto bells, and nobody appreciates hearing a well-rung peal of bells more than the writer of this.

'You are probably aware that some short time back it was decided by a London magistrate that the tinkling bell of the muffin-boy might be considered a nuisance; what then should be said of rectors, curates-in-charge, and others, including our excellent Nonconformist brethren, who either cannot or will not understand that in a great many cases, I am sorry to say, the dismal noise which emanates from the various metropolitan church or chapel towers, steeples, or turrets every Sunday, and in many instances on week days as well, would, I venture to say, if public opinion were canvassed on the subject, be pronounced as great a nuisance as the bell of the muffin-boy or man?

'I live in a neighbourhood which appears to concentrate all the bell echoes from various churches within a tolerably large radius in one quarter of the metropolis; the sound on Sundays is dismal in the extreme.

'Without occupying much of your valuable space, I would ask why a bell should be periodically tinkled or thumped for the conventional half-hour before a service commences, when ten minutes or even five minutes would be ample? nearly everybody in large cities and towns in this country can find out the right time to a minute if they wish.

'I would also ask, assuming that a half-hour's performance on the bell is absolutely necessary, why in building churches some little care could not be bestowed upon the bell or bells with which they were furnished?

'The services at the church nearest me are inaugurated by a sort of "Triplet" which is performed rapidly upon the clock chimes, anything but

"Mellow, musical, and low."

Nor can I bring myself to believe that

"They are the bells of Geisenheim
That with their melancholy chime
Ring out," &c. &c.

'They remind me more of some metallic culinary articles in common use, and I have expressed my opinion to that effect to the powers that be; their answer, which I admit is 'quite to the point, is, Can you help us to get some better ones?

'I could describe a variety of bells I hear, but it would be only wasting time and space to attempt to do so, but there is one fact that I cannot pass by: there is a church situated in the centre of a square, or at the end of the square (I need not go into geometrical definitions), from the tower of which, at certain times, a fearful sound issues to call the congregation to worship, compared with which a steam-hooter or a fog-horn would be music; whether it is a bell or a steel gong, I am unable to say, but I could easily imitate the sound if I stood upon the roof of my house and thumped a large frying-pan with the handle of a kitchen-poker as fast as I could do so; how the residents in the square like it I do not know.

'I am in no way depreciating church bells, or anything connected with church matters, but I think that as so much has been done for our altars of late years, a little attention might be given to our belfries; a good toned bell does not cost much more than one with no tone at all. STAY AND SLIDER.'

Proposed Memorial to the late Mr. W. Harrison.

SIR,—Would you allow me to call the attention of the general body of ringers to a matter which I think is well worth their consideration? It will be undoubtedly known to most of them that Mr. William Harrison of Mottram (but lately resident in Saddleworth) died on the 22nd of January. Immediately after the funeral a meeting of ringers was held, when it was unanimously resolved to place a monument over his grave. A committee to carry out this object was formed, and an adjourned meeting was held on Saturday, February 21st, and attended by a large number of delegates from different places. After confirming the business done at the previous meeting, it was decided to appoint collectors and issue subscription-books, and at once set about raising a fund for the purpose. The numerous lovers of the art of ringing with whom he was associated and connected can bear testimony to the fact, that he was a most advanced and popular composer; that he was a thoroughly practical, correct, and precise performer; and that he was always ready and willing to render valuable assistance to those studying the art of change-ringing. If any of your numerous readers are desirous of subscribing, their donations will be thankfully received by Mr. S. Oldham, Mottram, Treasurer, or by yours faithfully, for the Committee, Uppermill.

JOHN HOLDEN, Sec.

The Daresbury Peal.

SIR,—The 720 reported in your issue of January 30th, rung by the Daresbury Society, if rung with six extremes, I beg to say is not Dixon's Variations. The calling is as follows:—When the 2nd and 4th leads is a bob; when the treble leads and the tenor dodges behind without the 5th; the singles are when the tenor dodges behind with the 5th; the extremes, when the treble leads and the tenor dodges in the middle, with the 3rd in the first half; in the last half when the tenor dodges in the middle with the 5th.

In answer to Mr. Jerram, in your last week's issue, about the weight of the Spalding tenor, I was misled by the man that rehung it. I now have had it cubed, and find the correct weight is 18 cwt. R. MACKMAN.

Ringling at Gargrave, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 22nd ult., the Gargrave Society rang a touch for service of 1008 Bob Major. J. T. Middlebrook, 1; W. Clark, 2; C. Lancaster, 3; A. Birtwhistle, 4; H. Birtwhistle, 5; H. Birtwhistle, 6; J. McKell, 7; W. Mallinson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—'Constant Reader' has not sent his address; Henry Hayes; W. Coole; John Higson; M. A. Wood; John Astbury, jun.; F. Smith; S. Reeves; James Hinton; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Septuagesima Sunday on January 25.

SIR,—Mr. Wilcox, I trust, will excuse my freedom in writing once more to say—as, I believe, accurately—that the Sunday Letter for January and February, 1752, being E, and Easter Day falling on the 29th of March, the third Sunday in Lent in that year must have been March 1st. From the present year, 1880, we must, I believe, go back 256 years to find the third Sunday in Lent falling on the fifth Sunday in February. I do not find it to have happened since 1624, nor does it appear that it will occur again before 1948. The present year, 1880, is the eleventh in which it has occurred since the days of St. Gregory and St. Augustine; the list standing thus:—756, 840, 924, 1008, 1092, 1288, 1372, 1456, 1540, 1624, 1880; a frequent but not constant interval being eighty-four years. More rarely does Sexagesima Sunday fall on the fifth Sunday in February, an event which last happened under the Old Style in 1736, and will not again within either this or next century. Previously to 1736 it had not happened since 1204. In answer to ‘A Constant Reader,’ I may add that five Sundays in February occurred in 1756, 1784, 1824, 1852, 1880, and will do so in 1920, 1948, and 1976, the usual but not invariable interval being twenty-eight years. To Mr. Wilcox I have been indebted for the pleasure of noting what appears to me a very interesting token of the judicious and thoughtful care with which the old arrangement of the Gospel for the Festival of St. Paul has been dealt with. St. Matt. xix. 30, is so apposite to the case of St. Paul, ‘in nothing behind the very chiefest Apostles,’ yet ‘as one born out of due time.’ The precedent omission of verse 30, and its subsequent insertion, seem to recall to mind the mediæval idea of St. Peter as Prince of the Apostles, and the claims based thereon, quietly but vigilantly checked in the revision under notice.

P. CALVERT.

The Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

SIR,—I think your correspondent ‘C.D.C.’s’ letter on this Society’s publications should hardly be allowed to pass without a reply. His strictures appear to me most unjust in the case of *Steps to Truth*. Far from being a party-spirited book, I have found it a most valuable aid to teaching in our Sunday school, the authors dealing with their subjects in a spirit unusually well adapted to children’s ideas, and giving generally their due proportion to the various divisions of religious teaching. In the lesson on the Church Catholic the teaching is clear, namely, that of the Apostle, ‘One Lord, one faith, one baptism;’ and sets forth its unity, its catholicity, and sole foundation: which are surely the most essential elementary ideas that should be contained in the lesson. It appears to me your correspondent falls into the error he condemns. I am not acquainted with the other series he mentions, but I should be sorry to deny I was a member of the Church ‘through grace.’ The Society’s publications are very useful, and I should regret to see such uncompromising condemnation of it passed by unnoticed.

CURATE.

Communicants.

SIR,—In these days of frequent Communion and more Communicants, will it not be well to remember our responsibility in respect to bringing or inducing persons to come to the Holy Table? No doubt some of your readers will bear me out in my assertion that many (especially young) people partake of the Sacrament to please their clergyman, their friends, their masters, and mistresses, &c. How frequently do we read in advertisements for servants, ‘must be a Communicant.’ This seems to partake of the Test Act spirit, and it would be well for heads of families to put a stop to this practice. Better far to have fewer Communicants, and be assured, as far as we can (for God only knoweth the heart), that they come to the Holy Feast from a right motive, than to have our chancels filled with many who say, ‘I only go to please So-and-so,’ or ‘Mr. — would not be pleased if I did not go.’ What can be done to remedy this evil? It is a real, and perhaps a natural one, in this day of Church revival.

R. L. H.

The Teaching of the Decalogue.

SIR,—I wonder how many of the clergy, while referring on sin in the abstract to small congregations at special Lenten Services, also think of speaking in plain terms to other portions of their parishioners who do not even know the Ten Commandments? Many will perhaps doubt if this can really be the case in England. I think inquiry will show that I am not very wide of the mark, and of those who can repeat them how very large a proportion do not realise their full meaning or keep them. The simple teaching of these Ten Commandments would be a lesson of enormous value, as being that which is required by Him Who has the fullest right to command His people what to do and what not to do.

I. F.

Clerical Disabilities Act of 1870.

SIR,—Will any of your readers kindly inform me what penalties are due by law to one who has taken advantage of the ‘Clerical Disabilities Act of 1870,’ to leave the ministry, and who afterwards officiates? I am personally acquainted with one who has put himself in this position, and even procured his Bishop’s license. It seems a pity that the names of those who have deliberately left their profession should not be published in some conspicuous way for the guidance of the Bishops, and in the interests of Law and Order.

P.S.—Would the official acts, such as marriages, performed by an apostatising priest, be valid in the eye of the State?

A. B.

Treasure Trove.

SIR,—A somewhat curious question was asked me the other day, arising out of a case of ‘Treasure Trove’ in this neighbourhood. In making some excavations in the interior of a church undergoing repairs, the workmen came upon a jar of old coins, some thousands in number. Having told the Lord of the Manor of the ‘find’ the Churchwarden, without reference to the Incumbent, took possession of the coins as his own. My questioner wished

to know whether—putting out of sight the rights of the Crown—the Churchwarden could have any right whatever to the coins? My answer was, considering the freehold to reside in the Incumbent, both of church and churchyard, ‘Certainly not!’ Was I right in giving such an answer?

Thornham, Eye, Suffolk.

C. PICKERING CLARKE.

A Five-Sunday February.

SIR,—I beg to inform ‘A Constant Reader’ that the next year in which the month of February will contain five Sundays will be the year 1908.

H. M. BURDETTE.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent, I beg to inform him that the next occasion of five Sundays occurring in February will be in the year 1920.

R. W. ROSE.

‘R. H. B.’—The statement as to the admission of a clergyman to Axminster Workhouse is correct, but we cannot open our columns to a discussion of the case.

‘M. C. B.’ (Grove House, Larkhall Rise, Clapham, S.W.), writes:—‘Can any reader of *Church Bells* tell me of a school where a working man could place his little boy of seven years old? The child is delicate, and having just lost his mother wants some one to care for him. The father could pay 5s. or 6s. weekly.’

SIR,—Can any of your readers spare, or give, a magic-lantern, with slides—sacred, historic, and comic—for a poor parish in Jamaica diocese? The chaplain, who has charge of two parishes, besides acting as garrison chaplain, writes:—‘I feel I could make a great deal for my little church in this way. I should be so grateful.’ I will gladly supply further particulars, if required.

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RECEIVED ALSO.—M. A. M.; J. Johnson; S. B. Simons; Rev. W. D. Craven; Rev. R. Bramley; S.; John Searth; K. M.; W. M. B.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

PEALS OF MINOR.

By Jasper W. Snowdon.

As many towers only contain six bells, a good deal of interest in the variety of 720’s that can be obtained in each method will naturally be taken by six-bell ringers. I therefore propose to make some remarks upon certain peals of Minor which have not, as yet, been dealt with in any of the different works on change-ringing.

PLAIN BOB MINOR.—A great variety of peals can be had in this method, most of which will be found in my small work, *Rope-Sight*, but as one or two which are of interest were omitted, I now append them. In that work (page 64) it is stated that a peal with 32 bobs and 2 singles has the greatest possible number of calls for a peal in that method. This is an error; it should have read ‘the greatest number of bobs possible,’ as it will be seen that three out of the four following peals contain more than this number of calls.

720	720	720	720
2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6
S 3 2 5 6 4	B 2 3 5 6 4	B 2 3 5 6 4	S 3 2 5 6 4
2 6 3 4 5	3 6 2 4 5	3 6 2 4 5	2 6 3 4 5
S 6 2 4 5 3	S 6 3 4 5 2	S 6 3 4 5 2	S 6 2 4 5 3
S 2 6 5 3 4	3 5 6 2 4	3 5 6 2 4	2 5 6 3 4
S 6 2 3 4 5	B 3 5 2 4 6	B 3 5 2 4 6	S 5 2 3 4 6
S 2 6 4 5 3	B 3 5 4 6 2	B 3 5 4 6 2	S 2 5 4 6 3
6 5 2 3 4	5 6 3 2 4	5 6 3 2 4	5 6 2 3 4
5 3 6 4 2	S 6 5 2 4 3	S 6 5 2 4 3	S 6 5 3 4 2
S 3 5 4 2 6	5 4 6 3 2	5 4 6 3 2	5 4 6 2 3
S 5 3 2 6 4	B 5 4 3 2 6	B 5 4 3 2 6	S 4 5 2 3 6
S 3 5 6 4 2	B 5 4 2 6 3	B 5 4 2 6 3	S 5 4 3 6 2
S 5 3 4 2 6	4 6 5 3 2	4 6 5 3 2	4 6 5 2 3
S 3 5 2 6 4	S 6 4 3 2 5	S 6 4 3 2 5	S 6 4 2 3 5
5 6 3 4 2	4 2 6 5 3	4 2 6 5 3	4 3 6 5 2
6 4 5 2 3	B 4 2 5 3 6	B 4 2 5 3 6	S 3 4 5 2 6
4 2 6 3 5	B 4 2 3 6 5	S 2 4 3 6 5	B 3 4 2 6 5
S 2 4 3 5 6	2 6 4 5 3	4 6 2 5 3	4 6 3 5 2
S 4 2 5 6 3	S 6 2 5 3 4	S 6 4 5 3 2	S 6 4 5 2 3
S 2 4 6 3 5	2 3 6 4 5	4 3 6 2 5	4 2 6 3 5
S 4 2 3 5 6	3 4 2 5 6	S 3 4 2 5 6	B 4 2 3 5 6

Each to be twice repeated.

The first of these peals contains 42 singles, which is the greatest number of calls obtained in this method; the second contains 21 bobs and 12 singles; and the third and fourth are variations of the second one. In the third peal a single is substituted for the bob at the sixteenth lead in each part of the second peal, and an additional single called at each part end: this makes the peal contain 18 bobs and 18 singles. The fourth peal has calls at the same leads as in the third peal, but in this case singles are more freely substituted for the bobs. In each of the three last peals the sixth bell is in the same place at each lead end, and the positions of the fifth bell are almost the same in each peal. These examples thus show the way in which a peal can be varied by the introduction or substitution of calls.

It is at any time very difficult to find out who was the first composer of any particular 720; and many of these peals are constantly being re-composed by persons who have never previously seen the original peals. This is no doubt the case with the peal containing the 42 singles, which I received with the foregoing peals from Mr. N. J. Pistow of Saffron Walden, who, although he had composed it, did not wish to claim it as an original composition. No doubt this peal was first composed many years ago, and is constantly being

reproduced. I have noticed several cases reported in these columns where such a peal has been rung, and have myself received it from several different sources. The second of the above peals was composed by Mr. F. Pitstow.

The following peals, which are given by the bob and single changes, are from the MS. book of Benjamin Annable, which is now in my possession. The first of these will be seen to be a variation on the old class of peals (see *Rope-Sight*, p. 63), with singles substituted for bobs in certain places. This peal has the following MS. note attached to it:—'Supposing singles where the dots are, and the bob omitted, it will go 720.' The dots are placed against the third and fifth leads in each part, and by calling singles at these places, and omitting the bob when 5 6 come home, the second of the following peals is produced. This peal will be seen to be on a similar plan to the one given in *Rope-Sight*, p. 65; but as singles do

720	720	720
2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6
s 3 2 5 6 4 ¹	s 3 2 5 6 4 ¹	4 2 3 5 6 ⁵
s 3 5 2 6 4 ⁵	s 6 2 4 5 3 ²	4 2 5 6 3 ¹
b 4 2 3 5 6 ⁴	s 5 2 3 4 6 ²	5 4 2 6 3 ⁵
s 2 4 5 6 3 ¹	s 2 5 4 6 3 ¹	2 5 4 6 3 ⁵
s 2 5 4 6 3 ⁵	s 2 4 5 6 3 ⁵	2 5 6 3 4 ¹
b 3 4 2 5 6 ⁴	s 6 4 3 5 2 ²	6 2 5 3 4 ⁵
s 4 3 5 6 2 ¹	s 5 4 2 3 6 ²	5 6 2 3 4 ⁵
s 4 5 3 6 2 ⁵	s 4 5 3 6 2 ¹	s 4 3 2 5 6 ³
s 3 2 4 5 6 ⁴	s 4 3 5 6 2 ⁵	
	s 6 3 2 5 4 ²	
	s 5 3 4 2 6 ²	
	s 3 5 2 6 4 ¹	
	s 2 4 3 5 6 ⁴	

Each to be repeated.

not occur in this peal at the part ends, instead of one having to be omitted at each half peal-end, additional ones have to be called, and the number of singles is therefore increased to 26. The following are the remarks appended by Annable to the last of these three peals:—'This is a 720 Plain Bob, wherein there is no hunt but the whole hunt, every other bell being obliged at one time or other to make a bob. First rung at Hessen in 1741.'

The last 720 I give in this method is not divided into equal parts, although it commences with three divisions called alike. It was composed by Mr. J. F. Penning of Saffron Walden, and is, I think, fairly entitled to be called an original composition.

Mr. J. F. Penning's 720.

2 3 5 6	4 5 6 2 3	continued	continued
s 3 2 5 6 4	s 5 4 2 3 6	b 4 6 2 3 5	b 2 4 5 6 3
s 2 3 6 4 5	s 4 5 3 6 2	b 4 6 3 5 2	b 2 4 6 3 5
s 3 2 4 5 6	s 5 4 6 2 3	6 5 4 2 3	4 3 2 5 6
s 2 3 5 6 4	s 4 5 2 3 6	5 2 6 3 4	s 3 4 5 6 2
6 2 4 5	5 3 4 6 2	b 5 2 3 4 6	s 4 3 6 2 5
b 3 6 4 5 2	s 3 5 6 2 4	b 5 2 4 6 3	s 3 4 2 5 6
b 3 6 5 2 4	s 5 3 2 4 6	2 6 5 3 4	s 4 3 5 6 2
6 2 3 4 5	s 3 5 4 6 2	6 3 2 4 5	s 3 4 6 2 5
This part	s 5 3 6 2 4	b 6 3 4 5 2	4 2 3 5 6
twice repeated	s 3 5 2 4 6	b 6 3 5 2 4	b 4 2 5 6 3
gives 4 5 6 2 3	5 4 3 6 2	3 2 6 4 5	b 4 2 6 3 5
	4 6 5 2 3	2 4 3 5 6	2 3 4 5 6

(To be continued.)

The Bishop of Manchester on Bell-Ringing.

ON Saturday afternoon a special service in connexion with the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers was held in the Manchester Cathedral. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of the diocese, who has been elected patron of the Association. His Lordship said he had no desire to say anything harsh of the Church of England, but he was afraid that church belfries had not always been the homes of reverent and religious spirit. He believed this was mainly because the thing was overlooked. It was the result of thoughtlessness, but it was not being overlooked any longer. People were turning their attention that way, and they began to see, as the old prophet saw, that as their hands ought to be clean who bore the vessels of the sanctuary, so their hearts ought to be pure who rang the bells in the House of the Lord. He had a letter sent him on Friday by the curate of one of the churches at Bolton, and he would be very glad to read it, because it showed what church-bell ringers might be, if they only went to work in a right spirit, and encouraged one another in what they ought to do. The letter, which was from the Curate of Holy Trinity, Bolton, was written in consequence of a public intimation that the Bishop was to preach on that occasion, and it stated that the ringers at the church mentioned were 'everything one could desire.' After ringing for others to come to church, they attended service themselves; they were nearly all communicants; they were teachers in the Church Sunday schools—most regular and efficient; and at tea-parties or extra meetings of any kind they were always first and foremost.

The Bishop, continuing, said that the Association would be an instrument for good if it were to induce church bell-ringers to attend the services themselves after summoning others. He expressed his regret that a rival Association had come into existence, and a hope that the two Associations would see that it would be to their advantage to work harmoniously. He concluded by referring to the law of bell-ringing, about which he said some strange ideas sometimes possessed the popular mind. Sometimes churchwardens thought they had absolute control of church bells, sometimes the minister thought that he alone possessed the control of them, and sometimes the ringers themselves thought they had a right to ring the bells just when they pleased.

It happened that four of the Canons of the Church distinctly laid down the law with regard to bells and the right of ringing them. These canons were the 15th, 67th, 88th, and 111th, and they showed that the minister and the churchwardens together were the persons who should determine whether on any particular occasion church bells should be rung.

After the service, the annual meeting of the Association was held at the Cannon Street Coffee Tavern. The Rev. Canon Birley presided, and the Ven. Archdeacon Anson, the Rev. B. Winfield, and the Rev. E. F. Letts, the Precentor of the Cathedral, were also present. There were eighty-one members present. The Chairman, having announced that letters had been received from the Bishop and the Dean expressing regret that they were not able to be present, congratulated the Association on the progress it was making. Its objects he said were excellent, and he hoped that it would prosper. He thought the clergy might visit the ringers in the belfry a little oftener, and they certainly ought to try and make the belfries clean and comfortable. During the year the committee had endeavoured to bring under the immediate notice of the clergy, churchwardens, and ringers in the county, the existence and objects of the Association, and had also endeavoured to gain particulars of every peal in Lancashire. So far, 118 peals were known to them, consisting of 2 rings of 12 bells, 5 rings of 10 bells, 53 rings of 8 bells, 58 rings of 6 bells, which, if all be in ringing condition, represented 118 churches and 846 ringers, of which 25 churches or towers were represented in the Association.

New Peal.	5 1 3 0	m.	w.	h.
2 3 4 5 6	2	2		
3 2 6 5 4	2	2		
5 6 2 3 4		2	2	
5 2 3 6 4		1	2	
5 3 6 2 4		1	2	
3 5 4 2 6	2	2		
2 4 5 3 6		2	2	
3 2 4 6 5	2	2	2	
2 6 4 3 5*		2		
4 5 3 6 2	1	1	2	
5 4 2 6 3	2	2		
2 3 6 4 5	1	1	2	
3 5 6 4 2	1	2		
5 2 6 4 3	1	2		
2 5 3 4 6	2	2		
2 3 4 5 6	1	2		

This peal has the 4th and 6th, the extent in 5-6, without having a before called, and is the first ever obtained with the latter quality.

(*) Call this course 1x -B, and the peal is reduced to 5098 changes. Composed by H. Dains.

Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Change-ringers.

THE above Association held their Quarterly Meeting at Standish, on Saturday, the 28th ult., when about forty-eight members and friends attended. Some excellent ringing was gone through during the afternoon by the several bands; one peal of Bob Minor, containing 36 bobs, was admirably gone through in 25½ mins. by a mixed band from Blackrod and Leyland.

JOHN HIGSON.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above will be held at Aylsham on Monday, April 5th. Members intending to be present are requested to communicate as soon as possible with the Secretary.

G. H. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.

Muffled Peal at St. John's, Worcester.

ON Tuesday, the 24th ult., a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins. with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Allen, sen., tower-keeper, and for many years connected with St. John's Church. He died on the 23rd ult., aged fifty-four years. J. Hinton, sen., 1; G. Hobbs, 2; G. Cleal, 3; T. Gwynn, 4; W. Webb, 5; J. Hinton, jun. (conductor), 7. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Muffled Date Touch at Wigan, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., at All Saints' Parish Church, a muffled touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1880 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins., as a mark of respect for the memory of the late Rev. J. Bailey, senior curate of the above church. T. Halliwell, 1; G. Turner, 2; J. Layland, 3; W. Bentham, 4; G. B. Walker, 5; S. Hall, 6; J. W. Hall and Gilbert E. Hall, 7; R. Tyson and R. Fisher, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. Composed by John Aspinwall of Liverpool.

Correction.

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you will make a little correction in the peal rung on the 10th of February by the Kenninghall branch, as it is stated in your paper with the 6th its extent wrong and right: it should be, with the 4th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6; and it is a one-part peal, and rung for the first time.

J. MORDEY.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting, whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

* * * OUR ringing friends must not feel aggrieved nor disappointed if they do not see their notices of peals rung during the Lenten season; but the principle of *Church Bells* is to uphold all Church Ordinances. There may be exceptional cases, but we consider that ringing for mere amusement is not showing respect for Lent.

WE hope our ringing friends at Ashton-under-Lyne may be spared another year, and enjoy the pleasure of a ringing trip to Crewe, but that they will not repeat it during the season of Lent.

RECEIVED ALSO.—F. Smith; John Higson; Staveley Tablets; F. Bate; John Carter; J. R. Jerram; T. Hopwood; Samuel Reeves; Herbert C. Sturges; Thos. Houghton, jun.; Bell-ringer; J. Witheridge; R. E. Robinson; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

PEALS OF MINOR.—Continued from p. 243.

By Jasper W. Snowdon.

TREBLE BOB MINOR.—In the ordinary variations of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, peals with 9, 12 and 15 bobs can be obtained. I have, however, never seen any other original examples beyond those given in Part II. of my *Treatise on Treble Bob*. The example there given, containing 12 bobs, I received from several different sources, and found it quite impossible to ascertain by whom it was first composed. The peal with 15 bobs is a variation of one to be found in the *Clarion*.

DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR.—The peals rung in this method generally consist of the usual ones containing 18 bobs and 2 singles. In *Church Bells*, 16th Feb. 1878, a peal by Mr. F. Pitstow of Saffron Walden, containing 44 calls, is given. This peal was first rung at Stansted, Essex, on Jan. 3rd, 1866. Appended are two peals on the same plan by the same composer, the first of which contains 18 bobs and 14 singles, and the latter 18 bobs and 22 singles. These peals are on the ordinary three-part plan, the bobs being called at the usual places. The additional calls being produced by the introduction of singles, so placed as not to interfere with the working of the observation bell—in this case the sixth. The calling of the first part in each half peal is given.

720		720	
2 3 4 5 6	3 2 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	3 2 4 5 6
5 6 3 4 2	5 6 2 4 3	5 6 3 4 2	5 6 2 4 3
4 2 6 3 5	4 3 6 2 5	s 2 4 6 3 5	s 3 4 6 2 5
s 5 3 2 6 4	2 5 3 6 4	s 5 3 4 6 2	2 5 4 6 3
6 4 2 5 3	b 6 4 3 2 5	b 6 2 4 5 3	b 6 3 4 2 5
3 5 4 2 6	s 5 2 4 3 6	s 3 5 2 4 6	s 5 2 3 4 6
b 2 6 4 3 5	b 3 6 4 5 2	b 4 6 2 3 5	b 4 6 3 5 2
3 5 6 4 2	s 2 5 6 4 3	3 5 6 2 4	s 2 5 6 3 4
4 2 5 6 3	4 3 5 6 2	2 4 5 6 3	3 4 5 6 2
b 6 3 5 4 2	b 6 2 5 4 3	b 6 3 5 2 4	b 6 2 5 3 4
4 2 3 5 6	4 3 2 5 6	s 4 2 3 5 6	s 4 3 2 5 6

Each of the above parts has to be twice repeated. In the first peal a single has to be called at each half peal-end, while in the second peal the singles, at these places, have to be omitted.

GRANDSIRE MINOR.—The ordinary peal of Grandsire Minor contains 36 or 34 bobs and 2 singles. Peals with a call at each lead-end have, however, been obtained in this method, of which examples are appended. The two first of the following peals, the second being the reverse variation of the first, were composed by Mr. Henry Johnson of Birmingham, and first rung at St John's Chapel, Deritend, near Birmingham, in November 1829. The third of these peals appeared in these columns (Oct. 2nd, 1875), but only differs from the first of the peals given by the substitution of a bob for a single at the second lead-end and a single for a bob at the seventh lead-end in each part, when these alterations do not have any effect on the working of the fifth and sixth bells.

720		720		720	
2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6	2 3 4 5 6
b 6 5 2 4 3	b 6 5 2 4 3	b 6 5 2 4 3	b 6 5 2 4 3	b 6 5 2 4 3	b 6 5 2 4 3
s 4 3 6 2 5	s 4 3 6 2 5	s 3 4 6 2 5	s 3 4 6 2 5	s 3 4 6 2 5	s 3 4 6 2 5
s 2 5 4 6 3	b 5 2 4 6 3	s 2 5 3 6 4	b 5 2 4 6 3	s 2 5 3 6 4	b 5 2 4 6 3
b 3 6 2 4 5	s 6 3 5 4 2	b 4 6 2 3 5	s 6 3 5 4 2	b 4 6 2 3 5	s 6 3 5 4 2
b 5 4 3 2 6	s 2 4 6 5 3	b 5 3 4 2 6	s 2 4 6 5 3	b 5 3 4 2 6	s 2 4 6 5 3
b 6 2 5 3 4	b 3 5 2 6 4	b 6 2 5 4 3	b 3 5 2 6 4	b 6 2 5 4 3	b 3 5 2 6 4
b 4 3 6 5 2	b 4 6 3 2 5	s 4 3 6 5 2	b 4 6 3 2 5	s 4 3 6 5 2	b 4 6 3 2 5
s 5 2 4 6 3	b 5 2 4 3 6	s 5 2 4 6 3	b 5 2 4 3 6	s 5 2 4 6 3	b 5 2 4 3 6
b 3 6 5 4 2	s 3 6 5 4 2	b 3 6 5 4 2	s 3 6 5 4 2	b 3 6 5 4 2	s 3 6 5 4 2
s 4 2 3 5 6	s 4 2 3 5 6	s 4 2 3 5 6	s 4 2 3 5 6	s 4 2 3 5 6	s 4 2 3 5 6

Each of these parts has to be repeated five times, bobs being substituted for singles at the third and sixth part-ends.

(To be continued.)

Sonning Deanery Society of Change-Ringers.

SIR,—May I ask you to allow me a short space in your columns to make known to your readers the foundation of a Society, which has been lately formed in the neighbourhood of Reading, for the encouragement of the beautiful science of change-ringing, and the cultivation of order, moral tone, and reverence in our bellfries? In a book which has lately been published, called *A Guide to the Steeple of England*, I notice that the churches of Reading and the neighbourhood are, for the most part, conspicuous by their absence. On asking the author of that book for the reason of this, I am told that Berkshire, though by no means deficient in fine bells, is yet singularly behind the other counties in its possession of real change-ringers. It is in the endeavour to remove this reproach from our county that an Association has been formed under the presidency of John Walter, Esq., M.P., of Bearwood, and a committee of clergymen, which has the cultivation of this science immediately in view. The Association at present embraces the churches of Wokingham (All Saints' and St. Paul's), Arborfield, Hurst, Sonning, and Wargrave. Already some gentlemen living in those parishes have become honorary members of the Society, and others are earnestly invited to do the same, if only to help forward the object it has in view, with their subscriptions. Any one within the Deanery, whose parish is not fortunate enough to possess a ring of bells, but who is capable of taking his bell through what is termed a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, is eligible to become a performing member of the Society on a small yearly payment. Many persons are not aware of the vast difference which exists between what is called 'round-ringing' and 'change-

ringing.' 'Round-ringing' produces the same change or the same sequence of bells rung over and over again till another change is called by the conductor; while on the other hand, 'change-ringing' would never permit the same change to be struck twice successively: for instance, in five-bell changes, when the bells leave their natural order, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, they would at every blow strike in a different order till they had struck 120 blows, when they would be brought home again to their original order. Thus six bells would produce 720 changes, seven bells 5040 changes, and so on. It will be easily seen which system is most likely to gratify the ear and to call into play intelligence, accuracy, quickness of eye and ear. All that the 'round ringer' does is simply to perform a full monotonous manual exercise, which makes no demand upon his brain, and as often as not drives him to the public-house to drown his weariness, while the listener looks forward to the time when the bells will cease from troubling him. But the change-ringer, on the contrary, unassisted by note, or manuscript of any sort, has to guide himself in his intricate course by the closest observation of the fall of the ropes. He has to poise his bell, which is sometimes as much as a ton weight, at every stroke, and notwithstanding his change of position in every change of the bells, he is expected to strike in such perfect time that a very small fraction of a second is an appreciable error. The science itself is of such a fascinating kind when once learnt, that a country squire, who is a great rider to hounds and a keen sportsman, declared at a Church Congress not long since, that working his bell through all the intricacies of a peal of 5040 changes in 2 hours and 40 minutes had given him far greater excitement and interest than he ever obtained in his best run or in his hottest corner at the cover-side. It is indeed a standing disgrace to our Church that so little notice has hitherto been taken of the grand old bells which have been hung in our bellfries, often at a cost of over a thousand pounds. Who would have supposed that our parishioners could so long have endured that six or eight rich, musical notes, should for years have been struck in the scale which a child first uses on learning the piano? All lovers of church bells may now hope that a better state of things is in store for us. We understand that a similar Association has been formed to embrace the churches of East Berks and South Bucks, and we hope very soon to hear that Reading itself has formed a Society for the same purpose.

HERBERT C. STURGES, one of the Committee.

Wargrave Vicarage.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

At a meeting of the Committee, held at Spalding, March 10th, under the presidency of the Rev. Canon Moore, it was decided to hold the Annual Meeting at Spalding on the Saturday in Easter week. Divine service to be held at the parish church in the morning. Dinner to be provided at 2 p.m. in the National School-room. All skilled members to send in their names to the Secretary on or before Easter Monday, otherwise their expenses in attending the meeting cannot be allowed. After the above Committee Meeting a 720 Bob Minor was rung on the bells of the parish church, by J. R. Jerram, 1; R. Clarke, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. This was in commemoration of the Prince of Wales' wedding, it being the anniversary of that day. This day is always a ringing-day annually, by order of the Vicar and Churchwardens.

J. R. JERRAM, Secretary to S.L.C.R.A.

New Bells and Chimes for Islington.

THE Vestry Clerk of Islington informs us that a ring of eight bells has just been erected in the Chapel-of-ease to the Parish Church, the expense of which has been partially defrayed by liberal contributions from the parishioners. Cambridge chimes have also been added to the clock of the Parish Church. A deficiency of 50l., however, unfortunately prevents, at present, the Bell Committee from meeting all expenses connected with the above, and our readers are invited to assist by their contributions in the liquidation of the debt, which would be thankfully received by the Rev. John Strickland, B.D., Vicar, 24 Highbury Place, or by Mr. John Layton, Vestry Clerk.

A Disclaimer.

SIR,—I beg to say that I never sent for publication the peal of Treble Bob that appears in *Church Bells* of the 13th inst., neither did I ask or authorise any one to do so.

H. DAINS.

[We are sorry to have made the mistake alluded to in the above Disclaimer. The copy was mixed up with other MSS.—Ed.]

College Youths.

WE are requested to state that the Secretary has changed his residence; present address—Mr. G. A. Muskett, 62 Ash Grove, St. Andrew's Road, Cambridge Heath, E.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Sunday afternoon, the 14th inst., for *Divine service*, in 29 mins., a 720 Plain Bob Minor. G. Garnett, 1; I. Dear, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; S. Rush, 4; G. Dear, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6.

Also on Sunday evening, for *Divine service*, a touch of 504 changes of Grandsire Triples. G. Garnett, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; H. Dains, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; J. Perks, 5; J. Newson (conductor), 6; W. Doran, 7; G. Mundy, 8.

At SS. Philip and James, Clifton, York.

ON Sunday evening last, at the usual ringing for service, six members of the Clifton and York Societies rang, in 26 mins., a 720 of Cambridge Surprise, the first ever rung on these bells. W. Morrell, 1; W. Howard, 2; T. Hodgson, 3; A. Haigh, 4; G. Breed (conductor), 5; T. Haigh, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Bell-ringer from Gillingham has not sent his address; S. Reeves; Tim Bobbin; Thos. Houghton, junr.; John Rowe; E. R.; J. Astbury, senr.; J. Gregory; W. J. Chatterton; T. Sharman; H. S. Thomas; and others.

unobtrusively, and effectively. By a formal resolution of the General Synod the *imprimatur* of the Church of Ireland has been given to its work; and thus the people of England have the very highest guarantee that benefactions to the Society will be well bestowed. I shall be glad to receive and acknowledge donations.

THOMAS KEANE, Clerical Secretary.

32 Sackville Street, London, W.

'Church Bells' for the Clergy Abroad.

SIR,—I have seen copies of your admirable Church paper, and have noticed that some of your subscribers are in the habit of forwarding their copies, when read, to clergymen abroad. The same favour would be highly appreciated by myself. I have but recently been admitted to Deacon's Orders. My first curacy is a large country district in the diocese of Dunedin, New Zealand, where Presbyterians are in the majority. The stipend is small and expenses are great. Since taking charge I have seen or heard but little Church news beyond that of New Zealand dioceses. *Church Bells* would, therefore, be very acceptable.

WALTER F. KNOWLES, Deacon Curate.

Balclutha, Otago, New Zealand.

SIR.—A lady kindly sends me your paper gratis. My neighbour, Rev. J. Edgecombe, Picton, N.S., would be glad to receive like favour from some one of your English subscribers. He would take it himself, but has a large family to keep and but 800 dollars a-year from his Mission.

DAVID C. MOORE, S.P. G. Missionary, Albion Mines, Nova Scotia.

Confirmation Tracts.

SIR,—I wish to recommend to my brethren certain tracts which I have myself found very useful in Confirmation work. 1st, *Catechism on Confirmation*, by Philip Carlyon (Mozley, price 1½d.). Bishop Oxenden's little work (3d.) is admirable, explaining the subjective side very clearly. The parish priest can supply the meagreness of the teaching as to the grace given. Then, *The Order of Confirmation* (Rivingtons, 2d.), published by direction of the Bishop of Chichester, is perfect to put into the hands of candidates upon the day. It has also a page at the end for dates. Dr. Hook's *Eat and Eat Not*, every one knows: it is unrivalled. But a good, simple tract, to put into the hands of our newly confirmed is *Plain Thoughts on Holy Communion* (Rivingtons, 1d.). Those who do not know these little works will, I think, be pleased to make their acquaintance.

I. R. VERNON.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Rev. H. F. Woolrych; Literate: Tho. Fenton; L. M. N.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

PEALS OF MINOR.—Concluded from p. 259.

By Jasper W. Snowdon.

STEDMAN'S MINOR.—Stedman's principle is not often rung on six bells, but as the mode of obtaining a peal is, as a matter of composition, a curiosity, the following peals may be of interest. Although a peal of Stedman's Minor is given in Annable's MS. it is false, and there is no record of the method on six having been practised at that time. As I stated in an article on this subject in these columns (June 24th, 1876), the first peal of Minor known to have been rung was accomplished at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sept. 16th, 1819. This peal was composed by Thos. Thurstan, and contains 98 bobs. It is on the principle of keeping each bell, with the exception of the sixth, behind by bobs until the extent in that position has been worked:—

	720	360
Annexed is the first part of Thurstan's peal, which, if four times repeated, will come round at the half-peal end, but by omitting a bob when 2 8 are behind (the eighth six in the third part) in each half peal, 720 changes will be produced. As a matter of curiosity I also annex the first part of a half peal (360) by Mr. Henry Johnson, which only contains 20 bobs. This part has to be four times repeated.	2 3 1 4 5 6 3 4 2 6 1 5 * 3 4 6 1 2 5 * 4 1 3 2 6 5 * 4 1 2 6 3 5 * 1 6 4 3 2 5 * 1 6 3 2 4 5 * 6 2 1 4 3 5 * 6 2 4 3 1 5 * 2 3 6 1 4 5 * 2 3 1 4 6 5 3 4 2 5 1 6 3 4 5 1 2 6	2 3 1 4 5 6 3 4 2 5 1 6 3 4 5 6 2 1 4 6 3 1 5 2 4 6 1 2 3 5 6 2 4 5 1 3 6 2 5 1 4 3 2 1 6 3 5 4 2 1 3 4 6 5 1 4 2 6 3 5 1 4 6 5 2 3 4 5 1 2 6 3 4 5 2 3 1 6

The following peal, by Mr. Johnson, was first rung at Handsworth in 1837, and only contains 70 bobs:—

2 3 1 4 5 6				
* 3 4 2 5 1 6	2 3 5 1 4 6	4 2 1 5 3 6	1 4 5 2 3 6	5 1 3 2 4 6
3 4 5 6 2 1	2 3 1 6 5 4	4 2 5 6 1 3	1 4 2 6 5 3	5 1 2 6 3 4
* 4 6 3 2 5 1	* 3 6 2 5 1 4	* 2 6 4 1 5 3	* 4 6 1 5 2 3	* 1 6 5 3 2 4
* 4 6 2 5 3 1	* 3 6 5 1 2 4	* 2 6 1 5 4 3	* 4 6 5 3 1 2	* 1 6 3 2 5 4
* 6 5 4 3 2 1	* 6 1 3 2 5 4	* 6 5 2 4 1 3	* 6 3 4 1 5 2	6 2 1 4 3 5
* 6 5 3 2 4 1	6 1 2 4 3 5	* 6 5 4 1 2 3	* 6 3 1 5 4 2	* 6 2 4 3 1 5
* 5 2 6 4 3 1	* 1 4 6 3 2 5	5 1 6 3 4 2	* 3 5 6 4 1 2	* 2 3 6 1 4 5
* 5 2 4 3 6 1	* 1 4 3 2 6 5	* 5 1 3 4 6 2	* 3 5 4 1 6 2	2 3 1 5 6 4

These five parts repeated, with the exception of the first bob, produce

2 3 1 4 6 5				
* 3 4 2 6 1 5	1 5 4 6 2 3	2 3 5 6 4 1	4 1 3 6 5 2	5 3 1 6 2 4
* 3 4 6 1 2 5	* 1 5 6 2 4 3	* 2 3 6 4 5 1	* 4 1 6 5 3 2	* 5 3 6 2 1 4
* 4 1 3 2 6 5	* 5 2 1 4 6 3	* 3 4 2 5 6 1	1 5 4 2 6 3	* 3 2 5 1 6 4
4 1 2 5 3 6	5 2 4 3 1 6	3 4 5 1 2 6	1 5 2 3 4 6	3 2 1 4 5 6

These five parts repeated, with the exception of the first bob, complete the 720.

The following peal, also by Mr. Johnson, is in two parts, and contains 74 bobs. Five parts of eight sixes each, as in the foregoing peal, are first called, the only difference being that a bob is called at the last six in the fifth part, which produces 2 3 1 4 6 5, after which the following five parts, of four sixes each, are called. This forms the first half peal, which has then to be repeated.

2 3 1 4 6 5				
* 3 4 2 6 1 5	1 5 4 6 2 3	2 3 5 6 4 1	4 1 3 6 5 2	5 3 1 6 2 4
* 3 4 6 1 2 5	* 1 5 6 2 4 3	* 2 3 6 4 5 1	* 4 1 6 5 3 2	* 5 3 6 2 1 4
* 4 1 3 2 6 5	* 5 2 1 4 6 3	* 3 4 2 5 6 1	1 5 4 2 6 3	* 3 2 5 1 6 4
4 1 2 5 3 6	5 2 4 3 1 6	3 4 5 1 2 6	1 5 2 3 4 6	3 2 1 4 5 6

Gloucester and Bristol Change-ringing Association.

THE next District Festival will be held at Tewkesbury on April 5th. Divine service at the Abbey Church at 11 o'clock. Dinner at the Swan Hotel, at 2s. 6d. per head, at 1 o'clock, towards which each performing member will be allowed 1s. 6d. by the Association. The Hon. Sec. particularly requests a reply to a circular he has issued before 31st inst., if it is the intention of the recipients of such notices to be present. Performing members will kindly send word through their committee-man.

The Daresbury Peal.

SIR,—With your kind permission I will briefly place before the readers of your valuable paper a correct account how the Daresbury Society came into possession of the peal rung by them, and reported Dixon's Variations. In *Church Bells* of September 15th, 1877, is reported a peal of Dixon's Variations, rung by the Spalding Society. I wrote to them, asking if they would kindly send instructions for ringing the peal, which they very kindly did, and which we strictly adhered to on the 27th of January last; thus proving the peal to be Dixon's Variations upon the authority of the Society to which your correspondent belongs. As the part he disputes is the extremes, I will quote from the letter I received, and which I now have in my possession, the part which gives instructions for making the same (viz. its extreme when the 2nd brings treble to lead, and tenor is in the middle), no exceptions mentioned. Now this occurs six times in the peal, so accounting for our six extremes instead of four, and gives a true peal of 720 changes. Hoping this will be a sufficient explanation without any further controversy, &c.

THOS. HOUGHTON, Junr.

The Bishop of Manchester's Speech.

SIR,—The remarks of the Bishop of Manchester respecting the too prevalent condition of Church Belfries must commend themselves to the attention of all who desire that the accessories of the worship in our Church should be worthily preserved. It is, unfortunately, too true that, as his Lordship observed, 'Church Belfries are not always the homes of reverent and religious spirit,' and that 'their hearts ought to be pure who ring the bells in the House of the Lord.'

Will you permit me to inform the Bishop, and Churchmen who, like him, desire that everything connected with public worship should be done in a spirit of reverence, and with a fitting observance of respect due to the sacred character of the building, that the belfry of St. Mary's, Battersea, is, by the care of the Battersea Youths' Bell-ringing Society, maintained in a condition which it is believed would meet with the approbation of the Bishop. Not only has the belfry been appropriately and neatly fitted and furnished, but there is proper accommodation for the convenience of the ringers. All who are engaged in what they consider an important part in the lay work of the Church are most anxious that it should be performed in a creditable manner, and that the belfry should be worthy of the Church. The Society, founded in 1777 and reconstituted in 1877, is under the presidency of the Rev. Canon J. Erskine Clarke, Vicar of Battersea, and has thirty-two working members, a large number of whom attend every Sunday to ring for morning and evening service, and special peals in the course of the year. We feel that it would be a great misfortune if the time-honoured art of bell-ringing were to fall into neglect. On our part we will endeavour to maintain it, feeling that it is an important and interesting accessory of the national mode of worship to practise the art in a becoming and reverential manner.

HENRY S. THOMAS, Master of the Battersea Youths' Bell-ringing Society.

The Lancashire Bells.

SIR,—As it is intended to reproduce in a serial form, under a distinct heading, the *inscriptions, dates, initials, &c.*, upon all the Church Bells in Lancashire, and, where practicable, to give a short historical sketch of each set, I would esteem it a favour if the Secretaries of the different belfries (whether in union with the Lancashire Association or not) would kindly forward me the above information at their earliest convenience.

WM. JOS. CHATTERTON, Urmston,

Corresponding Sec. of the Lancashire Assoc. of Change-Ringers.

New Bells at Huntspill, Somerset.

A NEW ring of six bells (tenor, 23 cwt., in E) has been placed in the tower of Huntspill Church, Somerset, in the place of those destroyed by fire in December, 1878. The bells are by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. The church will be reopened for Divine Service on Thursday, April 8th, and also the bells at the same time.

Muffled Peal at Padiham, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 8th inst., was rung by six members of the Padiham Society of Ringers a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. E. Whittaker, a member of the above Society, aged 32 years.

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RECEIVED ALSO.—Notice from Staveley (without name); I. Perks; W. Howell Evans; M. E. Andrews; Lewisham; and others.

rival absorbed or vanquished the Lord's Supper. Following the Bishop's argument, that because a practice had been 'unknown until within recent days,' we must, to be consistent, condemn the holding of evening services, Sunday schools, and every other innovation which belongs to these modern days. My own experience is entirely contrary to his Lordship's. I believe that there are many persons, such as poor mothers, servants-of-all-work, and men employed on Sunday mornings, who can come to Church and Holy Communion at no other time than in the evening. Our Lord instituted the Holy Communion in the evening, when He might have instituted it at any other time; the Apostles and early Christians so observed it: then, I ask, what right have we to discountenance or condemn so divine and primitive an example? So far from evening communions indicating 'a somewhat imperfect and languid condition of spiritual life,' I believe many persons feel that their minds are the more attuned 'in this solemn evening hour' rightly to receive these 'holy mysteries.'

VICAR.

Temperance Societies and Church Guilds.

SIR,—I am indeed delighted to see you in a leader say, 'Is there not a plain danger. . . . lest the member of a Temperance Society should think more of belonging to this than he does of belonging to the greatest of all Temperance Societies—the Holy Catholic Church; lest the member of a Church Guild should think more of his initiation into it than he does of his baptism?' These are weighty words, and they deserve to be well weighed by all who have at heart the future of England's welfare.

THEO. FENTON.

Concerning the Duties of a Pew-Opener.

SIR,—What a blessed thing is the simplicity of a child, or the *naïveté* of any good creature, when, with all the sweet simplicity of a child, he or she pours forth the truth! A friend of mine, earnestly desirous to be doing good to the people, went lately to a new curacy. Walking quietly about the church (which is a very large one), having a number of appropriated sittings in it, he asked one of the women who was engaged in cleaning what her duties were. 'Oh, sir,' she replied, with a respectful courtesy, 'my chief duty is to keep people out of the seats!'

H. G. O.

Signing the Marriage Register.

SIR,—Can you explain why, after a couple have been solemnly declared man and wife in the Marriage Service, when they sign their names to the declaration, 'This marriage was solemnized between us,' the woman signs her maiden name? How can she legally do this any more than twenty years later on the same day? I do not know that I should have noticed the point had not a bride, on March 27th, signed her married name and I had to alter it. It struck me that she was really right, and acting according to the principles of common sense. I would suggest, e.g. Mary Ann Marshall, born Town; or if a widow, late Town, &c. If the signatures preceded the marriage it would be different; but the marriage might not come off, and it would be untrue as well.

H. F. W.

A Hood for Literates.

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me if there is a proper hood for literates? One of the canons speaks of 'a decent tippet of black;' but I do not know what is meant by the word 'tippet.' I was ordained after receiving a certificate from the Examiners in the Cambridge Preliminary. I should be glad to know if there is a hood for such men, and if it is possible, after ordination, to become a member of a Theological College, or to take a degree. Any certain information on these points would greatly oblige,

LITERATE.

A Pointing Question.

SIR,—Is it correct in chanting the Psalms to pronounce the final syllable in such words as 'compassed,' 'called,' &c.? I know that many clergy are accustomed, in reading the services, to pronounce the 'ed;' but as we do not do so in ordinary conversation or reading, why should we in reading the Lessons and Prayers? At any rate, I shall be glad to know if there is any rule as regards the pronunciation of such words in chanting.

W. T. P. WINTER.

SIR,—A lady has pointed out to me the difference in punctuation of verse 12 of the Epistle for Good Friday.—'But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins, for ever sat down on the right hand of God.' Some readings place the comma after the words 'for ever,'—'One sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.' I have both Bibles and Prayer-books in support of each reading. Doubtless the point has often been raised before, though I never recollect to have seen it discussed it all. It is certainly worthy of notice, and I shall be curious to see which reading our pending revision will support. Meanwhile I should be glad to see any opinions of your correspondents. I may say I myself prefer the comma after 'sins;' and thus it is given by the Cambridge Greek Text and Valpy's (Greek) *Editio Nova*; while a Greek Testament printed at the Oxford Clarendon Press places the comma after the words translated in our version 'for ever.'

A. BARBER.

TRURO.—The Bishop of Truro acknowledges 5s. from 'A. L.,' and 10s. from 'Excelsior,' for the Cathedral Fund.

SCRIPTURE READER.—'L. M. N.,' Post Office, York, asks: 'Could any of your readers recommend a Scripture Reader, who would be satisfied with board and lodging in a very small parish? his duties, therefore, extremely light, including reading the Lessons for the Incumbent. A Wesleyan wishing to join the Church would be preferred.'

SIR,—Can any of your readers kindly help me to find out about a little book I have lost sight of, a compilation, by a chaplain, of texts and pithy rhymes, and sayings, &c., stitched in a little stiff cover, and suitable for the classes with which 'Chaplain' had to deal, and for young fellows generally? Also, could any one inform me if a paper called *Church Opinion* be still published, and by whom?

W. A. C.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Herbert M. Holmes; A Country Clergyman; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

ON THE IDENTITY AND TRANSFORMATION OF PEALS.

It is evident that two peals are one and the same if the same changes follow one another in the same order. For instance, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles consist of the same changes, but they do not follow one another in the same order, and are therefore different peals. If we once admit that two peals are the same when there is any, the least, deviation from the same order, it then becomes a matter of degree, and therefore of opinion, whether the difference between other peals is sufficient to prevent their being regarded as identical.

But taking the above for a definition, yet two peals may appear different when they are really the same. For it is evident that we may begin a peal anywhere, and ring on till we come to the same place again, and it will be the same peal. It is a constant practice for beginners to ring Bob Singles or Doubles two or three times in succession without stopping. If they begin from any change and go on till they come to it again and there stop, they have rung all the changes of the peal in their order, only they did not begin from and end with rounds.

Now if we take the ordinary peal of Bob Doubles, calling the bobs whenever the tenor is behind, and also a variation of it calling the bobs when the 2nd is behind, we appear to get two peals. The lead-ends of the one are sometimes at the handstroke treble-leads of the other. But the 2nd peal is really the 1st begun at the end of the 2nd lead but begun from rounds, that is, with 1 2 3 4 5 substituted for 1 5 4 3 2, each for each, right through the peal. That the peals are the same is evident from the following consideration. Suppose five persons arranged in a circle rung the 2nd peal on handbells, only, instead of the 1st man having the 1st bell, the 2nd the 2nd, &c., the 1st man had the 1st bell, the 2nd man had the 5th, the 3rd had the 4th, the 4th the 3rd, and the 5th the 2nd, and they then, not considering what bells they had, rung through the peal as they stood, i.e. just as if the 1st man had the 1st bell, the 2nd the 2nd, the 3rd the 3rd, and so on. They would ring to their own minds the 2nd peal, but the sounds would be those of the 1st commencing from and ending with the 2nd lead-end 1 5 4 3 2. If another person without seeing the ringers jotted down the peal from the sounds he would write the 1st peal commencing and ending there.

And it is evident that a peal may be commenced anywhere and rung backwards (I mean the order of the changes to be taken backwards, not the changes themselves to be altered), till we come round to the same place again, and that would not alter the peal.

The above definition would, therefore, have to be modified thus: two peals are the same if the same changes follow one another in the same order, or the same order backwards, or can be made to do so by any substitution of bells provided the same substitutions are carried throughout the peal.

DEF. A MOVE.—When the bell in 2nds lies still in the Bob system at the full treble lead, and when the bell in 3rds lies still at the beginning of every lead in Grandsire, I call it for shortness' sake a *move*, as it is called in some belfries.

I said that any peal might be begun anywhere. But if by substitution we begin from rounds from the middle of the lead, then some other bell would have to do the work of the treble. Thus, in Bob Singles, if we begun with rounds from 2 4 1 3 we should have for 2 to put 1, for 4 put 2, for 1 put 3, and for 3 put 4, and thus the 'move' would be made when the 3rd bell and not the treble came to lead.

Of course it is possible for a party of men to ring any peal backwards if they have the peal written out in full to ring from. But if they depend on the calling of bobs it cannot always be done. Thus, take the touch of Grandsire Triples where the bobs are at the ends of the leads, as follows: 4, 2, 1, 5, 4, 2, 1, 5, 4, 2, 1, 5. If this be called backwards 5, 1, 2, 4, &c., the bobs are not in the same places. In the first case they are before the moves, and if the touch were rung backwards from the paper on which it was written out in full, they would come behind the moves. But in the touch 5, 1, 2, 4, &c., they are before the moves. It comes a true touch all the same, and I believe all Grandsire peals may have their bobs reversed, but I cannot prove it by a mathematically conclusive proof. I wish some abler head than mine could and would do so. It depends on the fact that it makes no difference in the truth or length of a peal whether the bob is made two changes before the move or two changes after it. But the touches 4, 2, 1, 5, &c., and 5, 1, 2, 4, &c., are really two different touches, for they contain different changes altogether. 1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 1, 4, 3, 5, 2, 7, 6 occur in the first but not in the second at all. And so with many other changes.

For the bobs when taken backwards to cause the peal to be rung backwards the leads must be regular in their construction, by which I mean that the 2nd half of each lead commencing at the 2nd blow of the treble's full pull behind must be formed the exact contrary way of the first half. In other words, if the row ending with the trebles' first half-pull were written in instead of that ending with her 2nd half-pull, the last half of the lead would have the same changes as the 1st half, only in reversed order. Also the bobs must be made regularly with respect to the lead, namely, between the hand and backstroke of the treble lead, or else of her whole pull behind. Hence, reversing the calls will not reverse the actual changes of Grandsire and its variations, Court Bob, &c. But with the Bob system, and nearly all of its variations, Treble Bob, the Surprise Peals, &c., when we reverse the bobs we reverse the changes of the peals.

But more than this may be done. In many of these varieties the number of leads between the m, b, w, and x, is such that it is only necessary to call the m the w, and *vice versa*, for us to produce the peal backwards by simply reading the calling backwards. But for this purpose we must begin to

reverse only at certain places. In Plain Bob we may commence to reverse from the handstroke of the treble-lead at any course-end. In Treble Bob we must commence at handstroke of the next lead-end after 7, 8 come home the 1st time in any course. Thus, if 4 3 2 6 5 7 8 be a course-end, with 2 bobs n, we shall have to go back and take the lead-end, 2 4 3 6 5 7 8, before the bobs n are called. The next lead-end will be 3 2 4 6 5 7 8, and the handstroke immediately preceding will be 2 3 4 5 6 8 7, from which we must begin to ring backwards. If 2 4 3 6 5 7 8 were the course-end, and there be no bobs n, the next lead-end would be 3 2 5 4 8 6 7, and the preceding handstroke is 2 3 4 5 6 8 7, from which we must begin to ring backwards.

But as in T. B. we may commence to reverse at the handstroke of the next lead-end after 7, 8 come home the 1st time in any course, and as we can commence from no other place, it follows that wherever we commence, the course-ends of the reversed peal will bear this relation to those of the original peal, that the course-ends of the reversed peal are at the handstrokes of the next lead-end after 7, 8 come home the first time in every course of the original peal. Thus if we take any course-end, say 3 2 4 6 5 7 8, of the original peal, and it have one bob n, then the first time 7, 8 come home in that course the lead-end is 2 4 3 6 5 7 8, and the next lead-end will be 3 2 4 6 5 7 8, and the handstroke immediately preceding will be 2 3 4 5 6 8 7, there being a bob there, and this will be the corresponding course-end of the reversed peal.

It will be observed that the bells in 5ths and 6ths in the course-end are always transposed in the corresponding starting-place for reversing the peal; also those in 7, 8. It does not matter whether there are bobs n or not, for those bobs do not affect bells in 5, 6, 7 and 8.

But it is desirable to begin from and end the reversed peal with rounds. We shall have, therefore, to put 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 for the bells in the row from which we start. This will bring all the course-ends which end in 8 7, if the peal be rung backwards, to course-ends ending in 7 8. And the bells in 5ths and 6ths, having changed places in the course-ends of the 1st peal to form the course-ends of the peal when rung backwards, 5 and 6 take the places of the bells in 5th and 6ths in the starting row, all through the peal.

I. Hence, if we have (to take Mr. Snowden's example, *Treble Bob*, Part I., pp. 49, 50) ten course-ends with 6 right by reversing from one of them, we shall get a variation containing ten course-ends with 5 right.

II. If we have ten course-ends with 5 right we shall have, by reversing from one of them, ten course-ends with 6 right.

III. If we have ten course-ends with 6 wrong, we shall have, by reversing from one of them, ten course-ends, with 6 right.

IV. If we have ten course-ends with 5 wrong, we shall have, by reversing from one of them, ten course-ends with 5 right.

If we have ten course-ends with 6 wrong by III. we get a variation containing ten course-ends with 6 right; then by I. we get ten course-ends with 5 right; then by II. ten course-ends with 6 right. We do not reproduce the original peal because we did not begin in the first instance from the last course-end of the original peal, for that course-end has 6 right, not wrong. We begun somewhere in the middle of the peal.

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GEO. POPE, M.A.

Bishops and Bell-ringers.

SIR,—On reading the extract from the Bishop of Manchester's sermon delivered to the members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers in the Cathedral Church in that city, as reported by you on the 13th March, I was gratified to find that so high a dignitary had seen cause to give church bell-ringers a word of caution and advice on their duties. Would that our other Bishops and Archdeacons could be induced to follow his example, and protest against the grosser evils practised by ringers, particularly in Yorkshire, such as ringing on church bells for money prizes, wagers, and the like, the use of improper language and smoking in belfries, and their non-attendance at church. Surely it will only be necessary for our Bishops at their Easter visitations to instruct vicars and churchwardens to put a stop to such immoral proceedings at their respective churches.

C. W.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The World's Birthday Peal, rung at Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, 28th February, eight members of the Bradford St. Peter's contingent of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, rang at the above church, in 3 hrs. 27 mins., and in honour of the composer's 80th birthday, an extraordinary Date Peal, consisting of 5884 changes in the Kent Treble Bob method. This peal was especially composed for the occasion by Mr. W. Sottanstill, of Sowerby, Halifax. The changes represent the number of years that have elapsed since man's creation. Mr. Sottanstill has now attained his 80th year. During the last sixty years he has taken a lively interest in any object having a tendency to promote the art and science of change-ringing, both as ringer and composer, as the book published by him a few years ago testifies. He has written over 3000 folio pages of MS., and has obtained various lengths, ranging from 2500 to 17,760 changes, in the above-named method. J. Angus, 1; N. Binns, 2; J. H. Fisher, 3; J. Jenkinson, 4; J. Cheetham, 5; J. H. Hardcastle, 6; J. H. Dixon, 7; J. Garforth, 8.

Muffled Peal at Prescott, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., Mr. Robert Clitheroe, Superintendent of the Parish Church Ringers, died, aged 51 years, and on the following Thursday was borne to the grave by the fire-brigade, of which he was a member, followed by the churchwarden and leading villagers, and also by the ringers of Prescott and St. Peter's and St. Nicholas Societies, Liverpool. After the funeral service the Liverpool ringers rang 1554 changes of Grandsire Triples, deeply muffled on both sides. R. Williams, sen., 1; G. Helsby, 2; J.

Meadows (conductor), 3; H. Meadows, 4; J. Egerton, 5; E. Booth, 6; R. Williams, jun., 7; W. Brooks, 8.

Muffled Peal at Lewisham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 13th ult., a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung muffled, in 51 mins., as a mark of respect for the late Mr. John Freeman, an old ringer of Lewisham. T. Deal, 1; W. Peed, 2; H. G. Shade, 3; J. G. Shade, 4; W. Shade, 5; T. Taylor, 6; W. Weatherstone, 7; G. Thatcher, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

On Sunday morning, the 21st ult., the ringers of the above church rang, in 1 hr. 25 mins., the first half of Mr. Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes. R. Calland (conductor), 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnall, 4; W. Pimblett (first attempt), 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Prescott, 7; T. Eccleston, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

A MIXED band of ringers met at Aldford on Good Friday, and rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Manning, 1; J. Moulton, 2; T. Bethel, 3; W. Woods, 4; B. Stevens, 5; C. Price (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Sall, Norfolk.

On Good Friday, the 26th ult., a muffled peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung. E. Gladden, 1; R. Gladden, 2; U. Timbers, 3; H. Hawes, 4; R. Page, 5; F. Gladden (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Muffled Peals at Swalcliffe, Banbury.

On Good Friday a plain course for the evening service was rung in 20 mins. J. Prophett, 1; T. George, 2; T. Green, 3; W. Coole, 4; F. Green, 5; T. Haynes, 6.

Also on Easter Even a plain course. J. Prophett, 1; T. George, 2; W. Coole, 3; T. Lines, 4; A. Nicholls, 5; T. Haynes, 6.

EASTER Morning was announced by a merry peal at eight o'clock. Time, 20 mins. J. Prophett, 1; T. George, 2; T. Green, 3; W. Coole, 4; A. Nicholls, 5; F. Green, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. [No method denoted.]

At Garboldisham, Norfolk.

On Good Friday there was rung according to custom, after afternoon service, a muffled peal (backstroke muffled) of 720 Plain Bob Minor. J. Bason, 1; W. West, 2; Jas. Bennett, 3; H. Avis, 4; W. Balls, 5; John Bennett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Also on Easter Tuesday Evening a six-score of Grandsire Doubles, the first rung for many years by inhabitants of the parish. C. Cockerell, 1; W. West, 2; J. Bason, 3; Rev. C. L. Kennaway (Rector), 4; W. Balls (conductor), 5.

At Glemsford, Suffolk.

On Easter Eve the Glemsford Society of Change-ringers rang at the parish church the two 720's of Double Court Bob Minor composed by Mr. Frederick Pistow, of Saffron Walden, Essex, as published in *Church Bells* for March 20th last. The first, containing 18 Bobs and 16 Singles, was rung by S. Slater, 1; Z. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; J. Slater, 5; P. Adams, 6. The second, containing 18 Bobs and 22 Singles, was rung by S. Slater, 1; C. Adams, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; E. W. Downs, 5; Z. Slater, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. The time occupied for each was 30 mins., and both were conducted by S. Slater.

At Holy Trinity, Dartford.

On Easter Sunday the following members of the senior and junior companies of the Dartford Branch of the West Kent Guild of Ringers rang for the morning service the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 32 mins. G. W. Sarel, 1; H. Peirce (conductor), 2; L. Lester, 3; W. B. Johnson, 4; J. Beckman, 5; E. Snowden, 6; E. Everson, 7; H. Rose, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F.

At Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

On Easter Monday the anniversary was kept of the reopening of the bells in 1871, when the addition of two trebles was made. The ring now consists of eight bells. L. Proctor, Esq., of Benington, and his party, were amongst the visitors; also ringers from Saffron Walden and Waltham Abbey, together with Messrs. Haley and Haworth from London. A short service was held in the church at 11 o'clock. The sermon was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Lipscomb. Touches of Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge Superalive, and London Surprise, Stedman's Triples, and Treble Bob, with Grandsire Cinques, Stedman's Triples and Treble Bob Major on the handbells, were rung during the day. Tenor, 25 cwt. Mr. G. Rochester, Bell Warden, hospitably entertained the party, about forty in number, at dinner at his residence. The chair was taken by the Vicar, the vice-chair by Mr. Churchwarden Wiseman. The chairman spoke in high terms of the art of change-ringing, and congratulated bell-ringers on the increase of popularity which is being accorded to them throughout the country.

New Ring of Six at Ide, Devon.

THE old four in this tower being in a dilapidated and useless state, the parishioners have lately augmented them to six new bells by Messrs. Warner of London, a new cage and hangings having been done by Hooper and Stokes of Woodbury. On Monday last they were inaugurated by a choral service in the church, after which the Vicar rang up each bell, and then the ropes were handled by various bands of ringers who had been invited from different parishes. After indulging themselves with various peals of ups-and-downs and rounds-and-rounds in the method peculiar to the county, intermixed with some difficult changes (but what they were has not been reported to us), a dinner was provided by subscription for the ringers and other friends. The village was unusually and tastefully decorated, and all the inhabitants appear to have given themselves up to a general holiday.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Ishmael Belstr (?); W. Ireland; H. Madia; West Yorkshire; Bob Major.

Tralec. Is not this a mistaken way of distinguishing between them? Does it not lay us open to some such retort as this: 'What saith the Creed? is it not, "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church?" Where do you find mention in the old writers of the Holy Protestant Church?' And then it appears that, at this way of putting it, the ignorant are either strengthened in their belief in an erring Church, or are nonplussed in their endeavours to refute the false logic which thus sneers at the Reformed Church of Rome: for so, in truth, may we be said to be. We are fond of calling a spade a spade, why then do we not learn to call our Church by its true title?

One word more. Is not this a good time for pressing the claims (I thus postulate the whole question) of the unbeneficed clergy with regard to the election of Proctors for Convocation? They have a voice in the election to the Imperial Parliament, why should they not be eligible to vote for the return of members to the Ecclesiastical Parliament? Perhaps, when this latter is a parliament, they may make their claim heard. You discussed this question some time ago in your columns, but the discussion was not, I venture to think, satisfactory.

AN ANGLO-CATHOLIC.

Division of Services.—A Hint.

SIR,—May I call attention to the dislocation of the sequence of services which arises if the Communion Service be used before Morning Prayer *instead* of after it? Thus, on Palm Sunday, it would give us Matt. xxvii. before Matt. xxvi.; and on Ascension Day, Acts i. before Luke, xxiv. 47, &c. These are only two cases out of many such. Again, it is too often the custom to use the Litany as a separate service in a thin congregation. When omitted in the morning it should, under the Act of 1872, be used in the full congregation with Evening Prayer, even if also used in the afternoon. The hymn, 'Saviour, when in dust to Thee,' is a fit prelude to it.

A COUNTRY CLERGYMAN.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

PROPERTIES OF THE FALSE COURSE-ENDS.

ALL the false course-ends of Treble Bob and the Surprise Peals are included in the following six: 2 4 3 6 5, 3 2 5 4 6, 4 6 2 5 3, 5 3 6 2 4, 3 2 4 6 5, and 4 3 2 6 5, when the tenors are kept together. And it is remarkable that these course-ends transposed by themselves produce in every case 2 3 4 5 6. The results that follow from this are important.

Let us consider what is meant by 2 4 3 6 5 being a false course-end. It means that it is false with 2 3 4 5 6. In other words, if a plain course be written out from 2 3 4 5 6 and another from 2 4 3 6 5 in the particular system, they will contain one or more changes alike. Take Treble Bob, for example. When the treble is in 3, 4 up in the 4th lead of the plain course from 2 3 4 5 6, the same rows will occur as when she is in 3, 4 down in the 5th lead from 2 4 3 6 5. And it follows, of course, that if 2 3 4 5 6 has a row of its 4th lead the same as a row of the 5th lead of 2 4 3 6 5, any other course-end will have its corresponding row of its 4th lead the same as that of the 5th lead from a course-end which is the same as that other course-end transposed by 2 4 3 6 5. Thus, 3 5 6 4 2 is false in this respect with 3 6 5 2 4. For the 4th from 3 5 6 4 2 is false with the 5th from 3 6 5 2 4 transposed by 2 4 3 6 5; that is, 3 6 5 2 4. And in the same way the 4th from 3 6 5 2 4 is false with the 5th from 3 6 5 2 4 transposed by 2 4 3 6 5; that is, 3 5 6 4 2.

Hence if the 4th from 3 5 6 4 2 is false with the 5th from 3 6 5 2 4,

Then the 5th " " " " 4th " "

And thus if the 4th from any course-end A be false with the 5th of any other course-end B, then the 5th from A will be false with the 4th from B. And so with any other leads from any other course-ends. It is very convenient to be able to say at once, the 3rd from A would be false with the 6th from B, when perhaps it has not a 6th in the particular peal, and therefore the 3rd from B is false with the 6th from A when B has a 3rd and A a 6th, which must be considered.

Again, suppose we have a series of course-ends, A, which we want to compare with another series of course-ends, a, for false internal rows. It is now no longer necessary to transpose both A and a. It is the same thing whether we transpose A and compare the results with a, or transpose a and compare the results with A. To do both is redundant. Suppose in A you have a course-end P, and in a another course-end p, which is false with P because it is the same as P transposed by a false course-end, say 2 4 3 6 5. Then P transposed by 2 4 3 6 5 shows the same figures as p, proving P and p to be false with one another. But if p be transposed by 2 4 3 6 5 it will be the same as P, which again points out the same thing.

What is the reason of all this? It is always true when the tenors are kept together, and is a consequence of it. But the converse is not true; for when the tenors are not kept together it sometimes happens and sometimes not.

Thus, in Treble Bob the 4th from 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 treble in 5, 6 down is false with the 2nd from 7 5 4 3 6 2 8 treble in 5, 6 up; and since 7 5 4 3 6 2 8 transposed by itself produces 2 3 4 5 6 7 8, it follows that the 2nd from 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 treble in 5, 6 up is false with the 4th from 7 5 4 3 6 2 8 treble in 5, 6 down.

Again, the 3rd from 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 treble in 3, 4 down is false with the 5th from 3 2 5 6 7 4 8 treble in 3, 4 up. But because 3 2 5 6 7 4 8 transposed by itself does not become 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 but 2 3 6 7 4 5 8, the 5th from 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 is not false with the 3rd from 3 2 5 6 7 4 8.

If the complete plain course of any system, say, Kent Treble Bob, be examined, and any row be selected from it, say, for example's sake, 8 7 6 1 4 5 2 3 in the 5th lead, it is evident that if this row can come at another place in a plain course from any other course-end with the tenors together, that is from a course-end of the form 1 0 0 0 0 7 8, it must be at the place where a row comes of the form 8 7 0 1 0 0 0, and of the same course as 8 7 6 1 4 5 2 3; namely, an in-course row. This will be in the same

position in the new course as 8 7 5 1 3 6 2 4 is in the plain course from rounds. In other words, it will come at the 7th row of the 4th lead. By writing 8 7 6 1 4 5 2 3 for 8 7 5 1 3 6 2 4, and writing throughout from it, we shall get the new plain course. But that is the same as pulling 6 for 5 and 5 for 6, 4 for 3 and 3 for 4, throughout the plain course from rounds. Now this will have the effect of not only bringing 8 7 6 1 4 5 2 3 where 8 7 5 1 3 6 2 4 occurs in the 4th lead, but also of bringing 8 7 5 1 3 6 2 4 into the place where 8 7 6 1 4 5 2 3 occurs in the 5th lead. In other words, if the 5th lead from rounds be false with the 4th from another course then the fourth from rounds will be false with the 5th from that course.

By comparing 8 7 6 1 4 5 2 3 with 8 7 5 1 3 6 2 4 we find that not only are 8, 7, and 1 in the same places in both, as they must be, but that there is also another bell, the 2nd, in the same place in both. And further, that if we put 4 for 3 we must also put 3 for 4, and the same with the other bells. And this makes the two rows change places. If we put one row where the other is, the other *must* come where that is. And so it is in every system with the tenors together.

If we compare two rows in the plain course, the one row being at the place where the other row might come in another plain course, not from rounds, we must find the two rows to be of the same course, namely, both outs or both ins, the 1, 7, and 8 in the same places; but we shall also always find another bell in the same place in both rows, and the remaining bells so arranged that if one is substituted for another the other must be substituted for that: thus, if 4 is put for 6, 6 is also put for 4. This must be caused by the innate structure of the method, but how and why it must come I cannot tell, and should be obliged if any one would point out to me.

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'Rope-Sight.'

SIR,—As I am still receiving applications for copies of *Rope-Sight*, will you kindly allow me to state that the whole of the 500 copies originally printed are sold out? With the object of increasing the study of a greater variety of methods, I hope, when I can find time, to bring out another work on the art of Change-ringing, which will comprise explanations and diagrams to facilitate the study and practice of all the best-known methods by which changes are produced, on each of the different numbers of bells. When this is completed, I hope, at the same time, to issue a second edition of *Rope-Sight*. In the mean time I may add that I am still in a position to supply copies of either Parts I. or II. of my *Treatise on Treble Bob*.

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Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

South Yorkshire and East Derbyshire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Easter Monday the Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Ecclesfield. Ringers came from Sheffield, Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Bradfield, Silkstone, Penistone, Doncaster, and Wentworth, and rang several touches of Treble Bob, Stedman's Triples, Grandsire Triples, Oxford Violet, &c. About fifty members sat down to dinner at the White Bear. Afterwards a meeting was held for the purpose of dissolving partnership with Derbyshire. Mr. Rawson (in the chair) said it appeared to him that the Derbyshire side of ringers were dissatisfied because the place of meeting did not fall to their lot, and as they had chosen to have a separate meeting at Staveley, it was time something was done by the way of re-organizing another Association. It was therefore resolved that this society be called 'The South Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.' The officers elected were Messrs. T. Hattersley (president), C. H. Rawson (secretary). It was then agreed that the next meeting should take place at Silkstone, on Easter Monday, 1881.

Surrey Diocesan Society of Change-ringers.

ON Easter Monday the Streatham and Beddington Company of Change-ringers held a preliminary meeting at Carshalton, for the purpose of forming a Society, to be called the Surrey Diocesan Society of Change-ringers, when it was agreed that the next meeting should take place on Whit-Monday at the Schoolrooms, Beddington, when the rules will be read. All members of the different Surrey companies, and others interested in the art of change-ringing, wishing to join, would oblige by sending in their names, before the day named, to Mr. S. Greenwood, Surrey Hill Road, Streatham. The Rev. Canon Bridges, of Beddington, has promised his support as an honorary member. The clergy of the different parishes are desired to give their support to the object.

Annual Holiday of the Sandhurst Society.

ON Easter Monday the Sandhurst Society had their annual holiday, and, with their friends, dined at the National Schoolroom, under the presidency of the Rev. T. Holbrow, Vicar of Sandhurst, who gave some very good advice to the men. There was also present Mr. J. Drinkwater, to whose exertions the Society is indebted for its present excellent state. None but men of good character are admitted members, and they pledge themselves to use all means in their power to prevent any irreverent or unseemly behaviour in the belfry. The landowners and occupiers of the parish subscribe a small sum annually to remunerate the ringers for lost time and to provide them with a dinner on Easter Monday. A very pleasant day was spent; and the wives of the ringers were entertained at tea in the evening. Any clergyman or churchwarden who may wish for a copy of the Sandhurst Rules may obtain them by applying to J. Drinkwater, Sandhurst, near Gloucester.

Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE April meeting of this Society was held at Doncaster on Saturday last, when the eight bells of the parish church (tenor, 31 cwt.) were kept going, almost constantly, throughout the day. About a hundred members were present, who sat down in the Guildhall to tea, kindly provided by the exertions of the Doncaster Branch of the Association. After tea the General Meeting was held, when an invitation to hold the July gathering at Ripon was accepted, and the best thanks of the Society were given to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Doncaster for the use of the bells, and to the ringers for their kind

hospitality. At a subsequent meeting of the Committee, the Rev. Dr. Blakey, Vicar of Sheffield, where the meeting of the Association was held in October last, and the Rev. C. M. Sharpe, curate of Sheffield Parish Church, were elected honorary members of the Society.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society took place at Spalding on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Divine service was held in the parish church at 8.15 a.m., at which many members attended. The bells were raised at 9.30 a.m., and several peals of Grandsire Doubles rung by the Skirbeck and Frampton companies. Mr. Wm. Pepper, conductor. This was followed by a 720 Bob Minor by E. Mason, 1; W. Pearce, 2; R. Clarke, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; R. Creasey (conductor), 5; T. Taylor, 6. At 2 p.m. the members dined at the National School. The Rev. Canon Moore presided, and was supported by the Rev. R. E. Roy and the Rev. M. J. Sisson. After the usual business of the Society was disposed of, the Rev. Canon Moore was re-elected President; the Rev. R. E. Roy, Vice-president; Mr. T. A. Sisson and Mr. J. R. Jerram, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The Rev. R. E. Roy then gave a most interesting address on Bells and Ringing. The following new honorary members were elected:—T. Garfit, Esq., M.P., G. F. Rowley, Esq., W. L. Claypon, Esq., and Rev. E. M. Sanderson. After dinner another 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by J. R. Jerram, 1; W. A. Tyler, 2; R. Clarke, 3; E. Mason, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. The bells were falled and the company dispersed about 7 p.m.

Meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

On Monday, the 5th inst., the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held a District Meeting at Tewkesbury, and attended Divine service in the Abbey Church, where an address was delivered by the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Secretary of the Society. The members afterwards dined at the Swan Hotel. The Rev. Thurston Rivington presiding. The bells of the Abbey Church were kept on the swing nearly all day, the six-bell ringers having the first innings; afterwards several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by members of the Association. A band was then selected, who rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 33 mins. C. D. P. Davies, Esq., 1; J. Drinkwater, 2; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 3; H. Gardner, 4; G. Wanklin (conductor), 5; J. Wathen, 6; E. Wallace, 7; H. Wilkes, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in D.

The Norwich Association of Change-ringers.

On Easter Monday eight members of the Diss and Eye Branches of the above Association rang at St. Mary's Church, Diss, a peal of 5088 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. G. Merton (conductor), 1; J. Rudd, 2; W. Ireland, 3; W. Brown, 4; E. Francis, 5; H. Mowle (first peal), 6; F. Day, 7; R. Barnes, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. in D. The peal was composed by Mr. D. Woods. *Vide* Hubbard, 4th ed. p. 90.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Staveley, Derbyshire.

On Easter Monday, the East Derbyshire Ringers' Association held their tenth annual festival at the 'Devonshire Arms' Inn, Staveley, where a good substantial dinner was provided. A number of ringers from the surrounding neighbourhood, including Staveley, Eckington, Dronfield, Barlboro, and Sheffield, assembled. Amongst the company was Mr. Samuel Allen, senior, of Dronfield, the oldest change-ringer in Derbyshire. Mr. Herbert Madin was Secretary; and Mr. William Harris, Treasurer of the Association. The next annual meeting will take place at Dronfield on Easter Monday, 1881.

At Woodford, Essex.

On Easter Monday the Woodford ringers, assisted by some of the West Ham Company, rang a 720 of Bob Minor in 26½ mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; J. Potter, 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

On Easter Monday ten members of St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, visited Bromsgrove, and by the kind consent of the Vicar and Churchwardens rang a peal of Stedman's Caters, containing 5087 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins., with 3, 4, 5, 6 in rotation and four equal parts behind the 9th. J. James, 1; A. Cresser, 2; J. Joynes, 3; H. Johnson, sen., 4; T. Miller (first peal), 5; H. Johnson, jun., 6; J. Dunn, 7; F. H. James, 8; W. Hallsworth (composer and conductor), 9; T. Reynolds, 10.

At St. James's, Accrington, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., a mixed band rang a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in six parts, with 22 singles, in 28 mins. T. Duxbury (conductor), 1; W. T. Haslam, 2; H. Hayes, 3; R. Scholes, 4; C. D. Pierce, 5; T. Green, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Mary, Walthamstow, Essex.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., the following members of the Walthamstow Branch of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang at the above church Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins. W. Coakham, 1; G. Grimwade, 2; J. H. Wilkins, 3; H. Reeves, 4; R. Maynard (first peal), 5; T. Maynard (conductor), 6; A. Estall, 7; W. Crockford, 8. This peal was rung in honour of the unanimous re-election of the churchwardens of the parish, G. S. Pritchard and R. F. Budd, Esqrs., who have served the Church faithfully in that capacity for several years past.

RINGING IN HOLY WEEK.—We are very grieved to hear that at two or three towers ringing has taken place on Easter Eve and on Good Friday, on which days, of all others in the year, the bells should be silent.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting, whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO.—A. Z. has not given either name or address; A. H. Hitchcock; E. Rogers; Bob Major; Rev. J. W. Cheshire; and others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE. (Tablet in the Belfry.)

1051. On Thursday, the twelfth day of September, 1793, was rung in this Tower, by the celebrated Youths of this town, that noble peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, with two singles, consisting of 5340 changes. Completed in 3 hours and 25 mins. by

D. Taylor (conductor), First.	Robert Colier, Fourth.	William Gibbs, Seventh.
James Bachelor, Second.	John Martin, Fifth.	John Davis, Eighth.
Uriah Jelly, Third.	John Milson, Sixth.	John Melgrove, } Churchwardens.
	Mr. John Pienson,	Mr. John Saunders,
	Tenor, 32 cwt.	

HALESOWEN, SHROPSHIRE. (Tablet in the Belfry.)

1055. On Sunday, June 9th, 1776, was rung Holt's celebrated peal of 5340 Grandsire Triples, by the following persons:—

Thos. Warren, First.	Barzila. Fiddian, Third.	Willm. Warren, Sixth.
Benjn. Taylor (called), Second.	Willm. Rose, Fourth.	Thos. Rose, Seventh.
	Benjn. Smith, Fifth.	Geo. Warham, Eighth.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

1053. MAY 3rd, 1791, was rung 5040 Grandsire Triples, by

John North, Triple.	Levi Pizzie, Fourth.	Broome Wits, Sixth.
William Gwyn, Second.	William Lawrence (called the Bobs), Fifth.	James Wells, Seventh.
Edne Wits, Third.		Joseph Orchard, Tenor.

1057. JANUARY 21st, 1806, was rung the peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples by

John North, Triple.	Thomas Sheppard (called the bobs), Fourth.	James Bridgeman, Sixth.
Levi Pizzie, Second.	Mark Brown, Fifth.	William Flower, Seventh.
Stephen Wentworth, Third.		Joseph Dennis, Tenor.

1058. THE Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung March 20th and again March 27th, 1837, by

James Barrett, Triple.	John Baxter, Fourth.	March 20th, George Barrett, Tenor.
James Palmer, Second.	William Andrews, Fifth.	March 27th, John Beezley, Tenor.
William Tayler (called the bobs), Third.	Joseph Palmer, Sixth.	
	James Smith, Seventh.	

ST. NICHOLAS, BAWTRY. (Tablet in the Belfry.)

1059. THE old ring of five bells were rebung and augmented to a ring of six by the addition of a new Treble bell, and opened by the members of the Society on the 16th Day of December, and on the 30th Day of December of the year the first three Treble Bob Peals were rung, viz. Oxford Treble Bob, Violet and New London Pleasure, by the Tickhill Society of Change Ringers, viz. —

Luke Ashton, Treble.	Joseph Hickson, Third.	George Gleadell, Fifth.
John Watkinson, Second.	Henry Newbound, Fourth.	Francis Jenkinson, Tenor.

Conducted by F. Jenkinson. Weight of Tenor, 12 cwt. Key G.

ST. SWITHIN'S, RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

1060. 1857. Change-ringing on Thursday the 31st December.—The Society of Change ringers of Sheffield rang in this tower a true and complete peal of 5024 changes, consisting of the following intricate systems, viz. —1038 of Stedman's Triples; 960 of Grandsire Major; 1053 of Bob Major; 992 of Treble Major; 1038 of Grandsire Triples; which they accomplished at the first attempt, in the short space of 3 hours & 12 minutes, being the only peal of this description ever rang by any set of men at one time, and was performed by the following persons:—

John Sandford, Treble.	Chas. Walker, Fourth.	Joseph Walker, Seventh.
Thos. Whaler, Second.	Chas. Bateman, Fifth.	Robt. Heald, Tenor.
John Lomas, Third.	Geo. Wilson, Sixth.	Conducted by John Lomas.

This Tablet was placed here by consent of the Rev. A. Brook, Vicar.

H. B. Milner, } Churchwardens.
F. White, }

ST. MARY'S, TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1061. In the year 1837 this peal had two bells recast and all the others tuned, with new frame and hangings, by Mr. Cull; and on the 16th of October in that year an opening took place, upon which occasion the Cheltenham Society succeeded in obtaining a true and complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5184 changes, in 3 hours 6 mins., by the following persons:—

James Lloyd, Treble.	Charles Freeman, Fourth.	Richard Hughes, Seventh.
Thomas Smith, Second.	William Prosser, Fifth.	Thomas Turner (conductor), Tenor.
Chas. Gillman, Third.	William Cruser, Sixth.	

1032.

MACTE NOVA VIRTUTE.

On these Bells, January 15th, 1877, in 3 hours 3 mins., was rung by the Tewkesbury Abbey Society, a true & complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 6 parts; the whole containing 194 Bobs & 46 Singles. The first real rung here by a local Society.

Geo. Cleal (age 15), Treble.	G. Haines, Third.	J. Wather, Sixth.
C. D. P. Davies, Esq., Second.	E. Insall, Fourth.	E. Wallis, Seventh.
	Jno. Wather, Fifth.	W. Haines, Tenor.

Weight of the Tenor, 24 cwt.

ST. PAUL'S, DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

1063. ST. PAUL'S CHURCH PEAL OF BELLS.—The above bells were opened November 4th, 1876, by the Bradford Old Society of Change-ringers, with a date touch of 1876 changes, Kent Treble Bob Major. The first complete peal, consisting of 5184 changes, of Sowerby Exercise Major, the first ever rung in this method, was rung by the same company February 24th, 1877, in 3 hours and 9 minutes.

J. Angus, Treble.	W. Swaine, Fourth.	J. Chetham, Seventh.
J. Jenkinson, Second.	N. Binns, Fifth.	J. H. Dixon (conductor), Tenor.
J. H. Fisher, Third.	J. H. Hardcastle, Sixth.	

On Monday, November 10th, 1877, the Society of this church, who had been instructed by the above J. Jenkinson, rang their first peal, 5120 changes, Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 6 minutes.

W. H. Tidswell, Treble.	A. Howarth, Fourth.	J. Foster (conductor), Seventh.
J. Butterfield, Second.	W. Hoyle, Fifth.	Jno. Foster, Tenor.
W. Lawrence, Third.	R. Rushworth, Sixth.	

The next peal, 5184 changes, Kent Treble Bob, was rung on Sunday, November 24th, 1878, in 3 hours and 7 minutes.

J. H. Hardcastle, Treble.	A. Howarth, Fourth.	Jno. Foster, Seventh.
J. Jenkinson, Second.	W. Hoyle, Fifth.	J. Foster (conductor), Tenor.
J. Butterfield, Third.	R. Rushworth, Sixth.	

The home company rang another peal, 5280 changes, Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 10 minutes, on January 15th, 1879.

P. Butterfield, Treble.	A. Howarth, Fourth.	Jno. Foster, Seventh.
W. H. Tidswell, Second.	W. Hoyle, Fifth.	J. Foster (conductor), Tenor.
J. Butterfield, Third.	R. Rushworth, Sixth.	

All the above peals were composed by W. Sottanstell of Sowerby, and the three latter specially for the occasions.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Change-ringing Association.
 'The belfry is part of the Church, and is consecrated to the service of Almighty God.'

'The bells are instruments of sacred music; the office, therefore, of ringer is a sacred office, and should ever be performed in a reverent manner.'

THE above Society, now numbering 300 hon. and performing members, which was founded on January 8th, 1880, and has for its object 'The Promotion of Belfry Reform and the Cultivation of Change-ringing,' paid its first visit to Tewkesbury on Monday last, April 5. From an early hour the grand tones of the Abbey bells were heard to advantage; and the early trains brought in members of the Association from Gloucester, Stroud, Cheltenham, Churcham, Upton-St.-Leonards, Bisley, Ashchurch, Sandhurst, and Withington—Twyning also sent representatives. During the day several score of Grandsire Triples were rung. At eleven o'clock a short service was held in the Abbey Church, at which the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, of Franch Lynch (the Hon. Secretary of the Association), preached a very appropriate sermon on 'The Message of the Bells,' from Matt. xi. 15: 'He that hath ears to hear let him hear.' At the close of the sermon several peals of Grandsire Triples were rung. After which the company proceeded to the 'Swan Hotel' to dinner, under the presidency of the Rev. T. Rivington, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Tewkesbury; the vice-chair being occupied by the Rev. A. L. A. Mason; and amongst those present we noticed C. Davies, Esq., Pembroke College, Oxford, late of Tewkesbury, C. Poynder, G. H. Phillott, Esq., W. Miller, Esqrs., &c. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were unanimously adopted. New members of the Association were elected. A. B. Percival (Penhow), and the Rev. A. Thorn (Bristol), were elected. A company rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 33 mins. C. D. P. Davies, Esq., 1; J. Drinkwater, 2; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 3; H. Gardner, 4; G. Wanklin (conductor), 5; J. Wathen, 6; E. Wallace, 7; H. Wilkes, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in D. Its officers are,—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, president; the Ven. Archdeacon Sir G. Prevost and H. G. Randall, Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, M.P., and Colonel R. N. F. Kingscote, C.B., vice-presidents; Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Franch Lynch Parsonage, near Stroud, hon. secretary; Rev. Mobray Trotter, St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester, hon. treasurer; Mr. J. Drinkwater (Sandhurst, near Gloucester), master.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Thursday next, April 22nd. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Francis, has kindly offered hospitality in the way of a cold collation to members taking part in the duties of the day. The first annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Whit Monday. The Association now numbers between thirty and forty honorary and seventy or eighty performing members.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE second District Meeting of the season was held by the above Association at Aylston on Monday, the 5th inst. There was a fair attendance of members, and the ringing was at times very good; but now and then it was somewhat lame, several of the bells being very false, and hanging rather awkwardly. Touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, Bob Royal, and Stedman's Caters, were rung during the day. At two o'clock about forty members dined at the 'Black Boys,' under the presidency of Mr. R. J. W. Purdy, Churchwarden, the Vicar being too ill to attend. The Chairman was supported by his brother-churchwarden, Mr. H. G. Wright, the Revs. W. Crossland, H. J. Coleman, W. J. M. Young, G. H. Harris (Sec.), Captain Moore, &c. After dinner the usual toasts were duly honoured. The Secretary, in responding to the toast of 'Success to the Association,' hoped that the six-bell ringers would not be satisfied with simply ringing one or two methods, but would try to score a 5000 with seven different methods, and thus have an entry into the Peal-book. The Rev. A. G. Blyth was elected an honorary member, and thirty-two names were added to the list of performing members. The next District Meeting will be held at Halesworth the first Monday in June.

ON Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., ten members of the Ipswich Branch of the above Association rang at St. Mary-le-Tower 1880 changes of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 1 hr. 21 mins. D. Prentice (conductor), 1; H. Bevan, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. Meadows, 4; R. Brundle, 5; H. Bowell, 6; W. L. Catchpole, 7; R. Hawes, 8; E. Pemberton, 9; E. Reeve, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

The Bishop of Manchester's late Address.

SIR,—I wish to state, in common justice to the members of the other belfries in union with the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, that the case of 'Holy Trinity, Bolton,' mentioned by the Bishop of Manchester in his late sermon to the members of the Association, is *not* an exceptional one, but, I am glad to say, rather of frequent occurrence. I could name six belfries in Manchester *alone*, where the members discharge all the offices mentioned.

As a proof of the state of feeling among the members themselves, I may mention that one half of the nave of the Cathedral was filled by the ringers themselves when the sermon was preached by the Bishop.

The officers of the Society now wish to extend their influence over those belfries 'which are not the homes of reverent and religious spirit;' and this they believe can only be accomplished by the earnest and devoted endeavours of each member of the Society.

WILLIAM JOS. CHATTERTON.

Corresponding Sec. of Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

ON Friday, the 9th inst., six members of the Blackrod Branch of the above Association rang at the Parish Church, Blackrod, 2160 changes of Plain Bob Minor, containing 61 Bobs and 20 Singles, in 1 hr. 18 mins. R. Wathough (conductor), 1; J. Rawlinson, 2; John Higson, 3; G. Higson, 4; James Higson, 5; S. Speak, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)

ON Easter Monday a party of the above Society visited Writtle, Essex, with the intention of ringing a peal of Stedman's Triples, but, unfortunately, after ringing two hours and a half one of the party was taken ill and had to call 'Stop!' The company were hospitably entertained by the Rev. J. B. Seaman, M.A., at the Vicarage. On reaching Chelmsford in the evening, they rang with some difficulty (owing to the very wretched state the bells are in for ringing) a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, afterwards returning to London, having spent a very pleasant holiday.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the above Society rang at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Mr. Thurstan's peal of Stedman's Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 1 min. G. Dorrington, 1; J. Pettit, 2; W. Cecil, 3; S. Reeves, 4; J. M. Hayes, 5; C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 6; W. Cooter, 7; J. West, 8.

An Enquiry.

SIR,—Thomas Adams, in a sermon called 'The Soul's Sickness,' published in 1616, says that 'Security must be rung awake by a peal of five bells. Conscience is the treble, and this troubles him a little. Preaching is the stint or cetera to all the rest. Another bell in this ring is the death of others round about him. The oppressed poor is a counter-tenor. The tenor, or bow-bell, is the abused creatures.' (II. 499; Nichol's *Puritan Divines* Ed.) In another sermon, 'Faith's Encouragement,' published 1618, he repeats the same conceit in almost the same words (II. 193), but certain is spelt 'certain,' and the third bell is called the 'mean.' I have no acquaintance with campanology, but I should be glad to know what is meant by the 'stint, or cetera,' also whether those terms and 'bow-bell tenor' are still in use.

T. LEWIS O. DAVIES.

Date Touch at Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.

ON the 7th inst. six members of the Stockton Branch of the Durham Diocesan Association rang at the parish church 1880 changes, in 1 hr. 8 mins. comprising 440 Bob Minor, and a 720 in each of the methods of Oxford Bob and College Singles. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; J. Waller, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Hulme, Manchester.

ON Easter Monday eight members of the St. Philip's, Hulme, Society, rang at St. Philip's Church, Hulme, Mr. E. Taylor's Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. Scott, 1; W. Barry, 2; J. Hindle, 3; E. Ettock, 4; J. Heald, 5; J. Woods, 6; A. Wood (conductor), 7; W. Baldwin, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Six members of the same Society, assisted by S. Knight and A. E. Wreakes of the Manchester Cathedral Society (all members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers) have also rung a date touch (1880) of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 9 mins. Composed by Mr. Barry.

At Aldington, Kent.

ON Easter Day, for the morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor.

Also on Easter Monday, at evening, three different systems were rung:—A 720 of Kent Treble Bob, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, a 720 Bob Minor, and a 360 Bob Minor; each 720 was rung in 28 mins., and the 360 in 14 mins.: in all, 1 hr. 38 mins.

Also on Easter Thursday a 720 of Bob Minor.

Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst. by the kind permission of the Rev. Frederick Nelham, A.K.C., Curate-in-charge, and the Churchwardens, eight members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies, Liverpool, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. R. Williams, sen. 1; G. Helsby, 2; H. Meadows, 3; J. Meadows, 4; E. Booth, 5; T. Hammond, 6; J. Egerton, 7; R. Williams, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Composed by the late W. Royle of Manchester. It is the first peal of Major rung on these bells.

At Aston, Birmingham.

ON the 10th inst. the following members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, with the kind permission of the Vicar, rang at the parish church, Aston, a peal of Stedman's Caters, comprising 5053 changes, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. J. James, 1; J. Joynes, 2; H. Johnson, jun. 3; J. Astbury, 4; T. Miller, 5; H. Johnson, sen. (composer and conductor), 6; J. Buffery, 7; J. Dunn, 8; W. Hallsworth, 9; T. Reynolds, 10. Rung muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Thos. Day, a member of the Company for upwards of fifty years.

At West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday last the Christ Church Society of West Bromwich rang a peal of New Grandsire Caters, comprising 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; J. Carter, 2; W. Mallin, 3; J. Fullwood, 4; T. Horton, 5; R. Hall, 6; W. Beeson, 7; W. Elsmore, 8; S. Biddlestone (composer and conductor), 9; J. Russell, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs., in E flat. This peal has the 5th and 6th bells each twenty-four times behind the 9th, and contains 157 bobs and four singles.

At West Malling, Kent.

ON Sunday evening, the 11th inst. six members rang for service a 720 Plain Bob in 24 mins. H. Foreman, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; E. Baldock, 3; W. Driver, 4; E. Bonner (conductor), 5; D. Hall, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At Darlaston, Staffordshire.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., 1880 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Morgan, 1; R. Hall, 2; A. Malborn, 3; S. Simkin, 4; J. Lloyd, 5; J. Tinsley, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 8. This musical touch contained the 6th and 7th together throughout.

RECEIVED ALSO.—John Perles; D. Jordan (answered direct); S. Greenwood; Tim Bobbin; J. W. Cheshire; F. E. Millaud; C. W. Hony; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

North Wilts Guild of Ringers.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., the above Guild held its first Annual Meeting at Great Bedwyn. Four companies of round-ringers were present from Marlborough, Mildenhall, Bishops Cannings, and Great Bedwyn; and twelve or fourteen change-ringers. At 11 a.m. a service was held, when the Rev. B. G. Wyld, Rector of Woodborough, preached an appropriate sermon on 1 Cor. x. 31, 'Do all to the glory of God;' reminding his audience that as ringers they were officers of the Church, and that as such their duty was to see that the belfry was treated as a part of God's house, and to remember that their chief object in ringing should be the glory of God. After service touches of Grand-sire Doubles and Rounds were rung alternately till 1 p.m., when fifty ringers assembled to dine at the Rectory; after which the Report was read by the Secretary, by which it appeared that there were forty honorary members, and that the following companies were in union with the Guild, viz. Trowbridge, Bromham, Marlborough, Bishops Cannings, Mildenhall, and Corsham. In the afternoon the five clerical ringers, with A. Hitchcock, Esq., rang a peal of Grand-sire Doubles. The day's proceedings closed with tea at the Rectory, at 5.30 p.m., after which the ringers returned home.

Meeting of Ringers at Myton.

A MEETING of ringers was held at Myton on Saturday last, April 17th, when eighty ringers from Accrington, Church Kirk, Darwen, Hoddeston, Walton-le-Dale, Waddington, Clitheroe, Whalley, Manchester, and Padiham, were present. Eight peals, and a few touches of Violet and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain and Double Bob Minor, were rung. After tea the Secretaries and Treasurer of the Lancashire Association addressed a meeting and invited all present to become members.

Sandhurst Change-ringers' Society.

IN consequence of the great number of applications for the Rules of this Society, Mr. J. Drinkwater finds that it will be quite impossible for him to supply the demand until he can get them printed, when he will at once forward them to all applicants. The small charge of 2d. will be made for each copy to cover cost of printing and postage.

Correction.

SIR,—There is a mistake in your report of the meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers at Tewkesbury. The Association was formed on the 8th January, 1878, in the Chapter-room of Gloucester Cathedral; the Venerable Sir George Prevost presided on the occasion.

J. DRINKWATER.

Ring at Elections.

WE have received several letters from Conservatives and Liberals justly complaining of the prostitution of the bells of the Church on such occasions. We can only raise our voice against it, and trust that on any future occasion the authorities will be on the alert not to allow a repetition of such unseemly practice.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ON Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., by kind permission of the Rev. Mr. Clayton, Vicar of St. Margaret's, the young ringers of St. Margaret's Society, assisted by J. W. Wilson, rang a peal of 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 29 mins., on the first six bells, of St. Margaret's ring of ten. The 720 contains 15 Bobs. J. Jarvis, 1; W. H. Bail, 2; H. Payne, 3; O. Payne, 4; A. H. Wilson, 5; J. W. Wilson (conductor), 6.

At St. Mary's, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

ON the 15th inst. eight members of the Barnsley Society rang a Date Touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, of 1880 changes, in 1 hr. 12 mins. W. Bedford, 1; C. Holten, 2; G. S. Tyas (conductor), 3; J. Fox, 4; G. Taylor, 5; W. Richardson, 6; R. Sparks, 7; H. Pease, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. Composed by W. Howard of York.

At St Botolph, Aldgate, London.

ON Friday evening, the 16th inst., a muffled peal was rung at the above church, in 1 hr. 3 mins., in memory of the late Mr. A. Polley, who for many years was manager of, and a very great supporter to, the Aldgate Society of Change-ringers. W. Mole (conductor), 1; J. Charters, 2; W. Marshall, 3; A. Reed, 4; W. Scholes, sen., 5; W. Cook, 6; H. Brand, 7; W. Clow, 8.

At St. Lawrence, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., the undermentioned members of the Yorkshire Association rang at the above church a peal of 5056 changes Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. W. Sugden, 1; J. Ross, 2; E. Webster, 3; J. A. Ross, 4; J. Crabtree, 5; G. Bolland, 6; B. A. Dodson, 7; J. Haley, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The peal is the composition of Mr. T. Lockwood of Leeds, and was conducted by W. Sugden.

At York Minster.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eleven members of the York Minster Ringers rang a Date Touch of 1880 changes of Grand-sire Caters, in 1 hr. 18 mins. J. Cundall, 1; T. Hodgson, 2; J. Thompson, 3; T. Haigh, 4; J. Underwood, 5; A. Haigh, 6; W. H. Howard (composer), 7; C. Underwood (conductor), 8; W. Howard and W. Morrell, 9; G. Breed, 10. Tenor, 54 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Dartford.

ON Sunday morning, the 18th inst., eight members of the Senior and Junior Companies of the Dartford Branch of the West Kent Guild of Ringers rang for Morning Service a quarter peal of Grand-sire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins. A. Rose, 1; J. Blackman, 2; H. Peirce, sen., 3; W. B. Johnson, 4; E. Snowden, 5; E. Everson, 6; G. W. Sarel (conductor), 7; H. Rose, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F.

At New Brompton, Kent.

ON Monday, the 19th inst., six of the Gillingham Society rang for practice ten six-scores of Grand-sire Doubles, consisting of 1800 changes, in 38 mins. B. King, 1; T. Alten, 2; A. Redcliffe, 3; J. McLeod, 4; E. Andrews (conductor), 5; F. Iles, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

At Hitchin, Herts.

ON Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's One-part peal of Grand-sire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 16 mins., at the parish church of Hitchin. H. Haley, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; J. Pettit (conductor), 3; M. A. Wood, 4; G. Ash, 5; G. Musckett, 6; M. Hayes, 7; W. Allen (first peal), 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. Great credit is due to Mr. Allen for his exertions in inducing the clergy, gentry, and other influential persons, to take an interest in Change-ringing, about forty of whom dined together with all the ringers, including L. Proctor, Esq., of Benington. The sequence of these exertions has been the above peal, the one before being rung in 1782—5040 Plain Bob Triples—Mr. Allen's grandfather having been one of the band. Already there is a marked improvement among the local ringers, Mr. Haworth having been consulted on the subject.

RECEIVED.—T. L. O. Davies; W. Barry; T. Dudley; J. P. Jerram; Uxbridge (no name); John Carter; J. E. Millard (will send to N. & Q.); and others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

ALL SAINTS, HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

1064. APRIL 8th, 1792.—On the evening of the 8th inst. was rung in this steeple a complete peal of Grand-sire Caters, consisting of 5111 changes, by a party of the Society of London College Youths, which they completed in 3 hours 42 minutes, in that masterly style for which they are famous. Performers:—

Mr. John Povey, Treble.	Mr. Wm. Wilson, Fourth.	Mr. Edmd. Sylvester, Eighth.
Mr. Josph. Holdsworth, Second.	Mr. Rd. Wilson, Fifth.	Mr. Dan. Jenkins, Ninth.
Mr. Jas. Lance, Third.	Mr. Jas. Wooster, Sixth.	Mr. Jno. Lyford, Tenor.
Mr. Jno. Povey, Conductor.	Mr. Jno. Inville, Seventh.	Key of E.

ST. JOHN'S, STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1065. ON Dec. 24th, 1811, was rung by the Staveley Society 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 15 minutes, by the following artists, viz.:

Thomas Martin, Treble.	Richard Cadman, Fourth.	William Alcroft, Seventh.
John Frith, Second.	John Widdowson, Fifth.	James Frith, Tenor.
Joseph Whitaker, Third.	George Garfit, Sixth.	

Conducted by James Frith. Weight of Tenor, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs.

1066. ON Mar. 30th, 1812, was rung by the Staveley and Sheffield Societies 6080 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 42 minutes, by the following performers:—

William Booth, Sheffield, Treble.	George Hudson, Sheffield, Fifth.
Thomas Martin, Staveley, Second.	John Widdowson, Staveley, Sixth.
John Lomas, Sheffield, Third.	George Garfit, Staveley, Seventh.
Richard Cadman, Staveley, Fourth.	William Hudson, Sheffield, Tenor.

Conducted by William Hudson.

1067. MAR. 31st, 1812, was rung by the above Societies 5088 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 11 minutes, by the following persons, viz.:

William Booth, Sheffield, Treble.	William Hudson, Sheffield, Fifth.
George Garfit, Staveley, Second.	William Alcroft, Staveley, Sixth.
George Hudson, Sheffield, Third.	Joseph Whitaker, Staveley, Seventh.
John Lomas, Sheffield, Fourth.	James Frith, Staveley, Tenor.

Conducted by William Booth.

1068. ON May 21st, 1816, was rung by the Staveley Society 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 14 minutes, by the following band, viz.:

Thomas Martin, Treble.	Richard Cadman, Fourth.	William Alcroft, Seventh.
Joseph Whitaker, Second.	John Widdowson, Fifth.	James Frith, Tenor.
John Frith, Third.	George Garfit, Sixth.	

Conducted by James Frith.

1069. ON June 20th, 1820, was rung by the said Society 5440 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 29 minutes. The band were stationed thus:—

Thomas Leavesley, Treble.	Richard Cadman, Fourth.	William Alcroft, Seventh.
John Frith, Second.	John Widdowson, Fifth.	James Frith, Tenor.
Thomas Martin, Third.	George Garfit, Sixth.	

The peal was composed by Thomas Martin and conducted by John Widdowson.

1070. ON June 22nd, 1835, was rung by the Rotherham Society 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 22 minutes. Tenor rung by James Taylor, and the peal was conducted by Samuel Heathcote.

1071. ON Mar. 28th, 1842, was rung by the Sheffield Society 5088 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 18 minutes. The peal was conducted by William Hudson.

1072. ON Mar. 11, 1855, was rung by the Barnsley Society the following seven peals, viz.:—Violet, Oxford, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, London Scholars, Arnold's Victory, and City Delight, in 3 hours and 13 minutes. The band were as follows:—

Charles Stanfield, Treble.	George Taylor, Third.	Edward Oxley, Fifth.
William Mallison, Second.	Thomas Dawn, Fourth.	George Denton, Tenor.

The above was conducted by Thomas Dawn.

N.B.—This was the first 5040 changes rung on six bells.

ST. MARTIN'S, BURNINGHAM, WARWICK.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

This Tablet was erected by the St. Martin's Society to record the two following peals rung by them in this tower.

1073. ON Tuesday, May 28, 1878, 5004 changes of Steadman Cinques, which was completed in 3 hours 25 minutes:—

Mr. John Carter, Treble.	Mr. John Banister, Fifth.	Mr. John Dunn, Ninth.
„ Joh. Jones, Second.	„ Hy. Johnson, sen., Sixth.	„ F. H. James, Tenth.
„ C. H. Hattersley, Third.	„ John James, Seventh.	„ Wm. Hallsworth, Eleventh.
„ Hy. Bastable, Fourth.	„ Hy. Johnson, jun., Eighth.	„ John Fuffery, Tenor.

This peal contains the 6th 12 times wrong and 12 times right, with the Treble or Second bell throughout the peal. Was composed and conducted by Hy. Johnson, senr.

Rev. Wm. Wilkinson, D.D., Rector.

ON Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1879, 5015 changes of Grand-sire Cinques, which was completed in 3 hours 30 minutes.

Mr. Wm. Haywood, Treble.	Mr. John James, Fifth.	Mr. John Dunn, Ninth.
„ Job Jones, Second.	„ Hy. Bastable, Sixth.	„ F. H. James, Tenth.
„ Hy. Johnson, sen., Third.	„ John Buffery, Seventh.	„ Wm. Hallsworth, Eleventh.
„ John Banister, Fourth.	„ Hy. Johnson, jun., Eighth.	„ Thos. Reynolds, Tenor.

This peal, which contains the 5th 12 times wrong and the 6th 12 times wrong and 13 times right, composed by H. Johnson, senr., and conducted by Mr. Hy. Bastable.

Mr. Walter Kendrick, Churchwardens.
„ George Hemming, „

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Change-ringing Society for Kent.

SIR,—May I make known through your columns the intended formation of a Kent County Association of Change-ringers? A meeting for this purpose is to be held in the Chapter-house of Canterbury Cathedral at twelve noon on Whit Tuesday, May 18th, at which the Dean will preside; and all who are interested in change-ringing and belfry reform are invited to attend. I shall be happy to furnish further information to any who may desire it.

Mersham Rectory, Ashford.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN.

Tydd St. Mary, Lincolnshire.

A young company of ringers has lately been formed here. A few weeks ago they determined to master change-ringing and procured Mr. Snowdon's book on *Rope-Sight*. Although they had never rung by method before they very soon attained sufficient knowledge to attempt a five-bell peal, 120 Bob Doubles, which, with a little help from the Long Sutton company, they accomplished on Saturday evening, the 17th ult. R. Key, 1; J. T. Edis, 2; J. W. Mawby, 3; R. Tillbrook, 4; J. R. Jerram (conductor), 5. The bells have lately been put into going order, and the belfry cleaned and decorated, as a paragraph in *Church Bells*, some years ago, mentioned this steeple as being in a disgraceful condition. The above improvements have been effected by the liberality of the Rector. Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

At a meeting of the Committee held on Friday evening, the 9th ult., the following members and officers were appointed Local Secretaries for the districts named:—W. Barry, Manchester; J. Curtis, Leigh, West Houghton; W. Albinson, Stockport; Hughes, Garston, Liverpool; John Aspinwall, Aughton, Ormskirk; J. Mason, Southport; Warburton, Stand, and district; H. W. Jackson, Bolton; Stott, Newchurch, near Rossendale. They are appointed to receive subscriptions to be forwarded afterwards to the corresponding Secretary. They will be glad to give any information concerning the Society to non-members in their districts, and to assist young ringers in any possible way.

New Ring of Eight Bells at St. Andrew's, Bath.

MESSRS. TAYLOR, of Loughborough, have lately set up a new ring of eight at the above church. They were opened on Thursday, the 15th ult., by S. Keeping, 1; R. Osman, 2; G. Kingman, 3; J. Smith, 4; J. Weeks, 5; E. Barnfield, 6; J. Cox, 7; W. Seen, 8; who rang a Date Touch of 1880—but in what method is not reported. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars).

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THE following peal of Caters upon Stedman's principle is by Mr. John Nelms. The first course is given by the bob changes.

6 1 4 3 2 5	—	16	4 8 3 9 6 1 2 7 5
4 1 6 5 2 3	—	16	4 8 9 1 3 2 6 7 5
4 1 3 6 2 5	—	16	7 6 3 9 1 8 5 4 2
4 1 5 3 2 6	—	16	9 4 6 2 8 3 7 5 1
5 1 4 6 2 3	—	16	4 3 9 5 2 8 6 1 7
5 1 3 4 2 6	—	16	3 8 4 1 5 2 9 7 6
3 1 5 6 2 4	—	16	2 6 8 9 7 1 3 5 4
3 1 4 5 2 6	—	16	2 6 9 1 8 3 7 5 4
2 1 4 6 3 5	—	16	6 1 3 5 2 4 9 7 8

This part four times repeated, the 7th and 9th making a bob in the last course, the bells come round at hand on completion of the above number of changes. Several unsuccessful attempts having been made to ring this peal, which has the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th bells regularly behind the 9th in the least possible number of changes; and as on Friday night, the 23rd ult., a band rang about two courses into the second part of the peal, it is thought expedient to publish the composition, in order to prevent future misunderstanding that might otherwise arise.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, May 8th, 1880, at Haslingden. The Rev. Weldon Champneys, M.A., Rural Dean, will preside at the meeting. Ringing at two o'clock. Tea will be provided at five o'clock. Tickets, price 1s. 3d., may be had from any member of the Committee; or from Mr. T. Horrocks, 93 Henry Church, Local Secretary; or upon the day. All members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Secretaries.
W. BARRY, }

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Whit Monday, at North Shields. The bells at the disposal of the members being the ring of ten, Christ Church, North Shields (tenor, 19 cwt.); ring of six, St. Hilda's, South Shields (tenor, 10 cwt.); ring of six, St. Paul's, Whitley (tenor, 18 cwt.). A dinner will be provided at the Albion Hotel at two o'clock.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec., Stockton-on-Tees.

Bells for Castle Donington Church.

THE two largest bells of the new peal of six are already cast. The largest bears the inscription—'Rev. J. G. Bourne, Vicar; and Mr. Paget and Mr. Alton, Churchwardens.' On the old bells are the following inscriptions and dates:—1. I will praise Thee, O God, with all mi Hart.—1675. 2. John Bakewell and Robt. Briggs. 3. All glory bee to God on High.—1661. 4. *Omniū sanctorum*. 5. I will sound and resound to Thy people, Lord, with

my sweet voice, to call them to Thy Word.—1616.' It was the wish of the Rev. J. G. Bourne, expressed a little time before his recent death, that the inscription, 'I will sound,' &c., should be transferred to the new bell. This will be done, as well as the inscriptions on the other bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

York Minster Bells.

ON Saturday evening eleven members of the York Minster bell-ringers rang a date touch of 1880 of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 18 mins. J. Cundall, 1; T. Hodgson, 2; J. Thompson, 3; T. Haigh, 4; J. Underwood, 5; A. Haigh, 6; W. H. Howard, 7; C. Underwood (conductor), 8; W. Howard and W. Morrell, 9; G. Breed, tenor. Tenor, 54 cwt.

At Witnesham, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 10th ult., the following members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, rang at St. Mary's Church, Witnesham, 720 Kent Treble Minor in 29 mins. T. Sadler (conductor), 1; G. Sadler, 2; F. Plummer, 3; G. Pyett, 4; W. Ramsey, 5; W. C. Pearson, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is the first 720 in the Kent Variation, and the first by any of the company, except T. Sadler.

At Otley, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 17th ult., six of the Helmingham Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang at St. Mary's, Otley, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Thurlow, 1; J. Knight, 2; R. King, 3; J. Oxborrow, 4; G. Sharman, 5; W. Dye (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt. This is the first 720 in Treble Bob by any, except R. King.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 17th ult., the ringers of the above church rang the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 27 mins. R. Calland (conductor), 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnall, 4; W. Pimblett, 5; T. Lickle, 6; J. Prescott, 7; T. Eccleston, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

At St. Mary's Church, Frittenden, Kent.

ON Monday, the 19th ult., the ringers of this place, with the assistance of H. Pearce, from Maidstone, and C. Payne of Sutton Valance, rang a peal of Bob Major, containing 9296 changes, in 4 hrs. 52 mins. H. Pearce, 1; J. Potter, 2; C. Payne, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Taylor, 5; T. Potter, 6; W. Brattle, 7; T. Daynes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.; key of G.

At St. Botolph's, Lincoln.

ON Tuesday, the 20th ult., five members of the above Society rang 720 changes in 27 mins., consisting of three six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, each called differently. C. Johnson, 1; H. Maidens, 2; J. Watson (conductor), 3; H. Hoyes, 4; F. Linley, 5. Tenor, 7½ cwt. All of the above, except the ringer of the 3rd, could not ring in rounds six months ago.

Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex.—Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON the 21st ult. Holt's Original One-course peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins. at the above church by J. C. Davidson, 1; J. Cressey, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; T. Page, 4; H. M. Hiorns, 5; J. Carmichael, 6; C. H. Jessop (conductor), 7; C. Lee, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. This is the first peal rung on these bells, which were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel.

At Ross, Herefordshire.

ON Thursday evening, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Ross Society of Ringers rang a half peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. A. Bird, 1; J. G. Wall, 2; J. Atkins, 3; G. Price, 4; H. Bird, 5; A. Oseman, 6; C. Young (conductor), 7; R. Clark, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

At Chester.

ON Thursday, 22nd ult., six members of St. Mary's Society of Change-ringers rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. *J. Gipson, 1; C. Price (conductor), 2; *J. Bethell, 3; *J. Moulton, 4; *B. Stevens, 5; *W. Wood, 6. Tenor, 23 cwt.; in D. [* Late members of the Chester Cathedral Society.]

Oxford University of Change-ringers.

ON Friday, the 23rd ult., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at St. Peter's-in-the-East, Oxford, by W. Thomas, 1; F. Williamson, 2; J. Field (conductor), 3; G. F. Coleridge, 4; C. Howslow, 5; E. Harrison, 6. [Unless the time and weight of tenor are given, such reports are of little interest.—Ed.]

At Appleton, Berks.

ON the Eve of St. Mark the Appleton Society celebrated the Easter season by ringing at the parish church a peal of Grandsire Caters, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 28 mins. F. S. White, 1; F. White, 2; E. Holifield, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; G. Holifield, 6; J. Avery, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8; H. Woodwards, 9; T. Bennett, 10. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At Gargrave, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday last eight members of the Gargrave Society rang at St. Andrew's church, for morning service, a touch of 1880 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 9 mins. W. Clarke, 1; J. T. Middlebrook, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; A. Birtwhistle, 4; H. Birtwhistle, 5; W. Mallinson, 6; C. Lancaster, 7; J. McKell (conductor), 8. Composed by M. T. Lockwood, Leeds. Tenor, 16 cwt.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting, whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO.—G. W. Hughes; A. H. Hitchcock. (Unpublished Belfry Tablets are requested.)

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Harrison's Memorial.

SIR,—Some time ago you favoured the Committee by inserting a letter upon the above matter, would you kindly extend your indulgence once more? We thought it would be advisable to inform the lovers of the art of change-ringing what had been done in the matter since the said letter appeared in your columns. We have held several meetings at different places; and, so far, after paying all expenses, the treasurer (Mr. S. Oldham, Mottram) has in hand the sum of 10l. 9s. 1d. Subscription-books have been issued, collectors appointed, and to all present appearances the movement is likely to be well supported. The Committee would like to raise a substantial memorial over the grave of one who was, in the truest sense of the words, so very worthy; and would take this opportunity of appealing to those disposed to assist to forward their subscriptions as soon as possible. JOHN HOLDEN, *Secretary*.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE first Anniversary Meeting of the Association will be held at Writtle on Whit Monday. The belfry will be open at 10 a.m.; service at 12.30. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Carey, Vicar of Boreham. Committee meeting, 1.30; dinner, 2.30; general meeting, 3.30. A conveyance will be at Chelmsford station at 10.46. JOHN B. SEAMAN, *Hon. Sec.*

A DISTRICT Meeting was held at Waltham Abbey on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when there was a strong muster of members. During the day touches in different methods were rung, and the hand-bells were brought into play. At three o'clock the business meeting was held, under the presidency of the Vicar, the Rev. James Francis, who, having said the usual office, gave a hearty welcome and invited all to meet for refreshment at a later hour. At five o'clock thirty-four sat down to a substantial repast, provided by the Vicar's generous hospitality, and by his kind and genial manner made it a very happy meeting. The belfry, and all appertaining to the bells, were in such perfect order as give proof of the care of this part of God's House.

Society of Framland Ringers.

THE fifth Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Waltham, near Melton Mowbray, on Thursday, May 27th. About seventy ringers are expected. The day's proceedings will commence at 9 a.m. There will be a special service at 3 p.m. D. W. BARRETT, *Hon. Sec.*

Peterborough.

It is proposed to found an Association of Ringers for Peterborough and the neighbourhood. A meeting of ringers will be held for this purpose at St. John's, Peterborough, on Monday, May 24th. D. W. BARRETT, *Hon. Sec. pro tem.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Manchester Cathedral.

ON Monday evening, the 19th ult., the Manchester Cathedral Society of Change-ringers rang 1880 changes Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Withers, 1; J. Grimshaw, 2; S. Knight, 3; W. Mellodew, 4; G. Moe, 5; J. Scholey, 6; A. E. Wrecks (composer), 7; J. Eacous (conductor), 8; J. Withers, 9; J. Parkinson, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt.; key E flat.

At Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Thursday evening, the 22nd ult., the following members of the Lancashire Association rang a date touch of 1880 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins.:—H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; T. E. Turner, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. Unsworth, 5; W. Hamer, 6; S. Gaskell, 7; T. Morris, 8. Composed by W. Albinson of Stockport. Tenor, 16 cwt.

New Ring of Six at Dartington, Devon.

THIS parish church has lately been rebuilt on another site, and consecrated on the 22nd ult. At the same time the new ring of six, by Messrs. Warner, of London, were opened by the following members of the Devonshire Guild, who rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman's Doubles:—W. S. Southwood, 1; W. C. Marsh, 2; W. H. Marsh, 3; W. G. Goss, 4; W. B. Fulford (conductor), 5; J. Alford, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in key F. The belfry has been constructed so close under the bells that the noise is so great that the conductor could scarcely be heard.

At St. Mary's, Newport, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., three members of the Stanstead and three of the Saffron Walden Societies rang a touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Penning, 2; H. Prior, 3; G. Martin, 4; C. Prior, 5; F. Pitstow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Nicholas, Liverpool.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult., a muffled touch of Grandsire Cinques was rang at the above church as a mark of respect to the late John Heron, sen., by the following members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas Societies. (G. Welsly (conductor), 1; J. Meadows, 2; H. Brooks, 3; R. Williams, sen., 4; W. Woodhead, 5; R. Williams, jun., 6; J. Brown, 7; J. Egerton, 8; J. Welch, 9; H. Beck, 10; S. Hammond, 11; E. Forster and R. Thistlewood, 12. Tenor, 42 cwt.

At Birmingham, Warwickshire.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult., the following members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers (assisted by Mr. S. Reeves, College Youths, London) rang at St. Martin's a peal of Stedman Cinques, comprising 5011 changes, in 3 hrs. 35 mins.:—W. Haywood, 1; H. Johnson, sen. (composer), 2; J. Joyces, 3; J. James, 4; H. Johnson, jun., 5; S. Reeves, 6; T. Miller, 7; J. Buffery, 8; J. Dunn, 9; F. H. James, 10; W. Hallsworth (conductor), 11; T. Reynolds, 12.

At Braughing and Aspenden, Herts.

ON Tuesday, the 27th ult., the Bennington Society visited Braughing, on the anniversary of the Aspenden Ringing Society, and rang at both steeples a selection of 3500 changes in the several methods of Stedman's Triples, Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. Many ringers from London, Sawbridgeworth, and neighbouring parishes, were present. At Aspenden the Rector presided at a dinner at the 'Red Lion' inn. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. Joseph Woodward, a most liberal contributor towards the repair of the ring of eight bells at Aspenden.

Ancient Society of College Youths.

ON the 27th ult. a number of members of the above Society supped together at the 'Goose and Gridiron,' St. Paul's Churchyard, in commemoration of the longest peal of Stedman Cinques which has ever been rung—viz., 8580 changes at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 27, 1861; also of the longest peal of Kent Treble Bob Major—viz., 15,840 changes at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on April 27, 1868. After the supper a very agreeable evening was passed under the presidency of Mr. George Dorrington.

At St. Mary's Church, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the St. Mary's Society (also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths) rang Holt's Original One-course Peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. E. Bance, 1; J. Branch, 2; E. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Plowman, 5; J. Cawley, 6; C. Gordon, 7; J. Zealey, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Sepulchre's Church, Snow Hill, London.

ON Monday evening, the 3rd inst., a peal of Caters on Stedman's principle, containing 5001 changes, was rung by the following members of the Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars), in 3 hrs. 32 mins.:—J. Nelms (composer and conductor), 1; C. Hopkins, 2; J. Perks, 3; H. Dains, 4; H. Swain, 5; W. Baron, 6; G. Flavel, 7; H. Hopkins, 8; D. Stackwood, 9; J. Mansfield, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. The composition of the peal is that reported in *Church Bells* of May 1st. The tablets recording bell-ringing performers on these bells have been removed from the belfry and fixed in the church.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Wm. Lee; Campana.—We maintain it to be an unseemly procedure for bells to be rung on the occasion of any election—either local or general.

BELFRY RECORDS.

ST. NICHOLAS, GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1074. ON Tuesday, the 29th Dec. 1840, was rung in this tower, on the eight large bells, a true and complete peal of Bob Major, containing 5040 changes. Conducted by Mr. J. Burman, and brought round in 3 hours 25 mins. by the following persons:—

R. Palgrave, Third.	F. Watering, Sixth.	D. Woods, Ninth.
R. Bunn, Fourth.	W. Claxton, Seventh.	J. Burman, Tenor.
J. Stolworthy, Fifth.	J. Hurry, Eighth.	

1075. ON Tuesday, the 5th of Jan. 1843, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 5004 changes. Composed and conducted by Mr. J. Burman, and brought round in 3 hours 30 mins. by the following persons:—

J. Burman, First.	J. Lamb (aged 83), Fourth.	D. Woods, Eighth.
J. Stolworthy, Second.	H. Stolworthy, Fifth.	C. Payne, Ninth.
R. Bunn, Third.	F. Watering, Sixth.	T. Stolworthy, Tenor.
	T. Fox, Seventh.	

1076. ON Monday, the 6th of Feb. 1843, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Treble Bob Royal, containing 5040 changes, by seven of St. Peter's Mancroft, Norwich, and three of the Yarmouth company. Conducted by J. Truman, and brought round in 3 hours 35 mins. by the following persons:—

T. Hurry, First.	J. Greenwood, Fourth.	*J. Burman, Eighth.
E. Mason, Second.	W. Gail, Fifth.	*C. Payne, Ninth.
*F. Watering, Third.	Jas. Hurry, Sixth.	A. Truman, Tenor.
	J. Burrill, Seventh.	*Yarmouth company.

1077. ON Friday, Feb. 21st, 1845, was rung in this tower, on the back 8 bells, a true and complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, having the 5th and 6th bells 24 times wrong and right in 15 courses, containing 5021 changes. Composed by Mr. Daniel Woods, conducted by Mr. James Burman, and brought round in 3 hours 26 mins. by the following persons:—

Jas. Burman, Third.	Freda. Watering, Sixth.	Daniel Woods, Ninth.
Edward Hayward, Fourth.	Tom Fox, Seventh.	Charles Payne, Tenth.
Henry Stolworthy, Fifth.	John Hurry, Eighth.	
	Tenor, 30 cwt; key of D.	

ST. MARY'S, DISS, NORFOLK.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1078. ON the 26 March, 1835, was rung at this steeple 5024 changes of that Critical Peal Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours. Being the Meest number of Changes of Treble Bob ever rung here at one time. By the following Persons:—

John Newby, Treble.	Wilm. Morley, Fourth.	John Cursons, Seventh.
David Kemp, Second.	James Newby, Fifth.	Henry Hayward, Tenor and
Mark Morley, Third.	James Morley, Sixth.	Conductor of the Peal.

N.B.—The last peal on the old Bells. Tenor, 15 cwt. 2 qrs.

1079. ON Jan. 6, 1844, was rung in this Steeple a true and complete Peal, consisting of 5120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, in the short space of Three hours and eleven minutes, being the first peal that has been accomplished on these Bells. It was conducted by that eminent great-bell ringer, Mr. Samuel Thurston, of Norwich; and rung by the following persons:—

Jas. Truman, Treble.	Jas. Newby, Fourth.	Chas. Payne, Seventh.
Robt. Burrill, Second.	John Garham, Fifth.	S. Thurston, Tenor.
Wm. Warner, Third.	Wm. Aldis, Sixth.	

W. Fincham, Churchwardens.

N.B.—The first peal on the new Bells, cast by Dobson, Downham Market, 1832, Weight of tenor, 25 cwt. 3 qrs. Key, D.

that there was reference to Longfellow and the *Ladder of St. Augustine* in the lines:—

"I hold it truth with him, who sings
To one clear harp, in divers tones,
That men may rise, on stepping-stones,
Of their dead selves, to higher things."

But Mr. Tennyson tells me that he was *not* thinking of Longfellow when he wrote the verse. If any especial poet were in his mind it was Goethe.

ANNETTE CALTHROP.

Sir.—Your correspondent, Alf. Haigh, May 1st, inquires for works on 'Church History.' By referring to *Church Bells*, for Aug. 17th, 1878, p. 434, he will find a considerable list of such works, which I furnished. I made out a complete list suitable for members of the Church Defence Institution, and if he will privately send me his address, I shall be happy to furnish him with it.

J. W. EASTWOOD, M.D., *Churchwarden*.

Dinsdale Park, Darlington.

WORKING MEN'S CLUBS.—J. Pelly, Elmsley, Yoxford, writes:—'I shall be greatly obliged if some of your readers who have practical experience would advise me on the formation of a working man's club. The class for whom required are principally agricultural labourers—a considerable proportion Dissenters (Wesleyans). Many cannot read.'

SUNDAY-SCHOOL EXERCISES.—P. J. Sleaford thinks 'Inquirer' will find the book he asks for under the following title:—*Sunday-school Exercises*. Collected and Revised from Manuscripts of Burghclere School-children, under the teaching of the Rev. W. B. Barter. Edited by the Bishop of St. Andrews. (5s. Jas. Parker and Co., 337 Strand.)

COMPANION TO THE ALTAR.—'A Reader of *Church Bells*' will find Bishop How's *Manual*, published by the S. P. C. K., well suited for a girl lately confirmed.

THANKS FOR 'CHURCH BELLS.'—The Rev. Philip Walsh, of Waitara Taranaki, New Zealand, begs to thank the sender of the *Church Bells* from England.

RECEIVED ALSO.—T. A. D. Seymour (same answer given last week); H. A. B.; R. A. J.; Ex-Scholar of Durham University; S. G. B.; Charles F. W. T. Williams; Henry T. Tilley; R. C.; Country Literate; J. Pelly; A Warwicksire Vicar; H. A. B.; Edward J. Taylor; H. B. A.; T. B. R.; J. C. C.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Surrey Diocesan Society.

THE meeting to form a Surrey Diocesan Society of Change-ringers, as previously announced to take place on Whit-Monday, will be held on that day at the Schoolrooms, Carshalton. The chair will be taken by the Rev. R. Sharpe, Curate of Beddington. Tea will be provided for the visitors at a moderate charge. The bells of Beddington and Carshalton, eight and ten respectively, will be at the disposal of the friends. All interested in the success of the meeting and bell-ringing are cordially invited. The Secretary (Mr. S. Greenwood, Sunny Hill Road, Streatham) would be glad to receive the names of any wishing to join that cannot be at the meeting.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

THE Second Annual Meeting of the above Association of Change-ringers will be held at Chorley in the Infant School-room on Saturday, the 22nd inst. Business: The retiring officers' report, and the election of officers for the ensuing year. There will be a tea provided in the School-room at half-past four o'clock, and those members and friends wishing to be present will please send in their names to the Secretary at once.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At West Ham, Essex.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., four of the West Ham Company, assisted by H. and C. Hopkins of London, and G. Newson and A. J. Perkins of Romford, rang at All Saints' a half peal of Grandsire Triples of 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 37 mins. G. Newson* (conductor), 1; T. Honnington, 2; A. J. Perkins,* 3; J. Gobbett,* 4; C. Hopkins, 5; H. Hopkins, 6; W. Doran, 7; S. Jarman, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in key D. The same party also rang a course of Stedman Triples. [Those marked * are also members of the Essex Association.]

At Walkden, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., six members of St. George's Church, Tyldesley, rang at the parish church, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. P. Oakes (conductor), 1; W. Aldred, 2; J. Aldred, 3; W. Gregory, 4; C. Oakes, 5; G. Eaton, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

St. Mary's Stanstead, Essex.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., for the afternoon service, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. It was composed by Reeves, contains 15 bobs, and is given in Snowdon's *Treatise, Part II.* G. Brand, 1; H. Prior, 2; C. Prior, 3; F. Pittsow, 4; H. Tucker, 5; N. J. Pittsow (conductor), 6.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

On Wednesday, 5th inst., at their usual practice, the members of the Stockton Branch of this Association rang at the Parish Church their first peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; W. Stephenson, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Eckington, Derbyshire.

On Friday, the 7th inst., the Eckington Society of Ringers, assisted by D. Breirley of Bradfield, rung at the parish church 720 changes, consisting of New London Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, and Violet, in 1 hr. 20 mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Shaw, 3; T. Lunn, 4; D. Breirly, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Woodford, Essex.

On Sunday, the 9th inst., a 720 of Bob Minor was rung at St. Mary's for divine service, in 26 mins., by a mixed band from West Ham and Woodford. H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; J. Gobbett, 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; S. Jarman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in key G.

At Lancaster.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., two peals of 720 changes each of Bob Minor were rung at St. Thomas's, in 48 mins. B. A. Edmondson (conductor), 1; H. Lund, 2; R. Butler, 3; T. H. Parkin, 4; Wm. Benson, 5; J. Rawlinson, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting, whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Herbert Madin; St. Margaret's, Rochester (no name or address sent); Llewellyn & James; Edwd. Cooper; H. W. Haley; R. Markman; Tim Bobbin; and others.

Belfry Tablets requested. They cannot be inserted at once, but must abide their time.—We shall be gratified by a good report of new bells, by Messrs. Lewis of Brixton, lately set up at St. Paul's, Spalding, when duly opened.—Ed.

BELFRY RECORDS.

ST. MARY'S, DISS, NORFOLK. (Continued from page 371.)

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1080. On Monday, Feb. 26, 1866, The Diss Company of Change-ringers ascended this Tower, and rang a true and complete peal of Oxford Treble bob Major, containing 6240 changes, in 4 hours and 3 mins., being the greatest number ever performed on the Bells. Throughout the entire peal the striking was bold and regular, and reflected great credit on the band. The peal was composed by Mr. Hubbard, one of the Norwich Scholars, and was ably conducted by Mr. James Rudd, of Diss. The Band was stationed as follows:—

Mr. F. Whaile, Treble.	Mr. G. Day, Fourth.	Mr. W. Harber, Sixth.
" R. Livock, Second.	" T. Clarke, Fifth.	" J. Rudd, Seventh.
" H. Bond, Third.		" E. Harber, Tenor.

The Rev. C. R. Manning, Rector.
G. H. Browne, } Churchwardens.
H. Cuthbert, }

1081. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th, 1860, eight members of the Society of Change-ringers of this Town ascended this Tower and Rang Mr. John Holt's ten part Peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 Changes, in 3 hrs. and 4 minutes. Conducted by Mr. James Rudd, and rung by the undermentioned persons:—

J. Rudd, Treble.	H. Bond, Third.	T. Clarke, Fifth.	W. Harber, Seventh.
R. Livock, Second.	G. Merton, Fourth.	W. Brown, Sixth.	G. Ford, Tenor.

This is the first Peal in this Method accomplished on these Bells.

1082. On Monday, Nov. 27, 1876, six members of the Diss Company of Change-ringers, with Mr. F. Day and Mr. J. Bumpstead of Eye, ascended this tower, and rang a true peal of 5088 Changes of 'Kent Treble Bob Major,' in 3 hrs. 20 minutes. The Peal, a composition of Mr. J. Miller, was conducted by Mr. J. Rudd, and was the first rang in this method on these Bells. The ringers were stationed as under:—

Mr. J. Rudd, Treble.	Mr. W. Seales, Fourth.	Mr. F. Day, Sixth.
" T. Ford, Second.	" J. Bumpstead, Fifth.	" W. Brown, Seventh.
" W. Ireland, Third.		" T. Clarke, Tenor.

The Rev. C. R. Manning, Rector.

1083. On Monday, Dec. 17th, 1877, eight Members of the Diss Company of Change-ringers ascended this tower, and rang a true Peal of 7040 changes of 'Oxford Treble Bob Major,' in 4 hrs. 44 minutes. The Peal was composed by Mr. H. Hubbard, Late of the Society of Norwich Scholars, and conducted by Mr. James Rudd of Diss. The ringers were stationed as under:—

Mr. J. Rudd, Treble.	Mr. T. Ford, Fourth.	Mr. T. Preston, Sixth.
" W. Seales, Second.	" E. Francis, Fifth.	" W. Brown, Seventh.
" W. Ireland, Third.		" T. Clarke, Tenor.

The Rev. C. R. Manning, Rector.
H. E. Garrod, } Churchwardens.
F. Cupiss, }

ST. MICHAEL'S, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1084. This is to record the ringing of J. Reeve's Peal of Bob Major, containing 5088 changes, on Christmas day, 1827, the jubilee year of the hanging of the bells, which was rung in 3 hrs. 4 mins., by the following persons:—

Jas. Broadhurst, First.	Thos. Hulme, Fourth.	Jas. Birchenough, Seventh.
Thos. Fisher, Second.	Jas. Kelly, Fifth.	Josh. Maurice, Conductor, Eighth.
Samuel Wilschaw, Third.	Robt. Hulme, Sixth.	

1085. This Tablet is to record the performing of Holt's Peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours and 10 minutes, on the 30th day of December, 1827, by the following persons:—

Henry Housekander.	James Kelly.	Robert Hulme.
Thos. Fisher.	James Broadhurst.	James Birchenough.
Samuel Wilschaw, conductor.		Thomas Davenport.

Tenor, 20 cwt.

1086. [EMBLEM: Borough Arms—Lion and Sheaf.]

This Board was put up in commemoration of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5120 changes, Brought round in 2 hours 56 mins., which was rung on the 13th of March, 1831, by the society of change ringers of this Church; it being the first peal of the Method ever rung on these Bells, and performed by the following persons:—

Jno. Smallshaw, First.	Thomas Hulme, Fourth.	Robert Hulme, Sixth.
Thos. Fisher, Second.	James Goodwin, Fifth.	James Birchenough, Seventh.
Sam. Wilschaw, Third.		Josh. Maurice, Eighth.

S. Wilschaw, Conductor. Tenor, 20 cwt.

The Rev. W. G. C. Cruttenden, Minister. James Ward, Esq., } Wardens.
Captain John Ready, }

1087. Motto: Merrily Rang the Bells of St. Michael's Tower.

[Emblem: A Gilded Bell.]

This Tablet was put up to perpetuate the ringing of the first peal of changes on these bells of the scientific principle of Stedman Cateters, consisting of 5235 changes, brought round at hand in a masterly manner in 3 hours and 35 minutes, by the following persons, Jan. 27, 1851:—

Josh. Bamford, First.	Charles Bamford, Fourth.	John Maurice, Eighth.
Willm. Hulme, Second.	Thos. Wright, Fifth.	Joseph Maurice, Ninth.
John Fowler, Third.	Thos. Hulme, Sixth.	John Grabrix, Tenth.
	John Farrish, Seventh.	

The peal was composed and ably conducted by Joseph Bamford.

The Rev. C. A. J. Smith, Minister. James Swinnerton, } Wardens.
John Jackson, }

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The 'Fifteen' Puzzle.

SIR,—A few months ago I first saw the puzzle which, under the above name, after becoming a fashionable craze in America, is now rapidly being introduced into England. My excuse for mentioning this matter in your pages is, that it is the *only form* in which I have ever met with the *in and out-of-course changes* outside the science of change-ringing. The following brief explanation may be of interest to your readers. This puzzle consists of a box which contains sixteen small wooden cubes, which are numbered on the top sides from 1 to 16. When the one numbered 16 is removed from the box, and the others placed in any indiscriminate order, the solution consists in shifting them about, without removing any one of them from the box, so that the cubes are at last arranged as here shown, the blank space being left in the bottom line.

As the order in which the cubes are originally placed happens to be *in* or *out-of-course*, so the solution is possible or impossible. In the latter case the nearest approach is 13, 15, 14.

The amusing part of the matter is the amount of perseverance that has been displayed in America in endeavouring to overcome this latter difficulty, and I dare say the same amount of ingenuity will now be spent on it in England. For the first time, mathematicians—at least those in America—have become aware of the existence of this quality in the arrangement of figures which has for so long only been known to change-ringers. I may add that a simple form of the puzzle may be produced by cutting the necessary squares out of stout cardboard.

Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

Sonning Deanery Society of Change-Ringers.

THE following letter appears in the *Wargrave Parish Magazine* for May:—
‘SIR,—May I ask you to allow me a short space in your columns to make known to your readers the foundation of a society, which has been lately formed in the neighbourhood of Reading, for the encouragement of the beautiful science of change-ringing, and the cultivation of order, moral tone, and reverence in our belfries?’

‘In a book which has lately been published, called *A Guide to the Steeples of England*, I notice that the churches of Reading and the neighbourhood are, for the most part, conspicuous by their absence. On asking the author of that book for the reason of this, I am told that Berkshire, though by no means deficient in fine peals of bells, is yet singularly behind the other counties in its possession of real change-ringers. It is in the endeavour to remove this reproach from our county that an Association has been formed under the presidency of John Walter, M.P., of Bearwood, and a committee of clergymen, which has the cultivation of this beautiful science immediately in view.

‘The Association at present embraces the Churches of Wokingham (All Saints) and St. Paul’s, Arborfield, Hurst, Sonning, and Wargrave. Already some gentlemen living in those parishes have become honorary members of the Society, and others are invited to do the same, if only to help forward the object it has in view with their subscriptions. Any one within the deanery, whose parish is not fortunate enough to possess a peal of bells, but who is capable of taking his bell through what is termed a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, is eligible to become a performing member of the Society on a small yearly payment.

‘Perhaps some of your readers may not be aware of the vast difference which exists between that which is called “round ringing,” which has been the custom at Wargrave till quite recently, and “change-ringing.” “Round-ringing” produces the same change or the same sequence of the bells rung over and over again till another change is called by the conductor; while on the other hand “change-ringing” would never permit the same change to be struck twice successively; for instance, in five-bell changes—when the bells leave their natural order, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5—they would at every blow strike in a different order, till they had struck 120 blows, when they would be brought home again to their original order. Thus six bells would produce 720 changes, seven bells 5040 changes, and so on. It will be easily seen which system is most likely to gratify the ear and to call into play intelligence, accuracy, quickness of eye and ear. All that the “round-ringer” does is simply to perform a dull monotonous manual exercise, which makes no demand upon his brain, and as often as not drives him to the public-house to drown his weariness, while the listener looks forward to the time when the bells will cease from troubling him. But the “change-ringer,” on the contrary, unassisted by note, or manuscript of any sort, has to guide himself in his intricate course by the closest observation of the fall of the ropes. He has to poise his bell, which is sometimes as much as a ton weight, at every stroke, and notwithstanding his change of position in every change of the bells, he is expected to strike in such perfect time that a very small fraction of a second is an appreciable error. The science itself is of such a fascinating kind when once learnt that a country squire, who is a great rider to hounds and a keen sportsman, declared at a Church Congress not long since that working his bell through the intricacies of a peal of 5040 changes in 2 hrs. and 40 mins. had given him far greater excitement and interest than he ever obtained in his best run or in his hottest corner at the cover-side. It is indeed a standing disgrace to our Church that so little notice has hitherto been taken of the grand old bells which have been hung in our belfries, often at a cost of over a thousand pounds. Who would have supposed that our parishioners could so long have endured that six or eight rich musical notes should for years have been struck in the scale which a child first uses on learning the piano? All lovers of Church bells may now hope that a better state of things is in store for us.

1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	

‘We understand that a similar Association has been formed to embrace the Churches of East Bucks and South Bucks, and we hope very soon to hear that Reading itself has formed a Society for the same Society.

‘I am happy to be able to add that all the Wargrave ringers are now eligible to join the Association, as each has succeeded in taking his bell through one hundred and twenty changes, or all the changes possible upon five bells. This is the first time such a thing has been accomplished by a set of Wargrave Ringers since the bells were hung more than two hundred years ago. I hope that many will join the Association as honorary members, if only to help forward the admirable object it has in view with their annual subscriptions of five shillings. Already gentlemen in the other parishes mentioned have become members, and I trust Wargrave will not be slow to follow this example.

HERBERT C. STURGES.’

1st Course.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	4	1	6	3	7	5	8	9
4	7	8	9	2	1	6	5	3
7	9	4	1	8	6	2	5	3
6	3	9	2	5	1	7	8	4
3	1	8	4	6	9	2	7	5
1	4	9	7	3	6	8	5	2
4	7	1	6	9	8	3	5	2
8	2	7	3	5	6	4	9	1
6	1	2	4	9	8	5	7	
6	1	4	3	2	5	9	7	8
4	1	6	5	2	3			
4	1	3	6	2	5			
4	1	5	3	2	6			
5	1	4	6	2	3			
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3	1	6	4	2	5			
2	1	5	4	3	6			
5	1	2	6	3	4			
5	1	4	2	3	6			
5	1	6	4	3	2			
6	1	5	2	3	4			
6	1	4	5	3	2			
4	1	6	2	3	5			
4	1	5	6	3	2			
4	1	2	5	3	6			

A Peal of Stedman's Caters.

Sir,—In *Church Bells* of May 1st appears

a peal of 5001 Stedman's Caters, by Mr.

Nelms, having the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and

6th regularly behind the 9th, in which it is

claimed to be the least number of changes

possible with the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and

6th behind the 9th. For the information of

your readers, I beg to state that I have been

more successful, having obtained a peal with

the same properties in one change less,

and more difficult to obtain, inasmuch as

4 1 3 2 5 6 cannot be admitted when the 5th

is behind the 9th.

Annexed is the peal, which was rung

at St. Clement Danes, April 17, 1857, by

the College Youths. *vide* Banister's last

edition, 1879, p. 127.

These 9 courses, thrice repeated, produce 2 1 5 3 6 4; the following bobs complete the peal:—

1	3	4	7	2	6	5	8	9
7	8	3	9	6	4	1	5	2
4	2	8	1	5	9	7	6	3
2	9	4	6	1	5	8	3	7
2	9	6	5	4	8	1	3	7
5	3	7	1	9	2	8	4	6

Round at one six and two changes.

283 Globe Road, Bethnal Green, E.

H. W. HALEY.

New Bells at St. George's, near Bristol.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., the parish church of St. George's, near Bristol, which was totally destroyed by fire in December, 1878, was reopened by the Bishop of the diocese, Dr. Ellicott. A ring of six bells by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, are highly spoken of, hung by Mr. Alfred York, and fitted with Ellacombe's chiming-hammers. Four of the bells are reported to be ‘maiden.’

At Braughing, Herts.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., the Bennington Society visited Braughing upon the occasion of the ringing anniversary, where they rang a selection of 3500 changes in the several methods of Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, London Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, and Cambridge Surprise Major. Tenor, 18 cwt. in F.

At Rainhall, Norfolk.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, including Mr. James Barrett, of London, seven being members of the Royal Cumberland Society, rang 5024 changes of Oxford Treble Bob at St. Mary's Church, in 3 hrs. The peal was composed by Mr. Henry Dains. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Tann, sen., 2; W. Matthews, 3; J. Tann, jun., 4; J. Harris, 5; N. Young, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Madin, 8. Weight of Tenor 24 cwt., key D.

At Staveley, Derbyshire.

ON the 15th inst. seven members of the Staveley Society, assisted by Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, rang Mr. John Holt's Original One-Course peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. E. Clare, 1; J. Broadhead, 2; S. Wood (conductor), 3; W. Worthington, 4; J. Harris, 5; N. Young, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Madin, 8. Weight of tenor 18 cwt. 3 qrs. [Those marked * first peal in the method.]

RECEIVED.—Newington Tablets; R. Oram; Robt. Williams; Geo. H. Hughes; R. Flaxman; J. W. Eaton; W. J. Chatterton; H. Lipscomb; G. H. Harris; R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Bishopric of Travancore and Cochin.

SIR,—You speak of the 'unprecedented anomaly' of the new Bishop of Travancore and Cochin having taken oaths of canonical obedience to three Bishops. An anomaly it is, indeed, but the extract you print from the *Indian Church Gazette* correctly states the circumstances that rendered it inevitable.

Put the matter thus:—To which of the three—the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Metropolitan of India, or the Bishop of Madras—ought Bishop Speechly to have taken the oath? (1) Most people would say, 'To the Metropolitan of India.' But in that case Dr. Speechly could not have been consecrated at all, at least by English or Indian Bishops, who are State Bishops. For Travancore and Cochin being semi-independent States, are not technically in the Queen's dominions, so that a consecration under royal mandate can only take place through the provisions of the Jerusalem Bishopric Act, and that Act only provides for an oath of obedience to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Moreover, Travancore and Cochin being 'protected' States under the Presidency of Madras, the Madras Government insisted that the new Bishop should be responsible to the Bishop of Madras in respect of any Government chaplains in those States. (2) Should the oath have been to the Bishop of Madras only? In this case, equally, the consecration could not have taken place; besides which, the Metropolitan of India would very properly have objected. (3) Should the oath have been to the Archbishop only? This would have been to cut off the new see from the ecclesiastical province of India and Ceylon altogether.

No doubt there was a fourth alternative, viz. to have no such see as Travancore and Cochin at all. Would you, sir, have desired that? The fact is, Travancore is just the one place where a beginning can best be made with the Native Episcopate we all hope to see one day in India. Probably we may soon have native bishops in Tinnevely, which is ripe for them. But it is hard to see how, at present, they can be anything there but suffragans of Madras, which is obviously not the best form for the Native Episcopate to take. But Travancore not being technically in Madras diocese, there is room for an independent see, and while it was no doubt well to show the large and increasing Anglican Church of Travancore what a bishop should be by sending an Englishman to be their first chief pastor, it is to be hoped that his successors will all be natives. I should have thought that under these circumstances all Churchmen would have rejoiced at this new Bishopric being founded, even with the disadvantage of three oaths! Is the coldness with which some regard it owing to the fact that it was promoted by the C. M. S.?

S.

Wesley on Separation from the Church.

SIR,—It may be interesting to some of your readers, at the present time, to see John Wesley's own words on the subject of separating from the Established Church. In his fifty-fourth sermon, delivered April 21, 1777, he uses the following remarkable language:—'They (the Methodists) have spent several days in a general conference upon this very question: "Is it expedient (supposing, not granting, that it is lawful) to separate from the Established Church?" But still they could not see sufficient cause to depart from their first resolution. So that their fixed purpose is, let the clergy or laity use them well or ill, by the grace of God to endure all things, to hold on their even course, and to continue in the Church maugre men or devils, unless God permits them to be thrust out.' Further on, in the same discourse, after disclaiming any connexion with the separation of Mr. Whitfield and others, he thus sums up:—'Now let every impartial person judge whether we are accountable for any of these. None of these have any manner of connexion with the original Methodists. They are branches broken off from the tree: if they break from the Church also we are not accountable for it. These, therefore, cannot make our glorying void, that we do not, will not, form any separate sect, but from principle remain what we always have been—true members of the Church of England.'

R. A. J.

Proper Services on Certain Holy Days.

SIR,—Respecting the diversity of practice which prevails when a saint's day falls on a Sunday, alluded to by 'A Country Clergyman,' permit me to suggest that the difficulty may be met by following the order of the *Sarum* 'use,' of which our Prayer-book is a revision. The following is the pre-Reformation classification of Sundays and holy days, omitting the days struck out at the Reformation.—Principal Privileged Sundays: Advent Sunday, the fifth in Lent (Passion Sunday), the sixth in Lent (Palm Sunday). Greater Privileged: the remaining Sundays in Advent and Lent, Septuagesima, &c. Ordinary Sundays (semi-doubles). Principal Double Feasts: Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, Whit-Sunday. Greater Doubles: The Purification, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day. Lesser Doubles: St. Stephen, St. John Evangelist, Holy Innocents, the Circumcision, the Annunciation, Low Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in Easter and Whitsun weeks, Nativity of St. John Baptist. Inferior Doubles: the remaining saints' days. Principal Ferias: week-days from Passion Sunday till Maundy Thursday. Principal Privileged Sundays take precedence of all feasts, and a Dedication festival falling thereon should be omitted or transferred. Greater Privileged supersede Lesser and Inferior Doubles, but all double feasts (so called from the double invitatory) take entire precedence of ordinary Sundays. Thus St. Mark takes precedence of the fourth Sunday after Easter; but Septuagesima supersedes St. Matthias. Principal Ferias supersede all feasts; but as our Prayer-book does not warrant translation of holy days, the collect for the Saints' Day should be said (except, perhaps, the collect for the Annunciation on Good Friday). The nomenclature of the old 'use' may appear antiquated, but I think the principle may well be extended to our present Prayer-book as the best solution of a difficulty for which the Anglican Liturgy makes no provision.

H. A. B.

Cheap Churches.

SIR,—In answer to the remarks on the above subject by your correspondent, Mr. H. T. Tilley, allow me to say that his suggestion about placing a bell in an open turret is a thing to be condemned. In places where there is no steeple, and only one small bell, the latter should always be protected from the weather, and also be accessible for oiling, or mending the rope when necessary, without the aid of long ladders. It is a great mistake to suppose that a bell, because it is only small (say from two to three cwt.), requires no attention for many years after it is hung. A bell of this kind should be hung in the same manner as one of a peal. A lever may answer the same purpose as a wheel for tolling; but on no account attach a chain to it with the idea of its standing the weather better, as this will weigh the bell up, and make it awkward to toll. The best way to hang small bells is to provide a small, round, or octagonal cupola at one corner of the church, sufficiently large to allow the bell to swing, and provide an upright fixed iron ladder inside whereby the bell may be got at in a few minutes when required, for the purpose of oiling, or in case of a rope breaking.

J. R. JERRAM.

Hoods.

SIR,—I saw a remark under this head to the effect that literates could obtain the B.A. degree at Durham under exceptionally favourable circumstances. This is not the case. Some of the Theological Colleges have been affiliated to the University of Durham, much to the disgust of not a few of the students, past and present. Passmen of such Theological Colleges can obtain the Durham B.A. after a year's residence, provided they pass an examination which generally ploughs at least fifty per cent of those who attempt it.

EX-SCHOLAR OF DURHAM UNIVERSITY.

Foundation of the See of Llandaff.

SIR,—I see from a date-book, which I often make use of, that the Bishopric of Llandaff was founded in the year 180 of the Christian era, or just 1700 years ago.

I have not noticed any announcement of any festival to commemorate the event, but I trust that so interesting an anniversary will have due recognition at the hands of the authorities of the city, where Dubritius was appointed bishop 1700 years ago, the first of a long line. I remember that a few years ago, the twelve-hundredth anniversary of the foundation of Ely Cathedral was celebrated, and eight years ago there was a celebration of the thousandth anniversary of University College, Oxford. Surely the anniversary of the establishment of Episcopacy in the land should be duly honoured. We have just established a new see in the north: let us give prominence also to the foundation of the first see of the old British Church.

LANCASTRIENSIS.

Weak Sight.

SIR,—Having seen in your weekly paper mention of Bishop Callaway's being compelled to give up his missionary labours for the present, and return to England, owing to failure of sight, I am desirous of your inserting a remedy, which has lately come to my personal knowledge, of a *gradual restoration* of sight to a person of about 55 years of age, whose eyes had been pronounced to have cataract by a clever medical practitioner, and that nothing could be done till sufficiently advanced to be operated on. This person heard, some time afterwards, that the simple process of anointing three times daily, with *pure and fresh* honey, first cleansing the lids of the eyes before applying it, would remove cataract. She tried the remedy successfully, and though now obliged to wear magnifying glasses for reading, can otherwise see comfortably.

DEVONIENSIS.

THE Bishop of Truro acknowledges 1s. from 'A. J. W., Streatham,' for the Cathedral Fund.

RECEIVED ALSO:—S. W. Kershaw; A. Adams; S. Clarke; Sunday-school Teacher; A. G. Maitland; Rector; L. D. T.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above will be held at Halesworth on Monday, June 7. Members intending to be present are requested to communicate with the secretary as soon as possible. G. H. HARRIS, *Hon. Sec.*
Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the above Association was held at Haslingden on the 8th inst., under the presidency of the Rev. Weldon Champneys, M.A., Rural Dean, who was supported by the Rev. Thos. F. Collins, M.A., Rector of St. James's Kirk, and others. Members were present from Manchester, Bolton, Leigh, Whitefield, Church, Padiham, &c. After tea, which had taken place at the 'Coffee Tavern,' Haslingden, the members adjourned to the School Room. The Rev. W. Champneys, M.A., said he was glad to welcome the Association to Haslingden, and had great pleasure in becoming an honorary member of the Association. He had always taken an interest in bell-ringing from the time when he rang at Oxford. He thought it was a good and laudable object of the Society to issue a prayer to be used before ringing, in order to remind those who were in the belfry of the part they were taking in God's Service. He said that the bells had been consecrated to a holy use, and ought to be used in a holy, religious way, and not for any mere secular purpose. He wished the Association every success.

On Whit-Monday, the 17th inst., a company of the above rang, at Runcorn (Cheshire) Parish Church, a date touch, of 1880 changes, in 1 hr. 10 mins. Gough, 1; F. C. Newton, 2; P. Johnstone, 3; J. Large, 4; S. M. Turner, 5; J. Aspinwall (composer), 6; G. W. Hughes (conductor) 7; J. Leadbetter, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [No method denoted.]

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE members of this Association mustered in large force at the Quarterly Meeting at North Shields, on Whit Monday, representing Bishop Wearmouth, Darlington, Durham, Morpeth, Newton Hall, Newcastle, North and South Shields, Stockton, Whitby, Willington, and Winton. At two o'clock sixty-five sat down to dinner at the Albion Hotel, the Rev. T. Brutton, Vicar of North Shields, presiding; there being also present Revs. A. H. Ashwell and E. S. Spooner. During the day various touches were rung at North Shields, of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major; at South Shields, Plain Bob, College Singles, and Kent Treble Bob Minor; and at Whitley, some Bob Minor. The day's proceedings were brought to a close by ceasing the ten in peal soon after nine o'clock. A comparison of this meeting with the inaugural meeting held here two and a half years ago, showed a great increase in the ringing power of the diocese, the change-ringing being not only better, but more ringers were able to take part in it. On Tuesday a party of ringers representing Newcastle, North Shields, and Stockton, met at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, and rang, in 28 minutes, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. R. Smith, 1; J. Gibson, 2; J. Power, 3; W. Reed, 4; R. Willans, 5; G. J. Clarkson, (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19 cwt. The Annual Meeting will be held on the last Monday in August at Durham.

Criticisms invited on 'Rope-Sight.'

SIR,—Having received a large number of applications for copies of *Rope-sight*, now out of print, I have decided to issue a second edition. In this new edition I wish to make as many improvements as possible, I shall therefore be obliged to any ringers who will favour me with criticisms on the original edition. As those who do not previously understand the matters to be explained are the best judges of such explanations, I shall be particularly obliged to any beginners, who have used my book, who will point out passages in which the meaning is obscure, and might, with advantage, be expanded or more clearly expressed.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

Stedman's Caters.

SIR,—I wish to compliment Mr. H. W. Haley upon his success in obtaining the peal reported in *Church Bells* of the 22nd inst. But I fail to see how this peal can be classed with mine, as the two peals do not compare one with another. Upon reference to *Church Bells* of the 1st inst., it will be seen that my peal is as near as possible in five repeating parts, besides retaining the bells in the Tittum position for half a course, or fifty-four changes more than Mr. Haley's peal; while it will also be seen that Mr. Haley's is not a peal with five repeating parts, one being called different to the other. For the information of your readers Mr. Haley should have stated that he obtained his peal by going off with a Slow Six direct, while mine is obtained by the usual way, viz., 2 1 3 5 4. As to the difficulty in omitting 4 1 3 2 5 6 in Mr. Haley's peal, I may say that 3 1 6 4 2 5 and 6 1 5 4 2 3 are inadmissible changes in my peal, with the 2nd behind the 9th.

JOHN NELMS.

Change-ringing Society for Kent.

A meeting was held in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral on Whit-Tuesday, when a Change-ringing Society was formed, under the title of the 'Kent County Association of Change-ringers.' The chair was taken by the Dean, and there were between 100 and 150 ringers present from all parts of the county. At a subsequent Committee Meeting about a dozen bands were admitted to the Society, besides several who joined as probationers. During the day the bells of the Cathedral, St. Stephen's, St. Dunstan's, and Holy Cross were kept going. The Society has for its President the Archbishop of Canterbury, and applications for admission are to be sent to the Hon. Sec. the Rev. R. K. Hugessen, Mersham Rectory, Ashford.

New Bells at Dartington, Devon.

We are requested by Messrs. Warner to state that the new bells lately supplied by them, were hung by Messrs. Hooper and Stokes of Woodbury, Devon. The bells and the hanging are highly spoken of.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Date Touch at Holy Trinity, Hull, Yorkshire.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, a touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. Chaffer, 1; A. Taylor, 2; J. Dixey, 3; J. W. Stickney, 4; S. Slingsby, 5; T. Stockdale, 6; C. Jackson (composer and conductor), 7; F. Merrison, 8. The above touch contains all the 6-7's. Tenor, 25 cwt.

Muffled Peal at St. Peter's Cathedral Church, Liverpool.

On Thursday evening, the 13th inst., ten members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 5039 changes, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. R. Williams, sen., 1; G. Helsby, 2; J. Brown, 3; E. Booth, 4; W. Woodhead, 5; J. Egerton, 6; H. Beck, 7; R. Williams, jun. (conductor), 8; T. Hammond, 9; W. Brooks, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. The above was rang as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Heron, sen., who died April 27, aged 78 years. He had been connected with the ringing societies for over 60 years.

At Stretford, Lancashire.

On Thursday evening, May 13th, six members of the Lancashire Association visited St. Matthew's Church, Stretford, and rang a peal of 720 of Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. J. Chatterton, 1; James Bentley, 2; W. Hargreaves, 3; A. Wood (conductor), 4; E. Ettock, 5; W. Roberts, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At Titmarsh, Northamptonshire.

On Whit-Sunday the bells of St. Mary's rang for the early celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and between the morning and afternoon services a peal of 720 changes of Grandsire Minor, with 26 singles, in 27½ mins. W. Upchurch, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; H. Upchurch, 3; R. Billings, 4; J. Billings, jun., 5; J. T. Allen (conductor), 6. Tenor, 21 cwt.; key E.

At St. Lawrence's, Slough, Bucks.

On Whit-Sunday morning was rung consecutively six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. W. Leader, 1; W. Fussell, 2; B. Flaxman (conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Purser, 5; G. Garrard, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Change-ringing at Bennington, Herts.

On Whit-Sunday, for the morning service, was rang 448 of Cambridge Surprise, and for the afternoon service 1344 of Superlative Surprise. N. Warner, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, 3; J. Kitchener, 4; S. Page, 5; N. J. Pitstow (of Saffron Walden), 6; C. Shambrook, 7; T. Page, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Beckenham, Kent.

On Whit-Monday, the 17th inst., six members of the Lewisham Society rang at the Parish Church a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, in 29 mins. G. French, jun., 1; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 2; E. Dunn, 3; C. E. Golds, 4; H. Freeman, 5; G. Freeman, 6. Tenor, 1 ton.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., seven members of the Redenhall Society, with Mr. James Barrett, all being members of the above Association and of the Royal Cumberland Society, rang 5088 changes of Oxford Treble Bob at St. Mary's Church, Bungay, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. The peal was composed by H. Dains. E. Smith (conductor), 1; W. Matthews, 2; G. Prime, 3; Rev. A. Bolingbroke, 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Barrett, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in key F.

At Ashtead, Surrey.

On Whit-Monday a mixed company of change-ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation), containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 46 mins. W. Lipscomb, 1; C. Boxall, 2; W. Webb, 3; T. Miles, 4; H. T. Lipscomb, 5; R. Harden (conductor), 6; T. Hawkins, 7; J. Turner, 8.

Visit of the Longbaton (Derbyshire) Ringers to Wymeswold, Leicestershire.

On Whit-Monday, the 17th inst., several members of the above Society, with Messrs. J. W. Taylor & Son, Bellfounders, of Loughborough, and Mr. F. Sephton, of Derby, visited the above place, and, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Walker, the following mixed band rang 720 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins. A. Widdowson, 1; S. Clarke, 2; I. W. Taylor, jun., 3; F. Sephton, 4; W. Gibson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6.

The following band also rang 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins. J. Brooks* (conductor), 1; R. Hickton, 2; W. Taylor, jun., 3; J. Gutterage* (76 years old), 4; R. S. S. Walker, Esq., 5; J. W. Taylor, sen., 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in key G. [Those marked * are Wymeswold ringers.]

Afterwards, several 6-scores of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Doubles were rung, and a very happy day was spent by all present.

At St. Mary's, Coddensham, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 17th inst., a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, comprising 5184 changes, was rung in 3 hrs. 4 mins. at the above church, by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637):—D. Prentice, 1; H. E. Bevan, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; H. Howell, 4; W. L. Catchpole, 5; R. Hawes, 6; E. Horrex, 7; E. Reeve, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. The peal was composed and conducted by D. Prentice, and is the first of the method and the longest rung on the bells.

THE PEAL.

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2	3	4	5	6
3	6	4	5	2
2	3	5	6	4
4	2	6	3	5
6	3	4	2	5
2	5	3	4	6

By calling two in the middle and one before in the first course of each part will produce 5280.

VARIATION.

2	3	4	5	6	M.	B.	W.	H.
3	2	6	5	4	-	1	2	
6	5	3	2	4		1	1	
2	3	5	6	4		2	2	
5	4	6	3	2	2	-	2	
2	5	3	4	6		-	2	2

By calling one in the middle and one before, and omitting two in the wrong in the third course in each part, will produce 5088.

Each twice repeated.

At Horsham, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., were rung at St. Mary's Church, some touches of Oxford Bob Triples, amounting to several thousand changes. The first 504 were rung by G. Jenkins, 1; E. Knight, 2; J. Dale, 3; G. Ropley, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Bishop, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At Bromley, Kent.

On Saturday evening, the 22nd inst., four of the Bromley ringers, assisted by four from Greenwich, rang at St. Peter's and Paul's Church Holt's Original One-course Peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. Golds, 1; T. Durling, 2; T. Taylor, 3; I. G. Shade (conductor), 4; E. Dunn, 5; C. E. Golds, 6; H. J. Shade, 7; W. Foreman (first peal), 7. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in key F.

At Garston, Lancashire.

THE following members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang at St. Michael's a peal of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. P. Barton, 1; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 2; J. Large, 3; R. Rowlands, 4; S. M. Turner, 5; G. W. Hughes, 6; Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At Debenham, Suffolk.

THE eight bells of the above church (tenor 20, cwt.), having been rehung by Messrs. Day and Son, were reopened on Whit-Monday. There was a goodly attendance of ringers. The Rev. G. H. Harris and G. F. W. Meadows, Esq., were amongst the visitors, as also ringers from London, Ipswich, Woodbridge, &c. Touches of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, were rung throughout the day.

RECEIVED.—Herbert Sturges; W. Houghton; Thos Clark; John Wise; Mr. Seaman; B. Reeble; Henry Hayes; W. Lee; and others.

the condition of the people of Ireland would always be one of poverty and distress under any circumstances. Even supposing the present Government were to give them land for nothing, he did not think it would better their condition one bit, they were too fond of idleness, and sought for luxuries that did not belong to men in their condition of life. They are always being led by dishonest agitators, who had themselves nothing in the world to lose.' The *Freeman* thought the sermon worthy of a leader, and Mr. Doyle was obliged to write an explanatory letter which, however, left the principal points in the sermon very much as they were.

The result of the election petitions up to the present has been as follows: Judgment has been given against the petitioner in the case of Athlone, and Sir John Lubbock retains his seat, but pays his costs as, in the opinion of the judge, there were matters that required looking into. Mr. Dick withdraws the petition against Mr. McCoan, the sitting member for Wicklow; and in Bandon, Captain Percy Bernard accepts the Chiltern Hundreds, and thus creates a vacancy which is likely to be filled by the petitioner, Mr. Allman, who in case he is returned will sit on the Liberal side of the House.

Great indignation is expressed in this morning's papers at the threatened abolition of the time-honoured office of the Ulster King of arms, which was created so far back as 1551 by patent of Edward VI.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Cheap Churches.

SIR,—The important question of cheap churches has surely very little indeed to do with towers and spires, or the hanging of bells. It is better to attempt nothing in this direction than to put up a pretentious failure which shall hereafter stand in the way of something better being done. The like principle would seem to apply to the church itself, but that the necessities of the case are often wholly different; and in many instances it is better to erect something which shall efficiently serve for the purposes of public worship, than defer the spiritual work of building up the congregation, till a more desirable fabric can be obtained.

But the question of building a cheap church is not even one of useful or ornamental accessories which can be added subsequently. It is mainly a matter of dimension, proportion, and substantiality, upon which, more than upon anything else, depends the architectural or æsthetic effect of the building. How far meagreness in these respects may be justified by necessity, and the special circumstances of the case, is the *real* question at issue.

Apart from the impressiveness of a building architecturally, its fitness for public worship may, to a large extent, be made up by its fittings and ritual accessories and arrangements. But walls and arches, roofs and windows, which may yet be sufficient for actual stability, though grievously wanting in height, shadow, depth, and massiveness, *cannot* be doubled at a subsequent period to produce the required effect; and it is upon these things, and such as these, that the cost primarily depends. An ample illustration of this may be found in the range of cost of churches ordinarily from 5*d.* or 6*d.* up to 1*s.* 3*d.* to 1*s.* 6*d.* per foot of the cubical contents of the building, the same ratio being applicable equally to the tower and spire, which may or may not be attached to it.

WILLIAM WHITE, F.S.A.

Church Work in Paris.

SIR,—Perhaps the writer of the article in *Church Bells* of March 13th, headed 'Church Work in Paris,' will be glad to hear some account of the services at Christ Church, Neuilly, on Whit-Sunday, the result of which may lead him to the conclusion that his remarks were not made in vain. The chancel was decorated with flowers, tastefully arranged by ladies of the congregation. The Choir were vested in surplices, their demeanour showing a marked improvement on that commented on by your correspondent. The musical part of the service was fully choral, and the responses sung to Tallis' setting; the *Te Deum* and *Benedictus* to Dykes, in F; while Attwood's anthem, *Veni Creator Spiritus*, was really very creditably sung. Dr. Geikie preached an admirable sermon, in which he most reasonably accounted for the various additions to the service that day, ably vindicating the propriety of employing God's gift of flowers in adorning His temple.

To those who long to see our Church services in Paris performed as they ought to be, the above account may be encouraging.

ANGLICANUS.

Weak Sight.

SIR,—Having read in your last week's number of a successful cure for cataract of the eye, by means of a simple remedy, I shall feel most grateful if 'Devoniensis' would now kindly communicate with me personally, with a view to further information on this important matter, at the following address.

Scarborough.

EDWARD BLUNT.

Sunday Schools.

SIR,—I think a *Catechism for Church Schools*, compiled by the Rev. F. Burn Harvey, M.A., would meet the want felt by 'Mr. E. J. Taylor' and others. I have found it much appreciated by elder girls in our Sunday Schools, and it gives definite Church teaching without controversy. It is published by W. Smith, 6 Paternoster Row. Price 6*d.* and 1*s.*

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER.

Encaustic Tiles.

SIR,—I wish to obtain some Encaustic Tiles to affix to the wall of this churchyard, some numbered I. to XV., others lettered A to W., about six inches square, black letters and figures on white ground. Can any of your readers tell me where such things can be obtained?

Camborne.

ARTHUR ADAMS.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Sonning Deanery Society of Change-ringers.

THE *Wargrave Parish Magazine* contains the following letter:—

'SIR,—Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking those gentlemen in the parish who have, with scarcely any exceptions, so kindly and liberally given their support to this society. Some old inhabitants, while sending their subscriptions, write "that they were quite satisfied with the bells as they were, and that they cannot see the utility of ringing all these changes," others ask, "why these bell practices in the week? We like the bells modestly chimed to summon the parishioners to church." One correspondent even goes so far as to say "that he thinks the clergy of the neighbourhood are becoming inflicted with a monomania on the subject of change-ringing." In answer to these letters, which are heartily welcome, since they show that the parishioners take a keen interest in all that concerns their old parish church, let me say that the subject of belfry reform has been forced upon the clergy, by the bad name which ringers—I do not say in Wargrave—have in many places earned for themselves. In fact, in some people's minds, "beer-drinking" and "bell-ringing" are so much associated together that I know of many instances where young men have been warned by their parents and employers to have nothing to do with bell-ringing, if, as the expression is, they wish to keep the moth out of their clothes. The "monomania" of the clergy is to wipe off this reproach from what certainly ought to be a sober and solemn employment. The object of the bells is that they should be heard all over the parish to call upon the people in God's name, to assemble for public worship, or in the old Latin lines—

"Tintinnabulum sonat!
Laudo Deum verum, plebem voco, congrego clerum
Defunctos ploro, pestem fugo, festa decoro."

'It is well known that nowadays you cannot find six or eight intelligent young men to perform, Sunday by Sunday, a purely mechanical exercise, such as "chiming," or "call-change-ringing," simply for the love of the thing. As the barrel-organ has become a thing of the past, so we hope that the old system of ringing church bells will soon be a thing of the past too. In "change-ringing" we have a manly English art, peculiar to this country for more than 200 years, and practised in 315 churches that I know of—of course in a great many more; an art, moreover, that precludes the possibility of any excessive drinking, and which is ever exercising the brains and intelligence of those who practise it. The clergy naturally feel that the introduction of this beautiful science into our belfries will soon put an end to the reproach now resting on bell-ringers. In the Wargrave tower we have now been hard at work for six months, often practising for three evenings a-week, and have just accomplished all the one hundred and twenty changes possible on the five bells, with the tenor always last. This peal we ring in five minutes, when the bells come round for one blow in their natural order, when we start again at the next blow with another one hundred and twenty, and so on, till we have rung some eight or nine hundred changes. On May 22nd, at Wokingham, the Wargrave Ringers, at the annual meeting, when about thirty ringers were assembled, satisfied the committee of their proficiency, and received the certificate of membership. Their names were—H. Barefield, C. Guy, A. Sadler, J. Weston, B. Robbins, D. Weston.

'Apologising for the annoyance we have caused to the ears of the parishioners by our inefficiency, I am, yours obediently,

HERBERT STURGES.'

Belfry-reform Meeting at Canterbury.

A MEETING of gentlemen interested in the art of change-ringing was held in the chapter-house of the cathedral on Tuesday, 18th ult. The purpose of the meeting was to take the preliminary steps to form an association of change-ringers, the object of which would be to promote belfry reform, and encourage the revival of the ancient and noble art of change-ringing. The Very Rev. the Dean presided, and amongst the company we noticed the Mayor, the Bishop of Dover, Bishop Oxenden, Archdeacon Harrison, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen of Mersham, Rev. G. A. Lewis of Maidstone, Rev. J. R. Hall of Hunton, Rev. F. E. Tuke of Borden, Col. Knight, &c. A few ladies also were present. The chairman spoke of the desirability of bringing the ringers of the county into close relationship with the clergy, and interesting the latter in the art which it was the desire of that meeting to revive. A resolution, moved by the Bishop of Dover, declaring it to be desirable to form the association, was carried. Subsequently the rules were drawn up, and the officers of the Association appointed.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE first Anniversary Meeting of this Association was held at Writtle on Whitsun-monday. The Association was established early last year, the Rev. J. B. Seaman, Curate-in-charge of Writtle, being Honorary Secretary. Ringers in a considerable number of parishes in the county are now connected with the Society, in addition to many clergymen, and meetings have been held in various parts of the county. The object of the Association is not only to cultivate and improve ringing, and to rescue our belfries from the state of neglect into which they have very generally fallen, but to make ringers feel that we look upon them as helpers in Church work, and, by associating with them in these friendly meetings, raise their tone of self-respect, and thus promote order, moral tone, and reverence in belfries and in the service of the bells. On Monday morning the belfry at Writtle church was opened at half-past nine, and ringing took place from that time until half-past twelve, when service was held in the church. Subsequently between forty and fifty members sat down to dinner in the school-room, Mr. Seaman presiding, being supported by Canon Carey and other clergymen. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and ringing afterwards took place on the church bells. A set of new ropes for Writtle bells was presented by Mrs. T. Osborne in commemoration of the day.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. B. Seaman; G. Day; G. A. Taylor; J. Wilkinson; F. E. Robinson.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

New Ring of Six Bells at Rostrevor, Ireland.

Messrs. TAYLOR, of Loughborough, have lately supplied six bells for the above place. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. They are wholly devoid of inscription excepting the date and founders' name. They were opened on the 20th ult. by ringers from St. Thomas's Church, Belfast. A dedication service, most numerous attended, was held in the afternoon, when an appropriate and impressive sermon was preached by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Dromore.

Gloucester and Bristol Change-ringing Association.

THE Annual Festival of this Association will be held at Bristol on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Divine service at church of St. Mary Redcliffe at 12 o'clock, when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Canon Norris. Dinner at the Ship Inn, Redcliffe Hill, at 1.30, towards which each performing member will be allowed 1s. 6d. by the Association, if he gives notice. The Hon. Secretary particularly requests a reply before the 12th inst. from those who intend to be present. Performing members will kindly send word through their Committee-man.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE usual anniversary of ringers will take place at Lavenham on Monday, the 21st inst. All persons interested in change-ringing are respectfully invited to attend.

Augmented Ring of Bells.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., the new ring of bells at the Parish Church, Drayton, Berks, was opened with a peal of Grandsire Triples. A new treble and a new tenor have been added to the ring of six bells cast in 1871. The actual dedication of the two new bells took place at the early Celebration on the 27th, when immediately after the consecration of the blessed Sacrament the celebrant proceeded to the tower and struck three whole pulls on each of them, saying the words, 'The King is come unto thee, sound forth his praises for ever and ever. Praise Him on the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him on the loud cymbals.' In the afternoon the following members of the Appleton Society of Change-ringers rang a peal, of 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 12 mins.:—F. S. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; F. White, 3; G. Holifield, 4; W. Bennett, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor) 6; B. Barrett, 7; T. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt.; key G. In the course of the well-attended Evensong a short touch of Grandsire Triples was introduced with good effect. The bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, and the hanging was done by Mr. F. White, of Besselsleigh.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Whit-Sunday one peal of Plain Bob, fourteen bobs and singles, was rung at SS. Mary and Nicholas. J. Wilson, 1; J. Wright, 2; R. Clark, 3; E. Mason (Boston), 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

And on Trinity Sunday, for early Celebration, one peal of Plain Bob, three singles and nine extremes. J. Wilson, 1; J. Wright, 2; R. Creasey, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. Richardson, 5; W. Tyler (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Youlgreave, Derbyshire.

On Friday, the 21st ult., the Society of Ashton-under-Lyne visited Youlgreave, and, by the kind permission of the Vicar, rang Mr. Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, viz. 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. W. Burgess, 1; J. Bowcock, 2; G. Longden (conductor), 3; J. Gillott, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; S. Andrew, 6; L. Broadbent, 7; J. Andrew, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. 3 qrs.

At Hornchurch, Essex.

A PEAL of Bob Minor was rung at St. Andrew's on Saturday evening, the 22nd inst., in 32 mins., by three members of the Essex Association and three members of the Hornchurch Company. B. Keeble, 1; C. Finch, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; S. Rush, 4; G. Newson (conductor), 5; J. Dear, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At Bromley, Kent.

On Saturday evening, the 22nd ult., the following members of the Greenwich and Bromley Society of Change-ringers rang, at SS. Peter and Paul, Holt's Original One-Course peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 53 mins.:—J. Golds, 1; T. Durling (first peal), 2; T. Taylor, 3; G. Shade (conductor), 4; E. Dunn, 5; C. Golds, 6; H. J. Shade, 7; W. Foreman (first peal), 8.

At Church, Lancashire.

On Monday morning, the 24th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 28½ mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; T. Doran, 2; H. Hayes, 3; J. Eastwood, 4; W. Patterson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

Also in the evening, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, in six parts, with 22 singles, was rung in 28 mins. H. Hayes (conductor), 1; W. T. Haslam, 2; J. Bullock, 3; J. Pickles, 4; T. Doran, 5; W. Patterson, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Gargrave, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, 29th ult., the Gargrave Branch of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5024 changes Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 9 mins. Composed by Mr. J. Cox (Snowdon's Treatise, Part II., p. 85). H. Birtwhistle, 1; *W. Clarke, 2; J. T. Middlebrook, 3; A. Birtwhistle, 4; *H. Birtwhistle, 5; W. Mallinson, 6; C. Lancaster, 7; J. McKell (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [* First peal; and first peal on eight bells of all the performers.] This is the first peal on the bells since their reopening, Feb. 7th, on their augmentation to eight. This peal was successfully rung by the same company on Whit Monday last.

Date Touch at Ripon Cathedral.

On Monday evening, the 24th ult., the ringers of the above cathedral rang a date touch of 1880 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Shodder, sen., 1; W. Orton, 2; J. Lickley, 3; F. Shodden, 4; J. Shodden, 5; T. Clark, 6; J. Trevor (conductor), 7; H. Rumbold, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. in E. The peal was composed by Mr. T. Lockwood, of Leeds.

Date Touch at Great Yarmouth.

On Tuesday, the 25th ult., the St. Nicholas' Company of the Norwich Diocesan Association met at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth, and rang 1880 changes of Bob Major, having 678 at home at each course end, in 1 hr. 20 mins. F. W. F. Bray, 1; W. T. Blyth, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secret, 4; W. Lee (composer and conductor), 5; D. Hayward, 6; M. Long, 7; J. Matthews, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

At Little Heath, Essex.

On Monday evening, May 24th, in honour of her Majesty's birthday, six peals of Old Doubles were rung at St. James'. A. Porter, 1; B. Keeble (conductor), 2; A. Pye, 3; A. Pearce, 4; J. Pye, 5. Time, 26 mins.; tenor, 6½ cwt. Three months ago not one of the company, except the conductor, was able to ring a plain lead.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

On Sunday, the 30th May, for morning service, six members of the North Shields Branch of this Association rang at the parish church a peal of 720 Stedman's Double Slow Course Minor in 25 mins. J. Rossiter, 1; J. Hern, 2; R. Willans, 3; J. T. Gibson, 4; R. Smith, 5; W. Reed (conductor), 6; and S. Nott, tenor, as a cover. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At Shipley, Yorkshire.

On the 29th ult. a Touch of 1819 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, was rang in honour of Her Majesty's birthday in 68 mins. W. Wilks, 1; J. Crabtree, 2; W. Kendale, 3; J. H. Hardcastle, 4; T. Crabtree, 5; T. Joes, 6; J. Williamson, 7; T. Palliser, 8.

At Debenham, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5088 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 20 mins. The peal, composed by the late Mr. W. Garrard of Ipswich, was the first in that method ever rung on the bells. A. H. Baldry (conductor), Brandeston, 1; A. G. Day, Eye, 2; A. R. King, Framscden, 3; A. R. Huggins, Needham, 4; A. E. Sherwood, Wickham Market, 5; A. D. Collins, Worlingworth, 6; A. E. Collins, Worlingworth, 7; A. F. Day, Eye, 8. The bells have just been rehung by Messrs. G. Day and Son, Eye, and were opened on Whit Monday, May 17th. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Kenninghall, Norfolk.

On the 1st inst., eight members of the Kenninghall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang at St. Mary's Church, 5152 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 13 mins. W. Ozer, 1; R. Hutton, 2; G. Edwards, 3; C. Everett, 4; H. Eayling, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Morley (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. H. Hubbard, sen., of Leeds, this being the first time it has been rung. [Weight of tenor omitted.]

At Wood Green, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., a mixed band from Woodford and West Ham, assisted by Mr. G. Grice, of London, rang at St. Michael's Church a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; G. Grice, 4; W. Doran, 5; J. Gobbett, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.; key, G.

At Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincolnshire.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., the ringers of St. Peter-at-Gowts Church rang on the bells of the parish church, in 28 mins., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Harris, 1; G. Doughty, 2; P. Herrick, 3; E. Curtis (conductor), 4; C. Bingham, 5; W. Knowles, 6. Tenor, 25 cwt. This is the first 720 on the above bells. Touches of Grandsire Minor were also rung.

RECEIVED.—G. A. Taylor. Hand-bell work generally not noticed in our columns. Weight of tenor requested to be given with all peals. R. Tilbrook; Treble Bob; H. W. Haley; and others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

ST. MICHAEL'S, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

(Continued from p. 387.)

1088. This Tablet is put up to Commemorate a true and complete peal of Stedman Tribles, which was rung on the 6th day of February, 1861, being the first peal of that intricate Method ever rung on these bells, which was performed in 3 hours and 10 minutes, by the following persons:—

Wm. Hulme.	James Holt.	John Fowler.	Wm. Dupen.
John Farrish.	John Maurice.	Thos. Wright.	John Green.
Rev'd. C. A. J. Smith, Minister.			Wm. Bullock, } Wardens. John Dale, } Isaac Fowler, Sexton.

The above peal consists of 5040 changes.

[EMBLEM: Gilt Crown and Bell.]

1089. This Memorial was placed here in commemoration of the Society of change ringers having rang the first complete peal of changes ever rung in the Potteries. It was Holt's celebrated peal of Grandsire Tribles consisting of 5040 changes, which was performed in 3 hours and 3 minutes at Longton Old Church, on the 28th day of March, 1864, by the following persons:—

Wm. Hulme, First.	Edward Matthews,	Wm. Dupen, Sixth.
Wm. Ashworth, Second.	Fourth.	John Maurice, Seventh.
Thos. Wright, Third.	James Holt, Fifth.	Jas. Morledge, Eighth.

Conducted by Wm. Dupen.

A Tablet containing the above is also placed in Longton Church Tower.

of Capetown. Surely the present Primate of All England would not have objected to take a like course in the case of Dr. Speechly, if the parties promoting this consecration had shown a proper anxiety to escape the anomaly of more than one oath. Again, as to the alleged necessity of Dr. Speechly vowing obedience to the Bishop of Madras, I do not see why it would not have sufficed if the new prelate had simply received a 'commission' from that Bishop authorising him to exercise jurisdiction in his name over the one or two chaplains of the Madras Establishment stationed in Travancore. This, at any rate, is the simple way in which the Bishop of Gibraltar always has jurisdiction given him in the South of France by and on behalf of the Bishop of London—the former never taking an oath of obedience to the latter. Why should 'E. S.' conjecture that the anomaly at Bishop Speechly's consecration is objected to because the C.M.S. has to do with it? It will be time enough to import into the matter the rival of Societies, when the S.P.G. can be shown to partake in a like aberration from order. O. W. K.

Talks at Albery.

SIR,—In the letter signed 'H. M.' in your last issue, the writer falls into the common error of reading *πορνεία*, in Matt. v. 32, as if it were synonymous with *μοιχεία*, and upon that grounds his consent to the popular belief that our Lord sanctioned divorce for the cause of adultery. This is quite irreconcilable with a strict rendering of the words. Only an unmarried person can be guilty of *πορνεία*, and if, after marriage, a husband should discover that his wife had been unchaste when single, he might divorce her. This was not so much a dissolution of the marriage tie, as a declaration that no such tie had ever existed, because contracted upon false presumption. God cannot be held to have blessed such a union, and man is therefore free to sunder it. If 'H. M.' wishes to see the subject fully and ably treated, he can do so by reading a sermon, entitled *Christ and Human Law*, by Canon Liddon, which was preached, when I was at Oxford, as an Assize Sermon, and which, I remember, created some talk at the time. It was published, and is, I presume, still to be had. H. D.

SIR,—I am sorry that the 'Vicar's' words about divorce should have been misunderstood by 'H. M.' I imagine that the vast majority of Churchmen, including 'H. M.' and myself, are agreed on these two points: 1st, That separation from any cause other than adultery is forbidden; and, 2ndly, That, even where that one cause has, unhappily, justified separation, the re-marriage of either party in the lifetime of the other is forbidden, being accounted by our Lord Himself as *adultery*. The State, by that lamentable Act of 1857, which Keble called 'A Bill for legalising adultery,' virtually declared that re-marriage in the lifetime of a former consort *was*, under certain circumstances, lawful. Thus the Divorce Act is 'contrary to the true religion.' The 'Vicar's' words were, perhaps, somewhat loose, but, surely, not one Churchman in twenty can have misunderstood what was meant. THE AUTHOR.

THE Archdeacon of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, thanks an unknown friend for *Church Bells*.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. C. D. (we will communicate with you privately); Layman and S. S. Teacher; D. O. W.; K. G.; K. M. G. is thanked, but it is contrary to our custom to insert poetry in *Church Bells*; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Peal of Stedman's Caters.

SIR,—I wish to say a few words respecting 2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9 the 5001 Stedman's Caters by Mr. Nelms, which appeared in *Church Bells* of May 1st, and I will not trouble you again on this subject, but leave your readers to form their own opinions. Mr. Nelms stated that 5001 is the least possible number of changes in which 2 3 4 5 6 can be had regularly behind the 9th. This I answered by sending you a peal with one change less, with the same properties; and which has not the 2nd behind the 9th a second time, with the treble working in 2nd's place, which is the case in Mr. Nelms's peal from 2 1 3 4 6 5; bobs being afterwards called at 4 and 5, which places the 2nd behind the 9th, the treble at the same time working in 2nd's place for six Sixes previous to the 7th making the bob.

I beg to enclose a 5001, with 6 5 4 3 2 regularly behind the 9th, which has not any bell behind the 9th a second time, with the treble in 2nd's place, and which contains six more changes in the titum position. It was first rung on hand-bells by five members of the College Youths, on Jan. 5, 1855, *Vide* Banister's last edition, p. 128.

The last twelve Sixes of Mr. Nelms's peal are the same as the last twelve in this peal.

This part thrice repeated produces 6 1 5 4 2 3. The following bobs complete the peal:—

5 3 1 8 9 7 6 4 2
3 8 7 4 5 9 1 2 6
4 2 6 1 8 3 9 5 7

H. W. HALEY.

Date Touch at St. Nicholas, Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

ON Wednesday, the 19th ult., five of the Kemerton ringers, with the assistance of Mr. E. Wallace, of Ashchurch, rang a Date Touch of 1880 changes in 1 hr. 7 mins.: 80 changes of Grandsire Doubles, 1440 of Grandsire Minor, and 360 of Bob Minor. C. Whittle, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux, 3; C. Bown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. At the same church on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., 360 changes of Bob Minor was rang, in 10 mins., by the same ringers.

At Perry Barr, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, May 29th, the following members of the Birmingham (St. Martin's) Society rang at John's, Perry Barr, a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (the composition of the late Mr. T. Day) in 2 hrs. 58 mins.:—A. Cresser, 1; J. Joynes, 2; H. Johnson, jun., 3; S. Reeves, 4; H. Johnson, sen., 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6; F. H. James, 7; T. Reynolds, 8. [Weight of tenor not given.]

At Netherton, Worcestershire.

ON Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at St. Andrew's Church, a muffled peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 1880 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins., as a mark of respect for the late Mrs. William Hotchkiss, of Netherton. J. Bayliss, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; J. Townsend, 3; W. Micklewright, 4; J. Prestidge, 5; J. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Luke's, Liverpool.

ON Thursday evening, the 10th inst., six members of the St. Luke's Society, assisted by two friends, rang a Date Touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. R. S. Mann (conductor), 1; T. H. Baggs, 2; F. W. Moore, 3; Wm. James, 4; R. R. Branagan, 5; W. Chave (Bootle), 6; E. Vose, 7; J. Lynam, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Shipley, Yorkshire.

ON Thursday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Bradford and Shipley parish churches rang, at St. Paul's, Shipley, 4228 changes of Kent Treble Bob, in 2 hrs. 38 mins. Composed by Mr. W. Sottenstall, of Sowerby, Halifax, by special request of the Bradford St. Peter's Company, as a companion performance to that rung by them at Liversedge, on the 28th day of February last. J. Angus, 1; W. Wilks, 2; W. Kendall, 3; N. Binns, 4; J. Crabtree (conductor), 5; J. H. Harcastle, 6; J. Wilkinson, 7; T. Palliser, 8. (Weight of tenor omitted.)

	M.	D.	B.	W.	H.
1 2 3 4 5 6 8 7	1	—	2	1	—
2 1 4 3 6 5 7 8	—	—	2	2	—
1 2 4 3 5 6 8 7	2	1	—	1	—
1 2 3 4 6 5 7 8	—	1	—	—	—
2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7	3	4	2	5	6
1 2 4 3 5 6 7 8	2	4	5	6	1
	4	3	5	2	6
	3	2	5	4	6
	6	4	5	2	3
	3	4	6	2	5
	4	2	3	5	6
	2	5	3	4	6
	3	5	4	2	6
	5	2	4	3	6
	2	3	4	5	6

At St. Michael's, Lichfield.

ON Friday, the 11th inst., a peal of Bob Minor was rung at the above church. H. King, 1; H. Meacham, 2; W. A. Wood, 3; F. J. Cope, 4; Rev. J. J. Serjeantson (rector), 5; T. Meredith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

ON Friday, the 11th inst., as a token of respect to the memory of the vicar's father, the Rev. Ishmael Fish, Vicar of Huttons Ambo, Yorkshire, who was interred on that day, touches of 616 Grandsire Triples, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, 504 and 960 Stedman's Triples were rung, with the clappers muffled, by the following members of St. Paul's Society. J. Griffin, 1; E. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; S. Cooper, 4; A. Wakley, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; J. Jagger, 7; Wm. Wakley and R. Joyce, 8; Conductors: Grandsire Triples, S. Cooper; Stedman and Treble Bob, Wm. Wakley. Tenor, 26 cwt.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., a company of the above Association rang at Kenninghall a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, containing 5120 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. Oxer (Kenninghall), 1; Rev. G. H. Harris (Turnbull), 2; C. Clements (Aylsham), 3; J. Youngs (Norwich), 4; R. Hutton (Kenninghall), 5; J. Woods (Kenninghall), 6; S. Maidstone (Aylsham), 7; J. Morley (Kenninghall, conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, and was now rung for the first time.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above Association was held at Halsworth, on Monday, the 7th inst. The members mustered well, and after ringing touches of Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, and Superlative Surprise, adjourned to the 'Tuns,' where about sixty dined, under the presidency of G. C. Croft, Esq.; supported by the Rev. W. H. Wilmott; J. A. Fletcher; C. F. Blyth; N. Bolingbroke; G. H. Harris, Secretary; Gervas Holmes, Esq.; J. P.; Capt. Moore; Dr. Morris; G. F. W. Meadows, Esq.; H. A. O. Mackenzie, Esq., &c. The chairman was elected as an honorary member and seventeen others were elected as performing members. Ringing in the tower and on the hand-bells was again the order of the day, after which a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. M. Bell; Tim Bobbin; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

THE first Annual Meeting will be held at Basingstoke, on Thursday, July 15th. The committee hope that honorary and performing members will endeavour to be present, and will be glad to welcome any ringers who may be able to attend the meeting. At 12.30 there will be a short service at the parish church, with a sermon by Canon E. Wilberforce. At 1.30 there will be a dinner for members and their friends at the 'Red Lion' Hotel; tickets 2s. 6d. each. At the conclusion of dinner the General Meeting of the Guild will be held for the reception of the Secretary's Report, the election of officers, and other business. The steeple of the parish church (by permission of the vicar) will be open to members of the Guild at 11.30 and during the afternoon. [8 bells; tenor, about 15 cwt.] If there be a sufficient number of ringers, conveyances will be provided to take parties to steeples in the neighbourhood. [Sherfield, 6 bells; tenor, 9 cwt.] Return tickets, at single fares, will be issued by the L. and S. W. Railway, if application be made for them through the Hon. Sec. of the Guild before July 8th. The fares (3rd class) of performing members, who shall apply to the Secretary before July 8th, will be defrayed by the Guild (as far as funds permit). Rev. A. DU B. HILL,
Hon. Sec.

Winchester College.

Stedman's Caters.

Sir,—Mr. Haley says he will not trouble you again upon this subject, and upon this understanding I now conclude my remarks thereon, and, like your correspondent, I am content to leave it to the judgment of your readers. Mr. Haley says he answered my first letter by sending a peal containing the same qualities as mine in one change less. This, sir, is a statement calculated to mislead some of your readers, but which I explained in my last letter. In this week's *Church Bells* (June 19th), Mr. Haley has another peal; but, sir, it is not in five equal parts, or he would not be under the obligation of giving two of those parts of the peal in your paper. He says this peal has one six more of the Tittums than mine; in this he is wrong, as my peal contains two sixes more than his; but this is as trivial as the statement that the last twelve sixes of each peal are alike. The whole question is simply this, unless Mr. Haley can produce a regular five-part peal with the stated qualities, viz. 2 3 4 5 6 regular behind the 9th, it is useless to debate the subject; and I am rather surprised that he took it up, as at present I have seen nothing to compare with the 5001 rung at St. Sepulchre's, on May 3rd, 1880. JOHN NELMS.

19 Dame Street, Islington, N.

P.S.—I should very much like the opinion of prominent members in the science upon the subject.

Bristol and Gloucester Diocesan Change-Ringing Association.

THE annual gathering of the members of the Bristol and Gloucester Diocesan Change-ringing Association was held at Bristol, June 18th, and was attended by a large number of bell-ringers from various parts of the diocese. The society, which was started about two and a half years since for the cultivation of change-ringing, held its first meeting in this city about two years ago, and since that time it has grown considerably in numerical strength, and now numbers 300 members, and embraces bell-ringers from almost every parish in the diocese. The principles held by the society are that the belfry is part of the church, and consecrated to the service of God, that the bells are instruments of sacred music, and therefore the office of a ringer is a holy office, and should never be performed in an irreverent manner. The Bishop is the president of the association, and the Archdeacons of Gloucester and Bristol, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., and Colonel Kingscote, C.B., M.P., are the vice-presidents. Mr. John Drinkwater, of Sandhurst, is the master; the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, of Stroud, hon. secretary; and the Rev. Mowbray Trotter, of Gloucester, hon. treasurer. The day's proceedings commenced with the holding of a meeting for the transaction of business, at No. 3 Colston Parade. Mr. Drinkwater presided. A letter was read from the Bishop stating that he found it impossible to attend, and expressing a hope that they would have a profitable day. The officers of the society were re-appointed and some formal business was transacted.

The members subsequently attended a special service at St. Mary Redcliff Church, and the vicar, the Rev. Canon Norris, delivered an address to them. He bade the change-ringers welcome to St. Mary Redcliff, and, referring to one of the Psalms for the day, remarked that bells under the new dispensation took the place of the trumpets under the old, and as the silver trumpets summoned the Jews to their worship, both on feast days and fast days, so the church bells summoned the Christians, and were associated with all their greatest joys and sorrows—the bright weddings of the youthful, the gentle sorrows of those who took leave of their loved ones. Dinner was afterwards served at the 'Ship' Inn, Redcliff Hill. About 120 members of the association sat down, and, in the absence of Canon Norris, the Rev. R. Bamford, of St. Mary Redcliff, presided. The members of the society afterwards visited the belfries of many of the city churches, and gave some fine specimens of change-ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Shipley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., five members of the Tong Company, with Wm. Sugden, of Pudsey, rang 2520 changes, taken from the following methods:—Libor, Evening Exercise, Morning Delight, Morning Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Symphony, Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, London Scholars' Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Morning Pleasure. Wm. Sugden, 1; H. Oddy, 2; E. Webster, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; J. Haley, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Hindley, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., at St. Peter's Church, Holt's Ten-part Peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, was rung, in 2 hrs. 56 mins., to celebrate the consecration of the Rev. Canon Ryle as Lord Bishop of Liverpool. R. Calland (Hindley), 1; E. Brown (Hindley), 2; J. Leyland (Wigan), 3; J. Prescott (Hindley), conductor, 4; G. Turner (Wigan), 5; T. Tickle (Hindley), 6; J. Whittingham (Westhoughton), 7; T. Eccleston (Hindley), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

At Romford, Essex.

On Tuesday evening, the 16th inst., at St. Edward's parish church, a peal of Bob Minor was rung in 33 mins. G. Garnett, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; G. Boughton, 3; W. Mapes, 4; F. Sas, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. This is the first time that a six-bell peal has ever been rung on these bells by the local company for half-a-century.

At Hatfield, Broad oak, Essex.

On Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., a muffled peal was rung at St. Mary's Church, as a mark of respect to the late vicar, Rev. George Burn, a member of the Society of College Youths, who had always taken the greatest interest in bell-ringing, and whose death at the comparatively early age of fifty-two is most deeply deplored in the parish. J. Hasler, 1; J. Mortimore, 2; H. Barker, 3; H. Bird, 4; A. Pratt, 5; J. Barker, 6; T. Marriott, 7; W. Patmore, 8.

At West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., ten members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers, Birmingham, rang at Christ Church a peal of Stedman's Caters, containing 5000 changes, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. F. Hallsworth, 1; J. Joynes, 2; H. Johnson, sen., 3; H. Johnson, jun., 4; J. Dunn, 5; S. Reeves, 6; J. Buffery, 7; F. H. James, 8; W. Hallsworth, 9; T. Reynolds, 10. This peal, which is given below, was composed by H. Johnson, sen., and conducted by W. Hallsworth. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs.

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At Manchester Cathedral.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., nine members of the Manchester Cathedral Society of Change-ringers, assisted by Mr. P. Coop, of Oldham, rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 5004 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Jos. Withers (first peal), 1; J. Grimsbaw, 2; P. Coop, 3; W. Mellowdew (first peal), 4; G. Mee (first peal), 5; J. Scholey, 6; A. E. Wrecks (first peal), 7; J. Eachus (conductor), 8; John Withers, 9; J. Parkinson (first peal), 10. All are members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers excepting Mr. Jos. Withers and Mr. P. Coop. Composed by the late Mr. J. Burman, of Yarmouth. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat.

At Drayton, Berks.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., the vicar of Drayton, with some friends from Appleton, rang at the parish church a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. F. S. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; G. Holifield, 3; B. Barrett, 4; W. Bennett, 5; F. White, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. Avery, 8. This is the first peal in the above method ever called by an incumbent on his own bells. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

At Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 20th inst., being the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, the ringers of Ashton rang Holt's Ten-part Peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. E. Pickford, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; J. Mellor, 3; J. Adams, 4; J. Andrew, 5; G. Longden (conductor), 6; S. Andrew, 7; T. Mottram (first peal), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

NOTICE.—The Editor can supply many of the early numbers of *Church Bells*. We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting, whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO.—X. Y. Z.; Bob Major; and others.

who do not care for the intermediate process of violating the original intention of the consecration. But it will be better to see what we can do to make the thing more of a settlement than it is likely at present to be. The Bill originally, so far as cemeteries are concerned, might have been called, 'A Bill for the gradual fusion of existing cemeteries, and for the prevention of consecrations in them for the future.' If our efforts were directed towards limiting the application of the original Act we might have some chance of success, at least the effort would be reasonable. Why should the consecrated part of the cemetery be open to other services except there were special reasons why it was desired on that side rather than the other? Thus, if there was a family vault or grave, there would be a show of reason; but why, to meet this supposed want, should we permit so great a change as Lord Selborne's? Here is a definite point to aim at, and one more just to all parties. T. W. CARR.

Selwyn College, Cambridge.

SIR,—I venture, in my capacity as Chairman of the 'Selwyn Memorial' Committee, to invite the attention of your readers to an advertisement which appears in another column respecting the proposed Selwyn College. This advertisement will show that while a large sum has already been contributed, there yet remains an amount of about 10,000*l.* more to be raised before the promoters will feel it safe to begin to build. Not that they are at all unhopeful as to the final issue of their endeavours; for it is no small evidence both of the general interest which gathers round the name of Bishop Selwyn, and of the practical wisdom of the proposals accepted by the Committee, that within two years from the time of the Bishop's death, no less than 21,000*l.* should have been raised towards perpetuating his memory in this way, and that, too, during a period of almost unexampled depression both in trade and in agriculture.

At the same time the Committee feel that their undertaking will be prejudiced by much longer delay. However wise or excellent a proposal may be, the interest in it begins, after a time, to flag; and it is in danger of being crowded out by other proposals with strong competing claims.

And yet I can hardly imagine to myself any proposal which presents at the present moment a stronger claim than this upon the general support of Christian Churchmen. Of the great Missionary Bishop whom we desire to honour I need say nothing. He needs no praise of mine. His name will be handed down in the annals of the English Church with a lustre of its own, quite independent of any memorial that we can raise. But the undertaking which we seek to promote, and with which we propose to link his name, has its own special and independent merits.

We propose to establish in the University of Cambridge a College to be based and conducted upon the comprehensive and yet definite principles of the Church of England, as set forth in her Liturgy, her Articles, and her other formularies. And we believe that a College founded on these principles, in which the students may be maintained and educated at a moderate cost, and which in its general administration shall encourage habits of simple living, will be likely to meet a recognised want, and to prove an acquisition to the Clergy and others who may desire to obtain for their sons these special advantages in addition to the other collateral benefits of a residence in the University.

Meanwhile, time presses; and the Committee unanimously feel that the period has arrived when a supreme effort must be made to push on their undertaking, by God's help, to its completion. It will be seen by a reference to the advertisement that while the Committee anxiously and earnestly solicit additional and independent subscriptions, they have, at the same time, resolved to create a 'Loan Fund' for the convenience of those who may be disposed to lend money for this purpose. The Committee have already purchased an eligible site for their College, and they have also been most fortunate in securing the services of the Hon. and Rev. Arthur Lyttelton to be first head of the College. But too long delay may deprive them of the great advantage of opening the College under Mr. Lyttelton's guidance. They therefore plead for speedy and generous answers to this appeal, trusting that, whether by additional subscriptions or by loans, upon the conditions indicated in the advertisement, they may obtain sufficient means to enable them to lay their foundation-stone in the course of the present year, and with the Divine blessing to open the College at Michaelmas, 1881.

EDWARD BICKERSTETH, D.D.,

Deanery, Lichfield, May 27th, 1880.

Dean of Lichfield.

Books for Seamen.

SIR,—Applications have been received from the Chaplains at Singapore, Madeira, Portishead, &c., for second-hand Prayer-books, Hymn-books, &c. for the ships calling at these ports. Our stock is exhausted. If your readers would place our small book notices on their church boards, congregations would supply our needs. They should be sent, prepaid, in hampers, sacks, or boxes, to The Missions to Seamen, 11 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C.

WM. DAWSON,

Commander, R.N., and Secretary.

Talks at Albery.

SIR,—In the nineteenth of the 'Talks at Albery' reference is made to an edition of Wesley's *Reasons against Separation*, and it is said, 'Rivingtons publish it at one-and-eightpence for fifty copies, and this is the 25th thousand.' On the other hand, Messrs. Rivingtons write, 'We do not publish the above pamphlet, and have not heard of any pamphlet bearing that title.' Please say by whom it is published, and oblige your

CONSTANT READER.

Building a Cottage Hospital.

SIR,—I shall be obliged if any amongst your readers could supply me, through the medium of your paper, with useful information as to the best and most economical plan for building a Cottage Hospital for from ten to fifteen patients.

A CONSTANT READER.

RECEIVED ALSO:—A Catechist; Iota; C. W. T.; A. P. L.; R. Wolliscroft; W. B. P.; L. L.; A. M. Wilcox; Susan Hoare; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

In South Lincolnshire, during the past month.

At *Fleet*, May 29th, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles. R. J. Key, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; J. T. Edis, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. Tilbrook, 5; E. Wain, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At *Gedney*, June 5th, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Atkinson, 1; J. T. Edis, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; J. W. Mawby, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5. Tenor, 16 cwt. (Bells in bad order.)

At *Tydd St. Mary*, June 17th, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, comprising Old Grandsire, Gog Magog and Antelope Variations, called on the 3rd and tenor alternately. E. Shove, 1; E. Pritheroe, 2; R. J. Key, 3; R. Tilbrook, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At *Long Sutton*, June 20th, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles, and four peals of Old Doubles. J. Mackinder, 1; J. T. Edis, 2; W. Dickenson, 3; J. W. Mawby, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; J. Atkinson, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At *Spalding*, June 22nd, a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Wilson, 1; J. W. Mawby, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Stanstead, Essex.

On Saturday evening, the 19th ult., four members of the above parish, assisted by H. J. Tucker and T. Newman, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts., rang at St. Mary's Church a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, containing 42 singles, in three parts, in 27 mins. T. Newman (first peal), 1; H. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luekey, 4; C. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

On Sunday, the 20th ult., ten of the Bromsgrove Society rang at the parish church 1880 changes of Grandsire Caters, in 1 hr. 16 mins. G. Morris, 1; G. Bourn, 2; T. Albutt, 3; G. Hayward, 4; O. James, 5; E. Crump (composer and conductor), 6; W. Rae, 7; W. Duffill, 8; R. Broomfield, 9; J. Parry, 10.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Sunday, the 20th ult., being the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, the Daresbury Society rang at the parish church, for Morning Service, 360 College Single in 13 mins. Also in the evening, 720 College Single in 26 mins., and 240 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob in 9 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

At Heywood, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the first half of Mr. John Holt's Ten-part Peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, was rung at the parish church in 1 hr. 34 mins. J. S. Sharp, 1; J. Rothwell, 2; G. Crossley, 3; W. R. Barrett, 4; J. Street, 5; J. Pilking, 6; J. Harrison (conductor), 7; J. Millet, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E. This was the first peal rung by this company.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., eight members of the North Shields branch rang on the Abbey bells at Hexham, 1512 changes of Grandsire Triples in 58 mins. J. Rossiter, 1; W. Waugh, 2; W. Reed (conductor), 3; J. T. Gibson, 4; R. Smith, 5; R. Willans, 6; J. Hern, 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. This is the longest touch on these bells for upwards of thirty years.

Date Touch at Chipstead, Surrey.

On Thursday evening, the 24th ult., eight members of the Reigate Society rang a Date Touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Howard, 1; F. T. Hoad (conductor), 2; W. Tidey, 3; W. Argent, 4; T. Fuller, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Webb, 7; J. Lay, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

Muffled Peal at Gravesend, Kent.

On Friday evening, the 25th ult., a funeral peal was rung at St. George's Church, in memory of Mr. J. Nettleingham, aged 78, parish clerk for more than fifty-one years, who was buried on that day; he died on the 20th ult. J. H. Ryall, 1; M. Lambert, 2; H. Allen, 3; J. Keeling, 4; B. Spinner, 5; J. Aitkin, 6; J. W. Aitkin (conductor), 7; J. N. Chapman, 8.

At Tong, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., the members of this company who visited St. Paul's, Shipley, on the 12th ult., rang at St. James's Church 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 56 mins., consisting of 360 changes in each of the same fourteen methods as rung at Shipley. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Debenham, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Norwich Association of Change-ringers rang at St. Mary's Church (by kind permission of the Rev. C. J. Cornish, M.A., Vicar), a peal of 7296 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 4 hrs. 36 mins. The peal was composed by the late Mr. J. Reeves (*vide* Snowdon's collection of peals, page 32). W. Ireland (Diss, conductor), 1; G. Day (Eye), 2; T. Sadler (Witnesham), 3; R. Brundle (Ipswich), 4; E. Pemberton (Ipswich), 5; D. Collins (Worlingworth), 6; E. Collins (Worlingworth), 7; F. Day (Eye), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

MESSRS. LLEWELLYN AND JAMES, of Bristol, wish it to be known that they have an order for a ring of six bells for a parish near Merthyr Tydvil, South Wales, but that the public subscriptions run short. Surely there is nothing uncommon in that! When the bells are set up we shall be pleased to report their opening, especially if done with a sacred service of dedication.—ED.

REQUESTED in all reports—the Weight of the Tenor and the County of the place.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. R. Jerram (we cannot enter into local jealousies); From Oldham (no name nor date); A Veteran's Feat (no name); James Horrocks; Round at Hand; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Additional Bells at Ashburton, Devon.

Two additional trebles to the ring of six at Ashburton Church, from Messrs. Blews, of Birmingham, have been hung by a local tradesman. This ring now consists of eight bells in the key of E (four sharps). On Thursday evening, 17th, a special service for the dedication of the new bells was held in the church. The prayers and responses were intoned by the choir. While the 314th Hymn (Ancient and Modern) was being sung, the wardens proceeded down the aisle of the church to the belfry, the Revs. W. M. Birch (vicar), T. B. Yarde (Chudleigh), W. Smith, J. Butcher, and S. H. Sherard (Gurrington) immediately followed, and in the belfry a special form of dedicatory service was conducted by the vicar. The vicar then sounded the new bells, and led off the first peal, the ringing of which lasted about ten minutes, and afterwards the wardens and clergy returned to the church. The Rev. T. B. Yarde preached the sermon from the 61st and 62nd verses of the 22nd chap. of St. Luke's Gospel. The text, he said, might seem strange to them, as they would look rather for hope, brightness, and congratulation, instead of a reference to the saddest event in the history of Christ's Church, the fall of Peter. They might think there was no possible connexion between that of penitence and their act of dedicating the new bells. In the text there was a striking illustration that God made use of very common agencies to bring about the great issues; as, for instance, the crowing of the cock was the means of restoring Peter the fallen Apostle, who was called to take a prominent part in the building up of Christ's Church. That heart must be cold that had not been moved by the familiar sound of the church bells. It was often a living voice of message from God. They believed God would make use of the bells in making His name known; and, therefore, they had thus dedicated them, and all those who handled them should be holy. The sound of church bells often carried our thoughts back to happy days long ago, when we were children; and had we not often desired to be children of God? Church bells spoke to us of the perfect sympathy of Christ with us in this life, in our sorrow and joy. They announced our joy at our marriage feasts, and they tolled our grief at the departure of our friends. The bells called upon us on the Sabbath to attend the church services throughout the day. The sound of the bells contributed to making our worship on earth beautiful. By the addition of the new bells to the church they had done that which was acceptable in the sight of God, who would not be satisfied with anything less than the offering of their whole body and soul to Him. After the singing of the 370th hymn, a collection was made towards the cost of hanging the bells.

The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., the July Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held at Ripon, when the bells of the Minster and the rings of eight at the neighbouring churches of Baldersby and Sharow were placed at the disposal of the members. At five o'clock about 100 ringers sat down to tea in the Temperance Hall, Ripon, after which the general meeting was held, when the President, Jasper W. Snowden, Esq., took the chair. An invitation to hold the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, October 2nd, at Knaresborough was accepted. In the large towns, where the Society has held many of its meetings, it has become customary to provide so liberally for the entertainment of those attending the meetings, that a precedent which could not possibly be followed by smaller towns and villages had been established. In order that such places might not be debarred by reason of the expense, a standing order was passed that each member attending the meetings of the Society shall contribute sixpence towards the cost of any refreshments provided. A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells of the Minster, and to the vicars and churchwardens of Baldersby and Sharow for the use of the bells of their churches. The thanks of the meeting were also voted to the Bishop of Ripon for his approval and assistance in promoting the meeting; and to the before-mentioned authorities, their friends, and the ringers for their kind preparations and hospitality.

At Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE sixty-eighth anniversary of these famous bells was held on Monday, the 21st inst., when a large number of ringers assembled from the following places:—London, Bennington, Saffron Walden, Barking, Sawbridgeworth, Tunstead, Weybread, Redenhall, Sudbury, Bures, Cavendish, Glemsford, Bildeston, Hitcham, Monks Eleigh, Kenninghall, Stowmarket, Preston, West Tofts, and Hadleigh. Ringing commenced early in the morning, and the bells were rung by the different companies in good style until ten o'clock at night. The methods rung were Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Norwich Court Bob Major, &c. Seventy-eight sat down to dinner. An old ringer living in the parish remarked that it was the largest company he remembers seeing in Lavenham. The chair was taken by Mr. F. Barkway, Churchwarden. The tower of Lavenham Church is 145 feet high and 42 feet square, stands on high ground, and is a fine landmark for many miles round and is well worthy of a visit.

Meeting of Ringers at Church, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., a friendly meeting of Change-ringers was held at Church Kirk (by the kind permission of the rector and churchwardens). Change-ringing was commenced at one o'clock by the Colne Company, who were succeeded by Darwen, Clitheroe, Waddington Seniors, Whalley, Waddington Juniors, Accrington Seniors, Walton-Le-Dale, Blackburn Seniors, Accrington Juniors, and Mytton. Ringing was kept up till 9.30 p.m. Tea was provided at the 'Thorn' Inn, when seventy sat down. Mr. James Horrocks, jun., of Church, was appointed secretary, and the next meeting will be held at Waddington, on Saturday, September 11th, 1880. Thanks were voted to the rector and churchwardens for their kindness in allowing them the use of the belfry.

The 'Fifteen' Puzzle.

SIR,—Some weeks ago one of your correspondents wrote, *à propos* of change-ringing, that in the game of fifteen, as the numbers fell by chance, sometimes it was impossible to arrange them consecutively leaving the vacant place for sixteen in the right-hand bottom corner. But after much patience and perseverance I have proved it to be *always possible*. If the numbers will not come right shift the box once, so that the top and bottom become the sides, rearrange the numbers, and there will be no difficulty. NETTA.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Long Melford, Suffolk.

ON Monday, the 21st ult., the annexed	THE PEAL.									
	5024.									
peal of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob	2	3	4	5	6					
Major was rung in 3 hrs. 2 mins. The	3	6	4	5	2					
peal was composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow,	6	2	4	5	3					
and contains the 5th and 6th their extent	2	6	3	5	4					
wrong and right. S. Slater, 1; J. Penning, 2;	2	3	5	6	4					
G. Martin, 3; C. Adams, 4; H. Thompson, 5;	6	2	3	4	5					
F. Wells, 6; N. J. Pitstow, 7; F. Pitstow	4	5	2	3	6					
(conductor), 8. The above band comprises	3	4	5	6	2					
four members of the Glemsford and four of	4	2	5	6	3					
the Saffron Walden Societies of Change-	2	4	3	6	5					
ringers.	6	3	4	2	5					
	6	4	2	3	5					
	3	5	4	2	6					
	5	3	6	2	4					
	2	5	3	4	6					
	2	3	4	5	6					

At Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., five of the Kemerton ringers, with the assistance of E. Wallace of Ashchurch, rang a touch of 708 changes of Bob Minor, at St. Nicholas' Church, in 23 mins. C. Whittle, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux, 3; C. Bown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6. This is the first attempt to do a peal of Bob Minor. Were not able to complete the whole peal, as the tenor rope broke. This touch consisted of 18 bobs and 1 single. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Sunday evening, the 27th ult., after Evening Service, a muffled peal of 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, in 27 mins., as a token of respect to the memory of Emma, the beloved wife of Mr. William Newsum, churchwarden of the parish. The peal, from Mr. Snowden's book, contained fifteen Bobs. J. Harrison, 1; R. Hickton, 2; A. Widdowson, 3; F. Sephton, 4; W. Gilson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At Maidstone, Kent.

On Monday, the 28th ult., the Maidstone Youths rang at All Saints Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. R. Simmonds, 1; W. Elliott, 2; S. Kemp, 3; H. Pearce, 4; A. Woolley, 5; C. Payne (conductor), 6; G. Pawley, 7; A. Moorcraft, 8.

Date Touch at St. Nicholas', Liverpool.

On Monday evening, the 28th ult., ten members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies rang, on the first ten bells, a date touch of 1880 changes of Kent Treble Bob Woodal in 1 hr. 24 mins. R. Williams, sen., 1; G. Welsby, 2; J. Egerton, 3; W. Woodhead, 4; J. Meadows, 5; J. Brown, 6; T. Hammond, 7; H. Beck, 8; E. Booth (conductor), 9; R. Williams, jun., 10. [Neither weight of tenor nor time reported.—Ed.]

At Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Coronation Day, the 28th ult., four 6-scores of Bob Doubles were rung at SS. Mary and Nicholas. G. Harrison, 1; G. Richardson, 2; *F. Ridlington, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Mackman (conductor), 5; J. Woodward, 6. Also in the evening 720 Bob Minor, with 18 Bobs and 2 Singles. G. Harrison, 1; *W. Branson, 2; G. Richardson, 3; J. Jerram, 4; J. Wright, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. [Those marked thus (*) are hon. members of the Association.]

At Sudbury, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., being St. Peter's Day, the ringers of this town celebrated their anniversary by ringing touches of Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman's Triples at St. Peter's, St. Gregory, and All Saints' Churches. An invitation to a large number of friends was given, and ringers attended from London, Chelmsford, Bures, Cavendish, Glemsford, Little Cornard, &c. In the afternoon the ringers and friends, between forty and fifty in number, were invited to dine at the 'Royal Oak,' where a free dinner was provided for them, under the presidency of Dr. T. W. Mason, who is a lover of ringing and took part in the ringing.

At Christleton, Cheshire.

On Tuesday evening, the 29th ult., by the kind permission of the Rector, eight members of the Chester Cathedral Society rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (being the first half of Taylor's Bob-and-Single variation), containing 96 bobs, 24 singles, and 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 24 mins. J. Gibson, 1; J. Mason, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; W. Walton, 5; P. Griffith, 6; F. Ball (conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At Church, Lancashire.

On Saturday evening, the 3rd inst., Mr. Holt's 720 of Bob Minor (without singles) was rung in 26 mins. J. Harrison, 1; S. Clarke, 2; A. Widdowson, 3; R. Hickton, 4; W. Gilson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Brighouse (no name); Wm. Dye; G. O. Dar; J. Eckersley; J. Bate; E. R. Dale; R. Buckley; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Date Touch.—Treble Bob Royal.

1880.					
2	3	4	5	6	
5	2	4	3	6	m.
3	4	6	2	5	w.
6	5	2	4	3	h.
2	3	4	5	6	

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Ring for Dunedin Town Hall, New Zealand.

MESSRS. GILLET, BLAND AND CO., Croydon, have just cast a ring of bells for a great clock they have made for Dunedin Town Hall, New Zealand.

Diameter.	Note.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
54 $\frac{1}{2}$	D	28	0	8
37 $\frac{1}{2}$	A	9	3	0
43 $\frac{1}{2}$	F \sharp	15	1	26
34 $\frac{1}{2}$	B \flat	8	1	21
41 $\frac{1}{2}$	G	13	1	25
		75	0	24

The above bells are the same pattern as those at Doncaster, cast by Messrs. Warner, when H. Boswell was their foreman.

Augmented Ring at St. John the Baptist, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

A NEW treble bell by Messrs. Warner has been presented to this church to augment the old ring of five, the gift of Mrs. Ann Crampin of Saxmundham. On Thursday, the 1st inst., the bells were dedicated to the service of Almighty God by a suitable service and prayers by the Rev. A. Washington, M.A., Rector. On Saturday, the 3rd inst., the bells were opened by ringers from the neighbourhood, who rang several peals of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and various touches, all by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

A GENERAL Ringing Meeting will be held at Plymouth (D.V.) on Monday, July 26th next. The bells of St. Andrew's and Charles churches will be reserved for the use of a selected band, consisting of Plymouth, Huntsham, and Exeter bands, and any other member (as at previous meetings) who is able to ring long lengths of changes. The names of the members of this selected band, of which Mr. Banister and Mr. Field will be the conductors, will be affixed to the notice-board in the members' room. The steeples at Tavistock, Stoke, Maker, Plympton St. Mary and St. Maurice, will be open for ringing to the bands in union in the order assigned by the committee as posted in the members' room. A short service will be held at Charles Church, at 10.30 o'clock. There will be a public dinner at Walter's 'Farley Hotel,' at 1.30 o'clock. A room in this same hotel will be the members' room for the day, and open for hand-bell practice, &c. All members are requested to go to this room on arrival and read the notices. The travelling expenses (3rd class) of members will be paid by the Guild, provided application (stating probable numbers) be made for the same to the secretary at least a clear week before the meeting, in order that he may arrange for the issue of return tickets. Members unattached to bands, who would wish to ring, are requested to give previous notice to the secretary.

JAMES ARTHUR KEMPE,

Lew Down, R.S.O., North Devon.

Hon. Sec.

The Fifteen Puzzle.

SIR,—If you will kindly allow me a little space, I should like to say one or two words in answer to 'Netta.' After having started with the box in any one given position, to change that position is, in my opinion, quite contrary to what, if not a written, was surely meant to be one of the unwritten laws of the game. More than that, it can be proved that, if the rule which provides that only one piece may be moved at a time be taken at its fullest sense, there is a distinct breach of the law. For if we turn the box, do we not in reality move fifteen pieces? If we start with all the pieces in their places, and turn the box either way through a quarter of a circle, we obtain either—

4 8 12 15, 3 7 11 14, 2 9 10 13, 1 5 9; or
13 9 5 1, 14 10 6 2, 15 11 7 3, 12 8 4,

in both of which not one piece is in its right place. The whole essence of the puzzle really consists in the fact that when one piece is moved, two pairs are virtually changed; so that, even added to even, an even number of changes is continually the result. But if the box be moved, fifteen pairs are changed, which is an odd number, and gives an order which is of the opposite 'course' to the last; and hence, if the pieces would not come right before, they naturally must do so now.

C. D. P. DAVIES.

SIR,—Your correspondent of last week seems not to have noticed that, in my description of this puzzle (May 22nd), I explained the original type made with square blocks, to be 'arranged as here shown.' This rendered it unnecessary to stipulate that the box should not be turned. I am well aware of what can be done under such altered conditions, and would refer any of your readers interested in further particulars of this subject to my paper on the puzzle in the July number of the *Leisure Hour*. JASPER W. SNOWDON.

Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Glodwick, Oldham, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., eight members of St. Mary's Society of Change-ringers rang at St. Mark's Church Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. J. T. Hartley, 1; P. Coop, 2; S. Stott, 3; W. Inchecliffe, 4; W. Ashworth (conductor), 5; F. Edmundson (first peal), 6; J. Ramsden (first peal), 7; A. Weeder, 8. Tenor, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

At Helmingham, Suffolk.

On Friday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang at the parish church Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Perry, 1; J. Odeborrow, 2; W. Dye (conductor), 3; G. Thurlow, 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; J. Whiting, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. 3 qrs., in E.

At Bilston, Staffordshire.

On the 29th ult., a mixed band of change-ringers rang at St. Leonard's Church Taylor's well-known variation of the original Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. Harper (first peal), Bilston, 1; B. Dalton (first peal), Tettenhall, 2; S. Atkins, Willenhall, 3; E. Nichols, Wolverhampton, 4; J. Jones, Wolverhampton, 5; J. Astbury, jun., Walsall (conductor), 6; W. Johnson, Darlaston, 7; R. Harper (first peal), Bilston, 8. Tenor, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

At Belbroughton, Worcestershire.

On Wednesday, the 30th ult., a date touch of 1880 changes, with 40 bobs and 12 singles, in five different methods, viz., a 360 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Reverse, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, and 80 changes of Plain Bob, was rung in 1 hr. 6 mins. C. Goodyear, 1; E. Baylis, 2; E. Hetton, 3; G. Parton, 4; J. Baylis, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F sharp.

At Bolton, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, July 3rd, being the occasion of the Centenary demonstration of the Church of England Sunday Schools at Bolton, the under-mentioned mixed band of ringers met at the parish church, and, during the time the procession passed the above church, rang Taylor's well-known variation of the original Bob-and-Single peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. Higson, 1; W. Davies, 2; W. Holden, 3; N. Farnworth, 4; T. Ridings, 5; J. Gregory, 6; J. Eckersley (conductor), 7; J. Thorp, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. 2 qrs.

At Padiham, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., a mixed band rang at the parish church a 720 of Bob Minor in 28 mins. H. Hayes (conductor), 1; W. T. Haslam, 2; F. Wagner, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Patterson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6.

Also, a mixed band rang at the same church 720 of Bob Minor in six parts, with 22 singles, in 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ mins. T. Duxbury (conductor), 1; W. T. Haslam, 2; H. Hayes, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Patterson, 5; R. W. Hargreaves, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At New College, Oxford.

On Monday, the 5th inst., by the kind permission of T. J. Papillon, high warden, the undermentioned eight members of the Chester Cathedral Society of Change-ringers rang, on the last eight of the peal of ten bells of the college, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins. A. Peers, 1; J. Mason, 2; J. Gibson, 3; A. Cross, 4; G. Gerrard, 5; W. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (conductor), 7; W. Walton, 8. Tenor 26 cwt. in E flat. The above touch contains the twelve 7 4's, twelve 6 7's, the Queens, Tittums, and rounds. Owing to the unringable condition of the two large bells it was not possible to achieve the full complement of changes in a peal. The above band were also invited to ring upon the bells of Merton College, when several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.

At Ipswich, Suffolk.

On Tuesday evening, the 6th inst., in commemoration of the thirteenth anniversary of the opening of the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower, ten members of the Ipswich branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 3 hrs. 38 mins. H. Taylor, 1; T. Sadler, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; H. E. Bevan, 4; R. Hawes, 5; H. Bowell, 6; W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 7; E. Pemberton, 8; R. Brundle, 9; E. Reeve, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt., in C sharp. The peal was composed by the late J. Reeves, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London.

Muffled Peal at St. John's, Perry Bar, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., the following members of the Birmingham St. Martin's Society rang at the above church, a peal of Stedman's Triples (the composition of the renowned J. Lates, of Birmingham), comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 9 mins.:—A. Cresser, 1; H. Johnson, sen., 2; H. Johnson, jun., 3; S. Reeves, 4; T. Miller, 5; T. Buffery, 6; W. Hallsworth (conductor), 7; W. Cooper, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. This peal was rung with the bells muffled as a token of sincere respect to the memory of the late Rev. C. B. Snapp, LL.M., who had been vicar of the parish nearly twenty-nine years. He was interred in St. John's churchyard on the 29th ult., and his loss is greatly deplored by a numerous body of friends and parishioners.

At Widford, Essex.

On Sunday, the 11th inst., the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Widford, rang for the morning service a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor in 25 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; T. Drake (conductor), 5; M. Rolfe, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. All members of the Essex Association.

At Wymeswold, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Monday evening, the 12th inst., a 720 of Bob Minor was rung at St. Mary's Church. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; E. Brooks, 2; the Vicar, 3; J. Gutteridge (aged 76, parish clerk), 4; J. Knifton, 5; R. S. S. Walker (aged 17, son of the vicar), 6. Tenor about 14 cwt.

At St. Martin's Church, Haverstock Hill.

On Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., a muffled 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins., as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Medland, wife of the vicar, aged sixty-five. The usual pull and stand was performed afterwards. J. Nixon, 1; T. Glead, 2; T. Titchener, 3; H. Driver, 4; J. Barrett (conductor), 5; J. Hannington, 6. Tenor, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—E. R. D.; Robert Buckley.—The Editor knows a ringer over ninety who rang the treble of six on the last Queen's Birthday, and the tenor singly for service on a late Sunday morning; J. Barry; Liversedge (no name); F. J. Cope; J. J. Serjeantson; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. Established 1637.

The Two Hundred and Forty-third Anniversary Festival of the above Society will be held on Monday, August 2nd (being Bank Holiday), at the town of Hertford. Friends from a distance desirous of attending the above can receive every information on applying to the Hon. Secretary of the Society, Mr. Geo. A. Muskett, 'King's Head Inn,' Winchester Street, Southwark.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Society was held at Sibsey on Saturday last. There were twenty-eight members and friends present. Several touches were rung at the parish church. The Rev. F. Besant, vicar of Sibsey, presided at the dinner, after which the usual business was transacted, and several new members were elected, including the Rev. J. M. Coates (of Moulton), and Mr. F. H. Burrows (of Holbeach). The next meeting was fixed to be held at Bourne.

The Stedman Caters Controversy.

SIR,—I have been much interested in the controversy between Mr. Nelms and Mr. Haley, and as they both appeal to others I will, without pretending to be a prominent member in the science—whatever that may be—say a word upon it.

They both claim to have composed the best peal. But what constitutes better or worse? Mr. Nelms will have no credit for his greater number of Tittum changes—he thinks this trivial. He will only admit comparison when Mr. Haley can produce a regular five-part peal with the stated qualities, viz. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 regularly behind the 9th. Now this is just what Mr. Haley's two peals have, and in this respect Mr. Nelms and Mr. Haley are as alike as two peas, and it is difficult to choose between them. If Mr. Haley will write his peals with the first course of each part as the last course of the preceding part, they will then be five-part peals, with 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, coming behind the 9th, just as in Mr. Nelms' peal. Mr. Haley's 5000 would then stand thus:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		4 5 16
2 4 1 6 3 7 5 8 9	— 1	4 1 6 5 2 3
4 7 8 9 2 1 6 5 3	— 3	4 1 3 6 2 5
7 9 4 1 8 6 2 5 3	— 1	4 1 5 3 2 6
6 3 9 2 5 1 7 8 4	— 4	5 1 4 6 2 3
3 1 8 4 6 9 2 7 5	— 3	5 1 3 4 2 6
1 4 9 7 3 6 8 5 2	— 2	3 1 5 6 2 4
4 7 1 6 9 8 3 5 2	— 1	3 1 4 5 2 6
8 2 7 3 5 6 4 9 1	— 4	3 1 6 4 2 5
6 1 2 4 9 3 8 5 7	— 4	2 1 5 4 3 6
6 1 4 3 2 5 9 7 8	— 1	

This part four times repeated, with the Bobs at 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, in the last course, the bells will come round on the completion of the above number of changes. And similarly, *mutatis mutandis*, Mr. Nelms' peal may be transformed into a fac-simile of Mr. Haley's two peals.

Comparing Mr. Nelms' 5001 and Mr. Haley's 5000, 2 is behind the 9th when 1 is working in 2nds, four Sixes and two Sixes in the first course respectively; then for both peals 2 is behind the 9th for eight courses, 3 for nine courses, 4 for nine, 5 for nine, and 6 for nine, 6 then remains there in the last course for three Sixes and one Six respectively.

Then in Mr. Nelms' peal 2 comes behind the 9th again for six Sixes. This Mr. Haley greatly objects to—a trivial objection I think. If it be, however, an objection, the calling of the last course of Mr. Nelms' peal is easier and better than that of Mr. Haley's and should be an offset for it.

Next for the Tittums. Mr. Nelms' peal enters the Tittums at the beginning of the six which ends 3 8 4 1 5 2 9 7 6. There are, therefore, eight Sixes in the first course in the Tittums. If, however, the Tittum changes be not counted till the treble is in its position, i.e. working in 2nds, there are only four Sixes in the first course in the Tittums. The bells go out of the Tittums at the next change to 5 3 9 1 6 8 7 4 2 in the last course. There are, therefore, nine Sixes in the last course in the Tittums. The number of Tittum Sixes is, therefore, 809 or 805. We will take the last for comparison. In the same way Mr. Haley's 5000 contains 795 Tittum Sixes, and his 5001 contains 803. Mr. Nelms' peal, therefore, has, not fifty-four, but sixty Tittum changes more than Mr. Haley's 5000, and not six less, but twelve more than his 5001.

Lastly, Mr. Nelms' peal and Mr. Haley's 5001 have the last thirteen, not twelve only, Sixes alike. It is, perhaps, only a matter of taste as to which is the best peal. On the whole I think I prefer Mr. Haley's 5000, for three reasons: (1.) It comes round at back stroke. (2.) It has one change less than Mr. Nelms'. (3.) It does not commence from 2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9, but from rounds at the first six. I think it is high time that conventional customs and compliments to Stedman should cease, and scientific common-sense take their place, by beginning and ending with rounds like any other system.

Rempstone Rectory, Notts.

Geo. Pore, M.A.

Light Bells v. Heavy Bells.

SIR,—The new system adopted by some bell-founders of putting an unusual quantity of metal into a bell of a given note has now been in vogue long enough to enable a comparison to be made between the new-fashioned and the old-fashioned bells. Those of your readers who have not paid attention to the point will be surprised to know that a firm which adopts the new style can put upwards of 30 cwt. of metal into a bell which will give a note almost identical in pitch with that of a bell of the old fashion weighing less than 15 cwt. I have heard five or six of the new-fashioned rings, and I cannot find in them that decided superiority which they should show to make up for the vastly-increased expenditure of money, gear, and tissue which their

adoption entails. On the contrary, I consider those which I have heard no better than the average rings turned out by the Rudhalls, and by the White-chapel foundry, in the last century, and quite inferior to the best rings of that period. Some of our very best rings in E have tenors which, though reputed to weigh 21 cwt., really weigh about 19 cwt.; and many fine tenors in E flat weigh no more than 22 cwt. Of course when a ring of twelve is required, heavy bells are necessary; but those who have been at King's Lynn know that even a good C has been obtained from 30 cwt. of metal. On the other hand, for a village tower nothing could be more satisfactory than the eight at Drayton, Berks, with a tenor less than 10 cwt. The conclusion seems to be, that those who have adopted the new fashion are on the wrong tack, and the sooner they go about the better.

WHY GIVE MORE?

The Royal Cumberlands at Alexandra Palace, London.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., a party of thirty members and friends of this Society were entertained at the above establishment to commemorate the peal rung at St. Sepulchre's Church, London, on the 3rd of May last, on the complete restoration of the church. Besides the members of the band, the Foreman and Clerk of Works were present. The chair was taken by Mr. Thomas Austey, churchwarden, and the vice-chair was occupied by Mr. Thomas Bates. The Master of the Society, H. Dains, wore the Society's Grand Medal. Some good hand-bell ringing was given, and Mr. J. Nelms's tune-party rendered some excellent tunes. A cordial vote of thanks was given to Mr. Bates for his energy and liberality in bringing the ringers together.

The Fifteen Puzzle and Bell-changes.

SIR,—'Netta's' method of turning the board would not be considered a fair solution of this puzzle. Its connexion with bell-changes may be found in this way. Very little practice will enable any one to get the squares into the proper order with the exception of the last three—13, 14, 15; and whether it is possible or impossible then (it seems to me), depends on whether these numbers come up 'in-course' or 'out-of-course,' thus:—

13 14 15 In.
14 13 15 Out.
14 15 13 In.
15 14 13 Out.
15 13 14 In.
13 15 14 Out.

The Ins are possible, and the Outs are not possible. Those of your readers who have not pricked changes may get the same rule by writing these last three numbers thus:—

13 14 15 13 14

Then, if they come in the order of any adjacent three from left to right, they are possible; but from right to left they are not possible. An amusing variety of the puzzle may, I think, be found in taking only five blocks and one empty space, in two rows of three each. Then all the arrangements will come round that correspond to the changes in Grandsire Doubles before a Single is called; but those that correspond to the changes after the Single will not come round. The same is true, of course—*mutatis mutandis*—for other methods.

J. J. SERJEANTSON.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

ON Sunday, the 4th inst., being the Sunday-school Centenary, a date-touch of Grandsire Triples was rung after evening service by E. Gallimore, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; A. Whitby, 3; J. Key, 4; F. J. Cope, 5; H. Meacham, 6; T. Meredith (conductor), 7; C. North, 8, in 1 hr. 14 mins. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. The first touch of any length rung by Lichfield ringers alone.

At Liversedge, Yorkshire.

ON Friday, the 9th inst., 1344 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in four courses, were rung at Christ Church in 48 mins., in honour of Mr. William Sottanstill, of Sowerby, who had attained his eightieth birthday. J. Whitworth, 1; J. Illingworth, 2; W. Firth, 3; T. North, 4; G. Illingworth, 5; J. Wilson, 6; L. Illingworth (conductor), 7; M. Ramsden, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

Also, on the 17th inst., 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major (in seventeen courses, with the Sixth at home ten courses) was rung in 3 hrs. J. W. Lang, 1; J. Illingworth, 2; W. Firth, 3; T. North (conductor), 4; L. Illingworth, 5; T. Goodall, 6; A. Briggs, 7; M. Ramsden, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Composed by Mr. Wm. Sottanstill, Sowerby, Yorkshire.

Muffled Peal at Merton College, Oxford.

ON Friday evening, the 11th ult., the following members of the Oxford Society rang, at Merton College, a muffled date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 13 mins., to the memory of Mr. Robert Young, who died on the 5th ult., aged seventy-six:—W. Smith (composer and conductor), 1; W. Thomas, 2; F. Williamson, 3; H. Janaway, 4; J. Hine, 5; E. Harrison, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; A. Strange and J. Eeley, 8. Tenor, 36 cwt.

At Bath, Somersetshire.

ON Monday, the 12th inst., the members of the Cheltenham Society of Change-ringers visited Bath, where they joined some of the Bath ringers. At Christ Church they rang a touch of 500 Stedman's Triples, also 500 Grandsire Triples. At St. Andrew's (a new ring of eight bells by Taylor) they rang a touch of 500 Stedman's Triples. At St. Nicholas they also rang a touch of 500 Stedman's Triples and 500 Grandsire Triples.

Ringing at St. Alphege, Greenwich, Kent.

ON Friday evening, the 16th inst., eight members of the Society of Eastern Scholars rang at the above church a deeply-muffled touch, in 2½ hrs., as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Canon Miller, D.D., vicar of the parish since 1866. He was interred on the above day. H. J. Shade, 1; W. Read, 2; W. Foreman, 3; J. Shade, 4; R. Shade, 5; W. Davis, 6; J. Foreman, 7; G. Thatcher, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. Clark (answered direct); Tim Bobbin; Bridgenorth; Tenor of New College, Oxford; Spalding (No Name); F. G. Newman; A. D. Hill; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Fifteen Puzzle.—In and out of Course Changes.

SIR,—I am afraid the result of 'Netta's' patience and perseverance proves only that, when he cannot do the fifteen puzzle, he can do something else. The conditions of the puzzle are, as I understand them, that you may mark the squares under the cubes 1 to 16. You then arrange the cubes as you please, after taking out the 16th cube; and you must take care that its place (the 16th square) is vacant. The puzzle is then to arrange the cubes 1 to 15 on the squares marked 1 to 15 respectively. Now, to a Change-ringer who has made himself master of Mr. Snowdon's papers on 'In and Out of Course of the Changes,' and who has satisfied himself that the same change is always an in, or always an out-of-course, change,—no matter how it is arrived at, as proved in my paper in *Church Bells* of October 4th, 1879,—it is almost self-evident that this can be done for one-half of the permutations of the numbers 1—15, known to Change-ringers as the in-course changes, and that it cannot be done for the others. The reason is this, that for the blank space to move along the same horizontal row involves no change in the bells, if the numbers represent bells; but if it move to an adjacent horizontal row, it is caused by some bell making three single changes. But this blank space has to come back to its place again, thus producing six single changes for the blank space to go into the next horizontal row and come back again. The whole number of changes, therefore, caused by all the moves will be a multiple of six, and therefore an even number. But any in-course row is distant from an out-of-course row by an odd number of changes, which number cannot be a multiple of six. And the arrangement required for the solution of the puzzle is an in-course row, and thus it cannot be done for an out-of-course row. In fact, no matter where the blank is, we cannot get an in-course row from an out-of-course row, if the blank be required to come to the same place again, and *vice versa*. Suppose we begin with the blank space anywhere. Then, if we start with an in-course row, we can bring the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, to 15, with the space either on that row or the next but one, because these rows are distant six changes from one another,—an even number. If we start with an out-of-course row, we can finish with the blank either in the next row or next row but two, the blank having to travel so as to cause three or nine single changes in moving there,—an odd number of changes. The whole number of changes caused by the movement of the blank is, in this case, three,—some multiple of six,—which is an odd number.

A	B	C
13 9 5 1	4 8 12 15	15 14 13
14 10 6 2	3 7 11 14	12 11 10 9
15 11 7 3	2 6 10 13	8 7 6 5
12 8 4	1 5 9	4 3 2 1

'Netta' says no, but I can arrange the cubes as in A or B, which is the same as the board turned round half way to the right or left respectively. He might have gone further, and said that if he turned the board quite round, he could also do the puzzle,—which would then be like C. But all these rows,

13, 9, 5, 1, 14, 10, 6, 2, 15, 11, 7, 3, 12, 8, 4;
4, 8, 12, 15, 3, 7, 11, 14, 2, 6, 10, 13, 1, 5, 9;
15, 14, 13, &c., ... 3, 2, 1,

are out-of-course rows, and therefore, if he has started with an out-of-course row, and cannot do the puzzle,—for the very good reason that it is impossible,—he can, of course, get these results. Had he started with an in-course row, and therefore a possible row, he could have got none of them.

If we use a board of 9, 15, or 25 squares, an out-of-course row cannot be done at all, no matter where the blank is at beginning or ending, nor how we turn the board round. And similar reasoning may be applied to any other board, say of 12, 20, or 24 squares. There is nothing magical in the number 16.

Now, all this is easy enough to a Change-ringer, but how do others prove it? I do not think it possible without going through a course of reasoning like that above indicated. And what are the figures to represent, in order to fix the ideas in the mind, if they do not represent bells? Herein consists the great interest of the problem to us. If any of my fellow-readers should meet with a proof given,—either by Americans or Englishmen,—irrespective of bells, I should be greatly obliged to them if they would communicate it to me privately, or to the public, through your columns. GEO. POPE, M.A.

Rempstone Rectory, Notts.

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

THE first Annual Meeting of this newly-formed Society was held at Basingstoke, on Thursday, July 15, when upwards of thirty change-ringers from Winchester, Southampton, Farnham, Weybridge, Godalming, and other parts of the diocese, met together. With the kind co-operation of Dr. Millard, Vicar of Basingstoke, the Organist, and the Choir, a special choral service was held at 12.30, at which Canon E. R. Wilberforce preached from 2 Tim. ii. 15: 'Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,' applying to the subject of the day the great Christian principle that men not only can, but ought, to consecrate all work, in which they perseveringly employ any of their powers, by remembering God and His service therein. At the conclusion a hymn, specially written by Dr. Millard, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was sung.

About sixty honorary and performing members of the Guild dined together at the 'Red Lion' Hotel at 1.30. At the general business meeting afterwards,

the temporary committee elected last year to bring the Guild into working order resigned office, and a new committee was elected: viz., Canon E. R. Wilberforce, president; Rev. A. D. Hill (Winchester College), secretary and treasurer; Revs. F. T. Madge, H. A. Spyers, H. G. Sumner; Messrs. G. H. Barnett, J. Hewitt, and W. H. Poole; together with representative members from the bands in union.

During the day touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Michael's Church; and a detachment of ringers drove to Sheffield-on-Loddon for the performance of Grandsire Doubles. Considering the low ebb at which church bell-ringing has been hitherto in the diocese, and that the majority of those present were beginners, there can be no doubt that the Guild has successfully inaugurated its good and useful work.

A Suggestion about Tenors.

SIR,—The present way of reporting the weight of tenors is most inaccurate and unsatisfactory. To take one example only: in *Church Bells* of the 20th of July, 1878, I was put down at 19 cwt.; four weeks later I was put down at 24 cwt.; and now, in the last number, at 26 cwt. At page 50 of that most useful book, the *Change-ringers' Guide*, I am given as weighing 25 cwt., and at page 84, 19 cwt. When the weight of a tenor is accurately known, the report should take this form: 'Ascertained weight of tenor, — cwt.' When the weight is not known, the diameter of the bell should be taken, and the report should run: 'Reputed weight of tenor, — cwt.; diameter, — inches.' The last-mentioned particular would at once draw attention to any wild statement as to the weight. The weight of all the bells in a tower ought to be neatly recorded on a board in the belfry. When new work is done in the tower the opportunity should not be lost.

THE TENOR OF NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD.

New Bells at Wakefield Town Hall.

THESE bells have lately been fixed by Taylor and Son—a large hour-bell and two quarter-bells. The weights are:—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Note.
First quarter-bell	9	0	23	C
Second "	16	3	18	G
Hour-bell	54	2	12	G
Total	80	2	25	

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Durham on Monday, August 30th. By permission of the Dean, the Cathedral bells will be at the disposal of the ringers from eleven o'clock in the morning to the dinner, and from five o'clock to nine in the evening; also the bells of St. Oswald during the day, by permission of the vicar. Dinner at the 'Half Moon' Hotel at two o'clock, towards which the usual contributions will be made from the funds. General meeting after dinner. Members of the committee are requested to meet at the 'Half Moon' Hotel punctually at one o'clock.—G. J. CLARKSON, *Hon. Sec.*

St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers, Birmingham.

THE 125th anniversary dinner of the above Society was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the 'Vine' Inn Harborne, Staffordshire, when about thirty members were present. After dinner the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, as follows:—Mr. S. Reeves, President; Mr. H. Johnson, sen. (re-elected), Secretary; Mr. H. Johnson, jun. (re-elected), Treasurer; and Messrs. H. Withers and J. Buffery, Stewards. A unanimous vote of thanks to the retiring officers brought the business to a close.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Muffled Peal at Spalding, Lincolnshire.

AFTER service on Sunday evening, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung at SS. Mary and Nicholas in 27 mins.—fourteen bobs and two singles—the bells being muffled in respect to the memory of the late Robert Everard, of Fulney House, Spalding, aged eighty-six. F. Ridlington, 1; W. Bransom, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; J. Jerram, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Kenninghall, Norfolk.

On the 20th inst. eight members of the Kenninghall branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang, at St. Mary's Church, a peal of 5024 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 8 mins. R. Hutton, 1; H. Eayling, 2; G. Edwards, 3; C. Everett, 4; J. Cunningham (first peal), 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Mordez (conductor), 8. This peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains, and has the sixth in 5-6 the extent, and contains all the 8-6's and 8-6-7's. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At Shoreham, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 20th inst., the West Malling Society visited Shoreham, and rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins. W. Cole, 1; C. Vickers, 2; E. Baldock, 3; F. G. Newman, 4; W. Leonard (conductor), 5; D. Hale, 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

They also visited Sevenoaks, and, by kind permission of the rector, the Rev. S. Curtis, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. W. Cole, 1; E. Baldock, 2; C. Vickers (conductor), 3; W. Leonard, 4; F. G. Newman, 5; D. Hall, 6. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At All Saints', Hertford.

On Monday, the 26th inst., the under-mentioned band of Hertford College Youths rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. W. Stanbridge, 1; A. Baker, 2; F. G. Crawley (conductor), 3; F. W. J. Rees, 4; H. Baker, 5; J. Godfrey, 6; T. Gathard, 7; F. George, 8. Exact weight of tenor, 21 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs.

RECEIVED ALSO:—T. Elson; L. Drinkwater; R. Mackman; Barrow-in-Furness (no name); and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Fifteen Puzzle.

SIR,—Very much has been written, and a great deal more talked about, this so-called American puzzle, the principle of which has been known to those very few persons who have made the scientific composition of bell-changes their study ever since the late John Holt composed his celebrated peal of Grandsire Triples. The number of positions in which the fifteen squares in the box can be placed are 1,307,674,368,000, so that whoever undertakes to go through all the evolutions required to bring them into rounds from any promiscuous position, have got a stiffish job before them. With your permission I will give to those of your readers who may wish to acquire a little knowledge of the subject a few positions of the numbers that may easily be brought into rounds, and the way to accomplish it. First, place the numbers in the box in consecutive order from 1 to 15, leaving the 16 square open, then move 12 to 16, 8 to 12, 4 to 8, 3 to 4, 7 to 3, 11 to 7, 15 to 11, 14 to 15, 10 to 14, 6 to 10, 2 to 6, 1 to 2, 5 to 1, 9 to 5, 13 to 9, they will then stand in the box in the position marked No. 1 on the accompanying plan; then proceed as before by moving 10 to 13, 14 to 14, 12 to 15, 8 to 16, and so on in plain coursing order, till you have made twenty evolutions of the whole of the numbers, you will then have them run round in consecutive order, just the same as the bells do on the completion of a peal. If you take any number on the plan, and put them in the box in the same position as they are on the plan, they will come into rounds by moving them in plain coursing order, as before directed. The number of evolutions required to bring any of the squares into rounds in consecutive order will be, if you take No. 1 for example, and move as directed, will require twenty evolutions, but if you take No. 19 it will only require one evolution; if you take No. 19 and work backwards it will take twenty evolutions.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
5 1 7 3	5 1 7	2 1 4	9 2 1 4	5 9 7 1
9 2 11 4	2 11 4 3	9 5 6 7	5 6 7 3	14 2 11 4
13 6 15 8	9 13 6 15	10 11 12 3	14 10 11 12	13 6 15 3
10 14 12	10 14 12 8	14 13 8 15	13 8 15	10 8 12
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
5 9 7	2 9 4	14 2 9 4	5 14 7 9	5 14 7
2 11 4 1	14 5 6 7	5 6 7 1	8 2 11 4	2 11 4 9
14 13 6 15	10 11 12 1	8 10 11 12	13 6 15 1	8 13 6 15
10 8 12 3	8 13 3 15	13 3 15	10 3 12	10 3 12 1
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
2 14 4	8 2 14 4	5 8 7 14	5 8 7	2 8 4
8 5 6 7	5 6 7 9	3 2 11 4	2 11 4 14	8 5 6 7
10 11 12 9	3 10 11 12	13 6 15 9	3 13 6 15	10 11 12 14
3 13 1 15	13 1 15	10 1 12	10 1 12 9	1 3 9 15
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
3 2 8 4	5 3 7 8	5 3 7	2 3 4	1 2 3 4
5 6 7 14	1 2 11 4	2 11 4 8	1 5 6 7	5 6 7 8
1 10 11 12	13 6 15 14	1 13 6 15	10 11 12 8	9 10 11 12
13 9 15	10 9 12	10 9 12 14	9 13 14 15	13 14 15

Sandhurst, Gloucestershire.

J. DRINKWATER.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

(Established 1637.)

THE Two Hundred and Forty-third Anniversary Festival of the above Society was held on Monday last at the 'Green Dragon' Inn, Hertford. At dinner Mr. James Pettit, the Master of the Company, occupied the Chair, and upwards of fifty, comprising contingents from various suburbs of London, sat down. The elder members of the company were again to the front, veterans whose performances still excite the wonder and envy of many a young aspirant to ringing fame. Ringing was of course a marked feature of the day's proceedings, both at All Saints' (ten bells) and St. Andrew's (the Rev. W. Wigram's church—eight bells), Treble Bob, Stedman, and Grandsire being performed at various intervals throughout the day. The company separated at an early hour, and returned homeward, both road and rail being selected for that purpose.

Royal Cumberlands at the Baroness Burdett-Coutts' Residence, Highgate.

ON Thursday, the 29th ult., by request of her Ladyship the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the ringers of St. Ann's Society, Highgate, members of the Royal Cumberlands, in connexion with the school-children, their teachers, fathers and mothers, and friends, were entertained in the grounds of the above residence at tea. A band of musicians were in attendance, and a touch upon the bells was given. The Rev. R. S. Ram, Vicar of St. Ann's, said grace, and also a few kind words after tea. It should be added that the ringers were accompanied by their wives. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy the outing, and dispersed at dusk.

Grandsire Triples.

SIR,—Will you, or one of your correspondents, inform me what is the shortest Touch of Grandsire Triples in which the bells are brought round at hand? The following calling brings them round in 111 changes, but perhaps it can be in a lead less:—Call 6th before S., wrong S.; before B., wrong S.

ROUND AT HAND.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. James's, Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire.

ON St. James's Day, the 18th ult., being the third anniversary of the dedication of the bells of St. James's, the event was celebrated on Saturday, the 24th ult., by a date touch of 1880 changes of Grandsire Triples, composed by Mr. W. Albinson, President of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, in 70 mins. R. M. Graham, 1; J. Wilson (conductor), 2; C. Pass, 3; S. Kendall, 4; S. Brotherton, 5; J. Hague, 6; J. Mercer, 7; R. Bowker, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 lbs.

Afterwards a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. by J. Wilson (composer and conductor), 1; S. Kendall, 2; J. Mercer, 3; S. Brotherton, 4; J. Hague, 5; R. M. Graham, 6.

In addition to the usual ringing on Sunday, the members rang a touch of Grandsire Triples before the early celebration.

At Stanstead, Suffolk.

THE ring of six bells of this village has been rehung by Mr. E. W. Downs of Glemsford, and on Saturday, the 24th ult., were opened by the Glemsford Company, on the occasion of the marriage of their respected leader, Mr. S. Slater, with touches of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. C. Honeybell (conductor), C. Adams, F. Wells, O. Garwood, E. W. Downs, I. Newman, and G. Maxim. Tenor, 11 cwt. in G.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., the Daresbury Society rang at the parish church a peal of 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 28 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson (conductor), 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. This is the first time that a complete peal in this method has ever been rung on these bells.

ALSO on the evening of Friday, the 30th ult., at the same place, five members of the Daresbury Society, assisted by J. Houghton, of Witton, Northwich, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. T. Houghton, sen. (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; J. Houghton (first peal), 3; T. Ellison, 4; P. Hamblett, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6.

At Penn, Staffordshire.

ON Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., the St. Benedict's Society of Change-ringers, Wombourn, rang at St. Bartholomew's, six consecutive six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, making 720 changes, in 26 mins. J. Claridge, 1; C. Sadler, 2; A. Deans, 3; M. Devy, 4; R. Cartwright (conductor), 5; J. E. Claridge, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—R. Mackarness; T. Elson; Jno. Peach; Gillett and Bland; Taylor and Sons; H. Dains; George Porter; E. Rogers; and others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

ST. MICHAEL'S, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

(Continued from page 451.)

1090.

[EMBLEM: Royal Coat-of-Arms.]

This board is put up in commemoration of Holt's 10 part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, which was rung and brought round in a masterly manner on the 26th of April, 1872, and was performed by the following persons:—

John Fowler, First.
Wm. Hulme, Second.
Chas. Bamford, Thrd.

James Holt, Fourth.
Wm. Ashworth, Fifth.

John Farrish, Sixth.
John Maurice, Seventh.
James Morlidge, Eighth.

Wm. Ashworth, Conductor.

Rev. C. A. J. Smith, Vicar.

Richard Woodyatt,
James Stevens,
William Smale. } Wardens.

1091.

[EMBLEM: Gilt Crown.]

This Tablet was put up in commemoration of a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5021 changes, which was rung and brought round at hand in a masterly style in 3 hours and 23 minutes, and was performed on the 20th day of January, 1874, by the following persons, viz:—

John Farrish, First.
Wm. Hulme, Second.
James Wood, Thrd.
John Fowler, Fourth.

Charles Bamford, Fifth.
Wm. Ashworth, Sixth.

James Holt, Seventh.
Ed. Flannagan, Eighth.
John Maurice, Ninth.
James Morlidge, Tenth.

James Wood, Conductor.

Wm. Smale,
W. R. Shatwell,
Thos. Davenport, } Wardens.

Rev. C. A. J. Smith, Vicar.

1092.

[EMBLEM: Hands in Unity.] Motto: Tenus Fugit.

These Bells Were Hung In The Year 1777.

This Memento is to record the ringing, for the Centenary Peal, of a fine composition of Grandsire Caters, containing 6155 changes, in 4 hours and 12 minutes, on the 12th of February, 1877. The above original peal, the longest hitherto rung on these bells, was completed at the first attempt in a most brilliant manner by the following persons:—

William Hulme, First.
James Morledge, Second.
Wm. Ashworth, Thrd.

James Holt, Fourth.
Charles Bamford, Fifth.
Wm. McKinnell, Sixth.

Edwin Flannagan, Eighth.
John Farrish, Ninth.
Herman Williams, Tenth.

Conducted by the Author, Wm. Hulme, Sexton

Rev. C. A. J. Smith, M.A., Vicar.
Alderman John Birchenough, Esq., Mayor. }

Anthony Hordern, J.P.,
Arthur Sheldon,
Stephen Beesley, } Wardens.

1093. [Ancient Stone Tablet in the Tower of St. Michael's, Macclesfield.]

Gentlemen Ringers y' come Here
You muft Ring true with eye & Ear
You muft keep Time and not go out
or else you'll Forfeit out of don't
Our Law if to concluded here
for evry Fault A pint of Beer
And if a Bell you Overthrowe
I will coft a pence before ye go
any Ye Ring with Spur or Hat
Six pence in ale muft Pay for Ye
These Lawe are old they are not new
Clarke & Sexton muft have y^r due
Willm Clayton Ed Blagg Wardens
1701

Case of Gradual Cure of Cataracts in the Eyes.

SIR,—Mrs. U—, of St. Marychurch, was told by a clever London Oculist, about three years since, that she had cataracts in her eyes, and must wait to be operated on until she became quite blind. Last August she heard through a neighbour that her sight might be restored by anointing the eyelids three times daily with pure and fresh honey, first washing the lids with warm water, to get rid of any dust collected. She immediately began regularly anointing her eyes, and still continues; at first she could not distinguish the features of anyone, though very near her, and can now see a hundred yards off, and reads with magnifying-glasses. After each anointing, the eyes smart, and run with water. Much phlegm collects round the throat and ears.

DEVONIENSIS.

Cambridge Theological Examination.

SIR,—At the close of a letter in last week's 'Church Bells,' on 'The Lancashire Clergy,' signed 'Stella,' it is stated with regard to the non-graduate question 'that it is now the custom for Theological men, before presenting themselves to the Bishop for ordination, to pass the Cambridge Preliminary Examination.' If it were so, it would leave little or nothing to be desired, and the graduate *versus* non-graduate question would, I venture to think, be practically settled in the minds of impartial men. But such is not the case—comparatively few men from the Theological Colleges pass this Examination, with most of them it is optional, only the best men from St. Aidan's, St. Bees', and other such institutions enter for it, and these form a very small percentage of the number of students under training. When it is taken into consideration that the main object of this Examination scheme was to have a uniform standard of attainments among the Clergy, it seems a great pity that the Examination, or something equivalent to it, is not made obligatory, especially when we think of the raw state of many of the Theological Collegemen at entrance. I think not a few Churchmen would be simply shocked if they knew that many men from the Theological Colleges, who at the end of a two years' course are ordained Clergymen, and wear a very gorgeous silk hood as a mark of their attainments, are when they enter, as ignorant of the doctrines of the Christian religion as a national school-boy. Although a non-graduate clergyman, I am bound to confess, that while things remain as they are 'Observer' has good ground for complaint. At the same time, with the rest of 'Stella's' letter I quite agree.

OXON.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Second Annual Meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Change-ringing Society.

THE members of the above society visited High Wycombe, Bucks, on the 24th ult. They arrived about three p.m., and then proceeded to the belfry, where several plain courses of Grandsire Triples, and three different peals of 120 doubles in the same method, were rung. Owing to the unsteadiness of the ropes, the difficulty of hearing the smaller bells, and the heavy going of the tenor, it was useless to attempt any long touches. A detachment of six or seven went to Hughenden and rang several peals of 120 Minor. At 4.30 the members visited the grounds of Wycombe Abbey, and thence proceeded to the Coffee Tavern, where they partook of a good tea. After tea the annual business was gone through, the President, the Rev. A. H. Drummond (of Boyne Hill), taking the chair. The Rev. S. F. Marshall (Farnham Royal), Vice-president, occupied the vice-chair. There were also present the Rev. R. F. Rumsey (Burnham), Rev. C. F. Porter (Dropmore), and the Rev. H. C. Sturgess (Wargrave). After the business was gone through the party proceeded again to the Church, and attended Evensong, after which they left the town by rail, very well satisfied with their short visit.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Ringers.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held in the National Schoolroom, Blackrod, on Saturday, the 21st inst. The parish church bells will be open for ringing from one o'clock, and the Committee will meet in the schoolroom at four o'clock.

Dootson House, Blackrod.

Stedman's Caters.

SIR,—I think Mr. Haley's peal (*Church Bells*, May 22) is not given correctly, as the course-end following each part-end is not produced by 4, 5, 16, but by 4, 5 only, which is not only misleading, but makes a considerable difference in the peal, and should have been mentioned by Mr. Haley in his second letter on the subject.

G. NEWSON.

Muffled Peal at Dickleburgh, Norfolk.

ON Sunday, the 1st inst., the remains of Frederick Francis, aged sixteen, the youngest ringer belonging to the above parish, and a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, were committed to the grave, and a muffled peal was afterwards rung by the company.

New Bells at Mersham, Kent.

Two new trebles have been presented to Mersham Church, Kent,—one by Sir W. Knatchbull, Bart., the other by the Rector. An opening service was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., when the Rev. G. J. Blomfield, Rural Dean, gave an address. About forty ringers, mostly members of the County Association of Change-ringers, were present, and several touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Triples, and one of Treble Bob Major, were rung. The founders of the two new bells are Messrs. Mears of Whitechapel, and they have been hung and the whole ring re-arranged by the Messrs. Finn of Mersham. The peal is now raised to eight. Tenor, 14 cwt. in F.

New Bells at St. Nicholas, Guildford, Surrey.

MESSRS. TAYLOR have lately hung a new ring of eight bells in the above church, in the place of the old ring, many of which were cracked. New tenor, 22½ cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Appleton, Berkshire.

ON Friday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Appleton Society of College Youths rang at the parish church a peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. F. S. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; J. Avery, 5; G. Holifield (conductor), 6; F. White, 7; T. Bennett, 8.

At Hornchurch, Essex.

ON Monday evening, the 2nd inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Andrew's in 20 mins., by a mixed band, who adjourned to Hornchurch in consequence of the ring of eight at Romford being under repair. G. Pearl, jun., 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; W. Doran, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; G. Newson (conductor), 5; S. Jarman, 6. The peal consists of 9 bobs and 6 singles. Tenor, 21 cwt. in E-flat.

At Staveley, Derbyshire.

	2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.
4	2	6	3	5		1	1	
6	2	5	3	4			1	
3	6	5	2	4		1		
2	3	5	6	4		1		
5	2	4	3	6		1	1	
4	5	6	2	3		1	1	
6	5	3	2	4			1	
2	6	3	5	4		1		
5	2	3	6	4		1		
3	5	4	2	6		1	1	
4	3	6	5	2		1	1	
6	3	2	5	4			1	
5	6	2	3	4		1		
3	5	2	6	4		1		
4	2	3	5	6		1	1	1

Twice repeated.

At St. Michael's, Garston.

ON Thursday evening, the 5th inst., five members of the L. A. C. R., assisted by Mr. T. Elson of Childwall, rang at St. Michael's a peal of Grandsire Minor, consisting of 720 changes, in 27 mins. J. Aspinwall (conductor), 1; J. Davidson, 2; T. Elson, 3; C. Newton, 4; P. Barton, 5; G. W. Hughes, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At Romford, Essex.

THE bells of St. Edward's having been put into repair by Messrs. Warner and Son, London, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rang as a trial on the back six in 31 mins., on Friday evening, the 6th inst. G. Roughton, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Maples, 4; F. Sas, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—H. Dains; Bob; G. Wanklin; H. Madin; A. Young Ringer; W. H. Dyson; H. J. Tucker; J. Parker; C. Gordon; and others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

ST. MICHAEL'S, MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

Continued from p. 579.

1094. [Stone Tablet in the Tower of St. Michael's Church, Macclesfield.]

Mind Gentlemen your Bell ring true
And here behave in Order due
He that profanes his Makers Name
Shall Sixpence forfeit for the same
Or here shall any Quarrell raise
Or Noise doth make that doth displease
If Bell occurs shall 4 pence pay
And Sixpence if its rung back way
Or if his Hat or Spur does wear
Then 4 pence mores the Sextons share

These Eight Bells rung with Care and Art
With joy will transport every heart

These bells were put up by public subscription under the direction of
Thomas Brooklehurst, } Aldermen.
Whittaker Wright, }
Thomas Wych, } Wardens.
John Rushton, }

ST. MARY'S, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1095. On the 23rd of January, 1815, was Rung in this Tower a True and Complete Peal of Bob Major, an even Peal of 6000 Changes, in 3 hours and 45 minutes, by the following Persons:—

John Reeve, Treble.	John Harris, Fourth.	Thos. Harris, Sixth.
Josh. Howard, Second.	William Terrell, Fifth.	Richard Parr, Seventh.
Robert Thornback, Third.		Jas. Rowland, Tenor.

This Peal was called by Richard Parr. Tenor weighs 22 cwt.

1096. A Complete Peal of Bob Major, of 5040 Changes, was Rung in this Steeple on the 23rd day of November, 1813, in 3 hours and 13 minutes, by the following persons:—

Isaac Clay, First.	Jno. Harris, Fourth.	Richd. Halls, Sixth.
Thos. Harris, Second.	William Tyrell, Fifth.	Richd. Parr, Seventh.
Joseph Howard, Third.		Robt. Gampson, Tenor.

Tenor, 22 cwt. This peal was composed by Isaac Clay and never rung before, and was called by Richard Parr, with 123 Bobs.

the clergy there are many who, like myself, are so convinced of the skill, taste, and long study required to know what real good architecture is, and of the accurate information needed to deal with builders and buildings, that no vain conceit of their own powers would induce them to move a step in any important undertaking without competent professional advice. There is no danger of the well-instructed architect becoming an unimportant person, nor is there any danger of his not being honestly paid for his services. But the history of the last hundred years is sufficient to prove that most of the mistakes and mutilations in building have been committed, not by earnest but unprofessional amateur architects, but by persons having the *entrée* of all our historic structures, with all the authority of what has been assumed to be absolute professional knowledge of the subject of architecture. Who was it that hacked, and pulled about, and destroyed a whole chain of history in stones in our cathedrals about a hundred years ago? What can be said of the restorations effected by the most trusted architects until within a few years ago? I do not plead for an exclusive Gothic style as 'Vicar' would seem to dread; but I do plead for good buildings, whatever the style adopted—erected without unnecessary loss to the Church; and I do plead also for the expenditure of the most careful thought on the ever-varying problem—varying according to the conditions imposed by each locality—how to supply the Church, where funds are scarce and the necessity urgent, with buildings that, however poor the materials of which they are built, will from their proportions and evident adaptation to their purpose, be 'a joy for ever.' It ought to be a profitable undertaking for any able architect to come to the rescue of the Church in this respect, and not to be paid by a commission on the amount of money expended. What the Freemasons are said to have done in mediæval times, in securing a wonderful force of thought and ability being applied to almost all buildings, great or small, costly or economical, ought now to be done for the Church of England. It ought to be as unusual to erect an ill-conceived building now as it was then. The advance in architecture in this country within the last fifty years has been wonderful; but it has not been uniform. The uncertainty prevailing presses the hardest upon the clergy. It ought no more to be possible to have a whole district disfigured by ugly churches, than to erect gibbets or re-introduce thumbscrews. What is required is for any promoter of church building to be able to see—on easy terms—what can be given to him in the way of a good building for church purposes for the money he has to spend. The whole difficulties of initiating such a work should not be left to haphazard. They should be undertaken by a recognised society in the Church, and, without adding another to the many societies already existing, I do not know any so well prepared by the experience of the past, and the many able churchmen connected with its management, as the Incorporated Church Building Society. The letter of Mr. White and of 'Vicar' in *Church Bells* last week seemed to indicate the necessity of adopting some common ground as to the meaning of *cheap* churches. Again, I may be permitted to say that the whole subject will well bear further discussion, and it may safely be added that those who have to deal with church extension will eagerly read the conclusions arrived at by any one who can offer the results of careful calculation and practical experience. Brick is not the only cheap material. Bricks are comparatively dear in some stone localities.

Notices to Correspondents.

ADDRESS WANTED.—The Rev. A. P. Howes (Holbeck, Leeds) wishes to obtain the address of Mustapha Ben Yusaf, a Lecturer on Eastern Customs.

SIEVE FOR SORTING COIN.—Mr. James Newby, of No. 15 Row, 99 Middlegate Street, Yarmouth, says, that he is the maker of the sieve for sorting coin recently referred to in a letter in our columns from 'A Churchwarden,' and he states that one of the sieves is in use at St. Peter's, Eaton Square. Mr. E. R. Dale recommends 'A Churchwarden' to apply to Harborough and Co. 4 Circus Street, Marylebone Road, W.

RECEIVED ALSO.—M. Ray; W. J. A.; English Churchman; F. R. S.; An Anglican; W. B.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Round at Hand.

SIR,—In answer to 'Round at Hand,' the shortest way that I know of to get the bells round at hand in Grandsire Triples is to call the 7th before with a single, then the 3rd before with a single, also the 6th with a single, and the 5th before with a bob. It is one treble lead less than inserted last week, viz., 97 changes.

G. WANKLIN,

Master, Society of College and Crypt Youths, Gloucester.

Notice.

THE Royal Cumberland Society's Annual Feast will take place on Saturday, the 28th inst., at the 'Red Lion,' St. Albans. Invitation hereby given to members and friends of outlying districts who will favour the Society with their company. The Rev. H. T. Dudding, the Vicar, has kindly allowed the use of St. Peter's twelve bells, and steps are being taken to obtain the use of the ring of eight at the Abbey. Dinner stewards—Mr. Alfred Kirk, 86 New Kent Road, S.E.; Mr. George Flavel, Plough Court, Fetter Lane, W.C.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING took place on Saturday, the 31st ult., at Heywood. There was a good attendance of members from various parts of the county. During the course of the afternoon various touches were rung at St. Luke's by different bands of ringers. After tea, which took place at the 'Coffee Tavern,' the usual meeting took place under the presidency of the Rev. J. Spittal, M.A., Vicar of St. Luke's, and one of the Vice-presidents of the Association. He welcomed

the Association heartily to Heywood, and said that the meeting together of such a band of skilled ringers must be of great service to younger ringers, as showing them to what degree the science of change-ringing could be carried. They were also able materially to assist and encourage ringers who had not penetrated far into the mysteries of ringing, but who yet had a very earnest desire to become proficient in the art. The meeting was also addressed by Mr. W. Leech, one of the churchwardens, who thoroughly expressed his sympathy with the objects which the Association had in view, and said that it ought to receive the hearty co-operation of all true Churchmen.

A District Meeting will be held on Saturday, the 28th inst. at Eccles parish church. A specified time will be appointed for ringing to each set of ringers. The bells will be open from 2.30 p.m.

W. J. CHATTERTON, Corresponding Secretary.

New Bells at Castle Donington, Leicestershire.

A NEW peal of six bells has lately been placed here by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. Their tone is very sweet and musical, and they are much admired. The church is a fine specimen of 13th century architecture, and it was carefully restored a few years back. The concluding part of the restoration—new bells and a new clock (by Joyce of Whitchurch)—was planned and almost finished by the late Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Bourne, at the time of his death. On Thursday afternoon, August 5th, a Dedication Service was held in the church, which was well filled. Special Psalms—xxxix., cxxx., and cl.—were sung; and the Lessons were, Num. x. to verse 11, and Eph. v. 14 to 22, read by the Rev. R. Dalby. Special Collects were read by the Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Mammatt, and at their conclusion a touch of Grandsire was effectively introduced. As soon as the sounds had died away, a special hymn, by kind permission of the Dean of Chichester, was sung, and then followed an eloquent sermon from the Rev. Prebendary Melville Scott, Vicar of St. Mary's, Lichfield, from Psalm lxxxix. 15. During the collection (which amounted to 49l. 9s.) the hymn, 'Holy off' rings, rich and rare,' was sung. During the day the Long Eaton (near Nottingham) Society of Change-ringers rang 720 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins.; also touches of Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. J. Harrison, 1; R. Hickton, 2; S. Clarke, 3; W. Gilson, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs. in F. It is hoped at Castle Donington that these ringers will shortly come over again to ring a muffled peal in memory of the late Vicar.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Monday evening, the 2nd inst., six of the East Berks and South Bucks Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. The peal is without a plain lead. C. Clarke, 1; A. Garraway, 2; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 3; A. Batten, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; E. Rogers, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., at St. Mary's, six of the East Berks and South Bucks Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. G. Buckland, 1; J. Basden, 2; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 3; A. Garraway, 4; W. Wilkins, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Thomas's, Rhyl.

On Saturday, the 7th inst. the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, had their annual trip to Rhyl, when 1000 changes of Grandsire Triples and a few other Minor touches were rung. After dinner they rang 600 changes of Mr. E. Taylor's Bob and Single Variation.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 8th inst., for evening service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 22 singles, was rung (on the back six of the ten bells) in 28 mins. C. Banco, 5; E. Bennett, 6; J. Plowman, 7; J. Trappitt, 8; J. Cawley, 9; C. Gordon (conductor), 10. Tenor, 21 cwt. in E-flat.

At Wymeswold, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Monday, the 9th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor 'tenor ½ hunt and 5th ½ hunt,' was rung at St. Mary's, Wymeswold, in 27 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Knifton, 2; the Vicar, 3; J. Guttridge, 4; R. S. S. Walker, 5; M. Brown, 6. Tenor, about 14 cwt.

At Woolwich, Kent.

On Sunday afternoon, the 15th inst., the following members of the Woolwich and Bromley Society of Change-ringers rang at St. Mary's Church, a muffled touch of Grandsire Triples, containing about 1700 changes, as a last token of respect to the memory of the late John Banister, who died at Birmingham, on the 10th inst., in his 54th year. The deceased was a most prominent member in the art of ringing, both in Woolwich, Lewisham, and Birmingham. J. Golds, 1; T. Durling, 2; W. Frooms, 3; E. Dunn, 4; J. Fullux, 5; H. Bright, 6; H. J. Shade (conductor), 7; W. James, 8. This being the day of his interment, ringers from Crayford and Bexley also attended in the evening and rang a muffled touch, after the Evening Service, as a token of respect to the departed.

At Braintree, Essex.

On Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., six of the Braintree, Essex, Association of Ringers rang at St. Michael's and All Angels', a date touch of 1880 changes, in eight distinct methods, the following being the number rung in each:—Bob Doubles, 20; Grandsire Doubles, 120; Bob Minor, 144; Single Court Bob, 228; Cambridge Surprise, 240; Double Court Bob, 264; Oxford Treble Bob, 360; Kent Treble Bob, 504, in 1 hr. 15 mins. This is the longest length ever rung on these bells. T. Watson, 1; G. Livermore (composer and conductor), 2; W. Dyson, 3; F. Rudkin, 4; S. Hammond, 5; A. Huckson, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—F. Morsley (weight of tenor not given); W. Sedgley; Trowbridge and H. I. T. (no name nor address); E. Drury; C. L. Kennaway; S. M. Dalton; G. J. Clarkson; J. G. Shade; J. H. Jessup; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Stedman's Caters.

SIR,—I had no intention to take part in this controversy until I read the remarks upon the subject by your valued correspondent, the Rev. G. Pope, of the 24th ult. I do not intend to follow him all through his elaborate details of these peals, as I have neither time nor inclination so to do; but I may say that I always read with interest anything the rev. gentleman has to say, and am pleased to see him tackle these complex questions in so masterly a manner.

My object is to show how, in my humble opinion, the rev. gentleman rather oversteps the mark in altering the part ends of Mr. Haley's peal, as I don't see how it can be intelligibly given as a five-part repeating peal. Now, sir, in order to make this clear, I place side by side the last part with the preceding part-end of each peal, with calling or composition in each case, purposely omitting the extra bobs of last course in each case, but which are noted beneath* each diagram.

MR. NELMS' PEAL.

5001.

Fourth part-end.	4	5	16
5 1 2 4 6 3 9 7 8	—	—	—
5 1 3 2 6 4	—	—	—
3 1 5 4 6 2	—	—	—
3 1 2 5 6 4	—	—	—
3 1 4 2 6 5	—	—	—
4 1 3 5 6 2	—	—	—
4 1 2 3 6 5	—	—	—
2 1 4 5 6 3	—	—	—
2 1 3 4 6 5	—	—	—
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	—	—	—

* In the last course of this peal extra bobs are called at 10 and 12, to produce rounds.

Upon reference to these peals it will be seen that Mr. Nelms' is a *repeating five-part peal*, pure and simple, and which cannot be said of Mr. Haley's peal, as in his last course not only does he omit a bob at 4, but calls an extra one at 16. That the peals are both on the five-part plan nobody will doubt, and your rev. correspondent says they are as alike as two peas. This, sir, is right enough, but there are white, blue, and grey peas, varying both in size and quality considerably.

It may, perhaps, be only a matter of taste as to which is the best peal. However this may be, the elements of best peals, irrespective of method, are: 1. Simplicity in composition or construction; 2. They should contain the greatest amount of the most unusual changes; 3. In the least possible number amounting to a peal; 4. And often with some claim to originality. Every peal of Stedman rung is, I consider, a compliment to that great name, and I am told that peals may be brought round at hand or back stroke either way, going off or commencing from rounds.

In conclusion, allow me to say that Mr. Haley's peal is not correctly given in *Church Bells*, May 22. The course-end 2 1 5 4 3 6 is shown as produced by bobs at 4, 5, 16, whereas the 16 should be omitted, as only 4 5 are called in those courses. I have shown this in my diagram, and the result is a considerable difference in the appearance of this peal.

H. DAINS.

London, August 2, 1880.

SIR,—Mr. G. Newson is right. Opposite 2 1 5 4 3 6 in Mr. Haley's peal of May 22nd the dashes should be only under 4 and 5 and not under 16. The same mistake occurs in my communication of July 24th. In the last case the fault is my own, it is not a printer's error, but is in the proof and uncorrected. How, after correcting the original error in my copy and working at the peal for a month, I should have re-copied the error, and then not corrected it in proof, I cannot make out.

Geo. PORE.

Grandsire Triples.

SIR,—As one of your correspondents would like to know the shortest touch of Grandsire Triples brought round at hand, the following calling will bring them round at hand stroke in 97 changes. Call 6th middle S., wrong S. before S., wrong B. Known as Carr's seven leads.

H. J. T.

Round at Hand.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent 'Round at Hand,' the following is, I think, the shortest touch of Grandsire Triples that can be brought round at hand-stroke.

S	5	7	2	6	3	4	—	1
S	4	3	5	2	6	7	—	2
S	7	6	4	5	2	3	—	2
B	3	5	7	2	6	4	—	1

Round next lead.
No. of changes, 97.

2 Ravensbourne Street, West Greenwich.

J. G. SHADE.

A New Ring of Eight Bells at Kingston, Wareham, Dorset.

On Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637), by special invitation from Lord Eldon, attended at the consecration of St. James's Church, Kingston, Wareham, Dorset:—Messrs. Haley, Cooper, Haworth, Muskett, Wood, Nash, Hayes, and Horrex. They rang Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Stedman's Triples, during the day; also on Sunday (St. James's Day) before and after service in the morning, and before and after service in the evening, under the leadership of Mr. Haworth. On Saturday afternoon they attempted a 5040, but only rang 3500 (they hope to accomplish this shortly, as it will be the first peal of 5040 changes rung in the county). L. Proctor, Esq., of Benington, Herts, took part in the ringing. The bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. Tenor, 28 cwt.

The company returned to London by way of Poole, where they rang changes

on the eight bells (tenor 19 cwt.), supposed to be for the first time (new in 1821). The arrangements, from Friday till Monday, were satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Haworth, under the direction of Lord Eldon, whom they now thank for the kind manner with which they were treated during their visit.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Nicholas, Brighton, Sussex.

On Friday, the 23rd ult., the Bishop Stortford Society visited Brighton, and with kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, rang at the parish church a touch of 1246 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. T. Newman, 1; W. H. Tucker, 2; F. W. Elbourn, 3; G. Martin, 4; J. Newman, 5; C. Martin, 6; H. Champness, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Upper Clapton, Middlesex.

A HALF-MUFFLED peal, in memory of Mr. David Smith, a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and late steeple-keeper at St. John's, Hackney, was rung on the 9th inst., at St. Matthew's, by the following members of the College Youths and Royal Cumberlands:—Messrs. Carmichael, G. Clark, Davidson, Jackson, Jessop, G. Marriott, G. Page, T. Page, and Richardson. After the usual muffled peal, touches of Stedmans Triples and Grandsire Major were rung, conducted by Mr. Marriott.

At Kenninghall, Norfolk.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Kenninghall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang at St. Mary's Church, 5280 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 16 mins. The peal is one of the late J. Reeves from Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, p. 3, Part II. J. Wade, 1 (first peal in this method); R. Hutton, 2; G. Edwards, 3; C. Everett, 4; H. Eagling, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At Stanstead, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., six of the Glemsford Society of Change-ringers rang two peals of Treble Bob Minor, 720 changes each, one Kent, and the other Oxford, in 56 mins. S. Slater (conductor), 1; Z. Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; O. Garwood, 4; H. Thompson, 5; G. Maxim, 6. This was the first peal of Kent Treble Bob ever rung upon these bells. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.

On Monday, Aug. 16th, the following members of the above Society rang Holt's Original One-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., at St. Paul's, Shadwell. The members met to oblige Mr. Crawley, of Hertford, likewise F. K. Rees, Esq., he having expressed a wish to take part in a peal prior to his departure for India. T. Benney, 1; J. Pettit (conductor), 2; G. Crawley, 3; F. K. Rees, Esq., 4; G. Muskitt, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; W. Tanner, jun., 7; W. Tanner, sen., 8.

Change-ringing at St. Nicholas, Deptford, Kent.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., six members of the Greenwich and Deptford Society rang, at the above church, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. T. Sharman, 1; W. Pead, 2; H. Deal, 3; T. Taylor, 4; J. G. Shade, 5; J. Rees, 6. Tenor, 19 cwt., in D.

RECEIVED ALSO:—G. J. Clarkson—neither time nor county given; Report from Black-rod omits to state on what bells the peals were rung; Peal at Kemerton—time not given; H. Scadding; James Moulton—place not mentioned; W. Duffill: R. Rodman—two copies of the paper will be sent when the article is inserted; J. Steel; and others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

(Continued from p. 595.)

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

1097. On Mar. 23rd, 1856, was rung by the Staveley Society the following seven peals, viz., Cheapside, London Scholars, College Triples, New London Pleasure, Violet, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 13 minutes. The Band were as follows:—

James Swift, Treble.	William Harris, Third.	George Beresford, Fifth.
Nathan Young, Second.	Joseph Widdowson, Fourth.	Herbert Madin, Tenor.

The above peals was conducted by George Beresford. Weight of Tenor, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs. minutes, by the following persons:—

Edward Oxley, Barnsley, Treble.	Matthew Haworth, Staveley, Fifth.
Nathan Young, Staveley, Second.	Joseph Widdowson, Staveley, Sixth.
William Harris, Staveley, Third.	George Beresford, Staveley, Seventh.
William Pawson, Leeds, Fourth.	Herbert Madin, Staveley, Tenor.

The above peal was conducted by Edward Oxley.

1099. On Dec. 25th, 1857, was rung 5120 Changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours & 11 minutes. The Band was stationed thus:—

Edward Harris, Staveley, Treble.	Matthew Haworth, Staveley, Fifth.
William Pawson, Leeds, Second.	Joseph Widdowson, Staveley, Sixth.
William Harris, Staveley, Third.	George Beresford, Staveley, Seventh.
Nathan Young, Staveley, Fourth.	Herbert Madin, Staveley, Tenor.

The above peal was conducted by George Beresford.

1100. On May 30th, 1858, was rung 5280 Changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours & 25 minutes, by the following performers:—

James Swift, Staveley, Treble.	Matthew Haworth, Staveley, Fifth.
William Pawson, Leeds, Second.	Joseph Widdowson, Staveley, Sixth.
William Harris, Staveley, Third.	George Beresford, Staveley, Seventh.
Nathan Young, Staveley, Fourth.	Herbert Madin, Staveley, Tenor.

The above peal was conducted by Herbert Madin.

1101. On Mar. 10, 1863, was rung by the Staveley Society in Honor of the Prince of Wales' Marriage the following seven peals, viz., Arnold's Victory, London Scholars, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Violet, and Oxford, consisting of 5040 Changes, in 3 hours and 13½ minutes. The Performers were:—

William Harris, Treble.	Nathan Young, Third.	George Beresford, Fifth.
Edward Clare, Second.	Joseph Widdowson, Fourth.	Herbert Madin, Tenor.

The above peals was conducted by Herbert Madin.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

New Bells at Lincoln Cathedral.

Two new bells have lately been fixed by Messrs. Taylor in the Central Tower of this Cathedral, to complete the Cambridge Quarters, Great Tom being the hour-bell. Their weights, notes, and inscription are:—

cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Note.
11	0	10	C-sharp.
12	3	14	B
23	3	24	

Inscription on largest bell:—

DIES DIEI ERUCTAT VENIUM.
NATHANIEL CLAYTON ME FECIT FIERI
ANNO DOMINI MDCCCLXXX.

On the smallest bell:—

NOX NOCTI INDICAT SCIENTIAM.
MARY SEELY ME FECIT FIERI
ANNO DOMINI MDCCCLXXX.

Lancashire Association of Change-Ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting for friendly ringing took place on Saturday, the 28th ult., at Eccles, under the auspices of the above Association. Over forty members and friends attended from Eccles, Swinton, Manchester, Bolton, Pendlebury, Whitefield, Liverpool, &c. The ringing was commenced, by the Eccles members, at 2.30 p.m., and the bells were kept going, with little intermission, until 9 p.m., by the rest of the members, in various mixed bands. The meeting, in every respect, was a thoroughly satisfactory one, it being acknowledged that the ringing which took place (though performed by 'mixed' bands from various belfries) was far better than the ringing which took place eight years ago, by picked bands, for prizes, when that obnoxious system prevailed. The best thanks of the Association are due to the Rev. Canon Pitcairn and the wardens of the church, for their kindness in allowing the Association the use of the bells. At a committee meeting, held during the course of the afternoon, it was proposed to hold the next meeting for ringing solely at Heywood, on Saturday, the 25th inst. W. J. CHATTERTON, *Corresponding Sec.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.

On Wednesday, the 11th ult., a peal of 720 of Bob Minor was rung, at the parish church, in 27 mins., as follows:—G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. Newton, 2; T. Stephenson, 3; J. Waller, 4; W. Stephenson, 5; A. Thomas (late of Reading, Berks.), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Willenhall, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 14th ult., the following members of St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers, Birmingham, rang, at the parish church, the late Mr. Lates' peal of Stedman's Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., being the first peal in the above method on the bells. S. Reeves, 1; J. Joynes, 2; W. Small, 3; H. Johnson, sen., 4; H. Johnson, jun., 5; J. Buffery, 6; W. Hallsworth (conductor), 7; T. Reynolds, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Change Ringing at Staveley, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., at St. John's Church, a peal of 5184 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. and 19 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; H. Madin, 2; J. Hunt, 3; W. Worthington, 4; A. Cressor, 5; A. Knights, 6; S. Wood, 7; J. Broadhead, 8. Composed and conducted by S. Wood.

At St. Mary's, Chester.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., six members of St. Mary's Society rang a peal of 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24½ mins. T. Hughes, 1; A. Jones, 2; G. Gerred, 3; J. Gibson, 4; T. Bethell (conductor), 5; J. Moulton, 6. Tenor, 23 cwt., in D.

At St. Nicholas, Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 22nd ult., for evening service, a peal of 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. C. Whittle, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux, 3; C. Bown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6. This is the first peal of Bob Minor rung at this church. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Walkden, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 23rd ult., the ringers from Middleton rang at Walkden parish church a peal of 720 Grandsire Bob in 27 mins. J. Buckley (conductor), 1; S. Sesson, 2; J. Heywood, 3; T. Arrowsmith, 4; T. Buckley, 5; T. Seddon, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

At Stroud, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult., a muffled touch of 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Laurence, as a mark of respect and esteem to the memory of Mrs. Hobbs, wife of Mr. W. Hobbs, one of the churchwardens. G. Gregory, 1; W. F. Sloman, 2; D. Brown, 3; N. King, 4; G. Latham (conductor), 5; D. Marment, 6; F. Stephens, 7; A. Long, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

At Lancaster.

On the 30th ult. the ringers of St. Mary's parish church rang a date peal, consisting of 1880 changes, taken from Holt's Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 15 mins. It is the first date peal rung by these ringers. R. S. Hirst (conductor), 1; G. Winn, 2; T. Parker, 3; W. Hirst, 4; J. Atkinson, 5; P. Walker, 6; R. Johnson, 7; J. Beattie, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

At Lewisham, Kent.

On Thursday evening, the 26th ult., eight members of the Lewisham Society of Change-ringers rang at St. Mary's (with the bells muffled) a Date Touch of 1880 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins., as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Banister, formerly of Woolwich, who died and was buried at Birmingham a few days previously, aged 54 years. Mr. Banister (prior to his leaving Woolwich) was Tutor to the Lewisham Society for six years. T. Sharman, 1; W. Pead, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; T. Taylor, 4; I. G. Shade (composer and conductor), 5; G. Freeman, 6; H. Freeman, 7; W. Bowles, 8. Tenor, 21. cwt.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO:—John Steel; Alfred Kirk (address is 86 Falmouth Road, S.E.); Geoffry Dawson; S. Reeves; E. Firth.

BELFRY RECORDS.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE. (Tablets in the Belfry.)

(Continued from page 627.)

1102. On Nov. 18, 1865, was rung 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 28 minutes. (Artists Viz.):—

Herbert Madin, Staveley, Treble.	Nathan Young, Staveley, Fifth.
John Lomas, Sheffield, Second.	Joseph Widdowson, Staveley, Sixth.
Thomas Hattersley, Sheffield, Third.	George Beresford, Staveley, Seventh.
C. H. Hattersley, Sheffield, Fourth.	George Wilson, Sheffield, Tenor.

The above peal was conducted by George Beresford.

1103. On Feb. 16, 1873, was rung 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 13 minutes. (Artists as follows):—

Walter Worthington, Staveley, Treble.	James Hunt, Staveley, Fifth.
John Broadhead, Staveley, Second.	Thomas Dixon, Staveley, Sixth.
John West, Sheffield, Third.	George Beresford, Staveley, Seventh.
C. H. Hattersley, Sheffield, Fourth.	Herbert Madin, Staveley, Tenor.

The above peal was composed and conducted by Herbert Madin.

On Feb. 22nd, 1874, was rung 5088 Changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours 19 minutes, by the following Artists:—

Walter Worthington, Staveley, Treble.	James Hunt, Staveley, Fifth.
John Broadhead, Staveley, Second.	Nathan Young, Staveley, Sixth.
C. H. Hattersley, Sheffield, Third.	George Beresford, Staveley, Seventh.
Thomas Hattersley, Sheffield, Fourth.	Herbert Madin, Staveley, Tenor.

The above Peal was Composed by Herbert Madin and Conducted by George Beresford.

The above two peals are differently conducted.

1104. On Oct. 10, 1877, was rung 5184 Changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, with the Tenors 24 times 8 6 7s, 24 times 7 8 6s, and 24 times 6 7 8s, in 3 hours and 16 minutes. The Band were:—

Henry Mottershall, Staveley, Treble.	Walter Worthington, Staveley, Fifth.
Herbert Madin, Staveley, Second.	Nathan Young, Staveley, Sixth.
James Hunt, Staveley, Third.	Thomas Dixon, Sheffield, Seventh.
John Harris, Staveley, Fourth.	John Broadhead, Staveley, Tenor.

The above peal was Composed by H. Hubbard, Senr., of Leeds, and Conducted by Thomas Dixon.

1105. On Mar. 13th, 1880, was rung 5024 Changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 15 minutes. The performers were:—

Stephen Doughty, Staveley, Treble.	John Harris, Staveley, Fifth.
Herbert Madin, Staveley, Second.	Nathan Young, Staveley, Sixth.
James Hunt, Staveley, Third.	Samuel Wood, Oldham, Seventh.
Walter Worthington, Staveley, Fourth.	John Broadhead, Staveley, Tenor.

The above peal was Composed and Conducted by Samuel Wood.

HAWORTH, near KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

1106. THIS Peal of Bells was hung by William Wood—Joseph Redman being the Architect, and were opened and prizes given March 10th, A.D. 1846.

CHANGE-RINGING.—On April 6th, 1849, being Good Friday, the following persons—

Thomas Bland, Treble.	Edwin Feather, Third.	Joseph Redman, "Clerk," Fifth.
John Redman, Second.	Robert Brown, Fourth.	John Brown, "Sexton," Tenor.

ascended this Tower and rang seven treble Bob peals—viz. Primrose, College treble, Kent, New London, Oxford, Violet, and Duke of York. In all 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 55 minutes. The peals were ably conducted by Thomas Bland.

CHANGE-RINGING.—On November 2nd, 1853. A Company of Haworth Ringers, in 3 hours and 6 minutes, rang on these bells the following peals—viz. Cambridge Surprise, College treble, Tulip, College pleasure, City Delight, primrose, and London Scholars pleasure, making in the aggregate 5040 changes, which were performed in a masterly style by the following persons, viz.—

John Stoney, Treble.	John Hartley, Third.	William Redman, Fifth.
Enoch Brown, Second.	Robert Brown, Fourth.	John Redman, Tenor.

The peals was ably conducted by John Redman.

ST. GREGORY'S CHURCH, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1107. WAS rung on this steeple, Jan. 1st, 1827, A true peal of Bob Major of 5040 changes in 3 hours and 23 minutes, by the following persons, viz.:—

S. Scott, Treble.	F. Hartley, Fourth.	H. Murrells, Seventh.
J. Medcalf, Second.	W. Hayner, Fifth.	J. Boney, Tenor and Conductor.
E. Clubb, Third.	F. Bacon, Sixth.	

1108. DECEMBER 8TH, 1836.—A complete peal of Treble Bob (Oxford), of 5120 changes, was rung on this steeple in 3 hours and 7 minutes, by the following persons:—

N. W. Taylor, Treble.	J. Campin, Third.	W. Bacon, Fifth.	W. Grosse, Seventh.
W. Campin, Second.	J. Morley, Fourth.	W. Griggs, Sixth.	A. Scott, Tenor.

Conducted by A. Scott.

1109. 1839, JANUARY 30TH.—A true peal of 6000 changes of Bob major was rung in this steeple in 3 hours and 50 minutes by the following persons:—

Newman W. Taylor, Treble.	James Morley, Fourth.	Walter Cross, Seventh.
William Campin, Second.	Felix Tolliday, Fifth.	Arthur Scott, Tenor and Conductor.
James Campin, Third.	Walter Griggs, Sixth.	

The peal was composed by the late Mr. J. Marven, of Croydock, Suffolk.

that she wished the funeral to take place on the Church side. I have mentioned one case in which the undertaker was unsuccessful; in how many more cases has he been successful?
L. M. D.

A Form of Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving Provided.

SIR,—As many of our clerical brethren will shortly be having Harvest Thanksgiving Services, it may be well to remind them of the 'Thanksgiving Service' drawn up by Convocation and agreed upon by both Houses. It is sold at Rivingtons', Waterloo Place, London, and at their houses in Oxford and Cambridge. It is now very commonly used, both on Sundays and weekdays, in conjunction with our services; and it gives a thanksgiving tone to the service. It is only needful for the clergy to be provided with the service, as the congregation can listen to the prayers introduced from it. It contains, too, a good list of suitable Psalms and Lessons. It is generally used in the neighbourhood where I reside, and the prayers express, in simple language, what is needed.

A VICAR.

The Seventeenth Centenary of the Establishment of Episcopacy in England.

SIR,—We have this summer been having many celebrations of the centenary of Sunday Schools. Will you let me ask the readers of *Church Bells* if we are to pass by without any recognition this year, 1880, which is the *seventeen hundredth* anniversary of the establishment of Episcopacy in this country. Surely the event should be marked by a celebration of some sort. Any one looking into the 'List of Bishops,' in *Crockford's Clerical Directory*, will see that the first bishopric was established in South Wales, in the year 180, Dubritius being the first bishop.

H. C. RICHMOND.

Convalescent Home, St. Leonards.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to make known through your widely-read columns that there are two good houses at St. Leonards-on-Sea shortly about to be vacated, which have been fitted-up and used for the last two or three years as a 'Convalescent Home' for men and women, each house accommodating ten persons? These houses are being given up because a new and larger 'Home' is to be opened this month. The Committee intend to dispose of the furniture and fixtures of the two houses as they stand, and, therefore, an excellent opportunity is afforded for the houses to continue to be used for the same good and benevolent purpose as heretofore. They are situated in the Silchester Road, not five minutes' walk from the sea. Information would gladly be given by the Matron, Herts Convalescent Home, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

A. M. WILCOX.

Proposed Testimonial to the Bishop of Lincoln.

SIR,—May I ask space in your columns to state that many who admire the courageous opposition of the Bishop of Lincoln are desirous to testify their gratitude to his Lordship, not only by signing the address prepared by the Bishop Suffragan of Nottingham, to which more than 13,000 names are already appended, but also in the practical form of donations to the Southwell Bishopric Fund, as a memorial fund to be presented to his Lordship? As one of the Secretaries of that Fund I have been asked by the Bishop of Nottingham to receive subscriptions, large or small, which shall be duly acknowledged. P. O. Orders to be drawn on the Brigg office.

CHAS. W. MARKHAM.

'Church Bells' for the Clergy Abroad.

SIR,—Kindly allow me, through your valued columns, to thank those among your subscribers (of whose names I am unaware) who have so freely responded to my request for copies of *Church Bells*. Although I have received several numbers of the same dates, I can make good use of them all, and hope, through the kindness of those who have begun to send the papers, to receive them regularly and consecutively.

WALTER F. KNOWLES,

Balelatha, Otago, New Zealand.

Deacon-Curate.

The Stained Glass in Hadleigh Church.

SIR,—We beg to call your attention to an error in your issue of August 28th, where the famous old Church of St. Mary's, Hadleigh, Suffolk, is described. You give the name of Hedgeland as the artist of the east window which we executed five years ago, and which has been much approved of. The window which Mr. Hedgeland did is a small one in the side-chapel, and we shall be glad if you will have the goodness to correct the mistake.

WARD AND HUGHES.

Answers to Correspondents.

THE 'Editor of a Parish Magazine' will find short notes on the meaning and uses of the different parts of a church in *Lessons on the Churchyard and Fabric of the Church*, by E. E. Jarrett, published by Masters, with large illustrative drawings; or in *Garner's Parish Church*, published by the S.P.C.K.; or in *Field's Stones of the Temple*, published by Rivingtons. *Blunt's Key to the Prayer-book*, or his *Annotated Prayer-book*, published by Rivingtons; and *Evan Daniel's Prayer-book: its History, Language, and Contents*, published by Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co., are all useful works on the Prayer-book.

Notices to Correspondents.

A SADLY over-worked Curate, who has no guineas to spare, asks us where he could get a little temporary help to enable him to have a fortnight's rest, and thus, perhaps, save a threatened breakdown of health.—We recommend our correspondent to write to the Rev. Arthur J. Ingram, 7 Whitehall, S.W., Secretary of the 'Poor Clergy Holiday Fund.' There is also an institution at Margate, Kent, particulars of which may, we believe, be obtained from the local clergy.

G. WARD.—We will comply with your request as far as possible by giving the price of books reviewed whenever it is stated on the title or supplied by the publishers. *The Preachers' Analyst* is published monthly, price 4d., by Elliott Stock, 62 Paternoster Row.

ERRATUM.—P. 645, for 'Portions of Prayers from the Book,' read 'Portions of the Book.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—M. H. W.; Traveller; J. H. H.; Vicar; and others

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

ON Monday, August 30th, the Third Annual Meeting was held at Durham, the attendance being larger than on previous occasions, representing Brancepeth, Darlington (St. John), Durham (St. Oswald), Newcastle (Old Society of St. John's), North Shields, Ripon Cathedral, Stockton, and Willington. The company, to the number of forty-five, sat down to dinner at the 'Half Moon' hotel at two o'clock, the Chair being occupied by Mr. Reed, President of the Association, supported by the Ven. Archdeacon Watkins, and Rev. T. Rogers, T. Brutton, and A. J. Williams. After the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, the Chairman proposed the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese, stating that they were all proud to know that the Bishop and Archdeacon of Northumberland had consented to become patrons of the Association. Archdeacon Watkins responded. The Rev. T. Brutton then proposed the health of the President, after which the Annual Report was read by the Secretary. The Report contains no 5000 this year, but two half-peals of Grandsire Triples at North Shields, a date touch of Minor at Stockton, and the first 720 Minor at St. Oswald's, Durham. After a vote of thanks to the Secretary, all the officers were re-elected, and thirty-two new members added to the Association, nine of them being honorary. It was also decided to hold the Annual Meeting in future years on the last Monday of October for the convenience of the clerical members, many of whom are away at the present time of holding it, and to abolish the November quarterly meeting, thereby enabling the secretary at once to make arrangements for sending an instructor to some of the branches, and so increase the number of change-ringers in the diocese. The ringing during the day consisted of touches of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral, the longest being 504 all but completed when the second rope broke; but the striking was not very good owing to the condition of the 7th and tenor. At St. Oswald's was rung a peal of 720 Bob Minor, also a peal of 720 College Singles. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Newton Hall in February.

(J. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec. and Treas.)

Date Touches of Grandsire Triples.

SIR,—Can any of your corresponding composers of Grandsire Triples inform me how to bring the first part of Holt's Original round true, after the change 1 5 2 6 3 7 4, so as to call it a date touch of 1880 changes? and do they come home at back stroke or round at hand?

W. F.

New Bells at St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

A NEW ring of eight bells, cast by John Warner and Sons, London, were opened on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The proceedings commenced with divine service in the church at half-past eleven. The ringers of Dewsbury occupied the tower, and commenced to ring as the congregation was dispersing. W. Preston, 1; S. Smithson, 2; H. Haigh, 3; J. Idle, 4; A. Beaumont, 5; I. Idle, 6; J. H. Dixon (conductor), 7; J. Garforth, 8. After luncheon they rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2528 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins. Several short peals were subsequently rang. The tenor bell bears this inscription:—'This bell, with two others, was presented by Mary Hague, of Crow Nest, Dewsbury; Joseph Bower, Walter Hudson, churchwardens; V. F. Hammond, vicar.' The treble bell is thus inscribed: 'Presented by Mark Darnbrough, Valley Brass Works, Drighlington.' Tenor, 15½ cwt., in F.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.

ON Wednesday, the 11th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung at the parish church in 27 mins. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; W. Newton, 2; T. Stephenson, 3; J. Waller, 4; W. Stephenson, 5; A. Thomas, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Mirfield, Yorkshire.

ON Friday, the 20th ult., the ringers of St. Mary's rang 1880 muffled changes of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 1 hr. 19 mins., as a token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. Ralph Maude, formerly vicar of Mirfield for forty years; also on Sunday morning and evening for service. J. Holt, 1; T. Crowshaw, 2; H. Hinchcliffe, 3; T. Oxley, 4; B. Robinson, 5; D. Clarkson, 6; S. Dawson, 7; H. Firth, 8; J. Peacock, 9; E. Firth (conductor), 10. Composed by Mr. Sottanstill. Tenor, 30½ cwt.

At Deptford, Kent.

ON Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., six members of the Lewisham Society rang at St. Nicholas's a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (without a plain lead) in 28 mins. T. Sharman, 1; G. Freeman, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; T. Taylor, 4; I. G. Shade (composer and conductor), 5; I. Rees, 6. Weight of tenor not sent.

At Monkleigh, Devon.

ON Monday, the 30th ult., four members of the Monkleigh Guild, assisted by G. H. Phillott, Esq., and C. D. P. Davies, Esq., rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. L. Ellis, 1; G. H. Phillott, 2; C. D. P. Davies, 3; J. Lane, 4; W. Shute, 5; W. S. Willett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. This is the first 720 ever rung on the bells.

CHURCH CLOCK FOR SALE.—We are requested to state the old church clock at Castle Donington, near Derby, is on sale. Messrs. Joyce (of Whitchurch), who have lately put up a new clock with chimes, speak of this old clock as a very curious piece of workmanship, part of it being undoubtedly very old. The frame is made of wood, the dial of cast-iron with copper figures, the diameter being 5 feet 4 inches. The clock will probably keep good time after undergoing some repairs, and those who are interested in 'antiquities' of this kind will perhaps be glad of such an opportunity to indulge their taste. The Vicar will be happy to give any further information.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Rev. J. Puttick (with thanks); John Cox; J. M. Ward; W. Senior; G. Conyard; S. Reeves; A. S. Mammatt; Peals at Wargrave and Bioceter; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Date Touches of Grandsire Triples.

SIR,—In reply to your correspondent 'W. F.' in your issue of Sept. 11th, I beg to say that if, after the change 1 5 2 6 3 7 4, which occurs at the 117th treble lead in Holt's Original, you call as in following example, a date-touch of 1880 is constructed which varies in the least possible degree from either that famous composition or the method of Grandsire Triples. I need scarcely say the touch terminates at back-stroke.

EXAMPLE.						
1	5	2	6	3	7	4
1	6	7	5	2	4	3
1	2	7	6	3	5	4
1	4	3	2	5	7	6
1	3	2	4	5	7	6
1	2	4	3	5	7	6

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1876

Four changes necessary to complete the number required. (2 1 4 3 5 6 7, 2 1 3 4 5 6 7, 1 2 3 5 4 7 6, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7) Three last changes of Holt's original.

WM. GURDON.

Grandsire Triples.

SIR,—Having read in your issue of the 7th ult., concerning the 111 changes of Grandsire Triples by 'Round at Hand,' and finding that he was answered by Mr. Wanklin, of Gloucester, I did not write, as the composing of a touch of this sort is not of much importance, knowing that during the past forty-six years this touch, as well as many other very short touches of Stedman's and Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques, composed about the same time by me, have got into the hands of many ringers, and that some one would be sure to reply. I have frequently rung it with others calling, but never had the idea of trumpeting it to them; but after reading the remark in *Church Bells*, August 28th, by I. G. Shade, I looked above and found that it was again inserted, when, to my surprise, I read the following words, viz. 'Known as Carr's Seven Leads. Signed, H. J. T.' Now, with due respect to the late John Carr, I can assure the ringing world that, in the year 1834, I gave those seven leads to him at the house known as the 'Three Tuns,' Waltham Abbey, for which he thanked me, and was astonished at seeing so short a touch. In the same year I also gave it to Mr. Geo. Marriott and others, and after having given it to Mr. Carr, I mentioned it to Geo. Marriott, the only one now living who can testify to the above fact.

JOHN COX.

8 Temple Lane, Bouverie Street, Fleet Street, City.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE annual meeting of this Association will be held at Ipswich on Monday, the 4th proximo. A circular will shortly be issued to honorary members, and masters of companies in union with the above Association. Any information may be obtained on application to Mr. G. Holmes, Redenhall Bell Foundry, Harleston.

GERVAS HOLMES, Sec. pro tem.

Bell Model and Bell MSS.

MR. CHARLES CHURCHILL of Gloucester, who was foreman of Rudhall's Bell Foundry in that city, has a lot of MSS. on bell matters which he wishes to sell. Mrs. Tandy, a daughter of his, has a model of a tower bell, with hanging, &c., complete, also for sale.—ED.

Gressenhall Church, Norfolk.

THE ring of five bells in this parish has recently undergone extensive repair, the old tower of the church having been pulled down and entirely rebuilt. A new frame has been supplied, made of English oak, and three new bells added in place of the old ones, which were badly cracked. The bells have been re-hung with all new stocks, wheels, and fittings complete, and the two old bells tuned. The work was done by Messrs. George Day and Son, church bell-hangers, Eye, Suffolk.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Debenham, Suffolk.

ON June 26th, at St. Mary's, a peal of 7296 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 4 hrs. 35 mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; G. Day, 2; T. Sadler, 3; R. Brundy, 4; E. Pemberton, 5; D. Collins, 6; E. Collins, 7; F. Day, 8. Composed by J. Reeves. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. For calling this peal see *Snowdon's Collection*, p. 32.

At Helmingham, Suffolk.

ON June 28th, this branch rang at the parish church Mr. Holt's ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Perry, 1; J. Ocborrow, 2; W. Dye (conductor), 3; G. Thurlow, 4; J. Whiting, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; J. Whiting, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

Muffled Peal at Castle Donington, Leicestershire.

ON Saturday afternoon, 4th inst., the Long Eaton Change-ringers rang on these fine bells (which have lately been put up by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough) a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 30 mins., in memory of the late Vicar. R. Hickton, 1; F. Sephton, 2; S. Clarke, 3; W. Gibson, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6.

Reopening of the Bells of St. John the Baptist, Eltham.

THE old-fashioned wooden tower and spire of this church having been pulled down, and replaced by a substantial stone structure, and the pretty peal of six rehung, the Lewisham Society, by the kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, rung the first peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins, as also two peals of Grandsire Doubles on Saturday evening, the 11th inst. F. Fraser, 1; W. Pead, 2; F. W. Cole, 3; T. Sharman, 4; J. G. Shade (conductor), 5; T. Taylor, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

Change-ringing at Wallasey, Cheshire.

ON Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., six members of the Aldford Society of Change-ringers visited Wallasey Church and rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. S. Manning, 1; T. Bassnet, 2; J. Moulton, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6.

At Wargrave, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., a company of the East Berks and South Bucks Society visited Wargrave by invitation, and rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. G. Buckland, 1; J. Basden, 2; J. Parker (compser and conductor), 3; A. Garraway, 4; W. Wilkins, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Bicester, Oxfordshire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Oxford Society of Change-ringers rang at the parish church Holt's ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. H. French, 1; S. Hounslow (first peal), 2; J. M. Hine, 3; C. Hounslow (conductor), 4; H. Janaway, 5; F. Williamson, 6; E. Harrison, 7; J. Eeley (first peal), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F-sharp.

At Deritend, Birmingham.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers rang at St. John's Church, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. John Bannister, Mr. Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. W. Heywood, 1; J. Joynes, 2; S. Reeves, 3; J. Carter, 4; J. Dunn, 5; J. Miller (conductor), 6; F. James, 7; R. Jones, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At Earls Heaton, Yorkshire.

ON Monday evening, the 6th inst., a date touch, consisting of 1880 changes of Kent Treble Bob, was rung at St. Peter's Church—to commemorate the eightieth birthday of Mr. William Senior, who has been a ringer for upwards of sixty years—in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Senior, 1; A. Goodall (sixteen years of age), 2; M. Garforth, 3; J. Buckley, 4; L. Senior, 5; J. Garforth, 6; G. Hardy, 7; C. Senior (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Bexley, Kent.

ON Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., at St. Mary's Church, six members of the West Kent Guild of Bell-ringers rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, called by nine bobs and six singles, in 25 mins. G. Conyard, 1; M. Jacobs, 2; W. Pringer, 3; J. Sloper, 4; F. French (conductor), 5; W. S. Reeves, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At Alington, Devon.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., by the kind permission of the rector, the following members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang at St. Michael's Church Mr. Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 48 min. *W. J. Southwood, 1; *J. Field (conductor), 2; *W. H. Marsh, 3; *A. Shepherd, 4; W. G. Goss, 5; R. French, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; *E. Shepherd, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [* Their first peal.] The first peal of triples rung on these bells, cast in 1749, and opened by round ringers March 23, 1749-50.

At Hyde, Cheshire.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., six members of St. George's Society of Change-ringers, Hyde, assisted by Mr. G. G. Harrison of Hull, and Mr. G. Longden of Ashton-under-Lyne, rang Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Wilde, sen., 1; L. Roston, 2; T. Wilde, jun. (conductor), 3; J. Wilde, jun., 4; P. Beard, 5; G. Longden, 6; G. G. Harrison, 7; T. Wilde, sen., 8. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

Contributors are requested to state the county in which peals are rung.

RECEIVED ALSO.—C. Crawford (county not given); T. H. H. Henn (with thanks); Fair Play (Church Bells cannot enter local scandals and disputes); Alfred Fussell; James Horrocks; John Taylor & Co.; and others.

BELFRY RECORDS.

(Continued from page 643.)

IN THE CURFEW TOWER, WINDSOR CASTLE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1110. ON Feb. 21st, 1748, was rung in this steeple a complete 5040 of Union Trebbles never performed here before, viz.—

Sam. Fookes, First.	Geo. Morris, Fourth.	Jno. Spencer, Seventh.
Jno. Burk, Second.	Geo. Fookes, Fifth.	Will. Cook, Eighth.
Will. Benning, Third.	Jos. Batwell, Sixth.	Berry Mauly, Ninth.

1111. COLLEGE YOUTHS.—This Society rang in this Steeple, Tuesday, April 10th, 1787, A True Complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes, by—

Philip Pilgrim, Treble.	John Povey, Fourth.	Ed. Simmonds, Seventh.
Jas. Worster, Second.	Geo. Webb, Fifth.	Richard West, Eighth.
„ Hammott, Third.	Ben. Simmonds, Sixth.	John Lyford, Ninth.
		James Bartlett, Tenth.

Tenor of above peal 36 cwt. The peal was called by Mr. Jas. Worster.

Messrs. Martin and Garratt (Stewards).

CORRESPONDENCE.

Church Congress, 1880.

SIR,—Many of your readers are doubtless intending to visit Leicester during the Church Congress which begins next week. If any of your readers who are interested in Sunday-school work and the training of the young should be in Leicester next Sunday (September 26th), I would strongly advise them to pay a visit to the service held in St. Matthew's Church at 3 p.m. This parish has no less than five Sunday Schools belonging to it, and for some years past the teaching in each of these schools has been carried out in a most systematic manner, and to those interested (as most Churchmen are) in making the best of the teaching in Sunday Schools, the plan adopted at St. Matthew's is worthy of earnest attention. It is impossible in this letter to enter fully into detail. Suffice it to say, that every Advent the Vicar prepares and publishes a most careful and useful series of lessons for the year; and such is the appreciation of his efforts that many other schools are adopting and using this Lesson Book, and working on the lines there marked out. This year the Lesson Book had a sale of several thousands. The plan is to catechise and examine publicly in the Church on the last Sunday in each month the teaching of the preceding Sundays; and as next Sunday happens to be what is known as 'repetition Sunday' for the month of September, visitors will have an opportunity of seeing the system at work, and gathering some idea of its practical usefulness. The importance of more systematic teaching in the Sunday School is obvious to all, and any hints towards making it more so cannot fail to be of value. ANGLICANUS.

Sunday and Day School.

SIR,—Your correspondent 'A. V. L.' who finds fault with the paragraph in *Sunday* on 'The Two Schools,' draws a specious but somewhat unfair meaning from the words used. They contain no disparagement, no negation. The paragraph only remarks appropriately at the Centenary Festival, that the Sunday Schools in this land have been a blessing, and still contain a blessing for the thousands who come to them. There can be no question, that of Day Schools generally, it is true, the teaching is intended to 'fit the children for their work in this life, and to fight their battle in the world;' and if, in a very small proportion of the Day Schools, there is a minimum of religious teaching, at which attendance is a voluntary thing, it only serves to mark more strongly the difference in the Sunday School, where most certainly the scholars 'are taught those things which will fit them for the life beyond,' and 'strengthen them, by God's blessing, to fight against the world and its temptations to sin.' Let us not, Churchmen though we be, for the sake of appearances, speak pleasantly, and shut our eyes to what is true. If there is a difference between every other day and Sunday—our work days and God's day,—there is as surely a difference between Day School (without any disparagement) and Sunday School; but both may be consecrated to God, and the work of both blessed by Him. May all our Church Schools—Day and Sunday—be so!

THE WRITER OF THE PARAGRAPH.

The Burials Bill and the Nonconformists.

SIR,—Some of the readers of *Church Bells* may be glad to learn a few facts with reference to this Bill, which have come under my notice, viz., that it is looked upon with great disfavour by a large number of Dissenters. I have learned with great pleasure that several of my relatives and friends (who are Dissenters) intend returning to the Church of their fathers on this account; one of them, an old Wesleyan, gives his opinion as follows: 'In my opinion the action on the part of Dissenters is an unjust aggression and an imaginary grievance.' I may also mention that at the Sunday School where I teach, our ranks have just lately been recruited by four new teachers, who were, till lately, active members of Dissenting bodies: this, I understand, is by no means uncommon in other parts of the country. There is one reason I have heard given, which may be worth mentioning, as a cause why Dissent has gained a hold, and that is the great difficulties which stand in way of men of limited means obtaining Orders in the Church; and, on the other hand, the facilities which are offered by Dissenting bodies. The result is that a great number of men secede from the Church and go over to Dissent; and, in nearly every case, their families and relations go with them. Surely something might be done to obviate this difficulty.

EDWARD J. TAYLOR, F.S.A.

The People's Magazine.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to ask if any of the readers of *Church Bells* can help me to complete the above-named work for our village library? Vols I., V., and VII. are out of print, and cannot be obtained from S. P. C. K. Possibly some friends may have odd numbers which he may be willing to part with. I will gratefully pay any reasonable price for Vol. I., i.e. Nos. 1 to 6, and for Nos. 25, 37, 39, and 40.

JOHN FERNIE.

Wellington Vicarage, Grantham.

A Correction.

SIR,—In your recent notice of Cassell's periodical, *European Butterflies and Moths*, you express your belief that the Editor thereof is the son of the Kirby whose name was once familiar in the connexion of 'Kirby and Spence.' Permit me, therefore, to inform you that my late relative to whom you allude died without issue.

KIRBY TRIMMER,

The Close, Norwich.

Vicar of St. George Tombland, Norwich.

THE Rev. F. Burnside (Hertfordbury Rectory, Hertford) writes:—'I am most anxious to obtain, for the purpose of tabulation, copies of the Rules and Regulations of the following:—1. Sunday Schools. 2. Associations, either Parochial or Ruridecanal, for the General Assistance of Sunday-school Teachers. 3. Schools and Adults' Savings' Bank. 4. Medical Club, either Parochial or District. As these Rules will be made available for the general assistance of others, I trust I may venture to ask for them; and I shall be grateful to any one who may be disposed to send them to me.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Opening of a New Ring of Eight Bells at St. John's, Bollington, Cheshire.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., the village was quite *en fete* on the occasion of the opening of a new ring of bells in the tower of the parish church. There was a dedicatory service at 3 p.m., during which a short touch was introduced with very good effect, for ringers were represented from Ashton, Castleton, Disley, Dunham, Gawsorth, Hull, Hyde, Loughborough, Macclesfield, Prestbury, Manchester, Nottingham, Oldham, Staleybridge, Stockport, Sutton, &c. The arrangements for ringing—that of having only short touches rung, so that all visitors should have an opportunity of ringing—gave great satisfaction. At the close of the service the ringing of changes was begun by the Macclesfield band—who had been engaged to open the bells—with nine courses of Stedman's Triples. After these the Hyde ringers, followed by the Staleybridge band, each ringing 500 Grandsire Triples. Afterwards two mixed companies rang short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major; other bands followed. On Sunday the various service touches rung during the day were done by the Macclesfield band, who went again on Monday afternoon and rang the first half of Taylor's Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 34 mins. The bells were cast by Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Essex Association of Change-ringers.

WEIGHT OF BELLS.

No.	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
1	4	2	12
2	4	3	10
3	5	2	14
4	6	1	0
5	7	3	21
6	8	1	4
7	11	0	21
8	17	0	20

A District Meeting of this Association will be held at Coggeshall, Kelvedon Station, on Thursday, October 7th. Any information will be given by the Rev. J. B. Seaman, Hon. Sec., Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Meeting of Change-ringers at Waddington, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., a friendly meeting of change-ringers was held at Waddington, by the kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens. Change-ringing was commenced at 2.30 p.m. by the Accrington Junior Company, who were succeeded by Darwen Seniors, Accrington Seniors, Darwen Juniors, Whalley, Church, and Clitheroe. Ringing was kept up till 8 p.m. Tea was provided at the 'Stag' Inn, when ninety sat down. Mr. Wilkinson Boothman, of Waddington, presided, and Mr. Charles Carr, of Clitheroe, was the vice-chairman. The Church Hand-bell ringers were in attendance. The next meeting will be held at Over Darwen on Saturday, December 4th, 1880. Thanks were voted to the vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in allowing the use of the belfry.

At Belchamp Walter, Essex.

ON Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., 720 changes were rung in 28 mins. W. Stammers, 1; W. Firmin, 2; W. Finch (conductor), 3; F. Hawkins (first peal), 4; R. Stammers (first peal), 5; N. Hawkins (first peal), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Woodford, Essex.

ON Thursday, the 16th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung at St. Mary's in 26 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; F. Cooper, 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At Wanstead, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, consisting of 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung at Christ Church in 25 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; F. Cooper, 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A. This is supposed to be the first peal on these bells, which are of steel.

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6	4	2	3	5	-	-
2	6	5	4	3	-	-
5	2	3	6	4	-	-
3	5	4	2	6	-	-
4	5	6	2	3	-	-
6	4	3	5	2	-	-
3	6	2	4	5	-	-
2	3	5	6	4	-	-
5	2	4	3	6	-	-
4	2	6	3	5	-	-
6	4	5	2	3	-	-
5	6	3	4	2	-	-
3	5	2	6	4	-	-
2	5	4	6	3	-	-

Twice Repeated.

At Ashton-on-Lyne, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., a mixed band rang at St. Peter's the annexed peal of Plain Bob Major, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. T. Taylor, 1; J. Adams, 2; J. Wood, jun., 3; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 4; G. Longden, 5; J. Wilde, jun., 6; T. Wilde, jun., 7; S. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At Gargrave, Yorkshire.

ON Monday evening, the 20th inst., eight members of the Gargrave Society rang at St. Andrew's a touch of 1696 changes Kent Treble Bob Major in 63½ mins.—being the first part of a 5088 by Mr. T. Lockwood, Leeds—brought round by two Bobs at home from the part end 4 2 3 5 6. A. Birtwhistle, 1; W. Clarke, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; J. T. Middlebrook, 4; Harry Birtwhistle, 5; Henry Birtwhistle, 6; J. McKell, 7; W. Mallinson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F-sharp.

At St. Stephen's, Redditch, Worcestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 21st inst., the following members of the Redditch Association rang six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins. A. Percival, Esq., 1; H. Govier, 2; J. Warner (conductor), 3; W. Woodward, 4; Jos. Pulley, 5; E. Long, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in G-sharp.

RECEIVED ALSO.—I. Youngs; H. Madin; C. Hounslow has not given the date of the peal rung at Ch. Ch., Oxon, nor weight of the tenor; W. James; Bob Major; H. Woodman; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Styles in Church Building.

SIR,—It occurs to me that certain late remarks on the Gothic of the period ought perhaps to have been preceded by something in a general way, to make them more palatable. Enough has, I think, been said to show that those not hopelessly chained to arcuated structures, have at least one alternative in what is trabecated. No longer specifying arch or angle, I would fain ask whether there is not a strong presumption that any deep religious movement will register itself, in the ratio of its force and distinctness, on its houses of worship. Ministering in a brick affair of the middle of the last century, I imagine that others, like myself, see in that sort of thing a too faithful reflex of the main tendencies of the Georgian era. The movement of our day has been equally faithful in the mark it has made on church building, though the honours left from Geneva have hardly reached Canterbury. The question is, whether a church, if it has beyond its other credentials a programme of its own, ought not to manifest this in and by its architecture.

Here it is of some interest to recur to what has actually taken place in earlier periods of public worship; and whatever the remoter origin of the anthropomorphic polytheism of Southern Europe, we know that the classical styles cast themselves free from the accessories of their common traditions through Egypt or Mesopotamia. The pylons of the Nile and the mounds of Neharaim disappeared from the altars of the Northern Mediterranean. The triumph of the cross at new Rome was nobly shown in the Byzantine style. Even the anthropic iconoclasm of Islam worked itself out in mosque and tomb, so as to command the respect of every Giaour. It might have been expected that the great sentimental movement of the Crusading era would develop itself outwardly, though few may have thought that the pointed arch would come forth from its dark vaults in the far East, or from anything Saracenic elsewhere, to form the cynosure of so many millions of eyes in Gothic mediævalism. It might equally have been expected that the pagan tendencies of learning, underlying the sentiment of those times, would one day produce a structural pagan renaissance.

Now if there be any natural or traditional correspondence between the religious thoughts working in men's minds and the edifices they construct for worship, the inference from other cases is that architects would, as a rule, improve or progress upon their models. I apprehend it is near enough to the truth to say, that there are no indications up to the present century of deliberate atavism in church building, making allowance for a little occasional affectation of the antique, such as often occurs in house building. If so, there is something anomalous in the trouble we are taking about mediæval styles, in trying to overtake the religious wants of our age. I cannot see that we have been improving or progressing upon our very choice selection of Gothic models, or that our work is so nearly equal to theirs as not to betray itself miles off, or to strike the passing glance of the traveller. It looks like an ugly corollary to this state of things, to say that we can hardly have made up our minds about our own distinct line of duty in the future, to be prepared with a style of building specially congenial to it. I am one of those who think that the Anglican movement, sometimes girded at as Pan-Anglican, has an obvious programme of no small importance to the Christian world. As staunch champions of Catholic orders, creeds, and prayers, we have now no mean advantages in the position we have taken up towards many great questions, such as communicants, lay co-operation, social influence, an open Bible, and unrestricted speculation. This last item may, perhaps, appear the most dangerous; but as a choice of evils, much may be said in favour of it, as compared with the feeble interference of a prohibitory index, or the restoration of a more penetrating holy office. It is surely no disloyalty to the highest interests of a church, to wish that its buildings may be from time to time modified, if not even superseded.

VICAR.

Classes on Christian Evidences.

SIR,—As many of the clergy and others are now making arrangements for classes during the winter evenings, will you allow us to suggest that they should take up some work on Christian Evidences, which will enable them to discuss some of the religious difficulties which are felt by young persons? We shall be happy to forward lists of books recommended for this purpose by this Society, with the conditions on which such classes are examined, with a view to test thoroughness of knowledge, and to award prizes. Permit us also to add that the Society will shortly go to press with a *Handbook of Christian Evidence*, which it is hoped will meet the requirements of the clergy and teachers.

P. BARKER, } Secretaries.
T. T. WATERMAN, }

Christian Evidence Society, 13 Buckingham St., Strand, W.C.

The Deanery of Durham.

SIR,—In your brief biography of our Dean, you altogether omit to mention that Dr. Lake is not only Dean of Durham, but also Warden of the University of Durham. It seems to me important that the conjunction of these two offices should not be lost sight of, because, in the first place, the Deanery of Durham is quite alone in having attached to it an educational office of such great influence and importance, and therefore special regard must be had to this fact, when the selection of a man fit and able to fulfil the requirements of this Deanery is made; secondly, because the unusually large income of this deanery is owing to the payment to the Dean, by the University of Durham, of the sum of 1000*l.* a year, the salary to which he is entitled as Warden. In the Clerical Directories, the Dean's salary, as Dean and as Warden, are given in one sum, which is stated to be the income attached to the Deanery.

B. A.

RECEIVED ALSO:—T. W. C.; A Reader; A. F. Sutton; LL.D.; W. May; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING of the above Association, for ringing solely, took place on Saturday, the 25th ult., at St. Luke's Church, Heywood. The ringing began at 3 p.m., and the bells were kept going, with little intermission, until 9 p.m. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Plain Bob Minor, were principally rung. Over forty members from Rochdale, Eccles, Bolton, Manchester, Stockport, Liverpool, and Bedford Legh, were present.

The thanks of the Association are due to the Rev. J. Spittall, M.A., Vicar of St. Luke's, for his kindness in allowing the Association the use of the bells; and also to the members of St. Luke's belfry, for the extra care and attention bestowed on the bells and belfry for the occasion.

The next ringing meeting is fixed to take place at St. Peter's Church, Hindley, on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 2.30 p.m. All ringers in the district, whether members of the Association or not, are cordially invited to attend, as opportunities for ringing will be given to all, if only due notice be given to W. J. Chatterton, Hon. Corresponding Secretary.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE next meeting of the above Association will be held in the National School Rooms, Beddington, on Saturday, the 16th inst., at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of electing officers, and for putting the Association in working order generally. Members, and ringers intending to join, are requested to attend this meeting. The bells of St. Mary's, ten in number, will be allowed for the use of members. In the meantime, any communications may be addressed to the Rev. Sharp, Beddington Rectory, near Croydon, Surrey.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

THE first District Meeting of this Society since its formation is intended to be held at Maidstone, on Tuesday, October 12th. Service in All Saints' Church, at 12 o'clock. Lord Harris will preside at the dinner, at 1 o'clock. The Hon. Sec., Rev. R. K. Hugessen, Mersham Rectory, Ashford, will give any further information.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Driglington, Yorkshire.

ON Thursday, the 16th ult., the Yorkshire Society rang at St. Paul's, 5024 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 3 mins., being the first peal ever rung on the bells, which were opened on Wednesday, the 25th of August. W. Sugden, 1; B. Parkinson, 2; E. Webster, 3; J. A. Ross, 4; J. Crabtree, 5; G. Bolland, 6; B. A. Dodson, 7; J. Haley, 8. The peal, in one part, with the 4th and 6th the extent each way in 5-6, was composed by H. Hubbard, sen., and conducted by B. A. Dodson. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., Thurston's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, with 75 Bobs and 170 Singles, was rung, in 3 hrs. 14 mins., by the Oxford Society of Change-ringers. H. J. French, 1; S. Hounslow, 2; E. Harrison, 3; H. Janaway, 4; C. Hounslow (conductor), 5; J. Eeley, 6; W. J. Smith, 7; W. Jeffery and J. Lapworth (youths, first peal), 8. Tenor, 41 cwt.

At Bristol.

ON Wednesday evening, being the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Thomas Forse, of Marlborough Street, the bells of St. James's Church were rung muffled. The first part of the ringing was a touch of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 840 changes, and various other touches were rung, the whole occupying about two hours. G. Hunt, 1; W. Plummer, 2; C. Thomas, 3; R. Knill, 4; W. Cummins, 5; J. Brain, 6; G. Morgan, 7; H. Scushler, 8; T. Colston, 9; T. Salter (conductor), 10.

At South Shields, Durham.

ON Thursday, the 23rd ult., four of the South, assisted by two of the North Shields' Band of the Durham Diocesan Society, rang, at St. Hilda's Church, three peals, 720's or 2160, in 1 hr. 17 mins., in the following methods: Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Minor, and College Singles. J. Moffett, 1; A. Moffett, 2; R. Sraffon, 3; R. Williams, 4; J. Hopper, 5; R. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At Sandhurst, Gloucestershire.

ON Thursday, the 23rd ult., was rung, in 58 mins., a date touch of 1880 changes Grandsire Doubles. P. Daniels, 1; T. Savage, 2; A. Halford (conductor), 3; H. Savage, 4; W. Pugh, 5; J. West, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

At Kirkham, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 23rd ult., five of the parish church ringers, assisted by Mr. J. Gillett and R. Miller, of St. John's, rang, at the parish church, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor. Time not taken. R. Redman (conductor), 1; J. Gillett, 2; *F. Hoffman, 3; *W. Kirby, 4; R. Miller, 5; *J. Kenyon, 6; W. Graham, 7. Tenor, 22½ cwt. This is the first peal ever rung with Kirkham only. [Those marked * first peal.]

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. Pearson—had better write to Mr. Churchill, of Gloucester; W. James; James Younger—Hand-bell performances are seldom chronicled in our columns; Herbert Madin, with thanks; N. J. Pistow—does not give time; F. I. Oram.

BELFRY RECORDS.

NEWARK, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

1112. ON May 16th, 1816, was rung Mr. John Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5940 changes, in 3 hours and 35 minutes, by the following (Artist):—
Thomas Hutchinson, Treble. John Corby, Fourth. Samuel Brown, Seventh.
Richard Feneley, Second. Thomas Barrill, Fifth. William Calvert, Tenor.
William Hutchinson, Third. John Young, Sixth. & John Calvert, 1.

The above peal was conducted by Samuel Brown. Weight of Tenor, 18 cwt. 1 qr.

A Question on the Burial Act.

SIR,—If any of my fellow-readers of *Church Bells* can give me a plain answer to the question at the end of this letter, without adding a lecture on the 'wisdom of submitting humbly,' 'burying our differences,' and such-like, of which one has heard a good deal lately, I should be obliged to him.

At the top of one column in our Burial Registers is printed, 'By whom the ceremony was performed.' We are told in the new Burials Act that we are to fill in that column with the name of a person, by whom we know for certain that 'the ceremony' intended by the printer was *not* performed at all. If we fail to do this we are 'guilty of' a misdemeanour. It seems to me that if we do it we tell a lie.

It may occur to some of your readers that there can be no doubt which is the rightful course; but we have heard so much about 'expediency,' and 'charity,' and 'truest wisdom,' &c., lately, that it may help some of us to choose what used to be considered the only course open to a Christian gentleman, if you obtain an answer to the following question:—To what punishment will the committers of 'a misdemeanour' become liable?

I believe there is no doubt that it is an offence against the State, *not* against the Church. My impression is, that the Act offers to clergymen the cheapest form of martyrdom ever known in the Christian Church—but even this may seem too dear.

R. O. A.

The See of Southwell.

SIR,—A great effort is now being made to accomplish the foundation of the See of Southwell. It is desirable, for many reasons, that the state of the case, as it now stands, should be widely known. One great hindrance to the collection of the necessary funds has been the widespread conviction that in consequence of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners having taken into their own hands all the revenues of the Collegiate Church of Southwell, they should provide the funds required. This erroneous opinion has arisen from ignorance of the fact that it is out of the power of that body to make a grant, as the disbursement of the revenues derived from that source has been already settled for them by Act of Parliament. Another great obstacle has been the agricultural depression, which is especially felt in the Midland counties; so that the £8,000⁷, which is required, must depend in a great measure upon the support which is received from Churchmen in general. Various hindrances have prevented any united action having been taken hitherto, but local committees are being formed, and it is hoped to make up for the time that has been lost by redoubled energy.

ARTHUR F. SUTTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Notts Committee of the Southwell Bishopric Endowment Fund, Southwell.

'The Need of Clergy.'

SIR,—For some time past I have been much interested in the perusal of the several letters that have appeared in your columns under the above heading, and I beg that you will kindly permit me to add a few remarks, on this subject, to those that have already gone before. Surely, sir, the cry of 'Need of Clergy' should not be allowed to go up in these days, when Atheism is so much on the increase; when it seems fashionable to talk disparagingly of religion and holy things; and when clergymen and teachers may well-nigh despair in their attempts to stem the torrent of vice that prevails? Can there be no remedy for this state of things, we ask, be found? There are plenty of young men willing to stand up and confess 'Christ and Him crucified,' and who would gladly undergo a college training to fit them for their Master's service as His ministers, but who, in all probability, will never have the chance of so doing; and that, too, simply on account of the lack of funds for their college expenses. I heartily endorse the suggestion of one of your former correspondents for the formation of a 'Society' to grant pecuniary assistance to those who are purposing entering the Church.' My own case, I think, will in some measure illustrate the need of some such 'Society.' During the past few years I have managed to save what would, no doubt, see me half through my college course, but at the present rate a few more years will have to elapse ere I can see my way clear to enter my college. Now, sir, how readily would many others, as well as myself, avail ourselves of the opportunity of borrowing the necessary sum we require, and be only too willing to refund all the assistance we might receive, were there such a 'Society' as the above mentioned in existence! Thus, I believe, would there be no room for the cry of 'Need of Clergy;' and many a one like myself would be enabled to spend more of their lives working in their Master's service.

JUVENIS.

Ir Margaret Maud Whatman will be kind enough to forward her address, our Publishers will at once answer her letter.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Knaresborough.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the Annual General Meeting of this Society was held at Knaresborough, when about one hundred members and friends sat down to tea in the Odd Fellows' Hall. After tea the General Meeting was held, when the Report of the Committee and the Treasurer's balance-sheet for the year closing August 31st were presented and passed. Seven members had been nominated for the three vacant positions on the committee, and the result of the poll was announced as follows, the three first members being declared duly elected:—Crabtree, 93; Dodson, 54; Sugden, 50; Bolland, 45; Haigh, 28; Whitaker, 25; Pease, 12. The Very Rev. Purey-Cust, the Dean of York, was elected an honorary member of the Society. After the January meeting had been appointed to be held at the head-quarters, Leeds, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens of Knaresborough for the use of the bells, and to the inhabitants and ringers for their kind hospitality. A vote of thanks to the President and the Secretary for their services during the past year concluded the business of the meeting. From the Annual Report (which also contains the rules, obituary notices, list of members, and

the proceedings of the Association during the past year) we gather that the number of members has increased from 307 to 345 during the past season, but the number of peals rung is only 18 as against 19 in the previous year. The balance-sheet shows the Society to be in a flourishing financial position, the sum of 40^l. being already invested as a loan with a Building Society, at 4 per cent per annum. The Committee therefore propose that, after the payment of ten consecutive annual subscriptions, each member shall become a life-member without any further subscription. Copies of the Annual Report (post free 6^d.) may be obtained from the President or the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Whitaker, 22 Marsh Lane, Leeds.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

A GENERAL Meeting of the above will be held (D. V.) at 10 Princess Square, Plymouth, on Wednesday the 13th inst. at 4 p.m. *Agenda*:—Election of members, &c., and to consider a motion to be brought forward by the Secretary in reference to the annual ringing meeting. J. A. KEMPE, *Hon. Sec.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Garston, Lancashire.

On Thursday evening, the 23rd ult., the following members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang, at St. Michael's Church, in 26½ mins., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, S. Gough, 1; *C. K. Newton, 2; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 3; *P. Barton, 4; G. W. Hughes, 5; *Sergeant-Major Turner, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [Those marked * first peal in this method.]

At Willenhall, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., at the parish church, seven members of the Wednesbury Society of Change-ringers, assisted by Mr. John Artbury, junr., of Walsall, rang a peal of 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Foster (conductor), 1; W. Mickelwright, 2; A. Malborn, 3; J. Lloyd, 4; J. Bate, 5; W. R. Small, 6; T. Foster, 7; J. Artbury, 8. The peal was composed by Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At Tickhill, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at St. Mary's, for morning service, in 26 mins. B. Dawson, 1; C. Ainley, 2; G. Gleadall, 3; T. Manfield, 4; C. Crawford (Doneaster), 5; F. Jenkinson (conductor), 6th. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

At Deritend, Birmingham.

On Monday, the 27th ult., 1880 Grandsire Triples were rung at St. John's Church, in 1 hr. 12 mins., with the 6th and 7th together throughout. W. Brook, 1; G. Wiseman, 2; R. Hall, 3; T. Horton, 4; T. Miller, 5; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 6; G. A. Taylor, 7. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

At Sully, near Penarth, Cardiff, Glamorganshire.

On Wednesday, the 29th ult., five of the Penarth ringers were invited by the Rev. Mr. Woods (vicar) to reopen a ring of five bells, three of them—the treble, second, and third—having been recast by Llewellyns and James of Bristol. A peal of Grandsire Doubles, was rung by W. Morris, 1; T. Meazey, jun., 2; J. Vinicombe, 3; T. Meazey, sen., 4; J. Pickford, 5. Tenor, 8 cwt., in B-flat.

At Huntsham, Devon.

The following members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers met at Huntsham on Thursday, 30th ult., and rang Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 44 mins. J. Heard (first peal), 1; J. Field (conductor), 2; H. Tucker, 3; H. Payne, 4; W. Heard, 5; G. F. Coleridge, Esq., 6; W. B. Fulford, Esq., 7; S. Herbert, Esq., 8. Mr. Field rang and conducted the peal rung at Alington on the 11th ult. In our report on the 18th he was ticked off as being his first peal, which was a mistake, he being the talented instructor to the Guild.

At West Hallam, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., several ringers from Long Eaton, with J. Wiberly of Nottingham and F. Sephton of Derby, visited the above place, and, by kind permission of the Vicar, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (being the first peal on these bells), in 25 mins. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were also rung during the afternoon. R. Hickton, 1; F. Sephton, 2; J. Wiberley, 3; W. Gibson, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in A.

At the Parish Church, Lancaster.

On the 2nd inst. the ringers of this church rang a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part peal), consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 32 mins. It is the first peal that is known to have been rung on these bells, and the first peal for the ringers. R. S. Hirst (conductor), 1; G. Winne, 2; T. G. Parker, 3; W. H. Hirst, 4; J. Atkinson, 5; P. A. Walker, 6; R. Johnson, 7; J. Beathie, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

At St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, London.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, at the above church, the late Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 55 mins. G. Marsh, 1; *F. T. Gover, 2; E. Horrex, 3; R. French, 4; C. F. Winny (first peal); J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; *F. E. Dawe, 7; E. Wright (first peal), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lbs., in E. [* First peal inside.]

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 3rd inst., for evening service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, called with 42 Singles, was rung on the back six, in 28 mins., by the following members of the St. Mary's Society. C. Bance, 1; E. Bennett, 2; J. Trappitt, 3; J. Plowman, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. Gordon (conductor), 6. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E-flat.

A Change-ringer Wanted in Ireland.

A CHANGE-RINGER is wanted for Waterford Cathedral, to act as steeple-keeper. A liberal salary will be given. Apply to R. S. Blew, Waterford.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. J. Chatterton; Malacca; and others. T. J. Oram—you are advised to write to the several places.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Styles in Church Building.

SIR,—I cordially agree with 'Vicar,' that a church which has a programme of its own ought to exhibit this in its architecture; and if its buildings fall short of its true requirements, by all means let them be modified or even superseded. But that we have not been improving or progressing in our selection of Gothic models so much as might have been expected, is in itself no proof that Gothic models are not the best suited to our purpose. The evidences, indeed, are at present on the other side. When the Anglican movement shall have taken a fresh departure, or shall have been so far developed as to require fresh treatment, we shall very soon have it. Of the nearly forty millions expended on churches, new and old, during the past forty years, only a trifling percentage has been laid out in anything but a following—whether successful or not—of mediæval Gothic. This universal acknowledgment, that hitherto the style has been considered the best for the required purpose, cannot be controverted. Moreover, different phases of treatment have been developed in accordance with the special line which the religious revival has taken, whether Evangelical, Anglican, or Sacramental; although our services are essentially the same in construction as they were of old.

Modern Ecclesiastical Gothic, when carried out in a flimsy manner, and with an insufficient knowledge of its principles, or in disregard of the spirit of the Church's worship, has unquestionably proved a great failure, architecturally. But to regard all revived Gothic as being of one and the same sort, and all equally inapplicable, seems to show a curious lack of appreciation of what has been done. To speak of it generally as not equal to the old, and as being to a great extent imitative, is perhaps more to the purpose. Whether any 'Atavism' has exhibited itself or not, I cannot pretend to say. The value of a barbarous coin ought to be more clearly indicated. It is enough for me to maintain, that in the works of some at least amongst us there has been from the first, and still is, a strong and growing indication of the correspondence (whether natural, traditional, or what not) between the active religious thought working in men's minds and the edifices they construct for worship. It is to be regretted that your correspondent should have failed to see the palpable manifestations of it, and one can only conclude that his thought moves within some other range than that here referred to. It would, however, be quite unfair, even if it were in any way possible, to attempt a parallel between an art which drew its inspiration mainly from tradition, and took centuries of scientific convention to develop, and an art of a few years' growth, which, from the necessities of the case, is at present purely eclectic, æsthetic, and individual.

I should like to add that, in his last letter on 'Cheap Churches,' 'Vicar' still fails to illustrate his view as to size and proportion. The parallelogram of 60 feet x 40 feet, attributed to me, was certainly none of mine. It represents a church to hold more nearly 200 than 600. If, as he intimates, he would prefer for a simple parallelogram a proportion, say, 80 x 30 (which would also better accord with my own view), with walls 22 feet 6 inches high, it will hardly come under the category of cheap treatment, whatever might be the result æsthetically, supposing it to be the best suited to our purpose in respect of accommodation and arrangement. WILLIAM WHITE, F.S.A.

The Need of Clergy.

SIR,—I am thankful that you have opened your columns for the discussion of this question, and I quite agree that, in these days of Materialism and Atheism, and of doubt and manufactured difficulties, the cry for 'more clergy' ought not to be repeated in vain. The letter of 'Juvenis,' I am persuaded, represents the feelings of many young men, and his case may be cited as a representative one. I may venture, in all humility, to allude to my own. I am desirous of entering the ministry of our Church, and would make every sacrifice I could to attain that end. But if unaided it must be years, if at all, before I can save sufficient to enter College and carry me through the course. The difficulty that appears here—and it ought to be met—is, that it deprives the Church of young clergymen, who would be training for the parochial work of the Church under experienced vicars. Sir, we want young men in the Church who will give themselves up to the work of the ministry, feeling that they are called by God to fulfil the office of stewards of His mysteries, and devoting themselves wholly to the work of our Church. If some help can be given, the Church will be blessed by having more helpers, her sphere of usefulness will be enlarged, her parochial machinery more widely utilised, our churches better filled, her Sacraments more largely partaken of, her people better educated in her doctrines; and then, while blessing others, our Church will herself be blessed. I enclose my card, and should be glad to hear of some scheme whereby I, and many others in a similar position, can obtain the help we need. J. T. C.

SIR,—The letters on the above subject, urging the formation of a 'Society to grant pecuniary assistance to those who purpose taking Holy Orders,' lead me to suppose that the aid offered by the under-mentioned Societies is virtually unknown. I am glad, therefore, to append the list:—Ordination Candidates' Exhibition Fund, 7 Whitehall; Cambridge Clerical Education Society, Sec., F. Patrick, Esq., Magdalene College, Cambridge; Cholmondeley Fund, Sec., M. Hardy, 1 Little Scotland Yard; Tancred's Charities, Bartle J. L. Frere, Esq., 28 Lincoln's Inn Fields; Clerical Edu. Aid Fund, Sec. of C. Pastoral Aid Soc., Falcon Court, 32 Fleet Street, London; Bristol Edu. Society, Rev. W. Eliot, St. James' Vicarage, Bristol; Elland Clerical Edu. Society, Sec., Rev. Canon Crosthwaite, Knaresbro' Vicarage, Yorks.; London Clerical Edu. Soc., Secretary, 35 Mecklenburgh Square, London, W.C.; Canterbury Clerical Edu. Fund, Sec., Rev. Canon Moore, Precincts, Canterbury; and, doubtless, there exist many more. SRES.

RECEIVED ALSO:—H. L. Rawlins; R. Hutchison; An Incumbent; James G. Dangar; H. G. O.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Second Edition of 'Rope Sight.'

SIR,—May I be allowed to inform your readers that the second edition of *Rope Sight* is now ready? I can forward copies (post-free) for 1s. 6d., or they may be obtained by ordering them from local booksellers, through the London publishers, Messrs. Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co. JASPER SNOWDON.
Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

The Yorkshire Association.

SIR,—From your Report of the General Meeting of the Yorkshire Change-ringing Association, it appears that the Association, having 40% in hand, intend to make those members who have paid a certain number of annual subscriptions life members. Allow me through your columns to suggest a use for the surplus funds of such Associations, to my mind far more beneficial to change-ringing. I would suggest, that when the surplus funds amount to a sufficiently large sum, they should be applied to the purchase of new trebles for churches having only a small number of bells. In so large a Society as the Yorkshire Association, numbering nearly four hundred members, a noble work might be carried out. The members would not, I should think, grudge their small annual subscriptions when they saw the vast mental and musical improvement that was being brought about by themselves. Many churches have only four or five bells, and have no chance of getting more. Their ringers are in many cases debarred from the pleasure of more advanced change-ringing; and the outside public, tired of the combinations of so few musical notes, call the bells a nuisance, and in some cases would even like to be rid of them. In the majority of cases we find small rings of bells in the hands of round ringers, and thus the little music possible to obtain remains unsought and unheard. If the funds could be so applied, it would raise the status of ringers, and be a most acceptable gift to our National Church, which at this time seems rather to be the object of spoliation. It would also be a slight return for the damage done by our predecessors to our church bells, which were in some cases stolen, in others sold to save parish rates, and even in some mutilated out of personal spite.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., this Association held a District Meeting at Campden, on the outskirts of the county and diocese, but in consequence of the awkwardness of the railway arrangements the Committee deemed it advisable not to invite the whole body of members, but to select the nearest efficient band of members to represent the Association; and as far as change-ringing is concerned, it was a great improvement on previous District Meetings; the Committee hoping to add considerably to the number of their honorary members from the gentry and respectable inhabitants of Campden and its neighbourhood, as one of the objects of the Association is to assist clergymen having a good ring of bells and no ringers to obtain the services of a change-ringing instructor.

The Cheltenham Society of Change-ringers, who are all members of the Association, was the company selected, and accompanied by the master (Mr. J. Drinkwater) and the Honorary Secretary (Rev. Pitt Eykyn), the party arrived at Evesham at 10.19 a.m., when they found that an hour and a half must elapse before they could go on to Campden; so they obtained permission from the Rev. F. W. Holland, Vicar of Evesham, to have a short touch on the grand ring of eight bells in the church of Evesham. They intended ringing a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples, but owing to the seventh bell going very badly, it was impossible to strike her with that accuracy which is indispensable to good change-ringing. So the conductor called them round as early as possible, when, after breathing a few minutes, they rang a very good touch of 504 Grandsire Triples.

On arriving at Campden they attended a short service at the church, when a suitable address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Hollins, curate, the vicar being too unwell to attend. After the service the ringers rang a touch of 500 Stedman's Triples, and another of 504 Grandsire Triples. They then adjourned to the school-room for tea, provided by the vicar and churchwardens. Thanking them for their kindness, the ringers returned home, much pleased with their day's outing.

There are no change-ringers at Campden, although they possess a fine ring of eight bells in good order, and evidently taken great care of.

The Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Ipswich on Monday, the 4th inst. Ringing commenced at an early hour on the twelve bells of St. Mary-le-Tower and those of the other seven towers. At 12 noon a short service was held in the church of St. Mary, the Rev. W. W. Hunt, Rector of Hockwold, preaching on the occasion. At 1.30 they sat down to dinner, under the presidency of the Rev. J. R. Turnock, the Vicar, the Rev. W. W. Hunt, H. E. Bulwer, C. Ward, N. Bolingbroke, and G. H. Harris, Esq., Capt. Moore, Leonard Proctor (Bennington), Gervas Holmes, G. I. W. Meadows, H. A. O. Mackenzie, W. C. Pearson, and — Read, Esqs., being present. The Secretary read the Report from which it appeared that the Association now numbers about 450 members, and has rung twenty peals during the year; six were rung at Kenninghall, and at Ipswich a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, which had not been rung in the district for more than twenty years. Associations and Guilds are still on the increase: but it was regretted that no Association had yet been formed in the neighbouring diocese of Ely. It was thought that it would be well if a list of all the Associations, with their respective Presidents and Secretaries, appeared once a year in the columns of *Church Bells*, that it might be known what was going on in the ringing world, especially if the Secretaries would kindly make an interchange of Reports. Several new members were then elected.

the Revs. J. C. Simpkinson and H. E. Bulwer, Chas. Candler, Esq., Mr. H. Dains (London), and six others; the business concluded with the re-election of the officers and the alteration of Rule VI. A gentleman may now become a life-member on the payment of two guineas. The ringers soon afterwards returned to the various towers. The ringing during the day consisted of touches of Treble Bob Major and Royal, with a course of Maximus, and also touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, Caters, and Cinques. The District Meetings during the next year are to be held at Hingham, Yarmouth, and Woodbridge.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting for friendly ringing took place on Saturday, the 9th inst., at St. Peter's Church, Hindley. More than fifty ringers attended from Hindley, Ormskirk, Wigan, Bolton, Blackrod, Leigh, Manchester, West Houghton. The ringing, which was commenced at 2.30 p.m. by the local ringers, and continued by various 'mixed' bands, until after 9 p.m., was of a very satisfactory character. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were principally rung. The beauty of the belfry, as regards the adornments, was a subject of general remark among the ringers present. It certainly is as well fitted up as a belfry need to be. Would that all belfries were like it! The thanks of the Committee of the above Society are due to the Rector and Wardens of St. Peter's Church for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the efficiency of the arrangements made. The next meeting, which will be a quarterly one, will be held at Garston, near Liverpool, on Saturday, October 30th, 1880. Tea will be provided. Tickets, price 1s. 6d., and all other information, can be obtained from any of the local secretaries, or from W. J. Chatterton, Hon. Corresponding Secretary of L.A.C.R., 95 Clifton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Opening of a New Ring of Eight Bells at Crawley, Sussex.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., a new ring of eight bells was opened. The bells have been cast at the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Bland of Croydon: No. 2 is the gift of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bt.; No. 6, Sir T. B. Lennard, Bt., brother of the Rector of Crawley; No. 7, the Rector, Rev. J. B. Lennard; No. 8, R. Loder, Esq., M.P. The proceedings commenced with service in church, with dedication, prayer, and hymns, at which a large concourse of people and a great number of clergy were present. The ringing was done by a mixed party, consisting of the Ruspier Association, together with H. Burstow and J. Dale from Horsham, and the Rector of Crawley. There was ringing from 4 to 5.30 and from 7 to 9. The following peals were rung:—

720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. G. Tullett, 1; J. Dale, 2; J. Worsfold, 3; H. Capon, 4; D. Tugwell, 5; W. Mitchell, 6.

360 Oxford Single Bob Minor. G. Tullett, 1; W. Mitchell, 2; J. Dale, 3; H. Capon, 4; D. Tugwell, 5; Rev. J. B. Lennard (conductor), 6; J. Worsfold, 7; W. Braden, 8.

720 Oxford Single Bob Minor. J. Worsfold, 1; J. Dale, 2; G. Tullett, 3; H. Capon, 4; D. Tugwell, 5; W. Mitchell (conductor), 6; H. Burstow, 7; W. Braden, 8. This peal was rung in 27 mins, and was called with 26 singles and 4 bobs. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Besides the above, 8 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by various members of the party; the Rev. J. B. Lennard conducting and calling the various peals.

At this time last year the grand old tower of Crawley Church was tenanted by two old bells—one cracked and the other broken—hanging amidst a wreck of rotten timbers. Now everything has been put into first-rate order, and Mr. Seage's dumb apparatus has been fitted to the bells; it works admirably, and allows any amount of practice on the bells to be had without causing annoyance to the outside public.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Dagenham, Essex.

ON Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., after the Harvest Festival, three peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung at the parish church. A. Deards, 1; A. Porter, 2; A. Pye, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; B. Keeble, 5; H. March, 6. Weight not known. The above was the only change-ringing for fifteen years.

Also on Saturday evening, at Little Heath, a hamlet adjoining, a peal of Stedman's Doubles—first peal in the method. A. Porter, 1; B. Keeble (conductor), 2; A. Pye, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; G. Pye, 5. Weight not known.

At St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang John Aspinwall's Variation Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. M. Gough, 1; J. Davidson, 2; J. Large, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; S. M. Turner, 5; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 6; T. H. Mawdsley, 7; J. Leadbetter, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Matthew's, Bristol.

ON Tuesday evening, being the anniversary of the death of the late Mr. John Bangle, merchant, of this city, a pious benefactor and a great philanthropist, who presented St. Matthew's Church with a ring of eight bells (the tenor 21 cwt.), a quarter peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, deeply muffled, was rung by H. Porch, 1; W. Plummer, 2; C. Thomas, 3; J. Hinton (of Worcester), 4; T. Salter (conductor), 5; R. Knill, 6; J. Brain, 7; T. Coulson, 8.

Change-ringing at St. Mary's, Sheffield.

ON Tuesday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang the late Mr. John Holt's original one-course peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. C. H. Rawson, 1; W. Bail, 2; J. Dixon, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; W. Gardiner (first peal), 5; C. Steer, 6; T. Hattersley (conductor), 7; W. Challenor (first peal), 8. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. Chad's, Birmingham.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., the following members of the St. Martin's Society rang the late Mr. T. J. B. Late's peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. 2 mins. H. Johnson, sen., 1; W. Small, 2; S. Reeves, 3; H. Johnson, jun., 4; T. Miller, 5; F. James, 6; W. Hallsworth (conductor), 7; T. Reynolds, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Chippenham, Wilts.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., some members of the North Wilts Guild of Ringers visited St. Paul's, Chippenham, and by kind permission of the vicar rang several six-scores. After tea at the Vicarage they rang a peal of 720, consisting of six six-scores, each being called in a different way, in 26 mins. Rev. A. Law, 1; Rev. E. G. Wyld, 2; F. H. Du Boulay, Esq., 3; A. H. Hitchcock, Esq., 4; Rev. C. W. Hony, 5; J. Boun, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. The belfry is a good example of what a belfry should be, and the bells in good going order. [No conductor reported.]

At St. Clement Danes, London.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., the Rector of this church—the Rev. J. Lindsay—attained his 28th birthday, and in honour of the event, and to appreciate great kindness, the following band, composed of five of Cumberland and five College Youths, rang 5000 Changes of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 27 mins. G. Newson, 1; *H. Hopkins, 2; R. French, 3; H. Dains, 4; E. Horrex, 5; R. Haworth, 6; *G. Merton, 7; H. Swain, 8; *G. Flavell, 9; J. M. Hayes, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. The composition, selected by Mr. Newson, conductor, has the 6th bell the extent home, and in that position at six of the eleven course ends, was composed by H. Dains, and had never been rung before. [* First peal of Royal. + First peal in the method.]

THE PEAL.

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At St. James's, Bolton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the St. James's Company (members of the Yorkshire Association) rang a 5040 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 5 mins. R. Ambler, 1; J. Broadley, 2; J. T. Chadwick, 3; G. Titterton, 4; B. Sugden, 5; W. Barraclough, 6; S. Palframan, 7; J. B. Jennings, 8. The peal was composed by H. Hubbard of Leeds, and conducted by J. R. Jennings. This is the first peal rung by this company since its formation, less than two years ago.

At St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., four members of this parish, assisted by four from Sawbridgeworth, rang a 1050 of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. T. Newman, 1; A. Brown, * 2; W. H. Tucker, 3; T. Saban, * 4; N. Tarling, * 5; H. Champness, 6; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 7; H. Saban, * 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. [Marked thus * are members of the Sawbridgeworth Society.]

At St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., seven of the late St. Mark's ringers, assisted by Mr. Jas. Priestley, rang Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins. J. C. Garlick, 1; C. Dronsfield, 2; J. Mayall, 3; W. H. Gibson, 4; J. Priestley, 5; J. Gartside, 6; S. Stott (conductor), 7; B. Tinley, 8. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 11th inst., the following members of the Society of Trinity Youths, Newington, rang a peal, with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to Charles Trewerne, a member, who died on the 5th inst., after a short illness, deeply regretted. G. Woollage, 1; T. J. Edwards, 2; J. Fisher, 3; T. W. Lennard, 4; J. W. Jarratt, 5; J. Walsh, 6; F. Perrin, 7; E. Cooper, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. [No conductor reported.]

At St. Stephen's, Redditch, Worcestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 12th inst., the following members of the Redditch Association rang six six-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 28 mins. J. Warner (conductor), 1; H. Govier, 2; W. Deaner, 3; W. Woodward, 4; A. Perceval, Esq., 5; E. Long, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in G sharp.

At Spalding Parish Church, Lincolnshire.

ON Wednesday, the 13th inst., being Confirmation Day, there was rung for service a peal of 720 Bob Doubles. J. Johnson, 1; G. Harrison, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. Richardson, 5; J. Woodward, 6. And after service, assisted by W. Branstion, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, 18 Bobs and 2 Singles. J. Woodward, 1; J. Harrison, 2; W. Branstion, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. J. Chatterton; M. R.; Llewellyns & James; A. Sufferer; F. F. Linley; R. Redman; and others. From Winkleigh, Devon, we have a report of a muffled peal, but it is not stated what the peal was.

that in more than one diocese this test is hardly ever applied, but that relationship, powerful local interest, favouritism, and any other test but that of merit, is in force. I am not saying for a moment that the best livings are given to incompetent persons, merely that the merits of a few are considered instead of all. Curates will work on patiently from year to year, if they feel certain each case is impartially considered; but nothing will so deter good men from entering the ministry as the fact that men obtain the prizes in the Church not because they have worked hard, or are able men, but because they are connected with the dignitaries of the Church, or have influence in some powerful quarter, whilst older men, abler men, more experienced men, are left out in the cold.

J. C. H.

The Passing Bell.

SIR,—1. Do any of your readers know of a parish where it is the custom to use the 'Passing Bell' legitimately for its purpose of inviting parishioners to pray for a supposed dying brother or sister? 2. Or of any place where a short peal is rung soon after death, and immediately before and after the funeral? 3. Or of any new church where these ancient and Christian-like customs have been introduced of late years? It would be very useful to know the names of any parishes wherein these customs exist.

The Bishop of Peterborough used the term 'Passing Bell' lately in a manner which almost intimated the prevalence of this custom within his knowledge, and perhaps his diocese. I believe the custom has never ceased in some few parishes in England, but cannot recollect where it is so. G. V.

Guilds.

SIR,—I have received so many applications for my Guild Rules and Congress Paper, that I must ask my correspondents to send me a few postage stamps with their applications, to meet printing expenses, &c.

St. Mary's, Hull.

JOHN SCOTT.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. Sanders; M. A.; J. F. C.; Stella; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

ROPE-SIGHT. By Jasper W. Snowden. Second Edition. (London: Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co. Price 1s. 6d.)—We hasten to welcome a Second Edition of *Rope Sight*. When the first edition appeared we expressed our opinion that it met a want, inasmuch as it undertook to teach the way of managing a bell, and then the easiest system of change-ringing to those who could find no efficient teacher. And our remarks have been justified by the result. In about four months the whole of the first edition was sold off. We regard this as a hopeful sign, not merely as vindicating the *raison d'être* of the book, but as showing that change-ringing is attracting attention from those who formerly despised it; the reading, thinking, and therefore the educated and scientific classes—those who get their knowledge from books rather than from teachers. Mr. Snowden has re-written his book, and added a good deal to the earlier chapters. But the main additions are with regard to seven and eight bells, where he has added several new touches and peals, and a chapter on conducting and calling round. The book now contains all that is necessary about the practical part of the Bob system up to eight bells. But, as we before stated, the most valuable part of the book is the earlier part, which teaches what is implied in the title *Rope Sight*—that is, the management of a bell and the reading the ropes.

With regard to the management of a bell Mr. Snowden says:—'In teaching . . . I adjust the rope at backstroke, according to the height of the pupil; and, having shown him how to hold the end for setting at backstroke, pull the bell off at handstroke, and allow him to manage her at backstroke. By ringing in this way for a few minutes, the power of feeling the bell on to the balance at backstroke will be acquired. I then take the end of the rope into my own hands, and managing the bell myself at backstroke, thus allow the pupil to acquire the power of controlling her at handstroke when his hands are not encumbered by also having the rope-end to hold. In this case, however, I take care at first to also seize the rope at handstroke, either above or below the pupil's hands, so that I can prevent the bell being thrown over, should he altogether miss the sally. After a few turns at both these exercises the pupil can then be allowed to manage the bell at each end.'

Most persons who have ever taught a beginner will be thankful for these remarks. But even some of them are unnecessary. The sentence in Italics (the Italics are our own) might be omitted; and the doing what is there recommended is very difficult. The catching of four hands at the sally, two of them acting wildly and putting the other two out, is very likely to result in the sally being missed altogether. The fact is, if one experienced ringer manages one stroke of a bell no injury can come to the machinery from a novice's management of the other. If the novice pulls off from backstroke with cart-horse power, the teacher catches the sally which he is managing, and prevents the bell from bumping the stay; he then, knowing the pull of the bell, pulls it off again with just such force that, if the novice were to let go of the end of the rope altogether, the bell would gently rise and set itself. If the novice is managing the sally stroke it is still easier for the teacher to neutralise the pupil's mistakes, because he has not then the danger of missing the sally, but has the adjusted rope's end always in his hand. If, then, the pupil pulls off the sally wildly, it only makes an extra strain on the teacher's hand at the other end. He therefore, as before, prevents the bell from bumping, and returns it with such gentleness and precision that, should the pupil miss the sally altogether, the bell will gently rise and set itself, as at the other stroke.

We have endeavoured to carry forward Mr. Snowden's teaching on the first difficulty a young change-ringer has to encounter—a difficulty which, like the Slough of Despond, turns many Pliables back. But it will be seen that on this, as upon most other points, change-ringers, whether teachers or taught, have reason to be thankful for the remarks in Mr. Snowden's excellent book.

Church Bells and the Burials Act.

It is said that the general feeling among the rural deans of the diocese of Canterbury about the use of the church bell at the services held in the churchyard by Dissenters under the new Act, is, that while there need be no alteration as to the use of the Passing Bell, the church bell should not be rung on the occasion of these services. At the rural-decanal meeting of North Malling in that diocese a resolution was passed, after discussion, which expressed the opinion of the Chapter to the same effect. There was no desire expressed to act harshly, or to use any petty advantage, in denying what might be considered a privilege, but it was felt that it was better, under existing circumstances, not to begin to ring the church bell for these new services, which were only to be at the grave.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., the first District Meeting of this Society since its formation was held at Maidstone. Ringing began by 9 a.m. on the ten bells of All Saints and the six of St. Michael's, the only two rings which Maidstone at present possesses. We hear, however, that St. Michael's is soon to be augmented to eight; and it is to be hoped that some of the other churches in the town may ere long be provided with bells. At 12, a service was held at All Saints, when the Ven. Archdeacon Dealtry preached. One hundred, of whom eighty-one were practising members, sat down to dinner at the 'Star Hotel,' Lord Harris taking the chair. He was supported by Archdeacon Dealtry, Canon Hall, the Revs. J. H. Timms, T. W. O. Hallward, F. E. Tuke, S. Wigan, J. M. Braithwaite, F. O. Mayne, A. P. Morris, R. Knatchbull-Hugessen (Hon. Sec.), and others. Ringing was continued after dinner, and up to a late hour; several peals of Plain Bob Major and College Single Bob being rung during the day, besides touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Minor and Triples. There were present ringers from Aldington, Ashford, Bearsted, Canterbury, Charing, Faversham, Folkestone, Hunton, Leeds, West Malling, Mersham, and Hythe, besides the Maidstone bands. The Society now numbers 159 practising and 100 honorary members, and may be said to have made a fair start. The Hon. Sec. wishes to make known to members that his address for the winter is 18 Somerset Street, Portman Square, London, where all communications should be addressed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John's, Kirkham, Lancashire.

On the 8th inst. a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 29 mins. R. Bedman (conductor), 1; J. Gillitt, 2; T. Moon, 3; R. Miller, 4; R. Barnes, 5; J. Nottingham, 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At St. Peter's, Harborne, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. J. Perks (conductor), 1; H. Johnson, sen., 2; H. Johnson, jun., 3; T. Miller, 4; J. Day, 5; F. H. James, 6; J. Buffery, 7; J. Johnson (first peal), 8. The peal was composed by the late Thomas Day. This composition, which is on the three lead-course plan, is in four parts, three of which are called alike, and contains 66 bobs and 194 singles, a total of 260 calls.

At Holy Trinity, Dartford.

On Sunday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Dartford Junior Company rang for the evening service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Chapman, 1; F. J. Noy, 2; L. Lester, 3; E. Snowden, 4; J. Blackman, 5; Harry Peirce, 6; G. W. Sarel (conductor), 7; Herbert Peirce, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F.

Warrington District Association, Lancashire.

On Saturday the 16th inst., the Yearly Meeting of the members of the above Society was held at Farnworth. During the afternoon various touches were rung at St. Luke's Church—namely, 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor, in 26½ mins. J. Webb (conductor), 1; C. Calender, 2; T. Critchley, 3; J. Large, 4; E. Edwardson, 5; W. Bebbington, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

On Saturday, the 16th

inst., eight members of the above Association rang at St. Mary's, Debenham, Suffolk, by permission of the Rev. C. J. Cornish, M.A., Vicar, a 10,272 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 6 hrs. 35 mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; R. King, 2; T. Sadler, 3; R. H. Brundle, 4; E. Pemberton, 5; D. Collins, 6; E. Collins, 7; F. Day, 8. The peal, composed by Mr. W. Sottanall of Sowerby, Yorks., and rung now for the first time, is the longest length rung in the Eastern Counties. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

THE PEAL.

10,272.

M. B. W. H.

Before, Fourths twice and one at home

" one " "

" One wrong " "

In and out

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2 in and one in fifths

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Twice repeated.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Tenor Bell; John Long; W. J. Chatterton; N. Hawkins; W. Sloman. A Sufferer—no cannot enter into local disputes.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Leyland on Saturday, Nov. 12th. The Committee will meet in the Grammar Schoolroom at four o'clock.

JOHN HIGSON, Sec.

Dootson House, Blackrod.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5376 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 10 mins. W. Pawson, 1; J. Haigh, 2; H. Hubbard, jun., 3; J. Hutchinson, 4; J. Baldwin, 5; G. Ballard, 6; R. Williams, jun., 7; T. West (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Composed by H. Hubbard, sen.

At St. Mary's, Bath, Somerset.

Two new bells, by Messrs. Warner of London, have been added to make a ring of six in the tower of the above church; they were opened on Saturday, the 16th inst., by a band of change-ringers from Gloucester Cathedral, who failed to complete a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, the old tenor—hung in 1819—being unringable. There was a Dedication Service, conducted by the rector (Rev. G. Tugwell), and the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Secretary to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, followed by an appropriate sermon from the Rev. J. G. Tetley, vicar of Highnam.

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

ON Sunday, the 17th inst., being the Harvest Festival, the ringers of the above church (assisted by Messrs. J. Howe, jun., J. Newbold, and T. Bancroft) rang in the morning a touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples, and in the evening a date touch of 1880 changes, in 1 hr. 9 mins. G. Neal, 1; T. Bancroft, 2; A. Taberner, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Reagate, 5; R. Bosworth, 6; J. Howe, jun. (conductor), 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At Bishopwearmouth, Durham.

ON Monday, the 18th inst., the North and South Shields ringers rang at Bishopwearmouth parish church some peals of Grandsire Bob Minor and College Singles, and a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Moffet, 1; W. Waugh, 2; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 3; R. Williams, 4; R. Smith, 5; J. Hern, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At North Shields, Durham.

ON Tuesday, the 19th inst., at Christ Church, North Shields, a touch of 1000 changes of Treble Bob Major was rung. W. Waugh, 1; G. Park, 2; J. Hern, 3; R. Willins, 4; J. Gibson, 5; R. Smith, 6; F. Lees, 7; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 23rd inst., being the fifth anniversary of the augmentation of the village ring from three to six, eight members of the Village Society (members of the Yorkshire Association) rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 11½ mins., with the 6th bell nine times wrong, and the extent home. A. Birtwhistle, 1; W. Clarke, 2; W. Stephenson (first peal), 3; J. T. Middlebrook, 4; H. Birtwhistle, 5; H. Birtwhistle, 6; C. Lancaster, 7; W. Mallinson (conductor), 8. Composed by T. Lockwood. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At All Saints, Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

A MIXED band met at the above church on Saturday, the 23rd inst., and rang a peal of 720 of Bob Minor in 23 mins. E. Wain, 1; R. Mackman, 2; T. Tilbrook, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; G. Ledger, 5; J. Wright (conductor), 6.

Also a touch of 360 Bob Minor. G. Harrison, 1; G. Ledger, 2; J. Wright (conductor), 3. Tenor, 22 cwt. This is the first peal that is known to have been rung on these bells for upwards of twenty years.

At St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established A.D. 1637), rang a peal of 5040 changes of Holt's Original One-part Peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 50 mins. J. C. Davidson, 1; T. Page, 2; E. R. Gosling (first peal), 3; J. Pettit (conductor), 4; W. D. Smith, 5; W. G. Clarke, 6; C. H. Jessop, 7; J. Carmichael, 8.

At St. Mary's, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire.

ON Saturday, the 23rd inst., a mixed band rang 5184 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. R. Wright, 1; H. Shaw, 2; H. Rostron (conductor), 3; W. Middleton, 4; W. Fawcett, 5; J. Wilde, jun., 6; T. Wilde, jun., 7; J. Bealley, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Composed by the late Mr. William Harrison of Mottram.

At Rotherham, Yorkshire.

ON Monday, the 25th inst., was rung a touch of 6051 changes of Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 58 mins. C. Briggs, 1; T. Hattersley, 2; F. Coates, 3; J. Athey, 4; W. Coates, 5; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 6; W. Whitaker, 7; G. Flint, 8; A. Rodgers, 9; W. Challenor, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At All Saints, Maidstone, Kent.

ON Monday, the 25th inst., the Maidstone Youths rang, on the first eight bells, a quarter peal of 1260 changes Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. M. Relf, 1; W. Elliott, 2; S. Kemp, 3; A. Moorcraft, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; H. Pearce (conductor), 6; G. Pawley, 7; G. Moorcraft, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. I. Chatterton; W. F. Sloman; Bob Major; D. Hayward. Village Youth should ask Jasper Snowden, Esq., inclosing a stamp, and consult a workman about the price of a tablet in wood or brass. Kemerton—time not given.

BELFRY RECORDS.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, NEWINGTON, SURREY.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1113. JUNIOR SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—On Thursday, Oct. 21st, 1824, was rung in this Steeple, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, with 190 bobs and 50 singles, in 2 hours 58 minutes.

E. Griffiths, First.	J. Taylor, Third.	J. Mash, Fifth.	Wm. Rice, Seventh.
J. Ladley, Second.	Ed. Sawyer, Fourth.	Ed. Lansdell, Sixth.	Thos. Taylor, Tenor.

Conducted by J. Ladley.

Mr. E. Jones, } Churchwardens.
Mr. W. Pugh, }

1114. JUNIOR SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—On Monday, March 21st, 1825, was rung in this Steeple a true and complete peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5120 changes, which was completed in 3 hours 12 minutes.

Josh. Ladley, First.	Saml. Austin, Fourth.	Ed. Lansdell, Sixth.
Jas. Mash, Second.	Ed. Sawyer, Fifth.	J. Merrin, Seventh.
Hy. Symondson, Third.		Wm. Rice, Tenor.

Conducted by J. Ladley.

Mr. E. Jones, } Churchwardens.
Mr. W. Pugh, }

1115. JUNIOR SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—On Sunday, 31st Dec., 1826, and Monday, 1st January, 1827, the undermentioned Members of the Society rang on these Bells the Old Year out and the New One in with a true and excellent peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, containing 5088 changes, which was performed in 3 hours and 8 minutes.

Josh. Harper, First.	Jas. Mash, Fourth.	Wm. Rice, Sixth.
Josh. Ladley, Second.	Saml. Austin, Fifth.	Jno. Merrin, Seventh.
Ed. Sawyer, Third.		Ed. Lansdell, Eighth.

Conducted by Jno. Merrin.

Mr. E. Jones, } Churchwardens.
Mr. Jas. Brand, }

1116. JUNIOR COLLEGE SOCIETY.—On Thursday, Dec. 18th, 1828, was rang in this Steeple by the undermentioned Members of the Society, a true and excellent peal in the intricate method of Triples on Stedman's Principle, containing 5040 changes, which was completed in a masterly manner in 3 hours and 4 minutes.

Josh. Ladley, First.	Jas. Mash, Fourth.	Ed. Lansdell, Sixth.
Jno. Merrin, Second.	Saml. Austin, Fifth.	Wm. Rice, Seventh.
Ed. Sawyer, Third.		Thos. Stuart, Tenor.

Conducted by Josh. Ladley.

Jas. Brand, } Churchwardens.
S. P. Thomas, }

1117. SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—On Thursday, March 9th, 1843, was rang in this Steeple a true peal of Kent Treble Bob, containing 5280 changes, in 3 hours 17 minutes, being the first peal of that method rang in London the last 50 years. Performers:—

A. J. Antill, First.	G. Meuday, Third.	J. Mash, Fifth.	E. Lansdell, Seventh.
T. Britten, Second.	J. Hughes, Fourth.	H. Littlechild, Sixth.	J. Harper, Tenor.

Conducted by E. Lansdell.

Rev. G. Chesnutt, Minister. J. W. Prior, Esq., } Churchwardens.
R. Alum, Esq., }
G. Goodman, Steeple-keeper.

1118. SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Friday, Oct. 20, 1848, was rang in this Steeple Mr. Thurstan's celebrated peal of Stedman's Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 3 hours and 5 minutes. Performers:—

Robt. Jameson, First.	John Cox, Fourth.	James Dwight, Sixth.
John Merrin, Second.	John Bradley, Fifth.	Will. Cooter, Seventh.
James Mash, Third.		Chas. Medlow, Tenor.

Conducted by Wm. Cooter.

J. W. Prior, Esq., } Churchwardens.
W. Jones, Esq., }

1119. SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. (Established 1637).—The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob in the county of Surrey was rang in this Steeple, Friday, Dec. 29, 1848, in 3 hours 20 minutes, containing 5264 changes. Performers:—

James Mash, First.	John Cox, Fourth.	Ed. Lansdell, Sixth.
Will. Cooter, Second.	John Bradley, Fifth.	James Dwight, Seventh.
Robt. Jameson, Third.		Ed. Sawyer, Tenor.

Composed and conducted by J. Cox.

J. W. Prior, Esq., } Churchwardens.
W. Jones, Esq., }

ALL SAINTS', HASTINGS.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

1120. This is a belfry, that is free
For all those that civil be;
And if you please to chime or ring
It is a very pleasant thing.
There is no musick played or sung
Like unto Bells when they are rung;
Then ring your bells well if you can,
Silence is best for every man.
But if you ring in spur or hat
Sixpence you pay—be sure of that;
And if a bed you overthrow
Pray pay a groat before you go.

1756.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

(Tablet in the Belfry.)

1121. On April 15, 1860, was rung the following seven peals, viz. New London Pleasure, London Scholars, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Duke of York, Violet, and Oxford, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 45 minutes. The band was stationed as follows:—

Thomas Lunns, Eckington, Treble.	Joe Shaw, Eckington, Fourth.
John Watson, Killamarsh, Second.	George Marsden, Eckington, Fifth.
Anthony Metcalf, Eckington, Third.	Jonathan Thorp, Eckington, Tenor.

The above peals was conducted by George Marsden. Weight of Tenor, 11 cwt.

BEIGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.

(Tablets in the Belfry.)

1122. On March 27th, 1864, was rung the following seven peals, viz., Oxford, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, and City Delight, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 58 minutes. The band were:—

William Price, Eckington, Treble.	Joe Shaw, Eckington, Fourth.
George Marsden, Eckington, Second.	Thomas Lunns, Eckington, Fifth.
Anthony Metcalf, Eckington, Third.	Samuel Madin, Beighton, Tenor.

The above peal was conducted by George Marsden. Weight of Tenor, 10 cwt.

1123. On Nov. 6, 1864, was rung at the above church the following seven peals, viz. Oxford, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, College Triples, Violet, Tulip, and Primrose, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 56 minutes, by the following performers:—

William Price, Eckington, Treble.	Joe Shaw, Eckington, Fourth.
George Marsden, Eckington, Second.	Thomas Lunns, Eckington, Fifth.
Anthony Metcalf, Eckington, Third.	Samuel Madin, Beighton, Tenor.

The above peals was conducted by George Marsden.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Use of Church Bells.

SIR,—As a reader of *Church Bells* I beg to call the attention of my fellow-readers to an article on 'The Use of Church Bells,' by your able correspondent, 'G. V.' He certainly must have been, from the tenor of writing, in a very melancholy mood at the time. He complains of the improper use of church bells. I do not deny but in far-gone times there were many things very objectionable in their use, but it is a thing of the past; and long before any Diocesan Associations were thought of the spirit of reform began to creep in, which paved the way for the patronage that has been of late given to the lovers of the science of Change-ringing. He complains, too, of the clanging of the bells in the weekly practice of learners, and seems to suggest that it might be done silently, so that no annoyance might be experienced by the inhabitants surrounding our churches who are suffering from nervousness or headache. I can assure 'G. V.' that the clangour occasioned by practice is anything but agreeable to ringers, but it is a necessary evil if the science of Change-ringing is not to die out; for how could men strike their bells with any degree of precision without hearing the blow? As well might an organist be expected to bring out the sweet tones of a beautiful instrument who only practised on a silent one. It is the sound that is required to make proficiency in any musical art, and 'G. V.' could not expect to have the short peals that he suggests at the departure of the souls of our loved ones without such practice. And, may I ask, is this to be the only use to be made of the many beautiful bells of our bell-ringing island—to remind us only of the sorrow of separation, with no corresponding tones of joy? Surely not! for who does not love to hear the tones of 'our merry old church bells' pealing a nation's congratulations as another and another of the natal days of our beloved Sovereign and of the Heir-Apparent come round? Who does not love to hear them pealing forth in commemoration of some dearly-bought victory won by those brave, hardy sons of Britain, who defend our shores and help us to maintain our high position among the nations? Who does not love to hear them when two have pledged their troth at God's holy altar, and when the Fathers of the Church, our worthy Bishops, go forth from church to church to administer the rite of Confirmation? And in commemoration of the advent and nativity of our Blessed Lord, who does not like to hear their tones in the crisp, sharp air? And as the sands of the dying year are fast running out, who does not gladly listen to their sounds of welcome to the coming and the new-born year? All this could not be done without practice. But I must have done, hoping that when 'G. V.' again uses his able pen it will be in a more cheerful mood, and that he may, as in the early days of this year, conclude his writings with something like his hearty 'Go!' and 'One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, for self and brother-ringers.' CAMPANA.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

A SPECIAL General Meeting, which every member is earnestly invited to attend, will be held (D. V.) at 160 St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Friday, November 12th, 1880, at 11.15 a.m. Agenda—To revise the Rules of the Guild and to discuss any proposals for the future working of the Society throughout the County.

JAMES ARTHUR KEMPE, Hon. Sec.

Lew Down, R. S. O., North Devon.

Formation of a Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Oxford.

A PUBLIC Meeting is to be held at Reading on Saturday, November 13th, with a view of forming a Guild of Change-ringers for the diocese of Oxford. The programme will be as follows:—Change-ringing at St. Mary's Church at 2 p.m., by an experienced band from Drayton and Appleton, under the Rev. F. E. Robins, as conductor. Tea at St. Mary's Schools, 4 p.m., 1s. a-head, followed by a public meeting, at which the chair will be taken by Sir John Conroy, Bart. One of the first objects of the Guild will be to improve the class of ringers in the diocese, and to place them on their proper footing as church officials. All interested in the subject, and living in the three counties of Berks, Bucks, and Oxon, are invited to attend. HERBERT C. STURGES.

New Bells at St. Mark's, Dundala, Ireland.

Two new bells—the treble and tenor—of eight, in B flat, have lately been supplied by Gillett, Bland, and Co., of Croydon, and hung in their places, to await their companions, the middle six.

A RING of six at Balcombe, and of five at Stapleford, Sussex, have been supplied by the same firm; but we have no particulars of opening, or of Dedication.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., a mixed band of ringers from Long Eaton, Beaston, and Stanton, rang a touch of 1260 Grandsire changes, with 39 Bobs and 36 Singles, in 56 mins. W. Grice, 1; J. Harrison, 2; J. C. Dickens, 3; L. Scattergood, 4; F. W. Wells (conductor), 5. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F.

At All Saints, Carshalton, Surrey.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Beddington Society (being also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths) rang a peal of 5040 of Plain Bob Triples in 2 hrs. 55 mins. C. Bance, 1; J. Branch, 2; E. Bennett, 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Plowman, 5; J. Cawley, 6; C. Gordon (conductor), 7; J. Zealey, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp.

At St. Mary's, Grassendale, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., six members of the Lancashire Association rang ten six-score peals of Grandsire Doubles in 42 mins. S. Gough, 1; J. Davidson, 2; R. Rowlands (conductor), 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; S. Atkin, 5; W. Weaver. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Crawley Parish Church, Sussex.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., a new ring of eight bells was opened at the above church. There was a Dedictory Service at 3 p.m., and one short peal was rung during the service, as well as from 4 to 5.30 p.m., and from 7 to 9 p.m. The following are the weights and notes of the bells with their inscriptions:—

No.	Note.	WEIGHT.	INSRIPTIONS.
		cwt. qr. lb.	
1	F	4 2 13½	Glory.
2	E	4 2 24	Sir W. W. Burrell. Honour.
3	D	4 2 25½	Praise.
4	C	5 2 15	Thanksgiving.
5	B flat	6 3 13	Joy.
6	A	8 0 9½	Sir T. B. Lennard. Brotherly Love.
7	G	9 3 12	J. B. Lennard, Rector. Worship.
8	F	13 3 12½	R. Loder. Prayer.

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An Ellacombe chiming apparatus has also been fitted up, so that one man can chime the bells with the greatest facility. The bells were cast by Messrs. Gillett, Bland, and Co., of the Church Bell Foundry and the Steam Clock Factory, Croydon. The oak-framing chiming apparatus and the entire work of hanging the bells has been carried out by the same firm.

At St. Peter's, Liverpool.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., seven members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies, assisted by Mr. Charles Price of Aldford, near Chester, rang a peal of 5088 of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 21 mins. R. Williams, senr., 1; J. Egerton, 2; H. Meadows, 3; *C. Price, 4; *J. Brown, 5; R. Williams, junr., 6; E. Booth (conductor), 7; *W. Littler, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. [* First peal of Treble Bob, and first at conducting.]

At St. Stephen's, Hampstead.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society of Change-ringers (late London Scholars) rang the late Mr. John Holt's original peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins.:—*B. Pain, 1; G. Newson (conductor), 2; J. Page, 3; *J. Hannington, 4; E. Chapman, 5; N. Alderman, 6; J. Barrett, 7; *H. Tyler, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., in D. [* First peal by these ringers.]

The following is the composition of a peal of Stedman's Cinques unsuccessfully attempted on Saturday, the 30th ult., when, through one of the ringers becoming ill, a stand was called. It is thought to be the shortest peal of the kind ever composed, and therefore considered advisable to publish it. The last eight courses thrice repeated produce 516,432, when bobs; at 5, 6, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, produce rounds. This was composed by Mr. John Nelms.

	5 0 0 0								
1	2	3	4	5	6	1	5	6	7
2	1	6	4	5	3	—	—	—	—
6	1	2	3	5	4	—	—	—	—
6	1	4	2	5	3	—	—	—	—
4	1	6	3	5	2	—	—	—	—
4	1	2	6	5	3	—	—	—	—
5	1	3	6	4	2	—	—	—	—
3	1	5	2	4	6	—	—	—	—
3	1	6	5	4	2	—	—	—	—
3	1	2	6	4	5	—	—	—	—
2	1	3	5	4	6	—	—	—	—
2	1	6	3	4	5	—	—	—	—
6	1	2	5	4	3	—	—	—	—
6	1	3	2	4	5	—	—	—	—

At Ormskirk, Lancashire.

On Friday, the 29th ult., the ringers of the parish church rang a date peal, comprising 1880 changes, in 1 hr. 6 mins. T. Higham, 1; J. Winrow, 2; J. Eastham, 3; R. Clayton, 4; J. Leatherbarrow, 5; N. Spencer, 6; P. Fairhurst (conductor), 7; J. Prescott, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt. This is the first peal since the bells were rehung by Messrs. Warner and Son, London. The bells are hung in a circle, and the peal ranks second to none in Lancashire. The belfry has also been raised sixteen feet.

At St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., a peal of 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 36 mins. by members of the Lancashire Association. T. Lea, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Orme, 3; W. G. Mann, 4; J. Prescott, 5; J. Aspinwall (composer and conductor), 6. [Weight of tenor not given. See our notice below.]

At Crawley, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., the members of the Horsham Society, by the kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Lennard, rang some touches of Oxford Bob Triples; the first 420 with 4 Bobs and 2 Singles. G. Jenkins, 1; E. Knight, 2; J. Dale, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Bishop, 8. The second 420 changes were called with 10 Bobs. G. Jenkins, 1; E. Knight, 2; G. Vaughan, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Browne, 5; F. Knight, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Jeal, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. The Rev. J. B. Lennard rang the third bell to 210 changes.

At St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey.

On Monday, the 1st inst., the St. Martin's Society rang a quarter peal of 1260 of Oxford Bob Triples in 50 mins., being the first in that method on the bells. H. Wolger, 1; C. Boxall, 2; H. Henden, 3; H. Boxall, 4; H. Boxall, senr., 5; R. Harding (conductor), 6; S. Brooker, 7; G. Holden, 8. [Weight of tenor not given. See our notice below.]

NOTICE.—All reports of peals rung will be rejected if the time and weight of tenor are not stated.

RECEIVED ALSO:—I. J. M.; R. M. Johnstone F. G. Newman; N. Flaxman; R. J. Kittle; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THERE will be a District Meeting at Romford on Saturday, Nov. 20th. General Meeting of members at 3 p.m. By kind permission of the Rev. G. F. Price, Vicar of Romford, the belfry of St. Edward's will be open; the Rev. R. Johnson, Vicar of Hornchurch, also kindly allows the use of the bells.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

The Association held their last meeting at Coggeshall, when members from nine parishes assembled, and some very good ringing took place in different methods. At six, thirty sat down to an excellent tea, under the presidency of the Vicar.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A RINGING Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 20th, at St. Mary's Church, Oldham. Ringing will commence at 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Companies will only be allowed to ring for half an hour, and at the time fixed by the General Society, until all have rung, when longer lengths may be attempted. The Rev. J. J. Cachemaille, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Oldham, will preside at the meeting at six p.m.

WILLIAM JOS. CHATTERTON, Hon. Corresponding Secretary of L. A. C. R.

The Use of Church Bells.

SIR,—In reference to a letter by 'Campana' in your last issue, will you allow me to bring before your readers the fact that Mr. Seage, of Exeter, has invented a most admirable and simple apparatus by which any amount of practice can be had on church bells without causing any annoyance to the neighbourhood? I have had the apparatus put up in Crawley belfry, and it answers admirably. It consists of a number of small gongs connected by wires with the large bells; which latter, being lashed, make no sound. Both I and all my ringers feel indebted to Mr. Seage for his ingenious invention. It enables us to try again and again with new hands every sort of change, and we feel that we are causing no discordant noise in the town. I may mention that Mr. Seage's charges are very moderate.

J. B. LENNARD.

Crawley Rectory, Sussex.

Stedman's Cinques.

SIR,—In your last issue appears a peal of 5000 Stedman's Cinques by Mr. Nelms, and is supposed to be the first peal of that number ever composed. Now, Sir, for the information of your readers, I beg to state that I composed a peal of Stedman's Cinques of the same number, and called the same on hand-bells at the Prince Albert Tavern, Mape Street, Bethnal Green, in March, 1841.

H. W. HALEY.

At Birmingham in 1860.

SIR,—For the information of Mr. J. Nelms and the friends of change-ringing, I beg to submit the following peal of 5000 Stedman's Cinques, rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, Oct. 30, 1860. Composed and conducted by H. Johnson, sen.:—

1 2 3 4 5 6	6 1 4 3 2 5	6	—	19
4 1 5 2 6 3	6 1 5 4 2 3	—	—	19
4 1 3 5 6 2	6 1 3 5 2 4	—	—	19
4 1 2 3 6 5	3 1 6 4 2 5	6	—	19
2 1 4 5 6 3	6 1 5 2 3 4	5	—	19
2 1 3 4 6 5	5 1 4 2 3 6	6	—	—
3 1 2 5 6 4	4 1 6 3 5 2	5	—	19
3 1 4 2 6 5	4 1 2 6 5 3	—	—	19
3 1 5 4 6 2	2 1 4 3 5 6	6	—	19
5 1 3 2 6 4	2 1 6 4 5 3	—	—	19
5 1 4 3 6 2	6 1 2 3 5 4	6	—	19
5 1 2 4 6 3	6 1 4 2 5 3	—	—	19
2 1 5 3 6 4	6 1 3 4 5 2	—	—	19
5 1 4 6 2 3	3 1 6 2 5 4	6	—	19
5 1 3 4 2 6	3 1 4 6 5 2	—	—	19
3 1 5 6 2 4	3 1 2 4 5 6	—	—	19
3 1 4 5 2 6	2 1 3 6 5 4	6	—	19
4 1 3 6 2 5	3 1 2 4 5 6	1	6	—
4 1 5 3 2 6	3 1 2 4 5 6	1	—	—
4 1 6 5 2 3				

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Spalding, Lincolnshire.

At the consecration of St. Paul's, Spalding, on the 27th ult., ringing commenced at the parish church at 7 a.m., when several peals of Bob Doubles were rung. The new ring of eight was raised at 9.30, and various touches of Bob Minor were rung until 10.30 a.m., when the Consecration Service was commenced by the Bishop of Lincoln, after which the bells rung a short peal. Various touches of Grandsire and Bob Minor were rung during the day until 7 p.m., when the Evening Service was commenced by the Bishop Suffragan of Nottingham. The bells were cast by Mr. Lewis of Brixton. They are hung in cast-iron cages, on two stages, executed by Mr. John Wright of Spalding.

No.	Note.	Weight.	Inscriptions.
1	... F ...	3 cwt. 3 qrs.	Richard Guy Ash our first Vicar.
2	... E ...	4 cwt. 1 qr.	Edward Moore our Rural Dean.
3	... D ...	5 cwt. 1 qr.	Charlotte Charinton our Benefactress.
4	... C ...	6 cwt. 2 qrs.	Christopher our Bishop.
5	... B ...	7 cwt. 3 qrs.	St. Paul our Patron.
6	... A ...	9 cwt.	The Holy Ghost our Comforter.
7	... G ...	11 cwt.	Jestie our Redeemer.
8	... F ...	15 cwt.	God our Father.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

On Sunday, the 31st ult., the ringers of the above church (assisted by Mr. W. Eggleston of Pelaw, and Mr. W. Hutchinson of Darlington) rang for service a peal of 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.; the peal containing 9 Bobs and 6 Singles. J. Bolton, 1; W. Patton, 2; W. Hutchinson, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Eggleston, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Wymeswold, Loughborough.

On All Saints' Day a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; J. Knifton, 2; R. S. S. Walker, 3; J. Guttridge, 4; the Vicar, 5; M. Brown, 6.

At West Malling, Kent.

On Monday, the 1st inst., six members of this Society rang a peal of 720 of College Single Bob in 25 mins. W. Driver, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; W. Rayfield, 3; C. Viggers (conductor), 4; W. Leonard, 5; D. Hall, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Somerleyton, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 1st inst., the Somerleyton Company rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 1160 of Plain Bob Minor, making a total of 1880 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. The peal was called with 56 bobs and 2 singles. R. J. Kittle (composer and conductor), 1; G. Rudd, 2; J. Orford, 3; G. Wright, 4; H. Orford, 5; R. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt. in G.

At Lichfield Cathedral.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 20 mins. T. Smith, 1; H. King, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; J. Key, 4; H. Meacham, 5; T. Meredith, 6; F. J. Cope (conductor), 7; E. Gallimore, 8. Tenor 28 cwt., key of D.

At St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., a date touch of 1880 changes was rung in the following methods:—720 Grandsire Minor, 1152 Plain Bob Minor, and a lead (eight changes) of the 21 on the first four bells. J. Harris, 1; O. Layng, 2; P. Herrick, 3; E. Curtis (conductor), 4; C. Bingham, 5; W. Knowles, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. Time, 1 hr. 5 mins. The above is Mr. Layng's farewell touch, who is leaving Lincoln.

At St. Mary's, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., seven members of the above parish, assisted by H. J. Tucker, of Bishops Stortford, Herts, rang a date touch of 1880 Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Tarling, sen., 1; G. Camp, 2; A. Brown, 3; T. Saban, 4; J. Tarling, jun., 5; G. Rochester, 6; N. Tarling, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. The above touch was composed by Mr. W. Lee of Great Yarmouth, and has 6, 7, 8 at home every course end.

At St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk.

On Wednesday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5024 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 9½ mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; N. J. Pitstow, 2; H. Eagling, 3; R. Nudds, 4; F. Day, 5; R. Hutton, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; R. Barnes, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. The peal, which has the 6th its extent home in ten courses out of the last twelve, was composed by Mr. H. Dains of London.

At St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorkshire.

On Friday, 5th inst., five members of the Gargrave Society rang a date peal, composed by H. Hubbard, of 1880 changes of Bob Major, in 67 mins. J. T. Middlebrook (conductor), 1; A. Birtwhistle, 2; H. Horsman, 3; W. Stephenson, 4; Harry Birtwhistle, 5; Henry Birtwhistle, 6; C. Lancaster, 7; J. McKell, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At All Saints, Nottingham.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., five members of the Beeston Society, with three of All Saints' company, Nottingham, rang (by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Pearson) the first half of Mr. Holt's peal, numbering 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. J. Wibberley (conductor), 1; J. C. Dickens (aged 18), 2; R. Metherringham (aged 80), 3; F. W. Wells, 4; S. Wilkins, 5; R. Mellors, 6; S. Mellors, 7; J. Moodey, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt., key of E.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

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On Saturday, the 6th inst., the following members of the Royal Cumberland Society, late London Scholars, rang a peal of 5056 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. G. Newson, 1; H. Dains, 2; H. Hopkins, 3; J. Hannington (his first peal in the method), 4; C. Hopkins, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; D. Stackwood, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The peal, as here given, was composed by H. Dains, and is the first ever composed or rung having the 4th and 6th bells the extent in 5, 6, with a before called in every course; and this is its first performance.	5 2 3 6 4	—	—	—	2
N.B.—This is a variation of the peal as given in Snowden's <i>Treatise on Treble Bob</i> , p. 49, Part II.; viz., by calling the last course first.	6 5 2 4 3	—	—	—	2
	4 2 5 6 3	1	—	—	2
	2 4 3 6 5	—	—	—	1 2
	4 5 3 6 2	2	—	—	1 2
	6 3 5 4 2	1	—	—	2
	3 6 2 4 5	—	—	—	1 2
	4 5 6 2 3	2	—	—	2
	5 3 6 2 4	2	—	—	1 2
	5 6 2 3 4	1	—	—	2 2
	3 2 6 5 4	1	—	—	2
	5 3 2 4 6	—	—	—	2
	5 2 4 3 6	1	—	—	2 2
	5 4 3 2 6	1	—	—	2 2
	2 3 4 5 6	1	—	—	2

CORRECTION.—In our account of the new bells at St. Mark's, Dundala, Ireland, in our last issue, we ought to have stated that the note of the tenor bell is in E flat, and that its weight is 22½ cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. Johnson, sen.; M. Devoreux; W. J. Chatterton; James Eastham, F. Mauby, plenty of new books on changes; see our advertisements.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

ST. EDWARD'S BELFRY, Romford, will be open this day at 1.30. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Hornchurch belfry will, by kind permission, also be open to members of the Association.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

THE preliminary meeting for the formation of this new Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on the 13th inst. The eight bells of St. Mary's and the six bells of St. Giles' were kindly placed at the disposal of the meeting by their respective Vicars. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. by a touch of 500 Grandsire Triples. The names of those who handled the bells will be a sufficient guarantee for the excellence of the ringing, which afforded a treat to the ringers of the neighbourhood, such as they have seldom, if ever, enjoyed before—J. E. A. Troyte, Esq., 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; B. Barrett, 3; G. Marsh, 4; F. White, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 6; E. Horrex, 7; T. Bennett, 8. The bells of St. Giles' were rung with great spirit by several bands, made up of the ringers of the neighbourhood. It was particularly gratifying to hear a well-struck six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung by five members of the Oxford University Society. At 4 p.m. above seventy sat down to tea. About a dozen clergymen of the neighbourhood were present with their ringers, and by the keen interest which they took in the proceedings showed how ready they were to welcome the formation of a Guild.

A Public Meeting was then held, Sir John Conroy, Bart., in the chair, when it was unanimously agreed to form a Guild, and a representative committee for setting the requisite machinery in motion was chosen from the following districts in the diocese:—The Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. White for Drayton and Appleton; J. E. A. Troyte, Esq., Oxford University; Mr. C. Houndslow, Oxford City; Rev. H. Barter and Rev. R. W. Fiske for the neighbourhood of Oxford; the Rev. Dolben Paul, Rev. Hart Davis, Rev. H. C. Sturges, for the neighbourhood of Reading; Mr. Newell, for the town of Reading; the Rev. A. Drummond, the Rev. S. F. Marshall, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Parker, for East Berks and South Bucks. It was agreed on all sides that such a successful meeting augured well for the future of the Guild. And doubtless those of our readers who reside within the diocese will do all in their power to further the good object which the Guild has in view, and assist in promoting change-ringing as a means to belfry and bell-ringing reform.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Leyland on Saturday, the 13th inst., but, owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was but a small attendance. Two peals of Plain Bob were rung by mixed bands. The first peal in 28½ mins. by O. Warden (conductor), 1; T. Bowling, 2; John Higson, 3; G. Higson, 4; W. Bowling, 5; James Higson, 6. The second peal in 28 mins. by W. Chatterton, 1; G. Bowling, 2; J. Bretherton, 3; G. Higson, 4; J. Higson, 5; J. Curtis, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

Rings of Eight in Derbyshire.

			cwt.
1. Ashbourne	...	St. Oswald	18
2. Bakewell	...	All Saints	18
3. Castleton	...	St. Edmund	12
4. Derby	...	St. Luke	33
5. "	...	St. Alkmund	18
6. "	...	St. Westbergh	18
7. Glossop	...	All Saints	15
8. Staveley	...	St. John	18
9. Youlgreave	...	All Saints	26½

Besides these rings of bells there are two rings of ten bells, about twenty-three rings of six bells, and twenty-three rings of five bells. F. J. ORAM.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

ON Sunday, the 24th ult., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Change Ringers' Association met at St. Nicholas Church, Kemerton, and rang for morning service a touch of 1920 changes of Bob Minor in 1 hr. 5 mins. J. Baylis, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux, 3; C. Bown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. The touch consisted of two peals of 720 changes and 480 changes of Bob Minor.

At Chittlehampton, Devon.

ON Wednesday, the 3rd inst., on the addition of two new bells by Taylor of Loughborough to make a ring of eight, a special service was held in the parish church. A sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Acland-Troyte. Short touches were rung during the day; viz. 504, 1036, 518, 336, and 168 Grandsire Triples. Rev. R. A. Troyte, 1; J. Morrish, 2; H. Payne, 3; S. Davey, 4; H. Tucker, 5; W. Heard, 6; J. Davey, 7; W. C. Marsh, 8; C. D. Daniel, 9; J. Taylor (bell-founder), 10. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Ormskirk, Lancashire.

ON Friday, the 5th inst., seven members of the parish church rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 44 mins. T. Higham, 1; W. Avis, 2; J. Eastham, 3; R. Clayton, 4; J. Leatherbarrow, 5; N. Spencer (conductor), 6; P. Fairhurst, 7; J. Prescott, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins., consisting of eighteen bobs and two singles; also 360 of Grandsire Minor. H. Nunn, senr., 1; H. Nunn, junr., 2; J. Nunn, 3; A. Gardom, Esq., 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., key of G.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

ON Sunday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Kenninghall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Teble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 6 mins. R. Hutton, 1; H. Bayling, 2; G. Edwards, 3; C. Everett, 4; J. Cunningham, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Morley (conductor), 8. Composed by N. J. Pitstow, one-part peal, and has the fourth and sixth their extent each way in 5, 6. Rung for the first time. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Muffled Peal at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham.

ON the 8th inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5040 of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 2 mins. R. Jones, 1; J. Joyner, 2; J. James, 3; H. Johnson, jun., 4; J. Dunn, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6; F. H. James, 7; J. Johnson, 8. Tenor, 11½ cwt. The peal was rung with the bells muffled, in memory of Mr. G. Barlow, for upwards forty years a member of the Society.

At St. Mark's, Chard, Leicester.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., a complete peal of 5040 of Stedman's Triples (Thurston's) was rung, in 3 hrs. 11 mins., by the SS. Margaret and Mark's Society. J. Wilson, 1; W. Cooper, 2; T. Wilson, 3; G. Burrows, 4; J. Cooper, 5; S. Cooper, 6; J. Buttery (conductor), 7; W. Walker, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., key of E. It may be remarked that the above is the first peal of Stedman's Triples rung in Leicester, and also that it is the first peal rung by the above-mentioned in this intricate method.

At Holy Trinity, Kendal, Westmoreland.

ON Wednesday, the 10th inst., a peal of 5040 of Grandsire Triples, composed by Mr. Reeves of Shipway Camp, was rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins. J. B. Whitaker, 1; W. Tyson, 2; James Baxter, 3; Jacob Baxter, 4; J. Parker, 5; J. Braithwaite, 6; C. A. Fox (conductor), 7; J. Salmon, 8. [* Their first peal.] Tenor, 25½ cwt.

At Beeston, near Nottingham.

ON Thursday, the 11th inst., the Beeston Society rang a peal of 2520 of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 35 mins. J. Wiberley (conductor), 1; J. C. Dickens, 2; B. Mellors, 3; J. Spray, 4; W. Wells, 5; S. G. Henson, 6; S. Mellors, 7; J. Moodey, 8; Tenor, 19 cwt. in key of F. The eight bells have only been erected about three years, and this is the greatest extent achieved by the Society.

At Keighley Parish Church, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 55 mins., which contains the sixth six course-ends each way in 5, 6; all the 8, 6, 7's, and the three 6, 5's, and 5, 6's, each at separate course-ends. (See Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part II. p. 82.) A. Anderson, 1; B. Lightfoot, 2; C. Lancaster, 3; W. Wilks, 4; H. Birtwhistle, 5; W. Mallinson, 6; J. Mountain, 7; J. McKea (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Crawley, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., seven members of the Reigate Society rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1260 changes, in 48 mins. J. Howard, 1; F. Hoad (conductor), 2; W. Tidey, 3; W. Burkin, 4; T. Fuller, 5; E. Henward, 6; W. Webb, 7; H. B. Gooch, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt., in key of F. This is the longest touch as yet accomplished on these bells. During the evening the Rector himself took part in several touches.

At Garboldisham, Norfolk.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., six members of the Garboldisham Society rang a peal of 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. West, 1; Rev. C. L. Kennaway (Rector), 2; H. Avis, 3; J. Bason, 4; W. Balls, 5; J. Bennett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., key of G. [No time given.] This is the first peal rung for many years by members of the Garboldisham Company alone.

At Hale Church, near Garston, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., six members of the Lancashire Association rang two peals of 720—the first in Grandsire Minor in 26 mins., and the second in Bob Minor in 27 mins. S. Gough, 1; W. Davidson, 2; J. Aspinwall, 3; B. Barton, 4; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 5; S. Turner, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At the Chapel-of-Ease, Islington, Middlesex.

ON Saturday evening, the 13th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang the following peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 4 mins., being the first anniversary of the dedication of the ring, which was put up by Messrs. Warner and Sons. G. Newton, 1; H. Hopkins, 2; J. Harrington, 3; N. J. Pitstow, 4; C. Hopkins, 5; H. Pains, 6; W. Baron, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., key of E. The peal is a new composition by H. Pains, and is the shortest peal (having the 6th bell twice placed each way in each part upon this plan) ever composed or rung. Mr. George Newson, conductor.

At All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 14th inst., eight members rang a date touch of 1880 (Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. T. Halliwell, (conductor), 1; S. C. C. Turner, 2; J. Lavland, 3; W. Bentham, 4; G. B. Walker, 5; S. Hall, 6; J. W. Hall and G. C. Hall, 7; R. Tyson and G. Turner. Tenor 28 cwt., in key of C.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Account of new bells opened at Sheffield—no date given; A. Holstenholme—no date; B. H. J.; C. H. Rawson; F. Wiberley; L. D. Clarke; Mrs. Sedman; West Malling; and others. Mr. Hallett had better write to Mr. Goslin, at Warners', in Cripplegate, for hand-bell music.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

ANOTHER BIG BEN.

THE following correspondence has appeared in the *Times* in reference to the letter of Canon Gregory's which appeared in our last issue:—

SIR,—Though I helped to get the great and fine ring of bells for St. Paul's, and made the specification for it, I am sorry I cannot go the whole length with Canon Gregory of wishing to have a new great bell twice-and-a-half as heavy as the present very bad one, cast by Phelps of Whitechapel, in 1716, which the 'Provincial Incumbent,' and I dare say many other people imagine to be the old one of Westminster. It would be quite right to have that recast a little thicker and heavier, and the subscriptions promised are quite enough for that purpose; but another Big Ben within two miles of the Westminster one seems to me a very unnecessary competition of noises.

But as this nation, alone in the world I should think, cannot nationally afford 1000*l.* or so to recast the late Mr. Mears's 'porous, unhomogeneous, unsound,' and cracked Big Ben of Westminster (see Dr. Percy's report), why should not some energetic person, younger than I am, get up a subscription to present the poor Board of Works with a recasting of it, under proper conditions, to prevent the referees from being taken in again by concealed defects, as we were in 1859? Indeed, after the consequences of that feat, I do not think any bell-founder would try it again. EDM. BAKER.

SIR,—Before the public respond to Canon Gregory's appeal for a great bell the pertinent question of your leader of the 16th should certainly be answered—'Cui bono?' What use will be made of it?

I was staying in the suburbs one Sunday last month, and walked in to attend the morning service at St. Paul's. I am a lover of bells, and went early in order to stroll about the churchyard and hear the new ring; but I was disappointed. No sound was heard till I had to take my seat in the Cathedral, when, about fifteen minutes before service time, I heard the faint sounds of what I believe to have been the chiming of a single bell. Now, there are many people to whom the ringing of a three hours' peal, or ringing at intervals through the whole of a Royal birthday, or Lord Mayor's day, is an almost intolerable interruption and annoyance; but there are very few who do not like to hear bells rung for church on Sunday. They think that this is the proper time for it.

Again, how is the proposed great bell to be sounded? I believe that the largest bell really 'rung' in England is that at the Leeds Town-hall, weighing four tons. It is probably intended merely to strike this new bell with a hammer. If so the effect, both for power and sweetness of tone, will not compare with what might be got out of the present 'big bell.' Let the Dean and Chapter have this bell of five tons (which is, I believe, an ancient one, formerly belonging to Westminster, and probably far superior to any bell which could be cast now) rehung in the stronger of the towers, so that it can be 'raised and set,' when the wonderfully thrilling and powerful tones emitted, increasing in volume as the bell swings in a larger and larger arc, will, I think, render them less desirous of obtaining a new and hoarse instrument, too unwieldy for real use. The 'Bourdon' of Notre Dame, and, I think, all the other great bells mentioned by Canon Gregory, are rung 'half-way up,' and it is then that the finest note is sent out.

I am the vicar of a provincial minster church which possesses a fine old ring of bells in one tower, and a great bell in the other. The whole peal is rung for Morning and Evening Service, and six bells in the afternoon. When the peal ceases the great bell is 'raised' by five men, and rung for five minutes immediately before the service commences. It is heard for many miles, though under three tons in weight; and the effect inside the minster, subdued by the heavy stone vaulting of the roof, is very beautiful. I venture to submit that this would be the best use to make of the bells of St. Paul's.

A PROVINCIAL INCUMBENT.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the above Association took place on Saturday, Oct. 30th, at St. Michael's Church, Garston. Over seventy ringers attended from Huyton, Farnworth, Liverpool, West Derby, Ormskirk, Aughton, Bolton, Grassendale, Leigh, Childwall, Stockport, and Manchester. At 5 p.m. the ringers had tea. The Rev. J. W. Diggle, M.A., Vicar of Moseley Hill Church, Liverpool, occupied the chair.

During the forenoon the following members rang Mr. E. Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples—Bob-and-single variations—consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 50 mins.:—H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; T. E. Turner, 5; W. Hamer, 6; S. Gaskell, 7; Sergeant-Major Turner, 8.

The following rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor in 26 min.:—J. Large, 1; C. Newton, 2; T. McEwing, 3; T. Elson, 4; J. H. Maudsley (conductor), 5; Sergeant-Major Turner, 6.

The following also rang a peal of Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins.:—W. J. Chatterton, 1; J. Large, 2; T. McEwing, 3; J. Scott, 4; P. Barton, 5; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 6. Tenor, in all cases, 12½ cwt.

Various touches of 500 or more of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, &c., were rung by mixed bands.

A RINGING Meeting, under the auspices of the above Association, was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Oldham. The bells, twelve in number, were in excellent condition for ringing. Ringing was commenced at 2.30 p.m. by the local ringers, and continued by various bands from Manchester, Heywood, Stockport, Gladwick, Leigh, Middleton, Bolton, and Milnrow, until 9 p.m. Touches of Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, and Caters, were principally rung.

At 6 p.m. a meeting was held in the school-room, under the presidency of the Rev. J. Cachemaille, M.A., Vicar. The Secretary explained to the ringers present the objects of the Society. The Rev. J. Cachemaille said that he had always taken a deep interest in ringers and their welfare. He thought that a

good deal of the discredit which attached (more so formerly than now) to ringers and ringing was due to the neglect of the officers of the Church. He stated that two things appeared to him to account for the neglect of the ringers by the clergyman (at least of a large town parish): first, lack of time; second, the difficulty of an inexperienced person supervising a trained band of ringers. He thought that nothing would tend so much to raise the tone of ringers as *personal supervision* on the part of the clergyman. A vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Cachemaille for presiding closed the formal business of the meeting.

A MEETING of six-bell ringers took place on Saturday, the 20th inst., at West Derby, Liverpool, when, besides various short touches, a peal in the Grandsire method was rung in 29 mins. J. Large, 1; J. Davidson, 2; R. Branaghan, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; P. Turner, 5; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt.

THE Committee have great pleasure in stating that the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Liverpool has consented to become a patron of the Association.

W. J. CHATTERTON, Hon. Corresponding Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Coddendam, Suffolk.

ON Friday, the 12th inst., a mixed band from Helmingham, Winesham, and Coddendam, rang the late Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. *H. English, 1; *E. Wells, 2; J. Knight, 3; W. Dye (conductor), 4; T. Sadler, 5; W. Whiting, 6; J. Oxborough, 7; *F. Offord, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [First peal by the ringers marked thus *, who are members of the Coddendam Society.]

At West Malling, Kent.

ON Sunday, the 14th inst., six members rang for service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Driver, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; E. Baldock, 3; C. Viggers (conductor), 4; W. J. Leonard, 5; D. Hall, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Northfleet, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 16th inst., five members of the Crayford Company, assisted by Mr. Bess the Sexton, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. Mr. Bess, 1; G. Conyard, 2; M. Jacobs, 3; J. Sloper, 4; F. French (conductor), 5; E. Everson, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Wilfrid's, Burnsall, Yorkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 16th inst., the St. Wilfrid Company of ringers rang a date touch of 1880 changes in 1 hr. 8 mins. in the following methods:—Kent Treble Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Craven Delight, Bob Minor, and Grandsire Doubles. W. Whitaker, 1; S. Whiteley, 2; J. Thompson, 3; J. Wilkinson, 4; C. Inman (conductor), 5; J. Birch, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Birmingham, Warwickshire.

ON Tuesday, the 16th inst., twelve members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 46 mins. A. Cresser, 1; J. Joynes, 2; C. H. Hattersley, 3; W. Small, 4; S. Reeves, 5; H. Johnson, sen. (composer), 6; T. Miller, 7; H. Johnson, jun., 8; J. James, 9; H. H. James, 10; W. Hallsworth (conductor), 11; T. Reynolds, 12. Tenor, 36 cwt., in C.

We cannot insert every peal of long columns of figures sent to us.

At St. Michael's, Lichfield.

ON Wednesday, the 17th inst., a date touch was rung in the following methods in 1 hr. 12 mins.:—360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 20 Grandsire Doubles, 60 Stedman's Doubles, 720 Plain Bob Minor, 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Treadgold, 1; H. Meacham, 2; W. A. Wood, 3; F. J. Cope, 4; Rev. J. J. Serjeantson (Rector), 5; T. Meredith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. In these touches none of the methods used are extended beyond their proper number of changes, as was the case with those at Somerleyton and St. Peter's-at-Gowts.

At St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 20th inst., seven resident members of the Yorkshire Association, assisted by the president, Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. W. Clarke, 1; J. T. Middlebrook, 2; W. Stephenson, 3; W. Mallinson, 4; Harry Birtwhistle, 5; Henry Birtwhistle, 6; J. McKell, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. This peal, which was now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent each way in 5, 6—four course ends wrong and eight home. Composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Thomas's, Lancaster.

ON Saturday, the 20th inst., six ringers of the above church rang a peal of 2520 Bob Minor in 1 hr. 20 mins. B. A. Edmondson (conductor), 1; H. Lund, 2; W. G. Edmondson, jun., 3; J. Bryning, 4; W. Benson, 5; J. Rawlinson, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt.

CORRECTION.—The date of the peal rung at Kenninghall should have been Tuesday, the 9th inst., and not Sunday, the 7th inst., as stated in our last issue.

A CORRESPONDENT wishes to know when the fourth edition of Troyte's Change-ringing will be ready, or if any one can tell him where he can get a copy of Hubbard's book.

LASHING CONTRIVANCE.—Our readers are referred to an engraving and description in the *Engineer*, April 4, 1877.

NOTICE.—We beg to remind our readers that the Editors of all periodicals claim the privilege of selecting, abridging, or rejecting whatever contributions come to their hand, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO:—C. H. Rawson—no date given. B. H. G.—chiming is tolling bells in succession; ringing always means swinging the bells. Cooksley—no name or date. F. Alcock—with thanks. R. Johnstone—your 'Lashing' contrivance requires an engraving to be understood, which would not suit us. W. J. Chatterton—list of rings of S. J. W. Cock-craft; Stroud; S. Greenwood; and others.