

has been recently erected on the hill-top just above the city of Dunedin, in the suburb of Roslyn. At present we have a very small bell. Would any of your readers, who are doubtless lovers of church bells, assist us in procuring a good-sounding tenor bell? It would be a great boon to us and to the neighbourhood. The church is situated quite on the ridge of the hill, with a thickly populated valley on either side, and could not be better for sound. My good people have done, and are doing, much for their church; but unless we can move the hearts of kind friends to help us, we must wait a long time for a suitable bell to call us to the House of God. R. ALGERNON KIRKHAM.

St. John's Parsonage, Roslyn, Dunedin, N.Z.

Intercession for those at Sea.

SIR,—I am receiving from the forty-six Missions to Seamen Stations around our coasts fearful accounts of the late gales, in which 186 vessels were wrecked in one week, and many poor households lost their bread-winners, whilst our own Mission vessels, &c. have not escaped damage. Would you then allow me to call the attention of the clergy to the great consolation it would afford to seamen struggling for life with wind, waves, and rocks, to know that the churches on shore were offering up prayers for them? In seventeen dioceses a *Special Service of Intercession for those at Sea*, published by the Missions to Seamen Society, 11 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C., is authorised for use in churches; and one called from this *Service* would not add two minutes to the ordinary Morning and Evening Prayer. What Convocation says of London applies to other seaports. Their Report says:—‘It is much to be regretted that intercession for those at sea is not more generally made in London parish churches, and especially in those frequented by seamen; and the more so as the Bishops of London, St. Albans, and Rochester, have approved a *Special Service of Intercession for those at Sea* being used in their churches. This is at present only read in a few churches, and one or more of its collects are read during stormy weather in others.’ I shall be glad to supply a single copy to any clergyman who will use part of it.

Wm. DAWSON, Commander R.N.

‘Tain’ and ‘Same.’ A Further Contribution.

SIR,—Will you allow me to add a few more specimens of mistakes commonly made in clerical reading? In giving out the Lessons according to the new Lectionary, I think it is a mistake to say, as is commonly done, ‘Here beginneth the (e.g.) 14th verse of the 20th chapter of Genesis,’ as if that verse contained the whole lesson. It would be more correct to say, ‘Here beginneth part of the 20th chapter,’ and then to repeat, ‘The 20th chapter, commencing at the 14th verse.’ Again, in the Apostles’ Creed it has become a habit in most churches to disregard the comma after the word ‘crucified.’ A moment’s reflection will show that ‘crucified,’ ‘dead,’ and ‘buried,’ are all co-ordinate participles after ‘was,’ and each word is equally important. Again the necessity for watching the commas, and not needlessly inserting them when not required, will become apparent in a few illustrations. In the often used Collect for the Second Sunday in Advent the comma is wanted after ‘patience,’ to separate that Christian grace from the clause following, viz. ‘the comfort of God’s Holy Word.’ It is equally required, as well observed by H. G. O., in the opening Invocation of the Litany after ‘O God the Father.’ And I would just observe here that probably the common mistake of making God ‘the Father of Heaven,’ whatever that may be supposed to mean, is due to the careless punctuation (or theology) of the hymn, ‘Father of Heaven, whose love profound.’ No comma, however, is wanted, though often carelessly inserted, in the Intercession, ‘That it may please Thee . . . increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Holy Word.’ It is surely ‘grace to hear,’ so as to hear, for which we are asking—a needful petition which is lost to us by pausing after ‘grace.’ I will add but one more caution, and that is the need of the slightest possible pause after the word ‘both’ in the Second Collect for Evening Prayer. I remember hearing of a good spinster who used to attend daily Evensong at which a favourite curate was in the habit of officiating. She was sometimes the only worshipper, and was wont to give expression to her feelings afterwards that it was “so nice that both their hearts” should be set to obey, &c.

Let me, in conclusion, recommend a little book intended for beginners, but serviceable to us all, viz. *Dale on Clerical Reading*. H. G. HOPKINS.

A Nehemiah for England.

SIR,—Time alone has prevented me from writing a full answer to your article in the number for October 23, with the terrible title, ‘A Nehemiah for England.’ I protest against the whole tone of the article, for it is written in ignorance of the work and the objects of the Church Defence Institution. If the writer—who is afraid to give his name—would loyally support that Institution, he would do more good than by writing such an article. It is the only body which has opposed the work of the Liberation Society, with all the great wealth the latter body possesses. It called forth some 14,000 clergymen and 30,000 influential laymen, to protest against the Burials Bill. It is doing more for the Church than those Associations which persecute one another: for it is teaching the true principles on which the Church is founded, and it helps on any movement for the welfare of the Church; but it does not indulge in ‘petty skirmishes with Dissenters.’ It has long pointed out the abuses in the Church, and it only requires further support to help to remedy them. These abuses are not to be remedied by transference of the adwosons to representative trustees, which God forbid! In a paper on ‘Church Patronage,’ read at the first Conference of the diocese of Durham, I advocated not such means as these, but the maintenance of private patronage, and the discontinuance of the purchase of next presentations, and a Diocesan Board, in which should be vested certain adwosons as they could be purchased, especially the small ones. A Nehemiah is wanted for England, but not to carry out the plans of ‘J. F.’, nor to indulge in sweeping and undeserved criticism of the Church Defence Institution. I would refer the writer to this month’s record in the *National Church of the lectures, &c.*, which have been recently given at various places.

J. W. EASTWOOD, M.D., J.P.

Chairman of the Darlington and District Church Defence Association.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Troyte’s ‘Change-ringing.’

SIR,—In answer to the inquiry of ‘A Correspondent,’ I have the honour to inform you that the Fourth Edition of *Change-ringing* is in the hands of the printers and will shortly be published. Will you allow me to add that some delay in its issue has been caused by my having added a chapter on Plain Bob, in compliance with the repeated requests of many of my ringing friends?

C. A. W. ACLAND TROYTE.

A Hoax.

SIR,—I read in last Saturday’s issue that six ringers of St. Thomas’s Church, Lancaster, have rung ‘a peal of 2520 Bob Minor.’ I have always understood that the extent of Bob Minor is 720, and, if such be the case, how have these Lancaster ringers managed to ring ‘a peal of 2520?’ If the report had stated that they had rung three and a half peals of Bob Minor in one or more methods, or even had rung one peal three and a half times over, I could have understood it; but I should certainly like to know how these Lancaster ringers have managed to get through a peal of 2520 on six bells.

Bradford, Nov. 29.

B. C.

[The account did not reach us until a short time before going to press, and in the hurry of finishing we failed to notice the hoax.]

New Ring of Eight Bells at St. Andrew’s, Wells Street, London.

THIS ring of eight bells has been presented to the church by a mother in memory of a beloved daughter. They have been cast by Mr. T. C. Lewis, of Shepherd’s Lane, Brixton, and are what is called among bellfounders a ‘Maiden Peal,’ none of the bells having required any kind of tuning since they left the moulds. The whole ring weighs 76 cwt. The weight of the tenor is 21 cwt.; its note is E flat.

The eight bells bear, each of them, two legends, which run on continuously through the series. The first is two verses from St. Bernard’s hymn ‘Jesu dulcis memoria.’ The second relates the circumstances of the gift.

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| 1. Nil canitur suavius, | 1. Ad majorem Dei gloriam |
| 2. Nil auditur jucundius, | 2. in usum ecclesiae Sancti Andreae |
| 3. Nil cogitatur dulcius, | 3. de Wells Street has campanas |
| 4. Quam Jesus, Dei Filius. | 4. Susanna Imbert Terry dono dedit |
| 5. Gloria tibi, Domine, | 5. In memoriam dilectissimae filiae |
| 6. Qui natus es de Virgine, | 6. Antoniettae Catherinae Bouhier Imbert Terry |
| 7. Cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu, | 7. quae obiit die xxvij Septembris |
| 8. In sempiterna saecula. | 8. anno aetatis xvij et humane salutis mdcclxxvij. |

They were dedicated by a solemn service after evensong on St. Andrew’s Eve.

Dedication of a Ring.

A RING of eight (augmented by Messrs. Warner & Sons), at All Saints, Sheffield, Yorkshire, the gift of Sir John Brown, was dedicated on the 12th ult. The Rev. J. B. Draper conducted the service, which consisted of the *Venite*, the reading of a part of the 29th chapter of the 1st Chronicles, and the following prayer:—‘O Lord God Almighty, Who dwellest in the highest heaven, but yet does condescend to permit Thy feeble creatures on earth to do Thee service, we pray Thee to accept the offering which we make unto Thee this day. We desire to consecrate to Thy service these bells, which Thy servant has caused to be placed in this house of prayer. And here we humbly offer and present them to Thee, to be used always for the glory of Thy holy Name, and for the benefit of Thy holy Church. May those who hear them calling the people to prayer and praise, and the hearing of Thy Holy Word, receive the invitation with gladness and obey its call. When they shall ring out sounds of joy and gladness, may the joy be holy, and may all who are partakers of that joy render due praise unto Thee. And when in solemn tones they, or any one of them, shall toll for a soul’s departure to Thee, may all who hear the sound remember the warning of Thy holy Word, and prepare to meet their God. We pray Thee abundantly to bless him who has made this offering to Thee; think upon him, O God, for good, according to all that he has done for Thy house, and reward him according to Thy mercy; endue him with Thy Holy Spirit; enrich him with Thy heavenly grace, prosper him with all happiness, and bring him to Thy everlasting kingdom. Finally, we pray that Thou wouldest keep those who shall ring these bells from all evil. Let no profane language or unseemly conduct be heard or known within these walls; and may Thy good providence always preserve from accident both the ringers and others, as well as the bells themselves, so that many future generations may rejoice in the use of this means of glorifying and serving Thee. These our humble prayers we present in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we would ascribe unto Thee, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, all honour, glory, and praise, now and for evermore. Amen.’ The service concluded with the Lord’s Prayer and Benediction.

A signal was then sent up to the parish church ringers, and immediately afterwards the bells rang out a joyous peal, which could be heard a great distance. After the consecration the ringers rang a short touch of Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. J. Lomas. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1260 changes, was rung in 50 mins. J. Sandford, 1; G. Holmes, 2; J. W. Rowbottom, 3; W. Lomas, 4; W. Booth, 5; C. Steer, 6; T. Hattersley (conductor), 7; C. H. Rawson, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F. The bells are fitted in an iron frame instead of wood, on account of insufficient space in the spire.

Hursley Bells.

THE bells of Hursley, the home of John Keble, have been augmented and rehung. Will any ringers help me to make up a side capable of ringing two or three six-bell methods on the occasion of the reopening, Tuesday, Dec. 14? Hursley is four miles from Winchester, and three from Chandler’s Ford Station.

REV. A. D. HILL, *The College, Winchester.*

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING will be held in the All Saints' Schoolroom, Horse Fair, Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, Dec. 13th, to elect officers and to frame rules for the above Association. All Surrey ringers invited to attend. Tower open at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

Opening of a New Ring of Eight at St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Wednesday, the 17th ult., the North Shields Branch of the Durham Association opened the above for Divine Service with a touch of 840 Grandsire Triples. After the service more touches were rung. J. Rossiter, 1; G. Park, 2; J. Hern, 3; R. Willan, 4; W. Waugh, 5; R. Smith, 6; W. Reed (conductor), 7; S. Nott, 8. [No time mentioned.] Tenor, 30 cwt., in D. The bells are by Taylor and Sons of Loughborough. The bells are fitted with Ellacombe's chiming apparatus. The tenor can be raised by one man, and rises true.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above Association took place at Romford on Saturday, the 20th ult. By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. G. F. Price, who is a member of the Association, ringing began at two o'clock; and he presided at the meeting in the schoolroom at three, where, after the usual Office, the Vicar gave a hearty welcome and genial address. Sixteen performing and one honorary member were elected. At five, members and visitors partook of tea in the schoolroom, and after a very pleasant social hour returned to the tower. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, concluding with a peal of Stedman's Triples.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

On Monday, the 29th ult., representatives of the above Association from North Shields, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Winlaton, met at the latter place, when various touches on the six bells were rung. During the afternoon Blaydon was visited, and the following members rang, in 27 mins., the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor ever rung on those bells:—W. Waugh, 1; E. Wallis, 2; F. Lees, 3; R. Willan, 4; R. Smith, 5; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

The following also rang at Winlaton a peal of College Singles in 28 mins.:—F. Lees, 1; R. Smith, 2; W. Waugh, 3; R. Willan, 4; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 5; S. Nott, 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

On the return to Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. John's Church was visited and a peal of Grandsire Minor was rung in 30 mins. F. Lees, 1; E. Wallis, 2; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 3; R. Smith, 4; R. Willan, 5; S. Nott, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

On Sunday, the 7th ult., six members of the Alford Society rang for morning service a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Manning, 2; W. Manning, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas, 5; C. Price, 6. Also, for evening service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 24½ mins. S. Manning, 1; T. Basnett, 2; W. Manning, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; C. Price, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Also, on Friday, six members of this Society rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 29 mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Manning, 2; T. Basnett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt. This was the first peal in this tower, or in conjunction with this Society, of the above variation.

Also on Monday last, when they rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Basnett, 1; T. Basnett, 2; C. Price, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6. This was the first peal in this tower, or in conjunction with this Society, of the above variation.

At Kirkham, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 20th ult., John Holt's Original Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. J. Kenyon, 1; R. Atkinson (conductor), 2; F. Hoffman, 3; R. Redman, 4; W. Kirby, 5; G. Swarbrick, 6; W. Graham, 7; R. Ingham, 8. Tenor, 22¾ cwt. This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung by Kirkham men only.

At Mitcham, Surrey.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., was rung at the parish church Holt's Original One-part Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins. S. Greenwood (conductor), 1; J. Baldwin, 2; A. Brockwell, 3; T. Jones, 4; D. Springall, 5; J. Fayers, 6; G. Pell, 7; H. Pater, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Giles's, Cripplegate, London.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5002 Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 58 mins. H. Haley, sen. (composer and conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; R. French, 3; T. Benney, 4; R. Jameson, 5; G. Mash, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; W. Tanner, 8; F. Dawe, 9; M. A. Wood, 10; J. M. Hayes, 11; E. Horrex, 12. Tenor, 36 cwt.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., the members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Society, who are likewise members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, rang a peal of 2016 changes in 1 hr. 19 mins., being the first four parts of the late Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. H. Wilkes, 1; G. E. Wakefield, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; W. Freeman, 4; John Watlien, 5; J. Hale, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

At Stroud, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday, the 23rd inst., the St. Lawrence Company rang a date touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 9 mins. G. Gregory, 1; G. Latham (conductor), 2; D. Brown, 3; N. King, 4; J. Nash, 5; W. F. Sloman, 6; F. Stephens, 7; A. Long, 8. Tenor, 23¾ cwt., in E flat.

At St. Werburgh's, Bristol.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., being the birthday of Mr. G. W. Morgan—one of the leading members of the Bristol and St. James's Union Youths—a peal of 720 Grandsire Minors was rung. J. Porch, 1; G. Morgan, 2; C. Thomas, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; R. Knill, 5; J. Brain, 6.

At New College, Oxford.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by the Oxford University Society, with Seage's gong apparatus, in 28 mins. A. B. Perceval, Esq., 1; F. Du Boulay, Esq. (Kemble Coll.), 2; C. C. Child, Esq. (Ch. Ch.), 3; Mr. J. Field, 4; G. F. Coleridge, Esq. (Kemble) (conductor), 5; C. D. P. Davies, Esq. (Pembroke), 6.

Also, by the same Society and in the same steeple, on the 25th ult., a date touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples, composed by Mr. H. Tucker of Hunts-ham, Devon, was rung in 1 hr. 17 mins. F. Du Boulay, Esq. (Kemble), 1; Mr. J. Field, 2; A. E. Holme, Esq. (Wadham), 3; C. Davies, Esq. (Pembroke), 4; C. Child, Esq. (Ch. Ch.), 5; J. E. Acland Troyte, Esq. (Ch. Ch.) (conductor), 6; G. F. Coleridge, Esq. (Kemble), 7; R. E. Fiske, Esq. (Kemble), 8. Tenor about 15 cwt.

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

On Thursday, the 25th ult., being the day of the celebration of the 'coming of age' of Mr. F. Ramsden, the Amateur Society of this church celebrated the occasion by ringing a peal. This was accomplished by the performance of Mr. W. E. Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 2 mins. R. M. Graham, 1; J. Wilson (conductor), 2; J. Mercer, 3; W. Baxter, 4; S. Brotherton, 5; J. Hague, 6; J. Walsh, 7; R. Bowker, 8. Tenor, 15¾ cwt.

At St. Alban's, Rochdale, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., seven members of the Rochdale and District Association (with an assistant, non-member) rang Mr. J. Aspinwall's Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 51 mins. This peal was rung in commemoration of the marriage of the Rev. W. Cooper, M.A., Vicar of the above church. W. Adshead, 1; the Assistant, 2; J. G. Holt, 3; W. Siddle, 4; G. Hoyle, 5; C. J. Butterworth (conductor), 6; F. Birtwistle, 7; A. Hirst, 8. Tenor, 18¾ cwt.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, London.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang at St. Michael's, Cornhill, a peal of 5040 Treble Bob Maximus in 4 hrs. 10 mins. H. Haley, sen. (composer and conductor), 1; H. Haley, jun., 2; W. Cooter, 3; J. Pettit, 4; M. A. Wood, 5; R. Jameson, 6; W. Tanner, 7; R. French, 8; E. Gibbs, 9; G. Mash, 10; E. Horrex, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt.

At Appleton, Berks.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., the Appleton Society rang at the parish church a peal of 5001 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 17 mins. F. S. White, 1; E. Holfield, 2; F. White, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; G. Holfield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. Avery, 8; H. Woodward, 9; T. Bennett, 10. Composed by J. Nelms. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in E.

At Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., six members from Bolton, with J. Curtis of Leigh and J. Aspinwall of Liverpool, rang Mr. Aspinwall's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Bob and Single variations) in 2 hrs. 56 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. Curtis, 5; J. Aspinwall (composer), 6; S. Gaskell, 7; W. Hamer, 8. Tenor, 13¾ cwt.

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., the late Mr. John Holt's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. H. Hipkiss, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; W. Mallin, 3; T. Horton, 4; J. Fulwood, 5; W. Small, 6; W. Ellsmore, 7; J. Russell, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

At Nutfield, Surrey.

On Monday, the 29th ult., four members of the Nutfield, with two of the Bletchingly Society, rang a date touch of 1880 changes in 1 hr. 9 mins., in the following methods:—720 Plain Bob Minor, 1080 Grandsire Minor, 80 Grandsire Doubles. T. Bryant, 1; L. Killick, 2; R. Fuller, 3; J. Burkin, 4; T. Boniface, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt., in G.

At St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk.

On Monday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Diss and Kenninghall branches of the Norwich Association rang a peal of 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 27 mins. W. Ireland, 1; W. Scales, 2; R. Hutton, 3; J. Cunningham, 4; E. Francis, 5; R. Barnes, 6; N. Brown, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow of Saffron Walden, and rung now for the first time. Tenor, 24 cwt. in D.

Twice repeated.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Jas. Cockcroft—we advise you to get Mr. Troyte's Look. C. H. Rawson—your account must have been mislaid. C. Everitt—does not state where the peal was rung. W. J. Sloman; J. Parker; G. Thistlewood; G. P. Fletcher; R. Beer; W. McIntyre; Gillett and Bland; E. J. Whitney; J. R. Jerram; and others.

replied; 'but I think *some one is passing*.' We were struck with the answer, and felt it to be both touching and solemn. It was a call to us to lift up our hearts in prayer for one who was upon the very brink of the river of death.

J. GILBERT DIXON.

THE Rev. J. Fernie (Wellingore Vicarage, Grantham) asks for the *People's Magazine*, No. 1, Jan. 1868, to complete a set for his Parochial Library, and thanks the readers of *Church Bells* who have supplied him with some other numbers.

A Correspondent points out that the Evangelical clergyman referred to in 'J. F. C.'s' letter on the Victorian Persecution in our last number, is the Rev. Samuel Garratt, Vicar of St. Margaret, Ipswich.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Rev. A. Rogers; Discipulus; J. H.; J. V.—declined with thanks; R. S. Clarke; H. Sharrock; S. J. Stone; Townshend Mainwaring; W. J. White; H. H. J.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

'The Change-Ringers' Guide.'

SIR,—We are anxious to complete, as far as possible, the list (in Appendix I., C. R. G.) of Diocesan and County Guilds, and other Associations *distinctly comprising a district*, which is at present very incomplete, as such a list appears likely to be very useful to ringers generally. It has also been suggested to us by the Norwich Diocesan Association, through their Secretary, that we should allow our list to be published *every year* in the columns of *Church Bells*, as the formation from time of new Guilds would make the original list incomplete. This, with your permission, we shall be pleased to do.

Will you, therefore, kindly allow us to ask the Secretaries of all such Guilds as we have alluded to above, if they would be good enough to send to the Rev. R. Acland-Troyte, Leighland Vicarage, Taunton, either their last printed Report or the following items of information:—1. The full title and date of formation of their Guild. 2. The names of the officers. 3. The address of the Secretary.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

THE COMPILERS OF C. R. G.

An Explanation.

SIR,—The ringers of St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster, are and were quite aware that 'a peal of 2520 changes of Bob Minor' could not be rung on six bells. But accidentally they sent the word 'peal' instead of 'three and a half peals.'

T. H. PARKIN.

Eight Maidens at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London.

SIR,—A maiden ring of eight bells is a wonderful turn-out from a bell-foundry. Will Mr. Lewis tell us how many of the castings failed before he obtained correct eight virgin bells?

TUNBL CAIN.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At SS. Nicholas and Mary, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Tuesday, the 2nd ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob, with eighteen bobs and two singles, was rung by J. Woodward, 1; G. Harrison, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; R. Mackman, 5; G. L. Richardson (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, 9th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob, with nine bobs and six singles, was rung by J. Woodward, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; G. Harrison, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, 16th ult., two peals of 720 Plain Bob, one with nine bobs and six singles, and one with thirty bobs and two singles, was rung by J. Johnson (for the first time on 6), 1; J. Woodward (for the first time on the extreme), 2; T. Blackburn, 3; G. Harrison, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, 21st ult., a peal of Plain Bob, forty-two singles, composed by Mr. Jackson, Hull, was rung for service by J. Woodward, 1; G. Harrison, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

On Thursday, 25th ult., a peal of Plain Bob, with eight bobs and six singles, was rung by J. Woodward, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; G. Harrison, 4; T. Blackburn, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Also half a peal of College Single, nine bobs. G. L. Richardson, conductor. Tenor, 18 cwt.

On Monday, 15th ult., at Pinchbeck St. Mary, seven peals of Bob Doubles were rung by J. S. Wright, 1; G. Harrison, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. Mackman, 5. It is several years since any peal was rung on these bells. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Raunds, Northamptonshire.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., a date touch of 1880 changes was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins. comprising Oxford Single Bob, London Single, a half peal of Plain Bob, 72 of Grandsire Singles, and 8 changes on four bells. A. Coles, 1; J. Wilmott, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; J. Stubbs (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt.

Also on Monday, the 29th ult., a peal of 720 Double Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 26 mins. H. Stubbs, 1; J. Wilmott, 2; J. Houghton, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; J. Stubbs (conductor), 6.

At Tydd St. Mary, Lincolnshire.

On Sunday, the 28th ult., the Tydd St. Mary Company rang for service a date touch of 1880 changes in 1 hr. 5 mins., in the following methods:—1000 Grandsire Doubles and 880 Bob Doubles. E. Wilson, 1; E. A. Pritheroe, 2; E. Shore, 3; R. J. Key, 4; E. Coulson, 5. Tenor, 13 cwt. The Grandsire Doubles were conducted by R. Tillbrook, 3rd, and E. Coulson, 5th, alternately, and the Bob Doubles by E. A. Pritheroe, 2nd, and R. J. Key, 4th, alternately.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., seven members of the Kenninghall branch and one of the Diss branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 9 mins. R. Hutton, 1; H. Eagling, 2;

G. Edwards, 3; C. Everett, 4; J. Cunningham, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Barnes, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. This is the new composition of Mr. H. Dains, having the sixth bell twice placed each way in each part.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 24 Bobs and 2 Singles, was rung in 26 mins. by the Woodford band. H. Nunn, sen., 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; J. Nunn, 3; T. Gobbett, 4; E. Gardom, Esq., 5; W. Doran (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At the Parish Church, Eckington, Derbyshire.

On Wednesday, the 1st inst., six members of SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, rang a date touch of 1880 changes in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following methods: Violet, Oxford Treble Bob, and New London Pleasure. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Shaw, 3; G. Norman, 4; T. Lunn, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

At St. Mary's, Kelvedon, Essex.

On Wednesday, the 1st inst., five members of the Kelvedon Society rang, in 1 hr. 24 mins., a date touch of 1880 changes in the following methods:—Stedman's Principle, Place-making, The Favorite, Antelope, Sunshine, Nightingale, Kelvedon Doubles, Gog-magog, The Dream, St. Dunstan's, Teasing Doubles, Cambridge, Oxford Delight, Old Doubles, Hudibras, and eighty of Grandsire. *D. Elliott, 1; *C. Elliott (conductor), 2; W. Elliott, 3; J. Elliott, 4; H. Elliott, 5. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E. [*Members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers.]

N.B.—The Favorite, Sunshine, and Kelvedon Doubles, were composed by the conductor, whose age is seventeen years.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., the members of the Aldford Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Basnett, 1; S. Manning, 2; C. Price, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6.

Also a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Manning, 2; C. Price, 3; T. Basnett, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Manning, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F.

At St. John the Baptist's, Pinner, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang the late Mr. John Holt's celebrated Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins. H. Cutter, 1; W. Collings, 2; F. Weare, 3; E. Horrex, 4; R. French, 5; S. Hayes, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. H. George (his first peal), 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in F. This is the first peal ever rung upon these bells, which were augmented to a ring of eight in the year 1777, and were rehung by Mr. G. Banks of London in 1879.

At All Hallows, Tottenham, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., a peal of Bob Minor, containing 18 Bobs and 2 Singles, was rung in 29 minutes by H. Nunn, sen., 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. Gardom, Esq., 4; T. Gobbett, 5; W. Doran (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate Street, London.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, established 1637, rang a peal of Stedman's triples in 3 hrs. 17 mins. G. Dorrington, 1; W. Cecil, 2; W. Tanner, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; E. Gibbs, 5; T. Benney, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; J. H. Monday, 8. [Weight of Tenor not given.]

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

On Saturday evening, the 5th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths (late London Scholars) rang Holt's original Two-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 27 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; H. Dains, 2; J. Hannington, 3; A. J. Perkins (his first peal), 4; J. Barrett, 5; J. Page, 6; W. Chapman, 7; D. Stackwood, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Sheffield Parish Church.

On Monday, the 6th inst., seven members of the Sheffield Society, assisted by two ringers from Rotherham and one from Poncaster, rang a half-muffled peal of 3000 changes of Grandsire Caters in 2 hrs. 5 mins., as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Mark Firth. C. H. Hattersley, 1; E. Woodward, 2; J. Lomas, 3; W. Bail, 4; G. Flint, 5; C. Steer, 6; C. Crawford, 7; C. H. Rawson, 8; T. Hattersley (conductor), 9; G. Wilson, jun., 10. Tenor, 41 cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Monday, the 6th inst., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a funeral peal (half-muffled) as the last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Chidzey, aged 52 years, a member of the above Society. W. Weatherstone, 1; F. T. Gover, 2; J. Barry, 3; W. Chew, 4; C. E. Winn, 5; J. Hannington, 6; F. Collins, 7; W. Smith, 8; F. E. Dawe, 9; H. Alford, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Maldon, Essex.

On Monday, the 6th inst., six members of the All Saints' company rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins., being the first peal on these bells by Maldon ringers for thirty years. S. Cable, 1; G. Mansfield, 2; C. Taber, 3; T. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; W. Mansfield, 6. Tenor, about 14 cwt.

CORRECTION.—In the notice given in our last issue of the Essex Association, the words 'Stedman's Doubles on the middle five bells' must be substituted for 'Stedman's Triples.'

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RECEIVED ALSO.—F. R. Dale; C. H. Rawson; Sam. Reeve; Rob. Williams; and others.

or in the middle of the prayer of consecration; (5), that wafers are never used at the midday celebration at his church. Our correspondent, 'H. A. B.', has therefore, in so far as he attributed these 'uses' to Mr. Enraght, misrepresented him, unintentionally of course, and he will, we doubt not, express his regret for the mistake. We need scarcely add, that we only inserted 'H. A. B.'s' letter in order to carry out our principle of giving full liberty of discussion, and trusting to the accuracy of the writer.—Ed.

MR. WESLEY'S SERMONS.—The writer of the Comment on 'Church Tracts' in *Church Bells* for Nov. 13 thanks Mr. Cullen for pointing out the correct title of one of Mr. Wesley's sermons. The fact is that the titles of the Church Tracts, as given in the Comment, were taken from an Advertisement which appears at the end of each of them. In this Advertisement, for which Messrs. Charles & Son are responsible, 'No. 2' is given 'On the Duty and Necessity of Frequent Communion,' whereas No. 2 itself is designated, as Mr. Cullen quotes, 'The Duty of Constant Communion.' The discrepancy had escaped the notice of the writer of the Comment.

THE REV. JAMES ALLEN, Pertlo, Western Australia, would be thankful to receive a copy of *Church Bells* from any subscriber who is kindly willing to send it after perusal.

RECEIVED ALSO.—G. B. (we will reply to you privately); A Bookseller; L. W.; R. E. C.; W. T. R. Winter; Scholasticus; F. B. Wilkinson; E. Garnett; J. F. C.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

New Ring of Eight Bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, London.

IN our issue on the 4th inst. we gave a short description of these bells, and that they were dedicated by a solemn service on the eve of St. Andrew. The following are particulars of the service:—The Bishop attended Evensong on the eve, and immediately afterwards went in procession to the tower, the choir singing the eighty-first Psalm. The singers, the clergy of the church, Bishop Tozer and his chaplain, and the Bishop of London with his chaplain, accompanied by such of the clergy present as had been previously connected with the church, and followed by the two churchwardens, Mr. Beresford-Hope (the chairman of the stewards of the festival), and two sons of the lady (Mrs. Imbert-Terry) who was the donor of the bells, went up to the ringing-chamber, where the ringers (a Band of Cumberlanders) stood, rope in hand, ready to begin. The service of dedication was the same that was used for the dedication of the new bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. The large trap-door was open on the middle of the floor—hence, the Church above and that below were able to form one communion: the effect was very striking—the hymn especially sounding very sweetly to the large congregation on the floor of the church. Immediately after the blessing, the Bishop, according to the ancient custom in such cases, gave the signal to the ringers, 'Go!' who at once rang out a touch of Grandsire Triples, to the delight of crowds of persons who thronged the neighbouring streets, awaiting the first sound of the bells.

Friendly Meeting of Change-ringers at Over Darwen, Lincolnshire.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., a Friendly Meeting of Change-ringers was held at Over Darwen, by the kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens. Change-ringing was commenced at 2.30 p.m. by the Padiham Company, who were succeeded by Waddington Seniors, Waddington Juniors, Hoddleston, Clitheroe, Church, and Whalley; change-ringing being kept up until 10 p.m. Tea was provided at 5 o'clock at the Angel Hotel, when upwards of sixty sat down. After which a meeting was held and votes of thanks accorded to the Vicar and Churchwardens for allowing the ringers the use of the belfry. The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, April 23, 1881.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

AT a meeting held at Kingston-on-Thames on Monday, the 13th inst., at which fifteen Surrey parishes were represented, the Vicar of Kingston being in the chair, a letter from the Rev. Clement R. Sharpe having been read, resigning the office of Hon. Sec., which he had undertaken provisionally, the Vicar of Kingston was asked, and consented, to act in that capacity, as well as in that of Treasurer, until the Association was more solidly established and the organization more complete. It was agreed, (1), That for the present no test of capacity for ringing should be required of those who wish to be admitted as performing members, beyond the assurance that they belong *bonâ fide* to some band; (2), That each band in union should appoint a local secretary, to correspond with the hon. sec. of the Association, and that it should be his duty in particular to collect the subscriptions (2s. each) from the members of his band, and forward them to the hon. sec. and treasurer as soon as possible after the 1st January next. Subscriptions of not less than 5s. per annum, constituting honorary membership of the Association, will be thankfully acknowledged, if sent either through some local secretary or direct to the Rev. A. S. W. Young, Vicarage, Kingston-on-Thames. The rules agreed upon at the meeting held at Kingston on the 13th inst. were adopted, with a few modifications, from the rules of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers. They will be printed and circulated shortly.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints, Moulton, Lincolnshire.

ON the 1st inst., six six-scores of Bob Doubles were rung by E. Wain, 1; G. Harrison, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. S. Wright, 5. Also three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles by J. Woodward, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. Mackman, 5. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON the 2nd inst. were rung, in 1 hr. 16 mins., two and a half peals of Bob Minor and four score of Bob Doubles, in all 1880, being the date of the year. J. Johnson, 1; J. Woodward, 2; G. Richardson, 3; G. Harrison, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6.

Also on the 9th inst. a peal of College Single, 18 bobs and 2 singles. G. Harrison, 1; J. Woodward, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6.

Also on the 10th inst., one peal of 720 Plain Bob, composed by J. W. Snowdon, 18 bobs and 18 singles. E. Wain, 1; J. Woodward, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; G. Harrison, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk.

ON Thursday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the above company rang a date touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. G. Perry, 1; J. Knights, 2; W. Dye (conductor), 3; G. Thurlow, 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; T. Whiting, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. Composed by J. F. Penning, Saffron Waldon, Essex.

At St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., six members of the Holywell Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Doubles in 27 mins. T. Payne, 1; G. Lapworth, 2; W. Payne, 3; H. Payne, 4; S. Hounslow (conductor), 5; J. Eely, 6. Tenor, about 10 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Liverpool.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., eight members of the St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 18 mins. R. Williams, sen., 1; G. Helsby, 2; H. Meadows, 3; S. Hammond, 4; J. Egerton, 5; R. Williams, jun. (composer and conductor), 6; H. Beck (first peal), 7; W. Little, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At All Saints, Alburgh, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 9th inst., six members of the Alburgh Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, with the Rev. G. H. Harris and Captain Moore, rang a peal of 5056 Oxford Treble Bob Major, composed by Mr. H. Dains, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. E. Smith (conductor), 1; W. Sheldrick, 2; G. Prime, 3; Rev. G. H. Harris, 4; J. Bentley, 5; F. Smith, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

ON the same day four members of the Kenninghall Branch, with four of the Norwich Branch, rang at Kenninghall a new peal of 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major, composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. R. Hutton, 1; *W. H. Potter, 2; *P. Sadler, 3; *F. Knights, 4; J. Cunningham, 5; J. Woods, 6; *J. Skinner, 7; J. Morley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. [* Norwich: their first peal.]

At St. Peter's, Harborne, Staffordshire.

ON the 11th inst. eight members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Perks, 1; S. Reeves, 2; H. Bastable, 3; H. Johnson, sen., 4; T. Miller, 5; F. H. James, 6; H. Johnson, jun., 7; J. Day (conductor), 8. Tenor, about 12 cwt. The peal was composed by the late Thomas Day in 1828, and contains the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right. See Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, p. 52.

At Horsham, Sussex.

ON Sunday, the 11th inst., a touch of 840 Oxford Bob Triples was rung for evening service in 30 mins. It has 18 bobs and 2 singles. G. Jenkins, 1; E. Knight, 2; G. Vaughan, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (composer and conductor), 7; J. Bishopp, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E.

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, in 3 hrs. 27 mins., a peal of 5001 Stedman's Caters. M. A. Wood, 1; W. Cooter, 2; J. Pettit, 3; R. French, 4; G. Dorrington, 5; E. Gibbs, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; W. B. Fulford, Esq., 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; E. Horrex, 10. Tenor, 31 cwt.

At All Saints, Maidstone, Kent.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., six members of the All Saints' Society, with two from West Malling, rang a peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples in 43 mins. C. Relf, 1; H. Pearce, 2; E. Baldock, 3; F. G. Newman, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; C. Payne (conductor), 6; G. Pawley, 7; E. Elliott, 8. Tenor, about 20 cwt.

At Huntsham, Devon.

AT their ordinary weekly practice on Monday, the 13th inst., the following members of the Huntsham Society rang a date touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Redwood, 1; H. Payne, 2; J. Norrish, 3; J. Heard, 4; W. Heard, 5; J. Davey, 6; H. Tucker (composer and conductor), 7; S. Davey, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Dumb Peal at New College, Oxford.

ON Wednesday, the 8th inst., the Oxford University Society of Change-ringers rang, with Mr. Seage's apparatus, a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 27 mins., the bells being clapper-lashed. A. E. Holme, 1; F. A. H. Du Boulay, 2; C. C. Child, 3; J. Field, 4; R. E. Fiske, 5; G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 15 cwt.

A CORRECTION.—In our report of a peal at St. George's, Camberwell, on Dec. 4, it should read Holt's Original One-part peal of Grandsire Triples, and the time 2 hrs. 57 mins.

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RECEIVED ALSO.—W. J. Chatterton; W. G. Man; Stedman's Caters; Tommy Dodge; and others.

need is urgent and indeed vital, that two or three priests, who are ready to sacrifice something for the sake of the Gospel, may choose this mission, as involving more of sacrifice, perhaps, than others. The work will be done in God's time; but are there not two or three who feel even now that they are free to undertake some great work, and to whom this urgent need may seem to be a call? I should be thankful to receive communications from any such.

JAMES H. DU BOULAY,

Commissary in England for Bishop Kestell-Cornish.
Southgate Hill, Winchester.

A Quaker's Opinion.

SIR,—Possibly a good many Churchmen besides myself, satisfied with a simple ritual, and desirous of the maintenance of a godly union and concord between Church and State, may consider the following quaint old lines written by a Quaker, the grandfather of Benjamin Franklin, as rather applicable to the present time:—

'The rulers in the country, I do owne them in the Lord;
And such as are for government, with them I do accord.
But that which I intend thereby, is that they would keep bound,
And meddle not with God's worship, for which they have no ground.
And I am not alone herein; there's many hundreds more,
That have for many years ago spoke much upon that score.
Indeed I really believe, it's not your business
To meddle with the Church of God in matters more or less.'

DISCIPLES.

The S. P. C. K., the R. T. S., and the S. S. U.

SIR,—Your remarks on the R. T. S. and the S. P. C. K. publishing and selling books of Fairy Tales, &c., to the disadvantage of other publishers and booksellers, apply with greater force to the Sunday School Union; a Society which has opened a West London branch in the Edgware Road, where teachers and others are supplied at ordinary trade price. This Society pays all or part of the rent and expenses of the premises, by which a great part of the trade in that particular branch has been taken away from the booksellers in the neighbourhood, because no tradesman can compete with them under such conditions as being supported by subscriptions of so-called charitable people: they have *no risk*, as, if there is a loss on the business done, it is made up by a grant. Also all those who buy books in quantities for prizes, &c. go to them, even if they are charged more. The way of doing business is much more destructive to the retail trader than the Stores, because they are conducted as commercial and paying concerns, or at least generally.

A BOOKSELLER.

Notice to Correspondents.

C. BRAILSFORD.—Law's *Serious Call* is published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, price 2s. 6d.

RECEIVED ALSO.—G. V.; Unitas; T. Field; T. H. E.; F. J. Candy; Unit; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Wonderful Ring of Eight Maiden Bells.

SIR,—Every one connected with *Church Bells* has learned to 'ring in the true' in connexion with all reports of skill and practices, and would be very glad to see an answer by Mr. Lewis to the query lately put by 'Tubal Cain,' in the issue of the 11th inst., to the report of his doings as a bell-founder, knowing him to be clever at organs and architecture. How many bells did he make, or have made, so as to pick out his octave of maidens? and how many maidens' hearts has he broken, or has in stock, with useless inscriptions for other places or suitors, resulting from his selection? Will he answer?

ANOTHER TUBAL CAIN.

Restoration of Bells at Ackworth Parish Church, Yorkshire.

AFTER a silence of more than twenty years the bells of this church are once more to be used for the sacred purposes to which they were originally dedicated. The tenor bell (14 cwt.) has been recast by Messrs. Warner of London, and the bells rehung by Mr. T. Mallaby of Masham. The legend on the old tenor has been reproduced on the new one, the inscription now running thus:—'All men who hear my mournful sound, Repent before you lye in ground. W. Wager, J. Garlick, churchwardens; J. Ludham, Rotherham, founder, 1760. This bell recast and all the bells refitted at the cost of Catherine Alice Peel of Ackworth Park, 1880. Rev. Canon Falloon, M.A., Rector; Joseph Nelstrop, J. Heaton Cadman, churchwardens.' At the invitation of Mrs. Peel, six members of the Ilkley Amateur Society of Change-ringers (also members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers), under the conductorship of Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, the President of the Association, reopened the bells on Saturday afternoon last, and also rang before and after each of the Sunday services. In the morning the sermon, with special reference to the occasion, was preached by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Falloon, and suitable collects were used. At the different meetings touches and peals of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman's Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, were rung, the ringers being stationed as follows:—W. Whitaker, 1; E. Snowdon, 2; R. Tuke, 3; A. Critchley, 4; W. Snowdon, 5; J. W. Snowdon, 6. During their stay the ringers, with Mr. C. W. Scott of Leeds, who also took part in the ringing, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peel at Ackworth Park.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., six members of SS. Peter and Paul's, Eekington, rang at the above church, in 20 mins., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob; also a touch of Violet. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Shaw, 3; G. Norman, 4; T. Lunn, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Sudbury, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., a touch of Bob Major, consisting of 1880 changes, composed by Mr. Lee of Great Yarmouth, was rung for service in 1 hr. 17 mins. N. W. Taylor, 1; J. Campin, 2; W. Howel, 3; W. Griggs, 4; F. Morley, 5; H. Harper, 6; W. Cross, 7; A. Scott (conductor), 8. [Weight of tenor not mentioned.]

At All Saints, Nottingham.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., was rung in 47 mins. a touch of 1260 Stedman's Triples. R. Metheringham, 1; R. Beeson, 2; J. Webberley, 3; J. Britton, 4; T. Cooke, 5; J. Hickman, 6; W. Langley (conductor), 7; W. Saddler, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt., in F.

At Winchester, Hampshire.

ON Tuesday, the 14th, a party of College Youths visited Winchester for the purpose of reopening the bells of Hursley, but, unfortunately, that event was unavoidably postponed at the last moment. On the six bells of St. Mary's College (tenor, 12 cwt. in G) they rang six-score of Stedman's and Grandsire Doubles, and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, the first minor peal ever rung on these bells. In the afternoon some touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples were rung on the fine bells of the Cathedral (tenor, 32 cwt., in C). The party consisted of L. Proctor, Esq., Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. R. Haworth, M. Hayes, R. French, G. H. Phillott, Esq., Rev. A. D. Hill, T. Newnham, and F. Hughes.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

ON Tuesday, the 14th inst., eight members of the North Shields branch of the Durham Association rang in 1 hr. 1 min. 1680 changes of Plain Bob Major. J. Rossiter, 1; G. Park, 2; W. Waugh, 3; R. Smith, 4; J. Gibson, 5; R. Willin, 6; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 7; J. Hern, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. in E.

At St. Nicholas, Bawtry, Yorkshire.

ON Thursday, the 16th inst., being the anniversary of the opening of these bells, was rung in 27 mins. Annable's peal of Bob Minor, containing 14 bobs and 2 singles. W. Smith, 1; T. Robinson, 2; J. W. Taylor, 3; F. J. Oram (conductor), 4; F. H. Cartwright, Esq., 5; H. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 25 mins. T. Sadler, 1; I. S. Alexander, 2; W. Dye, 3; E. Pemberton, 4; R. King, 5; R. H. Brundle, 6; W. L. Catchpole, 7; H. Baldry (conductor), 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. The peal was composed by the late W. Garrard of Ipswich.

At St. Nicholas, Deptford, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., six members of the St. Nicholas Society, assisted by two from Croydon, rang in 2 hrs. 55 mins. the late Mr. J. Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. F. Fraser,* 1; W. Pead, 2; E. F. Cole, Esq.,* 3; F. G. Deal,* 4; Isaac G. Shade (conductor), 5; T. Verrall, 6; W. Bruce, 7; T. Taylor, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Mary's, Tichmarsh, Northants.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., the Tichmarsh Society rang in 1 hr. 8 mins. a date touch of 1880, comprising 8 changes on the first 4 bells, followed by 72 changes having 6 singles; 360 Bob Minor, 12 singles; 720 Oxford Single Bob, 18 bobs and 2 singles; and 720 London Single, 16 bobs and 2 singles. J. Upchurch, 1; W. Upchurch (sexton), 2; H. Upchurch, 3; R. Billings, 4; J. Billings, jun., 5; J. T. Allen (conductor), 6. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E.

At St. John's, Staveley, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the East Derbyshire Association rang in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. S. Doughty, 1; H. Madin, 2; W. Worthington, 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Broadhead (conductor), 5; N. Young, 6; J. Hunt, 7; H. Mottershall, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs.

At Otley Church, Suffolk.

ON Sunday, the 19th inst., five members of the Grundisburgh Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, with Dr. Meadows of Otley, Ipswich, rang a peal of Bob Minor in 25 mins. G. Lancaster, 1; Dr. Meadows, 2; F. Clarke, 3; A. Cracknell (conductor), 4; E. Kidly, 5; J. Ward, 6. Tenor, 11½ cwt., in G.

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

ON Monday, the 20th inst., a mixed band of Derby Change-ringers (the bells being half-muffled) rang in 46 mins. a quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples, in memory of the late Mr. John Howe, sen., who for upwards of half a century has taken an active part in change-ringing at Derby. G. Neal, 1; T. Bancroft, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; H. C. Woodward, 5; R. Bosworth, 6; J. Howe, jun. (conductor), 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.

ON Monday, the 20th inst., the members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Society rang in 1 hr. 19 mins. a muffled touch of 2016 changes of Grandsire Triples as a last tribute of respect to the late Rev. Francis John Scott, M.A., who was for many years Incumbent of Holy Trinity Church in this town. H. Wilkes, 1; G. E. Wakefield, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; W. Freeman, 4; John Wathen, 5; J. Hale, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; Wm. Haines, 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt.

At Horsham, Sussex.

ON Tuesday, the 21st inst., was rung in 50 mins. a quarter peal of 1260 Oxford Bob Triples. G. Jenkins, 1; E. Knight, 2; G. Vaughan, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Browne, 5; F. Knight, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Bishop, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

CONNECTION.—In our last issue we reported the friendly meeting at Over Darwen as in Lincolnshire. It should have been Lancashire. Perhaps our correspondents themselves will in future name their counties.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Chiming and Ringing.

We have been asked the difference between Chiming and Ringing; the following old lines explain the difference—they were found many years ago in the house of an old sexton at Durham:—

'To call the folk to church in time,
We chime:
When joy and mythr are on the swing,
We ring:
When we mourn a departed soul,
We knoll.'

Five Thousand Stedman's Cinques, &c. &c.

We were pressed for space when we reported on the 27th November this glorious peal by our veteran friend, Mr. Johnson.

On Tuesday, the 16th Nov. 1880, 5000 changes of Stedman's Cinques were rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, with the 5th and the 6th twelve courses behind the 7th (their extent).

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3 1 4 2 6 5	- - 19	3 1 6 2 5 4	6 - 19
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We have made arrangements that in future we hope to find space for such productions; also for peals rung with hand-bells (retained in hand).

The One Hundredth Peal at Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.

Since the reorganization of the Society of Ringers in connexion with the parish church as a branch of the Durham Diocesan Association, the progress in the beautiful art of Change-ringing has been so steady and satisfactory that this company of ringers are in a position to rank themselves for proficiency with any company of six-bell ringers in the Northern counties, having on Christmas Eve completed the hundredth peal, ninety of which have been rung entirely by their own members. The list of peals comprises 40 of Bob Minor, 4 of Mr. Penning's variation of Bob Minor, 7 of Grandsire, 18 of College Singles, 16 of Oxford Bob, 5 of Court Bob, 9 of Kent Treble Bob, and 1 of St. Simon's Minor.

The capacious and well-built tower of the parish church is well adapted for eight or ten bells, which, in the hands of the present company of ringers, would soon receive ample justice.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

On Saturday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, in 2 hrs. 59 mins., Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. W. Tanner, 1; H. Springhall, 2; T. Benney, 3; G. Tanner, 4; J. Bonney, 5; W. A. Tyler, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; J. Monday, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

On Sunday evening, the 19th ult. (for service), the ringers of the above church rang, in 26 mins., a peal of 720 Bob Minor. J. Bolton, 1; *J. H. Blakiston, 2; J. Whitfield, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. [*His first peal.]

Also on Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., six members of the Durham Diocesan Association rang, in 26 mins., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Bolton, 1; *J. Whitfield, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; W. Eggleston, 4; W. Patton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. [*His first peal in Grandsire Method.] Tenor, 10 cwt.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Tuesday, the 21st ult., the Daresbury Society rang at the parish church, in 27 mins., a peal of 720 London Singles (P. Hamblett, conductor).

On Christmas morning, at 6 a.m., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. (J. Ellison, conductor), and 720 Bob Minor in 25½ mins. (T. Houghton, senr., conductor). Also, for Morning Service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. (T. Houghton, junr., conductor).

On Sunday, the 26th, for Morning Service, a peal of 720 College Singles in 27 mins. T. Houghton, senr., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, junr., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Manchester Cathedral.

On the 21st ult. ten members of the Manchester Cathedral Society rang, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., a peal of 5129 Grandsire Caters. J. Gratix (first peal), 1; T. Brayshaw, 2; S. Knight (first peal), 3; W. Mellodew, 4; G. Mee, 5; A. E. Wreaks (composer), 6; J. Scholey, 7; J. Eachus (conductor), 8; J. Withers, 9; Jos. Withers, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the St. Mary's Society (being also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths) rang, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Taylor's well-known Bob-and-single variation). C. Martin (his first peal), 1; J. Plowman, 2; E. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Trappitt, 4; C. Gordon, 5; J. Cawley, 6; J. Zealey, 7; J. Clark, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

At Lydd St. Mary, Lincolnshire.

On the 24th ult. were rung in 38 minutes 1000 changes, consisting of 8½ peals of Plain Bob Doubles. W. J. Key, 1; H. S. Key, 2; R. Tilbrook, 3; R. J. Key, 4; E. Coulson, 5. Conducted on the four extreme bells.

Also on Christmas morning, in 42 mins., 1000 changes, consisting of 8½ peals of Grandsire Doubles. W. J. Key, 1; H. S. Key and E. A. Pritheroe, 2; R. J. Key, 3; R. Tilbrook, 4; E. Coulson, 5. Conducted on the third and fifth bells.

Also on the 26th ult., for morning service, in 29 mins., 720 changes, consisting of six peals of Old Doubles. E. Shore, 1; R. Tilbrook, 2; E. A. Pritheroe, 3; R. J. Key, 4; E. Coulson, 5. Conducted on the second, fourth, and fifth bells.

Also for evening service, in 26 mins., 720 changes, consisting of six peals of Stedman's Principle. E. Shore, 14 years of age (conductor), 1; E. A. Pritheroe, 2; R. J. Key, 3; R. Tilbrook, 4; E. Coulson, 5. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Oldham, Lancashire.

On the 25th ult. eight members of the Oldham Society rang, in 2 hrs. 54 mins., the late Mr. Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. J. Wilkinson (conductor), 1; W. Kenworthy, 2; J. Whittaker, 3; P. Coop, 4; S. Stott, 5; W. Hinchliffe, 6; W. Ashworth, 7; J. Woolstonhulme, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At All Saints, Wigan, Lancashire.

On the 25th ult. the ringers of the parish church, assisted by two from St. Peter's, Hindley, rang, in 3 hrs. 6 mins., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. T. Halliwell, 1; R. Fisher (first peal), 2; J. Layland, 3; G. Turner, 4; G. B. Walker, 5; S. Hall, 6; J. Prescott and E. Prescott, 7; S. C. C. Turner and G. Linkman, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt.

At Appleton, Berkshire.

On the 25th ult. eight members of the Appleton Society rang, in 3 hrs., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. H. Holfield, 1; F. White (conductor), 2; E. Holfield, 3; B. Barrett, 4; W. Bennett, 5; G. Holfield, 6; H. Woodwards, 7; T. Bennett, 8.

Also, on the 27th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, in 3 hrs. 10 mins., a peal of 5081 Stedman's Caters, composed by H. W. Haley. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; G. Mash, 2; G. Holfield, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; M. A. Wood, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; F. White, 9; F. S. White, 10. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Nicholas, Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang for Morning Service, in 25 mins., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles. A. Grizelle, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux (conductor), 3; C. Brown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; E. Wallace, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Drayton, Berkshire.

On the 27th ult. eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang at the parish church, in 3 hrs. 6 mins., a peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major. G. Dorington, 1; J. Pettit, 2; W. Cecil, 3; G. Mash, 4; M. A. Wood, 5; E. Horrex, 6; J. M. Hayes, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt. This is the first peal in this method ever called by an Incumbent on his own bells.

At St. Margaret's, Lee, Kent.

On Monday, the 27th ult., six members of the St. Nicholas Society of Deptford rang, in one hour, two peals of Grandsire Minor and two peals of Stedman's Doubles. J. Crowder, 1; H. Shade, 2; T. Sharman, 3; J. G. Shade, 4; T. G. Deal, (conductor), 5; T. Taylor, 6. [Tenor not mentioned.]

At Windrush, Gloucestershire.

On the 27th ult. 1920 Grandsire Doubles, in two peals, each eight times repeated, were rung in 1 hr. 20 mins. T. Paget, 1; C. Jones, 2; E. Eeles, 3; J. Hayward, 4; R. Mills (conductor), 5; H. Lafford, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. The above are all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

At Barwell, Leicestershire.

On Monday, the 27th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins. T. Needham, 1; E. Garner, 2; G. White, 3; W. A. Needham, 4; H. W. Needham, 5; R. Lane (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 1 qr., in F sharp. This is the first peal obtained by the above ringers.

Muffled Peal at Mitcham, Surrey.

On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Mitcham Society rang at the parish church, in 3 hrs., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. S. Greenwood, 1; D. Springall, 2; A. Brockwell (conductor), 3; T. Jones, 4; J. Over, 5; J. Fayers, 6; G. Pell, 7; H. Pates, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. The above peal was rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. Baker, who was for many years a respected member of the above Society, and was buried on that day.

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.—E. P. Dale; Jasper Snowden; Bob Major; Thos. Williams; E. Liddell —as patrons of Church Bells we cannot recommend Steel Bars as substitutes.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Question for the Stockton-on-Tees Ringers.

SIR,—I would like to ask the Stockton-on-Tees Brother Ringers how long it took them to accomplish their hundredth peal, and how long has the company been together? We do a fair share of ringing, but we only accomplish forty-six six-bell peals in the year.

M. R.

Maiden Bells.

SIR,—I see from the tone of one or two of your correspondents that they seem to doubt the existence of a 'Maiden' ring of bells. Without entering into the controversy as to how such a ring is got out, I will just state that we had a maiden ring of ten bells, cast in 1777 by Rudhall, in the tower of Christ Church here; seven of which are now in the tower, the other three—the 1st, 2nd, and 9th—being given in exchange for the present 7th in place of the then 9th, which got broke in the year 1815.

ED. MATTHEWS.

Macclesfield.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Bollington, near Macclesfield, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 19th ult., the Macclesfield ringers paid a visit to the above place, and rang, in 3 hrs. 7 mins., Mr. Taylor's Six-part Peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first peal on the bells. J. Holt, 1; W. Hulme, 2; C. Bamford, 3; W. Kenny, 4; J. Farrish, 5; E. Matthews (conductor), 6; J. Maurice, 7; Jos. Maurice (first peal), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., in P.

At St. John's, Kirkham, Lancashire.

On the 16th ult. a muffled peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins., to the memory of Mrs. Gibson, who was a great friend to the church. W. Moor (conductor), 1; J. Gillett, 2; T. Moon, 3; R. Miller, 4; R. Barnes, 5; R. Redman, 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

Also on the 2nd inst. for the afternoon service, in 26 mins., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 16 bobs and 2 singles. R. Redman (conductor), 1; J. Gillett, 2; T. Moon, 3; R. Miller, 4; H. Barnes, 5; J. Nottingham, 6.

At St. James's, Burton, Westmoreland.

On Saturday, the 18th ult., six members of the Burton Society rang, in 2 hrs. 48 mins., 5040 changes in the following order:—Duke of York, Violet, Kent, New London Pleasure, Oxford, Plain Bob Minor, and College Exercise. T. Hoggarth (conductor), 1; R. Wilson, 2; T. Moss, 3; J. Moss, 4; J. Braithwaite, 5; H. Blamire, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt. This is the only Society that has ever rung the Treble Bobs at Burton.

At SS. Mary and Nicolas Church, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Christmas Eve, at midnight, was rung a peal of 720 Bob Minor.

On Christmas Morning, for early celebration, a peal of 720 College Single. J. Johnson, 1; J. Woodward, 2; G. Richardson, 3; G. Harrison, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. Wright (conductor), 6.

On New-year's Eve, at midnight, a peal of 720 London Single, repeated again on New-year's Day. J. Johnson, 1; J. Woodward, 2; J. Wright, 3; G. Harrison, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. [No time stated.]

Opening of Ranmoor Church Bells, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Christmas Day the ring of eight bells at St. John the Evangelist's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, were opened by the parish church ringers. J. Sandford, 1; J. Lomas, 2; J. W. Rowbotham, 3; G. Holms, 4; W. Booth, 5; C. Steer, 6; T. Hattersley, 7; C. H. Rawson, 8. Conducted by Messrs. Lomas and Hattersley. The bells would have been opened prior to the consecration of the church, but the tower had not at that time been passed by the architect. The ringing was from 9 to 11 in the morning, as well as for service, and during the whole of the afternoon. Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, Bob Major, and Triple Bob Major, were rung. The fine tone of the bells was greatly admired. There are inscriptions on all the bells, the first having on it the words, 'God grant prosperity to the parish of Ranmoor;' the second, 'Praise God in His holiness; praise Him in His power;' the third, 'When we join our cheerful sound let love and loyalty abound;' the fourth, 'All ye people that hear us ring, be faithful to your God and Queen;' the fifth, 'This peal and church are dedicated to St. John the Evangelist—E. M. Gibbs, architect;' the sixth, 'This peal of bells was hung and fitted by Jas. Shaw and Son, of Bradford, by the superintendence of John R. Cordingley, Esq., Bradford;' the seventh, 'The church is the gift of J. N. Mappin, Esq., Birelands, Sheffield;' and on the eighth is inscribed, 'This peal of eight bells was presented to Ranmoor Church by Wm. Smith, Esq.—James Barwell, founder, Birmingham.' Tenor, 14 cwt.

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

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On Monday, the 27th ult., the following rang the	4 5 2 3 6	—	—	—
annexed 5040 of Bob Major in 3 hrs. 16 mins. The	2 4 6 5 3	—	—	—
peal contains the 6th twelve times wrong and right	3 6 2 4 5	—	—	—
in 5, 6, and is the first in that method rung upon the	2 4 3 6 5	—	—	—
bells. W. A. Alps, 1; G. Rochester, 2; C. Prior, 3;	5 3 2 4 6	—	—	—
G. Brand, 4; N. J. Pitstow (composer), 5; C. Prior, 6;	2 4 5 3 6	—	—	—
N. Tarling, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Tenor,	6 5 2 4 3	—	—	—
cwt., in E.	2 6 5 4 3	—	—	—
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At St. Mary's, Banham, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., six members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang, in 26 mins., a peal of 720 Cambridge Surprise. H. Eagling, 1; C. Everitt, 2; J. Cunningham, 3; W. Nudds, 4; R. Nudds, 5; R. Hutton (conductor), 6. [Tenor not mentioned.] This is the first 720 ever rung on the bells in that method.

At St. Mary's, Lichfield.

On the 26th ult., in 3 hrs. 15 mins., Mr. Taylor's Six-part Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. H. King, 1; F. Sedgwick, 2; A. Whitby, 3; J. Key, 4; H. Meacham, 5; T. Meredith (conductor), 6; F. Cope, 7; E. Gallimore, 8. Tenor, 1 ton, in P.

At St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.

On Monday, the 27th ult., six members of the Essex Association rang, in 26 mins., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, consisting of 9 bobs and 6 singles. *C. Holden, 1; *H. Randall, 2; G. Merton (conductor), 3; G. Pearl, jun., 4; W. Doran, 5; S. Jarman, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. [*Their first peal.]

At St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Monday, the 27th ult., eight members of the North Shields branch of the Durham Association rang touches in the following methods:—1260 Grandsire Triples, 848 Plain Bob Major, 416 Treble Bob Major (Kent)—in all, 2524 changes, in 1 hr. 34 mins. G. Park, 1; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 2; R. Willins, 3; W. Waugh, 4; J. Gibson, 5; R. Smith, 6; J. Hern, 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D.

On the same day five of the North Shields band, assisted by E. Walliss of Newcastle, rang at St. Andrew's 360 Grandsire Minor and 720 Treble Bob Minor. S. Nott, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; R. Willins, 3; E. Walliss, 4; R. Smith, 5; J. Hern, 6; the 360 conducted by E. Walliss, the 720 by R. Smith. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E. [No time mentioned.]

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Sunday afternoon, for Divine Service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 28 mins. G. Roughton, 1; *A. Porter, 2; *A. Pye, 3; W. Mapes, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; G. Newson, 6. All members of the Essex Association. Tenor, about 18 cwt., in P. [*Their first peal.]

At Chester Cathedral.

On New-year's Eve eight members of the Chester Cathedral Society brought the year to a close by ringing, in 1 hr. 10 mins. a date touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples, containing 40 bobs. J. Gibson, 1; T. Bethell, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; W. Walton, 5; P. Griffith, 6; F. Ball (composer and conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt., in C.

At Redenhall, Norfolk.

On New-year's Eve eight members of the Redenhall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang the old year out and the new one in with 5024 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 19 mins. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains and conducted by Edward Smith. E. Smith, 1; W. Sheldrake, 2; W. Mathews, 3; J. Tann, 4; G. Prime, 5; G. Mobbs, 6; J. Smith, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On New-year's Eve six members of the above Society rang, in 46 mins., 1200 changes in the three following methods:—720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Plain Bob, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled for Midnight Service. L. Scattergood, 1; S. Clarke, 2; R. Hickton, 3; A. Widdowson, 4; W. Gibson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At Kirkham Parish Church, Lancashire.

On New-year's Day a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples, taken from Mr. Taylor's well-known peal of Bob and Single Variation, was rung in 1 hr. 6 mins. *W. Butter, 1; R. Atkinson, 2; R. Redman (conductor), 3; F. Hoffman, 4; W. Kirby, 5; G. Swarbrick, 6; J. Kenyon, 7; *T. Fairclough, 8. Tenor 22 cwt. [*Their first peal.]

At Aldford, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., the members of the Aldford Society rang, in 27 mins., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. C. Manning, 1; S. Manning, 2; T. Basnett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

Also, in 28 mins., a peal of 720 Bob Minor. J. Basnett, 1; T. Basnett, 2; C. Manning, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6.

At Campsall, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., six members of the Doncaster and two of the Sheffield Society rang at St. Mary's Church, Campsall, in 1 hr. 15 mins., 1881 changes. C. Armitage, 1; H. G. Wilson (conductor), 2; R. Bayles, 3; C. H. Rawson, 4; W. Gardiner, 5; J. Dixon, 6; W. Burkinshaw, 7; S. Taylor, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is the longest length of changes ever brought round on these bells.

At St. Mary's, Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Rawmarsh Society rang, in 1 hr. 7 mins., 1881 Grandsire Triples. J. Ensor, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; V. Hawkings, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; T. Wild, 5; J. Ensor, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; J. Schofield, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Haverstock Hill, Middlesex.

On Wednesday, the 5th inst., was rung a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. The peal, containing 26 singles and 16 bobs, was composed by Mr. J. F. Penning of Saffron Walden, and has the greatest number of calls yet obtained in this method. J. Page, 1; T. Glead, 2; T. Driver, 3; J. Barrett, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; E. Chapman, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

RECEIVED.—Ben's Copley; W. Greenwood; J. Jackson; An Old Man; D. W. E.; Clericus; H. Henden; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Hand-bell Ringing.

SIR,—May I ask you, or either of your correspondents, to favour me with the name of a good book on 'Hand-bell Ringing,' of moderate price. It must be really practical and not too scientific, for we are only beginners in this delightful art.

E. M. T.

[Write to Mr. Goslin, 27 Crescent, Cripplegate, London, for his *First Steps to Hand-bell Ringing with Tunes*.—ED.]

Firing the Bells.

AN aged gentleman writes from a Cathedral town complaining of the hideous *firing* the bells on New-year's Eve. We have always disapproved of such a practice, there is neither music nor science in it, and it must be an intolerable nuisance to the neighbours. Our advice to our aged correspondent is to complain to the Dean and Chapter, who ought not to allow such a practice. Should that fail, to apply to the Lord Chancellor for an injunction.—ED.

Muffled Peals.

Our opinion is asked how bells should be muffled. The great beauty arises from the second blow being as it were the *echo* of the first—to produce which the clapper is muffled on the side opposite the pulley or the fillet; if changes are rung they should be in whole pulls, as recommended and practised by Squire Troyte at Huntsham and a few other places; the effect is most touching.—ED.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Monday, January 31st. All members wishing to attend should give notice of the same to the Secretary on or before Tuesday the 25th.

G. H. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

Tunstead Vicarage.

The Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

ON the 1st inst. the January Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held at the head-quarters, Leeds, when there was a good muster of members. A General Meeting was held during the afternoon, when notices were given of certain alterations in the rules to be brought forward at the April meeting, and other business was transacted. The next meeting was appointed to be held at Bingley on April 23rd—the Saturday in Easter week.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, January 22nd, 1881. *Order of proceedings*:—3.30 p.m. service in Manchester Cathedral; 5.0 p.m. tea at Coffee Tavern, Cannon Street; 6.30 p.m. business meeting. All ringers are invited. If any member has not received a notice, I shall be glad if he will communicate with me at once. Tickets for tea may be had from the Local Secretaries, or from W. J. CHATTERTON, Hon. Corresponding Sec. 95 Clifton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Band of Clerical Ringers at Wilton Church, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 3rd inst., by the invitation of the Rector, the Rev. W. W. Hutt, several of the clerical members of the Norwich Diocesan Association met at Wilton to try a ring. The following clergymen were present:—A. G. Blyth, C. F. Blyth, A. Sutton, W. W. Hutt, J. P. Hardman, A. Bolingbroke, G. H. Harris, and under the conductorship of Mr. Harris took part in ringing peals in the three methods of Old Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, and Stedman's Doubles, with the tenor behind, concluding with touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor.

The next day Mr. Hutt took his guests to the neighbouring parish of Methwold, that they might have the pleasure of ringing and hearing the fine-toned bells of that village—the tenor weighing 14 cwt. Here a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins., by the following clergy:—A. G. Blyth (conductor), 1; J. P. Hardman, 2; C. F. Blyth, 3; W. W. Hutt, 4; N. Bolingbroke, 5; G. H. Harris, 6. This was succeeded by a peal of Bob Minor, rung by the same company in 26 mins. (the Rev. G. H. Harris, conductor), and a course of Kent Treble Bob. The above is believed to be the first 720 of Treble Bob Minor ever rung by a company composed entirely of clergymen, and we may gather from this that the art of ringing is gradually becoming esteemed and practised as it deserves.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

ON Wednesday, the 5th inst., the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held their third anniversary meeting at Stroud, which was attended by members from Gloucester, Bristol, Cheltenham, Cirencester, Stroud, &c. On arriving at Stroud the members attended Divine Service in the parish church, where an excellent address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Badcock, vicar of Stroud. After the service a short touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by a mixed band. At one o'clock the members, to the number of fifty-four, sat down to a capital dinner in the Corn Hall, prepared by hostess Browning, and presided over by the Rev. Thomas Kettle, vicar of Bisley; the Rev. Mowbray Trotter, rector of St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester, occupied the vice-chair. The chairman was supported by the Rev. H. H. McCrean, vicar of Painswick; Rev. F. Smith, vicar of Woodchester; Rev. Pitt Eykyn, France Lynch; W. Miller, Esq., Bisley; G. H. Philott, Esq., Staunton-on-Edge; Mr. J. Drinkwater, &c. Owing to indisposition the Rev. Dr. Badcock was unable to attend. The usual loyal toasts having been disposed of, and a meeting held for the transaction of business, the ringers adjourned to the tower, when, in consequence of so many ringers being present, only short touches could be performed, all being anxious to display their skill. The ringing consisted of Doubles, Triples, and Caters, in the Grandsire and Stedman's methods. One band visited Chalford, where there is a ring of six steel bells; but if they are

no better than the ringers report them to be, it will be a long time before steel will beat the good old-fashioned metal out of our towers. The Cheltenham band accepted the invitation of the Rev. T. Kettle, and went to Bisley, when they rang 756 Grandsire Triples and a short touch of Stedman's Triples.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 6th ult., a peal of 720 changes of Double Court Bob Minor was rung in 33 mins. by the Norwich Association of Change-ringers, on the back 6. J. Rudd (conductor), 3; T. Preston, 4; W. Scales, 5; E. Francis, 6; W. Ireland, 7; W. Browne, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

ON Christmas Morning, at St. Peter's Church, Palgrave, a peal of 720 changes of Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; T. Ford, 2; T. Preston, 3; W. Scales, 4; W. Brown, 5; E. Francis, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., the forty-eighth anniversary of St. Mary's Church bells was held, when touches of Kent and Oxford and Grandsire Triples were rung by different companies. During the past year 65,000 changes have been rung on the above bells.

Also on Monday, the 10th inst., the Diss Branch of the above Association rang at St. Mary's Church, Diss, a peal of 5088 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 18 mins. R. Canfir (first peal), 1; J. Rudd, 2; W. Ireland, 3; W. Brown, 4; E. Francis, 5; H. Mowle, 6; C. Rudd (first peal of Treble Bob), 7; R. Barnes (conductor), 8. The peal is a variation of G. Patrick's by H. Hubbard. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

At Chester Cathedral.

ON New-year's Eve eight members of the Chester Cathedral Society brought the past year to a close by ringing a date touch of 1880 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Gipson, 1; T. Bethell, 2; G. Geered, 3; A. Cross, 4; W. Walton, 5; P. Griffith, 6; F. Ball (composer and conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt., in C.

P.S.—The above is a touch of 1876, with four added, completing 1880 changes, and contained 40 bobs.

At St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey.

ON Tuesday, the 4th inst., the St. Martin's Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. H. Wolger, 1; H. Boxall, sen., 2; H. Henden, 3; H. Boxall, jun., 4; R. Harding, 5; C. Boxall, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; C. Dudley, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berkshire.

ON the Feast of the Epiphany seven members of the Appleton Society rang a peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 15 mins. H. Woodwards, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; G. Holifield, 4; J. Avery, 5; W. Bennett, 6; F. White, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

At St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 6th inst., a date touch of Bob Major was rung in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. E. Pickford, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; T. Marshall, 3; J. Adams, 4; J. Andrew, 5; J. Mellor, 6; T. Taylor, 7; G. Longden (composer and conductor), 8.

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At Ashted, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., a company of ringers rang at the parish church a quarter-peal of 1260 Stedman's Triples in 47 mins. G. Sayers (conductor), 1; G. Russell, 2; J. Wyatt, 3; G. Pell, 4; D. Springall, 5; S. Greenwood, 6; S. Brooker, 7; J. Lisney, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Rotherham, Yorkshire.

ON the 11th inst. the Rotherham Branch of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5055 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 30 mins. G. Briggs, 1; F. Coates, 2; J. Rowbotham, 3; J. Athey, 4; W. Coates, 5; C. H. Hattersley, 6; G. Flint (conductor), 7; T. Lee, 8; A. Rodgers, 9; W. Challenger, 10. Composed by the late W. Mower of Rotherham. [Tenor not mentioned.]

NOTICE.—We have received a report of ringing at *Lowgate*; but no county is mentioned, neither can we find where it is.

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.—R. M. has not sent his address; Clericus; D. W. Evans; A. B. C.; Hants Independent; Thomas Clark; Wm. Warburton; T. Duxbury; E. Hyder; S. Slater; and others.

Louder and louder has the cry become these thirty years for a supply of more Offices. And yet, up to the present day, the wants, pressing more heavily than ever, have met with no supply from the Church! The strain between loyalty and individual action is become very severe. Will the Church do nothing? Will it force even its loyal children to choose between doing nothing or transgressing its laws? G. V.

A Puzzling Phenomenon.

SIR,—Can any of your readers explain why it is that when Englishmen or Englishwomen come into a church to examine its beauties, and especially when they come to an inspection of any fine and delicate carved work, they appear to be overcome by some force which compels them, in spite of notices, requests, and threatenings in print, and entreaties in voice, to touch and handle the carved work, and often to poke at it with parasols, walking-sticks, and even huge umbrellas? It is really a curious phenomenon as well as a constant plague, and I shall be glad to know how it may be accounted for, philosophically. T. H. E.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Commander Dawson; X.; J. C. C.; J. N. M.: Looker-on in India; R. P. Blakeney, D.D.; Messrs. Jones and Willis; H. A. B.; Rev. Dr. Harris; Churchman; A. Ritualist; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Two Hundred Peals by the Glemsford (Suffolk) Society.

SIR,—I see the account of one hundred peals at Stockton-on-Tees, which delighted me, as it shows the progress of six-bell ringing at starting. But, 'M. R.', I wish to ask if yours were all done in one year? I am pleased to inform you that the Glemsford Society rang 200 six-bell peals in five years; viz. 1873, 74, 75, 76, 77, and that the peals were in twelve different methods; viz. Bob Minor, 24; Oxford Treble Bob, 61; Kent Treble Bob, 41; Double Court Bob, 15; Yorkshire Court, 12; Oxford Bob, 4; Violet, 2; Woodbine, 2; Duke of York, 2; New London Pleasure, 15; Superlative Surprise, 2; and Cambridge Surprise, 20. I rang in all, and conducted ninety-five of them. I should like to know if any other Society has rung so many in the above time. Glemsford. SAM'L. SLATER, Sen.

Explanation Requested.

SIR,—The following appeared in a local paper:—'On Saturday last . . . rung on the hand-bells the date of the year, 1880 changes of Cumberland Grandsire Royal, Cater position, which can only be performed on ten bells once in nineteen and twenty years.'

If any reader of *Church Bells*, learned in the art, will kindly explain what the Cater position of Cumberland Grandsire Royal is, and also why the above peal can only be rung once in nineteen and twenty years, he will much oblige CAMPANARUM AMATOR.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

THE next quarterly meeting will be held at Burgh-le-Marsh on Saturday, January 29th. All skilled members intending to be present must send in their names to me before Jan. 22nd. Dinner will be provided at the 'White Horse' Inn at 1 p.m. J. R. JERRAM, Secretary.

New Ring at Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydvil.

A NEW ring of six bells, tenor 9 cwt. in A, was opened on the 20th ult. Cast and hung by Llewellyns and James, Bristol. The funds were raised by public subscription.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., the Daresbury Society rang at the parish church, in 28 mins., 720 changes in the six following methods; viz. London Single, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., for morning service, 720 Plain Bob in 27 mins. T. Houghton, sen., conductor.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., 720 Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. J. Ellison, conductor.

On Sunday, the 9th inst., for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 26 mins. J. Ellison, conductor.

On Thursday evening, the 13th inst., in 1 hr. 11 mins., 1881 changes in the six following methods; viz. 81 Plain Bob Minor, 120 London Single, 120 Woodbine Treble Bob, 120 College Single, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., for morning service, 720 Plain Bob, in 25 mins. T. Houghton, sen., conductor. Also, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

During the past year 51,092 changes have been rung by the members of this Society, in seven methods.

At All Saints, Stand, Whitefield, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 9th inst., the Society of Change-ringers rang for service, in 1 hr. 7 mins., Mr. Aspinwall's date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples. W. Hilton, sen., 1; W. Warburton (conductor), 2; H. Hilton, 3; T. Crawshaw, 4; R. Fray, 5; E. Bradshaw, 6; W. Hilton, jun., 7; J. Bradshaw, 8. Tenor, 21½ cwt.

At Ripon Cathedral, Yorkshire.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., the Society of Change-ringers of the above-named Cathedral rang a date touch of 1881 changes of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Strodder, sen., 1; W. Orton, 2; W. Pick, 3; T. Clark (conductor), 4; J. Strodder, 5; F. Strodder, 6; J. Trevor, 7; H. Rumbold, 8. Composed by T. Lockwood, Leeds. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E natural.

At Aldington, Kent.

ON Thursday, the 30th ult., the local ringers rang, in 1 hr. 14 mins., a date touch of 1883, consisting of eighty changes of Bob Doubles, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 Bob Minor, and 360 Bob Minor. The touch contained as many bobs and singles as weeks in the year—fifty-two. C. Slingsby, 1; F. Slingsby, 2; W. Hyder, 3; C. Bolding, 4; E. Hyder, 5; W. Post, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. The above, with three other members of the Society, also rang during the year of 1880 forty-two 720's, forty-two 360's, and twenty-two 240's. T. Post, P. Hodgkin, T. Hodgkin.

At Padiham, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., six members of St. Leonard's Church Bell-ringers' Society rang for the dedication of SS. Anne and Elizabeth Church, Padiham Green, a date touch of 1881 changes, in 1 hr. 11 mins., in the following order:—441 Plain Bob, 720 Double Bob, 720 Grandsire Minor. T. Duxbury (conductor), 1; C. Parkinson, 2; F. Pollard, 3; R. W. Hargreaves, 4; F. Wagner, 5; T. Green, 6. Composed by W. Whittaker of Leeds. Tenor, 9 cwt. This is the first date touch ever rung in Padiham.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

ON Tuesday the 11th inst., a mixed company rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. J. E. Hern, 1; *W. Newton, 2; R. Alecock, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; *T. Stephenson, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6; Tenor, 10 cwt. [*First peal in the Oxford variation.]

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Kenninghall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 10 mins. W. Oxer, 1; H. Eagling, 2; G. Edwards, 3; R. Hutton, 4; J. Cunningham, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow, and now rung for the first time. The six is twice placed each way in 5, 6, and has the 6, 5 and 5, 6 at separate course ends. In the year 1880 there have been 123,864 changes rung on these bells on seven different methods.

At Chester Cathedral.

ON Thursday, the 13th inst., the following members of the Chester Cathedral Society rang 172 leads, with one of doubles, completing 2418 changes, in 1 hr. 34 mins. A. Neers, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; W. Waton, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (composer and conductor), 7; S. Hand, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt. in C. The above peal was composed and specially rung as a small tribute of respect to her Grace the late Duchess of Westminster, and corresponds with the number of weeks the beloved and deeply-lamented lady lived.

At St. Mary's, Willesden, Middlesex.

ON Thursday, the 13th inst. a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 30 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 25 minutes. J. Basden, 1; J. J. Parker, 2; P. Weare, 3; H. Cutter, 4; R. Kilby, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At St. Stephen's, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., a party of ringers from St. Nicholas and All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and St. Mary's, Gateshead, members of the Durham Diocesan Society, rang a touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Weddie, 1; R. Simm, 2; E. Wallace, 3; J. Donald, 4; T. Denton (conductor), 5; J. Power, 6; J. Simm, 7; J. Alderson, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt. Previous to which a touch of call changes was performed, four of the members of St. Stephen's taking part. (St. Stephen's Society, all learners, has been in existence only two months, under the management of Mr. W. Stainton, late of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington.) W. Stainton, 1; R. Simm, 2; E. Wallace, 3; E. Goold, 4; R. Harbottle, 5; T. Denton (conductor), 6; J. Freeman, 7; J. Alderson, 8.

At Preston Parish Church, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., the Kirkham parish church ringers rang Mr. Holt's Original Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Henryon, 1; R. Atkinson (conductor), 2; F. Hoffman, 3; R. Redman, 4; W. Kirby, 5; W. Graham, 6; G. Swarbrick, 7; R. Ingham, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. It is ten years since a peal was rung on these bells.

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang for the first time since the formation of this Association the late Mr. John Holt's original one-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, with two doubles in the last four leads, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. G. Murton, 1; A. J. Perkins, 2; J. Gobbett, 3; R. Sewell, 4; W. Doran (first peal), 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6; S. Jarman, 7; A. Whight (first peal), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. in E flat. The above are also members of the College Youths and Royal Cumberland lands respectively.

At Ormskirk, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 17th inst., seven members of the parish church ringers, assisted by Mr. W. Avis, rang a date touch of 1881 changes in the Grandsire Method in 1 hr. 9 mins. It was composed by Mr. John Aspinwall of Liverpool. T. Higham, 1; W. Avis, 2; J. Eastham, 3; J. Winrow, 4; J. Leatherbarrow, 5; R. Clayton, 6; N. Spencer (conductor), 7; J. Prescott, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs.

At St. Philip's, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

ON Monday, the 17th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 34 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 32 mins. J. Payne, 1; W. Kenny, 2; W. Coleman, 3; A. Cresser, 4; F. James, 5; T. Miller (conductor), 6. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

RECEIVED ALSO:—*Scottish Guardian*. We shall be thankful for reports of ringing at the Edinburgh Cathedral.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A New Hour-Bell for St. Paul's.

SIR,—The addition of a fine hour-bell to the twelve at St. Paul's is most desirable. It should be E♭, below the present tenor. You would then get the Cambridge Chimes on G, F, E♭, and B♭. If the new bell had two wheels it could be raised, and would then give such a sound as has rarely been heard. I need hardly say it should be offered for competition to the world, and the best bell should be chosen.

Calcutta.

LONDON IN INDIA.

The Stockton-on-Tees Ringers' Reply to 'M. R.', in our Issue of the 8th inst.

SIR,—We beg to state that our Society was reorganized at the beginning of 1878, and our first unassisted 720 was rung June 5; this was followed by a collapse of the company, through loss of members leaving the town, and it was not until March, 1879, that we were again in a position to ring a 720 without assistance. Sixty of the 100 peals recorded were rung in 1880 up to Dec. 24, the other forty principally in 1879, and the whole 100 since the commencement of 1878. The list of the methods given will show that we have not laid ourselves out to run up a great score in one or two well-known methods by a select set; and ten ringers, whose sole instructions were received in this belfry, have passed through their first 720 during the past three years, six of whom ring double-handed a course of Grandsire Cinques. Our opportunities are one practice-night in the week, which is very rarely missed, and early on Sunday mornings—the people of Stockton having the good taste to prefer chiming for the services of the church, and not ringing.

G. J. CLARKSON.

Wyerstone Rectory, Suffolk.

Reply to Sam. Slater's Question in our Issue of the 22nd inst.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. Slater, I beg leave to say that we rang 46 peals in one year; also 44 half-peals, in six different methods. And we had three men left, all at once, in June, so we had three young ones to learn; and I am pleased to say they can ring three different six-bell methods. We rung the same number of peals in the year 1879.

RICHARD MARK.

Firing the Bells.

We are very sorry to hear that the bells of Ripon Cathedral were fired on the eve of the New Year—twelve blows to mark the midnight hour. That would not be so bad as the continuous hideous firing of the bells complained of by an aged gentleman, in another cathedral town, for it was not at Ripon. Therefore we hope you will all shake hands with your brother-ringer, and ask his pardon for your false accusation. We think the midnight hour is sufficiently, and much better, marked by twelve slow and sober knells with the tenor bell only.—Ed.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., the Redenhall Branch of the above Association met to celebrate the 145th anniversary of their club. The following is a list of those present. The numbers under the different headings show the peals in which each one has taken part; a dash (—) denotes the methods in which they are proficient. During the day touches of Superlative, Stedman, and Treble Bob Major, were rung in the tower, and Treble Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters with the hand-bells.

NAME.	CLUB.	SUPERLATIVE SUPREMACY.	DOUBLE NOB- WICH COURT.	STEDMAN'S TRIPLES.	OXFORD TREBLE BOB.	KENT TREBLE BOB.	GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.	BOB MAJOR.	TOTALS.
Rev. G. H. Harris	Tunstead ...	...	...	...	3	—	—	—	3
Mr. J. Miles	Wenhaston ...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	...
Captain Moore	Redenhall ...	1	1	2	11	1	3	1	29
Rev. N. Bollingbroke	"	1	1	—	2	1	1	—	6
Rev. H. E. Bulwer	"	...	...	—	—	...	...	—	...
H. A. D. Mackenzie, Esq.	"	...	...	—	—	...	...	—	...
C. Candler, Esq.	"	...	...	—	—	...	...	—	...
G. Holmes, Esq.	"	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	8
Mr. E. Smith	"	1	1	2	10	—	3	2	19
" J. Smith	"	1	1	1	7	1	1	1	13
" W. Mathews	"	—	...	—	6	—	—	1	7
" G. Mobbs	"	—	...	1	9	—	2	1	13
" G. Prime	"	1	1	2	8	—	3	—	15
" W. Shelldrake	"	—	—	—	9	—	2	1	12
" R. Bentley	"	—	...	—	2	—	—	1	13
" J. Tann	"	—	...	—	6	—	—	1	7
" W. Whiting	"	1	1	1	3	—	2	—	8
" M. Burgess	"	...	...	—	—	...	...	—	...
The following two Members unavoidably absent:—									
Rev. C. F. Blyth	"	—	...	1	1	—	1	—	3
Mr. F. Smith	"	...	...	—	3	—	2	1	6

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints, Isleworth, Middlesex.

On Monday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Isleworth Branch of the West Middlesex Bellringers' Association, with the assistance of Mr. W. Baron, attempted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples. When about 3000 changes had been rung, in 1 hr. 55 mins., the bells were brought round, owing to a

shift in the courses. With the exception of W. Baron and W. Nowell none of the ringers had ever attempted a peal before. H. Nowell, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; F. G. Goddard, 3; W. Etherington, 4; H. Shears, 5; W. Nowell, 6; W. Bishop, 7; J. Werden, 8. [Weight of tenor not mentioned.]

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Monday, the 27th ult., a three-part peal of Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. C. Clarke, 1; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; J. Bowden, 3; A. Batten, 4; G. Buckland, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

Also on Sunday afternoon, the 23rd inst. for service, an eight-part peal of Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. C. Clark, 1; J. Basden, 2; G. Basden, 3; A. Batten, 4; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Hull, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., six members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, forming the present company of St. Mary's, Lowgate, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 33 mins. W. T. Verity, 1; T. Walker, 2; W. Jackson, 3; C. Bennett, 4; H. Eastwood, 5; W. Southwick (conductor), 6. The ringers then changed bells, and a second peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins., conducted by Mr. Bennett; making a total of 36 complete peals rung by this company during the past two years.

At All Saints, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang for the first time Holt's One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. C. H. Rawson, 1; W. Bail, 2; C. Bower, 3; T. Hattersley (conductor), 4; A. Brearley, 5; C. Steer, 6; J. Dixon, 7; G. Wilson, jun., 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, Bristol.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., the Society of St. James's Change-ringers rang 250 Grandsire Triples, towards completing 5040, when the tenor rope broke. The bells were muffled, being the seventh anniversary of the death of Mr. W. Smith, many years a practical change-ringer and composer.

Also on the 19th inst. the above members rang a muffled peal at St. Mary-le-Port Church in memory of Mr. Alfred Jones, who was well known as a practical change-ringer.

At Fressingfield, Suffolk.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Fressingfield Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, rang a peal of 6080 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 4 hrs. 15 mins. H. E. Barber (conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; J. Motts, 3; J. Gibson, 4; R. Harper, 5; R. Algar, 6; W. Riches, 7; E. Girling, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., six members rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 26 singles, in 26 mins. J. Bolton, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; J. Whitefield, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6.

Also, on the same evening, a peal of Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 26 mins. J. H. Blakiston, 1; *J. Bolton, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. Whitefield, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. [*First peal on an inside bell.]

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

On Sunday morning, the 16th inst., for Divine service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. S. Nott, 1; W. Reed, Esq., 2; J. Rossiter, 3; J. Gibson, 4; R. Smith, 5; *R. Willins (conductor), 6; J. Hern, 7.

Also, for afternoon service, a peal of 720 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford) in 26 mins. *J. Rossiter, 1; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 2; J. Gibson, 3; R. Smith, 4; R. Willins, 5; J. Hern, 6.

Also, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Treble Bob Minor (Kent) in 26 mins. *J. Rossiter, 1; *G. Park, 2; J. Gibson, 3; R. Willins, 4; J. Hern, 5; *R. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E. [*denotes their first peal.]

At St. Paul's, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung on the back six bells in 29 mins. J. Wilson, 1; E. Waine, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Creasy (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

At Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 24th inst. was rung a date touch of 1881 changes in 1 hr. 3 mins., composed by the late C. G. Bateman of Sheffield. C. Royle, 1; J. Barratt, 2; J. W. Rogers, 3; T. Yates, 4; J. Barratt, 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 7; E. Reddish, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

At Rotherham, Yorkshire.

On the 24th inst. was rung a date touch of 1881 changes, Stedman's Caters, in 1 hr. 16 mins. G. Briggs, 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; J. Horner, 3; J. Atley, 4; W. Coates (composer and conductor), 5; G. Flint, 6; F. Coates, 7; T. Lee, 8; A. Rodgers, 9; T. Oxley, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

HAND-BELL RINGING.

At Shrewsbury.

On Monday, the 24th inst., 630 Grandsire Triples, containing 24 bobs and 6 singles, were rung by tapping on hand-bells by D. Davies, and called from a MS. by D. H. Davies, in 25 mins.

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 hands, without any explanation. MSS. are not returned.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Clerique—Your neighbor, Mr. Mallaby of Masham, will soon mend your clappers if ordered to do so; Gillett and Bland: T. C.; W. J. Chatterton; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Reply to Mr. Slater.

SIR,—As Mr. Slater would like to know if any other Society had rung as many peals as the Glemsford Society, I have much pleasure, on behalf of the Daresbury Society, in acceding to his request. I can, however, only give account of peals rung in the past four years, viz. 1877, '78, '79, '80, as unfortunately no peal-book was kept here previous to the first-named date. The total number of peals rung by this Society amounts to 221, and were rung in the seven following methods, viz. Plain Bob 72, Oxford Treble Bob 66, Kent Treble Bob 41, College Single 35, Grandsire Minor 4, Woodbine Treble Bob 2, and London Single 1. In addition to the above there were also rung one hundred and thirty-three 360's, ninety-two 120's, and a number of other touches of various lengths. The whole of the above peals and touches have been rung by the same six members of the Society.

P. HAMBLETT.
Daresbury, Cheshire.

A Date Touch requested.

SIR,—Will some kind friend give a date touch (1881) of Stedman's Triples or Caters, and oblige, obediently yours,

WM. LITHEY.

Weights of Tenors.

SIR,—I often see requests in *Church Bells* for weights of tenors to be given in reporting peals. But when this is done it is very often absurdly wrong. Instance two cases lately. Holbeach (Linc.), quoted at 22 cwt., should have been 17 cwt. (the bell is 45½ in diameter); also Spalding, SS. Nicholas and Mary, quoted at 18 cwt. (by-the-by this used to be 21 cwt.), whereas it is only 15 cwt. (the bell being 44 in diameter, in F).

J. R. JERRAM.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

A GENERAL Meeting of this Guild was held on January 17th at Oxford, in the rooms of the Oxford Churchmen's Union in Broad Street. Great disappointment was felt that no ringing could take place, owing to the refusal of the College authorities to grant permission for the use of their bells on the occasion; but a very satisfactory meeting was held, presided over by the Archdeacon of Berks. It was largely attended by the clergy of the neighbourhood, and many others interested in furthering the objects connected with belfry reform, which the Guild has in view. The Archdeacon of Bucks attended, and spoke of the necessity of admitting round-ringers into the Guild, upon which a lively discussion took place, many feeling that the art of change-ringing was the only sure way of raising the tone of ringers, while others were not willing to exclude those whom the Guild wished above all others to reach and influence. It was finally decided to admit the round-ringer as a probationer, and on payment of 1s. annually to grant him all the privileges enjoyed by a change-ringing member. Exception having been taken by the Bishop at the word 'performing member,' which, he said, savoured too much of a street organ and a monkey, the word 'change-ringing member' was substituted. The rules were then formally read and passed. Members were admitted, several paying their two guineas, which entitled them to life-membership. The Guild is anxious to encourage the formation of local branches, in addition to those already existing. Any person within the diocese can be supplied with a copy of the rules on application to the Rev. Dolben Paul, Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham, Secretary of the Guild.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., when members were present from about a dozen towns; the attendance being good, considering the excessively bad state of the weather. The annual sermon was preached in Manchester Cathedral by the Rev. J. W. Diggle, M.A., from Ps. cxii. 1. In the evening a business meeting was held, when Mr. Jos. Scott, Manchester, was re-elected Treasurer; Mr. J. Aspinwall, Liverpool; Mr. J. Curtis, Leigh; Mr. J. W. Jackson, Bolton, were re-elected, and Mr. J. Barratt, Eccles, was elected, Committee-men. The Rev. Canon Woodward, Manchester Cathedral, was elected a life-member. Rule 4 was altered, 'That life-members be admitted upon payment of 1l. 1s.' (formerly 10s. 6d.), and the Annual Meeting was fixed in future to take place in September, instead of January as heretofore. Votes of thanks to the various officers, to the clergy of the Cathedral, and the Rev. J. W. Diggle, M.A., closed the business of the meeting, the rest of the evening being occupied with ringing.

A Bell-ringers' Supper.

ON Thursday, the 20th ult., the ringers of Ripon Cathedral and a few friends were invited to a supper given by one of the ringers to commemorate their performances from the 4th Nov. 1879, to the 11th Jan. (the former date being the first on record that Treble Bob Minor or Major was successfully attempted by this Society.) About twenty sat down. The Chairman expressed his desire to encourage in every way the art of change-ringing. The following is a summary of the Report:—71 touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, all differing from each other, were rung on the Ripon Cathedral bells within the time stated, varying in length from 96 to 1881 changes; 60 touches out of the 71 being conducted by the Chairman (44 Treble Bob, 2 Grandsire, and 1 touch of Bob Major). Total, 50,572 changes. The Report was well received by all present.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above was held on Saturday, the 29th ult., at Burgh-le-marsh. A peal of 720 Bob Minor and a half-peal of 360 London Single were rung by J. M. Rylatt, 1; R. Clark, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat. The dinner was held at the White Swan Inn, at 2 p.m. Rev. Canon Sanderson presided; two other clergymen were also present. The following new members were elected: Sir W. E. W. Gregory, Bart., M.P., J. C. Lawrence, Esq., Q.C., M.P., Rev. Canon Sanderson, Rev. H. J. Cheales, Mr. A. R. Handyside, and E. Morris, Esq., M.D.; also six skilled members and five probationers.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE bells will be rung on the following days throughout the year 1881:—

Saturday, Jan. 1. (New-year's Day)	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 25. (Dedication Festival)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 17. (Easter Day)	9.80 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 24. (Queen's Birthday)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 26. (Ascension Day)	9.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 5. (Whit Sunday)	9.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.
Monday, June 20. (Queen's Accession)	9.30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 1. (All Saints' Day)	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 9. (Lord Mayor's Day)	12 noon & 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 24. (Christmas Eve)	11 to 12 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25. (Christmas Day)	9.30 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 31. (New-year's Eve)	11 to 12 p.m.

On the following Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. for practice:—Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1 & 29, April 26, June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Dec. 8.

At Compton Abdale, Gloucestershire.

THE four old bells of the church of St. Oswald have been recast by Messrs. Warner and Sons into a very pretty ring of six, and hung in a satisfactory manner by Savory and Sons of Painswick. The timber for the bell-frame was presented by the Earl of Eldon. On Friday, the 14th ult., a dedication service was held, and an address delivered to a crowded congregation by Rev. H. Morgan, Vicar. At the close of the service the following members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, from the adjoining parish of Withington, rang the opening peals, consisting of 1900 changes of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 15 mins. T. Belcher, 1; C. Humphris, 2; R. Brunsdon, 3; W. Barnfield, 4; J. Robins (conductor), 5; J. Miles, 6. The old tenor was 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. in G. The new tenor is 8 cwt. 5 lbs. in A flat.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

ON Monday, the 24th ult., six members of the Aldford Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, containing 15 bobs, in 27 mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Price (conductor), 2; T. Bassett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas, 5; W. Manning, 6. Composed by the late John Reeves. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Paul's, Spalding.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung by J. W. Creasey (aged 13 years), 1; E. Wain, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

At Childwall, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 27th ult., a muffled peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in memory of Mr. R. Meadows, aged 88, who had been connected with the church, both as sexton and ringer, for more than seventy years. S. Gough, 1; T. Elson, 2; E. Booth, 3; G. W. Hughes, 4; T. H. Mawdley (conductor), 5; W. Little, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Also, eight members of the L. A. C. R. rang at St. Michael's, Garston, a half-peal of 2520 Plain Bob Triples, in memory of the above. J. Gough, 1; J. Davidson, 2; J. Alexander, 3; F. C. Newton, 4; F. Turner, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 7; J. Leadbetter, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

[No time mentioned in either case.]

At Bocking, Essex.

ON Friday, the 28th ult., a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. * S. Hammond, 1; * W. Moore, 2; * Wm. Bearman, 3; S. Sargent (first peal), 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; * A. Hucksion, 6. Tenor, 19 cwt. Those marked thus * are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. [No time stated.]

At St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. W. Sugden, 1; G. Bolland, 2; J. Crabtree, 3; J. A. Ross, 4; J. Wilson, 5; W. Gill, 6; J. W. Snowdon (conductor), 7; J. Haley, 8. The peal, which has the sixth the extent each way in 5-6 and four course-ends wrong and eight right, was composed by H. Dains. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., six members of L. A. C. R. rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. S. Gough, 1; G. W. Hughes, 2; S. Turner, 3; J. Large (conductor), 4; J. Latchford, jun. (1st peal), 5; J. Aspinwall, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

At St. Mary Magdalene, Campsall, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., a Six-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. R. Thompson, 1; H. Butcher, 2; J. Senior, 3; J. Senior, 4; A. Jubb, 5; W. Pearson (conductor), 6. This is the first complete peal rung by the above. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Westminster Abbey, London.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., the bells of Westminster Abbey were rung on the occasion of the marriage of Archdeacon Jennings' daughter and Mr. Wyllie, when several peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung. J. R. Haworth (conductor), 1; R. Hopkins, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; R. French, 4; G. Banks, 5; W. Albone, 6. Tenor, 36 cwt. There have been rumours of late that the fine ring of six was to be augmented to eight, by the addition of two trebles, making an octave. It would be a great improvement.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Thos. Clark (without inclosure); J. R. Williams—write to Mr. Goslin, 27 Crescent, Cripplegate, for his *First Steps*, price 1s.; M. Jarvis; J. B. Seaman; S. Hammond; T. Sharnan; C. Payne; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

At Braintree, Essex.

SIR,—I have seen in late numbers of your issue a report by the Stockton-on-Tees and Glensford Change-ringers of the numbers of peals they had rung upon six bells. I should like to mention what we have done. We commenced as a company at Easter 1879, and three of us could not ring a plain course. We rang our first peal of Bob Minor on June 4th, 1879, and up to Wednesday, March 1st, 1880, had rung 53 peals of Bob Minor, 13 Oxford Treble Bob, 11 Kent Treble Bob, 7 Double Court Bob, and 2 of Court Single, each peal containing 720 changes; also 44 peals of Grandsire and 17 of Bob Doubles: making a total of 69,210 changes in nine months. Since March 1st, 1880, we have rung 78 peals of 720 changes, 69 peals on 5 bells containing 120 changes, and 15,400 changes in touches: making a total of 78,400 since March 1st, 1880, or 147,640 changes since June 4th, 1879, to January 23rd, 1881. On Sunday, December 19th, 1880, a peal of 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, by T. Watson, 1; S. Hammond, 2; W. Dyson, 3; G. Livermore (conductor), 4; F. Rudkin, 5; *A. Hucksion, 6. The first peal by any of the above. On December 24th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; on the 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob; on the 26th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; on the 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; on the 31st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. On January 2nd, 1881, 720 Double Court Bob; on the 8th, 720 of Cambridge Surprise; on the 9th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob; on the 15th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; on the 16th, 720 Double Court Bob; on the 22nd, 720 Bob Minor; by T. Watson, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; *W. Bearman, 3; W. Dyson, 4; *S. Hammond (conductor), 5; F. Rudkin, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Nearly the whole of our peals have been conducted by G. Livermore. S. HAMMOND, Sec.

P.S.—We are all members of the Essex Association, and those marked thus * are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

THE next quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held in the National Schoolroom, Horwich, on Saturday, the 19th day of February. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. JOHN HIGSON, Secretary.

On Friday, the 4th inst., six members of the Blackrod Branch of the above Association rang 2014 changes in several methods. R. Watnough, 1; J. Rawlinson, 2; John Higson, 3; G. Higson, 4; James Higson, 5; S. Speak, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Time not taken.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE next meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Monday, February 28th, 1881, the bells at the disposal of the ringers being the ring of 6, tenor 12 cwt., in St. James' Church. A dinner, 1s. per head to members, and 2s. 6d. per head to non-members, will be provided at Newton Inn, at 2 o'clock. Members intending to dine are requested to send in their names not later than Monday, Feb. 21st, to the Secretary. A conveyance will meet the 10.20 train from Newcastle. Committee meeting at a quarter past one o'clock. Post Office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees. G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above Association was held at Woodbridge on Monday, the 31st ult. The attendance of members was better than might have been expected, and they kept up the ringing with spirit; but from some cause or another the striking was not so good as it might have been. At 1.30 they assembled at the Crown, where they sat down to dinner—forty-one in number—under the presidency of the Vicar, Rev. R. C. M. Rouse, who was supported by T. Carthew, Esq. (Churchwarden), G. F. W. Meadow, Esq., H. Arnott, Esq., Captain Moore, Rev. G. H. Harris, Secretary, &c., a sad family bereavement preventing several of the regular attendants from being present. The business of the meeting concluded with the election of thirty-four new members; six honorary (the Rev. J. H. Moore-Stevens, Rev. F. E. Robinson, the Rev. R. Gathorne, F. L. Morrice, Esq., Captain Woolner, and Mr. A. J. Pitstow), twenty-six performing members, and two probationers. The tower was shortly afterwards reoccupied, and touches of Grandsire Bobs and Treble Bob Major were given at intervals as long as time permitted.

Invitation to Keep a Centenary.

SIR,—A citizen of this town some years ago left a benefaction for the encouragement of bell-ringing in his native parish, in the shape of an annual gift of 5l. to the ringers of the parish church, on condition of their ringing a peal on the anniversary day of his death in each year. The gift has each year been earned by the fulfilment of the conditions. On the 15th of March next we shall (God willing) keep the centenary of this commemoration of Matthew Wildbore.

May we ask some of the brethren to come and help us to observe the day with such *ecclat* as may give a stimulus to the science and art of ringing here in Peterborough? Will any one form a team to come and ring? will any Priest who is a lover of ringing give us a sermon at our special service on that day? and will any one give a public lecture on Ringing? Any or all of these helps we should much value. We have a fine ring of eight bells in the tower of the parish church, and we are ready to offer a hearty welcome and hospitality to any of the craft who will volunteer to come.

The Vicarage, Peterborough.

HENRY S. SYERS, Vicar.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints, Maidstone, Kent.

On Monday, the 31st ult., six members of the All Saints' Company, assisted by F. Newman and E. Baldeck, rang half a Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins. S. Kemp, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; E. Baldeck, 3; F. Newman, 4; G. Pawley, 5; H. Pearce, 6; C. Payne (composer and conductor), 7; G. Moorcraft, 8. [Weight of tenor not mentioned.]

At SS. Mary and Nicholas Church, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On the 4th ult. a peal of 720 London Single was rung. J. Johnson, 1; J. Woodward, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; G. Harrison, 4; R. Mackman, 5; G. L. Richardson (conductor), 6.

On the 11th ult., 720 of Plain Bob, 18 bobs and 2 singles. J. Johnson, 1; J. Woodward, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; G. Harrison, 4; R. Mackman, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6.

On the 13th ult., 720 London Single. R. Mackman (conductor), 5.

On the 1st inst., 720 of Plain Bob. J. Johnson, 1; G. L. Richardson, 2; J. Woodward, 3; G. Harrison, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

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

On Tuesday, the 11th ult., eight members of the above parish rang a date touch of 1881 changes in 1 hr. 11 mins. It was taken from Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Newman, 1; W. H. Tucker, 2; F. W. Elbourn, 3; G. Martin, 4; C. Martin, 5; H. Champness, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; W. Woodcock, 8.

Also on Saturday, the 15th ult., Holt's Bob-and-Single peal of 50.0 Grandsire Triples, containing 190 bobs and 50 singles, was rung in 3 hrs. 7 mins. *T. Newman, 1; W. H. Tucker, 2; C. Martin, 3; *G. Martin, 4; *J. Newman, 5; *H. Champness, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; W. Woodcock, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. [First peal of those marked thus *.]

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

On Sunday, the 23rd ult., was rung the 22nd anniversary mourning peal of the late Mr. Robotam, printer, of Derby, who by his will left one guinea a-year to ring on the above date. G. Neal, 1; T. Banerist, 2; A. Taber, 3; J. Newbould, 4; H. C. Woodward, 5; R. Bosworth, 6; J. Howe, junr. (conductor), 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E.

At Crayford, Kent.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., six members of the Crayford Company rang on the back six a peal of Bob Minor, containing twenty-six singles, in 27 mins. A. Coles, 1; M. Jacobs, 2; W. Pringur, 3; G. Conyard, 4; J. Sloper, 5; F. French, conductor, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Nicholas, Deptford, Kent.

On Sunday evening, the 30th ult. (after service), eight members of the St. Nicholas Society rang a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Rees, 1; E. F. Cole, 2; F. Bidgood, 3; W. Pead, 4; Isaac G. Shade (composer and conductor), 5; T. Deal, 6; T. Taylor, 7; J. Crowder, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Sunday morning, the 30th ult., for service, six members of the E. A. C. R. rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on the back six bells, in 28 mins. *G. Boughton, 1; *A. Porter, 2; *A. Pye, 3; *A. J. Perkins, 4; J. W. Aldridge, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. This peal was called with 15 bobs. [*Denotes their first peal in this method.]

Also, on Sunday afternoon, the 6th inst., for service, was rung the late Mr. John Holt's celebrated peal of 720 Bob Minor, without a single, in 29 mins. G. Garnett, 1; J. Hannington, 2; G. Boughton, 3; W. Mapes, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6. This peal is called with 21 bobs.

At St. Peter's, Coggeshall, Essex.

On the 31st ult. a peal of 1008 Bob Major was rung. J. Sadler, 1; J. Dyer, 2; D. Elliott, 3; J. Nelms, 4; J. Aust, 5; W. Sadler, 6; J. Nichols, 7; W. Pryor, 8. [Neither conductor, tenor, nor time mentioned.]

At Chester Cathedral.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes, in 49 mins. A. Jones, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; T. Bethell, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Bail (conductor), 7; S. Hand, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt., in C.

At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 14 mins. J. Griffin, 1; J. Jagger, 2; G. Appleby, 3; S. Cooper, 4; A. Wakley, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; W. Wakley (conductor), 7; R. M. Joyce, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. The peal was composed by T. Brook, and taken from Banister's *Change Ringing*, p. 91, 2nd edit.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Mr. Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 3 mins. R. French, 1; F. Horrex, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; J. James, 4; F. T. Gover, 5; E. Moses, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. Smith, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, near Leeds.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang 5184 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 11 mins. J. Ross (conductor), 1; W. Sugden, 2; B. A. Dodson, 3; J. A. Ross, 4; J. Crabtree, 5; G. Bolland, 6; J. W. Snowden, Esq., 7; J. Haley, 8. The peal, with the sixth nine course ends home (*Snou don*, Part II., p. 15), was composed by Wm. Harrison. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds.

On Sunday, the 6th inst., was rung for the morning service a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 29 mins. T. Harrison, 1; A. H. Hitchcock, Esq. (first peal), 2; M. Tomlinson, 3; W. Scott, 4; D. Bassett (conductor), 5; H. Moss, 6; W. Kitchen, 7; D. York, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The front six were rung in changes, 7 and 8 covering.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Radcliffe Church—no name; J. R. Jerram; W. Hallsworth; Ashton under-Lyne; R. Smith; Keddenhall; and others.

If you would kindly give publicity to this letter in your valuable paper, concurrent testimony might be obtained on the subject, and the injury done to religion by the Monday market-day of Smithfield eventually be removed.

C. E. S. RATCLIFFE, M.A., Curate of Digsweil, Wexlwyn.

Lecterns and Architects.

SIR,—Mr. William White is so clever an architect, and produces such pretty, good, and effective churches, that he is fully entitled to very respectful attention in what he writes about lecterns. But he astonishes me. I can hardly imagine that he would recommend a lectern of such a height that it would place the book immediately between the lector and the congregation. No management of the voice will enable us to act contrary to common sense, and surely no one who wishes to be heard by people chiefly in front of them would deliberately place a screen immediately before their faces. We want neither a high nor a low lectern, but one so constructed that the lector shall be seen and so heard above and over the top of the book, which need not be low, and certainly not high, for the purpose. But I said nothing, and certainly thought nothing, about impassioned eloquence or declamation. I should feel disgusted to see any attempt at these in reading the Lessons. My allusion to Dickens and others was to give force to what I felt, and still feel as much as ever, viz. that much of the bad reading in church arises from the bad lecterns. And I assert it as my firm persuasion that celebrated 'readers,' if asked their opinion touching the arrangements provided for reading Lessons in church, would say, that while agreeing with Mr. W. White (and myself also) as to the impropriety of declamation in reading a Lesson of the Sacred Scriptures, they would also agree with me that most of our lecterns are of such a character as to simply render good and distinct reading impossible. Can Mr. White, when writing about the voice being 'reflected,' have considered whither it would have been reflected? Certainly not towards those whom it ought to reach direct.

I well remember, nearly a quarter of a century ago, a clergyman complaining to me that he could not make his parishioners hear the Epistle or Gospel. 'I do not wonder at it,' was my reply, 'for you hold your book up right in front of your face, and cover your voice by so doing.' The remedy was effectual. But Mr. White's lectern would do just what had ruined this clergyman's reading.

I quite hope with Mr. White that a study of the management of the voice will be greatly attended to; but I will venture to prophesy that it will put an end to lecterns which compel a man to stoop and bend his throat, or which elevate a direct barrier between his lips and those who ought to be his hearers. I am not sure that it would not end in no lectern at all, but in the lector holding a small Bible in his hand and reading from it. If not this, I am persuaded that the lecterns and books must be much smaller than they usually are, and so placed that the voice may go straight to the people. I want, and I am sure that Mr. White wants, to secure nothing histrionic, but a reverent giving forth to the people of the 'Message.'

G. Y.

The Need of Clergy.

SIR,—Although I have already troubled you with one letter on this subject, I cannot help offering a few remarks again. Your various correspondents do not appear to me to hit the right nail on the head. With one of them I quite agree, and that is, that we do not want Societies to train and educate men who are chiefly desirous of taking orders because they think it will improve their position in society; but what we want is some means of securing the services of men who, by following some other occupation or otherwise, could devote a large portion of time to the work of the ministry, and could accept a smaller stipend than is now usually paid to a curate. But what is the state of affairs? Take a case which I know to be a fact. The vicar of a large parish requires extra help, but cannot afford to pay another curate: so he asked one of the masters in the Grammar School, who had a deal of time at his disposal, if he was willing to undertake the office, and at a smaller stipend, if the Bishop would ordain him. Of course the Bishop objected, and the first objection was 'no degree.' It is all very well to talk about lay helpers and Scripture readers; that is not the sort of help wanted; and beside that, the people about here would only look upon them in the same light that they do upon the man who works on the week-day at his bench, or weighing out small articles in his little shop, and on Sundays holds forth at the Little Bethel.

If you could hear the way in which the Church and Clergy are spoken of round here, and the amount of ignorance there is on Church matters generally, you would, I am sure, think it was worth making some sacrifice to try and counteract them. The only remedy that appears to me is an alteration with respect to the Diaconate, and till that is done depend upon it there are hundreds of earnest men lost to the Church. They would not want much seeking if they only knew there was a chance of their being accepted. Why do not some of the bishops take the matter up? Surely it is a matter of importance to the Church? But it seems they would rather let the enemies of the Church go unreprieved and unlightened than break a piece of red tape.

SCHOLASTICUS.

P.S. Since writing the above I have read the account in *Church Bells* of the action of the Church of Canada in this matter. I would recommend the perusal of it to the authorities in our land.

SIR,—As you were kind enough to publish a letter of mine in your number for Jan. 19, which was the first that opened the long correspondence on the above subject, I shall feel obliged by your laying before your readers the following suggestion, which I think will meet the question a great way.

I propose that the various lay-appointments connected with our cathedrals and dioceses as they become vacant be filled by young men, like myself, intending to take Holy Orders. I believe the duties are in themselves regular and not very heavy, so with time at our disposal, and with the savings from our salaries, we could prepare and pay for the examinations at the Universities or Theological Colleges.

This suggestion, if carried out, would, I venture to say, work a twofold

benefit. It would furnish our cathedrals with earnest and devoted servants for the House of God, who will be required, especially if the proposal lately made of using our cathedrals more than hitherto be carried out; and it would also utilise the resources of our Church by thus giving assistance to those who, I feel quite sure, would prove themselves worthy of the help they now so much need.

I have carefully read the several letters that have appeared on the above matter, and while I am glad to see the many thoughtful remarks thereon, still in some instances I think there has been an under-current desire to give too easy facilities to enter the Ministry. I more especially refer to the suggestion made to have an open diaconate for young men to be ordained deacons, and then to prepare for the priesthood: but this is dangerous, and it would be a sad day for our beloved Church to admit to her sacred ministry any but those who have been duly prepared for it beforehand.

F. B. WILKINSON.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. F. G.; T. Field; Hard-pressed; A. Regular Purchaser of *Church Bells*; L. M.; J. M. L.; Unitas; Rev. W. Medlicott; James Crabb; W. J. Knight; F. M. Dixon; T. B. W.; L. W.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Mr. Snowdon's Standard Methods.

STANDARD METHODS IN THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING. By Jasper W. Snowdon. (London: Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.)

To continue the instructions given in *Rope-Sight*, Mr. Snowdon has now written a book called STANDARD METHODS, in which full instructions and all necessary rules connected with the practical ringing of all the best-known methods are given. Besides these explanations, a plain course of each of the methods is also given in full; in these courses a red line is lithographed over the path of the treble and a blue line over that of the second bell. A diagram or 'chart' of the duty of a bell and the relation of its work to that of the treble is thus formed, and the study of the work each bell has to perform during a course of the method is rendered exceedingly simple. These 'charts' are bound up in a separate cover from the letterpress, so that reference can be made to them, when reading the descriptions and rules, without turning over from one part of the book to another part.

The term 'Standard Methods' Mr. Snowdon applies more especially to the four systems of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob, and Stedman. The first of these having been fully explained in *Rope-Sight*, a summary of the necessary rules is only given; but the other three systems, including both Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, are dealt with at considerable length. A selection of methods which the author considers to be the most popular on the different numbers of bells from five to eight are then given. These 'extra' methods, as they may be termed, consist, on five bells, of New Doubles, St. Simon's, and Stedman's Slow-course Doubles. The Plain methods on six bells are Yorkshire Court, College Single, Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Stedman's Slow Course, and Double Bob. The Treble Bob methods on six bells are Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Duke of York, Imperial, London Scholars' Pleasure, London Treble Bob, City Delight, College Exercise, and Westminster, Cambridge, Superlative, and London Surprise. On eight bells the Plain methods comprise Yorkshire Court, Double London Court, Double Norwich Court, and Double Oxford. In the Treble Bob methods on this number of bells we have Superlative, Cambridge, and London Surprise. In each of the methods selected instructions and examples of the different calls used are given, and, to render the book more complete when in the hands of six-bell ringers, a peal of each of the five and six-bell methods is given. In conclusion we may add, that the book may be ordered through any bookseller, or obtained (post-free, 2s. 6d.) from Mr. J. W. Snowdon, Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

Rochdale and District Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, the 5th inst. at St. Thomas's Church, Newhey. Two touches of Grandsire were rung before the meeting, after which no ringing could take place owing to a concert being held in the school. The Society has gained three members during the year; eight new members were also admitted. Meetings have been held during the year at Balderstone, Milnrow, and Todmorden, all of which have been fairly attended. The following officers were re-elected:—Mr. A. Hurst, President; Mr. W. Birkinshaw, Vice-president; Mr. F. Birtwistle, Secretary; and Mr. Jos. Gartside, Treasurer. The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Curate-in-charge and Churchwardens, after which the members dined at the 'Wheat Sheaf' Inn, Haugh.

Ringling in New Zealand.

THE following extract from the *New Zealand Church News* of Dec. last will be interesting to many readers, as showing that the subject of Church bells is as dear to the dwellers in the Antipodes as to those at home:—

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH.—*Cathedral Bells*.—A meeting of those interested in forming a Society of Bell-ringers for the Cathedral was held at St. Luke's Parsonage on November 19th, the Rev. E. A. Lingard in the chair. The meeting was attended by several experienced ringers, and much interest was evinced in the proceedings. It was resolved to form a Society on the basis of the well-known Ancient Society of College Youths, which should be styled, "The Society of Christchurch Cathedral Bell-ringers." The Society is open to those willing to join, who are to be elected at meetings of the Society, an annual payment of 2s. 6d. being made by each member. Certain rules were drawn up, and a provisional committee of four members was appointed, pending the time when the Cathedral bells are ready for use. Until the end of March, 1881, practice will be held at 7 o'clock every Tuesday evening, on the Papanui bells, subject to the consent of the incumbent and churchwardens. Honorary members will be admitted to the Society on payment of 10s. per

annum. The above, and other rules, were passed, subject to the approval of the Dean and Chapter. The Society adheres to the old term of "master" for its chief man, the master elected being an experienced English ringer himself, a member of the Society of College Youths, Mr. T. B. Hall. The Rev. E. A. Lingard was elected secretary and treasurer. The evident familiarity of those who attended the meeting with the subject under consideration promises well for some good change-ringing on the Cathedral bells as soon as they are ready for use, making the "bonnie Christchurch bells" a reality amongst us.

Restoration of Bells at Hursley, Hants.

MANY of our readers will be interested to hear that the bells of Hursley (John Keble's parish) have lately been re-hung and otherwise greatly improved. The old five bells had been badly hung many years ago. They have now been admirably re-hung, with new case and fittings, by Messrs. Hooper and Stokes of Woodbury, Devon. A new treble bell, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, has been added; the ringing-chamber has been raised in height and put into order. There has also been fixed in the tower the apparatus for silent practice invented by Mr. Seage of Exeter, by means of which the bells can be rung with tied clappers, while the music is produced on a set of small bells which are fixed in the ringing-chamber.

On the 11th inst. the Winchester Cathedral ringers rang some Grandsire peals, the first that are known to have been rung in this tower.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above Association will be held at Witham on Tuesday next, the 22nd inst. By kind permission of the Vicar ringing will commence at St. Nicolas's, Chipping Hill, at two o'clock. Business meeting at four o'clock.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

Number and Scale of Hand-bells Wanted.

SIR,—I shall take it as a great favour if as many conductors of Hand-bell Societies as can make it convenient will kindly oblige by sending me on post card the number and scale of their bells, as I am desirous of arranging music to suit as many different peals as possible.

WM. GORDON.

20 Crouther Street, Stockport.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Abbey Church, Bourne, Lincolnshire.

On Monday, the 31st ult., was rung a peal of Bob Minor in about 26 mins. J. Ball, 1; W. Pearce, 2; T. Taylor, 3; R. Clark, 4; F. W. Flatters, 5; R. Sharp, 6. Tenor, about 17½ cwt. The above peal of 18 bobs and 2 singles was rung without a bob or a single being called by the conductor, one of the ringers, T. Taylor, being in his seventy-sixth year.

At Sandhurst, Gloucestershire.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang 42 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, being 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 42 mins. F. Daniells, 1; T. Savage, 2; A. Halford, 3; H. Savage, 4; W. Pugh (conductor), 5; J. West, 6. [Tenor not mentioned.]

At St. Mary's, Redenhall, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., the Redenhall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 5024 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 25 mins. E. Smith (conductor), 1; M. Burgess, 2; W. Matthews, 3; W. Sheldrake, 4; R. Whiting, 5; G. Mobbs, 6; J. Smith, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

Moses Burgess could not handle a bell and knew nothing of change-ringing twelve months since. The peal was composed by H. Dains, and has the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, and now rung for the first time.

At St. Matthew's, Walsall, Staffordshire.

On the 6th inst. was rung the annexed touch of 1881 Stedman's Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins. F. Hallsworth, 1; J. Astbury, sen., 2; H. Lawton, 3; W. Walker, 4; D. Westley, 5; J. Astbury, jun., 6; W. Hallsworth (composer and conductor), 7; E. Taylor, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

2 4 1 5 3 6 7 B
2 4 5 3 1 6 7 B
4 3 2 6 5 7 1
4 3 6 5 2 1 7 S
3 5 4 2 6 1 7 B
3 5 2 1 4 7 6
3 1 5 2 4 - - 12
3 2 5 1 4 - - 12 S
3 1 2 5 4 - - 12
3 5 1 2 4 - - 12
3 4 2 1 5 7 - 12
3 1 4 2 5 - - 12
3 2 4 1 5 - - 12 S
3 1 2 4 5 - - 12
3 4 1 2 5 - - 12
3 2 1 4 5 - - 12 S

3 5 4 1 2 7 - 12
3 1 5 4 2 - - 12
3 2 4 5 1 7 - 12
3 5 2 4 1 - - 12
3 4 5 2 1 - - 12
3 4 2 5 1 7 S - 12
3 5 4 2 1 - - 12
3 2 5 4 1 - - 12
3 1 4 5 2 7 - 12
3 5 1 4 2 - - 12
3 4 1 5 2 - - 12 S
3 2 1 5 4 7 - 12 S

Round at the third change in the last six.

At St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., was rung a peal of 5008 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. E. Pickford, 1; T. Heywood, 2; J. Wood, jun., 3; J. Hopwood, 4; J. Andrew, 5; T. Marshall, 6; S. Wood, 7; G. Longden (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

THE PEAL.

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2 3 4 5 6 W. B. H.
5 2 3 6 4 - - -
3 6 5 2 4 - - -
5 3 6 2 4 - - -
6 5 3 2 4 - - -
3 2 6 5 4 - - -
6 3 2 5 4 - - -
2 5 6 3 4 - - -
6 2 5 3 4 - - -
6 2 3 4 5 - - -
3 6 2 4 5 - - -
2 4 3 6 5 - - -
3 2 4 6 5 - - -
4 3 2 6 5 - - -

2 6 4 3 5 W. B. H.
4 2 6 3 5 - - -
6 3 4 2 5 - - -
4 6 3 2 5 - - -

Last nine courses twice repeated produce 3 5 6 4 2

5 4 3 2 6 - - -
3 2 5 4 6 - - -
5 3 2 4 6 - - -
2 4 5 3 6 - - -
5 2 4 3 6 - - -
3 5 4 2 6 - - -
4 2 3 5 6 - - -
3 4 2 5 6 - - -
2 3 4 5 6 - - -

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

On Monday, the 6th inst., was rung for Divine Service, on the six large bells, by six members of the Durham Association, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins., consisting of nine bobs and six singles. S. Nott, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; W. Reed, Esq., 3; R. Smith, 4; R. Willans (conductor), 5; J. Hern, 6.

On Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the weekly practice, a touch of 1880 changes of Plain Bob Major was rung in 59 mins. S. Nott, 1; J. Gibson, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; W. Waugh, 4; R. Willans, 5; R. Smith, 6; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 7; J. Hern, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At All Saints, Maidstone, Kent.

On the 7th inst. eight members of the Society rang their first peal of 5040, Taylor's variation of Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. R. Simmonds, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; S. Kemp, 3; H. Pearce, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; C. Payne (conductor), 6; G. Pawley, 7; E. Elliott, 8. The peal was rung on the first eight bells, the 9th and 10th not being in ringing order for so long a peal. Tenor about 30 cwt. in C. This was the first peal of its kind ever rung on these bells, and there has not been one of any kind for more than sixty years.

On the 9th inst. C. Payne, a member of the above company, composed the greatest number of changes on record in Grandsire Triples with bobs only strictly in the method. The touch or composition contains 5038 changes, only two short of the complete peal; the last two changes could be rung at the end by making a double shift, which is not done in any method. The two changes that are out of the peal are 1 3 2 5 4 7 6 8 those given opposite. The same kind of composition has 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 been composed by C. Payne in Grandsire Minor, and was rung at All Saints two years since, 718 with bobs, and conducted by C. Payne only.

At St. Peter's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 7th inst., ten members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5039 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 27 mins. G. Bred, 1; J. Rowbotham, 2; F. Coates, 3; G. Holmes, 4; W. Coates, 5; G. Flint, 6; C. H. Hattersley, 7; W. Howard, 8; T. Hattersley (conductor), 9; A. Brearley, 10. The peal was composed by the late William Booth of Sheffield. Tenor, 41 cwt.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

On Tuesday, the 8th inst. four members of the above belfry, assisted by Mr. J. E. Hern and Mr. H. Thompson of Harworth-on-Tees, rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. *J. Whitfield, 1; J. E. Hern, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; H. Thompson, 4; W. Patton, 5. G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. [Their first peal in the Treble Bob method.]

At Charles the Martyr, Plymouth, Devonshire.

On Tuesday, the 8th inst., eight members of the South Devon Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. J. Widdicombe, 1; J. Baxter, 2; T. Bowline (conductor), 3; R. Ford, 4; E. Taylor, 5; C. Smith, 6; J. Eastabrook, 7; A. Vivian, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Belchamp-Walter, Essex.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., six members of the Company rang a peal of Bob Minor, containing 21 bobs and 12 singles. W. Stammers, 1; W. Firmin, 2; H. Twitchett, 3; F. Hawkins, 4; W. Finch, 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Composed by F. Pitstow. Tenor, 12 cwt. [No time mentioned.]

Touch at Bradford, Yorkshire.

On Thursday, the 10th inst., ten members of the Bradford (Yorkshire) Parish Church Society, with Mr. J. Briggs of Halifax (all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths), rang at the parish church a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Royal in Titmuss, Caters position, in 1 hr. 17 mins. J. Angus, 1; J. Naylor, 2; J. Jenkinson, 3; T. Pollard, 4; N. Binns, 5; J. Cheetham, 6; J. Hardcastle (composer and conductor), 7; J. Briggs, 8; W. Gill, 9; J. Wilson, 10. Tenor, 27 cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, London.

On Monday, the 14th inst., the members of the St. James's Society rang a muffled peal as a mark of respect to Mr. A. Jones of Bristol, deceased, who was a well-known ringer and for many years a member of this Society.

RECEIVED ALSO:—G. H.—write to Mr. Goslin, 27 Crescent, Cripplegate, for First Steps; York Bell; R. S. Blee; A. B.; and others.

Half-hearted Churchmen.

SIR,—The complaint of 'half-heartedness' is by no means confined to 'R. E. C.'s' parish, as many can testify. So long as religion is looked upon as a matter for personal predilection, 'I like Church,' or, 'I like Chapel,' it is sure to prevail. Of course it is safer for a man's salvation to be a good-living Dissenter than a careless-living Churchman, as it is better to be a pious heathen than a bad Christian; but each man is responsible, and will doubtless have to give account hereafter, for the form of religion which he adopts. It is plainly our duty, then, to place before our people simply, fearlessly, and (so far as possible) uncontroversially, the conditions of salvation for all those who have the opportunity of knowing them. Dissenters have no scruple in asserting their own peculiar Shibboleths under pain of damnation. Why should we hesitate to lay down what Christ Himself has delivered to His Church, and what we have undertaken to teach? Did Christ give any special commission to the twelve, as distinct from other believers? Did they hand this on to others? Had, *e.g.* St. Matthias, St. Paul, St. Barnabas, Timothy, Titus, Polycarp, Ignatius, and others who filled the office of chief rulers in the Christian Church, any authority committed to them *by the Church* for that purpose? Is there any meaning in such texts as the following?—'Whoso receiveth you receiveth Me;' 'If he neglect to hear the Church, let him be to thee as a heathen man and a publican' (*i.e.* separated from the Church's communion); 'Stir up the grace given unto thee by the laying on of my hands;' and so on. Is it a fact or not that our Lord has made the reception of the two sacraments a *condition of salvation*? and that, although lay baptism may be valid [John Wesley went so far as to deny that Dissenters' baptism was valid], yet that *no unordained person* (*i.e.* no Dissenting preacher) can consecrate the Holy Eucharist? Let those who have the opportunity of knowing the truth be persuaded that they are Dissenters or Church-people for their own good or harm, and at their own peril in the choice; that and however much, for popularity's sake, some ministers of the Church (whether bishops or priests) may be unfaithful to their trust, the Church holds to the Apostolic injunction of 'marking those which cause divisions' and which 'separate themselves,' and ceases not to pray against 'heresy and schism.' If these undoubted truths are put before our 'half-hearted' Churchmen and Dissenters, avoiding carefully all personalities and offence at contradiction, and looking simply to the discharge of a duty, I think we should find more effect produced by them than by any other means that I can conceive. For useful tracts let me recommend the following:—*Why did you leave the Wesleyans?* &c. (S.P.C.K.); *Why Church is better than Chapel or Meeting*, by the authoress of *Ploughing and Sowing*; *Pastoral Advice of John Wesley* (an admirable tract of selections from Wesley's writings, price 1d., Masters, and Mowbray); *Apostolical Succession*, by Dr. Oldknow (Mowbray, 4d pp.—a good lecture on the subject); *The Church of England the Best Church*; or, *Fifteen Reasons for being a Churchman*, by Edwin Caudwell (Masters, 2d.). To these I would add a very useful card for hanging up in cottages, containing two or three texts of Scripture, by the Rev. A. A. Dawson, Rector of Thetford, Norfolk, and the invaluable *Wrayby Village Dialogues* (Masters), which may be had either separately, price 1d., or bound together in cloth, 1s. 6d.

S. T. P.

Intercession for those at Sea.

SIR,—Your correspondent's letter upon this subject has suggested the insertion of the following short prayer suitable for private use; the authorship is unknown to the writer: 'O Thou Who stillest the raging of the sea, and hast promised the comfort of Thy presence to those passing through the waters; guard the souls and bodies of our sailors and fishermen, and all others whose business occupies them in the great deep. May it please Thee to guide them through all storms and tempests to their sure Haven of rest, to the glory of Thy Holy Name.'

L. E. H.

Catechising in Church on Week-day.

SIR,—In answer to the letter of 'An Old Churchman who wishes to work through the Church,' I am able to inform him that the Vicar of Tysoe, a country village in Warwickshire, has for more than twenty-five years catechised the elder classes of his National School in church every Wednesday and Friday, on the Catechism and the Prayer-book, for thirty or forty minutes after nine o'clock Litany, as well as at the same hour on Saints' Days on the life of the Saints. He has daily service at 8.30 for some part of the year, but as Wednesday and Friday service still continues at nine o'clock, this is no interference. I may add that he has for the last six years also given a Catechetical Address at the Sunday afternoon service, which is largely attended, and has had a marked effect in deepening Church feeling and in bringing back some Dissenters to the Church. A PARISHIONER OF TYSOE.

Rev. J. Salwey's Memorial.

SIR,—The Memorial published by you at the request of the Rev. J. Salwey in your issue for Feb. 5 has in it a sentence which reminds me of an old attempt to restore a church. The whitewash had flaked off the walls in some places, and latterly there appeared evidences of some painting behind it. On calling in an architect to report thereon, he stated that there seemed to him to be some admirable mural decorations hidden by the whitewash, and he recommended that it should be carefully cleaned off. The parishioners, on hearing of this, at once wrote to the Vicar, and 'respectfully, but firmly, entreated him to give no countenance to any attempt to bring to light the paintings which for more than three hundred years, and until a very recent date, were almost unknown in the church, and which, when submitted to a builder, were declared to be unsuitable to the style.' They therefore thought an additional coat of whitewash would be the best thing.

R. L. H.

THE COLLECTS.—In reply to 'L. M. D.'s' query, 'L. M. R.' recommends the following books on the Collects:—*The Teacher's Collect Book*, by the Rev. Henry Kitton, 2s. 6d., published by J. J. Guillaume, Chester Square, London; *Questions on the Collects, Epistles, and Gospels*, by the present Bishop of St.

Albans, in two parts (2s. 6d. each), published by Parker; and *Lessons on the Collects*, a small and useful book, of which 'L. M. R.' regrets not being able to give the names of the author and publisher, as they are wanting in the only copy he has seen.—'J. E. C.' names also Mrs. Robert O'Reilly's *Children of the Church*, or *Lessons on the Collects* (second series), published by Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.

CHURCH BELLS FOR THE CLERGY ABROAD.—'A. C.' writes: 'Some months since both the Rev. W. F. Knowles and Rev. J. Edgecombe applied through your columns for spare copies of *Church Bells*. I have since then sent to each alternately, but now intend to send to the former only. Perhaps some other readers will supply the latter.'

ANECDOTES FOR COTTAGE LECTURES AND MISSION ADDRESSES.—'J. E. C.' would be glad to hear of a book of such anecdotes, classified under various headings, such as 'Faith,' 'Answers to Prayer,' &c.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. Cowden Cole; J. H. H.; A London Layman; An Irish Churchman; G. V.; J. L. R.; H. Housman; Another Country Clergyman; A. B.; J. F. C.; G. F. C.; Superintendent; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Dedication of Bells at Seend, Wilts.

MORE than a year ago one of the bells in the tower of Seend gave way at the canons, and in falling broke the treble. Last autumn the parishioners agreed to have the broken bell recast, and the whole ring rehung in a new cage. The munificence of a lady in the parish also enabled them to add a new bell, thus augmenting the ring to six. The casting was by Mears and Stainbank, and the hanging by Alfred York of Bristol. The ring was reopened on Thursday, the 17th inst. After a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30, the clergy and congregation went to the ringing-chamber, where Dr. Neale's well-known hymn, 'Lift them gently to the steeple,' was sung, and a service for dedication of bells said by the Vicar, the Rev. A. B. Thynne. A few rounds were then rung, the Vicar giving the first pull at the new treble. At 10.30 the North Wilts Guild of Ringers rang Grandsire Doubles till 11.30, when Morning Prayer was said, and a sermon preached by the Rev. A. Law, Rector of Dauntsey, from Exod. xxviii. 33–35. After service, and again in the afternoon, several members of the N. W. G. R. rang several peals of Doubles. The Seend and other ringers of the neighbourhood rang rounds. The whole day passed off very pleasantly, and the parishioners of Seend are to be congratulated on possessing a very good ring of six, which we hope they will soon have rung in changes by their own ringers, the Vicar himself having taken to ringing with a good will.

New Ring of Eight at Bray, Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

In our issue for Feb. 12, p. 169, under 'Ireland' (not in the Bell-ringing column), there appeared a description of the grand ring of bells by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. The Dedication Service took place at Evensong on Thursday, the 10th inst., being said by the Archbishop of Dublin. A very appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Sherlock. Before the service, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following well-instructed ringers from Waterford Cathedral. J. T. Fielding, 1; G. Atherton, 2; R. S. Blea (conductor), 3; G. Clampit, 4; R. R. Cherry, B.A., 5; G. A. Mackesy, M.D., 6; T. Atherton, 7; J. B. Cherry, B.A., 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs., in D; raised by one man, clapping truly. After the service they rang a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, and repeated the same after a dinner by the Rev. J. G. Scott, falling the full ring of eight in masterly style. The service was very similar to what we have reported on former occasions. We should be pleased to report some day the same style of scientific ringing from St. George's, Dublin, where, we understand, they do nothing but call changes. The bells are fitted with Ellacombe's Chiming Hammers.

An Instructor Wanted.

WANTED for the Parish of Bray, Co. Wicklow, an experienced instructor in the art of change-ringing. Remuneration:—Ten shillings per week, with additional ten shillings until employment has been obtained, which would probably be quickly found by a good and steady tradesman or mechanic. Copies of testimonials to be sent to Rev. J. G. Scott, Rectory, Bray.

A Disputed Honour.

SIR,—Having seen in last week's *Church Bells* that C. Payne had composed the greatest number of changes in Grandsire Triples, I take the liberty of saying that I do not think he is the first, as I believe H. Johnson, of Birmingham, to be the right man. I have also heard that W. Gordon of Stockport, and J. Carter of West Bromwich, have likewise composed it since.—H. B.

Number and Scales of Hand-bells Wanted.

SIR,—In answer to my request for the number and scales of bells in yours of last week I have received a great many communications, but some of them are rather ambiguous (such as 'Our bells are from G to D'), in which case the writer's meaning is not clearly understood. However, I am much obliged to all who have written, as the information sent is enabling me to form a very useful table; and I desire that any who may favour me for the future will, to avoid mistakes, be as explicit as possible.

WM. GORDON.

20 Crouther Street, Stockport.

A Question for All Saints, Maidstone.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to direct the attention of the ringers of All Saints, Maidstone, Kent, to a letter by me which appeared in *Church Bells* for May 17, 1879? Was the peal rung by them on the 7th inst. a so-called 'Bob-and-Single' peal, or was it a peal with 120 bobs and 2 Holt's Singles? If the former, it was no variation of Holt's Six-part peal; if the latter, probably by Taylor, as what is commonly known as Taylor's Six-part peal is a

bob-and-single composition, and a variation of an original by Annable. The compositions universally recognised as Holt's are of such a superior order as to warrant us in being almost certain that he never descended to anything of the 'Gognagog' character. This error concerning Holt's Six-part peal seems very widespread.

C. P. D. P.

Whitchurch, Salop.

Weights of Tenors.

Sir,—In your issue for Feb. 5, Mr. Jerram contradicted the weight of the tenor of SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding. He says the weight is 15 cwt., whereas I have been told it is 18 cwt. The correct measure is 5493 cubic inches. Would any of your readers kindly tell me the weight of the bell from that measure?

R. MACKMAN.

Hand-bell Music by W. Gordon of Stockport.

We have been favoured with a copy of the above clever production, and we strongly recommend it to all our friends who take an interest and pleasure in such a style of music. We are sorry to see that the author styles himself 'Teacher and Conductor of the Stockport Campanalogian Band;' a horrible mongrel word, which we desire to stamp out, preferring plain English *Ringing* instead. The author is also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and St. James' Society, London, so that, no doubt, he is well up in the science of bell-ringing.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Tettenhall, Staffordshire.

On the 20th ult., a mixed band rang at the parish church a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, consisting of 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 26 mins. S. Atkins (conductor), 1; T. Rotton, 2; B. Dalton, 3; E. Nicholls, 4; J. Foulter, 5; J. Jones, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G. S. Atkins is the first Willenhall man who has ever conducted a peal of changes.

At Radcliffe Parish Church, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., two members from All Saints, Stand, and four of Radcliffe, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Doubles. F. Emmerson (conductor), 1; A. Barrett, 2; W. Warburton, 3; W. Hilton, 4; W. Bently, 5; J. R. Taylor, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in F. [Time not given.]

At St. Mark's, Leicester.

On Sunday evening, the 6th inst., for service, was rung by eight ringers of St. Margaret's Society, in 1 hr. 14 mins., a muffled date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples, in memory of the late Mrs. Burnaby. J. Jarvis, 1; G. Burrows, 2; J. Wilson, 3; T. Wilson (conductor), 4; J. Cooper, 5; S. Cooper, 6; J. Buttery, 7; W. Walker, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

On Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the above Society also rang a date touch of 1881 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 20 mins. G. Burrows, 1; T. Wilson, 2; W. Cooper, 3; A. H. Wilson, 4; J. W. Wilson (composer and conductor), 5; S. Cooper, 6; J. Cooper, 7; J. Buttery, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt., in F sharp. [No church named.]

At Worstead, Norfolk.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., the following members of the Tunstead Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association visited the above parish and rang a peal of 723 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 30 mins. Rev. G. H. Harris, 1; W. Cooper, 2; J. Barber, 3; W. Hunt, 4; J. Cooper, 5; J. Gower (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first peal of 720 Treble Bob ever rung on the above bells.

At St. Mary-at-the-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., ten members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 30 mins., with the 6th the extent at home in and out: the Tittum position. D. Prentice (composer and conductor), 1; T. Sadler, 2; W. Ireland, 3; H. E. Bevan, 4; I. S. Alexander, 5; H. Bowell, 6; R. Hawes, 7; W. L. Catchpole, 8; R. Brundle, 9; E. Pemberton, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., at the weekly practice, were rung two peals of 720, each in the methods of Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob Minor, in 57 mins., on the six large bells. J. Rossiter, 1; W. Waugh, 2; W. Reed, Esq., 3; R. Smith, 4; R. Williams, 5; J. Hern, 6. Treble Bob conducted by W. Reed, Esq., Plain Bob by W. Waugh.

On Sunday afternoon, the 20th inst., for Divine service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 26 mins. S. Nott, 1; G. Park, 2; R. Willan, 3; J. Gibson, 4; J. Hern, 5; R. Smith (conductor), 6.

Also in the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples in 24 mins. M. Gray, 1; J. Rossiter, 2; G. Park, 3; R. Willan, 4; J. Gibson, 5; R. Smith (conductor), 6; J. Hern, 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At Bexley, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., six members of the Clayford company rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 42 singles, in 27 mins. J. Saxby, 1; J. Sloper, 2; W. Pringur, 3; G. Conyard, 4; M. Jacobs, 5; F. French (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Also on Tuesday, the 22nd inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 26 mins. W. King, 1; W. Reeves, 2; W. Pringur, 3; G. Conyard, 4; J. Sloper, 5; F. French (conductor), 6.

At Eccleston, Cheshire.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., four members of the Aldford Society, assisted by two of the Eccleston Society, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor. S. Benyon, 1; P. Griffiths, 2; W. Manning, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; C. Price, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt. [No time mentioned.]

On Saturday, the 19th inst., five members of the Chester Cathedral Society, assisted by the Rev. H. C. Sturges, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 30

mins. J. Gibson, 1; P. Griffiths, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; Rev. H. Sturges, 4; T. Bethell, 5; F. Ball (conductor), 6. This peal contained 38 bobs and 22 singles, the second and third bells being the observation bells. Courses of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters, in hand, were afterwards rung upon the handbells.

A very profitable and pleasant change-ringing evening was then brought to a close by another peal of Grandsire Minor, in 27 mins., with the bells arranged as follows:—W. Benyon, 1; D. Baskerville, 2; J. Griffiths, 3; G. Gerrard, 4; F. Ball (conductor), 5; T. Bethell, 6. The Eccleston bells are a very musical ring, hung in 1810 by Mears; the tenor being 13½ cwt., in G.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, London.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., the Ancient Society of College Youths had a complimentary meeting, and rang at the above church, with Mr. C. H. Hattersley of Sheffield, six courses of Stedman's Cinques, containing 795 changes. H. Haley, sen. (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; T. Benney, 3; C. H. Hattersley, 4; M. Wood, 5; R. French, 6; J. R. Haworth, 7; J. Dwight, 8; G. Muskett, 9; T. Horrex, 10; M. Hayes, 11; J. Monday, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt.

At St. Alban's, Rochdale, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., the ringers rang a date touch of 1881 changes, arranged by J. Adshead from John Holt's Ten-part peal (Reverse) Grandsire Triples. (No time noticed.) W. Adshead (conductor), 1; *J. Hardman, 2; *J. Tempest, 3; J. Adshead, 4; W. Brierly, 5; *W. Phillips, 6; *J. Waugh, 7; *E. Stubbs, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in F. [The greatest number of changes rung by those marked *.]

THE PEAL.

First part.	Second part.	
1	1	After dodging in last lead, cross
5	5	in the four back bells; then re-
5	5	verse them, 1, 2, 3. See below
5	5	(merely a shift).
2	2	2 1 3 4 7 5 6
5	5	2 3 1 7 4 6 5
1	1	2 1 3 6 7 4 5
5		1 2 3 5 4 7 6
5	Out in 2 leads.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2		

Twice repeated.

At St. Mary's, Stanstead, Essex.

On Friday, the 18th inst., five ringers of the above parish, assisted by H. J. Tucker of Bishops Stortford, Herts, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; H. Trigg (first peal), 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, 4; C. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

On Friday, the 18th inst., six members of the Aldford Society rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Basnett, 1; T. Basnett, 2; C. Price, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6.

Also two peals of Stedman's Doubles, 120 each. W. Manning, 1; T. Basnett, 2; C. Price, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6.

Also on Monday, the 21st inst., by the same Society, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27½ mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Price, 2; T. Basnett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6.

Also a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob. S. Manning, 1; C. Price, 2; T. Basnett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6.

Also a peal of 120 Stedman's Doubles. W. Manning, 1; T. Basnett, 2; C. Price, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At Long Sutton, Lincolnshire.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (the first on the bells), with 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung. R. Tilbrook, 1; W. Dickerson, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; J. T. Edis, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; J. W. Mawby (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [No time mentioned.]

At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

On Monday, the 21st inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society rang Mr. Thurstan's peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Griffin, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; S. Cooper, 4; J. Jaggar, 5; A. Wakley, 6; W. Wakley (conductor), 7; R. M. Joyce, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt., in F.

At St. James's, Bermondsey, London.

On Monday, the 21st inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5076 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 29 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; R. French, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; E. Horrex, 4; C. Winney, 5; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 6; F. Dawe, 7; W. A. Tyler, 8; F. Benney, 9; W. Smith, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. The peal was composed by B. Annable.

At Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 21st inst., a mixed band of change-ringers rang Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 51 mins. *C. Boyle, 1; *E. Cash, 2; *J. Barrett, 3; *T. Yates, 4; *G. H. Johnson, 5; J. Higson (conductor), 6; J. Edge, 7; E. Owen, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. Those marked * are members of the L. A. C. R.

MEM.—G. H. Page is informed that the purport of his communication had been supplied by our Dublin Correspondent in our Irish article of Feb. 12.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.—Friends who kindly send us cuttings from newspapers are requested not to cut off the heading and date of the paper, or even to write them.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. Strutt; R. Smith; W. C. Pearson; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Old Bells for Sale.

Two bells from a ring of five:—

Fourth, 30½ in. diameter, 5 cwt. 46 lbs., W. Brend, 1607.

Second, 25½ " " 2 cwt. 84 lbs., Ditto 1634.

The above bells may be seen upon application to the churchwardens of SS. Simon and Jude's Church, Norwich.

Muffled Peals at St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.

On Sunday, the 6th inst., the Rev. W. Thompson, M.A., curate of the above church, preached a Funeral Sermon on the death of the Rev. S. Benson, M.A. (aged 82), who had been chaplain sixty years. As a last mark of respect, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Stedman's Cinques on the fine ring of twelve bells (half-muffled), for the services during the day. J. Pettit (conductor) 1; W. Cooter, 2; W. Cecil, 3; R. French, 4; G. Mash, 5; J. R. Haworth, 6; R. Jameson, 7; J. Dwight, 8; G. Dorrington, 9; B. Horrex, 10; G. Muskett, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12. Tenor, 52 cwt. It may be mentioned that the head-quarters of the Society, established 1637, is in this parish, and that a meeting is held fortnightly.

On Tuesday, the 8th inst., a muffled peal was rung by the same Society at St. Saviour's, in memory of Mr. G. Ferris (aged 52), who died in Africa on the 20th of February. He went on business, and was expected in London in a short time. He had been a member of the College Youths many years, and was much respected.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At SS. Mary and Nicolas Church, Spalding.

On Sunday, the 13th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob, containing 42 singles, was rung in 29 minutes. J. Woodward, 1; W. H. Branson, 2; G. M. Brownrigg (Hull), 3; J. S. Wright, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

And on Thursday, the 17th ult., one peal of London Single. J. Johnson, 1; J. Woodward, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. Wright, 5; G. Richardson (conductor), 6.

On Ash Wednesday, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob, containing 12 singles, and for evening service 360 London Single, with the bells half-muffled.

On Sunday, the 6th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob, 30 singles and 6 bobs, in 28 mins. G. Harrison, 1; J. Woodward, 2; A. Ridlington, 3; J. Wright, 4; G. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Somerleyton, Suffolk.

On Sunday, the 20th ult., for morning service, six of the Somerleyton Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob in 25 mins. R. J. Kittle (conductor), 1; G. Rudd, 2; J. Offord, 3; G. Wright, 4; H. Offord, 5; R. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G. This is the first peal in this method ever rung on these bells, and is also the first peal ever completed by the company.

At Chiswick, Middlesex.

On Monday, the 21st ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 26½ mins. J. James, 1; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 2; F. Weare, 3; J. Basden, 4; H. Cutter, 5; S. Hayes, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Cambridge, by Gownsmen.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., five members of the Cambridge University Guild rang three six-scores of Bob Doubles, being their first unassisted performance. R. Copeman (Clare), 1; E. Knowles (St. John's), 2; M. C. Potter (Peterhouse), 3; Rev. A. Boughey (Trinity), 4; W. Pearson (Clare), 5. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

Also on Saturday, the 12th ult., six members of the Society rang on the handbells 720 Bob Minor. R. Copeman (Clare), 1; M. C. Potter (Peterhouse), 2; Rev. A. Boughey (Trinity), 3; E. Knowles (St. John's), 4; W. Baker (Clare), 5; W. Pearson (Clare), 6.

At the Parish Church, Old Swindon, Wilts.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., five members of a newly formed company of ringers, assisted by Mr. O. W. Layng (late of Lincoln), rang a peal of Grandshire Doubles. This is the first peal that has been rung on these bells by Swindon ringers for upwards of sixty years. E. Smith, 1; A. Laurence, 2; E. Dowling, 3; O. W. Layng 4; J. Cowley, 5; J. Laurence, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in G. [No time mentioned.]

At Great St. Mary's, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Sawbridgeworth Society rang a peal of 5040 Grandshire Triples, Taylor's variation, Bob-and-Single peal (see *Clavis*, p. 64) in 3 hrs. 16 mins. This was the first peal on these bells. * J. Tarling, sen., 1; * G. Camp, 2; * A. Brown, 3; * T. Saben, 4; * J. Tarling, jun., 5; G. Rochester (conductor), 6; N. Tarling, 7; * H. Saben, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., the Parish Church ringers rang Mr. Thurstan's peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins. John Miller, 1; W. Atkinson, 2; J. Allanson, 3; W. Gregson, 4; J. Fisher, 5; H. Gregson (conductor), 6; James Miller (captain), 7; R. Allanson, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F. This is the first peal of Stedman's Triples ever rung at Lytham.

At All Saints, Derby.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., a band of Derby change-ringers (with J. Taylor, Esq., of Loughborough) rang on the last eight bells, in 3 hrs. 8 mins., Holt's Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 Grandshire Triples, with 190 bobs and 50 singles, being the greatest extent of changes rung on these bells for upwards of fifty years. G. Lee, 3; J. Taylor, Esq., 4; A. Woodward, 5; J. Newbold, 6; R. Redgate, 7; R. Bosworth, 8; J. Howe (conductor), 9; G. Beeson, 10. Tenor, about 30 cwt.

At St. George's, Doncaster, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples in 50 mins. C. Armitage, 1; H. G. Wilson, 2; J. Senior, 3; H. Marwood (conductor), 4; W. Pearson, 5; W. Gardner, 6; W. Laurence, 7; W. Burkinshaw, 8. Tenor, 31 cwt.

At Alburgh, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang the annexed peal of 5120 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 6 mins. The peal, which has the 4th and 6th bells the extent in 5-6, was composed by Mr. Henry Dains, conducted by Edward Smith, and now rung for the first time. E. Smith, 1; J. Bruthy, 2; G. Prinn, 3; F. Smith, 4; C. Candlir, Esq. (first peal), 5; M. Burgess, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

5120 TREBLE BOB.						M. W. H.		
2	3	4	5	6				
3	2	6	5	4	2	2		
3	6	2	3	4		2	2	
3	5	6	4	2		2	2	
5	4	6	3	2		2	2	
6	2	3	4	5	1	1	2	
2	6	5	4	3		2	2	
5	3	4	6	2	1	1	2	
3	2	4	6	5		1	2	
2	5	4	6	3	1		2	
5	2	3	6	4		2	2	
5	3	6	2	4			1	2
3	5	4	2	6		2	2	
2	4	5	3	6			2	2
2	5	3	4	6			1	2
2	3	4	5	6			1	2

At West Malling, Kent.

On Sunday evening, the 27th ult., for service, six members rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 25 mins. W. Driver, 1; D. Hall, 2; E. Baldock, 3; H. Foreman, 4; W. Leonard (conductor), 5; F. G. Newman, 6. Tenor, about 12 cwt.

At St. Nicholas, Bawtry, Yorkshire.

On Sunday evening, the 27th ult., for service, the members of the Society rang 720 changes of Bob Minor, containing 14 bobs and 2 singles, in 26 mins. On Thursday, the 3rd inst., being the ordinary practice, they also rang 720 changes of Bob Minor, containing 32 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. W. Smith, 1; T. Robinson, 2; F. J. Oram (conductor), 3; J. W. Taylor, 4; F. H. Cartwright, Esq., 5; H. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Sunday evening, the 27th ult., for service, was rung on the back six bells a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 29 mins. G. Roughton, 1; A. Porter, 2; A. Pye, 3; A. J. Perkins, 4; T. W. Aldridge, 5; G. Newson (conductor), 6; all members of the Essex Association. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., for evening service, 2520, or half a peal, of Oxford Bob Triples, with 52 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 1 hr. 30 mins. G. Jenkins, 1; E. Knight, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (composer and conductor), 7; J. Bishop, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E.

At St. Mark's, Gladwick, Oldham, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., for evening service, seven members of the above, assisted by Samuel Stott of St. Mary's, Oldham, rang a date touch of 1881 changes of Grandshire Triples, in 1 hr. 2 mins. D. Lees, 1; S. Stott (composer and conductor), 2; J. Prizeley, 3; W. Ward, 4; D. Dunkley, 5; J. Riley, 6; A. Clegg, 7; W. Roades, 8. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Stanstead, Essex.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., after the afternoon service, three members of the above parish, assisted by H. J. Tucker of Bishops Stortford, Herts, and F. Sworder and R. S. Sworder of Great Hallingbury Hall, Essex, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with eight bobs and six singles, in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; R. S. Sworder, aged 13 years (first peal), 2; H. Prior, 3; C. Prior, 4; F. Sworder, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Wiford, Essex.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., for morning service, the ringers of the above parish church rang a peal of 720 College Exercise in 25 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; J. Parmenter, 4; T. Drake (conductor), 5; M. Rolfe, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Monday, the 28th ult., eight members of the above Society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandshire Triples, muffled, in 40 mins., as a last token of respect to the memory of Mr. G. E. Ferris. B. Fakenham, 1; H. Harvey, 2; J. Bidgood, 3; W. Aldridge, 4; J. Watchorn, 5; A. Phillips, 6; H. J. Shade (composer and conductor), 7; J. Harvey, 8. Tenor, about 16 cwt.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., twelve members of the Ipswich Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 3 hrs. 47 mins. D. 2 3 4 5 6 M. W. H. Prentice (composer and conductor), 1; H. E. Bevan, 2; 6 4 3 5 2 - - - I. S. Alexander, 3; T. Sadler, 4; J. Fosdike, 5; W. 5 3 2 4 6 - - - Meadows, 6; R. Brundle, 7; H. Boswell, 8; W. L. 6 4 2 3 5 - - - Catchpole, 9; R. Hawes, 10; E. Pemberton, 11; E. 3 2 5 4 6 - - - Reeve, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt. Repeated.

At St. John's, Beeston, Notts.

On Tuesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the St. John's Society rang a touch of 1260 Grandshire Triples in 44 mins. J. C. Dickens, 1; W. Towlson (75 years), 2; R. Mellors, 3; J. Spray, 4; F. W. Wells (conductor), 5; S. G. Henson, 6; S. Mellors, 7; J. Moody, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in F.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Treble from Gargrave; C. Payne; B. Fakenham; Liverpool; Diss; Leicester; Durham Association; Kunninghall; Oldham; Aylsham; Deptford; Stepney.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Proposed Big Bell for St. Paul's.

IN reference to the new big bell for St. Paul's Cathedral, Canon Gregory writes to the *Times* :—

SIR,—You were so good as to allow me to make known through your influential columns that the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's were anxious to obtain a large Bourdon bell for their Cathedral. We were not so happy as to obtain your support for what we proposed; but as the subject has excited a good deal of interest, may I ask your generous permission to make known to the public how the matter now stands? Many of the City Companies have most generously responded to our appeal. We have to acknowledge with the warmest thanks liberal contributions from the Merchant Taylors', the Clothworkers', the Grocers', the Fishmongers', the Mercers', the Salters', the Stationers', the Wax Chandlers', and the Plumbers' Companies. And beside these some bankers and others have furthered our efforts by generous gifts. We are now in this position. Owing to the very low price of bell metal, we can secure a good bell, but not quite so good as one as we desire, for the money we have had given or promised to us. If we had 600*l.* more we believe that St. Paul's would have the finest bell in England. It is, therefore, a question of whether our success shall be quite complete or partially so; whether we shall have the best or the second best bell in the country. We are satisfied that either bell would be a great acquisition to the City, and we are not less convinced that the citizens would never have cause to complain of being deafened or otherwise inconvenienced by our bell. We are now being perpetually urged to ring our bells more frequently, while no complaints reach us of any being annoyed by them. Before they were rung we continually heard of the fears of those living in our immediate neighbourhood. The Chapter has decided to have one or other of the two bells I have just described; which it shall be the City must decide. We have determined to delay sending the order for a short time in the hope that some citizens of London, or some of the corporations which have not yet contributed, will be moved with a public-spirited determination that St. Paul's shall have the finest bell in England. To accomplish this an additional sum of 600*l.* is all that is needed. Your obedient servant, ROBERT GREGORY,

Treasurer to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.

The Ringing at All Saints, Maidstone.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to answer a question for All Saints, Maidstone, Kent, which appeared in your issue of February 26th? The peal rung by them on the 7th February was a variation of Holt's peal known as Taylor's, and I beg to state that the peal is a true one, and there is no error in saying that it is Holt's; which I will prove by the good old works of the authors of W. Jones, J. Reeves, and T. Blakemore, which was printed twenty-seven years after Holt's first peal was rung at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Any one that has a copy of this work can see in page 55 the remarks by the authors are as follows :—

'Those great names, Hardham, Condell, and Anable, who are now recorded on the ancient rolls of fame, had each exhausted all their skill and patience in this grand pursuit to no other purpose than that of being convinced that either the task itself was an utter impossibility or (otherwise) that all their united efforts were unequal to it. And it is possible that, had it not been for the author of whom we are about to speak, that this valuable piece of treasure would at this day [meaning 1788] been fast locked up in sterile obscurity.'

Now I will ask, Could the authors of that work have published a peal by Mr. Anable in page 64 and thought it was by Mr. Holt? If they did make such an error I am sure there is no one now able to prove it. But I will pass on to the peal itself in page 64, with 190 bobs and 50 singles, to which the authors explain and finish by saying, 'It will be easily seen what an infinite variety Mr. Holt's systems are capable of producing.' Could the authors have meant Anable in mistake of Holt? I say, No. I believe their work to be a first-rate one, and if they made any mistakes of that kind there is no one living now that can prove them, and I will say by that work that Mr. Anable never composed a true peal of Grandsire Triples in his life. In page 58 is the following: 'It may be no difficult task for some to produce variations of Holt's peal and broach them for their own, but the discerning parts of the exercise are not to be so blinded, and we will be bold to say that if any one will produce a peal of Grandsire Triples with 2 singles and will say he did not borrow his plan from Mr. Holt, is an impostor, and will be branded as such by every judicious professor of the art.'

C. PAYNE.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

ON Monday, the 28th ult., the meeting of the above was held at Newton Hall, the branches represented being Bishop Wearmouth, North Shields, Newcastle and Gateshead, Newcastle St. John's, Newton Hall, and Stockton, the muster at dinner being twenty-five. The Rev. R. Stevenson, Rector of the parish, presided. The principal feature of the day's performance was a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, being the first Treble Bob peal on the bells. Some new members were elected, including Canon Cundill of St. Margaret's, Durham, and Canon Cooper of Durham Cathedral. In the evening a party of the above met at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, and almost completed 1680 of Bob Major, the longest touch on the bells, but lost through a miscall. The ringers were:—W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 1; E. Wallis, 2; G. Park, 3; W. Newton, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; R. Smith, 6; F. Lees, 7; G. J. Clarkson, Esq., 8. The next meeting will take place on Whit Monday, at Barnard Castle.

The East Derbyshire Association.

The 11th Annual Meeting of the above Society will be held at Eckington on Easter Monday, April 18th. The dinner will be at Mr. L. Lund's, Royal Hotel; tickets for dinner 2*s.* 6*d.* each.

G. MARSDEN, *Secretary.*

A Veteran Ringer at Rothwell, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday fortnight Benjamin Walker, one of the oldest inhabitants of the town and a noted ringer, passed away, being in his 83rd year. He was a great enthusiast in everything relating to bells, having rung at the Parish Church for fifty-three years, from his 29th to his 73rd year. During the time he had assisted in ringing fifty-three midnight peals on as many consecutive Christmas nights. Walker was carried to his grave by six friends. Immediately after the interment a muffled peal was rung as a tribute to the memory of the deceased ringer.

Hand-bell Ringing.

Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples has been recently rung, with an interval between each part, by tapping on hand-bells, by a convalescent, without a caller or help of any kind, as follows:—First part, 22 mins.; second, 20 mins.; third, 24 mins.; fourth, 22 mins.; fifth, 22 mins.; sixth, 20 mins.; seventh, 22 mins.; eighth, 24 mins.; ninth, 22 mins.; tenth, 24 mins. Total, 3 hrs. 42 mins.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 28th ult., seven members of the Kenninghall Branch, assisted by J. Rudd, of Diss, of the Norwich Diocesan Association, rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. Rudd, 1; H. Bayling, 2; R. Hutton, 3; C. Everett, 4; J. Cunningham, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; S. Mordy (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by N. T. Pittsow, of Saffron Walden, and has the sixth its extent in 5-6, and six course ends each way, and was now rung for the first time. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Kenninghall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Wade, 1; R. Stackwood, 2; H. Bayling, 3; E. Everett, 4; J. Cunningham, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Composed by N. J. Pittsow, of Saffron Walden, Essex, and has the sixth its extent in 5-6 and four wrong and eight at home, and now rung for the first time. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Lancashire.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., was rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins., John Reeves' Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes. D. Lees, 1; G. H. Reeves (conductor), 2; J. Mayall, 3; W. Ward (his first peal), 4; G. Dunkerley (his first peal), 5; J. Riley, 6; A. Clegg, 7; W. Rhodes (his first peal), 8. [Tenor not mentioned.]

At St. Michael's, Aylsham, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., six members of the Aylsham District Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, whose united ages amount to 420 years, rang 720 changes of Bob Minor. *T. Greenwood (conductor), 1; W. Stackwood, 2; E. Fitt, 3; *W. G. Crane, 4; *J. Delph, 5; J. Edridge, 6. Those marked with * rang in July, 1844, 1080 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major. [Neither tenor nor time mentioned.]

At Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang 1881 changes in the Grandsire method in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Parry, 1; J. Earl, 2; W. Hinton (composer and conductor), 3; G. Mason, 4; H. Freeth, 5; H. Hughes, 6; G. Davis, 7; H. Clutterbuck, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. in D.

At St. Nicholas', Deptford, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the St. Nicholas Society rang a muffled half-peal of 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 28 mins., to the memory of the late Mr. G. E. Ferris. He was an old member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and belonged to East Greenwich. J. Rees, 1; E. F. Cole, Esq., 2; J. G. Shade, 3; T. Sharman, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. J. Shade (conductor), 7; J. Barry, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, London.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5007 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 15 mins. H. Haley, sen. (composer and conductor), 1; W. Tanner, 2; W. Cecil, 3; E. Horrex, 4; T. Benney, 5; R. Jameson, 6; R. French, 7; F. E. Dawe, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; W. Crookford, 10. Tenor, 31 cwt., in D. The peal has the 6th in 5th's place throughout, and was first rung at the above church (by College Youths) in 1850, when it was conducted by the author. [We are sorry our College Youth friends should have set an example of pleasure-pealing in Lent.]

At Christ Church, Ealing, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang the late Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 3 mins. C. F. Winny, 1; H. G. Gardner, 2; H. Cutter, 3; F. T. Gover, 4; R. French, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; S. Hayes, 7; D. Newton, 8 (his first peal in the Society). Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Wednesbury, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., a mixed company of ringers rang a touch of 1881 Stedman's Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. W. Johnson, 1; W. Smith, 2; E. Malbon, 3; J. Astbury, sen., 4; J. Lloyd, 5; J. Astbury, jun. (conductor), 6; T. Foster, 7; J. Malbon, 8. Composed by Wm. Halsworth of Walsall.

Also on the same evening a touch of 1881 Stedman's Caters in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Walker, 1; J. Lloyd, 2; J. Astbury, sen., 3; E. Malbon, 4; W. Johnson, 5; J. Astbury, jun., 6; J. Bate, 7; T. Foster, 8; W. Halsworth (composer and conductor), 9; E. Taylor, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. Beek; J. W. Wilson; G. Livermore; C. Hounslow; W. W.—no name; B. Fakenham—the word 'muffled' was added, as we did not touch a touch would be rung open in memory of one who was dead; James Hewitt; W. Walker; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

On Mr. Payne's Compositions.

SIR,—In composing peals of Grandsire Triples it must be remembered that there are sets of five treble leads which must be followed by either all plain or all bob leads. For example: the lead following rounds, if a bob lead, the other four must be bob lead also, or a repetition will occur. A plain lead following any of those given produces the same treble lead as a bob lead following the one above it. If we apply this test to Mr. Payne's composition, which he asserts contains 5038 changes, obtained by common bobs only, the work will prove itself false, for he admits he cannot get rounds to complete the peal. The two treble leads which will produce rounds the following lead, both belong to one set and must be found in the peal, are these. So if he prevent rounds by a bob lead following the first, he must produce rounds the lead following the last, or *vice versa*.

Woolwich.

B. FAKENHAM.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of the 19th Feb. is an account of a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, rung at All Saints' Church, Maidstone, conducted by C. Payne, and after giving an account of the number of years since it was performed before, it goes on to state that the said C. Payne has composed, with bobs only, 5038 changes out of a possible 5040, and that the two rows of changes he cannot get in are

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

I am at a loss to understand how C. Payne has

got so near as 5038 (or any other composer, as reported in *Church Bells* of the 26th Feb.), for it must be borne in mind, that to obtain a complete peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples without

the aid of either singles or doubles, all the hand-stroke treble leads must be out of course, and all the back-stroke leads in course; and to bring a peal of Grandsire Triples out true, with bobs only, the very two rows which C. Payne is short of are the very ones, and the only ones, it is possible to bring the peal home true with. I fail, therefore, to see how he, or any one else, has got any nearer than 5025 out of 5040; for if the bells are to be brought round with a bob, or with a plain lead, either of the following columns must come up from the previous lead. It is therefore apparent, that C. Payne is entirely short of one of the above columns. But he says he could get them home by making a double shift, which I say is altogether unnecessary if either of the foregoing columns is produced, as the changes

Home with a Bob.	1 4 6 7 3 5 2	Home with a plain lead.	1 2 4 6 3 7 5
	4 1 6 3 7 2 5		2 1 4 3 6 5 7
	4 6 1 7 3 5 2		2 4 1 6 3 7 5
	6 4 7 1 5 3 2		4 2 6 1 7 3 5
	6 7 4 5 1 2 3		4 6 2 7 1 5 3
	7 6 5 4 2 1 3		6 4 7 2 5 1 3
	7 5 6 2 4 3 1		6 7 4 5 2 3 1
	5 7 2 6 3 4 1		7 6 5 4 3 2 1
	5 2 7 3 6 1 4		7 5 6 3 4 1 2
	2 5 3 7 1 6 4		5 7 3 6 1 4 2
	2 3 5 1 7 4 6		5 3 7 1 6 2 4
	3 2 1 5 4 7 6		3 5 1 7 2 6 4
B3	1 2 4 5 6 7		3 1 5 2 7 4 6
	1 3 2 5 4 7 6		1 3 2 5 4 7 6
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7		1 2 3 4 5 6 7

cannot possibly come from any other change. The same as I have here written equally applies to C. Payne's 713 Grandsire Minor.

P.S.—I believe it is possible, and will very shortly be produced, a complete peal of Grandsire Triples in equal parts, without singles or doubles, containing 5040 changes.

GEORGE LIVERMORE, *Waterford*.

Date Touch of Stedman's Caters.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of Feb. 5th is a request by Mr. Lathley for a date touch of Stedman's Caters. Annexed is one which, although it has no particular merit except that four parts are called alike, may be interesting to Mr. Lathley and other of your readers.

JAMES HEWITT, 15 High Street, Gosport.

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

The above is the first course by the bob changes, and consists of 24 sizes.

These 3 courses thrice repeated produce 4 1 6 2 3 5 9 7 8 and the following bobs bring them round at hand:—

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

at 1 round at change.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Appleton, Berks.

On Friday, the 4th inst., the Appleton Society celebrated their 64th anniversary by ringing at the parish church a peal of 5245 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 21 mins. F. S. White, 1; E. Holfield, 2; F. White, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; G. Holfield, 6; Rev. P. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. Avery, 8; H. Woodwards, 9; T. Bennett, 10. Composed by Mr. H. Hubbard. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Witham, Essex.

On Tuesday, the 8th inst., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by W. G. Richards, 1; A. Fryatt, 2; E. Garnett, 3; W. K. Hutley (his first peal in the method), 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; H. Sayer, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. in F. All members of the Essex Association.

At St. Nicholas', Liverpool.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., ten members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies rang a peal of 5219 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 20 mins. G. Helsby, 1; J. Egerton, 2; W. Woodhead, 3; R. Williams, sen., 4; W. Littler, 5; H. Beck, 6; E. Vose, 7; R. Williams, jun. (conductor), 8; J. Welch, 9; E. Foster, 10. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Leicester.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of St. Margaret's Society rang 5184 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 21 mins. G. Burrows, 1; T. Wilson, 2; W. Cooper, 3; A. H. Wilson,* 4; J. W. Wilson (conductor), 5; S. Cooper, 6; J. Cooper, 7; J. Buttery, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. The peal was composed by Henry Johnson, sen., of Birmingham. [*His first peal.]

At St. George's, Southwark, London.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang the late Mr. J. Holt's original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. T. Sharman, 1; W. Pead, 2; I. G. Shade (conductor), 3; E. F. Cole, Esq., 4; T. Deal, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. Moses, 7; J. Barry, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.

On Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, during practice, rang 1638 changes of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. And on Thursday the 17th, they rang the last half of Holt's Ten-part peal of 2520 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 30 mins. E. Devereux, 1; T. Devereux, 2; F. J. Moore, 3; W. Freeman, 4; J. Wathen, 5; J. Hale, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., ten members of the St. James's Society of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5039 Grandsire Caters, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. B. J. James, 1; R. French, 2; F. E. Dawe, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; F. T. Gover, 5; E. Gibbs, 6; E. Moses, 7; G. Flavel, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; B. J. Mason, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. The above peal contains the whole of the 8-9's and 9-7-8's, with the 5th and 6th behind the 9th. It was composed by H. Hubbard, sen., and conducted by J. M. Hayes.

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 8 mins. D. Prentice (composer and conductor), 1; J. Knights, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; T. Sadler, 4; R. King, 5; W. Dye, 6; G. Sharman, 7; E. Pemberton, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

At St. John the Evangelist, Ranmoor, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a variation of Taylor's Bob-and-Single Peal, containing 5040 changes, being the first peal on these bells. J. Mulligan (first peal), 1; W. Burgar, 2; W. H. Bail (conductor), 3; J. W. Rowbotham, 4; G. Holmes, 5; J. Mulligan, 6; J. Dixon, 7; W. Midgley (first peal), 8. Tenor about 15 cwt. [Time not mentioned.]

At St. Michael's, Galleywood, Essex.

On Sunday, the 20th inst., six of the Galleywood ringers rang for service, on the back six, seven six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 38 mins. H. Brazier,* 3; E. Scocher,* 4; E. Bird,* 5; F. Leman,* 6; H. A. Cockey, Esq. (conductor), 7; J. Hunt,* 8. [* Their first six-score.] Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

On Sunday, the 20th inst., was rung, for Morning Service, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. J. Rossiter, 1; W. Waugh, 2; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 3; R. Smith, 4; R. Willins, 5; J. Hern, 6.

For Afternoon Service, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. R. Willins, 1; G. Park, 2; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 3; J. Gibson, 4; R. Smith, 5; J. Hern, 6.

For Evening Service, a peal of 910 Grandsire Triples, in 29 mins. J. Rossiter, 1; J. Hern, 2; R. Willins, 3; W. Waugh, 4; J. Gibson, 5; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 6; R. Smith, 7; S. Knott, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 21st inst., Holt's Plain Bob Triples were rung in 3 hrs. 4 mins. as a farewell peal for Mr. G. Longden, who has been connected with the Society for a long time but is now leaving for Bray, Co. Wicklow, Ireland. T. Taylor, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; T. Marshall, 3; J. Adams, 4; J. Andrew, 5; J. Mellor, 6; G. Longden (conductor), 7; T. Mottram, 8. It is the first peal in this method on the bells. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, Derbyshire.

On the 22nd inst. the Eckington Society of Ringers rang 1871 changes composed of the following eight methods, viz. 201 changes of New London Pleasure, and 240 changes each of London Scholars, Arnold's Victory, College Trebles, Duke of York, College Pleasure, Violet, and Oxford, in 1 hr. 8 mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Shaw, 3; G. Norman, 4; T. Lunn, 5; G. Marsden (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

[We are sorry to see by some of the above reports that the Lenten season was ignored.]

NOTICE.—We have more than once requested our correspondents to name their counties; but in many cases our request is not attended to. In our last issue, in the account of 'A Veteran Ringer at Rothwell, Yorkshire,' the wrong county was given. It should have been Northamptonshire. So in the account from Eckington in our present issue, we are again left to find out the proper county. Now there are three Rothwells and two Eckingtons; and if people will not attend to our request, the error lies with themselves and not with us.

With regard to our 'Veteran Ringer' (Northamptonshire instead of Yorkshire), Mr. Goodman writes to say that he rang 'from the year 1818 to 1879 inclusively.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. Walker; Jas. Hayes; B. Fakenham; and others.

else are the Canons of 1603 but laws made by the legislative power of the Convocation of Canterbury? On what ground did the Judicial Committee lay down that copes were to be worn at the Holy Communion in Cathedral Churches? On the ground that they were ordered by the Canon. Why was it necessary that an Act of Parliament should be passed, in 1813, regulating the infliction of excommunication, but because it was thought expedient to amend 'the law,' and that 'law' was the 122nd Canon? If the 122nd Canon was not law, there was no need of an Act of Parliament to repeal it; if it was law, the authority which enacted it—that is, the Convocation—must have been legislative. Convocation was in abeyance, or it might, with royal license, have amended its own Canon.

There are other points in 'M. E.'s' article to which I might take exception, but I will confine myself to his denial of the legislative powers of Convocation, in which he has followed blindly the late unaccountable utterance of the Archbishop of York. If we wish to understand the true position of the modern Convocation, we must regard it as having a twofold character. It is a 'Convocation,' and as such it dates from the thirteenth century, and is of royal creation. It is a 'Provincial Synod,' and as such dates from the earliest ages, and is of ecclesiastical origin. It is referred to by both titles in legal and historical documents. One example must suffice. The preamble of the first Act of Uniformity, 1548-9, states that it is passed 'By the assent of the Bishops in the said Parliament and of all other the learned men of this our realm in their Synods and Convocations Provincial.'

A. C. AINSLIE.

Church Missionary Society.

SIR,—Is the above Society justified in sending its agents (clerks in Holy Orders) to preach in Schismatical Churches? It openly does so in Scotland (in the so-called English Episcopal Churches; some say, in the Presbyterian pulpits also), in defiance of the recorded disapproval of the Houses of Convocation of both Provinces, and of all the Bishops of every shade of opinion at the Lambeth Conference of 1878.

CONSTANT READER.

How to Spend Confirmation Day.

SIR,—Allow me to tell your readers how last year we spent Confirmation Day pleasantly and profitably. After the service the candidates and a few friends had tea together in the school, and then we went through the missionary Service of Song called 'Meltahkallah,' which is published by the Sunday-school Institute. A lady kindly helped us by singing two or three of the more difficult pieces of music; but as most of the hymns and chants were well known, there was no trouble in getting all to join in them. A short address from the Vicar closed a very interesting and profitable evening. I heartily recommend others to try 'Meltahkallah,' or some other simple Service of Song.

H. P.

Notices to Correspondents.

AN OFFER.—Should any of our readers care to have, gratis, some numbers of the *Guardian*, from January 1878 to December 1880 (exclusive of the spring months of 1880), they may apply to M.A., 2 Foxton Terrace, Richmond, Surrey.

'CHURCH BELLS' FOR MISSIONARIES.—O. J., 92 St. Stephen's Avenue, Shepherd's Bush, has *Church Bells* for 1880 complete, and will be happy to give them to anyone who may wish for them to send abroad to a missionary clergyman.

E. F. W. AND E. B.—A correspondent has already promised to send a copy of *Church Bells* to the Rev. J. Edgecumbe; but your copy would doubtless be welcomed by the Rev. J. Allen, Perth, Western Australia, whose letter appeared in our last issue.

REV. C. J. HOULTON-FRASER.—An advertisement in our own columns, or in any Church paper, would be the means to obtain clerical duty in London in July.

H. C. E.—As the English Church is in communion with the Scottish Episcopal Church no English bishop would be likely to rebuke one of his clergy for using the Scottish Communion Office when doing duty in Scotland.

H. C. BRIGHT.—The book on the Psalms to which you refer is, we believe, by the Rev. H. Housman, published by Masters & Co., New Bond Street.

AN EXCHANGE COLUMN IN 'CHURCH BELLS.'—In answer to several requests from correspondents for the opening of an exchange column in *Church Bells* we need only point out that our advertisement columns offer the best medium for announcements of this nature.

COMMON-PLACE BOOKS.—The Rev. H. Hawkins and H. L. R. recommend J. L. R. to get *Index Rerum* with Introduction by Rev. John Todd, tenth edition, published by Hamilton and Adams, 32 Paternoster Row.

Queries.

A KNITTING MACHINE.—The Rev. Walter Medlicott would be glad if any correspondent of *Church Bells* could tell him particulars of a knitting machine of moderate price, to enable a cripple girl to earn a living.

COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF JOB.—A perplexed teacher would be very grateful if any reader of *Church Bells* would recommend her a plain practical commentary on the Book of Job, suitable for preparing lessons for a Sunday class of grown-up girls, who wish for lessons on that book.

MEMORIALS IN CHURCHES.—'Dunelm' asks whether a Rector or Vicar have the power to prevent a parishioner placing a tablet, or other memorial in the chancel of a church; also if they can claim a fee for the same being placed in the chancel, and if so, the amount they can demand by law.

KINGS AND CHRONICLES IN PARALLEL COLUMNS.—H. C. Bright asks if any one knows of a work which gives the text of the Books of Kings and Chronicles in parallel. The period after the division of the kingdom is excellently given in 'Genestes' book, but he is in want of the reigns of David and Solomon.

RECEIVED ALSO.—B.; Rev. S. King; Rev. R. J. H.; Ed. P. Green; and others,

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

New Ring of Six Bells at Eistree, Herts.

LATELY MESSRS. Warner & Sons have cast a ring of six bells for the church of Elstree, Herts, tenor about 7 cwt., where the Rector, the Rev. T. Bedford, and Curate, the Rev. C. H. Young, are taking much interest in the new company of ringers, the latter being one of them. Mrs. Bedford has shown her liberality and encouragement of the Society by adding a new treble to complete the ring of six—five originally. The *Quarterly Notes* for the parish says:—'Under the able instruction of Mr. J. R. Haworth, from whom we are receiving a few lessons, we hope to make a good start in change-ringing, and to astonish the natives with some touches of Grandsire Doubles, Treble Bob Minor, and other mysteries of the art.' We wish them success.

Correction.

SIR,—I beg most respectfully, but emphatically, to state that the quarter-peal Grandsire Triples on Feb. 28th, and reported in *Church Bells* of March 12th as being rung at St. Mary's, Woolwich, was neither muffled nor rung in memory of the late Mr. G. E. Ferris; but it was rung in the ordinary way on the last practice night previous to Easter, as, excepting for Divine service, during Lent, St. Mary's bells are not rung either for pleasure or profit. It was understood at the time that a muffled peal would be rung, provided we had permission from the Rector, which was granted, and on the 5th of March 1100 Grandsire Triples were rung, which is not a performance, in my opinion, worth recording.

B. FAKENHAM.

Reply to Mr. Livermore.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of the 26th of March Mr. Livermore fails to see how several composers have obtained 5038 changes of Grandsire Triples with bobs only, but believes it possible the whole peal of 5040 will shortly be produced without singles or doubles. I have had a 5038 for three years, that was given to me, not being a composer. I produce it for Mr. Livermore, hoping he will point out where the changes repeat, as the composer remarked it has a great deal of John Holt.

BOB LEADS.

5 1 5 5 2 1 5 5 5 2	produce	1 8 7 5 2 6 4
Three times repeated		1 7 4 2 3 6 5
		1 4 5 3 7 6 2
		1 5 2 7 4 6 3
5 1 5 5 2 1 5		1 2 7 3 5 6 4
5 5 3 5 2		1 4 3 7 5 6 2
5 5 5 1 2 5 5 1 5 2		1 7 2 3 4 6 5
Three times repeat		1 3 5 2 7 6 4
		1 2 4 5 3 6 7
		1 5 7 4 2 6 3
5 5 5 1 2 5		1 6 3 7 4 5 2

4 plain leads and 12 changes.

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

J. B. K. T.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Stebbing, Essex.

On the 22nd ult. six peals of 120 changes each were rung in the following six distinct methods in 27 mins.—Stedman's Slow Course, Calendar, Antelope, Sunshine, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Doubles. E. Hynds, 1; G. T. Barker, 2; W. Stock, 3; E. Claydon (conductor), 4; C. Ruffet, 5. Tenor, about 16 cwt.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., at the usual weekly practice, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. J. Blakiston (first peal), 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; W. Patton, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; J. Whitfield, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At Bearsted, Kent.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., the Bearsted ringers, who have lately received instruction from H. Pearce and A. Moorcraft of Maidstone, rang two successive peals of Grandsire Doubles, the instructors being outside the belfry at the time of the performance. E. Todd, 1; W. Mercer, 2; E. Gear, 3; J. Wood, 4; C. Wilkinson (conductor), 5; A. Cheeseman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [Neither name of church nor time given.]

At the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, Devonshire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the South Devon Change-ringing Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. Pine,* 1; L. Murch,* 2; B. Block (conductor), 3; J. Eastbrook, 4; J. Baxter, 5; C. Smith, 6; J. Steed,* 7; W. Cundy,* 8. Tenor, about 13 cwt. [*Their first peal.]

At Grantham, Lincolnshire.

THE Grantham Society, undaunted by their previous failure through illness at their late Centennial Festival, concluded their winter season practices on Monday evening last, by accomplishing the difficult feat of ringing the whole peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. T. Jackson, 1; W. Weaver, 2; H. Parker, 3; G. Porter (conductor), 4; W. Cawton, 5; J. Challens, 6; H. Lounds, 7; W. Chasty, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt.

[Why could not the above pleasure peals have been deferred till Easter? We again call attention to the remissness of our correspondents. In the five notices above given, only one county was named. And in some the name of the writer was omitted.—Ed.]

A CLEVER *jeu d'esprit*, 'What the Bells of St. Peter's said,' will amuse all ringers for sixpence, if sent to the *Gazette* office, Tiverton.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. Worsworth; W. Gordon; W. Bawdsey—no such book published.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Associations and Guilds, &c.

SIR,—It was suggested in our last Report that a List of all the Diocesan and District Associations and Guilds might appear in the columns of *Church Bells* once a-year, as it was thought that we should thus have a better idea of what was going on in the ringing world, especially if the Secretaries would make an interchange of Reports. The accompanying list has been prepared by the Editors of the *Ringers' Guide*, and kindly forwarded to me. We should be very glad if you will find room for it in *Church Bells*, now that peal-ringing is for a time discontinued. I feel sure that it will prove very interesting to the exercise in general. Many will be surprised and glad to see how marvellously the art of change-ringing has been taken up of late years, and how well the different branches are for the most part supported. The present list contains nineteen district branches of ringers. There may be others; the Secretaries of several of those now mentioned had not answered Messrs. Troyte's appeal.

G. H. HARRIS, *Secretary of the Norwich Association.*

LIST OF DIOCESAN AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS AND GUILDS, &c.

Prepared by the Compilers of the 'Change-ringers' Guide.'

1. ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—*Master:* Mr. S. Reeves. *Secretary:* Mr. G. Muskett, Harp Lane, E.C.
2. ROYAL CUMBERLAND SOCIETY (late London Scholars. Established 1745).—*Master:* Mr. W. Hovord. *Secretary:* Mr. H. Hopkins.
3. DERBYSHIRE (East) ASSOCIATION.—*Secretary:* Mr. G. Marsden, Eckington.
4. THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS (Established 1874).—*Patron:* The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Exeter. *President:* C. A. W. Troyte, Esq. *Secretary:* The Rev. G. A. Kempe, Lew Down, North Devon.
5. DURHAM DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS (Founded 1877).—*Patrons:* The Very Rev. the Dean of Durham; the Ven. the Archdeacon of Durham, Lindisfarne, and Northumberland. *President:* W. Reed, Esq. *Secretary:* G. J. Clarkson, Esq., Stockton-on-Tees.
6. ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS (Founded 1880).—*President:* The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. *Vice-Presidents:* The Ven. the Archdeacons of Essex and Colchester; Rev. Sir J. C. Hawkins, Bart.; Arthur Pryor, Esq.; G. Courtenay, Esq., M.P.; Miss Wakeham. *Secretary:* Rev. J. B. Seaman, Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.
7. THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.—*Patron:* His Grace the Duke of Rutland, K.G. *President:* The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. *Secretary:* The Rev. W. D. Barrett, Walton, Melton Mowbray.
8. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS (Founded 1878).—*President:* The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. *Master:* Mr. J. Drinkwater. *Secretary:* The Rev. Pitt Eykyn, France Lynch, Stroud.
9. KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Formed 1880).—*President:* The Right Rev. the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. *Vice-Presidents:* Viscount Cranbrook, Lord Harris, the Very Rev. the Dean of Canterbury, Bishop Oxenden, the Ven. the Archdeacons of Canterbury and Maidstone. *Secretary:* Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mersham Rectory, Ashford.
10. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS.—*Patrons:* The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. *President:* Mr. William Albinson. *Secretary:* Mr. W. J. Chatterton, 95 Clifton Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.
11. LINCOLNSHIRE (SOUTH) CHANGE-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION (Founded 1879).—*Patron:* The Right Rev. the Bishop-Suffragan of Nottingham. *President:* The Rev. Canon Moore. *Secretary:* Mr. J. R. Jerram, Spalding.
12. MIDDLESEX (West) BELL-RINGERS' ASSOCIATION.—*Secretary:* The Rev. C. T. Mayo, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Hillingdon, Uxbridge.
13. NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION OF RINGERS (Established 1877).—*President:* The Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich. *Vice-Presidents:* The Ven. the Archdeacons of Norwich, Norfolk, and Suffolk; Sir Robert Buxton, M.P.; C. S. Read, Esq.; E. Birkbeck, Esq., M.P.; Sir Francis Boileau, Bart.; Gervas Holmes, Esq.; R. Caller, Esq. *Secretary:* Rev. G. H. Harris, Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.
14. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELL-RINGERS (Founded 1881).—*President:* The Bishop of the Diocese. *Vice-Presidents:* The Ven. the Archdeacons of Berks, Bucks, and Oxon. *Master of Guild:* Rev. F. E. Robinson. *Secretary:* Rev. Dolben Paul, Bearwood Rectory, Wokingham.
15. ROCHDALE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—*President:* Mr. A. Hurst. *Secretary:* Mr. F. Birtwistle.
16. SURREY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—*Secretary:* A. S. Young, The Vicarage, Kingston-on-Thames.
17. WILTS (North) GUILD OF RINGERS (Established 1880).—*Patron:* The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. *Vice-Presidents:* The Ven. the Archdeacon of Wilts and the Rural Deans. *Secretary:* Rev. C. W. Honey, Bishop's Cannings, Devizes.
18. WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS (Formed 1879).—*Patrons:* The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Ven. Archdeacons of Winchester, Surrey, and Isle of Wight. *President:* The Rev. Canon E. Wilberforce. *Secretary:* Rev. A. du B. Hill, The College, Winchester.
19. YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS (Established 1875).—*President:* Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq. *Vice-Presidents:* Messrs. C. Jackson and Mr. W. H. Howard. *Secretary:* Mr. W. Whitaker, Leeds.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John's, Kirkham, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., a peal of 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor, for practice, consisting of 16 singles and 6 bobs, was rung in 25½ mins. D. Wite-man,* 1; J. Heighowe,* 2; B. Patterson,* 3; B. Miller (conductor), 4; W. Kilshaw,* 5; J. Knott, 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt. [* Their first peal, also first peal conducted by B. Miller.]

At Christleton, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., in memory of the late Mr. George Mayers, who was in his seventy-second year, and had been for forty years parish clerk, the ringers, assisted by George Helsby of Liverpool (nephew of the deceased), rang a mourning peal at the usual Sunday service. After which five of his nephews, with three of his great-nephews, rang a muffled peal. S. Mayers, 1; Joseph Mayers, 2; C. Mayers, 3; John Mayers, 4; W. Mayers, 5; John Mayers, jun, 6; G. Mayers, 7; E. Mayers, 8. [Neither weight of tenor or time stated.]

At St. Mary's, Willesden, Middlesex.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., for Divine Service, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 24 mins. N. Alderman, 1; R. French, 2; H. Driver, 3; W. Collings, 4; E. Carter, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6.

Also, after service, a peal of 360 Bob Minor. F. E. Dawe, 1; N. Alderman, 2; W. Collings, 3; S. Hayes (conductor), 4; H. Cutter, 5; R. Kilby 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At Lavenham, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 28th ult. the annexed peal THE PEAL. 5088 changes. of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs.

	2	3	4	5	6	M.	B.	W.	H.
30 mins.	3	2	0	5	4			1	2
	3	6	5	2	4			1	2
	4	3	2	6	5			2	2
	3	5	2	6	4	2		1	2
	5	4	2	6	3	1			2
	6	2	4	5	3			2	2
	5	6	2	3	4				2
	4	5	3	6	2			2	2
	6	3	5	4	2			2	2
	3	6	2	4	5			1	2
	6	5	2	4	3	2		1	2
	5	3	2	4	6	1			2
	5	2	4	3	6			1	2
	5	4	3	2	6	1		2	2
	2	3	4	5	6	1			2

The peal has the 4th and 6th their extent in 5-6 and the 5th; also 18 times at home. It was now rung for the first time, and is the first peal in this method on the bells. Tenor, 24 cwt. in D.

[We thought our friends at Lavenham were better Church-people than to be ringing pleasure peals in Lent.—Ed.]

At Aston, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

On Thursday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Holt Society of Change-ringers, Aston, rang a touch of 1880 Grandshire Triples in 1 hr. 17 mins. A. Jones, 1; R. Boland, 2; T. J. Hemming, 3; W. Cartwright, 4; W. Ansell, 5; W. Kent (composer and conductor), 6; C. Stanbridge, 7; J. Quarterman, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. This is the greatest number of changes rung by the Society since its formation, about eighteen months ago.

At All Saints, Woodton, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the Woodton Society rang muffled peals, as a mark of respect to George Mares, aged 75 years, who joined the Society in 1842, and died March 26th, 1881. 360 Bob Minor.—F. Hemblin, 1; J. Wright, 2; R. H. Gooch, 3; J. Folkard, 4; J. Hemblin, 5; J. Gooch, 6. 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs, 2 singles).—F. Hemblin, 1; W. Gooch, 2; R. H. Gooch, 3; B. Beckett, 4; J. Wright, 5; J. Gooch, 6. 360 Bob Minor.—B. Beckett, 1; W. Gooch, 2; J. Gooch, 3; J. Folkard, 4; R. H. Gooch, 5; D. L. Gooch, 6. Conducted by R. H. Gooch. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

On Sunday, the 3rd inst., was rung for Divine Service a touch, comprising 1120 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins. J. Rossiter, 1; J. Gibson, 2; W. Waugh, 3; G. Park, 4; R. Willin, 5; R. Smith, 6; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 7; J. Hern, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Stansted, Essex.

On Sunday, the 3rd inst., after the afternoon service, was rung a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 18 singles, in 27 mins. J. Mumford, 1; H. Trigg,* 2; C. Prior,* 3; J. Luckey,* 4; F. Sworder, 5; H. Prior* (conductor), 6.

Also, immediately after, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung, with 9 bobs, in 21 mins. J. Cavill,* 1; R. S. Sworder (aged 13 years), 2; C. Prior,* 3; F. Sworder, 4; J. Luckey,* 5; H. Prior* (first peal as conductor in the method), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. [*Members of the above parish.]

At St. Mark's, Leicester.

On Monday, the 4th inst., seven members of the St. Margaret's Society, assisted by Mr. J. North of Syston, Leicestershire, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandshire Triples in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. Copeland,* 1; T. Wilson (conductor), 2; J. North,* 3; G. Burrows, 4; J. Marlow, 5; A. H. Wilson, 6; J. Cooper, 7; W. Walker, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat. [* Their first peal.]

Hand-bell Ringing.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., four junior members of the Waltham Abbey Change-ringers rang upon hand-bells retained in hand 1036 Grandshire Triples in 36 mins., containing six 7-6's, six 6-5's, and six 5-6-7's. D. Tarling, 1-2; W. A. Alps, 3-4; G. Thurgood, 5-6; J. Barker, 7-8. Composed and conducted by W. A. Alps.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Frindsbury and Shorne Ringers.—We hope they will be spared to have a second and many more merry meetings; but we cannot bid them God speed unless they observe the rules of the Church in the Lenten season. William Gordon; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

We are pleased to announce that the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have decided to have the grand ring of twelve bells (tenor, 62 cwt.) rung every Sunday, before Divine service in the morning and afternoon, to commence on and after Easter Sunday. For other times of ringing see *Church Bells*, No. 528, p. 155. The following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637) are the ringers:—Dwight, Haworth, Jameson, Wood, Coater, Pettit, Muskett, Mush, Hayes, Horrex, Haley, jun., Dorrington, Jones, and Tanner; and we understand that, from their ability and antecedents as change-ringers, they must be classed as the best band in England for the duty they have to perform on so heavy a ring of bells, considering the members of the Society practise weekly either at St. Saviour's, Southwark (12 bells, tenor, 52 cwt.); St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside (10 bells, tenor, 53 cwt.); St. Michael's, Cornhill (12 bells, tenor, 41 cwt.); St. Giles's, Cripplegate (12 bells, tenor, 36 cwt.); and St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10 bells, tenor, 30 cwt.). All of them have rung long peals of Stedman's Cinques, containing 5000 changes and upwards; and some (Dwight, Haworth, Jameson, Wood, and Muskett) rang in the long peal at St. Michael's, Cornhill—the same method as above—in 1861, which consisted of 8580 changes, and occupied 6 hrs. 41 mins.

A Bell-ringing Festival.

THE *Peterborough and Huntingdonshire Standard*, in reporting the hundredth anniversary of Matthew Wyldbore's death, says that the festival of late years has really become what doubtless it was originally intended to be by its founder, viz. a gathering of ringers for the purpose of promoting the science of church bell-ringing. Matthew Wyldbore, Esq., formerly represented Peterborough in Parliament, and in his will, which was proved in Doctors' Commons on the 22nd of March, 1871, the following clause was inserted:—

'I also charge and make chargeable the estate which I bought of the Rev. Mr. Bates, lying in the parish of Peterborough, with its hamlets, with an annual payment of five pounds to the minister of the said parish, to be by him annually disposed of on the day of my death to the ringers of the said parish church of Saint John the Baptist in Peterborough, part in money and part in an entertainment, as the said minister shall think best, on condition that the said ringers ring one peal or more of the said bells on the same day.'

On the morning of the 15th ult. the bells of the tower of St. John's sent forth peals at an early hour, and during the day some excellent change-ringing enlivened the city. The Sawbridgeworth Society rang 700 Grandsire Triples and several touches of Bob Major. Mr. Leonard Proctor, of Bennington, Herts, took part in the latter. The regular set of Sawbridgeworth ringers were—J. Tarling, 1; T. Camp, 2; A. Brown, 3; T. Saben, 4; G. Brace, 5; G. Rochester (conductor), 6; N. Tarling, 7; H. Saben, 8. The Irthlingborough and Raunds were represented by A. Cuthbert, 1; R. Neville, 2; H. Stubbs, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; J. Oaten (conductor), 5; J. Stubbs, 6. They rang 720 Single Court and Bob Minor changes, introducing 18 bobs and 2 singles. The Peterborough ringers rang some rounds of Queen's changes, the bells being taken as follows:—W. R. Johnson, 1; R. English, 2; H. Ploverman, 3; A. Woodward, 4; G. Baker, 5; R. Eatherley, 6; A. Woodward, jun., 7; J. J. Palmer, 8; assisted by Messrs. Reed and W. Woodward. There were several other ringers present from Spalding, Boston, and Lynn, including J. R. Jerram (Secretary of the South Lincolnshire Association), T. Blackburn and R. Creasey (Spalding), and E. Mason (Boston). At one o'clock the ringers and guests of the Vicar, to the number of about fifty, sat down to a dinner at the Falcon Hotel.

The Rev. D. W. Barrett proposed 'Success to Bell-ringing,' coupled with the name of Mr. L. Proctor. Having been interested in bell-ringing since he was quite a lad, his Peterborough friends might think it somewhat remiss in his arriving only early enough to hear the concluding notes of the last peal that was rung before dinner, but he could assure them he had also been engaged in 'belle-ringing,' as he had been marrying a nice young lady. When he was a boy he could stand on a little hill outside his father's house and at Christmastide hear no less than fifteen sets of bells ringing in the neighbourhood. In making a few remarks on parish ringers he wished to impress upon them the importance of taking great care of their ringing-chamber, and not allow it to become a storehouse for coal, candle-ends, pieces of rope, and other rubbish. The fact that belfry-chambers were now kept in better order than they used to be showed that a greater interest was being taken in the work. There were 40,000 church bells in England, each of which had a rope and a ringer at its end, so that these loyal ringers represented a brave battalion of Church defenders. It was all nonsense for ringers to stand to their bells and ring, 'Come into church,' and then walk out themselves. In the selection of ringers they should choose those who were likely to remain in a parish and become efficient. A very good rule for ringers to carry out was one he had seen in a belfry:—

'Ears open, eyes wide,
Feet steady, and tongue tied.'

What they wanted was more union amongst different sets of ringers. In Leicestershire the ringers of five or six parishes combined together and held general meetings in their different towers now and then. He hoped that would be done in Peterborough and the neighbourhood.

Mr. Proctor, in replying to the toast, said he was glad to know that bell-ringing had made great strides of late years. It was only by perseverance that the beauties of the science could be learnt, and he hoped there would not be wanting those who would devote time and attention to its study.

Mr. Johnson gave 'The health of the Vicar and Churchwardens of St.

John's,' thanking them for the great interest they had taken in the ringers and the bells.

The Rev. H. S. Syers asked them to accept his best thanks for the toast. Change-ringing was a pastime worthy of all the devotion that could be bestowed upon it, as evidenced by the proficiency attained by their friends from Sawbridgeworth. His friend Mr. Lipscomb was an old acquaintance of his; they were both educated at the same school and university, and had always taken a joint interest in good old English sports, which he did not believe had made them any the worse parish priests. Peterborough had a claim to take a front place in bell-ringing. Matthew Wyldbore's benefaction was probably due to the fact that when he was thirteen years old he must have known the great bell-founder of Peterborough, William Penn. On the east side of Bridge Street there was still what was once a dyke running down to the river, which was called 'Bell Dyke,' from its being the place where bells were floated down to the river to be taken away on the barges. Another interesting fact was, that the metal of the bells in the parish church tower was a portion of the great bell of Leicester Abbey, which at the Dissolution was purchased by the churchwardens of Peterborough, and brought by road with large teams of horses to this city in the reign of Henry VIII.

The ringers and others assembled in the parish church at half-past four o'clock to take part in the annual service in connexion with the festival. After a hymn the Rev. A. W. Lipscomb preached a sermon from Numbers, x. 1-3, and after comparing the uses of the silver trumpets of old to those of bells in later days he said:—'It is a happy sign of the improved state of Church feeling in the country that belfries are better conducted now than they used to be. In the lax times of the Church of England, during the last 300 years, I fear the belfry of a church was too often a spot desecrated by many a profane and unseemly act. We blush to own how it used to be turned into a drinking and smoking-parlour, a gossip-shop, and newspaper-room, where scandal and politics sat on the throne of everybody's mind, where solemnity and reverence to God ought to have been. Thank God these things have changed, and the misuse of the consecrated belfry is becoming to be the exception, not the rule. Those who drew up the belfry rules, which I see are in your belfry as in ours, commenced by this pregnant and valuable statement, "That the belfry is a part of the church, and is consecrated to the service of Almighty God." That sets us on the proper footing at once. We are specially in the presence of God, in God's house, when we are in the belfry, although perhaps we ascend by an outside staircase; therefore "let all things be done decently and in order." The bells are instruments of sacred music (as our rules will say), and should be to the parish at large what the organ is to the congregation assembled in church. They should tell forth the praises of God, and awaken solemn thoughts in the hearts of all who hear them. In our part of the country, as I dare say here, there is a growing love and interest for bell-ringing. It is well, and I think we may well encourage it. Each bell-ringer, as indeed each church officer, should be a man of integrity and noble life, a devout worshipper, and earnest communicant. If in this kind of spirit, brother-officers of the church, you give yourselves heartily to bell-ringing, you will not only be acting up to the exhortation of Solomon, to "do it with your might," but also to the exhortation of St. Paul, to "do all to the glory of God."

Accident to a Bell-ringer.

ON Tuesday, the 29th ult., an accident befell Mr. G. Roughton, one of the ringers of St. Edward's Church, Romford, Essex. Mr. Roughton proceeded to the belfry about eight o'clock for the purpose of getting the bells in ringing order for the usual weekly practice. He ascended the bell-chamber with another ringer named Perkins, who together took off the chiming cords. The usual signal having been given, the ringers below began raising the bells, whereupon Perkins descended to the belfry, Roughton staying amongst the bells for the purpose of turning the clappers. All the bells by this time were raised, and one of the ringers seeing Perkins in the belfry pulled off the seventh bell, just at the moment Roughton was about to turn the clapper, when the rim of the bell caught his left heel, and crushing it between the beam, cut almost the whole of the flesh off the bone, severing his shoe completely in half. The ringers below knew nothing of what had happened above until they saw blood dropping down immediately opposite the belfry door, and looking up they saw Roughton descending as best he could the ladder which leads from the bells to the belfry, and which runs quite straight up the wall. Dr. Potter was at once sent for, and finding the injuries so severe thought it advisable to call the assistance of Dr. Wright, who found it necessary to put six stitches in the injured limb.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, Bootle, Liverpool, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 28 mins. J. Hart (conductor), 1; T. Woodward, 2; Fred. C. Kitchen, 3; C. Caton, 4; J. Mawdesley, 5; W. Short, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. This is our first peal, and it has taken us fourteen months to get so far. The lead-ends were taken down by a member of the London Society of College Youths, who has instructed us.

At Compton Abdale, Gloucestershire.

ON Palm Sunday were rung for Evening Service six consecutive peals in the Grandsire and Plain Bob methods, containing 720 changes, in 27 mins. H. Humphries, 1; C. Humphries, 2; W. Humphries, 3; R. Brunson, 4; J. Robbins (conductor), 5; J. Miles, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt. 5 lbs., in A flat.

SURREY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE-RINGERS. (A. S. W. Young, Hon. Sec.)—A meeting of the members of this Society will be held in the All Saints' Schools, Kingston-on-Thames, on Easter Monday, April 18th. Tower open at 1 p.m.

MR. G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec., writes:—'The Rev. G. H. Harris would have given a correct list of the Patrons of the Durham Diocesan Association if he had not omitted the name of the Lord Bishop of Durham.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Society was held on Easter Monday; seventy-five ringers were present. The churches rung at were Folkestone, 8 bells, tenor, 25 cwt.; Hythe, 10, tenor, 19 cwt.; St. James's, Dover, 6; Saltwood, 5; Newington, 5; and Cheriton. At Cheriton a new ring of six, subscribed for as a memorial to the late Mrs. K. Hugessen, wife of the Hon. Sec. to the Association (formerly Rector of Cheriton), was opened at a Dedication Service. The founders are Messrs. Mears. The bells have been well hung by Messrs. Fynn of Merham. Weight of tenor, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs. They were pronounced on all hands to be a most musical peal, and to go excellently.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE usual Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held on Saturday, April 30th, at Stockport. All ringers are cordially invited. Tea will be provided, price 1s. 6d. Tickets and all information may be obtained from the Local Secretary, Mr. J. Albinson, 9 New Zealand Road, Stockport, or from W. J. Chatterton, Hon. Sec.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at West Ham, Stratford Station, on Saturday, May 7th. Ringing will commence at 2 p.m. Meeting for business at 4 p.m. JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec.

Change-ringers' Anniversary, Eye, Suffolk.

ON Easter Monday the above Company held their anniversary, ringers being invited and the following places represented; namely, Redenhall, Diss, Helmingham, Framdsen, Otley, Worlingworth, Needham, &c. Ringing commenced about 10 o'clock, and was kept up with great spirit throughout the day, several touches being rung in various methods; namely, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, &c. At 2 o'clock about thirty sat down to a substantial dinner. The ringing was kept up till a late hour in the steeple and on the hand-bells. Several clergy and gentry visited the town for the purpose of hearing the bells. Tenor, 24 cwt. in E flat, by Miles Graye, 1640.

Care of Belfries.

SIR,—Let me suggest to all who have charge of church towers the importance of examining the bell-cage at once, and of tightening all the nuts. The east wind will have searched every joint, and will have moved every atom of wood which drought can affect; and very many bolts will be found to be so loose that they can be moved with the fingers. Every tower should be provided with a powerful screw-hammer ready for such times, because loose work means useless wear and tear. W. WIGRAM.

Another Variation of Grandsire Triples.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to say a word or two concerning the 5038 Grandsire Triples contributed, in your issue of April 2, by 'J. B. K. T.' It was so far well that the original compiler of this said 'it has a great deal of Holt.' He should have said that it was *altogether* Holt. The plan of it, which the form in which it was published slightly veils, is simply this:—Take Holt's Ten-part, transpose it in such a manner that—supposing, in the first place, the part-ends of the first half to be at a bob, by omitting this bob at the end of the fifth part we are landed somewhere in the second half. Then it is evident we have rung the whole of the first half, its last two changes only excepted; and all that we now have to do is to run through the second half (of course, calling a bob instead of the single when that place is reached) till we come round again to the place where we entered it. We then have rung $2520 - 2 + 2520 = 5038$ changes. In the second place, let us suppose that the part-ends of the first half come at a plain lead, and that by calling a bob instead of this at the end of the fifth part, we are landed somewhere in the second half; we may then go on in this case as in the last, and obtain 5038 changes.

The variation in your issue for April 2 is an example of the first case. I here give it again rearranged, so that the plan may be evident to all; and to it I append a variation of my own—an example of the second case.

FIRST CASE.

Bobs at 51552 15552	} give	3 7 5 2 6 4
Four times repeated,		7 4 2 3 6 5
last bob of all omitted,		4 5 3 7 6 2
		5 2 7 4 6 3
		4 3 6 2 7 5
Bobs at 15255 51255	} give	7 2 6 5 3 4
Four times repeated, but		3 5 6 4 2 7
stopping two changes before		2 4 6 7 5 3
the last part-end,		5 7 6 3 4 2
		(4 3 6 2 7 5)

SECOND CASE.

Bobs at 35125 51525	} give	7 3 2 6 4 5
and two plain leads		5 3 7 4 2 6
four times repeated,		6 3 5 2 7 4
		4 3 6 7 5 2
		5 3 2 7 4 6
Bobs at 15525 15521	} give	7 3 4 2 6 5
and four plain leads		2 3 6 4 5 7
four times repeated,		4 3 5 6 7 2
		6 3 7 5 2 4
		(5 3 2 7 4 6)

Produce first 5 3 2 7 4 6 with a bob.

Omit second 5 3 2 7 4 6 together with the change immediately preceding. It will be seen that, in the last case, there is the advantage that the observation bell is at home at all the part-ends. Not having had sufficient time to go

through the last thoroughly, I will not absolutely vouch for its accuracy; my only object, however, has been to give an example of the plan.

It is to be borne in mind that these productions do not bring us a whit nearer the much-desired 5040. We are just as far off as ever. I must say, however, that I am among the sanguine number who hope one day to see this grand ideal an accomplished fact. Nothing short of mathematical proof will convince me of its impossibility. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John the Evangelist, Pimlico, London.

ON Thursday, the 14th inst., before Divine Service, was rung a funeral peal, half muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Rev. J. F. Young, M.A., who died on the 8th inst., aged 28 years. F. E. Dawe (conductor), 1; F. W. Francis, 2; F. W. Garratt, 3; G. J. McLaughlin, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; W. R. Woods, 6; E. Wright, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. in G.

At St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.

ON Good Friday, with the bells muffled on one side, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung for evening service in 30 mins. as a mark of respect to the Rev. James Foster Young, Assistant-Curate of St. Peter's, Eaton Square, formerly connected with the above parish, who died on the 4th inst. after a very short illness. E. Curtis (conductor), 1; J. Watson, 2; W. Knowles, 3; T. Robinson (late of Scarborough), 4; J. Harris, 5; F. Rose, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At Bawtry, Yorkshire.

ON Easter Day, for morning service, a peal of Bob Minor, containing 14 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in about 27 mins. W. Robinson* (age 15 years), 1; T. Robinson, 2; F. J. Oram (conductor), 3; G. Reeder, 4; F. H. Cartwright, Esq., 5; H. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [* This was his first peal; he has only been practising change-ringing six weeks.]

At Crawley, Sussex.

ON Easter Sunday morning, at 7 a.m., the following members of the Crawley Society rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, viz., — Hillier, 1; F. Caffyn, 2; H. Soan, 3; P. Tyler, 4; Rev. J. B. Lennard (Rector), 5; the cover bell being rung by Thornton, and two tenors behind, J. Rouse and T. Smith. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is inserted as being the first peal ever rung by the above Society, which has only been in existence since December last; indeed until October last Crawley Church, which has a very fine tower, possessed no bells to ring. It is hoped that the above is but the commencement of some good change-ringing at Crawley. The Society will now go on and work at Minor and Triple methods.

At St. Botolph's, Lincoln.

AFTER Evening Service on Easter Day a peal of 720, composed of six six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, was rung in about 28 mins. C. Johnson, 1; H. Maidens, 2; G. Gill, 3; H. Hoyes, 4; F. F. Linley, 5. Tenor, 7½ cwt. Three called (each differently) from the third and three from the tenor.

At St. Mary's, Frittenden, Kent.

ON Easter Sunday, for morning service, 720 changes Bob Minor were rung in 24 mins. R. Morphett, 1; G. Rootes, 2; J. King, 3; I. Taylor, 4; T. Potter, 5; T. Daynes (conductor), 6.

ON Easter Monday four ringers of this place, with Messrs. E. Baldock and F. Newman from Mereworth, C. Payne and S. Kemp from Maidstone, rang a peal of 5040 changes, with 100 bobs and 2 singles, in 2 hrs. 36 mins. C. Payne (composer), 1; T. Kemp, 2; E. Baldock,* 3; F. Newman,* 4; I. Taylor, 5; T. Potter, 6; T. Daynes (conductor), 7; W. Rofe,* 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. in G. [* Their first peal.]

On the same day the same party rang 720 changes of Bob Major.

At Colne, Lancashire.

ON Easter Monday 1440 changes of Grandsire and College Single were rung in 50 mins. R. Foulds (conductor), 1; J. Eastwood, 2; T. Horsfield, 3; T. Ingham, 4; R. Pickard, 5; W. Heaton, 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt. This is the first time so many changes have been rung on these bells for over twenty years.

At Rotherham, Yorkshire.

ON Easter Monday, being the sixtieth anniversary of the opening of Rotherham church bells, a peal containing 6006 changes was rung in 4 hrs. 15 mins. in the following methods, by ten members of the Yorkshire Association, viz. 1280 Grandsire Royal, 1260 Bob Royal, 1040 Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1140 Stedman's Caters, 1277 Grandsire Caters. G. Briggs, 1; J. Horner, 2; F. Coates, 3; J. Athey, 4; W. Coates, 5; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 6; G. Flint, 7; T. Lee, 8; T. Hattersley, 9; A. Rodgers, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. This is the first performance on these bells.

At St. Peter's, Leeds, Yorkshire.

ON Easter Monday a peal of 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung in 3 hrs. 36 mins. J. Lockwood, 1; W. Pawson, 2; P. Snowden, 3; J. Hutchinson, 4; T. West, 5; J. Woodhead, 6; W. Whitaker, 7; T. Lockwood, 8; W. Walker, 9; J. W. Snowden, Esq., 10. The peal, which is in the Tittum position, was composed by James Lockwood and conducted by Wm. Whitaker, the President of the Leeds Company. Tenor, 36 cwt.

RINGING AT YALDING, KENT.—The Round-ringers of this place have disgraced themselves in the eyes of all right-feeling people throughout the kingdom by ringing at intervals all through Good Friday—taking advantage of the absence of the Vicar for practice and amusement. They may well be ashamed of their conduct, and deserve to be excommunicated from the County Association, or not admitted as members when they apply.

RECEIVED ALSO.—C. H.—no name; S. Biddlestone; G. Williams—write to the Secretary, Mr. Muskett, 12 Harp Lane, London, E.C., enclosing a stamped envelope.

Dissenters' Communion.

SIR,—Mr. Bullock's lengthy letters in your columns are instructive and interesting, as showing the depth of bigotry to which blind prejudice can lead a man. While endeavouring to pose as a Churchman and a Dissenter at the same time, and to minimise the differences between the two, Mr. Bullock regards with a 'narrowness and intolerance'—how rarely to be met with even among his own party!—all Churchmen who hold, even in the mildest forms, the doctrines of Sacramental grace, or the Divine Institution of the Catholic Church. In the various publications which he edits he persistently attacks all High-Church opinions with the animus of a Church Association lecturer. In fact, I think we get fairer treatment from liberally minded Dissenters than from so-called Churchmen of the stamp of Mr. Bullock. In the controversy which has been taking place between him and several of your correspondents, the question of the validity of the Holy Communion among Dissenters has arisen. May we not believe that in this ordinance pious Dissenters receive the benefits from it which they expect? Regarding it only as a memorial of our Lord's death, they partake of it as a Commemoration feast, which forms also a bond of union among themselves. They do not believe it to be more than this, they realise no special presence in the Sacrament; but it is to them a solemn ordinance, which raises their hearts and minds towards heavenly things, binding them closer to Him Whose atonement is in it brought vividly to their remembrance. The Communion of Dissenters bears, I think, a great resemblance to the Agape, or Love Feasts, of the early Christians, which, according to early Church historians, were not the same as the Holy Communion. Perhaps some of your readers who are learned in these matters will give us the benefit of their opinions on this difficult question.

J. F. C.

'P. P.' writes:—You will be glad to hear that a friend of mine, on reading Mr. Crompton's letter in *Church Bells*, sent a cheque for 10l. for the Mission: so, you see, we are not all 'idle listeners.'

CHURCH CATECHISM.—'A. B., Dalston,' says:—'J. Giberne' will find *A Simple Explanation of the Church Catechism*, by T. F. C., published by the S. P. C. K., price 2d., most suitable.

CATECHISM NOTES.—'T. E. B.' recommends to 'Fidelis,' as being most useful, *An Analysis and Exposition of the Church Catechism* by the Rev. G. Bartle, D.D. (Longmans, 1s. 6d.); and *Seven Lessons on the Church Catechism* by Canon Norris (Longmans, 1s. 6d.).—'LARGUS' also recommends, *Maclear on Church Catechism*, 2s. 6d., *Questions on the Church Catechism*, by Archdeacon Sinclair, 1s. (S. P. C. K.); also Archdeacon Bather's *Hints to Catechists*, and the Questions on the Catechism in the first volume of *Sunday Teaching*, 1s. 6d. 'A Candidate for Holy Orders' would, no doubt, be pleased and edified with Bishop Nicholson on the Catechism in the *Library of Anglo-Catholic Teaching*, 2s. (Parkers); and Dr. Wordsworth's *Theophilus Anglicanus* (Rivingtons), 3s. 6d. and 8s. 6d.

'W. GRIFFITH.'—We should have been glad to publish your verses, but are unable to accept poetical contributions.

'J. SWINBURNE.'—Declined with thanks, as the subject has already been dealt with in our columns. On receipt of address and stamps for postage your MS. shall be returned.

INVALID HOME.—'H. S.' may apply to Superintendent of St. Albans Diocesan Nursing Institution, Ivy Chimneys, Witham, Essex.

'EARNEST.'—Owing to the pressure upon our space, we cannot open our columns to a discussion of our Israelitish origin.

AUTHOR WANTED.—'M. J. D.', in reply to the query of 'A. Z.', says the hymn, 'The way is dark, my Father,' is in a book of poems called the *Changed Cross*, under the heading, 'Father, take my hand,' and 'The Gracious Answer,' with the initials 'H. N. C.', Oromiah, Persia.—'C. A. W.' says that in the *Pathway of Promise* (Alex. Strahan, 1861), page 32, a hymn is given beginning, 'Is this the way, my Father?' &c. The author only gives initials, 'J. B. M.'—'Mrs. G. MOORE SMITH,' says, the hymn is included in *One Hundred Choice Large-type Hymns*, price 1s., published by James Taylor, 31 Castle Street, Edinburgh. The hymn is called 'The Pilgrim,' but no author is given. Another correspondent writes:—

"The way is dark, my Father; cloud on cloud
Is gathering quickly o'er my head," &c.

The verses thus beginning have been forwarded to me on a fly-leaf bearing the name of "C. Caswell, 135 Broad Street, Birmingham," apparently as printer, and stating the price to be 25 copies, post free, 4d. I do not know whether the leaf is still on sale.

AN OFFER.—'RECTOR,' Caston, Attleborough, will send *Church Bells* for 1880 to any one who needs them, and will post the numbers for the present year to any clergyman abroad.

DEVOTIONS FOR BOYS.—'W. J. P.' recommends 'Parish Priest' to give the boy *The Narrow Way*, published by Hodges, London.

'LIBER' draws 'Mater's' attention to the Church of England Book Society's catalogue of selected publications, which is issued gratis to their subscribers.

A LITURGICAL QUERY.—In answer to 'J. H. D.' 'SACERDOS' says, 'Here endeth the Epistle' on all occasions, because the rubric says so. He does not want any further reason or explanation.

BOOKS FOR MOTHERS' MEETINGS.—'T. H.' wishes to hear of suitable books, with short stories, to be read at Mothers' Meetings.

CALENDAR FOR SCRIPTURE READING AT FAMILY WORSHIP.—'H. T. D.' wishes to hear of a Calendar for Scripture reading at Family Worship, including both Old and New Testaments.

RECEIVED ALSO.—An Old Wesleyan; W. H. Knowles; Rev. T. W. Wasdale-Watson; Old Brun; C. P.; T. W. J.; Oxoniensis; John Wood; W. V. P.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Funeral Peal for the Earl of Beaconsfield.

ON Tuesday, the 26th inst., by permission of the Rector (the Rev. J. Lindsay) and churchwardens (Messrs. Stewart and Wigg) of St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, ten members of St. James's Society rang a funeral peal of 5003 changes of Grandsire Caters, occupying 3 hrs. 26 mins., in memory of the Earl of Beaconsfield, the bells being half-muffled, and rung during the time the funeral took place. J. Cox, 1; R. Jameson, 2; J. R. Haworth, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; W. Weatherstone, 5; R. French, 6; G. Banks, 7; F. Margetson, 8; G. Flavell, 9; E. Albone, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. The peal, in four parts, 4, 3, 5, 6 (only) behind the 9th, was composed and conducted by Mr. Cox, being his first peal since his accident last June.

A New Claimant.

SIR,—Concerning who was the first to get 5038 Grandsire Triples with common bobs only, I beg to say that the composition I now send was written by me in 1864, and about 1865 I mentioned it in a London weekly paper called the *Orb*, which is now, I believe, extinct, and got soundly rated by an anonymous correspondent for my presumption in calling it a *peal*. Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham very ably defended me, saying that my production deserved praise rather than blame, as it had required great ingenuity to get so far. Since that time I have thought very little about it, except now and then, when occasion has required, I have presented a copy to some one in this way at various times during the past ten years. I have supplied it to many notable ringers, amongst the rest to Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. Snowdon, Mr. Dains, Mr. C. Thorp, &c. Therefore, as all my correspondents have received my touch as a novelty, without alluding to any other being in existence, I conclude the first production must have been by me.

1 5 3 2 7 4 6 - 5	1 4 2 5 3 7 6 - 5	1 4 3 7 5 6 2 - 2	1 5 7 4 2 6 3 - 2
1 6 7 5 4 3 2 - 1	1 6 3 4 7 2 5 - 1	1 5 3 4 2 7 6 - 5	1 2 7 5 3 4 6 - 5
1 4 7 6 2 5 3 - 5	1 7 3 6 5 4 2 - 5	1 2 3 5 6 4 7 - 5	1 3 7 2 6 5 4 - 5
1 2 7 4 3 6 5 - 5	1 5 3 7 2 6 4 - 5	1 6 3 2 7 5 4 - 5	1 6 7 3 4 2 5 - 5
1 6 5 2 4 3 7 - 2	1 6 4 5 7 2 3 - 2	1 4 7 6 5 3 2 - 1	1 5 4 6 2 7 3 - 1
1 7 4 6 3 5 2 - 1	1 3 7 6 2 4 5 - 1	1 3 2 4 6 5 7 - 2	1 7 3 5 6 2 4 - 2
1 3 4 7 2 6 5 - 5	1 2 7 3 5 6 4 - 5	1 6 2 3 7 4 5 - 5	1 6 3 7 4 5 2 - 5
1 2 4 3 5 7 6 - 5	1 5 7 2 4 3 6 - 5	1 7 2 6 5 3 4 - 5	Then four plain
1 5 4 2 6 3 7 - 5	1 4 7 5 6 2 3 - 5	1 4 5 7 3 2 6 - 1	leads and twelve
1 3 7 5 2 6 4 - 2	1 5 2 4 7 3 6 - 3	1 3 5 4 6 7 2 - 5	changes, making
Three times re-	1 7 2 5 6 4 3 - 5	Three times re-	the 5038.
peated produces		peated produces	
1 7 4 2 3 6 5		1 2 4 7 6 3 5	
1 4 5 3 7 6 2		1 5 7 3 6 2 4	
1 5 2 7 4 6 3		1 4 3 2 6 5 7	

With regard to the argument proposed by Mr. Livermore in yours of March 26, I need only point out that both the columns of changes quoted by him appear in the above composition, except the terminations Bob and P. L., which are reversed. Therefore it will be seen that his theory of the matter is unreliable. I must now conclude with a promise to go further into the matter in some future communication.

WM. GORDON.

Iron Cages versus Wood.

SIR,—Referring to a letter headed, 'Strictures by J. R. Jerram, Bell-hanger, on the Redenball Bell Foundry,' published by you on October 4th, 1879, we find the use of iron, as a material for bell frames and fittings uncompromisingly condemned, because it expands and contracts with heat and cold; and therefore is said to require constant attention to keep the nuts tight.

We should like, through the medium of your paper, to tell your correspondent, Mr. J. R. Jerram, that the frame and fittings placed by us the year before last in the tower of Weybread Church, Suffolk, and to which his strictures refer, are at this moment as tight in every bolt and nut as when first put up; that since the opening day, now nearly two years ago, no one bolt or nut has been tightened; that the rollers on which the bells run received each one, early in December last, a drop or two of oil; and that since that time the bells have been rung, two or three times almost every week, without further attention or oil; and still, April 23rd, go to perfection.

Can Mr. Jerram say as much for any bells he ever hung in wood? As you published the strictures of Mr. J. R. Jerram, we hope you will, in justice, publish this letter in answer to them.

MOORE, HOLMES, & MACKENZIE.

New Bells at St. Clement's, Cornwall.

FOUR have been supplied by Messrs. Warner—two ancient bells having been exactly reproduced as to stamps and inscriptions. The firm supplied instructions for a new cage to be executed by a local artisan, but he thought he could improve the design, and therefore added to the expense.

Two new trebles have been added at Missenden, Bucks, with new fittings in a new cage, also by Messrs. Warner.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

ON Easter Tuesday this Society held a District Meeting at Newent, when a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 28 mins. T. Belcher, 1; J. Drinkwater, 2; H. Mitchell, 3; J. Clarke, 4; G. Wanklin (conductor), 5; H. Gardner, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. A dinner was held at the 'Red Lion Hotel,' presided over by the Rev. Canon Wood, Vicar of Newent. There were also present the Rev. — Mills, Messrs. Cummins and Pocock, churchwardens, — Wood, Esq., Wm. Miller, Esq., Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Sec., Mr. J. Drinkwater, Master of the Association, and about thirty members and friends. After dinner a meeting was held, when several new honorary and performing members were elected. Ringing was kept up in the tower, and also on the hand-bells, until 5 o'clock.

Opening of a New Ring of Bells in the Parish Church, Bromborough, Cheshire.

On Easter Monday the new ring of eight bells, cast by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, Leicestershire, was opened by the following members of St. Peter and St. Nicholas Societies, Liverpool. R. Williams, sen.; R. Williams, jun.; H. Beck; T. Hammond; J. Egerton; G. Helsby; H. Brooks; W. Woodhead; E. Foster; and A. Bamford and J. Bull, Esqs.; the number of changes rang throughout the day being upwards of 7000 of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, composed and conducted by R. Williams. After the ringing was completed the company, to the number of thirty, dined together at Bromborough Hotel, the Rev. Rector, Dyson Green, in the chair; A. Bamford, Esq., vice-chair. After the cloth was drawn, the toasts, 'The Queen and Royal Family,' the 'Donors of the bells and tower, A. J. J. Bamford and J. Bull, Esqs.,' and the veteran ringer, R. Williams, sen., of St. Peter's, Liverpool, were drunk with enthusiasm. The rest of the evening was spent with songs and hand-bell ringing. Tenor, 24 cwt. in E.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

A GENERAL Meeting will be held (D.V.) at 160 St. Sidwell's Street, Exeter, on Saturday, May 7th, at 11.30 a.m., when several important matters in connexion with the Society will be brought forward, and members will be elected.

JAMES ARTHUR KEMPE, *Hon. Sec.*

Lew Down, R. S. O., North Devon.

Testimonial to Mr. Henry Hubbard.

SIR,—After the conclusion of the General Meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Bingley on Saturday last, the urgent necessity of making some public recognition of the services rendered by Mr. Henry Hubbard to the art and science of change-ringing was brought before the meeting. Mr. Hubbard has for many years been quite incapacitated from work, and is now a confirmed invalid, totally dependent on others for support. It is therefore considered that now, especially, can the assistance of his friends be advantageously extended to him. In accordance with the wishes of those present on Saturday I most willingly undertook to call a meeting of his Leeds friends to carry out this object. I hope to send you further particulars of the course to be adopted, and in the meantime shall be glad to hear from any one willing to assist in this matter.—JASPER W. SNOWDON, *Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.*

Meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Bingley.

THE April Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held at Bingley on Saturday last. About 100 members accepted the invitation of the Bingley ringers, and sat down to tea at four o'clock; after which the General Meeting was held, when certain alterations in the rules were adopted, and the next meeting was appointed to be held at Beverley on the 9th of July.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above was held at Stamford on the 23rd inst. During the day a peal of 720 London Single was rung at St. Martin's by the Bourne Company. J. T. Ball, 1; W. S. Pearce, 2; R. Clarke, 3; T. Taylor, 4; F. W. Flatters (conductor), 5; R. Sharpe, 6.

Also a touch, 360 Dixon variations, at St. Martin's. J. S. Wright, 1; W. Pearce, 2; R. Clarke, 3; R. Mackman, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Creasey, 6. Also a peal of 720 London Single at St. Michael's. E. Mason, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; R. Mackman, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. The dinner was at the 'Crown Hotel' at 2 p.m.; the Rev. A. C. Abdy, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's, presided. After dinner the business of the Society was transacted, and officers elected for the ensuing year. The funds of the Society were found to be in a tolerably flourishing condition. Some slight alterations were made in the rules.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

ST. MARGARET'S being the Parliamentary Church, ten members of the St. Margaret's Society rang a half-muffled peal, as a mark of respect to the late Earl of Beaconsfield, on the 25th inst. S. Smith (conductor and steeple-keeper), 1; A. Smith, 2; T. Hewlett, 3; J. E. Scott, 4; W. Fogden, 5; J. Sooven, 6; R. Brearley, 7; C. E. Malin, 8; J. Dod, 9; A. Andrews, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. The bells were wholly muffled for service on Sunday evening.

At St. Nicholas', Ashchurch, Gloucestershire.

On Easter Sunday, for morning service, six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang a peal of 720 changes Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. T. Hampton, 1; E. Devereux, 2; W. Hampton, 3; T. Devereux, 4; J. Bayliss, 5; E. Wallace (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F.

At St. Mark's, Oldham, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 17th inst., was rung before the Morning Service Solomon Biddlestone's Twelve-part Bob-and-Single peal, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 47 mins. D. Lees, 1; G. H. Beever (conductor), 2; J. Mayall, 3; C. Dronsfield, 4; J. Priestley, 5; J. Riley, 6; A. Clegg, 7; W. Rhodes, 8. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.

On Easter Sunday a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung, with 18 bobs and 2 singles. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; E. Brooks, 2; J. Knifton, 3; J. Gutteridge, 4; R. S. S. Walker, Esq., 5; M. Brown, 6. Tenor, about 14 cwt.

Also, on Easter Monday, the same peal. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; E. Brooks, 2; J. Knifton, 3; R. S. S. Walker, Esq., 4; the Vicar, 5; M. Brown, 6.

Also, on the 23rd inst., a peal of 720 was rung, the peal being called by 22 singles. J. Brooks, 1; R. S. S. Walker, Esq., 2; J. Knifton, 3; J. Gutteridge, 4; the Vicar (conductor), 5; M. Brown, 6.

At Castle Donington, Leicestershire.

On Tuesday, the 26th inst., the large bell in the parish church was tolled at intervals during the day, and in the evening a muffled peal was rung in memory of Lord Beaconsfield.

At Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

On Easter Monday the Home party welcomed a good gathering of ringers from Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow, Stoke Newington, Bishop Stortford, Stanstead, Great Hallingbury, together with Mr. L. Proctor and his team from Bennington, to keep the anniversary of the reopening of the bells. The bell-warden, Mr. G. Rochester, with great liberality, entertained the party (about 40) at dinner. The Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Lipscomb, took the chair, supported by Henry Rivers, Esq., Sec. and Treas. Mr. Churchwarden Wiseman, the vice-chair. After dinner the chairman said that as they had met for work a very few minutes would suffice for speech-making. He then gave a hearty welcome to the ringers of other associations, and proposed the toast, 'Success to Bell-ringing.' He said, that since they had met last Easter Monday, as he then ventured to predict, great strides in the popularity and love for change-ringing had taken place, and things looked as if the love would go on and increase. A good sign that it would last and be useful might be seen in the fact that the desire to honour God, and do all to His glory in bell-ringing, was growing. Mr. W. A. Alps, of Waltham Abbey, paid a well-earned tribute to the assistance that Mr. Geo. Rochester had for many years given to the cause in different parishes. Changes were rung upon the hand-bells. Mr. D. Proctor and party rang the following:—Stedman's Triples, 924; Double Norwich Court Major, 672; Superlative Surprise Major, 672. At 4.30 a short service was held, the sermon being preached by the Rev. J. J. Baker, Rector of Little Helmingbury.

At Redenhall, Norfolk.

	5088	
ON Easter Monday the Redenhall Branch of the	2 3 4 5 6	D. W. H.
Norwich Diocesan Association (being also members	3 5 2 6 4	-
of the Royal Cumberland Society) rang a peal of 5088	5 3 4 6 2	- 1 2
Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 15 mins. The peal was	5 2 3 6 4	- 1 1
composed by Mr. H. Dains, conducted by Edward	2 6 5 4 3	-
Smith, and now rung for the first time. E. Smith, 1;	4 3 2 6 5	- 2
M. Burgess, 2; W. Sheldrake, 3; C. Candler, Esq., 4;	3 6 4 5 2	-
G. Prime, 5; F. Smith, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain	3 6 5 2 4	- 1
Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. in D.	3 2 4 6 5	- 2 1
This is thought to be the first peal ever obtained	2 6 3 5 4	-
having the 6th the extent in 5-6, without the aid of	4 2 5 6 3	- 2 2
calls at the middle.	6 4 2 3 5	- 1
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	5 4 6 3 2	-
	3 5 4 2 6	- 2
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At Acle, Norfolk.

On Monday, the 25th inst., five of the Acle company rang 1881 changes in the Grandsire and Stedman's methods in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Wilkerson, 1; Rev. J. P. Hardman, 2; S. Fitch, 3; B. Church, 4; G. Farrence, 5. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Penzance, Cornwall.

On Easter Monday, for evening practice, two peals of Bob Doubles were rung—the first occasion on which a complete peal in this method was rung here. G. Sellers, 1; W. Dale, 2; J. W. Hodder, 3; J. Richards, 4; J. Symons (conductor), 5; M. Basset (one peal) and J. Houlson (one peal), 6.

Also a peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Sellers, 1; J. Richards, 2; J. W. Hodder, 3; W. Dale, 4; J. Symons (conductor), 5; M. Basset, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Michael's, Coventry.

On Easter Monday a mixed band rang a date touch of 1881 Stedman's Caters in 1 hr. 21 mins. F. Hallsworth, 1; J. W. Cattell, 2; W. Walker, 3; J. Wilson, 4; T. Miller, 5; H. Johnson, sen., 6; J. Carter, 7; J. Lawton, 8; W. Hallsworth (composer and conductor), 9; J. Astbury, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt., in C sharp.

At the Parish Church, Mitcham, Surrey.

On Easter Monday Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. E. Peplar, 1; G. Russell (conductor), 2; W. Burkin, 3; D. Springall, 4; S. Greenwood, 5; W. Sanders, 6; A. Bruce, 7; C. Walker, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Helmingham, Suffolk.

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., eight members of the Norwich Association rang a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Dye (conductor), 1; J. Knights, 2; W. Whiting, 3; G. Thurlow, 4; R. King, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; G. Perry, 8. Composed by Mr. J. Fosdike, Woodbridge. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

A VICAR asks if he has a right to forbid the use of the bells? To which we reply, that the parson cannot legally order bells to be rung on any occasion without the consent of one churchwarden; but he has a veto in every case. If, as in his case, the ringers do not attend the services of the church, the more their shame, and the more the parson's duty to teach them better. The custody of the key of the tower belongs to him, and not to the churchwardens. A few years ago a churchwarden in Somersetshire got himself into woful trouble by admitting ringers to the belfry without the consent of the parson.—ED.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Bell-rope; J. R. Jerram; R. Mackman; H. Nunn; and several others.

Churchmen—true, whole-hearted Catholics—when they seem to tell me (for they scarcely appear willing to do so in plain words) that 'the One Holy Catholic Church, the Body of Christ,' is to be found in a combination of the Church of England, the Church of Rome, and the Greek Church, as one ecclesiastical organization governed by Bishops; and that the several Protestant Reformed and Nonconforming Communions outside the pale of these three Churches are out of 'the Body of Christ,' their members possessing only invalid Sacraments, and their pastors exposed to the punishment of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram! It really seems almost incredible that your correspondents, whilst quite ready to include in the One Holy Catholic Church, 'Christ's Body,' the Church of Rome which teaches 'idolatry to be abhorred of all faithful Christians,' yet excludes from that 'Church and Body' other Communions which hold the articles of our Creeds, and would avow their faith in the very same words with ourselves; and when a writer, as in my case, pleads for a wider and more Catholic judgment he is simply and angrily told that he 'only shows the depth of bigotry to which blind prejudice can lead a man,' &c.

One word to 'R. H.' He must, indeed, see Episcopal government in the nineteenth century, as it is defied and ridiculed in certain 'Church' papers, from a peculiar point of view, and be strangely ignorant of Presbyterian, Congregational, and Wesleyan Church rule, or he would never characterise the latter as 'a preposterous and inverted chaos.' But I wish only to note his final words: 'Doubtless pious baptized Dissenters belong to the *Soul* of the Church; but it is their loss as well as ours that they are not of the *Body*.' I might have supposed I was reading Dr. Manning: for the words exactly echo the substance of his reply to myself when I urged that in identifying the Church of Rome with 'the Body of Christ' he excluded all Church of England and other believers in the essential articles of the Only Faith from the saving benefits of that Faith. 'Have you,' he asked, 'considered the Catholic doctrine of the *Soul* of the Church?' In reply I requested a clear explanation as to what he meant by this 'Soul of the Church;' but of course I got no explanation whatever; the Church of Rome never defines 'the Church.' Perhaps since 'R. H.', in the judgment of the Church of Rome—albeit he allows that Church to be a 'branch' of the One Holy Catholic Church—stands exactly in the position of 'pious and baptized Dissenters,' or if 'wilfully ignorant' in a far worse position, neither in the 'Body' nor 'Soul' of the Church, he will explain what he means by this 'Catholic doctrine,' and how it is that Dissenters holding our Creeds whilst not in the 'Body' are in the Church's 'Soul.' He may further be willing, in the continued silence of 'S. T. P.' who began this correspondence, to respond to my thrice-repeated and thrice-avoided request, to 'point out the essential Christian truths which are not held by Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Wesleyans,' and mention 'the peculiar Shibboleths' which 'Dissenters have no scruple in asserting, under pain of damnation.' As I said in a former letter, 'We shall never get at truth if we evade plain questions;' and unless this correspondence can be kept within definite limits it is best not to continue it.

May I, in closing, suggest that personalities, especially from anonymous writers, are not helpful to logical conclusions, and it is not at all necessary that your correspondents should advertise the publications which I edit in *Church Bells*? It may be pleasant to them to condemn, though I am sure they have not read what they condemn, or they would know better, and see that I have never written or published a word that is not, as far as I know, most faithful to true Church-of-England teaching. But a publisher the other day told me 'Nothing sells like heresy,' and it is just possible that some of my High Church friends—and I have a good many, including the Editor of *Church Bells*, whom I love and esteem as members of 'the Body of Christ'—may be tempted to resolve, in spite of what 'some call heresy,' to 'hear the other side;' and, then, who can tell but that they may become as Catholic as myself, and as much disposed as I am, as a 'whole-hearted Churchman,' whenever the word 'Church' occurs in conversation, in Congress, in Synod, or in pulpit, to put the testing question, 'What Church?'

CHARLES BULLOCK.

P.S.—Since what your correspondents hold to be only lay-baptism—Presbyterian, Wesleyan, and Congregational—is admitted to be valid, does it not follow that all the members of these communities—an immense multitude—unless distinctly excommunicated, are in the Church which they maintain is alone 'Christ's Body?' If so, and if the Romish and Greek Churches, although idolatrous, are also included, how can such a Church ever give utterance to any united 'voice' at all for us to 'hear' and heed on the questions respecting which we differ? True Churchmen, happily, like the Bereans of old, possess one Rule of Faith, which needs no fallible Church to usurp the office of the Divine Spirit as the Interpreter of truth to heart and conscience.

[This correspondence must now close, unless writers signing their names to their letters write briefly on points not already touched upon.—ED. C. B.]

Capetown Association.

SIR,—Will you allow me a few lines in your columns to call the attention of your readers to the advertisement in your issue of this week of our anniversary services and meeting? The Dean of Capetown and the Archdeacon of Grahamstown are both to be with us, and will tell of the work of the Church in South Africa, and of her sore trials and poverty; and my brother, the Bishop of Capetown, writes very urgently to us to try and enlist the prayers, sympathy, and alms, of his brethren in England, whom God has so richly blessed, so that they may secure to themselves the privileges of being indeed fellow-workers with God in His vineyard. I beg of all who can to come and join us on the 10th of May, and of those who cannot be present to remember us in their prayers and with their alms.

CHARLES COLLIER JONES, Hon. Sec.

11 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., 1 May, 1881.

RECEIVED ALSO.—A Worcester-shire Curate; Vigilans; A Vicar; A. E. Meredith; G. H. Harris; J. F. C.; A. P. H.; A Constant Reader; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Ancient Society of College Youths, London.

It was settled at the head-quarters of the Company, St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Tuesday evening, that twelve members will attempt to ring a peal of 10,000 Stedman's Cinques, occupying about eight hours, at St. Michael's, Cornhill (tenor, 41 cwt.), on Saturday, the 7th of May (to-day), commencing at one o'clock.

Messrs. Holmes' reply to Mr. Jerram's Strictures.

By an unfortunate mistake the following was omitted in the beginning of their letter published last week. We hope this acknowledgment and publicity will be satisfactory:—

SIR,—The letter which you publish in your paper of to-day, April 23rd, 1881, from Mr. W. Wigram, suggests that all who have charge of church bells should take the present opportunity of tightening up the bolts, now that the woodwork of the frame and fittings has shrunk so much with the dry east winds, that as he says, and says truly, many of the nuts would be found so loose as to be moved by the finger and thumb. This, no doubt, is good sound advice, and should be attended to at once.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A District Meeting will be held at Hingham on Monday, the 16th inst. Members wishing to attend should communicate as soon as possible with the Secretary. The new line from Fornsett to Wymondham is now open.

Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.

G. H. HARRIS.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING of the above Association was held on Saturday, April 30th, at St. Thomas's Parish Church, Stockport. Owing to a new ring of bells being opened the same day at Ramsbottom, the attendance was not so good as at former meetings. Over thirty members were present from various parts of the district. During the course of the day various touches were rung, principally Grandsire Triples, by mixed bands, upon the tower bells. A meeting was held at 6 p.m., presided over by the Rev. J. Bridges, senior curate, in the unavoidable absence of the vicar. He cordially approved of the objects of the Association, and felt sure that a great improvement had taken and would take place in the status of ringers. He exhorted the ringers to respect themselves, and then others would respect them. He wished to see more unanimity amongst ringers, and thought meetings imparted a good feeling amongst them, and he encouraged them to persevere in the right course. The rest of the evening was occupied with ringing.

A District Meeting for ringing will be held at Bolton on May 14th, at Holy Trinity Church. Ringing will commence at 2.30. All ringers invited.

Special Services at St. Mary-le-Gill, Barnoldswick, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday, May 1st, the inhabitants of Barnoldswick, as they took their way in goodly numbers to their parish church, were again gladdened by the bells which had been rehung, and on that day were rung for the first time, after a space of more than two years. At the beginning of this year, owing to the exertions of the Vicar and Churchwardens, contributions were raised, and the services of Mr. Mallaby, church bell-hanger, Masham, Yorks., were engaged; who carried out his estimate for rehanging with new oak frames and quarter-turning the bells, and for new floors in the tower. There were special preachers in the afternoon and evening—the Archdeacon of Craven and Rev. W. Clifford, Rector of Colne—and the offertories at each service were devoted to making up the deficiency in the total amount required. We can only hope with the venerable Archdeacon that the sweet ring of the bells will gladden the hearts of the parishioners, and that their call will not be in vain.

A Reply.

SIR,—Mr. Gordon will perceive that the variation of 5038 Grandsire Triples contributed by him to your issue of April 30 is *absolutely identical* with that contributed by 'J. B. K. T.' to your issue of April 2. In the composition of a peal I have always considered it a matter of necessity that it shall come home true.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Whitchurch, Salop.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON Good Friday, for evening service, with the bells half muffled, a peal of 720 Bob Minor (14 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 29 mins. T. Measures, 1; J. Woodward, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; G. Harrison, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

ON Tuesday, the 19th ult., a peal of 720 London Single (18 bobs and 2 singles). J. Woodward, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; R. Mackman, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; G. L. Richardson (conductor), 6.

ON the 24th, after service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs and 2 singles). J. Woodward, 1; J. W. Mawby, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; G. L. Richardson (conductor), 6.

ON the 26th, a peal of 720 College Single (18 bobs and 2 singles). T. Measures, 1; G. L. Richardson, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

ON Easter Monday the ringers met at Holbeach to test the bells, the five largest having been rehung by Messrs. Jerram and Blackburn of Spalding. A peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung by G. Harrison, 1; J. T. Edis, 2; E. Wilson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. W. Mawby, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt., in E flat. A half-peal of Bob Minor and a half-peal of London Single were also rung by a mixed company from Spalding, Long Sutton, and Tydd St. Mary. The company had tea at the Vicarage, at 4 p.m. by invitation of the Rev. Canon Hemmans. Some touches were rung after tea, and the company broke up at 7 p.m. About 20 ringers were present.

At Westbromwich, Staffordshire.

On Easter Monday the Society of Change-ringers had their annual outing this year at Shrewsbury, and with the consent of the Vicar of St. Chad's a peal of 5040 New Grandsire Triples was rung on the first eight of the twelve bells, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; J. Fullwood, 2; W. Mallin, 3; W. R. Small, 4; W. Beesen, 5; T. Horton, 6; S. Biddlestone (composer and conductor), 7; W. Ellmore, 8. Tenor, about 12 cwt.

At Tydd St. Mary, Lincolnshire.

On Thursday, the 21st ult., eight peals of Plain Bob Doubles, containing 960 changes, were rung in 40 mins. G. Watson,* 1; R. Tilbrook, 2; E. Shore, 3; E. Willson, 4; E. Coulson, 5. Tenor, 13 cwt. Conducted on the four extreme bells. [* His first peal.]

At All Souls', Bingley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., by eight members of the Yorkshire Association, a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 4 mins. W. Sugden, 1; B. Lightfoot, 2; J. Lockwood (composer), 3; W. Whitaker, 4; J. Crabtree, 5; C. Jackson, 6; J. Winder, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Padiham, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., a friendly meeting of change-ringers was held at Padiham. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., by the Colne Company, who were succeeded by others. Upwards of sixty sat down to tea; after which the usual meeting was held, when Mr. Whitaker of Leeds (late of Padiham) presided, and gave a suitable address on change-ringing. The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, July 16th.

At Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 24th ult., for morning service, six members of the Trinity Youths (established in 1879) rang on the first six bells a peal of 720, composed of six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, in 26 mins. J. Jarratt, 1; F. W. Lennard, 2; H. Meddows, 3; F. Perrin, 4; E. Cooper (conductor), 5; G. Woodage, 6. [Weight of tenor not mentioned.]

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

On Sunday evening, the 24th ult., for Divine service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; J. Potter, 4; H. Randall,* 5; J. Gobbett* (conductor), 6.

Also, after service, Mr. Troyte's peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with a call every lead (38 bobs and 22 singles), in 27 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; W. Smith (first peal), 2; J. Nunn, 3; M. Ellsmore,* 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; H. Nunn, jun., 6. Conducted by A. H. Gardom, Esq., and his first time of conducting a peal. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. [* Members of the Essex Association.]

At St. James's Parish Church, Accrington, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 25th ult., a date touch of 1881 changes, in three methods, was rung in 1 hr. 9 mins.—viz., a peal of 441 Plain Bob Minor, composed by W. Whitaker, Secretary of the Yorkshire Association, Leeds; 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor by five of the St. James's parish—church ringers, assisted by Mr. Whitaker of Leeds. A. Scholes (conductor), 1; R. Scholes, 2; W. Whitaker, 3; J. Hindle, 4; J. H. Fish, 5; C. D. Pierce, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At Bennington, Herts.

On Monday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Bennington Society rang a select touch of 1344 Cambridge Surprise Major, containing 14 bobs. N. Warner, 1; John Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Chapman, 4; S. Page, 5; Joseph Kitchener, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; T. Page (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. Mary's, Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., a touch of 2072 Grandsire Triples, half muffled, was rung as a last mark of respect to the late Lord Beaconsfield. J. Ensor, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; V. Hawkins, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; S. Whitworth, 5; Jo. Ensor, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; J. Schofield, 8.

At the Parish Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., the Cheltenham branch of the Gloucestershire Diocesan Association rang, with the bells deeply muffled, a touch of 504 Stedman's Trebles, in memory of the late Lord Beaconsfield; and afterwards rang out the age. The ringing out of the age is a system not generally understood. It is, however, when well done, very effective, and solemn in sound. The execution is by ringing all the bells round, back-stroke and hand-stroke, then all the bells stand while the tenor strikes twice—counting the two strokes for one year. The peal was conducted by John Belcher. The Union Jack on this occasion hung from the steeple half-mast high.

At St. Thomas's, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., in memory of the late Lord Beaconsfield, the two following peals were rung, the bells being muffled: 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 31 mins. (18 bobs and 2 singles); 720 Bob Minor, in 31½ mins. (22 singles). J. Taylor, 1; H. Gadd, 2; M. W. Ashton, 3; H. Burkett, 4; W. B. Jevons, 5; J. Bertrand (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At All Saints', Maidstone, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., by the special order of the Wardens of All Saints' Church, the company rang a muffled touch as a mark of respect for the late Lord Beaconsfield. The principal touch contained 1260 changes of Grandsire Triples, and was rung in 49 mins., the bells being muffled on one side. R. Simmonds, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; S. Kemp, 3; G. Pawley, 4; C. Payne (composer and conductor), 5; H. Pearce, 6; A. Woolley, 7; G. Moorcraft, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in C.

At St. Mark's, Leicester.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., by express desire of the Rev. Canon Burfield, Vicar, a touch of 1881 Stedman's Triples, in 1 hr. 17 mins. was rung, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Lord Beaconsfield. J. Wilson, 1;

T. Wilson, 2; G. Burrows, 3; A. H. Wilson, 4; J. Cooper, 5; S. Cooper,* 6; J. Buttery (conductor), 7; W. H. George,* 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat. [* Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.]

At St. Peter's, Walworth, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., a touch was rung by the Society of Walworth Youths in 1 hr., with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Beaconsfield. W. Pinsent, 1; H. E. Gummer (conductor), 2; H. Flower, 3; F. Northover, 4; W. Withworth, 4; E. Williamson, 6; J. Poulton, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt., in F.

At St. Mary's, Wymeswold, Leicestershire.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., a half-muffled peal was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins., in memory of the late Lord Beaconsfield. There were three peals of Old Doubles, the tenor behind, and long exercises of rounds and crossing. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; T. Knifton, 2; M. Brown, 3; J. Guttridge, 4; the Vicar, 5; R. W. Charles, 6. Tenor, about 14 cwt. Also G. Walker, aged 13, and P. Brown, aged 12, took part in the round and crossing, and performed well.

At St. Mary's, Acton, Middlesex.

On the 26th ult. a muffled peal was rung as a mark of respect to the late Lord Beaconsfield by eight members of the Acton and Ealing Association. W. Taylor, 1; G. Ilsley (conductor), 2; H. T. Swinnock, 3; W. F. Fenwick, 4; T. Trinder, 5; H. A. Randall, 6; F. Slade, 7; E. Gould, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Alban's, Rochdale, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., was rung, with the bells muffled, the first half of John Reeves' Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, as a token of respect for the late Lord Beaconsfield. W. Adhead (conductor), 1; J. Hardman, 2; J. Tempest, 3; J. Adhead, 4; W. Brierley, 5; W. Phillips, 6; J. Waugh, 7; F. Stubbs, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in F.

At the Parish Church, Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., was rung a muffled peal as a last mark of respect to the late Earl of Beaconsfield. From 3 to 4 p.m. the bells were chimed by T. Houghton, jun., and in the evening a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 29 mins., T. Houghton, jun., conductor.

Also a half-peal of Plain Bob in 14 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.

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Devonshire.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., eight members of the St. Sidwell's Society rang half a peal of Taylor's Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 38 mins., the bells being muffled and rung during the time the funeral of the late Earl of Beaconsfield took place. S. Herbert, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; H. Swift, 3; W. H. Marsh, 4; W. H. Goss, 5; W. C. Marsh (conductor), 6; W. B. Fulford, 7; S. Alford, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

At St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., by the Yorkshire Association, 5040 of Bob Major in 3 hrs. 6 mins. Rung with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G. T. Harrison, 1; M. Tomlinson, 2; H. Moss, 3; S. Basnett, 4; J. Woodhead, 5; J. Hutchinson, 6; H. Hubbard, jun., 7; T. West, 8. The peal was composed by M. Tomlinson and conducted by T. West. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Deptford, Kent.

On Wednesday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Beaconsfield Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 54 mins. W. G. Shade, 1; E. Cole, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; W. Pead, 4; J. G. Shade, 5; T. Taylor, 6; H. J. Shade (conductor), 7; J. Barry, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At Widford, Essex.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., a peal of 720 New London Pleasure, and also 720 Cambridge Surprise, were rung by members of the Essex Association in 51 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; T. Drake (conductor), 5; M. Rolfe, 6. Tenor, about 12 cwt.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, consisting of 38 bobs and 22 singles, was rung in 26 mins. G. Akers,* 1; W. Smith, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; G. Cornell,* 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; G. Gobbett, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Mary's, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., ten members of St. Mary's Society rang a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 17 mins. J. Goodwin, 1; J. Ellis, 2; D. Farthing, 3; H. Nuttall, jun., 4; G. Topliss, 5; E. Carrington, 6; A. Knights (composer and conductor), 7; H. Nuttall, sen., 8; W. Ellis, 9; T. Mee, 10. Tenor, 24½ cwt., in D.

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

On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Amateur Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 3 hrs. 12 mins. S. Botherton, 1; J. Wilson (conductor), 2; B. M. Brown,* 3; J. Dancer,* 4; S. O. Kendall, 5; J. Hague, 6; J. Mercer, 7; R. M. Graham, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Margaret's, Rochester, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., six members of the St. Margaret's Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. O. Sullivan, 1; J. P. Kidd, 2; T. Tullett,* 3; H. Greaves, 4; W. Baker, 5; E. Andrews (R. E. Band, conductor), 6. Tenor, about 16 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—S. Biddlestone; Ed. Gaskin; J. B. Jerram; Pudsey. J. Large does not report what was rung. Contributors are requested to write only on one side of the paper. Bell-Rope (it was the intention of our correspondent to convey what you say with regard to St. Paul's—one of the best bands, not the best).

Easter Vestries.

SIR,—Not a penny is contributed to the support of our Church by rate. Its expenditure is met by offertory, and by an old endowment vested in certain official trustees, viz. vicar, churchwardens, and overseers. Has a Vestry any right whatever to attempt to control the expenditure? To put the question plainly it is this: Is there any need for the Church officers to ask the sanction of the Vestry to any item of expenditure when not a fraction of the cost comes from rate? Surely not? VIGILANS.

Pictures by Clergymen.

SIR,—I saw in some back numbers of your useful paper a correspondence treating about 'Picture Galleries for Clerical Artists.' I am a Missionary, and have taken oil sketches among the aboriginal Indians on the Essequibo, and my work carries me now up the Demerara River. Missionary sketches might, perhaps, be of peculiar interest. If I knew where to send them I would gladly exhibit one now and then. A MISSIONARY.

Bagot's Town, E. Bank, Demerara, B. Guiana.

Money Lenders and Money Borrowers.

SIR,—As my children are young, I am careful what I say in their presence, according to the good old 'Maxima reverentia debetur pueris.' On opening a letter, however, at breakfast this morning, I deemed it well to exclaim, 'From a rascally money-lender!' Remembering your correspondent of the 12th March, 'A Hard-pressed Fool,' I 'improved the occasion' also by pointing out the abominations of money-lenders. Whether these gentlemen are on the increase, or whether they think that a 'fool' is the occupant of this house, I know not; but this I know, that whereas in earlier years I rarely received proposals to accommodate me with money, I now get a letter from one or other of them, I should think, quite once a-month. These traps should be shown up by those that have not been, as well as by those that have been, caught in them. PARENS.

Prolonging a Line.

SIR,—Euclid says, 'Let it be granted that a terminated straight line may be prolonged to any length in a straight line.' For Euclid's purposes nobody objects to grant it, but for some other purposes objection would be reasonable. There is a line from Canterbury to Dover, not exactly straight, but straight enough for the comparison. If it were prolonged, it would run into the sea. Dr. Rigg assures us 'that the utmost divergence of Methodism from the Church of England at this day is but the prolongation of a line, the beginning of which was traced by Wesley's hand.' It might have been well if Wesley had stopped at Canterbury; but, anyhow, he stopped at Dover. J. F.

Country Members of the S. P. G.

SIR,—I wanted to speak at the last Annual Meeting of the S. P. G. on behalf of the country members, but I did not rise at the right moment. If the voting power of the country members is to be a reality, they must have some means of demanding a poll without the expense and trouble of a journey to London. According to Resolution V., if twenty London members take advantage of a storm of rain or snow to pass a vote when the country members are kept away by the weather, so that only nine vote against them, there is no redress, no appeal. Besides being protected from the weather, a London member spends only minutes and pence on his journey to the meeting, while a country member must spend hours and shillings, if not days and pounds. I would propose, that 100 members, resident not less than twenty miles from London, should have power to demand a poll. To defray the expense of a poll, let each voter send a shilling's worth of stamps, or a Postal Order or Cheque-bank Cheque for a shilling, which would be much less than the cost of a journey to London. Let no vote be counted unless the shilling is sent. If a member did not feel sufficient interest in the question to spend a shilling, his vote is not worth counting. A COUNTRY MEMBER.

The S. P. C. K.

SIR,—Is the above Society doing what it can to promote Christian Knowledge? This, I take it, should be its great aim and object. Why should it not have a book-stall in each of our principal market-places, and travelling book-carts journeying through some of our principal villages, aye, and small depôts, say with our Sunday-school superintendents, or parish clerks? In one of our Midland towns, with a large population, the Society has one small depot only; while Spurgeon's agent and two Nonconformist agents have book-stalls in the market-place for Bibles and religious books and tracts. It will rejoice many to hear of new life and energy going forth from this venerable Society, so that the knowledge of Christ may increase and abound. W. A. H.

The Burials Question.

SIR,—You were kind enough to insert a letter from me some time ago on this subject, in which I stated that the difficulty here was from our point, and not a Dissenting one. As I anticipated, since the passing of the Burials Act of last Session, we have had in our cemetery twice as many funerals in the unconsecrated part with the Church Service and the clergy officiating, as there have been funerals conducted by Dissenters in the consecrated portion. I want to ask the advice of my brethren as to what I should do about the fees. I suppose that, as chaplain of the cemetery, I am entitled to the minister's fee on the consecrated side when the person in charge of the funeral is a Dissenter, as also the fees on the unconsecrated portion when I perform the service. Can I legally do otherwise than appropriate to myself these sums? I observe that, according to the *National Church*, the Nonconformist ministers of Battersea have also discovered to their cost that the Act they were so eager to pass is a two-edged weapon. A LANCASHIRE VICAR.

DEVOTIONS FOR BOYS.—The Rev. A. P. Howes recommends *Devotions for Schoolboys*, by Lord Lyttelton (published by Rivingtons); *A Few Words of Advice to a Public Schoolboy*, by Rev. F. Poynder (S.P.C.K.); and *Private Prayers* (S.P.C.K.)

RECEIVED ALSO.—T. P. Garnier; J. James; E. Bullivant; John Wood; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Iron Cages versus Wood.

SIR,—In answer to Messrs. Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie, allow me to say that I wish to discuss the question simply from an outsider's point of view, not as a trade squabble, wherein this or that bell-hanger may puff up his own work. Firstly, when I wrote the letter of October 4th, 1879, I had never seen a sketch of the work, and consequently was left to imagination as to the plan pursued; and I had in my mind a cast-iron frame (very common in Lincolnshire) bolted together at every angle with innumerable bolts and nuts (which I have reason to believe would soon become shaky unless well fitted at every joint). But from the engraving in their advertisement their frame appears to be made of angle-irons riveted together. Secondly, what I was chiefly condemning was the use of cast-iron stocks. But it appears that their bells are cast to suit, and fitted to them, so that, if well fitted, the bell becomes part and parcel of the stock. Thirdly, what I would chiefly call their attention to is the fact that the Weybread bells are only very light (tenor, 9 cwt.). What I should like to have proved is, whether a ring (say tenor, 30 cwt.) hung in this way and rung (say for twenty years) with no more attention than is usually given in country places, would continue ringable for that length of time. It is a well-known fact that wood frames will stand more jar than iron; and I have known bells which have been neglected and where gudgeons have become loose, and yet they have gone tolerably well for ringing, although the thrust upon the frame has been considerable, though this is a sad state to allow bells to get into, and ought never to be allowed. Fourthly, as regards the clappers, which are generally more neglected than anything. How would their plan act in a place where bells are seldom looked to for the lapse of many years? I fancy these would soon work down on the bow of the bell, and become as an ordinary clapper, or worse. Finally, what I think ought to be aimed at, and in bell-hanging always, is simplicity of construction. It should always be borne in mind that bells may be sadly neglected, and everything should be arranged so as to allow, as far as possible, for this. I hope Messrs. M., H., and M., will excuse my remarks. Albert Foundry, Spalding.

J. R. JERRAM.

Change-Ringers' Guide.

SIR,—We think the time has come for a new edition of the *Change-Ringers' Guide* to be offered to the exercise, for we have heard from many sources that the first edition, though confessedly imperfect, has been found generally useful. By a careful study of your ringing records we have collected a great deal of extra matter; but to make the new issue as complete as possible we hope you will allow us to make an appeal through your columns—that all ringers who are able to assist us will forward to the address given below any information they may possess, either corrections or additions, to appear in the new edition. For the sake of those who do not possess a copy of *The Guide* it may be as well to state the details we require:—1. Name of society or parish (stating the county) where real change-ringing is practised; 2. Number of bells in ring; 3. Weight of tenor; 4. Methods practised; 5. The regular practice nights; 6. Name and address of secretary or head ringer; 7. Nearest railway station, and distance. Answers can be sent on a post-card. Address—Rev. R. Acland Troyte, Winterbourne Down, near Bristol.

THE COMPILERS OF 'CHANGE-RINGERS' GUIDE.'

Dedication at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, Lancashire.

THE dedication of the new ring of eight bells took place on Saturday afternoon, April 30. An impressive service (which included a Confirmation) being conducted by the Right Rev. Bishop James B. Kelley, D.D., sometime Bishop of Newfoundland, assisted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Corbould. The ringers of St. Philip's, Hulme, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples after the service. The following inscriptions are cast on the bells:—Treble, 'Presented by T. Knowles, Esq., of Manor House, Holcombe, 10 years churchwarden at St. Paul's.' No. 2, 'Presented by L. Stead, Esq., of Bank House, Chairman of the Ramsbottom Local Board, and Henry Stead, Esq., of Carr Bank, large employers of labour in this district.' No. 3, 'Presented by the Vicar, Wardens, and Sidesmen of St. Paul's, whose names are on the tenor bell.' No. 4, 'Joy.' No. 5, 'Presented by the Congregation of St. Paul's.' No. 6, 'Worship.' No. 7, 'Prayer.' No. 8, 'To the glory of God.—A peal of eight bells, of which this is the tenor, was hung in the church of St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, A.D. 1881. W. H. Corbould, Vicar; H. Heys, E. S. Rothwell, Churchwardens; J. K. K. Stead, S. Harrison, Sidesmen.' The tower and spire being very lightly built the weight of the ring was limited to 42½ cwt. The tenor is 36 in. diam., weighs 9½ cwt., note A. The cage is in two tiers, with the six heavy bells at the bottom. Size of tower inside, 10 ft. square. A set of Ellacombe's chiming hammers completes the fittings. The whole of the work has been executed by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, bell-founders, Bristol, acting under the superintendence of Messrs. Jasper and W. Snowdon, consulting mechanical engineers, Leeds.

Anniversary at Braughing, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., the one hundred and second Annual Ringing Festival was held, to celebrate the 12240 changes of Bob Major which were rung on the 10th May, 1779, in 7 hrs. 34 mins.; L. Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, Herts, bringing over his admirable team of ringers, who rang on the excellent ring of eight bells in the following methods:—348 Stedman's Triples; 448 Double Norwich Court Bob; 448 London Surprise; 448 Cambridge Surprise; 448 Superlative Surprise; 672 Double Norwich Court Bob; 288 Kent Treble Bob Major; 336 Grandsire Triples; 504 Stedman's Triples. There were several well-known ringers present, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. J. Cox, J. R. Haworth, Smith, Chapman (London), G. Rochester, Dorrington (Sawbridgeworth), H. Prior (Stanstead, Essex), and others. A good dinner was provided at the 'Bell Inn,' to which over forty sat down, and

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will, for love of the homeless and destitute, be led cheerfully to respond to the advertisement which appears in another column, and offer their services, and, if able, their purses, in order to assist in this most necessary undertaking.

E. DE M. RUDOLF, *Hon. Lay Reader Diocese of Rochester.*

Eldon School, 99 Wandswoth Road, S.W.

The Lord's Prayer.

SIR,—I am pleased to see the practice, *i. e.* the priest saying the words 'Our Father,' and the congregation joining him in the words 'which art in heaven,' is growing very much in the Church of England, and rightly so. Why? Because the priest is the acknowledged mouthpiece of the people, and the people can say 'Our Father' silently. Thus a great deal of confusion is saved, and the prayer is said reverently, as it ought to be; but when it is said by priest and people it is the subject of the greatest disorder, and is often said very irreverently, for some are too quick and some are too slow. Thus it spoils the words which, 'Superintendent' says, so beautifully introduces the model prayer. Wishing that all priests would learn this lesson, not only for the Lord's Prayer but for Creeds, &c., I hope your impartiality will allow me a small corner of *Church Bells*.

FRED. NIXON.

RECEIVED ALSO.—G. W. Cole; J. F. Wilkinson; Wm. Crompton; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Request for 'J. B. K. T.'

SIR,—With regard to the 5038 Grandsire Triples which appeared in your two issues for April 2nd and 30th, permit me to explain that my communication was forwarded by me on March 29th, and acknowledged as received in yours of April 2nd at the foot of the same column which contained the epistle by 'J. B. K. T.', to whom I should be much obliged if he would publish the name of the composer he mentions.

WM. GORDON.

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting for the transaction of business will be held (D.V.) at 160 St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday next, May 28th, at 2.45 p.m.

Agenda—Adoption of Reports of Committee and Treasurer; Appointment of Officers for the Year; Election of Members, &c. &c.

Lew Down, R.S.O., North Devon.

JAMES ARTHUR KEMPE, *Hon. Sec.*

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE next meeting will be held on June 6th (Whit Monday), at Barnard Castle. Ring of 8; tenor, 17 cwt. Dinner 1s. per head to members, at the 'Golden Lion,' at two o'clock. Members intending to dine are requested to send in their names not later than Monday, May 30, to the Secretary, Mr. G. J. Clarkson, Post-Office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

The North Wilts Guild of Ringers.

THIS Society will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, June the 6th. They will meet at Corsham Church at ten, and Divine Service will commence at eleven. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. H. F. J. Coape-Arnold, Rector of Yatton-Keynell. Dinner at one. Ringing before and after service, and after dinner; and in the evening at St. Paul's, Chippenham.

C. W. HONY, *Sec.*

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., there was a strong muster at West Ham, and some good ringing of Caters and other methods took place on the ring of ten bells. The Vicar, the Rev. Thos. Scott, presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Hubbard, senior curate. Eighteen were elected members, among them Miss Warleigh, who is a practical ringing member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and a conductor. It was resolved that the Annual Meeting on Whit Monday should be held at Writtle. Any information will be gladly given by the Secretary, the Rev. J. B. Seaman, Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

St. Martin's Society, Birmingham.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., upwards of thirty members and friends of the above Society dined at the 'White Swan' Hotel, Edmund Street, to celebrate the ringing of the longest peal of Stedman's Cinques, which was accomplished on Monday, Feb. 28th, at St. Martin's Church in the Bull Ring. After the tables were cleared the chair was occupied by the President, Mr. Samuel Reeves, and Society's business being got through, the remainder of the evening was spent in recitations, singing, and speeches, the party breaking up at an early hour, being highly delighted at having spent so pleasant an evening.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Harborne, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. H. Bastable, 1; J. Perks, 2; G. W. Baldwin, 3; J. Buffery, 4; H. Johnson, sen., 5; J. Day, 6; F. H. James, 7; H. Johnson, jun., 8. Composed by the late Thos. Day, and conducted by H. Bastable, and the first peal in this method on those bells. Tenor, about 12 cwt.

At All Saints', Maidstone, Kent.

ON Monday, the 9th inst., eight members of the All Saints' Company rang Holt's One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, with two singles in the last four leads, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. S. Kemp, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; E. Baldock, 3; F. Newman, 4; A. Woolley, 5; G. Pawley, 6; C. Payne (conductor), 7; G. Moorcraft, 8. Rung on the first eight bells: 8th bell about 18 cwt., in E.

At Minsterworth, Gloucestershire.

ON Monday, the 9th inst., a mixed band of the Churcham and Minsterworth ringers rang 32 six-scores with extremes and 10 without, the whole containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 36 mins. J. Gough, 1; J. Daniels, 2; J. Ashmead, 3; R. Gardner, 4; W. Pugh (conductor), 5; T. Pugh, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. 2 qrs.

At Helmingham, Suffolk.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Helmingham Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang Holt's original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Perry, 1; J. Knight, 2; W. Dye (conductor), 3; G. Thurlow, 4; R. King, 5; A. Whiting, 6; G. Sharman, 7; W. Whiting, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. This is the first time this peal has been rung by the above Association, and the first record of its ever being called by a Suffolk man. The present performance is the second time of its having been rung in the county. On the occasion of its first performance, which took place on the same bells in 1878, it was conducted by Mr. G. Newson of London.

At Blackrod, Lancashire.

ON Friday, the 13th inst., a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob was rung in memory of the late Mr. Samuel Speak, who died at Blackrod on the 9th inst., aged 62 years. He had been a ringer at the above place for more than 40 years, and was highly respected by the ringing fraternity. G. Bullough (aged 82, conductor), 1; W. Croston, 2; R. Watnough, 3; J. Rawlinson, 4; G. Higson, 5; J. Higson, 6. Also, on Sunday, a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob was rung for evening service, containing 34 bobs and 2 singles. R. Watnough (conductor), 1; W. Croston, 2; W. Heald, 3; J. Rawlinson, 4; G. Higson, 5; J. Higson, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Time not taken.

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Devonshire.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the St. Sidwell's Society rang Taylor's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins. S. Herbert, 1; A. Shepherd, 2; H. Swift, 3; W. H. Marsh, 4; W. G. Goss, 5; W. C. Marsh (conductor), 6; W. B. Fulford, 7; J. Alford, sen., 8. Tenor, 23½ cwt. This is the first peal ever rung by a band composed entirely of Exeter men, and Mr. W. C. Marsh's first attempt at conducting one.

At Reigate, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., the Reigate Society of Change-ringers rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. J. Howard,* 1; F. T. Hoad* (conductor), 2; W. Tidey, 3; W. Argent,* 4; T. Fuller, 5; E. Kenward,* 6; W. Webb, 7; H. B. Gooch,* 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. [* Their first peal.] It is fifty-seven years since a peal has been rung by a company of Reigate ringers; and Mr. Tidey, who rang the 3rd bell on this occasion, rang the treble on the last.

At the Parish Church, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday, the 15th inst., before evening service, a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Caters was rung in 1 hr. 24 mins. W. Milnes, 1; R. Wrigley, 2; J. P. Healey, 3; T. Prince, 4; W. Scott, 5; G. Firth, 6; W. Firth, 7; T. H. Ormond, 8; T. A. Moorhouse, 9; J. Styles, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt., in D. Composed by J. Hollis, Wrenthorpe, and conducted by Walter Scott. An attempt was made to ring this touch muffled on the day the late Earl of Beaconsfield was interred, but was lost owing to the 7th bell casting her rope.

THE TOUCH.																			
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At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

ON Sunday evening, the 15th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, consisting of 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 26 mins. G. Akers (first peal in this method), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6. All members of the Essex Association excepting the conductor. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, London.

ON Monday, the 16th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. E. Horrex, 1; R. French, 2; H. Cutler, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; S. Hayes, 5; G. Mash, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. H. George, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. This is the first peal rung on these bells since the marriage of the founder of the church (the Baroness Burdett-Coutts), and also the first since the accession of the present Vicar, the Rev. W. Macdonald Sinclair, M.A.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Inman, of Burnsall, writes to say, that the date touch rung at Burnsall on the 3rd inst. was composed by W. Whitaker of Leeds, Secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

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. Scrivener; and others.

training at Keble College is limited to persons holding their Bishop's commission to exercise the office of reader or preacher. But exception will be made in favour of persons who have made an application for such commission, and who are likely to receive it at the next opportunity. Duly qualified persons may begin their residence at Oxford on any Saturday from June 25 to July 30, and may enter for any period not less than one week. Terms: 11. a-week, payable in advance. The course of training will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, and formerly Vicar of St. Mark's, Victoria Docks; assisted by the Rev. Aubrey L. Moore, Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford, and formerly Rector of Frenchay. I shall be glad to receive at once applications from persons, stating that they are duly qualified as above, the date at which they propose to go to Keble College, and for how long they can stay there. Applications cannot be received later than Saturday, June 11.

G. A. SPOTTISWOODE,
3 Cadogan Square, S.W., May 23, 1881. Chairman of Committee L.H.A.

Announcing the 'Epistle.'

SIR,—In reply to 'J. H. D.,' may I say that I have always understood the rubric to mean that, whether the 'Epistle' is or is not a portion of a real Epistle, the words to be said at the conclusion are, 'Here endeth the Epistle?' It seems rather absurd to say twice, 'The portion of Scripture,' &c. This reminds me of an error which some clergymen commit, in giving out the Gospel thus:—'The Holy Gospel is written in that according to,' &c.; instead of 'in the Gospel according to,' &c. The word Gospel may be said to have two senses, in one of which there are only four 'Gospels;' while in the other there is a 'Gospel' for each holy day in the year. Hence it does not seem strictly grammatical to use the pronoun 'that' when a different kind of 'Gospel' is intended. Speaking, for example, of Church fabrics, we should not say, 'There are so many thousands of churches in that of England,' but 'in the Church of England.'

A. M. WILCOX.

LADY PROBATIONERS.—In reply to 'Hilda,' the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, has a large staff of sisters, probationers, and nurses. A. C.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. M. B.; O. Hodd: A Working Man; M. O. H.; J. Cowden Cole; R. H.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above Association, for ringing solely, took place on Saturday, the 14th inst., at Bolton. Despite the bad state of the weather nearly seventy ringers attended from Heywood, Bury, Leigh, Hindley, West Haughton, &c. Ringing was commenced by the local ringers at 2.30 p.m., and was continued by various mixed bands until after 9 p.m. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Minor were principally rung. During the day various courses of changes were rung by members on the hand-bells. All ringers of the district are invited to the next District Ringing Meeting, which is fixed to take place at Swinton and Pendlebury, on Saturday, May 28th.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

THE next Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at Standish on Saturday, the 11th of May. [We suppose the 28th is intended.] The bells will be open for ringing from one o'clock. Refreshments will be provided for five o'clock. After which the meeting will take place. JOHN HIGSON, Sec.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Writtle on Whit Monday, June 6th. Belfry open, 10 a.m.; service, 12.30; dinner, 1.30; meeting, 2.30. Tickets for the dinner, 2s.; if taken on or before June 1st, 1s. 6d.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At New College, Oxford.

On the 5th inst., the Oxford University Society rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. A. B. Perceval (Queen's), 1; F. A. H. du Boulay (Keble), 2; C. C. Child (Christ Church), 3; A. E. Holme (Wadham), 4; Mr. Field, 5; G. F. Coleridge (Keble, conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a Two-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; J. Basden, 3; A. Batten, 4; E. Rogers, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

Also on Sunday, the 22nd inst., for Morning Service, a touch of Grandsire Minor was rung in 19 mins. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; R. Flaxman, 3; W. Wilder, 4; G. Buckland, 5; S. Hayes, 6.

Also for Afternoon Service a Two-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 28 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; R. Flaxman, 3; J. Basden, 4; G. Buckland, 5; S. Hayes, 6.

Also after service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (Troyte's) was rung in 26 mins. J. Parker, 1; J. Basden, 2; S. Hayes (conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; A. Batten, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in F.

At SS. Mary and Nicolas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob, 18 bobs and 2 singles. W. Wyche, Esq., 1; J. S. Wright, 2; R. Mackman, 3; G. L. Richardson, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; — Creasey (conductor), 6.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob. J. S. Wright, 1; J. Woodward, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. R. Jerram (conductor), 6. Also a peal of 720 London Single Bob. J. R. Jerram, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, the 22nd inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob, 9 bobs and 6 singles. J. W. Creasey, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; A. Riddlington, 3; R. Creasey, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Mark's, Glodwick, Lancashire.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., the half of John Reeves' Ten-part peal of 5040 (2520) changes was rung in 1 hr. 28 mins., the bells being muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. George Joseph Robinson, curate of the above-named place. D. Lees, 1; G. H. Beaver (conductor), 2; J. Mayall, 3; W. Ward, 4; T. Ingham, 5; J. Priestley, 6; A. Clegg, 7; W. Rhodes, 8. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., the Daresbury Society rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 160 bobs and two singles, in 27 mins. P. Hamblett composer, T. Houghton, jun., conductor.

On Sunday, the 22nd inst., for morning service, a peal of 720 College Single, in 26 mins. Also, for evening service, 360 Kent Treble Bob, in 13½ 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.

At St. Mary's, Belchamp Walter, Essex.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., six members of the Belchamp Walter Company rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Firmin,* 1; J. Chattis,* 2; H. Turtchett,* 3; F. Hawkins,* 4; W. Finch,* 5; N. Hawkins (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [* Their first peal in this method.] This is the first peal of Treble Bob rung by a Belchamp Company for over fifty years.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford.

On Friday, the 20th inst., the following members of the Hertford Society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. F. G. Crawley (conductor), 1; W. L. Randall, 2; J. Staples, 3; Rev. Woolmore Wigram, 4; H. Baker, 5; J. Godfrey, 6; T. Gathard, 7; J. Cull, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Bromborough, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., six members from Liverpool rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. R. Williams, 1; W. Woodhead, 2; G. Helsby, 3; H. Beck, 4; Rob. Williams, 5; J. Egerton, 6. Tenor, 24 cwt. in E. Composed by the late Mr. John Heron, jun., and conducted by Mr. James Egerton, being the first peal rung upon the bells. These bells were opened on Easter Monday.

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 20 mins. H. Randall,* 1; A. J. Perkins,* 2; J. R. Haworth (Waltham Abbey branch), 3; R. Sewell, 4; W. A. Alps* (Waltham Abbey branch), 5; G. Newson (composer and conductor), 6; W. Doran,* 7; S. Jarman, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E Flat. [* Their first peal in this method, and the first attempt at ringing the method by treble and second men.]

THE PEAL.

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Twice repeated.

At St. Mary's, Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., eight members of the Rawmarsh Society rang John Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Ensor, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; V. Hawkins, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; T. Wild, 5; J. Ensor, 6; S. Whitworth, 7; R. Whitworth, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. This is the first peal of 5040 ever rung by the Rawmarsh Company.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., six members of the St. Lawrence Society, with W. F. Sephton of Derby, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Gilson, 1; A. W. Wells, 2; R. Daft, 3; R. Hicton, 4; F. Sephton, 5; S. Clarke (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Sunday afternoon, for service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins., consisting of 9 bobs and 6 singles, by six members of the Essex Association. J. Pye,* 1; A. Porter, 2; A. Pye, 3; G. Garnett,* 4; J. W. Aldridge, 5; A. J. Perkin (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. [* His first 720. + His first peal inside.]

At St. Mark's, Leicester.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., the St. Margaret's Society rang a half peal of Grandsire Triples (2520) in 1 hr. 32 mins. J. Jarvis, 1; L. Pain, 2; G. Burrows (conductor), 3; T. Willson, 4; J. Buttery, 5; S. Cooper, 6; J. Cooper, 7; J. Copland, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Mary's, Hadlow, Kent.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., a mixed band rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major in 2 hrs. 56 mins. S. Kemp, 1; J. Potter, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Taylor, 5; T. Potter, 6; C. Payne, 7; T. Daynes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 24th inst., eight members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society rang a quarter peal of 1260 Stedman's Triples in 51 mins., being the first five parts of Mr. T. Thurston's peal of 5040. D. Prentice, 1; R. Hawes, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; R. Brundle, 4; H. Bevan, 5; E. Pemberton, 6; W. Catchpole (conductor), 7; T. Pollard, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. This is the longest number of changes rung in this method on these bells.

At the Parish Church, Thirsk, Yorkshire.

On the 24th inst. several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung in celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

The Rev. C. E. Camidge, Vicar of Thirsk, will be glad to know the name and address of the Secretary of the Yorkshire Association of Ringers.

RECEIVED ALSO.—A. C. Waghorn.—We advise you write to Messrs. Warner, London; J. W. Snowden; Moore, Holmes, & McKenzie; J. B. K. T.; R. Williams; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Testimonial to Mr. Henry Hubbard.

A COMMITTEE of nine members, representing the different societies of change-ringers in Leeds, has been formed to promote the testimonial to Mr. Hubbard, which has previously been alluded to in these columns. Mr. Wm. Whitaker, of the Leeds Parish Church Company, is the president; Mr. J. Winder, treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, the treasurer; and Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon the honorary secretary to the fund. The following is a copy of the circular which is being issued by the Committee. We are requested to state that the Committee hope this circular, as published in our columns, will be taken as addressed to each individual company. On receipt of a post-card giving the address, the Secretary will, however, be glad to forward a copy to any society:—

'After the conclusion of the General Meeting of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers at Bingley, on April 23rd, the urgent necessity of making some public recognition of the services rendered by Mr. Henry Hubbard, senior, to the art and science of Change-ringing, was brought before the members. It was suggested that, as Mr. Hubbard now lives in Leeds, the best way to carry out this object would be to elect a Committee of ringers representing the Leeds district, who should undertake to bring his claims before the ringing fraternity, receive and hold all subscriptions, and attend to the disbursement of them in the most desirable manner. This Committee having been elected, now appeals to you to assist in carrying out this work.

'Mr. Henry Hubbard was born at Norwich, on August 23rd, 1807, and is therefore now in his seventy-fourth year. Until 1856 he resided at Norwich, and was a Member of the Society of Norwich Scholars, but in that year he removed to Leeds, and became a Member of the Leeds Parish Church Society of Change-ringers. In this Society he continued until a few years ago, and although, owing to the state of his health, during the later years of his membership he was unable to attend except at very irregular intervals, received a certain quarterly allowance from the Society. After suffering severely from asthma for many years, Mr. Hubbard at last became quite incapacitated from working, and has for some time been a confirmed invalid, totally dependent on others for support. It is therefore now, especially, that the assistance of his friends may advantageously be extended to him. In making this appeal, the Committee would submit to you the great interest both with regard to the practice and science of change-ringing that Mr. Hubbard has taken throughout his lifetime.

'In the year 1845, Mr. Hubbard published the first edition of his *Campanologia, or an Essay on the Art of Change-ringing*. Since that time this book has passed through several editions, the fourth of which was published in 1876, and thus for about thirty years Mr. Hubbard's book was almost the only one on Change-ringing in the hands of the public. To very many ringers this book was the sole source from which they could procure any information, either on the practical or scientific branches of the art, and if the production of this work was all that Mr. Hubbard had done for the advancement of Change-ringing, the Exercise would still be greatly indebted to him.

'Not only, however, as a writer has Mr. Hubbard so long been connected with Change-ringing, but to a former generation his name was also well known as a practical performer in some of the greatest feats in scientific ringing which had ever been accomplished. In evidence of this it may be mentioned, that besides assisting in many ordinary peals, Mr. Hubbard has taken part in the following excellent performances:—

'On April 11th, 1831, he took 3-4 in 2520 changes of Stedman's Triples, rung on handbells at Norwich, the greatest length ever rung in hand, at that time, in this complicated method. On February 6th, 1835, he rang the fourth at St. Giles's, Norwich, in 5376 of Superlative Surprise Major, the second peal in this method, of which seven only have been rung. On November 17th, 1835, he rang the fourth at St. Andrew's, Norwich, in 5280 changes of London Surprise Major, the first peal in this method, of which two more only have since been rung. On January 18th, 1844, he rang the eleventh at St. Peter's, Norwich, through 7126 changes of Stedman's Cinques in 5 hrs. and 17 mins., this being the longest length then completed in the method. Mr. Hubbard's last peal was rung on August 23rd, 1868, at Guiseley, near Leeds, when he conducted a peal of 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, which was rung by eight men whose united ages amounted to 553 years.

'Having thus laid before you the claims that Mr. Hubbard has to the assistance of the Exercise, the Committee trust that you will do your best to assist them in this object. It is also suggested, that in many cases where individual subscriptions may not be thought of sufficient value to be worth forwarding, a small all-round subscription amongst those practising at any church would make a creditable sum when entered in the name of the Tower, and especially would this be the case where any Society will contribute a small sum quarterly during such time as they may be disposed. I shall be glad to answer any further inquiries, and to receive any donations to this fund with which you may favour the Committee. Yours respectfully,

'Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

JASPER W. SNOWDON, Hon. Sec.'

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above was held at Hingham on Monday, the 16th ult. There was a fair attendance of ringers from Norwich and the neighbourhood, and the ringing during the day, especially two or three touches of Treble Bob, was very creditable. At 1.30 an adjournment was made to the 'White Hart,' where the members and friends, to the number of forty, sat down to dinner under the presidency of the Rector, the Rev. M. W. Currie, who was supported by the Revs. C. L. Kennaway, H. W. Turner, J. E. Bartlett, J. Miller, N. Bolingbroke, D. Mustard, G. H. Harris (Sec.), Captain Moore,

R. Heald, C. Cordley, Esq., &c. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the day, said, in a very happy speech, that he could not but wish success to the Association. Whichever way he looked at it, and the objects it sought to promote, it seemed to him worthy of all encouragement. The Secretary (the Rev. G. H. Harris), in responding, thanked the chairman for his hearty welcome and the interest he showed in their work, and mentioned as a proof of it that Mr. Currie had come down from London that morning for the sole purpose of meeting the ringers, and had invited several guests (these all became, or intend to become, members). The election was then proceeded with, and the following were elected Honorary Members:—The Revs. H. W. Turner, T. Holt Wilson, J. E. Bartlett, Haynes S. Robinson, R. Heald, and R. Copeman, Esq. Eighteen performing members and two probationers being afterwards elected. The next meeting will be held at Yarmouth.

Reply to Mr. Gordon.

SIR,—The 5038 Grandsire Triples which appeared in *Church Bells* for April 2nd is your composition, handed to me by H. Dains, and inserted to convince Mr. Livermore. J. B. K. T.

A Correction.

SIR,—For the information of the Change-ringers of Garston I beg to state that the peal rung by them on Easter Monday was not the second rung by College Youths in Liverpool or suburbs. The opening peal on Nov. 9th, 1800, was Grandsire Triples; in Nov. 1809, a peal of 6048 Plain Bob Major and 5088 of Oxford Treble Bob; in 1850 a peal of 5111 of Grandsire Caters. These peals are on tablets in St. Peter's, rang by College Youths, besides a score of other peals in different methods recorded in their peal-book. Should any one doubt the accuracy of the above statement I shall be most happy to show him the same. ROBERT WILLIAMS (College Youths).

St. Peter's, Liverpool.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Stebbing, Essex.

On Tuesday, the 24th ult., being the Queen's Birthday, five of St. Mary's Church ringers rang in 40 mins., at 5 A.M., a touch of 1000 changes in five distinct methods, namely, Calendar, Bob Doubles, Stedman's Slowcourse, Grandsire Doubles, and Antelope. E. Hynds, 1; J. T. Barker, 2; W. Stock, 3; E. Claydon (conductor), 4; G. Ruffet, 5. Tenor, 16 cwt. in G.

5024.

At Redenhall, Norfolk.

On the Queen's Birthday, the 24th ult., the Redenhall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, with N. H. Mack, Esq., of Tunstead, rang a peal of 5024 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 4 mins. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Bentley, 2; J. Smith, 3; N. H. Mack, Esq. (first peal), 4; R. Whitney, 5; F. Smith, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in D.

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At Godstone, Surrey.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., six members of the Nutfield and Bletchingley Societies rang a peal of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins., this being the first time this peal has been rung on these bells. C. Sendall, 1; L. Killik, 2; E. Fuller, 3; J. Burkin, 4; T. Boniface, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. [Weight of tenor not given.]

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

On Friday, the 27th ult., six members of the Derby Society rang (on the back six bells) a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 28 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; G. Lee, 2; R. Redgate, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; J. Newbold, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E. This is the first peal of Bob Minor rung in Derby for upwards of twenty years, and the first peal in the method by the present Society.

At St. James', Norton, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., six members of the Norton Branch of the East Derbyshire Association rang a peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Allen (conductor), 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Biggin, 3; J. Atkin, 4; J. Biggin, 5; J. Goucher, 6. Tenor, 11½ cwt. This is the first performance for the last twenty-three years by the Norton ringers, who have been tutored by J. Dixon and J. Mulligan for seven weeks.

At Christ Church, Oxford.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., the Oxford Society of Change-ringers rang a date-touch, comprising 1881 Stedman's Triples, in 1 hr. 17 mins. J. Lapworth, 1; H. Janaway, 2; E. Harrison, 3; F. Williamson, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; G. M. Coleridge, Esq., 7; A. Strange, 8. Tenor, 42 cwt. Composed by Mr. J. Field and conducted by Mr. G. F. Coleridge.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF SIX-BELL CHANGE-RINGERS.—The Secretary writes to say that the Annual Meeting will take place on Saturday, the 11th inst., instead of the date mentioned in our last issue.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. B. Seaman; Burnley (no writer's name); Rev. F. E. Robinson; J. Lee; and others. Rev. C. Camidge should write to Jasper Snowdon, Esq., Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

Need I remind your correspondent that professedly loyal Churchmen hounded on the mob to stone the venerable Missioner and his little band of preachers as they went up and down the land calling sinners to repentance, or that professedly loyal Churchmen of position, even priests of the national Communion, reviled and scoffed at him? Nothing was deemed too harsh for the 'Swaddlers,' as the early Methodists were nicknamed by their enemies. If this kind of treatment was not an incentive to schism, then I do not know what could be so regarded. Some of us are fond of abusing the Roman Church, but where in her whole history shall we find the record of one of her missionary priests, however enthusiastic and extravagant he may have been, having been treated by her as Wesley was by the Church of England? Wesley was the Xavier of the Anglican Church; he did not die as Xavier died, forsaken and alone in a foreign land, but he died practically excommunicated by the Church he loved so well, and yet clinging to her with fond devotion, even in his latest hour. Your correspondent is quite right as to there being no formal excommunication of the Methodists, nor any authoritative deed of expulsion. Neither was necessary. The mischief had been done; no effort was made on the part of the Church to heal the breach when reconciliation would have been comparatively easy, and it has only been during the last few years that Churchmen have come to realise the fact that Wesley was an injured man. We can scarcely, therefore, wonder that the overtures now made for reconciliation are received with coldness and indifference. However patient and tolerant the Church may now be towards her wilful children, she was neither the one nor the other towards the early Methodists. She cast Methodism out of her bosom as an unclean thing, and it is worse than useless for us to contend that she did right in so doing.

With some of Wesley's views I have no sympathy whatever, but, with all his faults, he did a glorious work for England in her darkest days, and English Churchmen cannot better manifest their recognition of his services in the cause of religion than by frankly confessing that their forefathers erred—may I not say, sinned?—in frowning upon a movement which had upon it the broad impress of the Divine Spirit, and thus driving its adherents into a false and perilous position, from which their descendants, tied and bound as they are by the fetters of temporal prosperity, naturally enough feel a difficulty in receding.

Whilst we honestly and earnestly endeavour to win back our Methodist brethren to Wesley's Catholic principles and Wesley's Church, let us not be too proud to confess that Church's complicity in the schism which we desire to heal, and then we may hope that our blessed Lord will give to our work His heavenly benediction and complete success.

THE CONTRIBUTOR OF 'HOME REUNION NOTES.'

Church Defence.

Sir,—The attention of your readers has been called twice lately to the 'Church Defence Society,' but there is no advertisement in your paper respecting its publications, or where they are to be procured, and contributions sent. Country people feel this an omission. I think the members of the Liberation Society take more pains to circulate information for the benefit of their sympathisers.

L. B.

[We have received several other letters to the same effect. The Secretary of the Church Defence Institution is the Rev. Alfred T. Lee, LL.D., and the office is 9 Bridge Street Westminster, S.W.]

Queries.

CAN any of the readers of *Church Bells* recommend an Institution for a boy twelve years old, of weak intellect, where the terms are moderate?—J. S.

'L.' writes:—'I should be glad if any of your readers could suggest some plan of keeping together, during the summer months, in a Lancashire town, a number of young women who, in the winter season, have met weekly in the sewing-class. For our young men, when the Association meetings are discontinued, we have the cricket-club and country rambles. What can be done for our young women?'

RECEIVED ALSO.—F. M.; J. F. C.; R. M. G.; J. R. Jerram; T. Clark; J. H. H.; E. Y. Cox; F. T. Marsh; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, June 25th, at Ormskirk. Tea will be provided. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, may be had from any of the Committee, or from W. J. Chatterton, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual General Meeting is fixed to be held at Mersham on Thursday, June 16. Service at 12; Dinner at 1; General Meeting at 2 o'clock. Hon. members intending to dine are requested to communicate at once with the Hon. Sec., Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Mersham Rectory, Ashford.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Cheriton, near Folkestone, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 14th ult., the Mersham Company rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob. H. Ruck, 1; G. Finn, sen., 2; E. Ruck, 3; G. Paine, 4; F. Finn, 5; G. Finn, jun., 6. Also a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. E. Ruck, 1; D. Paine, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; G. Paine, 4; S. Barker, 5; G. Finn, jun., 6. Also a touch of 240 Plain Bob. W. Weeks, 1; E. Ruck, 2; W. Jay, 3; G. Paine, 4; H. Ruck, 5; G. Finn, 6. Also half a peal (360) Double Court. E. Ruck, 1; F. Finn, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; G. Paine, 4; S. Barker, 5; G. Finn, 6. All members of the Kent Association. Conductor, E. Ruck. Tenor about 7½ cwt.

At Mersham, near Ashford, Kent.

THE home company rang a touch of 1008 Bob Major. E. Ruck, 1; G. Finn, sen., 2; G. Finn, jun., 3; Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, 4; G. Paine, 5; H. Ruck, 6; F. Finn (conductor), 7; E. Finn, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Burnley, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 29th ult., being Royal Oak Day, the Burnley ringers rang the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, being 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 30 mins. R. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Gregson, 2; J. Pollard, 3; M. Bridge, 4; J. Holden, 5; W. Briggs, 6; E. Shackleton, 7; Jas. Pollard, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At Stockport, Cheshire.

ON Sunday, the 29th ult., the ringers of the Stockport Parish Church rang for morning service a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Booth, 1; W. Albinson (conductor), 2; J. E. B. Lee, 3; R. A. Davies, 4; J. Buck, 5; R. Bardsley, 6; W. H. Albinson, 7; G. Pytoven, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. All the above ringers are members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, Mr. W. Albinson being President. Mr. Albinson and his son, W. H. Albinson, are also members of the old Society of College Youths.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Kenninghall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 6144 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 48 mins. J. Wade, 1; H. Eagling, 2; G. Edwards, 3; C. Everett, 4; J. Cunningham, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Morley (conductor), 8. Composed by N. J. Pistow of Saffron Walden, Essex, and now rung for the first time. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At Drayton, Berkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 31st ult., the Appleton Society of Change-ringers, with L. Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, Herts, rang at the parish church a date touch of 1881 changes of Stedman's Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. F. S. White, 1; E. Holfield, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; B. Barrett, 4; W. Bennett, 5; G. Holfield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; T. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt. Composed by Mr. J. Field of Oxford.

At All Saints', Derby.

ON Friday evening, the 3rd inst., six members of the Derby Society rang on the back six bells a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; A. Taberer, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; J. Newbold, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. [We have more than once requested that the weight of the tenor might be given.—Ed.]

At St. John's, Staveley, Derbyshire.

ON the 5th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang for service 1881 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 13 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; H. Madin (composer and conductor), 2; W. Harris, 3; W. Worthington, 4; N. Young, 5; A. Knights, 6; J. Hunt, 7; J. Broadhead, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs.

At Church, near Accrington, Lancashire.

ON Whit-Monday, the 6th inst., six ringers of the parish church rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, in 27½ mins. J. Horrocks* (conductor), 1; H. Hayes,*† 2; J. Bullock, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Patterson,* 5; T. Horrocks,* 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [* Members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers. *† Also a member of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.]

At St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, Kent.

ON Whit-Monday, eight members of All Saints' Company, Maidstone, rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 6 mins. The peal was composed by C. Payne, with 2 singles in the last four leads and 109 bobs. R. Simmonds, 1; E. Baldock, 2; A. Moorcraft, 3; H. Pearce, 4; A. Woolley, 5; G. Pawley, 6; C. Payne (conductor), 7; E. Elliott, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in D flat.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

ON Whit-Monday, eight members of the Royal Camberland Society rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. J. Leach (first peal), 1; G. Newson (conductor), 2; W. Hovord, 3; N. J. Pistow (composer), 4; F. Bate, 5; D. Stackwood, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The peal, which contains the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, and also each five course-ends home, was never previously performed, and is the first peal on this plan rung in London.

At Crawley, Sussex.

ON Whit-Monday a mixed party of ringers, belonging to the Dorking and Leatherhead Societies visited Crawley, and rang in 1½ hrs. the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. T. Gadd, 1; H. Boxall, sen., 2; T. Rose, 3; H. Boxall, jun., 4; C. Boxall, 5; R. Harden, 6; S. Brooker, 7; W. Holden, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. After the half-peal the Rector, the Rev. J. B. Lennard, took No. 3 bell, and with the same party rang a touch of 350 Grandsire Triples.

At St. Clement's, Leigh, Essex.

ON Whit-Monday six members from Gravesend rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (Troyte's) in 26 mins. H. Weeks,* 1; W. Loft,* 2; M. Lambert, 3; W. King,* 4; B. Spinner,* 5; S. Hayes* (conductor), 6. This is the first time this method has been rung on these bells, which were augmented to a ring of six about twelve or fourteen years ago, and opened by members of the College Youths from London. Also a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins., containing 18 bobs and 18 singles (Pitstow's of Saffron Walden, Essex). J. Chapman,* 1; W. Loft,* 2; M. Lambert, 3; W. King,* 4; B. Spinner,* 5; S. Hayes* (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 16 cwt. The above also paid a visit to St. Mary's, Prittlewell, Essex, on the same day, and by permission of the vicar and churchwardens rang some Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* Members of the Society of College Youths.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. H. (without name and place).

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Meeting at Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE next Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21st, when all persons interested in Change-ringing are specially invited to attend. Dinner at the 'Cock Inn,' as usual, at two o'clock—close by the church.

Durham Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE Whit-Monday meeting of this Association was held at Barnard Castle, and was attended by ringers from Barnard Castle, Darlington, Newcastle, North Shields, South Shields, Staindrop, and Stockton. The ringing consisted of touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, and various other performances adapted to the abilities of the less proficient members. One feature in the day's programme was a course of Grandsire Cinques, rung on hand-bells by five of the Stockton Company and Mr. E. Wallis. At two o'clock the company, to the number of fifty-one, sat down to dinner at the 'Golden Lion,' the Vicar of Barnard Castle presiding. The toasts of the Queen, Bishop and Clergy of the diocese, &c., were duly honoured, and several new members elected, some of them being from the new Society of St. Stephen's, Newcastle. The Annual Meeting will be held at Durham on the last Monday in October.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Monday, June 27th. Tower open at 12. Meeting in the Schoolroom, Wood Street, at 5 p.m. Tea at 6.30 p.m. Members are requested to signify through their local secretaries whether they intend to be at the tea or not, and the local secretaries to send word of their numbers not later than Wednesday, June 22, to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, the Rev. A. S. W. Young, The Vicarage, Kingston-on-Thames. Members may bring friends to the tea on payment of 1s. 6d. for each person, and sending notice to the Hon. Secretary.

A Correction.

SIR,—Allow me space for a few words, to say that the peal as given in your paper of the 4th inst., to which my name is attached, is false, and, consequently, wrong in number of changes, and that there is a misprint of the course-ends. I give the peal with corrected calling, and it will be found true; and I may say that its falsity lay in the use of the alternate calling of the first course. The peal, however, is not mine, as, although I found it by the usual way, of composing, it had been rung at Kenninghall, called by Mr. J. Mordey of that town, and reported in *Church Bells* without its composition some weeks ago, and belongs to my friend Mr. N. J. Pitstow, who informed me of the peal when in London at Whitsuntide.

I must therefore apologise to my friend Mr. E. Smith of Redenhall, for having unwittingly sent him a second-hand peal, and express a hope that it will be recorded by the authorities of the Norwich Association as Mr. Pitstow's composition.

P.S.—Would 'J. B. K. T.' kindly say, if he can, what date he received Mr. Gordon's 5038 touch of Grandsire Triples from me? I well remember receiving this from Mr. Gordon at St. Peter's, Walworth, and giving copies to several friends, and Mr. Newson even now holds the original scrap of paper. But as I keep no record of the transaction—failure in ringing the peal,—I cannot arrive at the date correctly.

Barnsbury, London, N.

HENRY DAINS.

The Grandsire Triples Question.

SIR,—In reference to the controversy now going on with regard to the possibility of producing a perfect peal of Grandsire Triples of 5040 changes, without either single or double, I beg to state that I am in a position to solve the difficulty, as I have succeeded in accomplishing the complete peal in ten courses.

DIGEST.	COURSE-ENDS.
Four plain leads—two bobs.	1 7 3 6 2 5 4
Four plain leads—one bob.	1 4 3 5 7 2 6
	1 6 3 2 4 7 5
One plain lead—one bob.	1 5 3 7 6 4 2
One bob—four plain leads.	1 3 2 6 5 4 7 bob
	1 7 2 4 3 5 6
	1 6 2 5 7 3 4
One bob—one plain lead.	1 4 2 3 6 7 5
Reverse bob—one plain lead.	1 5 2 7 4 6 3
Nine times repeated. No reverse at the fifth course. No reverse at the tenth course.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 bob
Navestock, Essex.	G. OTTLEY,
	Member of the Essex Association.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5088 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 8 mins. G. Thornton, 1; H. Oddy, 2; W. Sugden, 3; W. Bolland, 4; E. Keighley, 5; W. Stainthorpe, 6; B. A. Dodson, 7; G. Bolland, 8. Composed by D. Prentice of Ipswich, and conducted by George Bolland. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Witton, near Northwich, Cheshire.

ON Saturday, the 4th inst., six members of the Witton Society rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; T. Moore, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; R. Chantler, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. This is the first peal ever known to be rung on these bells by Witton ringers, and the first for all the ringers mentioned above.

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

ON Whit Sunday morning, at 7 o'clock, eight members of the above parish rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1260 changes, in 45 mins. T. Newman, 1; N. White, 2; Serj.-Major A. Tucker, 3; G. Martin, 4; J. Newman, 5; F. W. Ebbourn, 6; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. in E.

At Moulton for Whaplode, Lincolnshire.

ON Whit Monday some of the members of the South Lincolnshire Association met at Whaplode for Moulton, and rang four five-bell peals, viz. 1 Old Doubles, 2 Grandsire Five, and 1 Bob Doubles. J. S. Wright, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; J. W. Mawby, 3; E. Mason, 4; R. Creasey, 5. Tenor, 13 cwt. The Rev. J. F. Franklin, vicar, an old Grandsire Triple ringer, was present. After ringing the above they went to All Saints, Moulton, about a mile off, and rang six peals—1 Bob Doubles, 4 Grandsire, and 1 Old Doubles. J. Woodcock, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; W. Felts, 3; J. W. Mawby, 4; R. Creasey, 5. Tenor, 17 cwt. They then proceeded to the residence of the Rev. J. M. Coates, a change-ringer and member of the Committee of the Association, where they were kindly entertained, and returned home well satisfied and thankful.

At All Saints', Runcorn, Cheshire.

ON Whit Monday eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, Holt's Ten-part, in 1 hr. 30 mins. S. Gough, 1; J. Davieson, 2; W. Beacall, 3; J. Large, 4; H. Turner, 5; G. W. Hughes, 6; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 7; J. Leadbetter, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Also a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Large, 1; J. Aspinwall, 2; T. Turner, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Also a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. S. Horwath, 1; W. Beacall, 2; J. Large (conductor), 3; G. Thistlewood, 4; T. Turner, 5; G. W. Hughes, 6.

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., a two-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; J. Dart, 3; W. Wilder, 4; A. Batten, 5; H. Egby, 6. Also a peal of 720, containing 44 bobs and 4 singles, in 25 mins. E. Rogers, 1; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; J. Dart, 3; W. Wilder, 4; A. Batten, 5; H. Egby, 6. Also a six-part peal of 720 in 27 mins. F. Fells, 1; R. Flaxman, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; J. Dart, 4; E. Rogers, 5; H. Egby, 6. Also a two-part peal of 720 in 26 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; E. Rogers, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [No mention of the second bell.]

At St. Peter's, Harborne, Staffordshire.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang the late Thomas Day's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 48 mins. A. Cresser, 1; H. Hopkins (London), 2; T. Miller, 3; C. Hopkins (London), 4; J. Dunn, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6; S. Reeves, 7; J. W. Cattle, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Oxford University Society of Change-ringers.

ON Tuesday, the 7th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung upon Seage's Gong Apparatus at New College in 29 mins. Mr. Newman, 1; F. A. H. du Boulay (Keble), 2; J. E. Acland-Troyte (Christ Church), 3; C. C. Child (Christ Church), 4; Mr. Field, 5; G. F. Coleridge (Keble, conductor), 6. Tenor, about 15 cwt.

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

ON Thursday, the 9th inst., six members of the Derby Society rang on the back six bells a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (Troyte's), with 34 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. A. Taberer, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; R. Redgate, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; J. Newbold, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. in E.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., six members of the Derby Society rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; A. Taberer, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; J. Newbold, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Tenor about 16 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Kenninghall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5036 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 1 min. W. Oxer, 1; H. Eagling, 2; G. Edwards, 3; R. Nudds, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Cunningham, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. H. Dains of London. It is a two-part peal, and has the six its extent in 5-6, and contains all the 3, 6, 7, and was now rung for the first time. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At Hull, Yorkshire.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., five members of St. Mary's, assisted by Mr. T. Stockdale of St. James's, rang a peal of 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 30 mins. F. Drabble (his first peal), 1; W. T. Verity, 2; W. Jackson, 3; T. Stockdale, 4; H. Eastwood, 5; W. Southwick (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. Some of the above are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, and of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

NOTICE.—Correspondents are requested to write on one side only of their paper. The tenor of All Saints', Derby, is about 30 cwt. in D.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Moses Bridges; H. Barkin; E. Rack; and others.

Working men have a blunt way of looking at things, and when they find that the clergy do not carry out in their private affairs what they teach their flocks, they are anything but confirmed in a faith whose ministers are so lax, and often fall away altogether it is feared. Let the clergy examine themselves, and see whether such things cannot be laid to their charge, and not always seek to lay upon others what may often lie at their own door hitherto unnoticed and forgotten.

The Guild of St. Matthew has a noble work in justifying God to the people. May success be theirs! But let me advise the members not always to pay attention to the working classes, but to remember that other people, their social superiors, need at times advice. Let them endeavour to make ministerial unfaithfulness a thing unknown in our towns, and a great work in the destruction of secularism will have been successfully accomplished.

A WORKING MAN.

RECEIVED ALSO.—L. A. Turnbull; Jesse Page; John Wood; Rector; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Grandsire Triples Question.—A False Peal.

SIR,—I beg to state that the 5040 Grandsire Triples composed by Mr. G. Ottley, and given in last week's *Church Bells*, is false. On examination it will be found that the first five changes in every lead where the reverse bob is made repeat with the first line in the lead immediately preceding. Finding the peal false in this respect I did not examine it further, but it is doubtful whether some of the other changes in the same leads do not repeat also. A peal on this plan, if found true, would bring us no nearer the object aimed at, and would only demonstrate the possibility of producing 5040 triple changes—a question which Shipway solved sixty-five years ago, when he produced his peal in five parts, with the aid of five fifth-place bobs.

Wrenthorpe, Wakefield.

JOHN HOLLIS.

The North Wilts Guild of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at Corsham. At 10.30 a mixed band of change-ringers rang some Grandsire Doubles. At 11 o'clock service was held in the church, when a sermon, addressed, (1), To those who *hear* the sound, and, (2), Those who *make* the sound of the church bells, was preached by Rev. H. F. J. Coape-Arnold, Rector of Gotton-Kegnell, from Exod. xxi. 25. From 12 to 12.30 the belfry was occupied by members of the Trowbridge band of change-ringers, and from 12.30 to 1 by a mixed band of members of the Guild. At one o'clock about thirty members sat down to dinner, the Rev. G. Linton in the chair. After dinner the Trowbridge ringers again went to the belfry and rang Doubles. At four o'clock they were regaled with tea by the liberality of the Vicar, and then proceeded to St. Paul's Church, Chippenham, when they rang a few touches of Triples.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Writtle on Whit Monday. The gathering was not so large as in the two previous years, though many parishes were represented by the attendance of members from long distances. There was service in the church at half-past twelve, the sermon being preached by the Rev. G. St. A. Godson, Vicar of Moulsham. Several honorary members were present at dinner. A very handsome peal-book was laid on the table, in which three peals were waiting to be entered. The Secretary stated that the Association had made most satisfactory progress, there being 40 honorary and life members, and 150 ringing members; and after all expenses paid, an addition had been made to their Savings'-bank Book. A discussion having taken place as to the desirability of changing the day for the Annual Meeting, so many having engagements on that day, and as to the expense of entries in the peal-book being defrayed by the Association, and some other matters of interest, the Secretary stated that the work had increased with the increase of the numbers of the Association, and his own parochial duties also were heavier, and he hoped a successor would relieve him of the office of Secretary. The members generally expressing a strong desire that the Secretary should not give up the work, it was suggested that some help might be found, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey, a Member of Oxford University Ringers, consented to act as Assistant Secretary. Some good ringing took place during the day. A District Meeting will be held at Maldon, on Thursday, July 14th.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

THIS Society held its Annual General Meeting at Mersham, near Ashford, on Thursday, the 16th inst. At the service at 12 o'clock the Rector, the Rev. R. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Hon. Sec. of the Society, preached the sermon. At 1 o'clock about ninety ringers met at dinner, the Rector presiding, after which the General Meeting was held and the Officers and Committee for the year were appointed. The various bands visited during the day the neighbouring churches of Ashford (8 bells, tenor 24 cwt.), and Aldington (6 bells, tenor 14 cwt.), where, and at Mersham (8 bells, tenor 13 cwt.), touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. The Society now includes twenty-four parishes, and numbers over 200 practising members.

At Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE sixty-ninth anniversary of the augmentation of this ring from six to eight was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst. Among the ringers were Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, and band; Messrs. J. Cox, J. R. Haworth, Winney, Bradley, and Robert Sewell, of London; also many county ringers from Bury St. Edmunds, Bures, Bidestone, Hitcham, Sudbury, Glensford, Barking (Essex), Ixworth, Kenninghall, &c.—altogether about

seventy ringers sat down to dinner in a marquee at the 'Cock Inn,' presided over by F. T. Barkway, Esq. M.D., Churchwarden. Some excellent ringing was heard during the day, especially some touches rung by the Bennington Company, viz. 504 and 288 Stedman's Triples, 448 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and 448 of Superlative Surprise Bob Major. Ringing was kept up well until a late hour at night, both in the tower and on hand-bells. Also we may congratulate the Lavenham Church people for keeping their tower and bells in a thoroughly good ringing order: no mishap of any kind took place to mar any one's pleasure. On Wednesday Squire Proctor and his party (including Messrs. Cox and Haworth) visited Saffron Walden, Essex, and rang Stedman's Triples and Cambridge Surprise, Messrs. Pitstow (brothers) kindly giving every assistance for that purpose.

Accident to a Bell.

WE regret to say that the fine-toned tenor bell (18 cwt., ring of six) at Monks Eleigh, about four miles from Lavenham, broke down on Monday evening last whilst ringing, in consequence of her gudgeons breaking off, thus letting the bell down wedged between the timbers. This bell is well known to Suffolk people, also to strangers, as being a very fine-toned bell, which, considering her being only 18 cwt., is nearly equal to Lavenham.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Sunday, the 29th ult., the Daresbury Society rang, for morning service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob in 13 mins. Also for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. T. Houghton, jun., conductor.

ON Sunday, the 5th inst., for morning service, 360 London Single in 13½ mins. Also for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 27 mins. P. Johnson conductor.

ON Sunday, the 12th inst., for morning service, 360 College Single in 13 mins.; and for evening service, 720 College Single in 26 mins. P. Hamblett conductor.

ON Sunday, the 19th inst., for morning service, 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. (T. Houghton, sen., conductor); and for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. J. Ellison conductor.

Also on Monday, the 20th inst., being the anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 53 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

At Scarborough, Yorkshire.

ON Friday, the 17th inst., touches of 252 Stedman's Triples and 262 Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent. J. Griffin (conductor), 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; A. Wakley, 4; J. Jaggar, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; W. Wakley, 7; R. Joyce, 8. Tenor, about 20 cwt.

At Sandiacre, Derbyshire.

ON Friday evening, the 17th inst., the ringers of the parish church, with the assistance of Mr. J. Barrow, their instructor, and Mr. R. Hickton of Long Eaton, succeeded in ringing 120 Grandsire Doubles. As the bells were only opened in January last, and the ringers have only been under instruction since that time, this is a very creditable performance. F. J. Gough, 1; J. C. Dickens, 2; R. Hickton, 3; J. Barrow (conductor), 4; H. Sheard, 5; W. Lovell, 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F.

At Shenstone, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., eight of the Lichfield ringers rang J. Carter's date touch of 1881 in 1 hr. 9 mins. E. W. Gallimore, 1; H. King, 2; Hopley, 3; F. Sedgwick, 4; A. Whitby, 5; F. Meredith (conductor), 6; H. Meacham, 7; C. North, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At Castle Donington, Leicestershire.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., six members of the Derby Society, by kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; R. Redgate, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; A. C. Woodward, 4; J. Newbold, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Also a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; A. Taberer, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; A. C. Woodward, 4; J. Newbold, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

At Hedon, Yorkshire.

THE bells of the parish church having been rehung by Mr. T. Walker of Hull, a peal of 720 changes was rung on Saturday last.

At St. Hilda's, South Shields, Durham.

ON Monday, the 20th inst., six members of the Durham Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins., with 42 singles. R. Hopper (conductor), 1; G. Moffoot, 2; R. Scafton, 3; R. Willins, 4; R. Smith, 5; W. Eggleston, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt., in C.

At Limpsfield, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 20th inst., four members of the Nutfield with two of the Blechingley Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor; also a 720 Plain Bob Minor. Time, 27 mins. each peal. C. Sendall, 1; L. Killick, 2; E. Fuller, 3; J. Burkin, 4; T. Boniface, 5; W. Burkin (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F. These are the first peals of Minor ever rung on these bells.

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

ON Tuesday, the 21st inst., after evening service, was rung by the Derby Society a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 45 minutes (the bells being half-muffled), in memory of the late W. C. Watson, Esq., for several years a churchwarden of St. Werburgh's. G. Neal, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; A. C. Woodward, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

BOOKS ON CHANGE-RINGING.

At the present time Change-ringing seems to be receiving a good deal of attention from the clergy and others, who not only can appreciate and understand a written explanation, but also recognise the value of 'reading up' a subject. I therefore submit to those interested in this art a description of certain books that I have written in connexion with the subject.

Until a very few years ago the only books published on Change-ringing gave very little information on the practical part of the art, and on account of the brevity of the style adopted, it was only to those who were in some degree already acquainted with the more advanced branches that any of these books were of much utility. In my books I have therefore given much more lengthy explanations of the matters on which they treat than have hitherto been published, and although I have, in the following pages, given such notices as will explain their contents, I herewith append a brief statement showing the object of each work.

ROPE-SIGHT: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING.—For their earliest instructions beginners have hitherto been almost entirely dependent on men who, however able as ringers, have not been in any way qualified to impart to others either their practical knowledge or any other information of which they might be possessed. The object of this book is, therefore, to enable beginners to teach themselves and others to ring changes according to the simplest method by which they can be produced. In the first chapters all the elementary technical terms are explained and hints on the practical management of a bell are given. Proceeding to the actual ringing of changes, all such information as can possibly be imparted in a written explanation, with such hints as experience of a beginner's usual difficulties has pointed out, is given. In this way much of the necessary knowledge may be acquired that has hitherto only been obtainable by oral instruction, or been the result of repeated attempts on the bells. By a careful study of the contents of this book a learner is therefore previously prepared, so that he may gain the most advantage from the least amount of actual practice.

STANDARD METHODS IN THE ART OF CHANGE-RINGING.—When any one has acquired the faculty of rope-sight, this book will then be found extremely useful in the study of any other of the best-known methods by which changes are rung. The object of *Standard Methods* is to provide a collection of simple rules by which the study of any method will be simplified. The peculiarity of the explanations is that they are based on the study of diagrams, which are produced by lithographed lines of different colours running over the figures in the full plain course of each method which is given. The four *Standard Methods* of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob, Stedman's Principle, and a variety of other methods, are fully explained. *Standard Methods* is, therefore, not only adapted for the use of all beginners, but will also be found useful to any ringer who wishes to learn or look up any of the methods contained therein.

A TREATISE ON TREBLE BOB. PART I.—This book does not treat of the practical art of Change-ringing, but contains a large amount of information with regard to the science of composing and proving peals, which has never been previously published. Although in some parts the explanations are particularly directed to the Treble Bob method, a large amount of the information contained in this book applies to the proof of peals in any method. The chapter on the 'In and Out-of-Course of the Changes' is one which must be thoroughly studied by any one who wishes to compose a true peal or to prove the truth of one in any method. Any one not already possessing a copy of this work should secure one, as it is very improbable that another containing the same amount of information will ever be issued at the same price, as, when sold through the ordinary trade channels, this book is issued at a price that does not quite cover the expense of printing the same.

A TREATISE ON TREBLE BOB. PART II.—This book contains the largest collection of Treble Bob peals that has ever been got together, and although only interesting to Treble Bob ringers, is one which it is improbable will ever be reprinted at the same price. A further detailed description of the contents will be found at a subsequent page.

Concerning the four above-mentioned books, it may be said that *Rope-Sight* should be in the hands of every beginner; *Standard Methods* in the possession of every ringer; Part I. of the *Treatise on Treble Bob* in the hands of every one who aspires to prove or compose a peal, and is not already thoroughly qualified to do so; and that Part II. is absolutely necessary to every Treble Bob composer or conductor who wishes to test the originality of any composition.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

Gloucester Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

On Monday, the 20th ult., the Annual Meeting of this Association was held in this city. After ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples on the bells of the Cathedral, consisting of 640 changes, the members attended a special service at the Cathedral. Canon Harvey preached from Ps. cxiii., 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem,' and following verses. The members afterwards assembled in the Chapter-room for business. The Hon. and Rev. Canon Lyttelton presided, and testified to the valuable work done by the ringers in the district. It was specially impressed upon members that the belfry is part of the church, and is consecrated to the service of Almighty God, and that the bells are instruments of sacred music: the office, therefore, of a ringer being a holy office, it should ever be performed in a reverent manner. The annual report was read. The financial statement showed a balance in hand of 16l. 14s. 7d. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed. The next meeting, it was agreed, should be held at Chippenham, or the neighbourhood. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter-room, and to Canon Lyttelton for presiding. The members

afterwards dined together at the 'Spread Eagle' Hotel. During the afternoon the six-bell ringers rang peals in the Grandsire Double, Grandsire Minor, and Bob Minor methods, on the bells of St. Michael, St. Mary-de-Lode, and St. Nicholas, and the eight-bell ringers occupied the towers of the Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Crypt, and rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, and Treble Bob Major. The Cheltenham ringers, after returning home, rang, under the conductorship of Mr. Belcher, a touch of 1000 Stedman's Caters. J. Lawrence, 1; H. Phillott, 2; Rev. W. S. Willett, 3; W. Coleridge, 4; W. Morris, 5; H. Karn, 6; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 7; T. Belcher, 8; A. Cocks, 9; H. Hodges, 10.

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

The Annual Festival Meeting will be held at Winchester on Thursday, July 28th, 1881.

A. D. HILL, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Chester Cathedral, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 4th ult., eight members of the Chester Cathedral Society of Change-ringers rang seven courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, 1760 changes, in 1 hr. 14 mins. A. Jones, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; T. Bethell, 4; J. Moulton, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; W. Walton, 7; F. Ball (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 33 cwt., in C.

On Saturday evening, the 25th ult., the Cathedral Society of Change-ringers met by arrangement the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies from the parish church, Whitechurch, and his friend G. F. Coleridge from Keble College, Oxford (both being members of the College Youths), to take part in the ringing on this occasion. Half a peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 45 mins. A. Jones, 1; J. Gibson, 2; T. Bethell, 3; G. F. Coleridge (Keble College), 4; Rev. D. P. Davies, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (composer and conductor), 7; W. Walton, 8. This is the first occasion upon which a minister of the Church has taken part in change-ringing on the Cathedral bells, and it is hoped that many more will follow his example.

[We are sorry that the insertion of the above was accidentally delayed.]

At St Thomas's, Rhyl, North Wales.

On Monday, the 6th ult., by the kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, the Chester Cathedral Society visited Rhyl and rang the first half of Taylor's 24-course, or six-part peal (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 31 mins. A. Jones, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; T. Bethell, 5th; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (conductor), 7; S. Hand, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. Then 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor (7, 8 being tenors) was rung in 26½ mins. Afterwards several courses of Grandsire Caters and tunes were rung upon the hand-bells. Owing to several services being held in the church there was not sufficient time allowed to accomplish a whole peal, namely, 5040 changes; hence the half-peal being rung.

P.S.—There were during the day several musical touches of Grandsire Triples rung at the request of the Hon. Sec. of the Rhyl Society, in which Mr. Frank Gamlin, late representative of the West Kent Guild of Ringers, took part.

Change-ringing by the St. Stephen's Society, Bristol.

On Monday, the 20th ult., to celebrate the anniversary of the Queen's Accession, Messrs. G. and W. Stadden, Duckham, Abbott, York, Price, Beak, Palser and Emery, rang at St. Mary's, Redcliff, St. Nicholas, All Saints, Christ Church, Mayor's Chapel, and Clifton Parish Church, some touches of Grandsire Triples, Minors, and Doubles, conducted by Mr. A. York.

Opening of a New Ring of Eight.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 47 mins. H. Haley, sen. (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; H. Haley, jun., 3; W. Cooter, 4; M. A. Wood, 5; E. Horrex, 6; J. M. Hayes, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. This ring of bells is the gift of W. H. Taylor, Esq., of Hounslow, and cast by Messrs. Warner of London. Tenor, 8 cwt. 2 qrs., in A flat. [Name of church not mentioned.]

At St. John's, Perry Barr, Staffordshire.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 11 mins. A. Cresser, 1; T. Miller, 2; W. Small, 3; H. Johnson, sen., 4; W. Kent, 5; J. Buffery, 6; H. Johnson, 7; T. Reynolds, 8. Composed by the late T. Day, conducted by J. Buffery, and rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Nepp. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At Barnsley, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., nine members of the Wakefield Society, with J. Hollis of Wrenthorpe and C. Crawford of Poncaster, visited Barnsley (the occasion being a demonstration in aid of Beckett's Hospital) and rang at St. Mary's Church several courses of Kent Treble Bob Major before afternoon service; also 672 Grandsire Triples. J. P. Healey (conductor), 1; W. Firth, 2; W. Scott, 3; J. Hollis, 4; T. Moorhouse, 5; T. Ormond, 6; C. Crawford, 7; J. Styles, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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.—F. W. Wells; G. Livermore; Dolben Peal; and others.

The Salvation Army.

SIR,—‘F. W. I.’ must remember, that when the disciples of our Lord found one casting out devils in Christ’s name our Lord discouraged them from doing what ‘F. W. I.’ would have the Church of England do now. (Mark, ix. 38-40.) And when St. Paul found people preaching Christ of envy and strife, of contention, and not even *with sincerity*, he says, ‘Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached; and therein I do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.’ (Phil. i. 15-18.) ‘F. W. I.’ asks, Is the army doing any good at all? He will hardly deny that they catch drunkards and make them sober. According to the *Standard*, England is much more sober than it was four years ago, and the Salvation Army must have much to do with that. They promote purity. There is a touching account in the *War Cry* of, I think, last week, of a young lady who was advised by Mrs. Booth to go again and again to the throne of grace to purify her very thoughts, and after many failures she was successful. There is also an address by her, in which she insists in salvation being *from sin*, not *in sin*, as ‘F. W. I.’ unfairly puts it. There is no doubt they aim at holiness. The results are sobriety, purity, and holiness; and if these results come from Satan, whom, by-the-by, they regard as their bitterest foe, then is Satan divided against himself, and repentance, the best of all repentance, the turning from their evil ways, is by no means left out.

Then as to momentary salvation. How long did it take for 3000 to be converted under St. Peter’s sermon? In 1875 there was a mission held in Nottingham, Booth’s native town, the Evangelicals and the Ritualists both joined. The Ritualists turned out in processions, singing about the streets, and carrying lights. They addressed the people at intervals, and so they got the waifs and strays to church. When they got them there, they did not use the Church of England prayers at all—it was all extempore. And as far as the doctrine of conversion and instant salvation is concerned I see no difference between the way it is put by all missionaries and the way it is put in the *War Cry*. All this, except the building, is just like the proceedings of the Salvation Army. ‘F. W. I.’ fears the Salvation Army would join the Bradlaughites and the Liberationists. How is it, then, that they have had such terrible opposition in Bradlaugh’s town of Northampton? If the Church of England arises and sets to work to save souls, as is the case where missions are held, the Salvation Army would never cripple an ally. And if not, the Salvation Army, if Dissenters, which they need not be, are not political Dissenters, envious of the parson’s standing and hungering for his revenues. It would only require to be put to them that the Liberationists are trying to break the eighth commandment to prevent their joining them in their unholy project. I look upon the Salvation Army as raised up by God to be an antidote for Socialism, Secularism, Bradlaughism, and Spoliation, among the lowest classes.

‘F. W. I.’ would have the Church of England do all this work. There are, thank God, a number of earnest, eloquent, persuasive missionaries in her midst. But there is not one clergyman in a hundred who has the gifts, the tact, the wisdom, or the wit necessary to go into the dens of the thieves and prostitutes of our large towns. People like Sister Dora or Miss Marsh are very few and far between. It is utterly impossible for the clergy in general to do this; and to throw cold water on the services of those who can and will do it is a dog-in-the-manger trick. The ragged schools are not suitable places for a clergyman’s daughter to learn the three R’s, but that is no reason for abolishing the ragged school. The three R’s are all the same, both to her and to the street-sweeper. And so is salvation the same to a drunkard as to a bishop.

The Salvation Army, with a paper of 185,000 weekly circulation, with branches in Scotland, Ireland, America, Australia, and among the French in Paris, cannot be despised. It is a great power for good or evil. If we do not recognise it it will go on in spite of us. Would it not be well for the Bishops to make up their minds about it? To encourage their clergy to baptize those converts who have not been baptized in their infancy, to receive their ‘soldiers’ to Holy Communion? I am already admitting to Holy Communion two persons who refuse to be confirmed. They were baptized as Dissenters in infancy, without godfathers. They cannot, therefore, answer, ‘I do,’ in the Confirmation service. I do this by the special advice of the bishop. Would not it be well for the Bishops to sanction the same thing on a large scale for these fanatical, these wild, vulgar people, who are, nevertheless, promoting sobriety, purity, and holiness?

The Revised Translation.

SIR,—Whilst giving credit to the Revisers of the New Testament for painstaking diligence and learning, I must confess that on the whole I feel disappointed with the result of their labours, and, with many others, am of opinion that something better must be produced before the received version is superseded. May I point out a passage in which I had hoped for some improvement, but which they have failed to catch the true meaning of? The passage is 1 Thess. ii. 6, where the Greek word *δοξα* is translated ‘glory,’ as in the Authorised Version, but where the context shows it should have a different meaning. The Apostle wishes to impress on those to whom he wrote, that though as an apostle he was entitled to look for support and maintenance from them, yet, rather than be a burden, he wrought with his own hands for his support (see verse 9 of the chapter, and also 2 Thess. ii. 8). Now my contention is, that the word *δοξα* in this passage means such support, and not glory. The Hebrew word, *Kabod*, which the LXX. render by *δοξα*, as is well known, frequently signifies *wealth, substance, means*, as in Gen. xxxi. 1, Psa. xlix. 17, Isa. x. 3, lxi. 12, and the Greek word by which it is represented appears to have had the same signification, so that the meaning proposed may justly be given in this passage. The first meaning assigned by Liddell and Scott to *δοξα* is *expectation*, and in our English idiom, ‘to have expectations from any one’ is to hope for some advantage or benefit, and thus the Apostle declares he did not look for from the Thessalonians.

M. A.

SIRMA.

After the Settlement.

SIR,—‘W. G.’ says, ‘The Ornaments question has long disturbed the Church, broken her peace, and hindered her work. If the Church has a mind on the subject she may as well express it; and how can she do this but by Convocation?’ No doubt the mind of the Church is that the Rubric should be expunged; but Convocation does not express the mind of the Church, and never did. The mind of the Church can only be expressed, as it was in ancient days, by the synodical action of clergy and laity combined. The valuable articles of ‘M. E.’ in your papers of March 26 and April 9 indicate the lines on which a National Synod should be formed which would command the respect and secure the obedience of both clergy and laity, which Convocation does not. Indeed the Lower House has shown itself totally incapable of comprehending the present situation of the Church, or appreciating the wisdom with which the Upper House desires to deal with it. It is the opinion of the laity generally, and of the clergy largely, that Convocation is incorrigible, is worse than useless, and must be superseded. The sooner the better! The Synod of the Irish Church has worked well; moderate counsels have prevailed; and the extremes in either direction have been avoided. Such a body in England would command at all times that which, as long as the Church is established, must be obtained, the sanction of Parliament to its enactments; and the needs of the Church would be considered and dealt with in a wise and liberal spirit, which would give it a vitality and expansiveness such as it has never yet known, and never will know as long as the obstructiveness of Convocation stands in the way of wise and reasonable reform.

T. CLARK.

An Appeal for Rehanging a Ring of Bells.

SIR,—Will you kindly permit me through your columns to ask for help towards paying the cost of rehanging the bells of Hedon Church? The tower will be restored this summer, and as this will tax to the uttermost local resources I venture to appeal to a wider circle on behalf of the most necessary work of rehanging the bells and repairing the chimes. About 700*l.* has been spent in restoring the church, an engraving of which appeared in your paper some time ago. The tower contains six bells, which are accounted one of the best rings in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The complete work, including rehanging the bells and repairing the chimes, will cost between 50*l.* and 60*l.* The Rev. C. E. Camidge, of Thirsk, and formerly Vicar of Hedon, has expressed his great pleasure at hearing of the rehanging, which, he says, ‘was very much wanted.’ He has himself contributed 5*l.* An application has recently been made to Sir Edmund Beckett for a faculty to restore the tower. He asked if we were not intending to rehang the bells, and I told him in answer that I have undertaken the work. I appeal to all lovers of bells to help me, and shall be glad to acknowledge any sum, however small, sent to me for this object (Money Order Office at Hedon).

Hedon Vicarage, Hull.

H. L. CLARKE, Vicar of Hedon.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Camberwell; T. P. Nunn; Rev. T. Field; A. M. W.; E. Whitmore; L. M. Rust; Hibernicus; F. W. R.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Waterloo Society, London.

THERE will be a Special General Meeting of this Society held at the Meeting House (‘The Railway Guide’), Waterloo Road, on Wednesday evening, July 13th, at 8.30, to settle some very important business. All members are particularly requested to attend, if possible.

HENRY HOPKINS.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

PROGRAMME OF FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, TO BE HELD AT READING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1881.

11.30 a.m. Service in St. Mary’s Church, with a sermon by the Very Rev. the Dean of York.

1.0 p.m. Dinner for Members. Tickets, 2*s.* 6*d.* each. After dinner the General Meeting of the Guild will be held, to receive the Secretary’s Report and transact necessary business.

6.0 p.m. Tea for Members, 6*d.* a head.

The towers of St. Mary and St. Giles, Reading, and of Caversham Church, will be open to Members in the afternoon for ringing practice, and the Master of the Guild will apportion the ringers to each tower.

Arrangements are in progress for reduced fares from the following stations to Reading and back (3rd class): S. E. R.—Wellington College and Wokingham. G. W. R.—Oxford, Abingdon, Wantage, Twyford, Taplow, Slough, and Maidenhead. Particulars will be forwarded with dinner tickets.

Notice of attendance should be forwarded at once to the Secretary, so that the necessary arrangements may be completed. DOLBEN PEAL, Bearwood, Wokingham, June 29. Sec. and Treasurer.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Maldon on Thursday, July 21st.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above will be held at Yarmouth on Monday, July 25th. Members wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the Secretary as soon as possible.

G. H. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers’ Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above took place at Long Sutton on Saturday, the 2nd inst. A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by J. W. Creasey, 1; W. Pearce, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; R. Clark, 4; F. W. Flatters, 5; R. Creasey, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. The dinner was held at the

'Crown and Woolpack' Inn. The Rev. S. R. Henderson presided, supported by the Rev. R. E. Roy and the Rev. R. G. Ash (Vice-Presidents), and the Rev. J. M. Coates (member of the Committee). About twenty-two members were present. Several new ones were elected. In the evening some of the company went to Sutton, St. Nicholas, and rang peals of Grandsire Doubles (tenor, 5 cwt.), viz., J. R. Jerram, 1; J. W. Creasey, 2; J. M. Mawby, 3; E. Mason, 4; R. Creasey, 5. This is the lightest ring of five in the county.

A Question for Mr. F. Ball.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a 'composition' (?) rung at Chester Cathedral on the 25th ult., and claimed by Mr. F. Ball, the part ends of which, together with the observation, are published in your last week's number.

I should be inclined to call it a more or less ingenious adaptation of my old friend, 'Holt's Ten-part.' This will, I expect, be the opinion of the Exercise, and even of the uninitiated, when I point out that the bob leads of the first part of Holt's Ten-part come thus—12551*52555; this making one part, and four times repeated producing the half peal. Mr. Ball begins where I have placed the asterisk, thus—52555, and finishes up with the beginning, thus—12551, the seventh doing exactly the same as the second would in the original—the beautiful simplicity of which, however, is done away with by the fact that Mr. Ball's lead ends are not the lead ends of the plain course.

I do not think it is fair to call this sort of thing a composition. A man might as well call himself the composer of a piece of music because he had written out Handel's 'Messiah,' beginning at the second part and ending up with the end of the first part.

CHARLES A. W. TROYTE.

P.S.—As only half the peal was rung at Chester, it will be interesting to know whether Mr. Ball claims to have composed a Holt's Single to complete it.

The Harrison Monument.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the monument which has been erected by ringers and friends over the grave of the late William Harrison, in the churchyard at Mottram-in-Longendale, Cheshire, was unveiled. The proceedings commenced at three o'clock, when a large number of ringers, friends, and members of the numerous lodges of Oddfellows in Mottram, met in the Market-place, and walked in procession round the village and to the parish church, where a short service was conducted by the Rev. J. R. C. Miller, at the conclusion of which the Right Rev. Bishop Kelly, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, delivered an excellent address. A collection, amounting to about 61s., was then taken, which, with the amount already received, will cover the total cost of the monument—about 40l. Those present in the church then adjourned to the site of the monument, where a large crowd was already assembled. Mr. Luke Broadbent, the chairman of the monument committee, then presided over the proceedings, which commenced with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and Bishop for their kind assistance in the matter, which was responded to by both these gentlemen. Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, of Leeds, then addressed those present; and after alluding to the great capabilities of William Harrison, both as a practical ringer and composer, unveiled the monument. A vote of thanks to Mr. Snowdon for his attendance closed the proceedings, after which those assembled walked in procession to the Market-place, from whence many of them adjourned to tea in the National School. Several touches on the bells during the evening brought the day to a conclusion. The committee are deeply indebted to the Vicar, whose appointment to Mottram was only made about the time of Mr. Harrison's death, for the very hearty manner in which he has co-operated with them in this matter, and rendered every assistance possible to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion. The thanks of the Exercise are also due to him for the pecuniary help he has also given to the matter, by his generosity in altogether remitting the fees due to him in connexion with the erection of the monument in the churchyard.

Stainbank v. Sir Edmund Beckett.

SIR EDMUND BECKETT, Q.C., has been cast in damages to the amount of 200l., in respect of some letters that he published concerning the 'Big Ben' at Westminster. Sir Edmund was one of the judges appointed to approve the bell when cast, the casting being made in Mr. Mears' foundry. The proportion of seven of tin to twenty-two of copper was fixed upon as likely to give sufficient softness to prevent cracking, and sufficient hardness to insure a sonorous tone. The bell was passed by Sir Edmund, but he subsequently discovered, as he alleged, that at that time certain cavities in it had been filled up. According to Messrs. Mears, however, the holes were extremely small, and such as were ordinarily filled up on a casting. The cracking of the bell was attributed by Messrs. Mears to the use of too heavy a hammer, the crack being opposite the hammer, where, it is alleged, is the greatest strain. In a former action brought some time ago by Messrs. Mears in consequence of some disparaging remarks, Sir Edmund Beckett withdrew his plea of justification under advice, not understanding the dodges of common-law pleadings, 'having been brought up in equity.' Mr. Stainbank has now succeeded Mr. Mears as the proprietor of the foundry, and he complained of some letters written a year or two ago by Sir Edmund during the controversy respecting the bells of St. Paul's. Sir Edmund wrote that Big Ben was a disgrace to its founders, and that it had been cast in the 'oldest and worst of the foundries in England.' Subsequently he repeated his charge against Mr. Mears, who is now dead, but disavowed any intention of referring to Mr. Stainbank. The case lasted several days before Baron Huddleston and was decided by the jury on Tuesday in favour of Mr. Stainbank.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Bradninch, Devon.

THE ring of six have lately been rehung and refitted by Hooper and Stokes of Woodbury. On Saturday, the 25th ult., they were reopened by the band of change-ringers from St. Sidwell's, Exeter, under the leadership of W. B. Fulford, Esq. Eight six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, with various

callings, were rung in 52 mins. each. The parish round-ringers also rang their peals of ups and downs.

At Crayford, Kent.

On Monday, the 27th ult., six members of the Crayford Company, with the assistance of Mr. Dixon, rang on the back six a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Saxby, 1; G. Conyard, 2; T. Dixon (conductor), 3; W. Pringuer, 4; M. Jacobs, 5; F. French, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. This is the first peal of Treble Bob by the local company, also the first peal of Treble Bob Minor on the present ring of bells, which were placed in the tower in 1876.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On the 26th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, consisting of 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung. A. Walker, 1; J. W. Creasey, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; R. Mackman, 4; R. Creasey, 5; J. R. Jerram (conductor), 6.

On the 28th a peal of 720 Plain Bob, with 8 bobs and 6 singles. J. Woodward, 1; J. W. Creasey, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

On the 3rd inst., a peal of 1500 Plain Bob and London Single, in 1 hr. A. Walker, 1; J. W. Creasey, 2; R. Creasey, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

On the 5th inst., a peal of 720 London Single. T. Measures, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; G. L. Richardson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Church, near Accrington, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 27th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 34 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 28½ mins. J. Horrocks* (conductor), 1; H. Hayes,* 2; J. Eastwood,* 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Patterson,* 5; T. Horrocks,* 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. This is the first 720 in this method. [* Members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.]

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday, the 28th ult., six members of the Society rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins., called with 32 bobs and 2 singles. S. Wilson, 1; S. Clarke, 2; R. Hickton, 3; W. Gilson, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

Visit of Long Eaton Ringers to St. Luke's, Derby.

On Saturday afternoon, the 2nd inst., several members of the Society visited the above church, and were most cordially welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Lyall) and the St. Luke's Society of Ringers. After ringing several touches of Grandsire Triples both societies adjourned to St. Luke's Coffee-house and partook of an excellent tea; after which they again visited the tower, and the following mixed band rang 504 Grandsire Triples:—A. Riley, 1; T. Bancroft, 2; S. Clarke,* 3; W. Gibson,* 4; F. Sephton, 5; J. Barrow,* 6; S. Lee (conductor), 7; J. Duncalf, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt., in D. [Long Eaton ringers are marked thus *.]

The Long Eaton ringers take the opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells and the kindness they received.

At Wood Green, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Randall, 1; J. Nunn, 2; J. Gobbett, 3; A. Gardom, Esq., 4; W. Doran, 5; S. Jarman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

At St. John's, Sharow, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., a date touch of 1881 Kent Treble Bob Major, arranged by T. Hardcastle, Bradford, Yorks., was rung in 1 hr. 9 mins. by six members of the Society of St. James, Bolton, Bradford (who on their annual trip visited the above-named church), assisted by two members of Ripon Cathedral ringers. H. Moulson, 1; J. Broadley, 2; R. Tuke, Esq., 3; T. Clark, 4; B. T. Copley, 5; W. Pick, 6; J. Cheetham, 7; J. B. Jennings (conductor), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. All the performers are members of the Yorkshire Ringers' Association.

At Ripon Cathedral, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 3rd inst., for Divine Service, eight members of the Cathedral Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the 2nd bell left out and the tenor behind, in 27 mins. Tenor 21 cwt., in E natural. The peal contains 20 bobs and 5 singles (revised from the late Mr. B. Thackway Densbury's Work, page 46); the thirds and fourth's places are made at back-stroke at every part end, same as Oxford Treble Bob. W. Pick (conductor), 1; J. Strodder, jun. 3; T. Clark, 4; J. Strodder, sen. 5; F. Strodder, 6; H. Rumbold, 7; T. Shepherd, 8.

1 4 2 3 5 6 B	3 1 6 2 4 5
1 3 4 2 5 6 B	1 3 2 6 5 4
1 2 3 6 4 5	3 1 2 6 4 5
1 6 2 3 4 5 B	1 3 6 2 5 4
1 3 6 2 4 5 B	Single.
	1 3 6 5 2 4

Four times repeated.

At Huntsham, Devon.

On Monday evening, the 4th inst., seven members of the Huntsham Change-ringing Society, with G. F. Coleridge, Esq., of Cadbury, rang a date touch of 1881 Stedman's Triples in 1 hr. 4 mins. H. Tucker, 1; H. Payne, 2; J. E. Acland Troyte, Esq., 3; C. A. W. Troyte, Esq., 4; W. Heard, 5; J. Chave, 6; G. F. Coleridge, Esq. (conductor), 7; J. Davcy, 8. They are all members of the Devon Guild of Ringers and College Youths excepting the tenor, and, excepting the treble, all belong to the Army or Auxiliary Forces.

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RECEIVED ALSO.—Plain Bob; Geo. Livermore; and others.

F. ROLFE.—Consult your Vicar. No Theological College gives free training, but the Ordination Candidates' Exhibition Fund (Office, 7 Whitehall) gives aid towards the payment of college fees, and many of the Diocesan Colleges have bursaries and exhibitions for poor students, as at Truro and Lincoln.

AN ILLUSTRATED CHURCH CATECHISM.—'A Constant Subscriber,' who considers that pictures illustrating the Church Catechism would be very valuable in Sunday Schools, would be glad to know if any such work has been published.

WORK FOR EMIGRANTS.—'L. M. R.,' The Tower, Clevedon, writes:—'I should be grateful to any person who would inform me, either through your columns or privately, of an address to which a box, containing small remnants of materials for needlework, useful for emigrants, might be sent.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—E. T. Cardale; Rev. B. T. H. Maycock; J. P. Tate; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Grandsire Triples Question and Messrs. Livermore and Gordon.

In *Church Bells* of June 18th is a composition of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes without the aid of singles or doubles; but in putting the peal to proof I find there are 72 lead-ends which repeat once and 15 which repeat twice, making altogether 102 leads of 14 changes each, or 1428 changes repeated, and, consequently, there are as many changes not in the peal. In putting the composition beside the two 5038 recently published in *Church Bells*, it will be seen that the two productions are almost identical, with the exception of what is termed the reverse bob; but if the part-ends come as they are inserted in *Church Bells* I do not see where it is possible to put them in, and if the peal were true and complete, and contained a reverse bob anywhere, we should be just as far off as ever in getting a peal with bobs only, as it is well known there are peals by Shipway and Sottanstill containing 5040 changes, each divided into five parts without singles or doubles; but then there are five fifth-place bobs, that is, one in each part. In a former letter of mine in *Church Bells* I gave two leads of Grandsire Triples, at the same time stating that if both of these leads came up in the peal it would be impossible to get the peal true and complete with bobs only. But Mr. Gordon, in replying to that letter states that my theory of the matter is unreliable, but I wish to show that it is reliable. Take Holt's One-course peal, for example. I believe it was Holt's intention, if possible, to get that peal with bobs only; for it will be seen, if looked into, that he got as far as 4354 out of 5040 before the lead to which I put 'P. L.' to, came up. To get them home true with bobs only he had only one chance, and that with a bob lead. He then went on to 4984 before the lead came up which would bring them home with a bob; and by omitting the bob and making a double, then another bob and a double, and the peal is complete. It will be at once seen, that with bobs only Holt succeeded in producing 4998 out of 5040.

Again, we have it in proof before us, a peal of 5012 out of 5040 by Hill, published in Shipway, 1816, and one or more others by Sottanstill, with bobs only. Now take the 5038 by Mr. Gordon. No doubt he took great pains to get it, but what is it worth after all? for it has not brought us any nearer than we were before: for at the fourth lead-end the changes come up that would let it run out plain, and at the 179th lead-end the changes come up that would bring them home with a bob; and by letting the composition go on as directed, it will be seen that, after going a little bit further with it, it will be impossible to bring them home true even with a double. Now, in answer to the question, Who composed the first 5038? I say John Holt did; as the peal, in my mind, is only Holt's Ten-part peal transposed. Take the calling of his Ten-part peal, for instance. First half—bobs at 1 2 5 1 5 2 5 5 5; second half—bobs at 1 5 5 5 2 5 1 5 5 2. Now I think it will be found that, transpose this any way, so long as there are three long courses following each other, and also two long courses following each other, it will be utterly impossible to get beyond the half way (2520) without either singles or doubles to bring them home true. A great deal has been written and said recently about proving peals and composing peals; and I think it very advisable before any one attempts to lay claim to composing a peal of Grandsire Triples he would, if possible, read pages 58 and 59 of *Clarke's Campanologia*; and if that is not within reach, take Snowden's *Treatise of Treble Bob*, Part I., pages 45–47, on the 'Transposition of Peals.'

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GEO. LIVERMORE.

The Grandsire Triples Question and Mr. Ottley.

SIR,—I am afraid Mr. Ottley has not solved the great bell-ringing problem yet. The thing to be done is to get a 5040 with common bobs only, not with reverse bobs any more than with singles. I cannot find from any book, or, indeed, make out, how the reverse bobs are made so as to produce the part-ends that Mr. Ottley gives. In fact, there is something very greatly wrong in the peal as given in your impression of June 18th. Each part contains 37 instead of 36 leads. If, however, the last line but one of the digest is read thus: *one bob*, and the last line *one bob—one plain lead*, the part-ends will come as stated: there will be 36 leads to each part, and no reverse bobs. At the end of the 5th and 10th parts the last line would have to be, *one plain lead—one bob*. When I got as far as this I thought the problem was solved, but, alas! the peal is false. The bob in the 8th line of the digest gives 5 4 2 6 3 7, the 1st line, *four plain leads—two bobs*, gives also 5 4 2 6 3 7, in the second part, or course, as Mr. Ottley calls it. If this peal had been true with my suggested alteration in the calling, Mr. Ottley would have solved the problem. But then it is not a new peal, but Holt's Ten-part peal carried to its long-sought-for conclusion. I never can understand why Holt should have reversed the calling of his first half in the second half. But so it is. In this peal the first half of Holt's peal is reversed, called backwards in

fact, so as to make it uniform with the second half. The peal then begins with the 6th course in part six of Holt's peal, with a bob and plain lead at the end of each part, instead of a plain lead and a bob, except at the 5th and 10th parts. By writing it thus: 5, 1, 5, 5, 2, 1, 5, 5, 5, 1, one plain lead, ten times repeated with 2, instead of 1, *one plain lead*, at the end of the 5th and 10th parts, its identity with Holt's peal, except in the 1, *one plain lead*, will be seen at once. With Mr. Davies I agree that nothing short of mathematical demonstration will convince us that the great problem cannot be solved; but it is not done yet.

GEO. POPE, M.A.

Rempstone Rectory, Notts.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING of the above Society was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at Ormskirk. Members were present from various towns around. At 5.30 p.m. twenty-eight sat down to tea at the Workmen's Institute, presided over by the Rev. J. Phillips, Curate, in the unavoidable absence of Canon Sheldon, Vicar. After tea the members were addressed by Rev. J. Phillips, who said that he thought such meetings must do good both to ringers and clergy, as bringing them into closer union, one with the other, and often also informing the clergy of matters in connexion with ringing, of which previously they had been in total ignorance. Mr. W. Hutton, Churchwarden, as one who had always taken an interest in the ringers, showed what a great change had taken place during the last eighteen months in connexion with the belfry of the church, it being now in a beautiful condition, and not, as formerly, in a disgraceful state. Mr. W. Hutton became an honorary member of the Association. During the day various touches were rung upon the bells by the local and other ringers.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THIS Association held its first General Meeting at Kingston-on-Thames on Monday, the 27th ult. A statement of accounts was made by the treasurer. Officers were appointed and several new members enrolled. The tower was open at one p.m., and during the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples and Grandsire Caters were rung. In the evening the members sat down to a substantial tea at the 'Leopold' Coffee Tavern. The next Quarterly Meeting was fixed for Sept. 30th, to be held at Beddington.

Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., the July Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held at Beverley, when the ring of eight at the Minster, and the six bells of St. Mary's, were at the disposal of the members during the day. Owing to the N.E. Railway Company not being able, on account of pressure of business, to allow any great concession in the way of reduced fares, the attendance of members was not so numerous as might have been expected: those present, however, spent a very pleasant day. At four o'clock tea was served in the National Schoolroom, when the Vicar of the Minster presided. After tea the General Meeting was held at the 'Hall Garth' Inn, the president, Mr. Jasper W. Snowden, in the chair. In default of an invitation being placed before the meeting, it was decided to hold the Annual October Meeting at the Head Quarters, Leeds. Mr. R. Tuke of Bradford, and Mr. W. Whitaker of Ilkley, were appointed to act as auditors and returning officers at the Annual Meeting. After the conclusion of the business meeting, a number of those present adjourned to the Minster to take advantage of the kind offer of the Vicar to show them round the edifice, a kindness which was most heartily appreciated by those who had the pleasure of listening to his remarks on the different points of interest.

Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire.

ABOUT twelve months ago a friendly meeting of ringers was held at Mytton, which was attended by several bands from the neighbouring towns and villages. Since then other meetings have been held at different periods, at Waddington, Church, Darwen, Whalley, Clitheroe, Padiham, &c., and were well attended. At the last meeting, held at Padiham on 23rd April, it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Walton-le-Dale, near Preston, on Saturday next, July 16, to which all ringers are respectfully invited.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 9th inst., the Liversedge Company of Change-ringers met to celebrate the eighty-first birthday of Mr. William Sottanstill of Sowerby, who was present, and had composed a touch of 1281 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major for the occasion, which was rung in 47 mins. W. Goodall, 1; J. Knott, 2; J. W. Lang, 3; L. Illingworth, 4; C. W. Chegg, 5; M. Ransden, 6; J. Illingworth (conductor), 7; W. Collins, 8.

THE TOUCH.

1281.

Start into changes.

Back stroke.

Thus 1 2 4 3 6 5 7 8

Then 2 1 3 4 6 5 8 7

1 2 4 3 6 5 7 8

2 3 4 5 6 m. w. n.

5 2 3 6 4 2

2 5 4 6 3 1 2

6 4 5 2 3 1 2

2 3 4 5 6 2 2

Treble Bob.

At St. Mary's, Bolsover, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 10th inst., a mixed band of ringers from Clay Cross and North Wingfield rang for service six six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. G. Clough* (Captain), 1; F. Hoffman, 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Sharley, 4; T. Fletcher, 5; T. Clough,* 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. in G. No note of time was taken. [Those marked * belong to the North Derbyshire Association.]

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RECEIVED ALSO.—T. Prescott—will be answered direct.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Redenhall Bell Foundry.

Upon visiting the Redenhall Bell Foundry, Harleston, during the past week, we were fortunate to hear and see a small ring of three bells, which specially attracted our attention, and were informed that they were for the church of Westneston, in Sussex. They are intended to replace the three bells previously existing, two of which were cracked, and all of the most inferior description both in casting and design. In order to produce three bells of the required power, and uniform in quality, it was found necessary to add considerably to the weight of the treble and second, leaving the tenor as near the old weight as possible. A comparison of the weights of new and old, in this instance, will serve to show the difficulties which founders sometimes have to face when asked to re-cast old bells:—

THE NEW BELLS.					THE OLD BELLS.				
	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.			cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
Treble ...	4	0	8	...	...	3	0	3	...
Second ...	5	1	13	...	...	4	3	23	...
Tenor ...	6	3	25	...	...	6	3	0	...

The metal of one of the old bells was, moreover, of so inferior a description, that it was necessary to purify it before it could be allowed to enter into the composition of the new ones. The bells were also designed anew, and have come out of the casting-pit, not only clean and sound as castings, but in perfect tune, and pure and bright in quality of tone. The note of the tenor is C, and though they have at present been chimed only in the closed workshop, in which they have been fitted with stocks and wheels, their music can be distinctly heard all over the town, and beyond it. Those who listen with critical ears are unanimous in their admiration of the bright purity of tone and accuracy of intonation which the new bells display. On the whole the enterprising firm who have produced these bells are to be congratulated on the highly successful manner in which they have reduced to practice their scientific theories in the art of bell-founding. That the principles on which Messrs. Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie work are true, is proved by the present successful result, and the care and patience with which their work generally is carried out is beyond all praise. The new bells bear the following inscriptions:—On the treble,—‘*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*’ On the second,—‘*In terra Pax.*’ On the tenor,—‘*Homini bus bona voluntas.*’ On the waist of each bell, following the above, were the names of the present rector and churchwardens, with the original date of casting, and ‘Re-cast,’ 1881, with the shield and monogram of the present founders. They are fitted with cast-iron stocks of the pattern designed by this firm; and the bells having mushroom heads, with a projection which enters the stock, in place of the ordinary cannons, one stout and powerful bolt serves to keep crown-staple, bell and stock, firmly together. Removable wrought-iron gudgeons are inserted and keyed into the stock ends, the bearing being much longer than usual. As the bells are only to be used for chiming, they are provided with ordinary clappers, and not with the ingenious clapper patented by the firm, which has been so successfully applied at Weybread, Blofield, Southwold, Tunstead, and the great tenor bell at the University Church, Cambridge.—*From the ‘Diss Express.’*

Fog Bells for the New Eddystone Lighthouse.

The new Eddystone Lighthouse is to be provided with two big bells, and the Trinity House has commissioned Messrs. Gillett and Bland to cast them. Their dimensions are:—Height from shoulder to lip, 3 ft. 8 in.; total height from lip to upper surface to the mushroom suspender, 4 ft. 6 in.; diameter at shoulder, 2 ft. 10 in.; diameter at lip, 5 ft. 1½ in. In the foundry at Croydon, on the 12th inst., a large number of visitors witnessed one of the Eddystone bells already cast undergoing the process of bright turning of the upper part; presently it will be turned bright along a portion of the lower part for the sake of ornamentation. When this is done the bell will be up-ended and tuned to a perfect note. If bells are cast with their notes sharp, the flattening of the note is then accomplished by turning away more or less of the inner surface of the lip. To sharpen a bell’s note there must be a slicing away from the lip, and this cannot be done to any extent. In the foundry, also, were specimens of moulds of bells in perfect series, and ingots of the bell-metal of which the new bell—the second Eddystone bell—was to be cast. Here in the metal a marked advance is made. The alloy is carefully made by puddling in a reverberatory furnace, so that it is already a very perfect alloy when it is cast into ingots. These ingots are again put into the reverberatory furnace for the casting charge. At about a quarter to five the casting charge was ready for running; the moulds were all finished up, and the leading trough loomed along its length. The foundry was crowded with visitors, the ladies being not less than equal in proportion, and displaying lively interest in the proceedings, and very intelligent appreciation of the different operations. The furnace-stopping being broken in, the dull-red highly fluid metal poured forth, disappearing into the depths of the mould for about a minute and a half. It then rose bubbling up and filled the upper spaces, forming two hot lakes above the casting, each bell weighing about 42 cwt., answering to the note C, and intended to act the one as a fog-signal to leeward, and the other to windward. Mr. Quirk, an assistant of Mr. Douglas, chief engineer of the Trinity House, and designer of the New Eddystone Lighthouse, witnessed the operation, which was perfectly successful.

The Grandsire Triples Question.

SIR,—I see in your last issue that Mr. Otley is at a loss to know why Mr. Holt (in his Ten-part peal) should have reversed the calling of his first half in the second half. If Mr. Otley will take pains and write the second half as the first he will find the peal to be false. That seems to be the reason.

A Correction.

WM. SOTTANSTALL.

SIR,—Will you allow me to correct a slight error which appears in my letter published in your last week’s issue? It should read, ‘Mr. Ball’s part ends are not the lead ends of the plain course.’ CHARLES A. W. THOYE.

St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Thursday, the 14th inst., the parochial ringers of the above church had a meeting, with some friends of the parish. Mr. Ex-Churchwarden Worpell was so pleased with the ringers and their general conduct that he invited them to a supper; and though he could not attend himself, several gentlemen connected with the parish did so, and a pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Banks (one of the ringers), with his three talented daughters, entertained the company with a selection of hand-bell music on their fine ring of forty bells, intermingled with pieces on the pianoforte, played by one of the ladies. Mr. J. R. Haworth proposed the health of Mr. Ex-Churchwarden Worpell, with the thanks of the parochial ringers for his kindness. The company expressed their satisfaction with the programme, which was well carried out.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints’, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

On Monday, the 27th ult., a six-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung on the back six of the eight bells in 27 mins. J. Parker (conductor), 1; I. Rogers, 2; A. Garraway, 3; W. Wilder, 4; W. Wilkins, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt., in E.

New Bell at Almondsbury, Gloucestershire.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., the St. Stephen’s ringers (Bristol) had their annual outing at the above village, and rang some touches of Grandsire Triples on the church bells, which have just been relunged, and the sixth recast by Llewellyns and James of Bristol. This was the first peal of changes rung on the eight bells for many years, in consequence of the sixth being cracked. The weight of recast bell is 14 cwt., the tenor being 25 cwt., in D. G. Stacton, 1; W. Abbott, 2; F. Price, 3; A. York (conductor), 4; J. Price, 5; E. Beake, 6; W. Stacton, 7; W. Emery, 8.

At Great Bromley, Essex.

On Sunday, the 3rd inst., for service, by kind permission of the Rector, six members of a mixed band of change-ringers rang on these bells (lately augmented to six) a peal of 720 Bob Minor; also after Divine Service another peal of 720 Bob Minor, each time in 27 mins. A. Bloice, 1; R. Hawes, 2; J. Taylor, 3; S. Oxborrow, 4; H. Bowell (conductor), 5; S. Starling, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F.

At Youlgreave, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., the Derby Society attempted a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples; but after ringing about 1810 changes in 1 hr. 15 mins. the seventh rope broke. G. Neal, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; G. Lee, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7. G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. 1 qr., in E.

Opening of a New Ring at St. John’s, Ford End, Essex.

On Thursday, the 14th inst., the ring at the above church, which has been lately augmented from three to five by the addition of two tenors, was opened by a band of the Essex Association. J. Daines and W. Rowlands, M. Rolfe and W. Hawkes, E. Scotcher and the Rev. H. Cockey (Assistant Secretary Essex Association of Change-ringers, and member of the Ancient Society of College Youths). Nineteen six-score Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon, called by M. Rolfe and the Rev. H. Cockey; the first in 3½ mins. Tenor, 5 cwt. The bells are all by J. Warner and Sons. A service was held at 6.30, with an address by the Rev. H. Cockey.

At St. Werburgh’s, Derby.

On Friday, the 15th inst. the Derby Society rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1260 changes, in 44 mins. G. Neal, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7. G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E.

At Garboldisham Parish Church, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob, called with 22 singles, was rung in 27 mins. W. West, 1; J. Bason, 2; J. Chinery, 3; Jas. Bennett, jun., 4; H. Avis, 5; John Bennett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a six-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 29 mins. J. Parker (conductor), 1; J. Basden, 2; W. Wilder, 3; G. Alder (first 720), 4; G. Buckland, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles, was rung in 25 mins. G. Akers, 1; W. Smith, 2; J. Nunn, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; W. Pilcher (first peal), 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6. All members of the Essex Association.

At St. Andrew’s, Hornchurch, Essex.

On Sunday evening, the 17th inst., for service, three of Hornchurch, two of Little Heath, and one of Romford, rang a touch of 216 Plain Bob, with 12 bobs and 2 singles. Also, after service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 16 bobs and 2 singles, in 31 mins. A. J. Perkins* (conductor), 1; A. Porter, 2; A. Pye, 3; S. Rush, 4; G. Dear, 5; I. Dear, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat. [Those marked * are members of the Essex Association.]

At St. Mary’s, Hull, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 18th inst. was rung a complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 33 mins. F. Drabble (his first peal in this method), 1; T. Walker, 2; W. Southwick, 3; W. Jackson, 4; H. Eastwood (conductor), 5; C. Bennett, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in A. The five last are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, and of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

NOTICE.—The Editor can supply a very sound, clean copy of the *Claris*, in original binding. Price 10s. 6d. per post.

RECEIVED ALSO.—E. Wells; F. Ball.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, City of London.

WE are pleased to announce that the order has been given by the churchwardens of St. Mary-le-Bow for two trebles, to complete the famous ring of 'Bow Bells' from ten to twelve bells. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be the founders.

Mr. Freeman Ball's Answer to Mr. Charles Troyte.

SIR,—In answer to the remarks of Charles Troyte in *Church Bells* of July 9th, in reference to the composition of the half-peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Chester Cathedral on June 25th, and which appeared in your paper July 2nd, on the composition he dilates, in a manner anything but courteous, on the (so he presumes) way it was brought about. It may seem to his mind, but not to mine, a clever manipulation of his old friend, the late Mr. John Holt's, Ten-part peal, which is placed in juxtaposition in his letter. But I maintain that such a proceeding as he states never for a moment entered my mind, because the above was obtained during about eight years' study, more or less, in conjunction with the 5038 there has been so much controversy about, and several other peals, out of which I trust it will be possible, and in a very short time, to produce the whole peal with ordinary bobs only. He goes on to speak—he must have been very angry indeed when he wrote his letter—very disparagingly of calling such sort of things as these compositions, when they are merely adaptations of others' work. That may be true in some respects; but let us see whether my learned friend can adapt the half-peal rung at Chester and make a peal of it. When we commence to ring again at the Cathedral we will, I trust, accomplish the whole peal; then he will see whether I have composed a Holt's Single to complete it. In reference to all matters appertaining to the composition of Changes, it must be an admitted fact (in my opinion) that the present generation of composers and ringers owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. John Holt and others of his day who were the fortunate discoverers of the science of Change-ringing, and who laid the foundation of the fabric for all those who came after to build upon. I have no hesitation in saying, if the foundation had never been laid, the fabric of Change-ringing would have reached as near the summit as it now has done. And in conclusion allow me to say, no matter what the composition may be, it must, as a natural consequence, be followed to a certain extent from the base of operations. What a waste of valuable time and energy it is to compose a peal of triples with bobs only! I have been engaged, more or less, during my leisure hours, upwards of eight years upon it, nearly seen its consummation; and whoever should be the first discoverer, it will be said, 'Oh, it is not his composition, but an adaptation of Mr. Holt's!' Surely we have at the present day as clever composers and ringers as ever there were in the days of Holt; as, for instance, we have Lockwood of Leeds, Johnson of Birmingham, Haley of London, Snowden, Hubbard, Sottanastall, and others too numerous to mention; and I trust that when my friend takes up his mighty and wieldy pen to strike, he will do so with courtesy.

11 Garden Lane, Chester.

FREEMAN BALL.

Society of Trinity Youths, Newington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 23rd inst., the members of the above Society held their first Annual Excursion at Crayford. The bells of St. Paulinus were placed at the disposal of the members, and during the afternoon and evening several short touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for the kindness they experienced.

Meeting of Change-ringers at Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire.

ON Saturday last a friendly gathering of ringers took place at Walton-le-Dale, the following places being represented, viz.—Accrington, Padiham, Whalley, Darwen, Church, Clitheroe, Leyland, Blackrod, Lytham, Goosnargh, Penwortham, Higher Walton, Preston, Chorley, Manchester, &c. Ringing commenced at St. Leonard's Church at 2 o'clock by a mixed team, and was kept up by the various teams until nearly 10 o'clock, the methods rung being Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tea was provided at the 'Red Lion' Hotel, when upwards of fifty sat down. The usual meeting was afterwards held, presided over by Mr. Robert Bibby (organist of St. Leonard's Church). The minutes of the last meeting, held at Padiham on the 23rd April last, were read and confirmed, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Goosnargh, near Preston, on Saturday, the 8th October next. Mr. James Horrocks of Church, near Accrington, was re-elected Secretary. Votes of thanks were accorded to the vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and belfry, and to the Secretary and Chairman.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

THE most successful gathering of ringers which has ever taken place in the diocese of Oxford was held at Reading on Wednesday, July 20th, when the Guild held its first annual festival. The day commenced by a service in St. Mary's at 11.30 a.m. The body of the church was well filled, one aisle with ringers, the other with a general congregation. The service consisted of the shortened form of morning prayer, with special psalms and lessons. The second lesson, from 1 Cor. xiv., we thought was most happily chosen.

A very carefully prepared sermon by the Dean of York on the text, 'Their sound is gone out into all lands,' gave a concise history of bells and bell-ringers from the pre-Reformation period to the present time. He dwelt especially upon the superstitious use, the scientific use, and the religious use of church bells in the past. He said that while we had shaken ourselves free of the superstitious use, and were reclaiming the bells from a merely scientific use, which had been the means of degrading them, he rejoiced to see a Guild formed, whereby the scientific use and the religious use of church bells might be joined together, and dedicated to the glory of God. The Dean has promised to print his sermon, and we strongly recommend it to all ringers. The

service was followed by a dinner in the Foresters' Hall, when the chair was taken by Sir John Conroy, Bart., and at which about 150 ringers and clergy were present. Owing to the indefatigable exertions of the Rev. Dolben Paul, the Hon. Secretary, to whose energies the Guild owes nearly everything, all the arrangements of the day were carried out, without a hitch of any kind. The day concluded with ringing at St. Mary's, St. Giles's, and at Caversham churches, the ringers being apportioned to their several towers by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. We ought to add that ringers from Reading, Oxford, Wantage, Wokingham, Wargrave, Maidenhead, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Hurst, Sonning, Sandhurst, Caversham, with over twenty clergy, attended the meeting.

St. Martin's, Salisbury.

THE bells at this church have lately been satisfactorily re-hung by Messrs. Jerram and Blackburn, of Spalding. The bells had gradually become unfit for use, but the tone now comes out more clear and distinct. The peal consists of six bells, of which one was cast in 1582 and three in the following century in Salisbury.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Matthew's, Stretton, Cheshire.

ON Sunday, the 26th ult., the Daresbury Society rang for afternoon service a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. T. Houghton, sen. 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A. The above is the first peal in the method ever rung on these bells.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON the 13th inst. was rung a peal of 720 Plain Bob, with 18 bobs and 2 singles. T. Measurer, 1; G. L. Richardson, 2; R. Creasey, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6. Also 720 of London Single, 18 bobs and 2 singles. J. S. Wright, 3; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. The bells were half muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. T. F. Johnson.

ON the 19th inst. 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, 9 bobs. J. Woodward,* 1; G. L. Richardson, 2; J. S. Wright, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; J. R. Jerram,* 5. R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. [The first peal in this method of those marked thus *.]

At the Parish Church, Cheriton, Kent.

ON Wednesday, the 13th inst., six members of the East Kent Association, four from Folkestone, and two from Newington, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 22 bobs and 2 singles, in 26 mins. J. Hogben,* 1; F. Finn,* 2; J. Fisher,* 3; S. Barker (composer and conductor), 4; J. Harrison, 5; J. Marsh,* 6. The first peal of Grandsire Minor of those marked *, and the first peal in the Grandsire Method rung on the bells, which were opened on Easter Monday. Tenor, 7 cwt.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Sunday, the 17th inst., the Daresbury Society rang for morning service a peal of 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, in 27 mins. P. Johnson, conductor.

ON Sunday, the 24th inst. for morning service, 360 Plain Bob and 120 Oxford Treble Bob, in 19 mins. T. Houghton, sen., conductor. Also for evening service 360 Kent Treble Bob, in 13 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 St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.—Muffled Peal.

ON Saturday evening, the 23rd inst., six members of the Essex Association rang a half-muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 32 mins., with the 5th twice right and once wrong. G. Garnett, 1; R. Sewell, 2; B. Keeble, 3; G. Roughton, 4; J. W. Aldridge, 5; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 6. This peal was rung to the memory of D. McIntosh, Esq., Lord of the Manor of Romford, Havering, and Hornchurch.

At Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex.

ON Saturday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins. E. Hilder,* 1; I. G. Shade (conductor), 2; T. Taylor, 3; J. Searle,* 4; T. Deal, 5; H. Boast,* 6; H. Shade, 7; J. Jay, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. [Those marked thus * rang their first peal.] This is the first peal on the bells for upwards of thirty-five years.

At St. Lawrence, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday, the 24th inst., a muffled peal of 5008 changes, Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by — Newson), was rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins. by eight members of the Yorkshire Association, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. Benjamin Bean, who died on the 12th inst. after a short illness, aged 59, and who had been a ringer at this church over 40 years. J. Ross,† 1 (conductor); W. Sugden,† 2; H. Oddy,* 3; W. Bolland,* 4; J. A. Ross,† 5; B. A. Dodson, 6 (Birstal); G. Bolland,* 7; J. Haley, 8.* Tenor, 16 cwt. [* Tong Company. † Pudsey.]

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, London.

ON Monday, the 25th inst., a muffled peal was rung by the St. Stephen's Society, concluding with a half-muffled peal, for the late Dean of Westminster. F. Savage, 1; J. Oxborrow (conductor), 2; T. Bell, 3; C. Keen, 4; F. Hines, 5; J. Willshire, 6; R. Woodley, 7; C. Wilson, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At All Hallows, Tottenham, Middlesex.

ON Tuesday, the 26th inst., was rung a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 29 mins. R. Bagnall, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; G. Bower, 3; E. Bower, 4; H. Barnett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. Two months ago the first five men of the above band could not ring a plain course of this method, and it is only with one practice-night a-week that they have succeeded in getting their first peal.

RECEIVED ALSO,—C. D.; P. D.; C. Ottley; and others.

ask God's blessing on what they are about to undertake? Do not our young people get led away into paths of sin? Do they not spend too much money about worldly amusements which would be better spent in a nobler cause—say, Home and Foreign Missions? We who have worked in large towns know something of the evil and fatal results—pecuniarily, socially, morally, and religiously—of circus and theatre-going; and yet we have to witness in every street an encouragement to attend these places, and that from a clergyman. Dear, good Bishop Wilberforce says, 'The evil of the day is the secularism of the clergy.' One is thankful to know that the feeling of the people whose eyes have been insulted by these glaring posters, is utterly averse to this secular-minded clergyman; and one can only hope that Mr. Headlam will become more and more imbued with the spirit of the blessed apostle Paul, who said, 'Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.'

A NON-PURITAN CLERGYMAN.

THE Rev. J. E. Vernon (8 Arlington Villas, Clifton, Bristol), acknowledges the following further sum for Mr. Mowbray:—C., 5l.

RECEIVED ALSO:—S. I. D.; M. Grant; A Church Reformer; E. French; T. F. F.; F. N. Lett; W. M. E.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Mr. Ottley's Apology.

SIR,—I respectfully beg to apologise for the trouble given to my bell-ringing competitors for the communication which appeared in your issue of June 18. At that date I believed I had succeeded in accomplishing the possible peal of Grandsire Triples of 5040 without single or double; however, on putting the same to proof a few days later, I discovered my error, then too late to stop the letter appearing, and am sincerely sorry for giving so much trouble; but I do not yet give up the idea of ultimately succeeding. In my endeavours to accomplish the aforesaid peal I have succeeded in composing the following, which, if you think sufficiently interesting to the bell-ringing community, I beg leave to submit.

Peal-snatching.

SIR,—With reference to a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, which lately appeared in your columns, Mr. Ball complains in your last issue that it has been criticised by Mr. Troyte 'in a manner anything but courteous.' For my part I do not think that Mr. Troyte could have mentioned such a glaring instance of reproduction in a more courteous manner. He merely pointed out that the composition was a simple variation of an original by Holt, and did not even mention that the *very same variation had already appeared in print*, in the *Clarion*, nearly a hundred years ago.

Any one who forwards his compositions to you for publication must be aware that he thereby invites criticism, and if, either through his ignorance or any other cause, instead of being original they should turn out to be old and well-known compositions, he should not then accuse those who may point this out to him of a want of courtesy, however unpleasant the truth may sound to him. Although there are a great many ambiguous phrases in Mr. Ball's lengthy letter, he altogether avoids the main question, as to whether his production is simply a variation of Holt's or not. While admitting that the mere adapters of any of Holt's compositions will never receive any credit for their manipulations of the same, I have no doubt that any one who can effect any improvement on any of them will, from myself at least, receive all the credit due to him for such improvement.

In his letter of July 16th Mr. Livermore mentions certain peals of Grandsire by Mr. Sottanstell. I may say that Mr. Sottanstell has not yet composed a peal of Grandsire Triples, all those given in his book being simple variations on the peals of other composers.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

THIS Guild held their second annual meeting at Winchester on Thursday, the 28th ult. Members met for the transaction of business at 11 o'clock, and re-elected their committee of the previous year; viz. *President*, Canon E. Wilberforce; *Secretary*, Rev. A. D. Hill; and *Committee*, Revs. H. J. Sumner, F. Madge, and H. Spyers, and Messrs. Barnett, Hewett, and Poole, together with representatives from each of the various bands of ringers in union. The Guild service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12 o'clock. The Guild has now 108 performing members, besides fifty-six who give their assistance as honorary members; being an increase of one hundred since last year. In the afternoon the ringers separated in various parties, and rang at the Cathedral, the College, Avington, Hursley, and Holy Rood, Southampton. The best ringing, perhaps, was an attempted 720 Plain Bob at the College, which unfortunately failed through the breaking of a rope; and some touches of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral. The number of ringers present at the festival was upwards of sixty, and included representatives from Cranleigh, Farnham, Godalming, Hursley, Southampton, Weybridge, Winchester, &c., all of whom are, by the rules of the Guild, change-ringers; so that it is to be hoped that the art of change-ringing is making progress in the diocese, under the auspices of this newly-established Guild.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 244th Anniversary of the Company took place on last Monday, when it was celebrated by the usual dinner at Pinner, Middlesex, the Master, Mr. Tanner, presiding. Mr. George kindly had everything ready at the church, where some good ringing took place, consisting of Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major. Many of the members took the opportunity of visiting Harrow-on-the-Hill, remembering its association with eminent men, and being pleased with the beautiful view of the country.

The College Youths had the pleasure of meeting the well-known composer and change-ringer, Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham, on Saturday, the 29th ult., at St. Saviour's, Southwark, where Stedman's Cinques were rung. On Sunday he listened to the twelve bells of St. Paul's. On Monday he went to Waltham Abbey, Essex, to see Mr. Powell, and ring with his friends. We hope he arrived home safely on Tuesday.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

ON Thursday, the 21st ult., a district meeting was held at Maldon, and by kind permission of the Rev. E. R. Horwood and the Rev. T. Smith the two rings of six at All Saints' and St. Mary's churches were placed at the service of the Association. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. and continued till about 4.30, when the business meeting was held in the Vestry of All Saints. The Rev. E. R. Horwood took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. J. B. Seaman, Hon. Sec. of the Association, and the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Assistant Secretary. After Mr. Horwood had expressed his pleasure at seeing so many members of an Association which had such a good object in view, the following hon. members were elected:—The Rev. E. R. Horwood, Mr. Sam. Ratcliffe, and Mr. Wm. Wyatt; and the following ringing members: G. Davis, F. Fitch, and R. Hutson. After the meeting the members sat down to a substantial tea at the King's Head. Ringing recommenced at about 6.30 and continued till a late hour. During the day several touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung at both churches, and one peal of Bob Minor at St. Mary's; tenor, 14 cwt. Tenor at All Saints, 13 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Coddtenham, Suffolk.

ON Wednesday evening, the 13th ult., five members of the Coddtenham Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association of ringers, assisted by W. C. Pearson, Esq., rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 29 mins. F. Lee, 1; H. English, 2; E. Wells (conductor), 3; G. Lummis, 4; J. Offord, 5; W. C. Pearson, Esq., 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F sharp. This is the first peal in this method ever rung on these bells.

At St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Oxford.

ON Saturday, the 16th ult., six members of the Oxford Guild rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 23 mins. D. Francombe, 1; S. Buckle, 2; O. Thomas, 3; Wm. Baston, 4; Wm. Washbrook, 5; J. Field (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

ON Saturday, the 23rd ult., at St. Andrew's, Headington, near Oxford, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. Cox, 1; D. Francombe, 2; S. Buckle, 3; Wm. Baston, 4; J. Field, 5; Wm. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

At St. James's, Little Heath, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., the following peals were rung with the bells half muffled to the memory of George Porter, formerly a ringer, who was killed upon the Great Eastern Railway the previous week: Grandsire, Old Doubles, The Dream, Gog and Magog, London Doubles, and Hudibras. A. Gillingham, 1; A. Rye, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; B. Keeble (conductor), 4; J. Pye, 5. With a few rounds between each peal the ringing lasted little over half an hour. Tenor, 5 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, Kent.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., four of the Deptford (St. Nicholas) Society, assisted by four of the Bromley Society, rang a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. J. Golas, 1; T. Durling, 2; W. Pead, 3; T. Taylor, 4; J. Fullex, 5; J. G. Shade (composer and conductor), 6; E. Dunn, 7; W. James, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

At North Weald, Essex.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., a peal of Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. G. Akers, 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; J. Nunn, 3; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 4; S. Jarman, 5; J. Gabbett, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. After which the same company visited Bobbingsworth, and rang several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Minor. H. Nunn, sen., Allan, and Smith, also took part in the ringing. All members of the Essex Association.

At Witham Collem, Lincolnshire.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., touches of 1080 London Single (1½ peals), 360 Double Court Bob, and 216 Bob Minor, were rung by R. Smith, 1; W. Pearce, 2; R. Clark, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; F. W. Flatters, 5; R. Creasy, 6. Also a peal of 720 Bob Minor by some of the above and T. Allam, 4th. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Compton Abdale, Gloucestershire.

ON Monday, the 1st inst., a mixed band visited the parish church of St. Oswald and rang a peal of 1881 Grandsire Doubles in 54 mins. T. Curtis,* 1; W. Brunson,* 2; W. Arkell,* 3; C. Gough, 4; R. Brunson* (conductor), 5; G. Brunson, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt., in A flat. [* These are members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.]

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

ON Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst., six members rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 34 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. W. Bolton, 1; J. W. Blakiston (first peal), 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; R. Moncaster, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hubbard Testimonial Fund.

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Holbeck (nr. Leeds) Society	0	11	6	(nr. Sheffield)	0	2	6
Shaw and Sons, Bell-founders,				Winder, Mr. James, Leeds	0	2	6
Bradford	0	10	0				
Bawtry Society, Yorkshire	0	10	0				
Cheltenham Society, Gloucesters.	0	10	0				
					£17	3	0

Besides the foregoing sums, which have already been paid, the Leeds St. Peter's Society have promised a donation of two guineas, to be paid in four quarterly instalments, and the Hunslet (Leeds) Society a subscription of ten shillings each quarter until further notice. From the week commencing Monday, April 24, the Committee have made Mr. Hubbard an allowance of five shillings per week, the balance of the money being placed in the Post Office Savings' Bank. Further subscriptions will be thankfully received.

Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, August 6, 1881.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

The Grandsire Triples Question: C. Payne and Mr. Ottley.

SIR,—In your issue of the 6th inst. Mr. Ottley gives another false peal of Grandsire Triples. I will now give proof of the cause of half peals not running true in the last half by repeating the calling. Examine the work of the Observation Bell all through the first half, and see if it strikes 30 times in each of the following places, *1 2 3 4 5 6*; and if it does not it cannot produce a true peal, for the fact that there are 60 places in the full 360 leads, and every bell must strike the same number in each place, or there are changes over again. The first half of Mr. Ottley's peal the 6th dodges only 25 times in four-five down, and 35 times in six-seven up. Now, by repeating the calling, the 6th makes only 50 dodges in four-five down and 70 in six-seven up. It will be seen the cause of changes coming alike, there being 10 short in the middle and 10 too many behind. Then examine Holt's Ten-part, the first half, and see the work of the 2nd bell, and it will show the reason why the calling cannot be repeated, what so many have wondered at. The above is a sure plan to prove a peal by 60 times in each place. The peal may be proved by either all fore-strokes or all back-strokes. My opinion of composing the full peal by bobs only will never be done, and believe that 4998 to be the full extent that can be brought round true with bobs only. There are a great number of changes behind the single, and can only be brought up at the fore-strokes. I have composed several pearls of Plain Bob Triples without a single, and think that I can see the cause of the mystery in Grandsire, and believe it to be all caused by the kind of bob, it being only another 3rd's place made in the same lead. C. PAYNE, Maidstone, Kent.

Another False Peal.

SIR,—Mr. C. Ottley, I respectfully submit, is really very unfortunate in his endeavours to compose peals of Grandsire Triples, the peal inserted in your last issue, like the one published on June 18th, being false. I find that the 25th lead in the first and the 5th lead in the fourth courses are alike; also the 25th lead in the second and the 5th lead in the fifth courses: the same thing also happens in the last half-peal. Again, the double at the end of the first half reverses the two courses of changes, causing the hand-change to become *in-course*, and the back-stroke change *out-of-course*, throughout the last half-peal. This is an important matter which Mr. Ottley seems to have overlooked, for the last half in many places repeats in the first half the hand-change and the back-stroke, and *vice versa*. Take, for example, the 21st lead in the last half, where it will be found that the changes actually come round at the hand-change. I trust that Mr. Ottley will not be discouraged by his hitherto unsuccessful undertaking; but will soon accomplish the feat of producing a true peal with common bobs only, and thus remove a doubt which exists in the minds of many on the subject.

JNO. HOLLES, Wrenthorpe, Wakefield.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above Association was held at Great Yarmouth on Monday, the 25th ult., and drew together a goodly number of ringers from all parts of the diocese. The peal of St. Nicholas (10) and that of Gorleston (6) were kindly given up to the Association, and on these touches in many various methods were given from time to time. At 1.30 the members assembled at the 'Market Tavern' for dinner, between sixty and seventy in number. The Vicar, the Rev. G. Venables, presided, and was supported by the Revs. H. E. Bulwer and G. H. Harris (Secretary); Gervas Holmes, Esq., J.P., and Captain Moore, &c. After dinner, the Chairman having proposed the loyal toasts in a genial speech, gave 'Success to the Association.' The speaker touched upon the origin and the history of bells, and the uses for which they were intended to be applied, and having remarked upon the peculiarities of some of the great bells which he had heard in his travels, concluded with a few hearty words of advice and encouragement to the assembled ringers. The Rev. G. H. Harris (the Secretary) responded, and congratulated the members on the prospects of the

Association. The Revs. J. Miller and D. Mustard, and A. Back, Esq., M.D., were then elected honorary members, while eight more were elected as performing members. The business of the meeting concluded with an enthusiastic vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was duly acknowledged. The ropes were shortly afterwards again taken in hand, and ringing was kept up for some time with great spirit and success.

Prize-ringing at Drewsteignton, Devon.

We have received a Devonshire paper, giving an account of the wasteful expenditure of ten pounds for *Ups and Downs*, *Rounds and Bounds*. The affair is reported to have been got up by the churchwardens, backed, no doubt, by the publicans, who appear to have been great gainers by the company they entertained. We have always been opposed to such useless competitions, and we are sorry that the parson did not put his *veto* upon such a prostitution of the goods of the Church, set up for other uses than gambling for money prizes. We hope to hear nothing more of that sort, especially as there is now a Guild in the diocese (recommended by the Bishop and Archdeacons) for the promotion of belfry reform and ringing on scientific principles.

New Bells at St. Nicholas, near Cardiff, Glamorganshire.

THE bells of this church have just been rehung, and two new trebles added, by Messrs. Llewellyns & James, Bristol. The opening peal was rung on Friday, the 5th inst., by the Cardiff ringers.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Saffron Walden, Essex.					THE PEAL.				
					5024				
On Monday, the 1st inst., a peal of 5024	2	3	4	5	6	M.	B.	W.	H.
changes of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung	5	4	3	2	6			2	2
in 3 hrs. 14 mins. S. Slater, 1; C. T. Hop-	2	5	4	6	3				2
kings,* 2; H. Thompson, 3; F. Wells, 4; H.	5	2	3	6	4			1	2
Hopkins,* 2; H. Thompson, 3; F. Wells, 4; H.	2	4	3	6	5	2		1	2
Hopkins,* 5; N. J. Pitstow* (composer), 6;	4	5	3	6	2	1			2
Hopkins,* 5; N. J. Pitstow* (composer), 6;	4	3	6	5	2			1	2
G. Taylor, 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8.	3	2	6	5	4	1			2
	5	3	2	4	6				2
The peal contains the fifth and sixth their	5	2	4	3	6			1	2
extent in 5-6 and five course-ends each at	3	6	2	4	5	2			2
home, and is the first rung with these qualities	6	4	5	2	3	2			
in this number of changes. [Marked thus *	2	6	4	3	5				2
are members of the Royal Cumberland Society.]	3	4	6	2	5	1			2
	4	2	3	5	6				
	2	4	6	5	3			1	2
	2	3	4	5	6	2			1

At the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 1st inst., ten members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies, Liverpool, visited this town and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, and being joined by some of the Wigan Society, upwards of 6000 changes were rung at intervals throughout the day. R. Williams, sen., 1; R. Williams, jun., 2; H. Meadows, 3; E. Booth, 4; W. Littler, 5; W. Brooks, 6; G. Helsby, 7; W. Woodhead, 8; E. Foster, 9; W. Wood, 10. Conducted by R. Williams. Tenor, 28 cwt. The company was highly delighted with the fine ring of bells and the excellent ringing order in which they are kept by Mr. Thos. Halliwell, Superintendent.

At Holy Trinity, Hull, Yorkshire.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., five members of the Yorkshire Association, with Mr. T. Gibbons of Market Rasen, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 31 mins. T. Stockdale, 1; W. Southwick, 2; T. Gibbons, 3; J. W. Stickney, 4; C. Bennett, 5; C. Jackson, 6. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Lowgate, Hull, Yorkshire.

On Friday, the 5th inst., Messrs. T. Walker, C. Bennett, W. Jackson, and W. Southwick, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, together with Messrs. Gibbons, Eastwood, and Drabble, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and one of 720 Plain Bob, in 63 mins., making a total of forty-four peals rung during the past two years in this tower.

At St. Nicholas, Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 30 mins. by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. C. Whittle, who had been a ringer at the above church over ten years. A. Grizzle, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux, 3; E. Brown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; D. Wallace (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Norton, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., for afternoon service, was rung by members of the East Derbyshire Association from Dronfield, Eckington, and Ecclesfield, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Leasley, 1; S. Allen, sen. (conductor), 2; H. Allen, 3; S. Allen, jun., 4; E. Platts, 5; T. Kitson, 6. Also 720 Violet. G. Leasley, 1; W. Price, 2; H. Allen, 3; G. Marsden (conductor), 4; S. Allen, jun., 5; T. Kitson, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

The Norton Society also rang two peals of 120 Grandsire Doubles.

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RECEIVED ALSO, — B. F. ...; H. Hopkins; and others.

Cost of School Board Schools.

SIR,—Can any of your correspondents, who give us comparisons of the expense per head of scholars in School Boards and those in Voluntary Schools, tell us whether the items are similar; e.g. whether the item of rent, which I presume is mostly absent from Voluntary Schools' expenditure, is also absent from that of School Board Schools under the form of cost of building (proportion of) and interest on capital borrowed?

A SCHOOL SECRETARY, W.B.

The Bishop of Salisbury's Portrait.

SIR,—As one of the Secretaries to the Portrait Fund, may I correct the announcement which appeared in your paper last week, that the presentation is fixed for August 21st? The picture is to be presented by the Marquis of Bath in the name of the Diocese on Thursday, August 25th, in the Palace at Salisbury, at 2.30 p.m.

HUTCHES YEATMAN, Sydenham Parsonage, S.E.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

OF THE RINGING OF BELLS IN CHANGES OR VARYING OF NUMBERS.

Rawlinson MS., A 315, folio 215b, in the Bodleian Library.*

Ringing in changes no where out of England.

At my now last being in London I overstept to mention somewhat of the sweet ringing of our tuneable bells especially in changes wch my opinion deserves notice first for the art therein to be observed—2, there melody, and 3, the singularity of it. Not the like nor nothing near to be heard in the whole world beside and leaving dispute whether and how farr bells bee necessary to churches I will only for exercise and recreation set downe as well as I can somewhat concerning the said changes beeing grounded on Number Measure and tyme as all other Musicke is, viz.:

The manner to find out or compose the changes.

first therefore take notice that 1 bell or n^o cannot alter for it is 1 forward and backward, neither can 1 multiply nor diuide but 2 may bee changed 2 tymes for putting the 2 after 1 is 1 & 2, and putting the 2 before the 1 is 2 & 1. Is in all 2 tymes 1, 2 changes. Three bells will make 3 tymes 2 changes, viz., sett 3 after 1 & 2 makes 1, 2, 3; sett 3 betwene 1 & 2 is 1, 3 & 2; then sett 3 before the 1 then it is 3, 1 & 2; this is for the change 1 & 2. for the other 2 & 1 you may doe the like and it will produce the other 3; is in all 6, viz., 3 tymes 2. fflow bells after the same rule will make 24, putting the 4 severall waies first with 1, 2, 3, as 4 after 3, 4 after 2, 4 after 1, & 4 before; there is 4 changes made of the first of the 6. And with the next 132 etts [sic] rest you must doe the like, putting the 4, or beeginning beehinde with one somme and before with the other: see will the base run forward and backward, the like with the treble which is most vsuall. I hope this is sufficient to shew that by degrees it may bee don with 5, 6, 7, 8 etts as you please, as for the changes of 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 I have set downe att length as you may see in folio.

Imagine you were to ring the changes of any n^o from 1 to 12, and that every change should continue for the space of 1 minut you must diuide the n^o of changes by 60 which giueth the houres. these houres by 24 giues daies and night, that somme againe by 365 will giue the yeares; the remaynder may be brought into monthes weeks dayes houres and minuts &c. by the rule aforesaid you shal find that the 10 bells in St. Michaels in Cornhill may be rung into 3628800 changes let them ring continually night and day and every minute a new change it will require 2520 daies & nights etts is 6 yeares 10 monthes 3 weekes & 4 daies to ring out all the changes of the aforesaid 10 bells; 2 were tolled the rest rung.

Butt if it bee to bee performed with the 12 bells of bow whereof 10 bee rung and 2 tolled they will require according to the former rules: 911 yeares 1 monthes and 5 daies & let there bee swift writers that one may sleepe while the other workes yet should they hardly write out the seuerall changes that belong to 12 bells in 150 yeares let them write night and daye.

(To be continued.)

Peal Composing.

SIR,—An apology from Mr. Ottley appeared in *Church Bells* of August 6, in which he expresses regret for not having put to proof a composition of Grandsire Triples before sending, and at the same time sends another of the same class, in which at least twenty repetitions may be found. Among them I beg to point out the following: The first bob lead, 5 3 2 7 4 6, will be found again, the lead following the 9th bob in the 3rd part; and so the 1st bobs in each part will be found again, at plain leads following the 9th bob of other parts; and again the second plain lead following the 7th bob in the 1st part, or the 21st lead of the peal, will be this: 1 8 2 5 6 7, and of course the corresponding end after the single must be 1 2 3 5 6 7, so that both rounds and the change immediately preceding occur a little past the middle of the so-called

peal. It will, I think, be well if some self-styled composers of the present day would read, mark, learn, and digest, the able remarks on *Peal-snatching* by Mr. Snowdon in *Church Bells* of the 6th inst.

BENJAMIN FAKENHAM.

31 Orchard Street, Woolwich.

A Question about the 10,000 Peal.

SIR,—In your publication for the 7th of May you stated that it was settled that twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths would attempt to ring a peal of 10,000 Stedman's Cinques, occupying about eight hours, at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on that day. As I have not seen any record of that feat, may I ask if you will oblige the ringers of Lancashire by stating if it took place, or if not, what prevented it?

JOHN POPE.

The St. James's Society, St. Clement Danes, London.

On Monday, the 25th [29th?] inst., the usual meeting of the above Society will be held, when the election of officers will take place. All members are invited to attend.

W. S. SMITH, Secretary.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting for ringing will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, 1881, at Whitefield. All ringers invited. Ringing from 2.30 p.m.

W. J. CHATTERTON.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Crawley, Sussex.

On Monday, the 1st inst., a mixed band from Dorking, Leatherhead, and Ashted, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 1 min., this being the first complete peal ever rung on these bells. T. Gadd, 1; H. Boxall, sen., 2; T. Rose, 3; H. Boxall, jun., 4; C. Boxall, 5; R. Harding, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; G. Halden, 8. After the peal the ringers were joined by H. Burstow of Horsham and the Rector (Rev. J. B. Lennard), and two touches of 336 Grandsire Triples were called by the latter. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Worcester Cathedral.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., the Worcester Society of Change-ringers arranged a special practice at the Cathedral—tenor, 50 cwt.—for the purpose of meeting Mr. A. Percival of Oxford and Mr. F. E. Dawe of London. Some Grandsire Cinques and Caters were rung, and the next day a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at St. Helen's; but after ringing 2000 changes an accident occurred to the treble, after which the following members rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 42 mins. F. Owen, 1; T. Gwynn, 2; N. Wale, 3; W. Blandford, 4; H. Wilkes, 5; W. Webb, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; T. Malin, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F sharp. Grandsire Caters were also rung at All Saints. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At Tewkesbury Abbey.

On Friday, the 12th inst., the Tewkesbury Abbey Society attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples, but were interrupted after ringing an hour by some visitors gaining access to the ringing-room. J. Wathen, 1; J. Hale, 2; T. Deveraux, 3; W. Freeman, 4; E. Deveraux, 5; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 6; J. Wathen, 7; W. Haines, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

At the Parish Church, Bromborough, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas Societies, Liverpool, rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. R. Williams, sen., 1; G. Helsby, 2; W. Woodhead, 3; T. Hammond, 4; H. Brooks, 5; R. Williams, jun. (composer and conductor), 6; J. Egerton, 7; E. Foster, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At St. Mary-de-Crypt, Gloucester.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples in 41 mins. G. Wanklin, 1; J. Drinkwater, 2; W. Bowers, 3; J. Gough, 4; B. Etheredge, 5; J. Clarke, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; G. Acocks, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

At Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

On the 13th inst. the Rotherham Society of Change-ringers, with Mr. S. Whitworth of Rawmarsh Company, rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 15 mins. G. Briggs, 1; F. Coates, 2; W. Coates, 3; T. Lee, 4; G. Flint, 5; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 6; A. Rodgers, 7; S. Whitworth, 8. This peal has the sixth bell its extent in 5-6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Lawrence, Longney, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 14th inst., being the anniversary of the dedication, six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples in 42 mins. W. Brunsdon, 1; G. Wanklin, 2; W. Bowers, 3; T. Brown, 4; J. Gough, 5; J. Clarke, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; M. Stephens, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. Philip's, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

On Monday, the 15th inst., was rung a muffled peal as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Bannister, change-ringer of Birmingham. J. Payne, 1; W. Kenney, 2; W. Coleman (conductor), 3; A. Cresser, 4; J. T. Perry, 5; R. Jones, 6; J. Hodson, 7; C. Barnickle, 8; J. Russam, 9; A. Jones, 10. Tenor, 29 cwt., in D.

CHAS. J. GRANT (47 Crossley Street, Liverpool Road, London) writes:—'I am a reader of your paper, *Church Bells*, and would ask you as a favour if you could inform me the author and publishers of any book on church bells prior to 1870.'

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CORRESPONDENCE.

'Union of Christians at Home on the Basis of the National Church.'
A few Words from the other Side.

SIR,—I have often with great pleasure read the able and fairly impartial communications of your contributor, 'G. V.' and longed for the power to fully set forth the other side. Kindly permit me to offer a few words suggested by the article with the above heading. From a long experience of earnest Nonconformists I am convinced that the large majority would gladly avail themselves of the advantages obtainable from Christian unity, if only 'the basis' could be found that would practically and lovingly consolidate in promoting the glory and extension of the kingdom of our common Lord and Saviour. Do Churchmen ever think that, in addition to the compulsory contributions to the support of the Establishment, that Nonconformists have to supply the means for building and repairing their own houses for worship, their own pastors, their own myriad societies and organizations? and that the sacrifices thus made ought to go far in showing their sincerity and earnestness? Granted that the great solvent is 'Love,' how would its application, or what amount of it, would have been needful in my case? In the East-end parish in which I was born there were about eighty thousand inhabitants and only three churches. My father occasionally took one of his children to one of these—the said child having to sit or stand between the knees of its parent. I well remember the angry remonstrance of an official: 'Sir, you ought to know better than to bring children here!' Thus a large family were excluded, and compelled, *volens volens*, to become Dissenters, or cease attending public worship altogether. True, the parish church did not long retain its crowded congregation; the beloved minister was removed, and a High Churchman succeeded. By introducing a ritual then little known, and greatly disliked, he drove away the people—even the charity schools had to be withdrawn—the congregation diminished to a mere handful; of those who left many found their way to the meeting-house, others dropped into coldness or infidelity. It was not the act of any Dissenters who caused it. 'The devout and able minister constantly working in the parish,' was known to me only through his attendance at the parish dinners, and three visitations in the forty-six years of my residence, when he came for contributions towards repairing the edifice, though the Church-rate collector came with unvarying regularity.

As a Nonconformist now by conviction, let me tell 'G. V.' that he much overrates the unity which he thinks exists in the National Church. Looking at it from our standpoint, it is palpably evident that there are as grievous dislikes and diversities in the Establishment as any that are to be found amongst the sects outside; and when we are called upon to admire and re-enter, because of that unity, we are compelled to say, in 'G. V.'s own words, which are as true as ever were words written by man, and deserve to be written in gold letters, and suspended in every church in the kingdom, 'But let the Churchman, too, consider. How often has the Nonconformist gazed in amazement at the abuse of Patronage; at the non-interference of Bishops with indolent and improper clergymen; at the utter unfitness for the ministry of a few who have notwithstanding been ordained!' J. W.

Trinity, Marylebone, and the Rev. Prebendary Cadman.

SIR,—I am afraid that your account of this Church and Rector is likely to place the Rev. W. Cadman in a position he does not deserve. Your correspondent seems to think the high pews, &c., are answerable for the thinness of the congregation. Trinity Church, since Mr. Cadman's advent, has generally been crowded, and frequently standing-room has not been found. The same might be said of Park Chapel, Chelsea, and St. George's, Southwark, when under Mr. Cadman. Your correspondent says he 'believes' Mr. Cadman has daily prayers. Not only has he Matins daily at 8, at which the Canticles are sung, also a hymn, the harmonium being played by Miss Cadman, but he has also Evensong, followed by a sermon, every night at 8 p.m., also Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11, with short lecture on Wednesday; Holy Communion every Saint's day at 11, and Early Celebration every Sunday at 8, and first and third Sundays at 11, and a Special Celebration for sick and afflicted persons on the first Monday in the month; also a special service for 'men only' at 9 p.m. on Sundays. He has also five mission chapels in his parish, where full service is held over Sunday evening, conducted by one of his curates or himself. He generally preaches five times a-week at Trinity, viz. Sunday morning and evening, Wednesday morning and evening, and on Saturday evenings. I have often been on Wednesday night and found congregations from about 200 to 100, and on Saturday often 150 or 200, of all classes. Some few years ago his congregation presented him with 1000 guineas on a New-year's morning. I believe few men have worked harder, or been more faithful to the Church of England, than Mr. Cadman. It is a pity he still continues to wear the 'black gown' and have Evening Communion.

The Church in the West Indies.

SIR,—I am in a dilemma, and as a regular subscriber to *Church Bells* I come to you for help and support to carry me through my troubles. On the creation of 'The Diocese of the Windward Islands,' West Indies, my parish church, St. George's, St. Vincent, was, by mutual consent, chosen the Cathedral of the new diocese. (1.) As a parish church it is insufficiently large to accommodate the parishioners; (2.) As a cathedral it is not worthy of the name. I therefore resolved to throw out a transept and chancel, and on the 20th May, 1880, the corner-stone of the new work was laid. The architect supplied a plan to cost 2000*l.*, and that amount is secured; but the local engineer, who has the carrying out of the work, reports that it cannot be completed under 3000*l.*

I ask you, then, to commend my case to Churchmen, for I feel sure, if they believe that my story is not a myth, they will assist me in raising the

wanting 1000*l.*, and so enabling me to make the old parish church worthy of the name of Cathedral—having its chancel, its episcopal throne, its stalls, choir-stalls, &c. &c. Matins and Evensong are said daily in the cathedral, and the Holy Eucharist is administered every Lord's day at 9 o'clock, and on the first and second Sundays in the month again at 11 o'clock, and on all festivals.

Contributions sent to the Bank of Sir Saml. Scott, Bart., & Co., 1 Cavendish Square, London, to my credit, 'for Cathedral'; or to me, care of Messrs. Masters & Co. 78 New Bond Street, London, W.; or to the Venerable F. R. Brathwaite, 56 Osnaburgh Street, Regent's Park, London, will be thankfully acknowledged by me.

H. W. LABORDE, M.A. Camb.
Rector of St. George's and Archdeacon of St. Vincent, West Indies.

The Rev. F. S. Green.

SIR,—It is a well-known fact that the Church Association have sold the furniture of the Rev. S. F. Green in payment of the bill of costs incurred in 'The Miles Platting Ritual Case.' We are sure that most people will recognise that Mr. Green has suffered this loss in consequence of his faithfulness in defending what he believes to be the rights and liberties of the Church of England; and we therefore feel that we may fairly make a public appeal for help to refurnish the Miles Platting Rectory. Subscriptions may be forwarded to either of the undersigned, or paid into the Manchester and Salford Bank (St. Anne's Street branch), Manchester, to the credit of the Miles Platting Rectory Refurnishing Account. Of course we need not say that the property will be so secured as to render its further seizure for costs impossible.

We are, yours faithfully,
JAMES OAKS, 42 Smedley Road, Manchester,
WILLIAM BLAKEMAN, 47 Queen's Road, Manchester,
St. John the Evangelist's Church, Churchwardens.
Miles Platting, Aug. 19.

'Open Brethren.'

SIR,—Can you, or any of my fellow-readers of *Church Bells*, kindly tell me to what sect of religionists 'Open Brethren' belong? Is not the term one of quite modern origin? and am I right in supposing that 'Open Brethren' hold the same tenets, and are only a branch of Plymouth Brethrenism? I should be much obliged for any information on the subject.

Queries.

CECILIA S. HAMLYN.

SIR,—Will your readers kindly answer the following questions? 1. In the Communion Office, is it right for the celebrant to use to himself the words, 'The Body,' &c., 'The Blood,' &c.? If so, in what person, and it audibly? The Rubric enjoins that 'when he delivereth the bread to any one he shall say,' &c. Does the term 'any one' include himself? 2. In the Communion Office, can the Gospeller rightly employ the following words, 'The Holy Gospel is written in the — chapter of that after,' &c.? 3. Last Sunday, in giving out the Morning Second Lesson, the Reader said, 'Here beginneth . . . of the former Epistle.' Is that correct? I find that in the Rubric preceding the Lesson in the Burial Office it is so employed. CONSTANT READER.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Rev. W. Hedley; An Earnest Churchman; L.L.D.; Deacon; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

OF THE RINGING OF BELLS IN CHANGES OR
VARYING OF NUMBERS.

Rawlinson MS., A 315, folio 215*b*, in the Bodleian Library.

Ring in changes no where out of England.

(Continued from page 607, No. 556.)

A proposition concerning 4 bells or numbers they make as I have already shewed & here following you may perceive 24 changes let every of the said changes bee termed a number from 1 to 24 or a letter of the Alphabet from a to z & lett him bee changed according to the aforesaid rule then will the changes of 4 bells or figures amount to 24 figures a number for which wee have yet noe expression as followeth in this programme viz :

Four Bells or 4 numbers twice doubled or the 24 letters will amount to the summe here under sett.

1 2 3 4	A	1	No. 1 or letter A is butt	...	...	1	0
2 1 3 4	B	2	No. 2 multiplied by the former summe is butt 2	...	...	2	0
2 3 1 4	C	3	No. 3 multiplied by 2 is	...	...	6	0
2 3 4 1	D	4	the product of 3 multiplied by 4 amounts	...	...	24	0
3 2 4 1	E	5	the product of 4 multiplied by 5 is	...	...	120	0
3 2 1 4	F	6	the product of 5 multiplied by 6 is	...	...	720	0
3 1 2 4	G	7	And see you may proceed with all	...	...	5040	0
1 3 2 4	H	8	the rest and the 24th figure or letter z will	...	...	40320	0
1 3 4 2	I	9	amount to 24 figures, I say the	...	...	362880	0
3 1 4 2	K	10	changing of the 24 letters or 24 figures	...	...	3628800	0
3 4 1 2	L	11	And by the same rule 4 bells	...	...	39916800	0
3 4 2 1	M	12	will make all those changes	...	...	479001600	0
4 3 2 1	N	13	Imagining 1 2 3 4 to bee A	...	...	6227020800	0
4 3 1 2	O	14	or 1 and 2 1 3 4 to bee B	...	...	87178291200	0
4 1 3 2	P	15	or 2, 2 3 1 4 to bee C	...	...	1307674368000	0
1 4 3 2	Q	16	or 3 and soe of all	...	...	20922789888000	0
1 4 2 3	R	17	the rest	...	...	355687428096000	0
4 1 2 3	S	18	...	...	...	6402373705728000	0
4 2 1 3	T	19	...	...	...	121645100408852000	0
4 2 1 3	V	20	...	...	...	24322002008176640000	0
2 4 3 1	W	21	...	...	...	51090942171709440000	0
2 4 1 3	X	22	...	...	...	1124000727777607680000	0
2 1 4 3	Y	23	...	...	...	258852016738884976640000	0
1 2 4 3	Z	24	...	...	...	620448401733239439360000	0

The number of Bookes and Rooms required to containe all the Changes arising from 4 bells or 4 numbers twice doubled, or of the 24 letters of the Alphabet.

Should there bee imagined that the changes of the last summe alone should bee written downe every change to the 24 letters or 24 numbers from 1 to 24. We will first suppose 1 booke let it containe 500 leaves is 1000 sides each side to containe 2 files in breadth is 48 figures and 60 changes in length is 120 changes on each side soe the booke will containe 120000 changes the whole summe of the changes being 24 figures viz., 3 5 1 3 8 3 0 3 5 7 0 6 6 1 3 5 9 6 1 6 0 0 0 0 then in all, the number of bookes & roome required to containe all the changes arising from 4 bells or 4 numbers twice doubled or of the 24 letters of the Alphabet. I say diuide the last number by the contents of 1 booke viz., 120000 & the product will bee 2 9 2 8 1 9 1 9 6 4 2 2 1 7 7 9 6 8, which is just the number of bookes required to write all the said changes; let us now bee think of a roome to conteyne them first wee will suppose the length of euery booke to bee 15 inches and the breadth 10 inches which multiplied the one by the other giues 150 inches in plane, multiplying the number of bookes by the said 150 it will amount unto the somme of 439228794633266995200 inches of superficies. Now let us compute the circumference of the earth and then how many square miles the superficies of the earth & waters will amount: first for the circumference it is agreed to be 360 degrees each degree 60 english miles each mile 1056 paces each pace 5 foot & each foote 12 inches all these multiplied the one by the other will amount to 1368576000 soe many inches doth the earth and seas contain in circumference the said circumference multiplied by its diameter viz., 435456000, the product will amount to 5959546306560000000: soe many inches square doth the whole face of the earth and seas conteyne according to the former calculation. Now the former somme of inches which the bookes require is a farre greater summe then the world conteynes then diuide the greatte number by the lesser and the quotient will bee 754 with a great fraction near a whole which signifies that the said number of bookes wold not bee conteyned in 754 such worlds as these if they were laid one by one, butt if soe bee they were to bee heaped all upon one world close packed then wold the heape bee 188½ foote thicke rounde about or 754 bookes one upon another ouer the whole world. Imagined to bee dry land such is the strange operation & mistery of numbers that the changing only of 4 figures or bells should amount unto such a prodigious sum.

Another way to find out the changes of 3, 4, or 5 bells. This last might bee left out being trouble some. Yet a word more concerning the changes of 3, 4, or 5 bells without the said rule. first make a shift to find the ½ of them: then against them you must sett the figures backward as against 1234 set 4321 etts. When you have found them all you may chuse and place them as you please, as all the ones or twos or threes to goe together before, or to follow one the other the first n^o. to begin with the one the 2d with 2 and soe 3 etts or either to goe forward or backward as the treble doth on the example.

In conclusion some one or other may say what of all this to what purpose is it I answer againe as before I have said somewhat to exercise and recreate the mynde. And if hee have no more to doe then when I did this I wish hee wold take the paines to calculate where I have don right or noe (there is an error indeed, and a great one: examine) for perhappes there may bee an error soe much I say as onely a lover of knowledge arts and sciences that

SCIENTIA NON HABET INIMICUM NISI IGNORANTIAM.

And againe with Chamberlaine concerning this particular and the rest of the booke that although therein bee no matter of great consequence contained I say:

If thou with Momus love to Carpe
Or Zolus-like to pine

Either doe something of thine owne
Or elee not carpe at myne.

Muffled Peal at St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.

Ox Sunday evening, the 21st inst., a funeral peal, with the bells muffled, was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in memory of Mr. G. Mendy, who died on the 9th of August, aged 73. Afterwards a touch of Stedman's Cinques was rung. He had been a member many years.

Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

At the Beverley meeting in July last it was decided that, in default of an invitation elsewhere, the next meeting, on Saturday, October 1st, should be held at the headquarters, Leeds. Since that time the Tong Society of Change-ringers have invited the Committee to appoint the meeting to be held at Tong, near Leeds, where they have obtained permission for the use of the six bells in that tower, and also the eight bells in the adjacent tower of St. Paul's, Drighlington. This invitation the Committee unanimously decided to accept. The Tong meeting will be the Annual General Meeting of the Society, at which the election of officers will take place. The retiring officers are as follows:—President, one Vice-President, one Steward, and three Committeemen. Names of candidates for any of these positions must be nominated by a proposer and seconder in writing, and forwarded to the Hon. Secretary (W. Whitaker, 22 Marsh Lane, Leeds), on or before August 31st. The term of three years for which the headquarters was fixed at Leeds terminates at the next meeting, and any other town may now be nominated.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A COMMITTEE MEETING will be held in St. Andrew's Schoolroom, Post-office Street, Norwich, on Saturday, September 3rd, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of making arrangements for the Annual Meeting, &c.—G. H. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

The Royal Cumberland Society.

MEMBERS belonging to the above Society are invited to attend the next meeting, which will be held on Friday, Sept. 2, when the annual election of officers will take place.
T. HANINGTON, Hon. Sec.

The 10,000 Stedman's Cinques.

IN answer to Mr. Pope, in our last number, we reply that the peal was attempted by twelve members of the College Youths at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 7th of May; but, owing to a slight accident to the man ringing the tenor, they only rang for about three hours. We understand that it will be attempted at a time when the weather is more suited for a long peal—either in autumn or winter.

Mr. C. Payne and his Composition.

SIR,—I find in your issue of June 11th you give an account of a peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by C. Payne, with 109 hobs and 2 singles in the last four leads, and rung at St. Nicholas's, Sevenoaks. I think, while the Composing question is raging so high, it will be as well if that peal be published, if the composer will forward it. There have been several attempts lately at composing a peal of Grandsire, both with and without singles, which have proved to be false, and possibly, if they had been rung and the figures of it not published, would have been thought true till now; so you see the necessity of publishing it. But whoever has got a peal with two singles has taken his plan from Holt, and therefore brings us no nearer the desired end.
R. N. C.

Bells added to a Ring of Six at Hughenden, Bucks.

AN important advance has lately been made in connexion with the works of improvement at St. Michael's Church, Hughenden, in memory of the late Earl of Beaconsfield, two new bells having been added to the ring, making up the number to eight. The completion of the ring of bells formed part of the original intention of the promoters of the memorial; but when contributions were invited towards the whole undertaking, Mr. Robert Warner, of the firm of John Warner and Sons, offered to carry out this portion of the design at his own cost. The offer was thankfully accepted. The bells have arrived, and are now being placed in position in the belfry. The two bells are treble and second, weighing together about 12 cwt. Each has the inscription, in raised letters, 'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1881. In memory of Earl Beaconsfield. Presented by Robert Warner, Esq., Bell-founder to Her Majesty Queen Victoria.' Each also bears a quatrain of poetry. On one are the lines,—

'Year by year the steeple music
O'er the tended graves shall pour;
There the dust of saints is garnered
Till the Master comes once more.'

On the other,—

'Christian men shall hear at distance,
In their toil or in their rest;
Joying that in one communion,
Of one Church, they, too, are blest.'

Two of the former existing six bells are very ancient, dating, as is supposed, from the reign of Edward III., two more were cast in 1663, while the remaining couple bear the date 1875, the year of the restoration of the church.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Bartholomew's, Westthoughton, Lancashire.

Ox Saturday, the 6th inst., was rung Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 49 mins. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; W. Brown, 2; E. Brown, 3; J. Vickers, 4; E. Way (first peal), 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Whittingham, 7; S. Gerrard (first peal), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

At St. John's, Ford End, Essex.

Ox Sunday, the 14th inst., the Stebbing ringers rang for service, and after the afternoon service, several six-scores in the following methods:—Bob Doubles, Antelope, Stedman's Slow Course, Sunshine, Calendar, and Grandsire Doubles. The first five methods are the first rung on these bells. E. Hynds, 1; E. Claydon (conductor), 2; W. Stock, 3; J. T. Barker, 4; C. Ruffel, 5. In five peals, H. Gomers, 3, and W. Stock, 6. Tenor, 5 cwt.

At St. Alkmund's, Derby.

Ox Wednesday, the 17th inst., the Derby Society rang a date-touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taber, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; J. Howe (conductor), 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

At Sandiacre, near Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

Ox Sunday afternoon, the 21st inst., five members of the Long Eaton Society, assisted by Mr. J. W. Wilson of St. Margaret's Society, Leicester, rang for service a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. W. Wilson, 1; R. Hickton, 2; S. Clarke, 3; W. Gilson, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

Ox Sunday morning, the 21st inst., for Divine service, a peal of Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins. J. Perkins, 1; A. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; G. Galley, 4; A. Porter (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Ashford, Kent.

Ox Monday, the 22nd inst., being the day fixed for a Committee meeting at Ashford, a mixed company rang the following: viz. a touch of 896 Bob Major. H. Ovenden, 1; E. Ruck, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; J. Harrison, 4; J. Laker, 5; G. Finn, jun., 6; F. Finn, 7; T. G. Newman, 8.—Three courses of Grandsire Triples. W. Day, 1; E. Ruck, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; J. Harrison, 4; J. Laker, 5; G. Finn, jun., 6; F. Finn, 7; F. Grayling, Esq., 8.—480 Bob Major. E. Ruck, 1; G. Finn, jun., 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; J. Harrison, 4; J. Laker, 5; E. Hyder, 6; F. Finn, 7; T. G. Newman, 8.—896 Bob Major. E. Ruck, 1; J. Laker, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; J. Harrison, 4; T. Foord, 5; G. Finn, jun., 6; E. Hyder, 7; T. G. Newman, 8. Conducted by John Laker. Tenor, 24 cwt.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

BELL LITERATURE.

MANY years ago, viz. in the First Series of *N. & Q.*, vol. ix. p. 240, and vol. xi. p. 33, there appeared a goodly list of books on bells. Since that time a considerable number of works on the subject have been found. In the belief, therefore, that the following extended list will be interesting to the readers of *Church Bells*, I have the pleasure to send it for insertion.

H. T. ELLACOMBE.

Cancellieri, in his work, calls those in this List marked thus () Protestant writers on the subject.*

FOREIGN.

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- 2 Anonymous. Essai sur le Symbolisme de la Cloche, 8vo. Poitiers, 1859
- 3 Arnault (Henry). De Campanarum usu, 12mo. Ibid. 1665
- 4 Barbosa (Augustinus). Duo vota Consultiva de Campanis et de Campanis et de Cemeteriis. 'Quamvis tantum libellus, tamen rarissimus,' 4to. Circa 1600
- 5 Baronius (Cesar). De Ritu Consecrandi Campanas, in decimo tomo Amalium. Rome, 1858
- 6 Barrand (Abb.). Notice sur les Cloches, 8vo. Caen, 1841
- 7 Bernardus (Gulielmus). Axiomata quedam deque Sepulturis et Exequiis, 8vo. Paris, 1547
- 8 Beyerlinck (Laurentius). Conciones selectæ, Concio 44, de Campanarum Usu. Colon. Agrip. 1627
- 9 Beyerlinck (Laurentius). Magnum Theatrum humanæ vitæ sub vocibus Campana, Tinnabulum, &c., fol. Colon. 1631
- 10 Bierstaldt (A.). Dissertatio Historica de Campanarum materia et forma. Iena, 1685
- 11 Billon (J. B. Benj.). Campanalogie Etude sur les Cloches et les Sonneries Françaises et Etrangères, 8vo. Caen, 1866
- 12 Biringuccio (Vannuccio). Pirotechnia. Venet. 1540, 1550, 1559, 1678
There is a French translation of it by Jasper Vincent, 1556, 1572, 1627. The tenth chapter is about bells. Magius refers to it in these words:—'In illa, perscriptum in Italico sermone et delineatum quisque reperiet quicquid ad artem ediscendam conducit, usque adeo, ut et quo pacto Campanæ in turribus constituentur ac moveantur, edoceat, optimeque figuris delineatus communestret.'
- 13 Boehmerus (Georg. Ludov.). Programma de Feudo Campanario. Göttingæ, 1755
- 14 Bona (J.). Rerum Liturgicarum Libri duo: lib. 1, cap. 22, de Signis et Campanis. Roma, 1671
- 15 Borrousius (Carolus). Liber de Instructione Fabricæ et de Numero Campanarum, from the Acta Ecclesiæ Medialanensis, fol. Milan, 1599 and 1843; Paris, 1855
- 16 Buonomattei (Bened.). Declamazione delle Campanæ dopo le sue Cicalate delle tre Sirochie. Pisa, 1635
- 17 Cancellieri (Francesco). Descrizioni della nuova Campana maggiore della Basilica Vaticana. Roma, 1786
- 18 Cancellieri (Francesco). Descrizioni delle due nuove Campanæ di Campidoglio benedite del Pio VII., 4to. Roma, 1806
- 19 Carre (dom. Remi.). Recueil curieux et edifiant sur les Cloches de l'Eglise, avec les Ceremonies de leur Benediction, 8vo. Cologne, 1757
- 20 *Cave (G. G.). An Turrium et Campanarum Usus in Repub. Christ. Deo displicat, 4to. Leipsic, 1790
- 21 Chateaubriand (F. A.). Le Genie du Christianisme, vol. iii. c. 1, Des Cloches. Paris, 1804
- 22 Cloches, l'Art de la fonte des, with many plates, in 'Dictionnaire des Arts et Metiers,' tom. i. part 2, p. 709, 4to. Paris, 1773
- 23 Corbillet (Jules). Notice Historique et Liturgique sur les Cloches. Paris, 1857
- 24 Corbillet (Jules). Note sur une Cloche fondue par Morel de Lyon. Paris, 1859
- 25 D'Arcet (J.). Instructions sur l'Art de Mettre des Cloches, 4to. Paris, 1794
- 26 Derfelde. Dissertatio de Origine et Nomine Campanarum. Jena, 1658
- 27 D'Ivernois (R.). La Voix des Cloches dans l'Eglise, discours par Neufchâtel, 1867
- 28 Dergny (M. D.). Les Cloches des Pays de Bray, 8vo. Paris, 1866
- 29 Dietericus (Conrad). De Campanis. Metz, 1618
- 30 Drabricius (Nicolaus). De Culo et Celesti Statu. Metz, 1618
'This superstitious enthusiast fills 428 pages to prove that one of the employments of the blessed in heaven will be the constant ringing of bells!'
Where is there a copy? It is not in the Bodleian nor British Museum; nor is it at Cambridge, Dublin, Manchester, or Paris.—*Quarterly Review*, No. 78, p. 308.
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- 32 Durandus (Jo. Steph.). De Ritibus Ecclesiæ, lib. 1. cap. xxii. De turri sacra et campanis seu tintinnabulis, fol. Paris, 1503
- 33 *Eggers (Nic.). Dissertatio de Campanarum Materia et Forma. Jena, 1683
- 34 *Eggers (Nic.). Dissertatio de Origine et Nomine Campanarum. Jena, 1683
- 35 Ellis (Sir Richard). Commentarius de Cymbalis, 8vo. Rotterdam, 1727
- 36 Emdenit (J.). Von rechter Einweihung der Glocken. Neudorf, 1634
- 37 Ersch and Gruber's German Cyclopædia. Article 'Glocke.'
- 38 Eschenwecker (T. M.). De eo quod justum et circa Campanas, 4to. Halle, 1708
- 39 Feilneri (J.). Turcken Glocke. Leipsic, 1790
- 40 Fese (Liberianus du.). Des Cloches, 12mo. Paris, 1607-19
- 41 Gaguinus (Rob.). Annales Francorum. Paris, 1514
- 42 *Goetzius, Diatriba de Baptismo Campanarum. Imbecce, 1612
- 43 Grillandus (Paulus). De Sortilegiis, in Tract. Univ. Juris, vol. xi. part 2.
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- 47 Herrera (P. Aug.). Del Origen, y progreso de Oficio Divino.
- 48 *Hilschen (Gio.). Dissertatio de Campanis Templorum. Leipsic, 1690
- 49 Hofmannus (Joh. Jacob.). Lexicon, under Campana, Clocca, Nola, Signum, Tinnabulum, fol. Lugdun. Batav. 1694

- 50 *Hombergius (Gasparus). De Superstitiosis Campanarum pulsibus, ad eliciendas preces, quibus placentur fulmina, excogitatis, 4to. Frankfurtæ, 1572
 - 51 Hospinianus (Rodolp.). De Templis, fol. Geneva, 1672
 - 52 Irenius Meitanus Historic. Shenniz, 1726
 - 53 Isei Ku Chac Chung: a Chinese work, containing facsimiles of Ancient Inscriptions upon Bells. Cologne, 1855
 - 54 Katsze's Notizen über Glocken, 2 vols. 8vo. Cologne, 1855
 - 55 Kircherus (Athanasius). Musurgia Universalis, fol. Roma, 1650
 - 56 Lampe (Frid. Adolph.). De Cymbalis Veterum, 18mo. Traj. ad Rhen. 1703
 - 57 Langlois (M. H.). Hymne a la Cloche. Rouen, 1832
 - 58 Launay (Chris.). Der Glockeniesser. Leipsic, 1834
 - 59 — Manuel du Fondeur, 18mo. Paris, 1854
 - 60 Laurentius (Josephus). De Præconibus, Citharodis, Fistulis, et Tintinnabulis, Collectio in Jac. Gronovii Thesaur. Græc. Antiq., tom. viii. col. 1458; et Ugolini Thesaurus, tom. xxxii. p. 4.
 - 61 Lazzarini (Alex.). De vario Tintinnabulorum Usu apud veteres Hebræos et Ethnicos, 2 vols. 8vo. Roma, 1822
 - 62 Lipenii (M.). Bibliotheca realis Theologica, vol. i. p. 215. Francof. 1685
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 - 64 Macer (Dominicus). Hieroglyphicon, voce 'Campana,' fol. Romæ, 1677
 - 65 Magius (Hieronymus). De Tintinnabulis, cum notis F. Swertii et Jungermanni, 12mo. Hanov. et Amstelodami, 1608, 1664, 1689
 - 66 Maiolus (Sim.). Dies Caniculares, h. e. Colloquia, 4to. Insellæ, 1600
 - 67 Martène (Edmundus). De Antiquis Ecclesiæ Ritibus, lib. iv. cap. 2; tom. iii. p. 4, Edit. Venet. 1783
 - 68 *Medelius (Geo.). An Campanarum Sonitus Fulmina, Tonitrua, et Fulgura impetire possit, 4to. 1703
 - 69 Menardus (Hugo). Ad Librum Sacramentorum Gregorii, 4to. Paris, 1642
 - 70 Merseus (Marianus). Harmonicorum Libri xii. (Liber Quartus de Campanis). Paris, 1629, 1648
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(To be continued.)

The Ringing at Bromborough.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of Saturday, the 20th ult., you published a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Bromborough, Cheshire, and composed by Mr. R. Williams, Liverpool. Several are anxious to know if Mr. Williams has really composed an original peal, or is it one of the kind that Mr. Snowden has so aptly described in his letter on *Peal-snatching*? COLLEGE YOUTH.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Wargrave, Berks, Society of Change-ringers.

ON Tuesday, the 23rd ult., the ringers of the Parish Church (with the Rev. E. Wyld, Rector of Woodborough, Wiltshire, and Mr. R. Flaxman of Farnham Royal) rang two six-score Grandsire Doubles, the calling being varied throughout. The first 720 by H. Barefield, 1; R. Flaxman (conductor), 2; Rev. E. Wyld, 3; W. Townsend, 4; C. Guy, 5; W. Elsley, 6. The second 720:—A. Guy, 1; W. Townsend, 2; Rev. H. C. Sturges, 3; H. Barefield, 4; R. Flaxman (conductor), 5; W. Elsley, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. Considering that it was the first thing of the kind attempted by this somewhat recently-formed Society, the fact may be regarded as worthy of record.

At All Hallows, Tottenham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., for evening service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins., containing 34 bobs and 2 singles. G. Akers, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; J. Nunn, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; S. Jarman, 5; A. H. Gardom, 6. Also, after the service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 29 mins., containing 38 bobs and 22 singles. G. Akers, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; A. H. Gardom, 3; J. Nunn, 4; C. Pilcher, 5; S. Jarman, 6. All members of the Essex Association. Both peals were conducted by A. H. Gardom. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Campsall, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday evening, the 28th ult., for Divine service, eight members of the Campsall parish ringers rang a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples in 17 mins. R. Thompson, 1; H. Butcher, 2; J. Senior, 3; J. Senior (conductor), 4; A. Jubb, 5; R. Pearson, 6; W. Pearson, 7; F. Lorrimer, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

At Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., a mixed band rang in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Mr. E. Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, and which also contains 194 bobs and 46 singles, with the 6th at home every 42 changes; the 6th and 7th at home together every 210 changes; and the 5th, 6th, and 7th at home together every 840 changes. This is the second time on record that the above peal has been rung at Eccles. C. Royle, 1; E. Cash, 2; J. Curtis, 3; T. Yates (conductor), 4; J. Barratt, 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; J. Scholey, 7; W. Ashcroft, 8. All members of the Lancashire Association. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., four members of the North Shields branch of the Durham Diocesan Association, with the assistance of two members of St. John's Guild and Mr. Eggleston of Pelaw, rang in 26 mins. a peal of Bob Minor, called with 28 bobs and 2 singles. F. Lees, 1; W. Eggleston, 2; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 3; W. Waugh, 4; R. S. Story, Esq. (1st peal), 5; R. Smith, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

The following also rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins.:—J. Rossiter, 1; W. Waugh, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; R. Smith, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 6.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

BELL LITERATURE.

(Continued from p. 639.)

Cancellieri, in his work, calls those in this List marked thus (*) Protestant writers on the subject.

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Paris, 1840

Showing the mode by which the bell was removed from the pit in which it was cast in 1773, and placed on the stone pedestal on which it now (1826) rests at Moscow.

75 Morand (M. Fr.). *Inscriptions et Noms d'Ancienne et de la Nouvelle Cloche du Beffroi de Boulogne-sur-Mer.* 184176 *Nerturgii (Mar.) *Campanula Penitentia*, 4to. Dresden, 164477 Nuestra (Senora del Picho). *Camera Angelica de Maria Santissima.*78 Otte (Heinrich). *Glockenfunde*, 8vo. Leipsic, 185879 Paciaudi (Paulus Maria). *Dissertatione su due Campane di Capua*, 4to. Neapoli, 175080 Pacichelli (Ab. J. R.). *De Tintinnabulo Nolano Lucubratio Autumnalis.*

Neapoli, 1693

Dr. Parr calls this 'A great curiosity.'

(To be continued.)

Answer to College Youth.

SIR,—In answer to 'College Youth' in your last issue, I may state the peal is not a recent 'catch' that has been hauled up during the time all the controversy has been going on, for the peal was first rung at St. Peter's, Liverpool, on the 10th October, 1878, and sent to your paper for insertion, but it did not appear; but it appears in the September number of the *Bell News*.
21 Orphan Street, Liverpool. ROBERT WILLIAMS, a College Youth.

The Peal rung at Sevenoaks on Whit-Monday.

SIR,—In your issue of Aug. 27, 'R. C. N.', who omitted giving his name in full, thinks that it would be as well if I give the peal that was rung at Sevenoaks for examination. I give it as follows, trusting that he will point out where the changes are repeated. The figures denote the bells that are called into the hunt.

First Bob	3 4 2 5 6 7	5 4 6 2 7 3	2 5 4 7 6 3	5 6 2 7 3 4
5	3	6	6	3
2	7	4	2	2
5	4	5	6	6
4	2	7	7	7
7	3	6	3	3
6	4	3	4	4
5	5	7	7	7
7	3	2	6	6
2	2	6 4 2 3 5 7	2	2

3 6 2 5 7 4

This course of bobs
three times repeated.Once repeated,
third course of
bobs.Not repeated,
this second course
of bobs.Single 2 3 4 5 6 7
This last course of bobs
completes the peal,
with the two singles.

The singles are made thus
1 3 2 5 4 7 6
1 3 2 5 4 6 7
1 2 3 4 5 7 6
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

C. PAYNE, Maidstone, Kent.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Norwich on Monday, September 26th. Members wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the Secretary.
Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich. G. H. HARRIS, Hon. Sec.

St. James's Society, London.

THE election of officers of the St. James's Society of Change-ringers, St. Clement Danes, Strand, for the ensuing year took place on Monday, the 27th ult., when the following persons were elected:—Mr. Hayes, Master; Mr. Gover, Secretary; Mr. George, Steward; and Mr. Albone, Treasurer.

New Ring at St. Peter's, Jarrow-on-Tyne, Durham.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., a new ring of six bells, cast by Warner & Sons, was opened at the above church by members of the Hepburn Company, who rang several peals in different methods during the afternoon.
D. McGregor, 1; D. Robertson, 2; J. Mackie, 3; T. Nanson (conductor), 4; W. Neirn, 5; D. Marshall, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt., in B flat.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., several members visited the churches of Hurst, Wargrave, and Shiplake, and rang several peals of 720 Grandsire Minor, besides short touches of Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

At Hurst, Berks.—The first peal was rung in 27½ mins. by G. Clark, 1; J. Parker, 2; W. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; R. Smith (his first 720), 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At Wargrave, Berks.—A 720, consisting of 34 singles and 26 bobs, was rung in 26½ mins. by F. Fells, 1; J. Parker, 2; W. Wilder, 3; W. Fussell, 4; R. Smith, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also another, consisting of 30 bobs and 30 singles, was rung in 25 mins. by C. Clark, 1; W. Fussell, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; R. Smith, 5; H. Egby, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Shiplake, Oxon.—A 720 in 26 mins. by R. Allen, 1; J. Parker, 2; W. Wilder, 3; H. Costiff, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; H. Egby, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

All these peals were composed and conducted by J. Parker, of Farnham Royal. The following also attended and took part in the various touches:—E. Rogers, H. Rogers, J. Searle, W. Townsend, H. Barclay, and Rev. H. C. Sturges.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Sunday, the 7th ult., the Daresbury Society rang for morning service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. T. Houghton, sen., conductor. Also for evening service, 720 London Single in 26 mins. P. Hamblett, conductor.

On Sunday, the 14th ult., for morning service, 720 Plain Bob in 25 mins. T. Houghton, sen., conductor. Also for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Ellison, conductor.

On Thursday, the 18th ult., 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins. T. Houghton, sen., conductor.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 28 mins. P. Johnson, conductor.

On Sunday, the 28th ult., 720 College Single in 28 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Coddensham, Suffolk.

On Thursday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 55 mins. D. Prentice (composer and conductor), 1; W. Meadows, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; H. Bowell, 4; N. J. Pitstow, 5; E. Pemberton, 6; R. Brundle, 7; F. Pitstow, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

THE PEAL.

VARIATION.

5088	M.	B.	W.	H.	5088	M.	B.	W.	H.
5 2 3 6 4	2	2	2	2	6 2 5 3 4	2	1	2	2
6 4 2 3 5	2	—	2	2	4 5 2 3 6	1	—	1	1
5 2 4 3 6	1	—	1	1	3 6 5 2 4	1	—	2	2
2 5 6 3 4	2	—	2	2	2 3 6 4 5	2	—	2	2
3 4 2 5 6	—	2	—	—	3 4 2 5 6	—	—	—	—

If the alternative calling is used in the 4th course in any two parts it will reduce it to 5024.

If the alternative calling is used in the 1st course in any two parts it will reduce it to 5024.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars) rang Holt's original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 14 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; H. Randall, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; J. Hannington, 6; W. Doran, 7; S. Jarman, 8. It is sixty-eight years (in 1813) since the last peal of 5040 Bob Major was rung in the old church; and this is the first peal since the present church was built. Tenor, 17 cwt. [* First peal inside. † First peal in this method.]

At the Parish Church, Mitcham, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang the late Mr. John Holt's original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 51 mins. S. Greenwood, 1; T. G. Deale, 2; W. Pead, 3; D. Springall, 4; G. Pell, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; H. J. Shade (conductor), 7; J. Barry, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by the Holywell Parish Change-ringers' Society in 25 mins., being the first peal in this method by members of this Society. H. Payne, 1; G. Lapworth, 2; G. Hounslow, 3; T. Payne, 4; W. Payne, 5; E. Harrison (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 11 cwt.

At West Malling, Kent.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., five members of this Society, with Mr. C. Payne, rang for service a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Driver, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; E. Baldock, 3; D. Hall, 4; W. Leonard, 5; C. Payne (conductor), 6. Also, after evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor, with 32 bobs and 2 singles. W. Driver, 1; C. Payne, 2; F. G. Newman (conductor), 3; H. Foreman, 4; W. Leonard, 5; D. Hall, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At All Saints, Maldon, Essex.

On Monday evening, the 5th inst., six members of the Maldon Company rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins., being the first in the method known to be rung on these bells by Maldon ringers. G. Mansfield, 1; F. Fitch, 2; C. Tabor, 3; T. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; W. Mansfield, 6. Tenor about 13 cwt. [Those marked * are members of the Essex Association.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—REV. A. A. HEADLEY.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ringing at Bromborough and Romford, and Mr. Payne's Composition.

SIR.—Mr. Williams states that the peal of Grandsire Triples recently rung at Bromborough is not a recent 'catch,' &c.; but he will not surely attempt to prove it an original composition, as it is nothing else but a case of peal-snatching from an old peal by an unknown author. Mr. Payne also sends a queer composition, which he calls a peal rung at Sevenoaks on Whit Monday last, which I find is a terrible failure; for the treble leads from the second lead after the first bob to the lead following the third bob, in the parts or course of bobs three times repeated, will be found again at the third, fourth, and fifth bobs in the part next following, making a repetition of no less than eighteen leads in something less than two thousand changes, and if the given course of bobs were true the change given at the head of the second course, *i.e.* 546273, would not come, but 524673 would be there instead, which would prevent the peal from being worked out on the plan given.

And now, Sir, will you kindly notice an error in the record of a peal at Romford on the 3rd inst.? The last peal in the old tower was a peal of 5248 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by the Cumberlands in 1818, and I believe it was conducted by W. Shipway.

BENJ. FAKENHAM, Fakenham.

Mr. Payne's Composition.

SIR.—In reply to Mr. Payne on his composition which appeared in your last week's issue, I may tell him that I do not intend taking the trouble of finding the repeated changes, which he asks me to do; but one thing I will try to tell him, and that is, what he calls singles are really not singles at all, at any rate not Grandsire singles, seeing that he goes away from the rule of ringing Grandsire, but a *get-up*, which I thought there was in it when I asked for the peal to be published. Mr. Holt in his Ten-part peal uses two singles, one, at the half-way and one at the end, which are singles, seeing that they are single changes; but in his Original, what are there called singles should really be called doubles, as they are a double change. No doubt when Mr. Payne composed this noble peal of his he was trying to get the whole peal without a single, but I think he and all others that are trying at that had better cool themselves down quietly and be satisfied with ringing Holt's original One-part with two doubles in the last four leads, made in a proper manner, and without going away from the method. R. N. C.

Prize-ringing at Drewsteignton, Devon.

We have already (August 18th) treated our readers with an account of the farcical ringing at the above place, and the wasteful expenditure of 10*l.* for Ups and Downs and Rounds and Rounds. We since have been favoured with a copy of the broadside, which was not only circulated, but fixed to the doors of churches in the neighbourhood; by which it appears that the publican must have got the best prize of 12*s.* for each set of competitors, in consideration of which they were entitled, not only to the publican's dinner, but with a *GLASS OF GROG to boot!* We hope the Archdeacon in his next Charge will speak out on such unbecoming patronage. The annexed is a copy of the latter part of the bill. We are informed that the gentleman who signs it is the SCHOOLMASTER:—

'Any set who has not practised on the Bells previous to the day of competition will be allowed to ring for 15 minutes before the trial peals. Trial peals will commence precisely at 10 a.m. The bells are in good order and can be rung easily by six men. Weight of tenor from 17 to 18 cwt. Any set intending to compete must give notice to Mr. J. Strong, Churchwarden, Wallon, Drewsteignton, by Friday the 22nd inst. A dinner will be provided, for which each set will pay an entrance-fee of twelve shillings before ringing trial peals. The entrance-fee will entitle them to a dinner and *GLASS OF GROG.*'
'Dated 11th of July, 1881, Drewsteignton. W. G. PYM.'

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

The usual Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Preston on Saturday, September 24. Members wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the Secretary, John Higson, Dootson Terrace, Blackrod.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting for Ringing of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at Whitefield. Over forty ringers were present from Leigh, Heywood, Eccles, Bolton, Chapel-le-Frith, &c. Ringing was commenced at twelve o'clock by the Band from Chapel-le-Frith, who rang a peal of Treble Bob. Afterwards various mixed bands rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, &c.

All notices of alterations in the Rules of the Association must be received by me not later than Saturday, the 24th inst.

95 Clifton Street, Old Trafford. W. J. CHATTERTON, Sec. L.A.C.R.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

The next District Meeting will be held at Margate on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Communications to be addressed to the Hon. Sec., Rev. R. K. Hugessen, Mersham Rectory, Ashford.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Lindley, near Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., being the seventh anniversary of the opening of the eight bells at St. Stephen's Church, Lindley, a touch of 1881 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins. R. Kitson, 1; A. Sykes, 2; G. W. Schofield, 3; F. Schofield, 4; B. Shaw, 5; J. Royston, 6; T. Haigh (composer and conductor), 7; W. Brogden, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

At Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang Holt's One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs.

55½ mins. There is no record that this peal was ever rung at Eccles, or by the Lancashire Association. C. Royle, 1; E. Cash, 2; J. Curtis, 3; T. Yates, 4; J. Barratt, 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 7; W. Ashcroft, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, Surrey.

On Wednesday, the 7th inst., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, consisting of 1260 changes, in 45 mins. W. Turner, 1; D. Springall, 2; S. Greenwood, 3; G. Weldon (his first quarter-peal), 4; S. Hayes, 5; J. Fayers, 6; G. Pell (conductor), 7; H. Pates, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Tydd St. Mary, Lincolnshire.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., 2200 changes, comprising six peals of Grandsire, 6½ peals of Plain Bob, and 6 peals of Old Doubles, were rung in 1 hr. 25 mins., by E. Coulson, 1; E. A. Pritherhoe, 2; R. J. Key, 3; R. Tilbrook, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Blackrod, Lancashire.

On Friday, the 9th inst., the Blackrod Society of Change-ringers rang a peal of Bob Minor, containing 42 singles, in 27 mins. R. Watnough (conductor), 1; J. Rawlinson, 2; J. Higson, 3; W. Croston, 4; G. Higson, 5; James Higson, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Hilda's, Middlesbrough-on-Tees, Yorkshire.

On Friday, the 9th inst., six members of the Stockton Branch of the Durham Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 1; T. Burdon, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; R. Alcock, 4; T. Stephenson, 5; W. Newton, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., a peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 34 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 25 mins. E. Barnett (1st peal), 1; J. Nunn, 2; G. Akers, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; S. Jarman, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. Also a peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 26½ mins. J. Nunn (conductor), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; H. Nunn, sen. 3; H. Nunn, jun., 4; C. Pilcher, 5; S. Jarman, 6. All members of the Essex Association.

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a three-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 30 bobs and 30 singles, in 25 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; J. Basden, 3; W. Wilder, 4; E. Rogers, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also a peal of 720, in six parts, was rung in 26½ mins. J. Parker (conductor), 1; J. Basden, 2; G. Basden, 3; A. Batten, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., ten members of the THE PEAL.
Royal Cumberland Society, late London Scholars, 2 5 4 5 6 M. W. H.
rang a peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 5 2 3 6 4 2 2 2
24 mins. J. Cox, 1; C. Hopkins, 2; H. Dains, 3; 2 5 4 6 3 2 2
W. Hoverd, 4; G. Newson, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; 5 3 4 6 2 1 2
F. Bate, 7; H. Hopkins, 8; W. Baron, 9; E. Pitstow, 2 6 4 3 5 1 1 1
10. Tenor, 28 cwt. This is the first peal of Royal 2 4 3 6 5 1 2
by C. Hopkins and brothers Pitstow of Saffron 6 3 4 2 5 2 2
Walden. The peal, which has the 6th the extent 2 4 5 3 6 2 2
in 5-6, and has never been previously rung, was 2 5 3 4 6 1 2
composed by Mr. J. Cox, who also conducted. 2 3 4 5 6 1 2

At St. Oswald's, Guiseley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the Yorkshire Association in 2 hrs. 59 mins. C. Ralph, 1; D. E. Rhodes, 2; W. Whitaker, 3; R. Tuke, 4; J. Barraclough, 5; L. Cawood, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowden (conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. The peal, which has the 6th the extent both ways in 5-6, four course-ends wrong and eight home, and had never been previously performed, was composed by N. J. Pitstow.

At Upholland, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., six ringers of the Parish Church, Ormskirk, rang a peal of Grandsire Minor (720 changes) in 26 mins. These bells were placed in the tower by Messrs. Warner and Sons. John Prescott, 1; J. Eastham, 2; N. Spencer (conductor), 3; J. Leatherbarrow, 4; James Prescott, 5; R. Clayton, 6. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

On Sunday, the 11th inst., a touch of 503 Grandsire Triples was rung for morning service. W. Lee (conductor), 1; W. Fletcher, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secret, 4; H. Cutter, 5; D. Hayward, 6; J. Matthews, 7; W. H. George, 8. Also some touches of Grandsire Caters. W. Blyth, 1; R. Christian, 2; J. F. W. Bray, 3; W. Lee (conductor), 4; H. Cutter, 5; W. Secret, 6; W. Fletcher, 7; D. Hayward, 8; J. Matthews, 9; W. H. George, 10. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D.

At St. Peter's, Jarrow-on-Tyne, Durham.

On Monday, the 12th inst., eleven members of the North and South Shields Branches of the Durham Association rang on the new bells two peals of 720 each.—North Shields Branch: a 720 of Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 24½ mins. S. Nott, 1; W. Waugh, 2; R. Smith, 3; R. Willans, 4; J. Hopper, 5; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 6.—South Shields Branch: a 720 of Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 25½ mins. R. Hopper (conductor), 1; A. Moffatt, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; J. Dickson, 4; J. Hopper, 5; J. Moffatt, 6. Tenor, 8½ cwt., in B flat.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. Smith; J. Fleming; Alfreton—no name; J. R. Haworth; J. Wright; G. J. Clarkson; W. D. Smith; and others.

conscience. And that conscience surely has some claim to respect when we consider—(a) that the judgments of the Privy Council in the different 'Ritualistic' suits differ like night and day; (b) that the Public Worship Regulation Act has never been approved by the Church's mouthpiece and constitutional right—Convocation; (c) that so great is the dissatisfaction at these farces that a Royal Commission has been appointed to overhaul the question.

We hear enough of cant about religious liberty from Dissenters, but here are we, in the nineteenth century, casting into a felon's cell one who, on the testimony of the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a most faithful and hard-working priest, for what he considers—and not he alone but thousands of the Anglican clergy—honestly obeying his Prayer Book and faithfully keeping his ordination vow. And assuming, for the sake of argument, that Mr. Green is in the wrong, why did Mr. Gladstone commit such a breach of trust as to appoint a very much more extreme man—Mr. Knox-Little—to the vacant canonry of Worcester? Why are not the hundreds and hundreds who do as Mr. Green did cast into prison? Why single out one from a poor parish, from the bosom of his family, when plenty of unmarried Ritualistic clergymen can be found in rich parishes?

So then, I say, this is not a question of a party. It is a question of common right, of simple justice, and it is the duty of Churchmen to make themselves heard and to demand the liberty of the imprisoned priest. We are a law-abiding race, and Churchmen submit to those in authority; but when that authority becomes usurped, when a faithful, zealous, hard-working clergyman is shut up as a felon, passing the summer without seeing so much as a blade of grass or a green leaf, it is time to cry out, and that in no uncertain voice.

F. W. I.

SIR,—On attending service yesterday at Christ Church, St. Leonards-on-Sea, I noticed a placard on the door asking for sympathy on behalf of Mr. Green on the ground that 'he is a loyal subject of Her Majesty the Queen.' As the Act under which that gentleman is imprisoned has, of course, received the Queen's assent, and as the Judge who passed sentence was acting under the Royal Commission, may I ask how the above plea can be justified? This is, of course, apart from the ecclesiastical view of the case.

L. W.

The Church Congress.

SIR,—As the Church Congress will this year be held at Newcastle, a few remarks, relating to the churches in this town and their services, may be interesting to your readers.

There are in Newcastle seventeen endowed churches and two iron churches. There are surplised choirs in thirteen of these. *Hymns A. & M.* are used in twelve churches, the *Hymnal Companion* in five, and *Church Hymns* in two. The 'black gown' is worn in three churches. The services are mostly semi-choral, and Holy Communion is administered in most of the churches twice a month; in three or four there is weekly celebration. There is, however, need of more churches.

The Wesleyans are building a beautiful chapel at the north end of the town, where there is only one church, the congregation of which is the most wealthy in the town, and could with ease build another church in this thickly populated district.

JOHN CLARKE.

Women's Work.

SIR,—Will you allow me through the medium of your paper to express a want which seems to increase in the Church of England? I mean some organized work for earnest, energetic Churchwomen who have not home ties, who are not fitted for sisterhood life, and who do not wish to take life vows, feeling they would be rather a hindrance than a help. There are many, I feel convinced, who would be glad of some simple rule and work sanctioned by the Bishop of the diocese—earnest, loyal Churchwomen, satisfied with the rites and ceremonies and calendar of their own Church, and who do not feel they are fitted for sisterhood and so-called deaconess life. May I not ask for some one to help us in this? There are so many crushed lives, so many wounded and disappointed spirits that might be raised and helped by it.

A CHURCHWOMAN AND CONSERVATOR.

Cheap Church Literature.

SIR,—I have for long enough believed in the necessity of circulating cheap Church literature amongst the people, of which 'M. A.' speaks in your last number, to counteract the lying rubbish delivered broadcast amongst chiefly the ignorant, for it is astonishing what ignorance there is amongst people whom you would think knew better on Church questions. I made the offer some time ago to the Dean of Chester to freely circulate at my leisure in certain districts of the city papers on Church defence, or open Church papers, but received no answer. I am still open to any one forwarding me papers on those subjects, which are, I consider, of the most momentous at the present revival of our Church.

R. STRINGER.

58 Larvin Road, Chester.

APROPOS OF REGISTERS.—A correspondent writes in reference to a note in *Church Bells* of August 13, p. 590:—'In the old register of Waddington in Oxfordshire is the following entry—"1644, 30th June, buried in ye parish church of Waddington in ye county of Oxon, John Burrell, cornet to Colonel Richard Neville, which Mr. Burrell was slain the day before in a smart bataille against ye rebels." A line has been drawn through "a smart bataille against ye rebels," and in another hand, not indicating much education, but the contrary, "against the Parliament" is substituted, so making the entry run thus: "which Mr. Burrell was slain the day before against the Parliament." The battle here alluded to is that of Cropredy Bridge, near Banbury, fought on the Oxfordshire side of the river Cherwell, in which the king was present and in some danger; the battle issued in the fall of Banbury to the king.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. W.; F. O. Morris; W. Palin; H. C.; James Archer; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

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(Continued from p. 655.)

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- ENGLISH.
- 116 Allen's *Lambeth* has a good article, with references to many authors on Bells. Lond. 1826
 - 117 Baker on the Great Bell at Westminster. Lond. 1857
 - 118 Batty on Church Bells. Aylesbury, 1850
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 - 121 Blunt's Use and Abuse of Church Bells, 8vo. 1846
 - 122 Brand's Popular Antiquities, edited by H. Ellis, 4to. Lond. 1813
 - 123 Brown's Law of Church Bells. Lond. 1857
 - 124 — History and Antiquity of Bells. 1856
 - 125 The Brassfounder's Manual. Lond. 1829
 - 126 Campanologia; or, The Art of Ringing improved, 18mo. by F. S. Lond. 1677
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- 127 — 2nd Edition, 18mo. Lond. 1705
 - 128 — 3rd Edition, 18mo. Lond. 1753
 - 129 — 4th Edition, 18mo. Lond. 1753
 - 130 — 5th Edition, by J. Monk, 18mo. Lond. 1766
 - 131 Campanologia, improved by I. D. and C. M. London Scholars. Dedicated to the Society of London Scholars, 18mo. Lond. 1702
 - 132 Clavis Campanologiae, by Jones, Reeves, and Blackmore, 12mo. Lond. 1788
 - 133 — Reprinted in 1796 and 1800. Lond.
 - 134 Croome's Few Words on Bells and Bell-ringing, 8vo. Bristol, 1851
 - 135 Denison's Bells and Clocks, in his Lectures on Church Building. Lond. 1856
 - 136 Denison's Clocks, Watches, and Bells, 12mo. 1860
 - 137 — Appendix to Ditto, 12mo. Lond. 1868
 - 138 Ellacombe's Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers, 8vo. Lond. 1850
 - 139 — Paper on Bells, with Illustrations, in the Report of Bristol Architectural Society. Lond. 1850
 - 140 — Edition of Beaufoy's Ringers' True Guide. Lond. 1857
 - 141 — Sermon on the Bells of the Church. Lond. 1862
 - 142 — Practical Remarks and Appendix on Chiming. Lond. 1859
 - 143 — History of the Church Bells of Devon, &c. 4to. Exeter, 1867
 - 144 Forster's Perennial Calendar has much about Bells, 8vo. Lond. 1824
 - 145 Gatty, The Bell: its Origin, History, and Uses, 12mo. Lond. 1847
 - 146 Harrison's (J., Bell-founder, Barton-on-Humber) Introduction to a Treatise on the Proportion, &c., of Bells. Hull by W. Stephenson, 1831

(To be continued.)

The Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY Meeting will take place at Boddington on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Tower open at two. J. WRIGHT.

A Question.

SIR,—I should like to know what were the various methods rung by the Hepburn ringers at Jarrow, as reported in your paper of the 10th inst.; and also if St. Peter's belongs to the Church of England, as in that case other Church of England Companies in the district would like to know why they were not invited? G. J. CLARKSON.

Reply to Mr. Fakenham.

SIR,—In your last issue, Mr. Fakenham asserts that the peal composed by myself is one by an unknown author. Now for his information I will state that the peal was put in the hands of the most eminent composer of Birmingham some seven years ago, and I have not the least doubt if it had been a stolen one he very soon would have said so. But as he boldly asserts the peal is a snatched one, I think it is only right that he should give proof for his assertion, for, until he does, I claim the peal as an original by myself. ROBERT WILLIAMS, Yorkshire Associate.

21 Orphan Street, Liverpool.

All Saints Church, Nafferton, Yorkshire.

Ur to thirty years ago, this church possessed a ring of three bells, of which the first, or treble, was dedicated to St. John, the second to the Holy Trinity, the third, it is believed, to All Saints. But about that date the third, or tenor bell, was cracked. A few months since, however, a generous donation of 100*l.* was placed at the Vicar's disposal, and a new tenor bell has been added. It was also found necessary to renew the flooring and framework of the belfry, and to quarter-turn and rehang the old bells. The restoration was entrusted to Mr. Thomas Mallaby of Masham. The tenor bell, which is in the key of F sharp, and weighs about 15 cwt., bears the following inscription:—'A gift to the glory of God, and All Saints Church, Nafferton, 1881. J. Davidson, Vicar; Ed. Robinson, Wm. Ross, Hy. Watson, Churchwardens.'

Ringing at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, in 1725.

WHILE turning over some old papers a resident in the city came across an interesting and curious handbill relating to the opening peal on the eight bells in St. Michael Coslany Church tower. We subjoin the text, which is headed by a copperplate engraving of the city arms, surrounded by the ribbon motto of 'St. Peter Mancroft Ringers.' The handbill runs as follows:—'St. Michael Coslany, Norwich. Whereas by public contributions, two small bells were hung up in this steeple, making therein a peal of eight bells, on the 5th day of February, Anno Domini, 1725. A remarkable peal was rung by the eight persons as under, called the Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all Eight, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,082 changes, which they rung in six hours and twenty-eight minutes, on the 1st day of April, 1727; there was no bell out of course, no change alike. Performed by R. Barnham, treble; Thomas Melchior, 2; John Harvey, 3; John Webster, 4; Thomas Gardiner, 5; Thomas Barrett, 6; Edward Crane, 7; Robert Crane, tenor.'—*Eastern Daily Press.*

South Church, Bishop Auckland, Durham.

THE old ring of five bells in this church having been augmented to eight by the addition of a new tenor and two new trebles, will be opened on Wednesday, Sept. 28, by the Change-ringers of the district, to whom invitations have been sent by the Committee of Restoration. G. J. CLARKSON.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

A MEETING of the Sonning Deanery Branch of this Guild was held at Arborfield for ringing purposes on Saturday, the 17th inst. Thirty-six ringers attended from Sandhurst, Wargrave, and Wokingham. Before the ringing commenced, a prayer was said in the belfry by the Rev. H. C. Sturges, the Hon. Sec. For nearly two hours some excellent six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, affording excellent proof of the persevering way in which members of the Guild had been working to qualify themselves for the change-ringing test of membership. At the conclusion of the ringing the members repaired for tea to the new Arborfield Reading-room, and after some hearty words of encouragement from the Rector, the Rev. G. L. Walsh, separated for their respective parishes.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Staindrop, Durham.

ON Saturday, the 27th ult., the first peal of Bob Doubles was rung, and repeated on the 3rd inst. J. W. Shipp (aged 13 years), 1; Wm. McLean, 2; D. Shipp (conductor), 3; T. Leonard, 4; W. Johnson, 5; J. Brown, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. The ringers have only been about twelve months at work.

At Magdalene College, Oxford.

ON Monday, the 5th inst., five members of the Cheltenham Society and five members of the Oxford Society rang at the above church a touch of Grandsire Caters on the ten bells attached to the College; also a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples, conducted by J. Belcher of Cheltenham. After which they were invited to Christ Church College, and rang on that fine ring of ten bells, the tenor weighing 2 tons, a touch of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Stedman's Triples; also a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by G. Hounslow of Oxford. The ringers from Cheltenham were H. Phillott, Esq., J. Belcher, J. Lawrence, W. Morrice, and G. Acocks, all members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers.

At St. Michael's, Coventry, Warwickshire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of St. Margaret's Society, Leicester, paid a visit to Coventry and rang, with the assistance of Messrs. Horsfall and Lenton, a touch of 1881 Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 20 mins. J. Jarvis, 1; T. Wilson, 2; G. Durrows, 3; L. Payne, 4; A. Wilson, 5; J. Wilson,

6; C. Horsfall, 7; C. Lenton, 8; J. Buttery (conductor), 9; W. Walker, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At Lyminge, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., the Mersham Company rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor. E. Ruck, 1; Rev. R. B. K. Hugessen, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; H. Ruck, 4; G. Paine, 5; G. Finn, jun., 6.—A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. E. Ruck, 1; D. Paine, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; G. Paine, 4; F. Finn, 5; G. Finn, jun., 6.—A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. Ruck, 1; E. Ruck, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; G. Paine, 4; F. Finn, 5; G. Finn, 6. Conducted by E. Ruck. Tenor, 18 cwt. All members of the Kent Association.

At St. James's Church, Accrington, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 11th inst., a mixed band rang for morning service a peal of 720 Collegio Exercise, Treble Bob Minor. Also for evening service a peal of 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor in 27½ mins. A. Scholes (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; T. Newhall, 3; J. Hindle, 4; J. H. Fish, 5; C. D. Pierce, 6.

At Chester Cathedral, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Chester Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. S. Hand, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; T. Bethell, 4; W. Walton, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (composer and conductor), 7. W. Ball, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt. in C. The above contains the twelve 7-4's, twelve 6-7's, Queens, Tittums, and rounds.

The Hackney Society of Change-ringers, London.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., the above Society paid a visit to Waltham Abbey, and rang several touches of Stedman's Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. After which they adjourned to the 'Three Tuns Tavern,' where an excellent dinner was provided for them by the host, T. C. Powell. The Rev. Arthur Brook in the chair. The company rang some musical touches of Stedman's and Grandsire Triples, also some excellent tunes, on the hand-bells. Altogether they spent a pleasant evening, returning by the 10.18 train to London, highly pleased with their day's outing.

At Sandiacre, near Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., five members of the Long Eaton Society, with Mr. H. Sheard of Sandiacre, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 28 mins. H. Sheard,* 1; S. Clarke, 2; R. Hickton, 3; G. Bradley,* 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. in F. [Those marked thus * their first peal.]

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 6048 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 50 mins. R. Sewell, 1; W. Collings, 2; G. Mash, 3; J. Rowbottom, 4; R. French, 5; E. Horrex, 6; S. Hayes, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Composed by W. Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, and conducted by J. M. Hayes. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At All Saints, Otley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the Yorkshire Association in 3 hrs. 4 mins. I. Ralph, 1; W. Whitaker, 2; F. Maston, 3; J. Barraclough, 4; D. E. Rhodes, 5; L. Cawood, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowden (conductor), 8. The peal, which is in two parts, with the sixth the extent home and four course-ends in that position in each part, without a bob at the wrong being used, and is the first ever obtained or rung with these properties, was composed by the late W. M. Harrison of Mottam. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., three of the Staindrop ringers visited St. John's, Darlington, and with the assistance of some of their members rang two six-scores of Bob Doubles, 360 Bob Minor, and 360 Grandsire Minor.

Bob Doubles.—J. W. Shipp (aged 13 years), 1; W. Patton, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; D. Shipp (conductor), 4; W. Johnson, 5; R. Moncaster, 6.

Bob Minor.—J. W. Shipp* (aged 13 years), 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; D. Shipp, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. [* First attempt at Bob Minor.]

Grandsire Minor.—W. Patton, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; D. Shipp, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Northwindingfield, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 18th inst., 720 changes, consisting of three peals of Grandsire and three of Plain Bob Doubles, were rung in 32 mins. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in G flat. G. Clough,* 1; T. Millington,* 2; J. Cook,* Esq., 3; F. Hoffman (conductor), 4; G. Brown,* 5; T. Clough, 6. It is only ten weeks since they started to ring by method. [Those marked * belong to the North Derbyshire Association.]

At Immanuel's Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 18th inst., a mixed band rang for morning service a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Scholes (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; T. Newhall, 3; J. Hindle, 4; J. H. Fish, 5; C. D. Pierce, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At Church, near Accrington, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 18th inst., a mixed band rang for evening service a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A. Scholes (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Hindle, 4; J. H. Fish, 5; C. D. Pierce, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [Third bell omitted.]

WOOD OR IRON?—We should prefer wood, well seasoned and substantial, with good workmanship—nothing cheap.

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.—F. Meyrick; Marianne Mainley (with thanks); W. Sangar; G. Newsom; St. Margaret's, Rochester—no name.

terian brethren who form the majority of the people, and who are, by early training and ignorance, prejudiced against the Church, cannot be estimated. Such 'liberality,' as that above described, may surely well be characterised as 'dishonesty,' for to thus 'advocate the schisms and the heresies which the Church of his baptism and of his orders earnestly repudiates, and has bound him in his ordination vows, to resist,' cannot be too severely condemned, and many Churchmen will feel grateful to 'I. R. V.' for the candid manner in which he has treated the matter in the article referred to, as also in your issue of Sept. 24. The latter, and the letter in your correspondence columns of same issue, surely explodes the 'protest' of the 'Rector of Barnes,' who, if he be not already an 'old dog,' from his position in the Church, can hardly be considered one of those 'puppies that snap at all times,' and there is, therefore, surely the less excuse for his 'protest.' Yes, more decided and dogmatic teaching, in other words, more faithful Church teaching, otherwise 'save us from our friends.'

NORTH BRITAIN.

P.S.—It was painful to read in a Presbyterian paper, a short time ago, the remarks made on the expression said to be made use of by one of our Bishops, on the occasion of his being presented with a Pastoral Staff. It was said that the Bishop, in accepting it, expressed a wish that the good people had rather presented him with an umbrella! Can this be so? and if so, it would be interesting to know which of their lordships it was. N. B.

Prayers for the Dead.

SIR,—If your 'Constant Reader,' who is so exercised by his new discovery that prayer for the dead is not unknown in the Church of England, assumes to be conversant with 'the whole tenour of Holy Writ,' it would be well for him when using two texts not to misquote one and use the other to prove what no one denies. The Bible nowhere says that 'As the tree falleth so shall it lie.' It speaks of a place, but not of a final or unimprovable condition, saying, 'Where the tree falleth,' &c. A tree falls towards the north or south, and thus and there lies; but may it not, must it not, either gradually season or gradually rot? And may not either of these processes be promoted by the effort of man as well as by the forces of Nature, or Nature's God? And, of course, we admit there is no repentance in the grave; but when my friends here thoroughly repent, may there not be in store for them, even of necessity, a bearing of the effects of past sin, and a progress from strength to strength in the grace to which they have at last corresponded? No one wants him to pray for the dead while he does not desire to do so. It is not absolutely of revelation or commandment. Why cannot he leave those alone to whom it is a comfort, to whom it would seem unnatural, unreasonable, and even cruel, to omit it? One must have low ideas of the sanctity of God if one thinks that at death, without any training, we can bear the consuming fire of His unveiled presence. One must have quaintly misread the history of the Jewish and Catholic Churches if one thinks there ever was a time in either when such prayer was unknown or forbidden. Nor is your correspondent more happy in his knowledge of the Roman doctrine he controverts. Will he quote any passage from an accredited book which speaks of 'saving souls after death by purgatory.' That souls may after what is called death be helped by prayer, and purified, educated, and trained into higher sanctity by the true and nearer presence of God in the absence of the distractions and temptations of this world, is, at any rate, a pious belief of the Catholic Church, and not merely of Romanism; but that a salvation refused in this world can be obtained in the next is not, as far as I can find, a doctrine of purgatory existent save in the remarkable intelligences of certain controversialists. If he in honesty desires to know what people do hold, may hold, and always have held, let him obtain Canon Luckock's book on the *Intermediate State*. Anyhow, let him quote honestly and accuse fairly.

J. W. HORSLEY.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SIR,—Permit me to supplement Mr. Clark's letter on the Churches of this town. Of the seventeen Churches four are unfinished, through lack of money, monuments of the apathy and indifference of the wealthy Churchmen of this district. In one church only there is daily service. At the grand old Parish Church there are three services on the Sunday, and Litany is said on Wednesday and Friday in one of the side chapels, the rest of the week silent, and closed. I should say that the congregations of the seventeen churches could be easily seated in nine of them. This cannot be wondered at when one considers the little real church-work being carried on. The clergy, in some cases, unite with the dissenters to hold noon-day prayer-meetings after the Moody and Sankey fashion, there you may find clergy whose churches are closed from Sunday to Sunday, and then they are more than half empty. If you want to find a town over-run with Puritan innovations, come to Newcastle-on-Tyne. I sincerely hope that the Congress will put some life into these dry bones.

SENEC.

Church Congress.

SIR,—I shall esteem it a favour if you will allow me to intimate through your columns that the Master of University College, Durham, has kindly placed at the disposal of the Reception Committee about twenty rooms in the Castle for visitors to the Congress. There will be a small charge for attendance and the use of linen, and meals can be supplied by arrangement with the butler. Applications should be addressed to the Hon. Secs., Church Congress Reception Committee, Durham.

JOHN SHIELDS, Hon. Sec. to the Congress.

'Mr.' as the style of a Clergyman instead of 'Rev.'

SIR,—In the interesting account of 'Broad Hinton Church' of 17th ult., it is stated that 'a singular slab in the chancel may be mentioned as the only instance in Wilts of a clergyman being called "Mr." on a tombstone without "Rev."' I remember seeing such an inscription in the chancel of Inglesham Church in North Wilts some years since. Alvescot Church in Oxfordshire is, I believe, dedicated to St. Peter ad Vincula.

JAMES ARCHER.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

BELL LITERATURE.

(Continued from p. 686.)

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Amongst his Treatises, in the 85th cap. he minutely describes the fourling of Bells. He is supposed to have written circa 1200.
- 148 Hone's Every Day and Year Book has much about Bells. Lond. 1827-35
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- 151 Huddleston's Method of Tuning Bells, described in Bowles' History of Brem-hill, Syo. Lond. 1828
- 152 Husbandman's Magazine, includes 'The Noble Recreation of Ringing, by T. S.' Lond. 1684
- 153 Lambert's Country-Man's Treasure; to which is added the Art of Hawking, Hunting, Angling, and the Noble Recreation of Ringing, front. 12mo.
Printed on London Bridge, n. d.
- 154 Ludham (Rev. M. S.) on Bell-founding published in *Edinburgh Encyc.* article 'Horology.' Edinb. 1830
- 155 Lukis's Account of Church Bells. Lond. 1850
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- 157 — Words to Rural Deans. Ditto, 1858

(To be continued.)

Progress of Scientific Ringing in Cornwall.

SIR,—It may interest and encourage aspiring ringers to learn that a band of some twelve ringers are working assiduously at this delightful though difficult art of change-ringing. Their perseverance has been rewarded at length by their having, on the 8th of September last, obtained a quarter-peal, 1260 changes, of which particulars are given below.

Penzance is the only town in Cornwall which has advanced thus far; but my object in asking you to insert our humble performance of a quarter-peal is to try and induce other towns and parishes to start similar bands, instead of being content with the very meagre prowess at present obtaining. If those well-meaning persons who offer prizes for round-ringing would assist in starting bands, and getting the bells of the county put in ringing order, they would earn the thanks of the real admirers of the art, and get a better and more intelligent class in some of the belfries, which prize-ringing will never do. Although Cornwall has several fair rings of eight in more or less bad order for scientific ringing, there is no ring of ten on which those more advanced can practise. St. Andrew's, of Plymouth, has a grand ring of ten, which should have two trebles added to make twelve, and then it would indeed be the ring *par excellence* of the three Western Counties, and the bells would be much more easily rung. In this respect in the West of England we are, as it were, only possessed of piano-forte of five octaves and a half, which is humiliating to ambitious ringers. It might be mentioned that the steeple of Calstock is the only one in Cornwall adorned with a board recording a peal of Grandsire Minor, rung some fifteen years ago. The art seems to have made a strange leap from east to west. Our quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples will be at once recognised as coming from Mr. William Banister's excellent and instructive book on Change-ringing, and contains the twelve 74's, 67's, Queen's, and Vittams, occupying 50 mins. in bringing round. Rev. A. Berry, 1; J. Symons, 2; T. Hicks, 3; C. Boase, 4; J. Hodder, 5; J. Richards, 6; H. R. Trelawny, Esq., 7; M. Bassett, 8. Conductor, H. R. Trelawny. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E. I hope before Christmas to be enabled to send you a complete peal of 5040 changes.

Yours truly,

From 'Western Morning News.'

A COLLEGE YOUTH.

A Reply to Mr. Fakenham and R. N. C.

SIR,—The Severnocks peal of Grandsire Triples, published in *Church Bells* Sept. 10, was printed correctly, and if written out properly will be found to be a true peal; but Mr. Fakenham has failed in his attempt to write the peal out, which is given so very plain and easy as to need no further explanation. The singles, or what *should* have been called doubles, are the same as those to be found in *Claris*, page 60, so they have been in use in Grandsire peals nearly one hundred years, and are not a *get-up* by me.

Having had twenty-five years' constant study in composing peals in different methods, I am prepared to give proof of what are singles or doubles, and also that the peal cannot be composed with all bobs or all doubles; and that it can be with all singles. The following is a single:—
Where one pair of bells change their course from what they 1325476
would have done at a bob, and when two pairs change their 1324567
course, it must be a double change. It must be well known that one bell cannot change its course alone, and as two bells are then to be considered as the unit, being the smallest change the method will allow, must be a single change in the order of the bells from what it would be at a bob. A single is also known by the effect that it produces in bringing certain changes at back-stroke, and unless the following are brought at back-stroke the peal cannot be composed with all that kind of call. 1324567 and 1243567 and 1432567, bobs and doubles, are alike in their effect: as it matters not which four bells lie still in the treble lead they all answer one end. This I have made a long study. I will reserve the rest for another time.

C. PAYNE.

Maidstone, Kent.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting, which was to have taken place at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 1, is unavoidably postponed until further notice.

A. S. W. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

The Royal Cumberland Society, London.

THE annual election of officers took place on Friday, the 16th ult., when the following gentlemen were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year: Mr. Geo. Newson, Master; Mr. Wm. Baron, Treasurer; Mr. Jas. Hannington, Secretary. Mr. Barry was elected as Junior Steward in the place of Mr. Strange, who takes office as Senior Steward for the ensuing year.

JAMES HANNINGTON, *Hon. Sec.*

South Lincolnshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE next ordinary meeting of the above will take place at Heckington, on Saturday, October 8th. All members who intend to be present should send their names to the Secretary on or before October 1st, and to all members present who take part in the ringing an allowance of 2s. will be made, by order of the Committee.

J. R. JERRAM, *Sec., Albert Street, Spalding.*

Memorial to the late Mr. Day of Birmingham, in St. Peter's Church, Harborne, Staffordshire.

THIS Tablet was erected by John Day in memory of his uncle, Thomas Day, who died April 10th, 1879, aged 75 years, and who composed the peals hereon recorded. They were rung on these bells by members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers, Birmingham (with which Society he was many years associated), as a tribute of esteem and respect.

October 9th, 1880.

5040 Grandsire Triples,
in 2 hrs. 58 mins., by

J. Perks	...	...	...	Treble
H. Johnson	...	...	...	2nd
H. Johnson, jun.	...	...	...	3rd
T. Miller	...	...	...	4th
J. Day	...	...	...	5th
F. H. James	...	...	...	6th
J. Buffery	...	...	...	7th
Josh. Johnson	...	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by J. Perks.

May 7th, 1881.

H. Bastable	...	...	...	Treble
J. Perks	...	...	...	2nd
G. W. Baldwin	...	...	...	3rd
J. Buffery	...	...	...	4th

Conducted by H. Bastable.

Rev. E. Roberts, M.A., *Vicar.*

G. J. Pedley, } *Churchwardens.*
Wm. Aston, }

G. Farmer, *Tower-keeper.*

MUFFLED PEALS IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

LONDON.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., a muffled peal was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral by the Ancient Society of College Youths. The open space in front of St. Paul's, and the approaches thereto, were thronged with a sympathetic crowd, who listened with mournful interest to the sound of the heavy, muffled ring of twelve bells (tenor, 62 cwt.), which reverberated through the air, and produced a feeling of deep sadness upon the vast assemblage. After the ringers had finished the muffled peal they rang three courses of Stedman's Cinques, 396 changes, which were finely struck. The ringers were:—Pettit, Haley, Cooter, Haworth, Jameson, Mash, Dorrington, Tanner, Horrex, Wood, Hayes, Muskett, and Jones.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., by order of the churchwardens, the parochial ringers (College Youths) rang a muffled peal at St. Saviour's, Southwark (tenor, 52 cwt.). Afterwards, four courses of Stedman's Cinques.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., by the request of the Rev. J. Lindsay, Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, the tenor bell (24 cwt.) was tolled during the time of the funeral. In the evening, some members of St. James's Society rang good touches of Grandsire Triples, the bells being half-muffled.

COUNTRY.

At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., a date touch of 1881 Stedman's Triples was rung, with the bells muffled, in 1 hr. 20 mins. G. Appleby, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; J. Griffin (conductor), 3; J. Jaggard, 4; A. Wakley, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; W. Wakley, 7; R. M. Joyce, 8. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, in which the Vicar and other friends took part, were also rung during the day. Conductors, Messrs. W. & A. Wakley. Tenor, 26 cwt., in F.

At Wymeswold, Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., a funeral peal of 720 changes was rung, with half-muffled bells. J. Brooks (conductor), 1; R. S. Walker, Esq., 2; J. Knifton, 3; J. Guttridge, 4; The Vicar, 5; M. Brown, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. This is the first half-muffled 720 ever rung in Wymeswold.

At Waltham Abbey, Essex.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., at the request of the churchwardens, the flag was raised half-mast high, and a muffled peal was rung, commencing at 1 p.m., which was conducted by Mr. Thomas Powell. Also, in the afternoon and evening, the bells being still muffled, was rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1260 changes, in 46 mins. T. Mitchell, 1; J. Barker, 2; J. Pallett, 3; G. Thurgood, 4; D. Tarling, 5; P. Cleverley, 6; W. A. Alps (conductor), 7; J. Colverd, 8.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Woodford, Essex.

ON Sunday, the 18th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, was rung for service by members of the Essex Association in 26 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Nunn, jun., 3; G. Grice (of London), 4; W. Doran (conductor), 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 19th ult., a touch of 714 Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the Old Hackney Society. J. Sumpter, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 3; W. Doran, 4; R. Turner (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6; C. Turner, 7; C. Marriot, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

ON Tuesday, the 20th ult., eight members of the North Shields Branch of the Durham Diocesan Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 31 mins., with 98 bobs and 2 Shipway singles. H. Ross (his first peal after only three weeks' practice), 1; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 2; J. Rossiter, 3; W. Waugh, 4; R. Willans, 5; R. Smith, 6; J. Hern, 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5120 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. J. Wade, 1; C. Everett, 2; G. Edwards, 3; R. Nudds, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Cunningham, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Mordey (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. The peal, as given, has the 6th the extent in 5-6 home at three last course-ends of each part, and was composed by Henry Dains. It was originally composed as a 5376 peal, which may be curtailed as follows: Call the fourth course of either part, 1st B 1st, and the fifth course-end is obtained, and the peal reduced to 5024 changes.

5120

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

5376

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

Each repeated.

At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

ON the 21st ult., a date-touch of 1881 Stedman's Triples was rung in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Lawrence, 1; H. Karn, 2; H. Hodges, 3; G. Phillott, Esq., 4; W. Morris, 5; J. Belcher (conductor), 6; G. Acocks, 7; F. Musty, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. All members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Guild. The touch was rung to commemorate the anniversary of two old members, who rang treble and No. 5 in the touch, their united ages amounting to 143 years. Composed by J. Field of Oxford.

At All Saints, Derby.

ON Friday evening, the 23rd ult., six members of the Derby Society rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 31 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; A. Taberer, 2; R. Bosworth, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; J. Newbold, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 30 cwt., in D.

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang Mr. E. Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes (bob and single variations), in 2 hrs. 57 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Curtis, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. Barratt, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley (first peal), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., two 360's of Bob Minor were rung in 13 mins. each. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; W. Fussell, 3; A. Batten, 4; G. Buckland, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Second 360—F. Fells, 1, and W. Wilson, 4. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Slough, Bucks.

ON Sunday, the 25th ult., it being the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, ten peals of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, making 1200 changes, were rung in 88 mins. W. Leader, 1; W. Fussell, 2; R. Flaxman (conductor), 3; J. Parker, 4; J. Piersey, 5; F. Sinkins, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in A.

At St. Giles's, Sandiacre, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 25th ult., six members of the Sandiacre Society rang for service three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 17 mins. W. Lovell, 1; A. Follows, 2; J. C. Dicken, 3; W. Gough, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; W. Hampson, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F. This band has only been learning eight months, with the exception of J. C. Dicken, who has rung in several touches of Triples and Major.

At St. Mary's, Shorne, Kent.

ON Sunday morning, the 25th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, containing 8 bobs and 6 singles, composed by Mr. H. Hubbard of Norwich, was rung by members of the Gravesend Change-ringers' Society for Divine Service in 24 mins. J. N. Chapman,* 1; M. Lambert, 2; H. Weeks,* 3; W. King,* 4; B. Spinner,* 5; S. Hayes* (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. [Marked thus * are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—C. T. Salusbury—answered direct; W. Ellsmore; T. A. Duncan—any Encyclopaedia under 'BELL' will answer your question; R. Valentine; J. Drinkwater.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Lord's Day and the Fourth Commandment.

SIR,—The writer of an otherwise able and temperate article in the *Guardian* for Sept. 7, on 'Sunday Rest and Sunday Labour,' makes the following strange assertion: 'No person moderately well informed is now ignorant that the Lord's Day and the Sabbath are two wholly different things; that neither Scripture nor Christian antiquity gives any authority for the supposition that the Sabbatical obligation of the Fourth Commandment was formally transferred (with such modifications as our Lord's teaching suggests) to the Lord's Day.' Why, then, in the name of common sense, do we go through the wearisome mockery of repeating the Fourth Commandment every Sunday morning? The highest scientific and historical intelligence of mankind cannot fail to observe that, wherever a human being is persuaded that the Son of God came from Heaven to be his Saviour, he always honours and confesses Christ before men by keeping one day in seven; that is to say, a Sabbath Day, holy unto the Lord. Every true and sincere believer in the Divine Redeemer has always denied himself in mind and body by going diligently and devoutly to the Lord's House and the Lord's Table on the Lord's Day. If this is not keeping a Christian Sabbath, what is the meaning and the use of language? In London, not one man in twenty thus confesses Christ before men; but it is to be feared that not one in twenty believes with all his heart that the Son of God came down from Heaven to save him from the wrath to come. (1 Thess. i. 10.) G. H.

SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Leominster.

SIR,—In your notice of the Priory Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Leominster, the writer omitted to refer to the noble central window of the west end. It is in the Perpendicular style, and consists of seven lights with magnificent tracery work, measuring altogether upwards of forty feet high. In 1878, through the exertions of Mr. Gunnell, at that time Mayor of Leominster, a movement was set on foot to fill this window with stained glass, and Messrs. Mayor & Co., of Munich and London, were selected to prepare a design, which was approved of by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, under whose direction the church was being restored. Owing, however, to the subscriptions not reaching the required amount, Messrs. Mayor were only able to fill the two centre lights and tracery above. These contain the 'Charge to Peter' and the 'Conversion of St. Paul,' but it is hoped that ere long sufficient funds will be forthcoming to complete the work, which will then form one of the grandest features in this fine old pile. L. P.

The Salvation Army.

SIR,—With many others I have felt much interested in the articles and correspondence anent this Army. It has helped to a correct understanding of its position and work. In reference to the letter in your issue of Sept. 10, of 'Presbyter Hibernicus,' I would venture to remark that it should be borne in mind that the work is done among the lowest, most degraded, and ignorant of the people; hence the difficulty of getting teachers fairly well instructed and fitted for their service. Mr. and Mrs. Booth both labour to secure this, as the pages of the *War Cry* testify. There may be seen an attempt at something like systematic teaching. There are given clear teachings on Our Lord's Divinity and Humanity—the doctrines of the Atonement, Righteousness, Redemption, Sanctification, &c. The same pages do certainly give abundant evidence of the necessity for this; there are not only the crudest statements, there are some things recorded that make one shudder, and others that are simply grotesque as exhibitions of Scriptural teaching. ANDREW BLYTH.

Mr. Horsley's Letter to Builders' Men.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of Sept. 10 there was a notice of a letter to 'Builders' Men' by Rev. J. W. Horsley. Will you allow me to say that the letter was the September number of a quarterly letter to 'bricklayers, carpenters, painters, &c.' About three thousand of these 'letters' are distributed in different parts of the country in March, June, September, and December. I shall be glad to supply any gentlemen or ladies willing to give them to these men during work hours. Letters have already been written by Rev. G. Calthrop, Rev. Canon Ellison, Mrs. Wightman of Shrewsbury, and other well-known authors. I shall be very grateful for any contributions towards printing expenses, &c. A. JEAFFRESON.

180 Church Street, Stoke Newington, N.

Trinity Church, New York.

SIR,—I was much interested in your account of the above and its work, for the truth of which I can vouch, as I have just returned from New York. My brother, Bishop Scott, and myself, were most hospitably entertained by the Mission Clergy of Trinity Church (the Rector was from home), taken into their simple Clergy House, and boarded most kindly and thoughtfully by them. They extended the same generous hospitality to Mr. Coope, who followed my brother with three young men (candidates for missionary work) en route for North China. To any one who knows the expenses of a place like New York, such action as this will at once bespeak gratitude.

JOHN SCOTT, Canon of York.

'Church Bells' in the Backwoods of Canada.

SIR,—I was much interested in the touching letter of Mr. Crompton in *Church Bells* of Sept. 3, and will gladly send my copy weekly to any one abroad who would wish to have it. At present I do not know to whom to send it: and I think it would be a guide to others, as well as to myself, who might wish to do the same, if you would either weekly, or from time to time, put out a short list of such persons. Hitherto I have been in the habit of sending them out otherwise. It would do still more good if any who send them would enclose within them tracts, or such like (printed matter), only so as to keep them under the newspaper weight in the Post Office. F. O. MORRIS.

NOTE.—Many letters in type unavoidably held over.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Gloucester and Bristol Ringing Association.

On Monday, the 12th ult., a meeting of the Association was held at Chippenham. The following were the members who attended:—Mr. John Drinkwater, Master of the Association; Mr. G. Wanklyn, conductor; Messrs. J. Thomas, W. Bowers, J. Gough, B. Etheridge, J. Clark, H. Akett, J. Meaton, and H. Wheeler. From Bristol, Messrs. G. Morgan, R. Knill, and H. Portch; G. H. Phillott, Esq., Cheltenham; H. G. Gardiner, Esq., Upton St. Leonards; the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, France Lynch, Stroud; the Rev. A. Law, Dauntsey; and the Rev. R. C. Lynch Blossie, Christian Malford. The party attended morning prayer in the parish church, when the Rev. J. Rich, Vicar, delivered an address. He said:—'When first I was asked to deliver an address to you on this occasion I was somewhat at a loss what to say, but I thought I could not do better than give you a few simple truths. In the first place, the office of bellringer in God's house is an honourable and holy office, as every office in God's house must be. It ought to be a means of protection against evil. We find in the Psalms that David says, 'I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness,' as though, if he were a doorkeeper, he would be to such an extent protected from every tendency to evil associations. Now, a bellringer's office has been rather degraded from what it ought to be. It has been the custom to use bells on occasions of mere worldly rejoicing rather than spiritual rejoicing. The bells were made far too common, but when they found an old custom prevailing it was not a very easy matter to undo it. Bells, of course, ought to be rung on sacred occasions, and also on some great occasions of national rejoicing. The bell-ringers ought to remember that they were performing an office of God's temple in His sanctuary, and they ought also to remember that the belfry was a part of the church, and when they were in it they should behave as though they were in His temple.'

The company, after the service, adjourned to the tower and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman's Triples.

The following account of the performances is official:—At the Parish Church several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, after which a band from the Gloucester, Bristol, and Cheltenham companies rang three courses of Stedman's Triples. At St. Paul's Church several touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Minor were rung. The ringers would recommend the churchwardens when they have new ropes to procure the best London make, and not allow their ringers to cut any part below the sallies off, or tie a knot in the end of the rope to hold by.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Handbell Performance.

On Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (estab. 1637) rang at the Meeting-house, Southwark, with the bells retained in hand, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 34 mins. E. Horrex, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; R. French, 5-6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7-8. Messrs. Gover, Rowbotham, Gibbs, and H. A. Hopkins were present. Mr. J. Cox kindly acted as umpire. All were pleased with the performance.

At St. Nicholas, Deptford, Kent.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., after evening service, six members of the St. Nicholas Society rang a peal of 720 changes of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. C. Crowder, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. G. Shade, 3; T. Taylor, 4; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 5; H. J. Shade, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Sunday evening, the 2nd inst., seven members of the St. Mary's Society, assisted by Mr. Isaac Shade of Greenwich, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 1260 changes, in 41 mins. H. Bright, 1; H. Harvey, 2; T. Banister, 3; C. Harvey, 4; F. Bidgood, 5; I. G. Shade (composer and conductor), 6; W. J. Aldridge, 7; W. Perrott, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Stanstead, Essex.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., being the Harvest Festival, four members of the above parish, assisted by F. Sworder of Great Hallingbury, and G. Martin of Saffron Walden, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with nine bobs, in 27 mins. J. Caval, 1; C. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; F. Sworder, 4; G. Martin, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

R. S. T.—The word 'peal' in our picture article was an oversight. We always try to avoid the word: but so many of our correspondents use it, that we sometimes cannot help inadvertently passing it over.

CAMPANOLOGY.—We would suggest to our correspondents to discontinue the use of this mongrel word, CAMPANOLOGY, and use plain English *bell-ringing*. The word is as absurd as BELLOLOGY. Some people like to use *grand* and long-sounding words; but there is nothing like calling a SPADE a SPADE.

A. VALENTINE.—This is a reply to your question:—A KNELL is a *bell*, rung or *knolled* with a single bell—'slow and solemn let it be'—after the death of some person. A PEAL, whether muffled or not, is the work done with any number of bells rung in succession or in changes. Bells are 'muffled' or 'buffeted,' by tying pieces of hide-leather on the side of the clapper opposite the ground pulley. A set of muffers will last many years if made like horses' knee-caps. If your bell-rope has been cut off, as some ignorant ringers are apt to do, a knell cannot be knolled properly.

BELL-RINGING NEWS from Durham, Suffolk, Romford, Lancashire, Essex, Forest Kenninghall, Saffron Walden, Kent, Surrey, Cheshire, Liverpool, &c., gratefully supplied on account of the pressure of Church Congress News.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., the General Meeting of this Society was held at Tong, situated almost midway between Leeds and Bradford, when there was a very large attendance of members. The six bells of Tong (tenor, 12 cwt.), and the eight bells (tenor, 16 cwt.) in the tower of the neighbouring church of Drighlington, were placed at the disposal of the members. During the morning eight of the officers of the Association rang a peal of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 4 mins. at Drighlington. At four o'clock tea was served in the Tong schoolroom, after which the General Meeting was held; when the President, Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, took the chair. The Sixth Annual printed Report of the proceedings was presented to the members, and the Report of the Committee for the year 1880-81 contained therein was passed. This Report shows that the number of members at present on the books is 382, and that twenty-seven peals, of 5000 changes and upwards, have been accomplished by them during the past year. The Treasurer's balance-sheet, duly signed by the auditors, was read over. The yearly account showed that the income of the Society had been 25*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, of which 10*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* had been required to meet the disbursements for current expenses during the year, and 14*l.* 16*s.* had been placed to the credit of the capital account. The total amount of the invested surplus funds of the Society, which was shown on the separate 'Capital Account,' is now 57*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars and Churchwardens of Tong and Drighlington for the use of the bells in their respective churches, and to the Tong Society of Change-ringers, and the inhabitants of Tong, for their kind preparations and hospitality. Mr. Ellis, the people's warden for Tong, responded on behalf of the several parties. A vote of thanks to the ladies who had presided and assisted at the tea-tables, and to the President of the Society for presiding at the meeting, concluded the business part of the proceedings.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

This Society held a District Meeting at Margate on September 28th. Between eighty and ninety members were present. Little was done at St. John's, Margate, as the bells were not in order; but the tower at Quex Park was visited, and some touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major rung on eight of the twelve bells. Tenor, 15 cwt. Minster was also visited, and several peals of Grandsire rung on the five bells. Tenor, 24 cwt.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 29, at Bolton. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m.; tickets, 1*s.* each (to be had from committee-men). Meeting, 6 p.m. Election of President, Secretary, and two Committee-men, and other business. All ringers invited: ringing after 7 p.m. WM. JOS. CHATTERTON.

South Church, Bishop Auckland, Durham.

AMONGST the great improvements included in the restoration of this church is the addition of three bells to the old ring of five, the new bells being the treble and second, and a tenor weighing 11½ cwt., by Messrs. Warner. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mallaby of Masham, who also supplied a new frame and tuned and quartered the old bells. The opening was held on September 28th, the change-ringers of the district being invited by the Committee of Restoration, and entertained by them to a substantial dinner. Ringers were present from Darlington, Stockton, and North Shields, who rang several touches of Minor and Major during the day, the principal performance being 1056 of Bob Major by R. Kay, 1; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 2; J. Clarkson, 3; W. Newton, 4; R. Alcock, 5; R. Moncaster, 6; T. Stephenson, 7; G. Overton, 8; and also a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Bloxhall Church Bells, Wickham Market, Suffolk.

THE ring of five bells in this parish was reopened on Wednesday, the 28th ult., having been entirely rehung, with new stocks, wheels, and fittings complete, by Messrs. Day and Son of Eye. The bell-frame has also been thoroughly restored and strengthened with new oak timber. The fourth bell has been recast and the other bells turned. Ringers were invited and present from Woodbridge, Wickham Market, Framlingham, Kelsall, Saxmundham, Brandeston, Eye, &c. At two o'clock between twenty and thirty sat down to a dinner at the 'Ship Inn,'—the Rev. N. Bates, M.A., Rector, in the chair; and in the evening, through his liberality, a supper was provided. Ringing was kept up throughout the day.

Death of Henry Hubbard.

WE regret to have to announce the death of Henry Hubbard, the well-known author of *Hubbard's Campanologia*, which took place at Hunslet, Leeds, on Sunday morning, October 9th. Henry Hubbard was born at Norwich on August 23rd, 1807, and was for many years a member of the once-famous Society of Norwich Scholars; and when that Society was at the zenith of its prime, assisted the company in the performance of some of its greatest feats in scientific ringing. Since 1856 Mr. Hubbard has lived in Leeds, Yorkshire, and, while able to ring, been a member of the society of ringers in that town. Of late years, however, his health has not allowed him to continue ringing, and his death, although regretted, has not been unexpected.

IN MEMORIAM.—MUFFLED PEALS.

At Chester Cathedral, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 26th ult., in memory of President Garfield, a deeply muffled peal (both sides) was rung; then the curfew (muffled) was rung for 10 mins.; after which they were unmuffled one side, then rung 40 mins. J. Griffiths, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; T. Bethell, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (conductor), 7; S. Hand, 8.

At Huntsham, Devon.

On Monday, the 26th ult., the Huntsham Society rang a muffled peal as a mark of respect to the memory of the late President Garfield. The changes were rung in whole pulls, with the bells muffled on the back-stroke.

At St. Peter's, Liverpool.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., ten members rang a peal of 5093 Grandsire Caters, in memory of President Garfield, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. R. Williams, sen., 1; H. Meadows, 2; J. Brown, 3; G. Helsby, 4; J. Moore, 5; E. Booth, 6; T. Hammond, 7; R. Williams, jun. (conductor), 8; W. Littler, 9; W. Brooks, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., after evening service, seven members of the Trinity Youths, assisted by Mr. H. Langdon, rang the bells half muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. Harris, curate of the above church, who died after a short illness, aged 38 years. G. Woodage (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; F. Lennard, 3; W. Jones, 4; J. W. Jarratt, 5; H. Welch, 6; E. Cooper, 7; F. Perrin, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Andrew's, Gorleston, Suffolk.

On Sunday, the 11th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 26 mins. J. F. W. Bray, 1; R. Christian, 2; H. Cutter, 3; T. Fleming (conductor), 4; W. Gibbs, 5; J. Matthews, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Friday evening, the 31st ult., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 45 mins. J. Cox (composer and conductor), 1; W. Jones, 2; R. Jameson, 3; T. Binney, 4; J. Hannington (first peal on ten bells) 5; J. R. Haworth, 6; J. Woods (of Kenninghall, Norfolk, his first peal of ten bells), 7; H. Dains, 8; H. Hopkins, 9; D. Stackwood, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rev. J. Lindsay, the Rector.

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

The peal here given has the 6th at home at the last five course-ends, contains all the 8, 6, 7's, and had never been previously performed.

At St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., a mixed company of change-ringers rang Reeves's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. C. Garlick, 1; P. Coop, 2; J. Mayall, 3; A. Clag, 4; J. Riley, 5; J. Preisy, 6; F. Crossland, 7; S. Stott (conductor), 8. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Taylor's variation peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 57 mins. F. Bines,* 1; J. J. Parker,* 2; T. A. Estall, 3; H. Reeves (conductor), 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; S. Hayes, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; R. Flaxman,* 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, near Leeds, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., eight of the officers of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers rang, previous to the General Meeting at Tong, on the same day, an 'Officers' Peal,' consisting of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Lockwood (Committee), 1; T. Lockwood (Steward), 2; W. Whitaker (Hon. Sec.), 3; C. H. Hattersley (Committee), 4; J. Crabtree (Committee), 5; T. Hattersley (Steward), 6; B. A. Dodson (Committee), 7; J. W. Snowdon (President), 8. The peal, which has the 6th six course-ends home (Snowdon, Part II. page 85), was composed by J. Lockwood and conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Michel's, Garston, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., six members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 26 mins. S. Gough, 1; C. Newton, 2; J. Large (conductor), 3; G. W. Hughes, 4; J. Latchford, jun., 5; S. Turner, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

At Mottram in Longendale, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 2 mins. R. Wright, 1; J. Horrop, 2; W. Middleton, 3; J. D. Hadfield, 4; T. Wilde, 5; J. Wilde, 6; T. Braddock, 7; J. Bayley, 8. The peal was composed by the late James Platt of Saddleworth, and conducted by R. Wright. It was also the first ever rung with the 6th at home at nine different course-ends and the tenors together, and was first rung on the same bells November 5th, 1846.

5184						M. B. W. H.	
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3	2	6	5	4	-	1	- -
2	5	3	4	6	-	1	- -
5	4	3	2	6	1	1	- -
4	2	3	5	6	1	1	- -

Twice repeated.

On the occasion of the unveiling of the monument in July last, an unsuccessful attempt was made to ring a peal as a tribute of respect to the memory of William Morrison. After a meeting of the Committee of the Memorial Fund on Saturday, the 8th inst., the following company of ringers, however, successfully completed a peal of 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Lawton, 1; J. Holden, 2; J. Harrop, 3; T. James, 4; R. Hill, 5; J. Robinson, 6; J. W. Snowdon, 7; J. Bailey, 8. The peal (in sixteen courses, *Snowdon*, Part II. p. 66) was composed by W. Harrison and conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Christians whose mode of bringing up, or whose line of thought and character, prevents them from appreciating other than extemporary prayer. If the Church is to keep within her pale, or bring in those who have wandered from it from amongst non-conforming bodies, she must be prepared to allow her clergy, where it is deemed expedient, elasticity in her services in this direction. It would, therefore, be wise to do away with the Act of Uniformity, which was at the first, and continues to be, an unnecessary chain hampering her usefulness. With all the thought, life, and activity in the Church of England, it does seem very strange that no steps are taken to remove this blot upon liberality of thought and action, and which historically has been the cause of disunion amongst Christians, the effects of which we are feeling more and more every year. The Church which did without such a restraint for so many hundreds of years can surely do without it now. A few weeks ago I had a special (extemporary) prayer-meeting after evening service in the schoolroom. Two Wesleyans present (one of them offered up prayer) said afterwards to me, 'We did not think it was possible to have such a hearty and earnest meeting in connexion with the Church of England.' Why should not this meeting have been held in the church? H. C.

The Mixed Chalice.

SIR,—With reference to the question asked by your correspondent, 'F. C. B.,' Dr. Pusey certainly had good ground for speaking authoritatively on this subject, for not only is he backed by the custom and practice of the Catholic Church (the Latin Church included, of course), but also the fact that on the Jewish Passover wine was mingled with water; hence the presumption that it was so used at the Institution of the Blessed Sacrament. I quote the following from the Liturgy of St. James, commonly admitted to be the purest representative of the Apostolic Service: 'Likewise after Supper, He took the cup, and mixed it with wine and water, and looked up to Heaven and showed it to Thee, the God and Father, and gave thanks, and hallowed and blessed it, and filled it with the Holy Ghost, and gave it unto His disciples.' Dr. Pusey is therefore in excellent company. J. C. H.

Laymen reading the Lessons.

SIR,—I should like to elicit some opinions as to a habit which seems growing (chiefly in the rural districts, I think): I mean, the practice of laymen reading the Lessons, when there seems to be no reason on the score of health why the clergyman should not read them himself. It seems to be almost universally assumed that a layman can legally read the Lessons, though I must confess I should like to hear the reasons definitely stated. But is it *advisable* that it should be so, as a rule? If we require an ordained minister to read the rest of the service, and to preach, surely such an important part of the service as the reading of God's Word should also be performed by him, unless there are special circumstances which may fairly justify him in availing himself of the liberty allowed. Is not the advantage supposed to accrue from the recognition of the principle that the laity should take part in our church services, likely to be more than balanced by the feelings that may arise in the minds of Churchmen in the middle and lower ranks of society, when they notice that in almost all cases the function is confined to the one or two rich and influential members of the congregation? I would respectfully suggest to the clergy, in these days, when questions are often arising between landlords and tenants, and employers and employed, how desirable it is that they should show caution and delicacy touching the matters I have just alluded to.

A LAYMAN WHO LOVES THE CHURCH.

The 'Cope Compromise.'

SIR,—Those who are advocating the above seem to ignore one of the most practically important considerations involved in the matter, viz. that of *convenience*. Now a cope is about as convenient for celebrating as a riding-habit is for dancing. Its heavy folds would be perpetually getting in the way, and sweeping things down, &c., whereas the chasuble leaves the arms quite free. Begging 'W. G.'s' pardon also, the Ritualists do not, as far as my experience goes, 'generally use' chasubles 'of the modern Roman shape.' In the eyes of what 'W. G.' calls 'the law' copes are as much forbidden in parish churches as chasubles. Why, then, in the name of common sense, should we, in endeavouring to improve our Ritual, cast away a visible link of connexion with the Church of the past in this country, and saddle ourselves with a practical inconvenience? A. P.

Vivisection.

SIR,—I write in order to draw the attention of the clergy to a subject much neglected by them, but, nevertheless, one which demands their serious attention. The crime of vivisection—for I think it may properly be termed a crime—seems to have been as yet treated with utter indifference by the great majority of clergymen. A few have spoken and preached against it; but, as far as I know, only a few. The great bulk of those in holy orders have completely neglected the subject. Now we frequently hear sermons against drunkenness and immorality when there are willing victims. Why should we not hear sermons against vivisection, when the victims are dumb animals at the mercy of their tormentors? I would humbly suggest that the clergy denounce from their pulpits the cruel practices of those so-called men of 'science' who behave like fiends for the purpose of satisfying their morbid curiosity. GILBERT HENRY WORDSWORTH HARRISON.

The next Church Congress.

SIR,—I am not surprised to see 'Old Brum's' letter respecting the next Church Congress, but he unintentionally does an injustice to the Birmingham clergy when he complains that 'our powers that be have never invited the Congress to meet in our busy commercial centre,' and that 'some of our clergy who should be leaders in this matter seem quite incapable of being so.' I believe the simple fact to be, that the Church Congress is never held anywhere unless the Bishop of the diocese consents to preside, and that our own excellent and deservedly beloved Diocesan has positively refused to do

so. However much this is to be regretted the fact remains, and, under such circumstances, neither the Birmingham clergy nor any one else can move in the matter. A BIRMINGHAM CLERGYMAN.

Bangor, North Wales.

SIR,—In your brief account of the 'Pro-Cathedral of Liverpool' in *Church Bells* of Oct. 15 I notice a statement as follows: 'The mother-church of Walton has two incumbents, a rector and a vicar—an arrangement probably almost without a parallel in England.' It may interest 'H. C. R.', and possibly other of your readers, to know that the parish of Bangor, North Wales, has two vicars—a senior and a junior, with, however, only one vicarage. A. BARBER.

Extracts from the Fathers.

SIR,—Can any of your readers recommend any work dealing with quotations, selected passages, proverbs, maxims, &c., from the Fathers, early Christian poets, schoolmen, or monks? It is possible that such a collection may be in existence, and the name of the work would greatly oblige

AN INQUIRER.

[We do not remember, at this moment, any collection of elegant extracts from early ecclesiastical writers. But our correspondent would find many admirable cuttings from Fathers and Schoolmen in such works as Aquinas' *Catena Aurea*, the *Commentary* of Cornelius a Lapide, that of Bishop Wordsworth, Hagenbach's *History of Doctrines*, Neale and Littledale's *Commentary on the Psalms*, &c. Perhaps some of our readers may be able to supplement an answer.—ED.]

An Acknowledgment.

SIR,—Will you kindly express my heartfelt thanks to the unknown friend who has forwarded me *Church Bells* for many months past? I receive it regularly fortnightly or so, and prize it much. I hope it will be continued. After reading it myself it goes the rounds of my parish, which is a very extensive one. I hope you will find a corner in your paper for this acknowledgment. (Rev.) W. C. BRADSHAW.

Peterborough, Canada.

PLANS FOR A MISSION ROOM.—The Rev. W. Howell Evans (Oswestry Vicarage) writes:—'Will some of your readers who have had experience in building mission rooms kindly help me, by informing me as to the best plans for such, and also as to the probable cost of one to hold about one hundred? I should like one which might be divided into two rooms, for classes, &c., when required. Any hints will be acceptable.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—VICAR; H. F. W.; C. J. O.; M. A.; Rector; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Peals at Romford, Essex.

SIR,—Mr. Fakenham thinks that we have fallen into an error when we say that the last peal preceding our peal of Grandsire Triples on the 3rd of September was rung in the year 1813. Mr. Fakenham says that the last peal was rung in the old tower by the same Society on Monday, Feb. 18, 1811, which, he says, was 5248 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and that it was called by Shipway. Allow me to say that he is mistaken, as the very same peal he speaks of was rung in 1811, and was composed and called by G. Gross, Shipway ringing in the peal; which I am prepared to prove by the Peal-book of the Cumberland, and also the Romford old Peal-book.

ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

A 720 Bob Minor in Three Parts.

SIR,—I should be glad if you will kindly insert my peal of Bob Minor in this week's issue, as it might be of use and interest to six-bell ringers; and I have a band made up to ring it immediately it appears.

Twice repeated.

16 Bective Road, Forest Gate.

M. ELLSMORE,

Member of the Essex Association.

The Ringing at Kenninghall, Norfolk.

SIR,—I notice in your issue for Oct. 1st, that a new composition by my friend, Mr. H. Dains, has been rung at Kenninghall; and as this peal is of more than ordinary merit, I beg to inform your readers that it can be reduced to 5056 changes, the least number possible in a two-part peal, by using the calling here given.

Saffron Walden.

N. J. PITSTOW.

Grandsire Caters.

SIR,—Will any of your readers give me the shortest touch of Caters known, in the titium position, the 6th behind the 9th, and round at hand? Saffron Walden. N. J. PITSTOW.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

The members of the above Association held their Annual Meeting for this year at Norwich, on Monday, the 26th ult. There was a fair attendance of ringers from all parts of the diocese. The numbers would have been greater had it not been known that St. Peter's bells, the great attraction for ringers, were doomed to silence, owing to the work of restoration which is still going on outside the tower. The bells of seven of the city churches were

kept well at work, especially those of St. Giles, which are now again being used after a silence of several years. At one o'clock a short service was held at St. Andrew's Church, the sermon, founded on the words, 'Ye serve the Lord Christ' (Col. iii. 24), being preached by the Ven. Archdeacon Perowne. 'Did the ringers,' said the Archdeacon, 'but bear in mind these words, their service in God's sanctuary would be a hearty, holy, and a happy one.' At two o'clock the members repaired to 'The Lamb,' when they sat down to dinner (about one hundred in number) under the presidency of Gervas Holmes, Esq., who was supported by the Revs. A. G. Blyth, C. F. Blyth, N. Bolingbroke, H. E. Bulwer, R. H. Gwyn, E. Harris, G. H. Harris (Secretary), T. H. Marsh, and J. H. White, Captain Moore, and H. D. Arnott, R. Coperson, N. W. W. Meadows, G. T. W. Meadows, Esqs., &c. &c. After dinner the usual toasts were given. The Rev. H. E. Bulwer responded for that of 'Success to the Association,' and then read for the Secretary (the Rev. G. H. Harris), who was suffering from a severe cold, the Report. From this we gathered that the Association now numbers 480 members, and that they have rung the goodly number of twenty-seven peals, one of which was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, rung at Ipswich (such a peal not having been rung in the Eastern counties for more than forty years); and in addition there was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung by six clerical members. At the conclusion of the Report five honorary members were elected—the Revs. C. J. Steward and S. A. Selwyn; C. R. Day, Esq., and Messrs. C. Hurn, and F. Pitstow, and sixteen performing members. On the proposition of the Rev. C. F. Blyth the officers were re-elected, with thanks for their past services. It was decided that the District Meetings during the ensuing year should be held at Swaffham, Redenhall, and Coddensham; and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The members then all hastened out to have another final ring or two before they took their departure.

Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Association of Church Ringers.

THE Monthly Meeting of this branch of the Guild was held at Sonning on Saturday, the 15th inst., the eight bells of the parish church, the tenor being 22 cwt., having been lately rehung by Messrs. Mears. The Rev. Canon Pearson and the Rev. E. Cotton very kindly entertained all the ringers to a tea in the Infant Schoolroom; and we are glad to notice that the information on change-ringing which the Guild has been the means of spreading is already making the old-fashioned ringers of 'ups and downs and rounds and rounds' somewhat ashamed of their bell-hauling. We hope soon to see these 'Churchyard Bobs' (as 'call-changes' are familiarly termed) consigned to Mother Earth.

Tyne Guild of Change-ringers.

At a meeting of Change-ringers held at the 'Waverley Hotel,' Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., it was resolved to form a Guild having the above title, with the object of promoting the revival and advancement of change-ringing in the borough. Rules were drawn up and officers elected. Mr. F. Lees, a well-known local ringer, was elected Guild Master. The first weekly practice will take place at St. Nicholas Church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 25th, at 7 o'clock.

The late Henry Hubbard.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 12th inst., the remains of Henry Hubbard were interred at the Woodhouse Hill Cemetery, Hunslet, Leeds, where many of the Leeds, Hunslet, Holbeck, and other ringers, were present. After the funeral service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on hand-bells over the grave. During the evening several muffled touches were rung on the eight bells at St. Mary's, Hunslet; and on Sunday last, after the evening service at St. Matthew's, Holbeck, the following band, by the kind permission of the Vicar, rang a half-muffled touch of 1881 changes of Bob Major in 1 hr. 6 mins. J. Harrison, 1; M. Tomlinson, 2; H. Moss, 3; S. Basnett, 4; J. J. Jackson, 5; J. Hutchinson, 6; T. West, 7; R. Binns, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The touch was composed by the late Henry Hubbard and conducted by R. Binns.

Prize-ringing in Cornwall—Ups and Downs, Rounds and Rounds.

We grieve to learn from newspaper reports such useless waste of money in Cornwall. It is to be hoped that the Bishop of the diocese, among his other reforms in Church matters, will turn his attention to such acts of desecration and prostitution of the goods of the Church supplied for pious uses.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Belbroughton, Worcestershire.

On Wednesday, the 21st ult., a peal of Six-score Grandsire was rung. The peal contained 38 bobs and 22 singles. A. Parton (first peal), 1; G. Parton, 2; E. Hatton, 3; J. Parton, 4; J. Bayes, 5; H. Martin, 6.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., being Harvest Thanksgiving service, a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung for morning service; and a peal of Oxford Treble Bob (time, 26 mins.) and 180 Plain Bob for evening service. E. Baylis, 1; G. Parton, 2; E. Hatton, 3; J. Parton, 4; J. Bayes, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F sharp.

At Aldford and Eccleston, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., the Daresbury Society visited Aldford, and rang at the parish church a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 27½ mins. T. Houghton, sen., conductor. Tenor, 14½ cwt. Also on the same day, at Eccleston Church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob in 28 mins. T. Houghton, jun., conductor; and 720 of College Single in 27 mins. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6.

At St. Mary's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, also members of the Yorkshire Association, rang Holt's One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. T. Hattersley, 1; J. Mulligan, 2; J. Dixon, 3; W. Bugar, 4; E. Woodward, 5; J. Mulligan, 6; T. Dixon (conductor), 7; G. Potter, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At West Ham, Essex.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., six members of the West Ham Company, assisted by Messrs. Reeves and Byrnes of the Walthamstow Company, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 1260 changes, in 54 mins., on the back eight bells, to commemorate the marriage of the Rev. C. E. Hubbard and Miss Scott. F. Byrnes, 1; G. Pearl, 2; H. Randall, 3; F. Gobbett, 4; C. Lee, 5; H. Reeves (composer and conductor), 6; W. Doran, 7; F. Searl, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, Surrey.

On Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., the last half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 28 mins. D. Springall, 1; G. Pell (conductor), 2; G. Russell, 3; G. Welling (his first-half peal), 4; S. Greenwood, 5; A. Brockwell, 6; S. Hayes, 7; F. Fayers, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Lee, Kent.

On Wednesday evening, the 5th inst., a mixed band rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. R. Scutt, 1; W. Pead, 2; H. J. Shade, 3; T. Taylor, 4; T. G. Deal (conductor), 5; F. Fraser (first peal inside), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London.

On Thursday evening, the 6th inst., the following members of the Royal Cumberland (late London Scholars) rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; J. Page (his first peal in the method), 2; T. Titchener (his first peal), 3; J. Gobbett, 4; J. Hannington, 5; J. Woods (of Kenninghall, Norfolk), 6; H. Dains, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

The composition is by H. Dains, and has the 6th the extent in 5, 6, at home at 8 course-ends, and is the first ever composed and rung upon this plan in London.

N.B.—About 30 years have elapsed since these bells were rung a peal in this method; and the steeple-keeper deserves credit for the way his belfry is now kept.

At St. Mary's, Lichfield, Staffordshire.

On Thursday evening the 6th inst., a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Treadgold, 1; H. King, 2; W. Hopley, 3; J. Key, 4; H. Meacham, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6; T. Meredith, 7; C. North, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

On Friday, the 7th inst., six members of the Aldford Society rang a peal of 720 College Singles in 27 mins. J. Basnett, 1; C. Manning, 2; T. Basnett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6.

Also on Sunday, the 9th inst., for evening service, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 26 mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Manning, 2; T. Basnett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6.

Also on Monday, the 10th inst., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. C. Manning, 1; S. Manning, 2; T. Basnett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; C. Price, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At West Malling, Kent.

On Sunday, the 9th inst., for evening service, six members rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Driver, 1; C. Payne, 2; E. Baldock, 3; D. Hall, 4; W. Leonard, 5; F. G. Newman, 6. Also after service two 720's Bob Minor in 50 mins. W. Driver, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; E. Baldock, 3; H. Foreman, 4; W. Leonard, 5; C. Payne (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. All members of the Kent County Association.

At Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On the 10th inst. the Sheffield and Rotherham Branch of the Yorkshire Association rang at Nerfolk Row Church a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 20 mins. C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 1; J. Athey, 2; J. Horner, 3; C. Bower, 4; T. Dixon, 5; C. Steer, 6; T. Hattersley, 7; A. Rodgers, 8. This peal has the 6th its extent in 5-6. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At St. George's, Southwark, London.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5040 changes of Triples upon Stedman's Principle, in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. Cox (conductor), 1; J. Rogers, 2; H. Page, 3; H. Dains, 4; H. Shade (his first peal in the method), 5; F. Bate, 6; D. Stackwood, 7; J. Barry, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. Thurstan and rearranged by Mr. Brookes. Twenty-one years have elapsed since a peal in the method was rung on these bells.

At St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5014 Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 56 mins. J. Pettit, 1; W. Cecil, 2; J. W. Rowbotham, 3; W. Jones, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; W. Tanner, 6; G. Mash, 7; R. French, 8; W. Greenleaf, 9; E. Gibbs, 10; E. Horrex, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12. Tenor, 52 cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. J. Cox and conducted by Mr. J. Pettit.

[* First peal on 12 bells.

† First peal in this method.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—H. Dains (a printer's error); Tiro (we advise you to consult a bell funder; we do not tout for any); and others.

1864 Lincoln and Johnston were elected together, and in 1880 Garfield and Arthur were elected together; and in all these three cases the latter of the two succeeded the former of the two on their deaths.

Again, there is a very curious, and what might be a very awkward, defect in the American constitution. This is the 7th of October. The Senate of the United States is called for Monday, the 10th, to elect a presiding officer called 'President of the Senate,' to which office Arthur was elected, when he was elected Vice-president, on the 2nd of November, 1880, and which he vacated when he took the oath of office as President on the 20th of last month, just after General Garfield's death. Should President Arthur die between this and the election by the Senate of his successor as presiding officer of that body, there would be no one to succeed him, and no authorised method of choosing his successor! There would be no Congress in session, no person to summon one, and thus chaos would come again! One hears a great many eulogies over the men who framed the American constitution, but this point shows that they were not quite so wise as they have the credit of having been.

Again, 'M. A.' speaks of President Arthur as 'the ruler of the largest section of Greater Britain.' I know that this is the idea of most Englishmen, even of many who ought to know better. But as a native of British North America, I question the correctness of that expression. Europe is computed, by those who have prepared our geographies, to contain 6500 square miles, British North America 5200 square miles, and the United States of America 4900 square miles. But somebody will object that a greater part of British North America is composed of inhospitable regions, where man cannot live. That is another mistake which Englishmen make. I believe that no one is prepared to prove me incorrect when I state that British North America possesses more territory, which produces grains and grasses, and is therefore capable of sustaining populations, than the United States possess. Unfortunately for us, English people do not know what a vast and valuable possession they have in North America. T. B. A.

Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Free Trade and Fair Trade: Landlords and Tithe Owners.

SIR,—If you want a free and fair race between two men of proved unequal power, you handicap them. This seems to me all that is wished or meant by 'protecting' the British farmer, handicapping him by a nominal import duty, say of 5s. a-quarter, on American corn. It is known by past experience that American imports would not be checked, nor consequently our loaf be sensibly dearer, with a heavier import duty than this. It would be a simple handicap, enabling the English farmer to live and compete. Without this fair competition the American would have a monopoly and, as is always the case, tighten the screw, making our loaf just as dear as he pleases, to say nothing of our possible famine in a time of war. This supposes a large portion of our land to go out of cultivation. If it came to that, what would be the effect? Half the landlords would be bankrupt, country-houses deserted, country tradesmen ruined, hospitals and all kinds of institutions would collapse, servants discharged to fill union-houses, tithe-owners' guarantee become valueless, no money left to buy the loaf, whether cheap or dear, or the manufacturers' goods whether home or foreign!

As mentioned in a recent issue, the English pianoforte manufacturer has this handicap or 'protection.' Why not the English farmer, not to exclude food or make it sensibly dearer, but simply enabling him to live and be a customer to the trades, besides being the back-bone of the country? Call it free trade or fair trade as you will, is not the handicap reasonable, just, necessary, in the interests of all? Do this, or, as an equivalent, lighten agricultural burthens in the way of Imperial and unequal and exhaustive local taxation, and it may not be too late to stay the plague. But the plague has begun, and it is less easy to say where it will end.

On the contrary, do neither (whether in the way of a handicap duty or local relief), and, as one living among landlords and farmers for forty years and more, and seeing the many of both classes already sunk or sinking under the strain, I say (without being an alarmist or in any party sense a 'Protectionist') there are dangers ahead to the public peace, of which I am a humble watchman and conservator, as the inevitable result of farms going out of cultivation, and of the consequent impoverishment and but too natural resentment of farm labourers. Wm. PALIN.

Money-lending Circulars.

'Nil habet infelix pauperas durus in se
Quam quod ridiculos homines facit.'—*Juvenal*.

SIR,—I am the Vicar of a small living—about 210l. a-year net. To that fate I do not object, but I have received in two years about twelve letters from money-lenders; one this morning from Charing Cross. I opened it, and returned it unstamped to the sender. This may be a hint to others. The numerous wine circulars make excellent waste paper, as do also mining advertisements sent to us clergy, who are supposed not to crave 'silver and gold'; but those other letters are a gratuitous snub, with no profit attached. Care Vicarage, Faversham.

H. F. W.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Rev. W. P. Knowles, curate of Balclutha, Otago, New Zealand, writes:—'Will you kindly allow me to acknowledge through your columns the receipt of a letter from "A. C.", whom I now learn is one of those who so kindly forward me copies of *Church Bells*? I wish to assure him that I have received the papers sent by him, but being unaware to whom I was indebted, could do no more than make a general acknowledgment, which he will find in *Church Bells* for September 11th, 1880. I have written to him personally, but doubt whether the letter is sufficiently addressed to find him. He, however, desired me to make the acknowledgment through the medium of your paper. As some of those who so kindly favoured me with copies at first have ceased to do so, I shall the more highly esteem a continuation of "A. C.'s" supply.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—L. E. Owen; E. S.; E. G. B.; Rev. J. W. Horsley; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hubbard Testimonial Fund.

SIR,—Some few weeks ago you kindly inserted a list of subscribers to the Hubbard Testimonial Fund. I now forward a list of further subscriptions received. From the time when the fund was opened until the date of his death, the Committee made Mr. Hubbard a weekly allowance from the fund, and, after consulting him in the matter, passed the following resolution:—

'That, if at the death of Mr. Hubbard there be any funds in the hands of the Committee, the same, or such part thereof as they may agree upon, be applied in payment or towards the payment of his funeral expenses, and that any ultimate balance of the said funds be applied by them in placing such memorial over his grave, or in otherwise perpetuating his memory, in such manner as they may think fit.'

In accordance with this resolution, the Committee undertook the funeral expenses, after discharging which a small balance now remains in hand. The Committee hope, before closing this list, that this amount may be so increased as to enable a plain and simple headstone to be placed over the grave. The assistance of those who had intended to contribute to the testimonial fund is therefore requested to carry out this object. I shall be glad to receive and acknowledge any sums, however small, which may be forwarded to the fund.

Subscriptions previously announced	previously announced	£ s. d.	Mr. J. W. Asquith, Yorkshire Association, Hunslet, Leeds	£ s. d.
The Ancient Society of College Youths, London	19 6 6	0 5 0	Mr. J. McKell, Yorkshire Association, Gargrave	0 2 6
Headingley, St. Chad's Society, near Leeds, Yorkshire	1 0 0	0 2 6	Mr. J. Mallinson, Yorkshire Association, Gargrave	0 2 6
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JASPER W. SNOWDON.

Mr. Ellsmore's 720 of Bob Minor.

SIR,—In this peal it will be found that the tenor dodges wrong with the 5th at home at the 34th and 44th lead-ends. This peal is, therefore, another addition to the list of Minor peals having these execrable passages of changes, which, I regret to say, have found their way into some of the later publications on change-ringing. Such peals can only be rung by ringers who are perfectly indifferent to the musical effect of their performance, and the sooner they are consigned to oblivion the better. J. G. CLARKSON.

Post-office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

The Change-ringing at Kenninghall, Norfolk.

SIR,—There is yet another two-part peal arising from the original which was given with the 5120 in *Church Bells* of Oct. 1st. In giving this I wish to mention that Mr. N. J. Pistow was the first to point out how this 5120 was obtained therefrom; and my friend having now, by the use of two new natural course-ends, reduced it to the minimum, is, I think, fairly entitled to call the 5056 his own peal. The original peal is certainly a very prolific composition, as we get from it three distinct two-part peals and several peals in one part, each having the 6th ten times placed and the extent each way in 5-6. One 5024 was mentioned in *Church Bells* of Oct. 1st. Another 5024 is obtained by using alternate calling to first and third courses of either part of the Kenninghall peal; and the alternate calling of first course of either part of that peal produce a 5056 peal. (See *Bell News* for October.) Again, the first half of original and last half of the 5120 produce a 5248 peal. Finally, by using first half of original, last half of the 5120, with alternate calling to first and third courses, a 5152 peal is obtained, and others are to be had. Repeated.

Barnsbury Road, London, N. HENRY DAINS.

Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand.

A SHORT time ago we gave an account of the ring of ten bells cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the above-named cathedral. These bells have now been erected in the tower, and on September 9th a meeting of those desirous of joining the Cathedral Society of Ringers was called, by advertisement, to meet the Dean of Christ Church in the ringing-chamber. A large number of persons interested in the matter assembled, of whom twenty-four gave in their names as members. After the meeting the bells were rung for the first time. Two practice-nights were appointed to be held in each week, so that the ringers might be tolerably proficient in round ringing, at least, by the time of the opening of the cathedral. Several copies of Mr. Snowdon's *Rope-Sight* and other books have been ordered, and it is the intention of the founders of the Society, by every possible means, to promote in New Zealand the old English art of change-ringing.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Durham on Monday, Oct. 31. The bells at the disposal of the ringers being those of the Cathedral and St. Oswald's. Particulars of the arrangements will be issued to the members by the Secretary. G. J. CLARKSON.

Post-Office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

A Correction.

UNDER the heading of 'Peals at Romford, Essex,' it should read 'in the year 1818,' instead of 'Monday, Feb. 18th, 1811,' which is the date of the peal mentioned by Mr. Fakenham, and entered in the Society's books. A. J. PENKINS.

Reopening of Two Rings of Six Bells.

ON the 2nd inst. six members of the Appleton Society rang at the Parish Church, Northmoor, Oxon, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, the 5th and tenor having been rebung by Mr. White of Besselsleigh. H. Woodward, 1;

E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; G. Holifield, 5; F. White (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

On the 5th inst. a peal of 720 in the same method was rung at St. Nicholas Church, Abingdon, Berks, where all the bells have been turned and rehung by Mr. White. F. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; G. Holifield, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Sunday, the 2nd inst., it being the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, for morning service a two-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25½ mins. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker, 2; J. Basden, 3; A. Batter, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., a 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 40 singles and 20 bobs, was rung in 27 mins. F. Fells, 1; C. Clark, 2; W. Fussell, 3; J. Parker, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

On Sunday afternoon, the 16th inst., for divine service, another 720, in three parts, was rung in 24 mins. C. Clark, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Parker, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

Also after service another 720, in two parts, was rung in 23 mins. F. Fells, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. Fussell, 3; J. Parker, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. All the above were composed and conducted by J. Parker, and rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On the 4th inst. a peal of 720 London Single, also 720 Bob Minor, were rung in 54 mins. J. M. Rylatt, 1; J. W. Mawby, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

On the 11th, 720 Bob Minor. T. Measures, 1; R. Mackman, 2; W. Falts, 3; R. Creasey, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. W. Mawby (conductor), 6.

On the 20th, 720 London Single. T. Measures, 1; J. W. Mawby, 2; R. Creasey, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman, 6. Also a 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. W. Mawby, 1; J. W. Creasey, 2.

On the 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (12 bobs). J. W. Mawby, 1; A. Walker, 2; J. W. Creasey, 3; R. Creasey, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6.

At Kingston, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 1296 changes, was rung by members of the Surrey Association. C. Slade,* 1; J. Strutt, 2; H. Parslow, 3; W. Duffell,* 4; A. Chalis, 5; J. Wright (conductor), 6; G. Gray,* 7; T. Duffell,* 8; W. Phillips, 9; J. Chester, 10. Tenor, 33 cwt. [* First quarter-peal of Caters.]

At Colne Parish Church, Lancashire.

On Wednesday, the 12th inst., a muffled peal of Grandsire Plain Bob was rung in 28½ mins., in memory of W. H. Wood, Esq., J.P., of The Cragg, near Colne, consisting of 18 bobs and 1 single. R. Foulds (conductor), 1; J. Hartley (late of Newchurch), 2; T. Horsefield, 3; T. Ingham, 4; R. Pickard, 5; W. Heaton, 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in E flat.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., the day of the Harvest Festival, the Mitcham Society of Change-ringers, with the Rev. H. C. Sturges, rang several touches of 500 Grandsire Triples, both before and after service. — Newman, 1; Rev. H. C. Sturges, 2; — Brock, 3; G. Weldon, 4; S. Hayes, 5; J. Fayres, 6; S. Greenwood, 7; C. King (conductor), 8. G. Pell, D. Springall, W. Turner, and J. Drevitt, also attended and took part in the ringing. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Goosnargh, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., a friendly meeting of change-ringers was held at Goosnargh. Change-ringing was begun at 4 o'clock by the Walton-le-Dale Company, who were succeeded by Higher Walton, Penwortham, and a mixed company, consisting of members from Church, Goosnargh, and Walton-le-Dale. The methods rung were Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, and College Singles. Tea was provided, after which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Accrington on December 24. Thanks were voted to the vicar, wardens, ringers, and Mr. Bramwell of Goosnargh, for the kind reception they had given the visiting ringers.

At Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 31 mins. G. Newton (composer and conductor), 1; J. Page, 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; E. Chapman (first peal in the method), 5; J. Hannington, 6; S. Jarman, 7; J. Barrett, 8. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., by the Yorkshire Association, a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 3 mins. T. Lockwood, 1; E. Keighley, 2; W. Hollings, 3; W. Bolland, 4; J. A. Ross, 5; J. Woodhead, 6; T. West, 7; R. Binns, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The peal was composed by Tom Lockwood and conducted by Thos. West.

At Chorley, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., the bells were deeply muffled on both sides, and three peals of Plain Bob were rung during the day for service by mixed bands (all members of the Lancashire Association) in memory of the late Mr. W. Ellison, who had been a ringer at the above church for over thirty years; and had, besides, taught several young bands. He was also treasurer of the above Association, and much respected.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; E. Kay, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnall, 4; W. Pimblett (1st peal), 5; T. Tickle, 6; E. Prescott, 7; W. Westhead, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

Date Touch at Stockport, Cheshire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., for Divine service, a touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Gordon, 1; J. Meakin, 2; A. Gordon, 3; D. Pendlebury, 4; J. Barlow, 5; E. Leonard, 6; J. Sutcliffe, 7; T. Marshall, 8. The touch, which was composed and conducted by W. Gordon, is in five parts.

	BOB	LEADS.
First	2 3 3 3 3	3 3 3 3 3
Six	1 1 1 1 1	5 5 5 5 5
Changes	5 5 5 5 5	5 5 5 5 5
	5 5 5 5 5	5 5 5 5 5

At St. Peter's, Eckington, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., the East Derbyshire Association rang the following three peals, viz. New London Pleasure, Oxford, and Violet, in 1 hr. 23 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; H. Madin, 2; W. Worthington (conductor), 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

At St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., after evening service, a half-muffled peal, consisting of 720 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob, and 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, was rung as a token of respect to the late Lady Florence Chaplin. J. Watson, 1; C. Bingham, 2; P. Herrick, 3; E. Curtis (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; W. Knowles, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., being the Harvest Festival, seven members of the Derby Society, with Mr. C. H. Jessop of London, rang for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins. G. Neal, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; C. H. Jessop, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; J. Howe, 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E.

At Church, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, was rung for evening service in 26½ mins. J. Horrocks* (conductor), 1; T. Doran,* 2; J. Bullock, 3; J. Eastwood,* 4; W. Paterson,* 5; T. Horrocks,* 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [* Are members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.]

At St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 17th inst., six members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 26½ mins. C. Newton, 1; J. Davidson, 2; J. Large, 3; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 4; J. Latchford, jun. (his first peal), 5; S. Turner, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G.

At St. John's, Penge, Surrey.

On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. W. Sheppard, 1; H. Ladin,* 2; D. Springall, 3; W. Margerson,* 4; G. Pell, 5; S. Greenwood (conductor),* 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in C sharp. [* Are College Youths.]

At Appleton, Berkshire.

On Wednesday, the 19th inst., ten members of the Appleton Society rang a peal of Stedman's Caters, comprising 5184 changes, in 3 hrs. 24 mins. F. T. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; F. White, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; G. Holifield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. Avery, 8; H. Woodward, 9; T. Bennett, 10. Tenor, 14½ cwt. This peal, rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Hubbard of Leeds, was one of his compositions, starting with a quick six.

At St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., six members of the Holywell Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. French, 1; T. Payne, 2; W. Payne, 3; G. Lapworth, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; E. Harrison (conductor), 6.

At St. Oswald's, Guiseley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., the Yorkshire Association rang 5120 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. C. Ralph, 1; L. Cawood, 2; D. E. Rhodes, 3; R. Tuke, 4; E. Snowdon, 5; J. Barraclough, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowdon, 8. The peal was composed by C. Ravenscroft (Snowdon, Part II, p. 34), and conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At Mersham, Kent.

On Sunday, the 23rd inst., after the afternoon service, a touch of 1008 Bob Major was rung in 40 mins. The bells were half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. John Friend, of Hythe, believed to be a member of the College Youths, and well known as a grand performer and conductor of several systems of the noble art. E. Ruck (conductor), 1; G. Finn, sen., 2; G. Finn, 3; D. Paine, 4; G. Paine, 5; H. Ruck, 6; F. Finn, 7; E. Finn, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

On Sunday evening, the 23rd inst., being the Harvest Thanksgiving service, the members of the above Society rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins. J. Bolton, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; W. Patton, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; G. Overton, 5; R. Moncaster, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. The above is a three-part peal taken from *Church Bells*, No. 565, vol. 11, Oct. 12; composed by Mr. M. Ellismore, member of the Essex Association, and conducted by G. Overton.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Report from Heywood without name or address; W. K. O.—(we advise you to write to the places, enclosing stamped envelope; or to the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Clyst St. George, Topleham, who may be able to give you the information); R. Creasy; and others.

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(To be continued.)

Peal Snatching again.

Sir,—Allow me to say that the peal of Bob Minor which appeared in your issue for Oct. 22, and which Mr. Ellsmore claims as his own, is not an original composition, and only a very inferior variation of a peal (9 bobs and 6 singles) to be found in Shipway and the *Clavis*. The original peal was commonly rung at Bourne, in Lincolnshire, thirty years ago, and I believe at the present time it is occasionally practised by the Bourne and Spalding ringers.

JOHN HOLLIS.

Wrenthorpe, Wakefield.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 29th ult., at Bolton. The proceedings were begun by a short service in Holy Trinity Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. R. Jacques, M.A., vicar of Westhoughton, from Numb. x. 2. He showed how the Jews used trumpets for all purposes for which we now use bells—for service, &c. He then directed his attention to three points—1. Bells; 2. Belfries; 3. Ringers. He traced the gradual introduction of church bells into the Western church, and showed how that the use of bells is equally ancient with the erection of our parish churches. He gave various illustrations of Latin inscriptions upon bells, showing the uses to which they have been put. He pointed out how that bells may be used for other purposes besides Church purposes, i.e. at the coronation of kings, &c., but strongly condemned the ringing of bells for political purposes, as the church is the church of the nation, and not of a party. He showed how the bells accompany us in our time of rejoicing and gladness, and also in our time of mourning and sadness. As regards the belfry, he wished ringers to recollect that it is a consecrated part of God's house, and, therefore, that all foolish conduct is unseemly there. He looked upon the ringers as officers of the church, and trusted that they would act up to their calling, and that, after calling others to church, they themselves would be anxious to obey our Lord's command by attending and partaking of 'His body and blood.' He trusted that the Association would be instrumental, not only in raising the art of change-ringing, but also the moral tone of ringers. He yet trusted to see the time when ringers would be known as steady, sober, God-fearing citizens, constant attendants at church, and regular communicants. After the service tea was provided in the Holy Trinity School-room, to which over 120 ringers, from various parts of the county, sat down.

The Rev. Chas. Lowe, M.A., vicar of Holy Trinity Church, occupied the chair at the meeting which followed afterwards. He said that he felt interest in the Association as an old ringer. He asked the ringers not to forget, that when ringing they were doing a work for God, and raising a voice which sometimes could be heard miles away, and which told its own tale. He felt certain that ringers were becoming a God-fearing and religiously disposed body of men. In conclusion he said, that where care and attention were bestowed upon the belfry, the ringers were more likely to become better men.

The Secretary then read the Report of the Committee, which showed an increase in the number of both honorary and ringing members during the past year. The Treasurer's balance-sheet showed a balance for the year of 3l. 2s. 10d. Mr. Joseph Scott (Manchester) was elected President for the next two years; Mr. W. H. Jackson (Bolton) was elected Treasurer; Mr. Joel Bedford (Bolton) was elected Assistant-Secretary; and Messrs. J. Barratt (Eccles), W. Albinson (Bradbury), and Mr. Beacall (Liverpool), were elected Committee-men. Rule 4 was altered, so that the entrance-fee in future will be 1s. instead of 2s. 6d. as heretofore. Three life members were elected—Rev. Chas. Lowe, M.A., Holy Trinity, Bolton; Rev. W. H. Corbauld, M.A., St. Paul's, Rainsbottom; and Mr. Jno. Greenhalgh, Bolton. There were also elected sixteen performing members.

A vote of thanks was proposed to clergy, choir, and local ringers, by the Rev. Ben. Winfield, B.A. (Manchester), one of the Vice-Presidents, who in the course of his remarks said a proverb said that 'A house-going parson made a church-going people'; but he would be inclined to change it and say, 'A belfry-going parson makes a church-going ringer.' This motion was seconded by the Rev. J. Robinson, M.A. (Manchester), and carried unanimously.

During the day various touches were rung upon the bells of Holy Trinity Church, the Parish Church, St. Paul's, and St. George's. The thanks of the Committee are due to the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, which they so kindly and immediately allowed. Ringing was continued also after 7.30 p.m. This brought to a close one of the most successful gatherings of the Association.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Walthamstow on Thursday next, Nov. 10th. Ringing will commence at one o'clock. Members who will join in tea are requested to send their names to Mr. Thos. Maynard, Church End, Walthamstow.

JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec., Writtle Vicarage.

St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ONE of the most numerous and pleasant meetings of the change-ringers of London that has occurred for some time took place on Thursday, the 27th ult., on the occasion of the celebration of the birthday of the Rev. J. Lindsay, the rector of St. Clement Danes. It came to pass from the fact that ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal to commemorate that event on the 7th of October. (See *Church Bells*, No. 564, p. 745; 7th instead of 31st.) The Rector was so pleased with the kindly feeling that he invited about fifty of the members to a supper, and took the chair. Mr. Churchwarden Wigg proposed his health, and the chairman returned thanks in an appropriate and pleasant speech, speaking of the ringers in eulogistic terms. Mr. J. R. Haworth thanked the Rector for his kindness to his brother-ringers, who separated highly pleased with the friendly meeting.

Tottenham Parish Church, Middlesex.

THE rich and beautiful ring of six bells has now been improved by the addition of two trebles. These have been provided by a few friends as a mark of their esteem for the Vicar. The new ring was opened on All Saints Day, the Dedication Festival of the Church, by the ringers under the conductorship of A. H. Gardom, Esq. Plain courses and other simple touches were rung at various times throughout the day. And, considering that the ringers are new to the work of Triples, their performance gave good hope of their attaining their ambition of getting the first peal. The new bells, weighing 6 and 6½ cwt., were cast by Messrs. Warner, who also repaired the old gear. The ring is in the key of E natural. Tenor, 19 cwt. And the new bells promise to prove a worthy addition.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Luke's, Haywood, Staffordshire.

ON Sunday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the St. Luke's Society rang a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 15 mins. for divine service. A. Schofield, 1; G. Crossley, 2; J. Millett, 3; W. R. Barrett, 4; J. Street, 5; J. Pilkington, 6; J. Harrison* (conductor), 7; James Millett, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E. [* Members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.]

At Westhoughton, Lancashire.

ON Friday evening, the 28th ult., the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, was rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late Evan Seadon, who was for many years clerk and sexton and one of the leading members of the choir of the above church, in 1 hr. 30 mins. G. Grundy (conductor), 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Woodward, 3; H. Healm, 4; J. Vickers, 5; A. Hodgkinson, 6; J. Whittingham, 7; H. Hodgkinson, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

At St. James's, Bolton, Bradford.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., the third anniversary of the opening of the bells, the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 58 mins. R. S. Ambler, 1; A. Moulson, 2; R. Tukey, 3; J. Broadley, 4; B. Sugden, 5; W. Barraclough, 6; J. Jennings, 7; J. W. Snowden, 8. The peal, which has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5th's and the 4th and 6th the extent in 6th's place, was composed by Jno. Cox and conducted by Jasper W. Snowden. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.

ON Sunday evening, the 30th ult., after the evening service, six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 86 bobs and 22 singles, in 27 mins. J. King (first peal), 1; W. Smith, 2; C. Holden, 3; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 4; C. Pilcher, 5; G. Corwell, 6.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., six members of the Aldford Society rang a peal of 720 Woodbine in 25 mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Manning, 2; T. Bassett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt. This was the first peal in this tower, or in conjunction with this Society, of the above variation.

At St. John's, Staveley, Derbyshire.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., was rung 5376 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 8 hrs. 26 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; J. Broadhead, 2; J. Hunt, 3; W. Worthington, 4; N. Young, 5; A. Knight, 6; J. Harris, 7; H. Madin, 8. Composed by H. Johnson of Birmingham, and conducted by J. Harris. Tenor, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs.

At St. Mary's, Frittenden, Kent.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., the Frittenden Company rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major in 2 hrs. 50 mins. C. Payne, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; E. Baldock, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Taylor, 5; T. Potter, 6; W. Brattle, 7; T. Daynes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp. The above is the first peal rung by all members of the Kent County Association.

RECEIVED ALSO.—FAVERHAM (no name or address); M. Ellsmore; O. Yerbrugh; Bow Bells; and others.

these two men, to whom the voices of nature and of reason spoke, though they would not (in this particular) have grounded their practice on Catholic usage. We have had cause lately to deplore the prevalence of Universalist views. Who are responsible for them? Simply those who have held your correspondent's views, from which men have, naturally and righteously, revolted; but revolted into the opposite extreme. We have had to maintain the existence of an intermediate state of education, purification, and progress, against one school of thought; we have now and therefore, to maintain its limits, against those who would abolish hell and make a purgatory for all, whether dying in grace or not. 'People' (to quote the words of a tract on the subject published by Palmer) 'who do not pray for the dead commonly fall into one or other of the following errors: (a), they lose *hope* in God's love and mercy, by teaching that death bars their operation; (b), they lose *faith* in God's Word, by teaching that there is no everlasting hell, because the popular doctrine of future punishment rightly strikes them as unworthy of an all-good and just God; (c), they lose *charity*, by deciding who shall be saved and who shall not, and fall into spiritual pride by being quite sure of their own safety. The true belief, that every sin must bear its punishment here or hereafter, that all defilement must be cleansed away, even from saints, vindicates alike God's mercy and His justice: justice, in that He punishes, mercy; in that He cleanses. And therefore we pray Him to purify, refresh, bless, and perfect the souls of the faithful departed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. J. W. HORSLEY.

Methodists and the Church.

SIR,—The letter of 'G. W. H.' in your issue of Oct. 15 reminds me of the words addressed to me last year by a Wesleyan working man, some of whose family have joined the Church. They were to this effect: 'I think if Wesley had lived in the old times, his followers would have been formed into a fresh order instead of being allowed to form a fresh sect.' The schism was chiefly the fault of Churchmen. Its continuance is very much due to our weakness in dealing with Romanising rebels in the Church. The better sort of Wesleyans who love their Bibles are in many cases repelled by the false doctrine that is tolerated in the Church.

In the article on 'Offices and Litanies,' 'W. W. B.' apparently assumes that services 'outside' the Prayer-book are absolutely illegal in Church. Is it illegal to hold Sunday School in Church? If not, is not a Sunday-school Liturgy permissible? and also extempore prayer by clergyman, superintendent, or teacher? Provided the prescribed services are held, are we not able to hold extra services of a more private character, i.e. without the bell?

If 'W. G.' (article on 'Limits of Ritual') does not want to have a 'sacificial' vestment, why does he write about the 'altar'? E. S.

SIR,—A few months ago a correspondent suggested, as a step towards Reunion, that the Methodists should be received into the Church as a *body*, at the same time retaining their distinctive organization; their ministers itinerating as usual—in fact, returning to the position they held in Wesley's time, by affiliating themselves to the parent body, the English Church. Perhaps some of your readers are not aware that this experiment has been tried, to a certain extent, in Ireland, and with only partial success. Before the disestablishment of the Church there the Primitive Methodists—preachers and people—came to church for the Sacrament, on this account receiving the title of 'Church Methodists.' After disestablishment the Primitives asked that they might be received into closer union with the Church, and proposed that their ministers should be ordained to the Diaconate—their peculiar system and three years' ministry going on as before. The Irish Church took a year to consider this; but in the meanwhile some of the 'Church preachers,' becoming dissatisfied with the delay, began to administer the Sacrament, thus widening the breach; and as a result of this, part of the Primitive body joined the Wesleyans—the other part returned to the Catholic Church of the country.

In order that the plan so near adoption in Ireland should become an accomplished fact in England, two things are absolutely necessary: (1), that the Methodists should regard separation from the visible Church of this country a great calamity; (2), that the Methodists, as a *body*, should express a wish for reunion. These two things, I am afraid, they will never do, and therefore we must be content with individual secessions,—on our side showing the spirit of love and brotherly kindness. A. SANDERS DYER.

The Revised New Testament.

SIR,—In the discussion at the Newcastle Congress on the Revised Version, Canon Evans found fault with the rendering 'fallen' (Luke, x. 18), chiefly on the ground that as we cannot see *fallen* lightning, neither could Satan be beheld *fallen*. I think that, taking the word on its Greek merits, the rendering is also quite erroneous. The real word for 'fallen' is *πεπρωτα* (Rev. ix. 1, &c.); *πεπρωτα* is 'falling,' and can be often transposed so as to mean, as in the genitive absolute, 'when some one fell,' but its aoristic force it surely never loses. Dr. Farrar, in his Gospel of St. Luke (Cambridge Bible for schools), also renders in Luke, x. 18, 'fallen.' I have before me now Josephus, *Bell. Jud.* vi. 1, *ἐπιστραφέντες ἐπὶ τοῖς αἰσίοις καὶ κατὰ ἄνδρες ποιοῦν τε αἰὶνόν καὶ πεπρωτά*. . . This is of a brave soldier opposed to them at the siege. Would *πεπρωτά* have been possible here? Surely not. It would then have meant 'seeing him fall,' or 'falling.' I should like to see some undoubted cases of *πεπρωτά* meaning 'fallen;' for the Greeks having one participle to express this, why should they want another? H. F. WOOLRYCH.

Church Warming.

SIR,—May I be permitted to ask a question in your columns, which are read every week with interest by so many of the clergy? Can any clergyman tell me of an efficient apparatus for warming a church with hot air? I have already 'Porrot's,' or 'Paratt's' system, at work, but it at present warms only a portion of the church. Most of the heat goes up the chimney inside the tower, and a quantity of fuel is consumed. L. E. OWEN.

Farnham, Chester.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. C. Taylor; Commander Dawson; W. Sparkes; J. K. S.; J. L. D.; M. A.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Bob Minor Peal.

SIR,—I can see no reason why Mr. Clarkson should sneer at my peal of Minor, and condemn it. I would remind him that there are many peals rung that are not termed 'musical,' and rung more frequently than peals that are really musical. And why? If we do not choose to go in for music, certainly we may use our own choice and ring which peal we prefer to ring. Maintaining this, then I say a peal is a peal, in spite of all its qualities—'musical' or not. One point I can speak on, viz. you do not get a repetition in this peal; were it so, I should not have been surprised to hear it cast aside.

M. ELLSMORE,

16 Beehive Road, Forest Gate, E.

Member of the Essex Association.

Hand-bells for North China.

SIR,—Friday last, St. Simon and St. Jude's Day, was the anniversary of the consecration of Dr. Scott, bishop of North China; and so about that time some 400 circulars were sent to various well-known ringers in England, asking, as the circular says, for 'funds to purchase and send out to Bishop Scott of North China a complete set of hand-bells, with case, and all books and music thought requisite, at a price not exceeding 257. The Chinese have bells, but are ignorant of the art of raising and ringing a bell, and are entirely unacquainted with change-ringing. The proposed hand-bells will primarily be used for the purpose of calling the people together to hear the preaching of the Gospel, as in other missions a cornet or a drum has been employed with good results. Besides this, however, it is believed that, from the interest the Chinese show in their own bells and from their mathematical acuteness, they will soon master changes, and become before long formidable rivals of English ringers. It is thought that, by an appeal to the ringers of this "Bell-ringing Isle," the amount required may easily be raised; and with a view to making the subscription as general as possible it has been arranged, that while the smallest donation will be accepted, none shall exceed the sum of 5s.'

The Committee will gladly receive money from ladies interested in hand-bell ringing; and as they do not wish to confine the subscriptions entirely to ringers, it would give them great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of money from any interested in foreign missions.

REV. O. P. YERBURGH.

St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London.

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Durham Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting was held at Durham on Monday, Oct. 31, and was attended by ringers from Barnard Castle, Brancepeth, Durham (St. Oswald's), Newcastle, North Shields, Bishop Wearmouth, and Stockton; the number being less than last year in consequence of the bell-opening at Bishop Auckland. Some College Singles and Grandsire Minor were rung at St. Oswald's Church; and touches of 1008 and 720 of Grandsire Triples, almost completed in each case, at the Cathedral, but brought to a stand out of consideration for the tenor man, the striking being nevertheless much better than on previous occasions. The dinner at the 'Half Moon' Hotel was presided over by the Vicar of St. Oswald's (Rev. A. W. Headlam), supported by Canon Rogers, precentor of the Cathedral, Revs. J. T. Fowler and V. K. Cooper, and G. J. Clarkson, Esq., the secretary; the vice-chair being occupied by W. Reed, Esq., President of the Association. Letters from the Bishop; the Archdeacons of Durham and Northumberland; Canons Tristram, Chester, and Robertson; Revs. W. E. Houlley, R. Steavenson, and A. J. Williams, also W. Woodyer, Esq., were received, regretting their inability to attend the meeting. After the loyal toasts, the Bishop and Clergy of the diocese was proposed by Mr. Reed, and responded to by the chairman, who expressed his intention to call a meeting for considering the state of his church and also the tower and bells, the condition of which he knew to be unsatisfactory, but new windows should be put into the belfry at once. The secretary's report referred to the satisfactory condition of the Association after an existence of four years. The events of the past year including a peal of 5040 of Grandsire Triples at North Shields, a new ring of eight at St. Stephen's, Newcastle, of six at St. Peter's, Jarrow, and the addition of three new bells to the old ring of five at Bishop Auckland. The report also referred to a general progress in change-ringing throughout the diocese, an indication that the spirit of improvement was at work amongst the different branches of the Association. The retiring officers were all re-elected; and it was decided that, unless something be done to improve the condition of the St. Oswald's and Cathedral bells, the annual meeting be removed from Durham to Newcastle or elsewhere. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Sunderland on the last Monday in February.

Post-Office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

Meeting of Change-ringers at Galleywood, Essex.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., a friendly meeting of Change-ringers, all members of the Essex Association, took place at Galleywood. Ringing commenced at about 11.30 on the eight bells of St. Michael's Church. (Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs.) A substantial dinner was provided in the schoolroom by the Galleywood ringers; and the visitors were kindly invited by the Rev.

H. C. de Lisle to an excellent tea at the Vicarage. Ringing continued till about eight o'clock. The following were the touches which were brought round during the day:—An 18 score of Bob Minor, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, ditto of Oxford, three courses of Bob Major, 560 of ditto, a 350 Grandsire Triples, and a quarter-peal (1260) of ditto, the last being rung in 44 mins. by the same band that rang the 1036 Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Chelmsford, in the morning, standing in the same order. About forty sat down to dinner, amongst whom were the Revs. J. B. Seaman (Hon. Sec. E.A.C.R.), H. A. Cockey (Assistant Sec. E.A.C.R.), and H. C. de Lisle; Messrs. E. Durrant, Chelmsford; J. Murray Hayes and J. B. Bradley, London; R. Sewell, Barking; J. Nunn and J. Gobbett, Woodford; H. Randall, West Ham; J. Dyer, F. Percival, and G. Galley, Great Tey; D. Elliott and J. Aust, Coggeshall; H. Sayer, A. Fryett, and W. K. Hutley, Witham; J. Young and Jas. Young, Boreham; J. Dains, W. Rowland, and T. Drake, Widford; J. Parmenter, Chelmsford; M. Rolfe, W. Hawkes, and J. Sharpington, Springfield; J. W. Aldridge, Romford. There was some hand-bell ringing at the school in the afternoon, and at the Vicarage in the evening, when some touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques, were rung, two in hand, by J. M. Hayes, J. B. Bradley, J. Gobbett, H. Randall, R. Sewell, and H. A. Cockey.

St. Stephen's Society of Change-ringers, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The above Society met on Monday evening, the 7th inst., for practice, when five of the members rang a peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles. R. Ramage, 1; E. Scott, 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; E. Watson, 4; E. Wallis (conductor), 5; J. Freeman, 6. [This was the first peal of all hands, excepting the conductor.] This Society was only formed in November 1880, and it may be remarked that the members (none of whom handled a bell-rope previously) are, by frequent meetings and assiduous attention to their duties, both at home and in the belfry, making rapid progress in the science of Change-ringing, under their able instructor, Mr. Edward Wallis. R. BELL, Hon. Sec.

Reopening of the Ring at St. Mary's, Chelmsford.

THESE bells, having been rehung by J. Warner and Sons, were reopened on Thursday, the 3rd inst., by a band of the Essex Association of Change-ringers, with two touches of Grandsire Triples. The first, consisting of 1036 changes, was rung in 38 mins. W. Hawkes, 1; J. Nunn, 2; H. Randall, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; R. Sewell, 5; J. B. Bradley, 6; J. M. Hayes* (conductor), 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8. The second, consisting of 504 changes, was rung in 19½ mins. W. Hawkes, 1; J. Nunn, 2; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; H. Randall, 5; J. B. Bradley, 6; R. Sewell, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat. [* Members of the Royal Cumberland Society. † Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.]

Bow Bells, Cheapside, London, augmented.

Two new treble bells have been added to the ring of St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, making a total of twelve. They weigh 8 cwt. 21 lbs. and 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. respectively, and bear the names of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank (by whom they were cast and hung), the Rector (the Rev. M. H. Vine, M.A.), and the churchwardens (Mr. James Hughes, Mr. William Tegg, Mr. C. H. Bowden, Mr. F. T. Tyars, and Mr. Crocker).

Accident at the Northwield Parish Church, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., as the ringers were raising the bells for practice, the gudgeon of the 4th bell broke on one side, and let the bell down until it caught in the frame-work, breaking the wheel and doing other damage. It was only in 1878 that the bells underwent repairs, when a new 4th bell was cast and all rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Sons of Loughborough.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk.

ON Monday evening, the 24th ult., eight members of the Diss and Eye Companies rang a touch of 336 Plain and one of 640 Oxford Treble Bob Major. J. Rudd (conductor), 1; F. Day, 2; W. Scales, 3; T. Preston, 4; E. Francis, 5; G. Ford, 6; W. Ireland, 7; W. Brown, 8. The above touches were rung (with the bells half-muffled) as a tribute of respect to the memories of Mr. W. Long, a member of the Old Society, and Mr. H. Hubbard of Hunslet, of the St. Peter's Company.

Also on Monday, the 7th inst., five members of the Diss Company rang with Mr. Harry Ireland of Gillingham, on the back six at the same church, a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Rudd, 3; W. Scales, 4; H. Ireland (first peal), 5; E. Francis, 6; W. Brown, 7; W. Ireland (conductor), 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in D.

At St. Mary's, Glemsford, Suffolk.

ON Monday, the 24th ult., six members of the parish ringers rang a peal of 720 Cambridge Surprise in 30 mins. John Slater, 1; Joseph Slater, 2; C. Adams, 3; F. Wells, 4; S. Slater (conductor), 5; F. P. Adams, 6.

And on Saturday, the 29th ult., five of the parish ringers, with Mr. N. J. Pitstow of Saffron Walden, rang a peal of 720 Cambridge Surprise in 30 mins. John Slater, 1; Joseph Slater, 2; S. Slater, 3; F. Wells, 4; N. J. Pitstow, 5; F. P. Adams (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F. [This peal makes 33 peals of Cambridge Surprise rung in this steeple since 1872, when the first peal was rung.]

At Holy Trinity, Dartford, Kent.

ON Sunday, the 30th ult., seven members of the Dartford, assisted by a member of the Crayford Company, rang for morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. S. Everson, 1; J. Saxby, 2; Herbert Pierce, 3; Harry Pierce (conductor), 4; E. Snowden, 5; J. Blackman, 6; G. W. Sarel, 7; H. Rose, 8.

ON Sunday, the 6th inst., eight members of the above Society rang for morning service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. S. Everson,

1; Harry Peirce (conductor), 2; Herbert Peirce, 3; A. Underwood, 4; J. Blackman, 5; E. Snowden, 6; G. W. Sarel, 7; H. Rose, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. in F.

At St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Sunday, the 30th ult., for morning service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (Hammond's) was rung in 24 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Basden, 2; J. Parker, 3; H. Reeves, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; H. J. Tucker* (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [* Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.]

At St. Giles, Stoke Poges, Bucks.

ON Sunday morning, the 30th ult., with the kind permission of the Rev. V. Blake, a three-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. J. Basden, 1; H. Reeves, 2; J. Parker (composer), 3; W. Fussell, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Slough, Bucks.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., six members of the West Middlesex Association rang a 720 Grandsire Minor in 24½ mins., it being the occasion of the Vicar's birthday. W. Leader, 1; W. Fussell, 2; J. Parker, 3; W. Wilner, 4; J. Pursey, 5; R. Flaxman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

At St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.

ON the 2nd inst., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins., being the first ever rung by Lincoln ringers in the above method. G. Doughty, 1; J. Watson, 2; C. Bingham, 3; E. Curtis (conductor), 4; J. Harris, 5; T. Robinson, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.

ON Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., for practice, a touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. W. Hampton, 1; T. Devereux, 2; E. Devereux, 3; Jos. Wathen, 4; Jon. Wathen, 5; J. Hale, 6; E. Wallace, 7; W. Haines, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs. The above touch was composed and conducted by Josiah Wathen, and contains the Tittums and Queens, with several 7-4's, 4-6's, and 6-7's.

At Ashover Parish Church, Derbyshire.

ON Friday, the 4th inst., three 6-scores, selected from Grandsire Doubles, called Antelope, Nimrod, and Delight, were rung. G. Beardow, 1; T. Beardow, 2; W. Boxton, 3; T. Hopkinson, 4; M. T. Hopkinson (conductor), 5.

Also two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the 3rd observation, T. Beardow, sen. (conductor), 1; T. Hopkinson, 2; T. Millington, 3; G. Beardow, jun., 4; M. T. Hopkinson, 5. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in G.

At St. Peter's, Harborne, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday evening, the 5th inst., eight members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins., being the composition of Mr. T. Thurstan of Birmingham. A. Cresser, 1; H. Johnson, jun., 2; T. Miller, 3; H. Johnson, sen., 4; W. Small, 5; F. H. James, 6; S. Reeves (conductor), 7; T. Reynolds, 8. Mr. Johnson, sen., is in his 72nd year, and this makes the same number of peals he has rung in the above method.

At Theale, Berks.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., a company of the Oxford Diocesan Guild visited Theale, and by permission rang a six-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. J. Parker (conductor), 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. Fussell, 3; A. Batten, 4; E. Rogers, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At Englefield, Berks.

ON the 5th inst. a two-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 24 mins. E. Rogers, 1; H. Rogers, 2; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 3; A. Batten, 4; W. Fussell, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. The company then sat down to a substantial tea kindly provided at the Rectory; after which they returned to the tower and rang various touches of Doubles and Minor with the Englefield ringers, and finished with a 504 Minor. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex.

ON Saturday evening, the 5th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor containing 8 bobs and 6 singles, was rung in 31 mins. W. Halls, 1; B. Keelble,* 2; A. J. Perkins* (conductor), 3; S. Rush, 4; G. Dear, 5; J. Dear, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. This peal was rung to the memory of the late Mr. Henry Hubbard, who was also its composer. [* Members of the Essex Association.]

At Mitcham Parish Church, Surrey.

ON Saturday evening, the 5th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. Shephard,* 1; J. Drewitt (1st peal), 2; D. Springall,* 3; G. Welling (1st peal), 4; G. Pell,* 5; J. Fayers, 6; S. Greenwood (conductor), 7; H. Pates, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [* Members of the Surrey Association of Change-ringers.]

At Bennington, Herts.

ON Tuesday, the 8th inst., the Bennington (Herts) Society of Change-ringers rang on their musical ring of eight bells an excellent quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, containing 1344 changes, with fifteen bobs, in 45 mins. N. Warner, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Chapman, 4; S. Page, 5; Jos. Kitchener, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; T. Page (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. Mary's, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

ON Tuesday, the 8th inst., ten members of the Chesterfield Society rang a peal of 5093 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 17 mins. I. Goodwin, 1; H. Ellis,* 2; D. Farthing,* 3; H. Nuttall,* jun., 4; G. Topliss,* 5; A. Knights, 6; J. Ellis, 7; H. Nuttall, sen., 8; W. Ellis, 9; T. Mee,* 10. Composed by J. Reeves and conducted by Wm. Ellis. Tenor, 24½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. S., and 5utfield (no name or address); J. Smith, Eltham (send another account; you say a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of 1260 changes); W. A. Martin (name of church not given); F. Swarder; C. Otley; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Our Sailors.

SIR,—In prospect of St. Andrew's Day, will you allow me, through your columns, to ask for help for St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission? For some years past the committee have asked for offertories where they can be given, and the response has been very encouraging. May I remind your readers, who have always been good supporters of the Mission, that we shall be glad this year of like help? We need it more than ever, because the demands upon our funds are greater year by year. New work is continually opening, and the only regret is we cannot do more. Canon Searth is about to leave England for Port Said; this place has the reputation of being the most depraved place in the East. No Church Mission of any kind has yet been made for the spiritual oversight of our countrymen passing in such numbers continually through it, nor any care for the seamen and residents. Having received the necessary Episcopal authority, Canon Searth hopes to be able to establish a chaplaincy there. Two ladies, hearing of his intention, sent 100l. each to the Mission, and contributions and expressions of sympathy are coming in daily. This is the natural outcome of the Church work the Mission has carried on for seventeen years, which has gradually resulted in help being given to the incumbents of the principal docks in the port of London and at Gravesend, to enable them to make spiritual provision for their sailor parishioners. More than 5000 libraries have been supplied free to ships sailing from the port of London alone; and thousands of books, magazines, &c., are constantly sent to the numerous foreign stations receiving help, and to the fishery fleet. Thousands of Bibles, Prayer and Hymn-books, have been supplied for Divine service at sea. Those who cannot send money may greatly help us by collecting books and sending them to us. These are more and more appreciated on board ship. Our stock is getting low, and we shall be very thankful for any contributions of money or books to enable us to extend this important Church work.

WM. EVAN FRANKS, *Secretary.*

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Prayers for those whom we call Dead.

SIR,—The recurrence of the great Festival of All Saints brings this subject vividly before us. Do we realise that the thing we call Death is as natural as Life? and that though in our faithlessness we surround Death with terrors, it is, after all, merely a process or function by which the internal or immortal part of our nature changes its tabernacle? Is that immortal part less alive because no longer in mortal fetters? What a deterioration and degradation of Faith that must be which would think of the holy 'dead' as not still around us, not still our companions, and not to be prayed with and prayed for just as much as when they were on earth! They are part of the Church 'gone before,' and on a higher level than ourselves; but they are ever rejoicing or weeping with us, watching our spiritual progress, and they may be messengers of good to our souls. What new slavery of language is that which, in speaking of the 'dead,' makes us belie the most blessed privileges of Christianity?

We speak of Greek and Latin as 'dead tongues,' though no 'tongues' are more vital, pervading our own speech in all directions, and forming an international basis for scientific terminology.

Let those who in this matter have been nurtured in the starvation creed of modern Puritanism study three interesting chapters in Canon Luekoek's *After Death*, and weigh dispassionately the testimony of Holy Scripture, of the Catacombs, and of the Primitive Liturgies, to a practice which is at once ancient, rational, and solemnifying.

A PHYSICIAN.

SIR,—Your correspondent, 'J. W. Horsley,' says: 'Let him read the lives of Arnold and Kingsley, and he will find how in prayer for their departed friends great comfort was found by these two men.' With regard to Kingsley, will he kindly give the chapter on which he founds this remark?

NORTHUMBRIAN.

Causes of the Church's Failure.

SIR,—I fear the argument which 'High Churchman' so triumphantly adduces is not much to the point. I could tell him of half a score of churches in Haggerston and Hoxton where a high ritual is practised, and yet the congregations may be numbered in a very few minutes. The Secretary of the Congregational Union stated that he had attended every place of worship in the East End of London, and in two only was the attendance good, viz. at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, and St. Peter's, London Docks. The ritual at these churches is diverse enough, but the clergy have this in common—they are thoroughly in earnest. Experience has convinced me that ritual alone has no attraction for the lowest and lower middle classes.

NORTH LONDONER.

HEATING APPARATUS.—MR. S. H. BYRNE, of The Farre Close, Brighouse, writes:—'In reply to the inquiry signed "L. E. Owen" in your last issue of *Church Bells*, although I am not a clergyman, I venture to inform him that Haden, of Trowbridge, Wilts, makes an apparatus that warms churches with hot air. We have tried it at a school we have built and it works splendidly. I know several churches where it is in operation, and I have always heard it well spoken of. I have no interest in the matter beyond giving your correspondent the information he seeks.'

THE CURATES' ALLIANCE.—SIR,—As the promoters of the Curates' Alliance, we shall be obliged if you will allow us to state that we propose to summon an early meeting of those who have already joined. It will then be suggested that an Executive Council be elected, and arrangements made for the formation of Diocesan branches.—H. M. BERNARD, curate of St. George in the East; R. H. HADDEN, curate of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate; E. G. O'DONOGHUE, curate of St. Luke, Berwick Street.

RECEIVED ALSO:—E. N. Dumbleton; C. P.; C. P. T.; A Subscriber; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Waltham Abbey, Herts.

On Sunday, the 16th ult. (Harvest Thanksgiving Services), touches of 601 and 504 Grandsire Triples were rung by T. Pallet, G. Thurgood, G. Hills, J. Barnett, T. Powell, W. A. Alps, P. Cleverley, J. Button, and T. Colverd.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, Kent.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, about sixty ringers and friends sat down to an excellent dinner at the 'Blue Anchor' Inn, to celebrate the opening of the bells after rehanging. These bells were for a considerable time out of order, but through the kindness and liberality of Messrs. J. B. White and Brothers they were rehung and new ropes added.

On Tuesday evening, the 1st inst., six members of the Crayford Society rang at the above church a peal of Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. G. Conyard, 1; M. Jacobs, 2; A. Payne, 3; W. J. Reeves, 4; J. Sloper, 5; F. J. French (conductor), 6.

And on Saturday evening, the 5th inst., a mixed company attended the same church and rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. A. Martin (first peal), 1; H. Weekes, 2; M. Lambert, 3; W. King, 4; B. Spinner, 5; S. Hayes (conductor), 6. The peal, in three parts, was composed by Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham, and contains 42 singles.

At St. John the Baptist, Eltham, Kent.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., six members of the Eltham Association rang ten peals and a half of Grandsire Doubles of hundreds and twenties in 45 mins. The bells were half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Styles of Eltham. C. Musset, 1; G. Sheppard (conductor), 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith, 4; F. Fraser, 5; A. Norton, 6.

On the 10th inst. the St. Nicholas Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. F. Fraser, 1; T. G. Deal, 2; J. Smith (first peal), 3; C. English, 4; G. Sheppard (conductor), 5; H. J. Shade, 6.

Also a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. F. Fraser, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; H. J. Shade, 3; G. Sheppard, 4; T. G. Deal, 5; T. Taylor (conductor), 6. [* First peal in this method.]

Also Mr. Ellsmore's peal of 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. J. Crowder (first peal in this method), 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; G. Sheppard, 3; C. English, 4; T. Taylor (conductor), 5; H. J. Shade, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in D.

At St. Mary's, Stanstead, Essex.

On Saturday, the 5th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by four members of the above parish, assisted by H. J. Tucker and T. Newman of Bishops Stortford, in 26 mins. T. Newman, 1; H. Trigg, 2; G. Grey, 3; C. Prior, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6.

Also, on the same evening, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by four members of the above parish, assisted by F. Sworder of Great Hallingbury and H. J. Tucker, in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; H. Trigg (first 720 in the above method), 2; C. Prior, 3; F. Sworder, 4; J. Luckey, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At All Saints' Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 13th inst., a date touch of Mr. John Aspinwall's Grandsire Triples, consisting of 1881 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins., on the occasion of the Lord Bishop of Liverpool preaching the annual sermons for the National Bluecoat School. T. Halliwell (conductor), 1; G. Turner, 2; J. Layland, 3; W. Bentham, 4; G. B. Walker, 5; S. Hall, 6; J. Hall & G. C. Hall, 7; R. Tyson & I. Fletcher, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in C.

5024

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

On Monday evening, the 14th inst., a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths in 3 hrs. 1 min. G. Newson (conductor), 1; H. Dains (composer), 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; J. Hannington, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (his first peal), 6; S. Jarman, 7; F. Bate, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. The peal, as given, has the 6th the extent home at ten course-ends, the greatest number it is possible to place this bell there in peals with tenors together.

At the Parish Church, Nutfield, Surrey.

On Monday, the 14th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 30 bobs and 22 singles, was rung in 26 mins. H. Sendell, 1; W. Fuller, 2; H. W. Nunn, 3; W. Burkin, 4; T. Boniface, 5; E. Burkin (conductor), 6.

At All Saints, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., six members of Christ Church Society, assisted by Messrs. E. Cashmere and G. Hall, rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 56 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; J. Russell, 2; E. Cashmere, 3; W. Mallin, 4; T. Horton, 5; J. Fullwood (conductor), 6; W. Elsmore, 7; G. Hall, 8. Composed by T. Day of Birmingham. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

RECEIVED ALSO.—President; Congregationalists are not noticed; W. Lee (neither name of church nor town or county mentioned.) Several important articles have been unavoidably postponed to next week.

political Nonconformists would subscribe some of the money which now goes to the Liberation Society (for no better object than depriving us of our property) towards perfecting their own system, they might do much to strengthen their position—much to lessen their dependence on the Church for its ministrations at burials, &c., and much towards bringing about a more amicable feeling between the two parties, which really should have but one aim.

CHURCHMAN.

Cheap Churches Lighted.

SIR,—I remember troubling you earlier in the year with some remarks on Cheap Churches, which provoked no great amount of execration, and perhaps received some encouragement. In recurring now to one phase of the subject as I then put it, I think that if I do not throw any light upon it, electricity will soon be throwing a light of its own on sundry interiors whose contrivers were innocent of any luminous aspirations beyond the range of candles or gas-jets. If others follow with tears their pet gas-standards to the marine stores or the brass-founder's melting-pot, I have said nothing about inviting myself to be of their sorrow-stricken number; indeed, I feel that I shall do more than content myself with the light of the future in place of that of the past.

Of course our modievalists of the period will be all for supplying themselves with correct items and forms of chancel, transept, bay, aisle, and roof, but I would fain know what arrangement, Arc or Incandescent, will suit these fantastic favourites of authorities in architecture and of the confiding souls that employ them. My acquaintance with the new illuminating process is but rudimentary; in fact, does not extend much beyond a few street lamps at home and abroad, a shop or two, and the Brush system at York Station, where, by-the-by, one of the lamps showed such a suicidal mania as to be quite alarming. Is it too early to ask some advanced specialist what we shall be able to do with our wires when they are ready for introduction into our Victorian or other Gothic? We hear of success in the electric lighting of a London theatre, but how about dealing with buildings of the Pointed Arch type, from the Cathedral of Cologne down to the still elevated ridges of the parish church of Clodpole-cum-Bumpkin? I do not quite see how light can be streamed down, as it ought to be, from above, unless something is thrown across to hold the lamps under our high pitches, and until our country factotums enact Blondin on the tight-rope in doing the needful for them. Opalized globes and corbel-heads will agree about as well as huge turnips with High Art in general; and, unless shadows are chased away by a formidable number of Swan or other lights requiring delicate manipulation, it is difficult to conjure away the notion of a Deadly Night Shade pervading every nook so beloved of real or sham Gothic masons. Perhaps few besides myself remember that it was proposed to try the effect of a parallelogram with a flat panelled roof, like some Italian ones, and without aisles. As window-light was to come as much as possible from above, so the flat roof seemed to make it possible that a sufficiency of electric light could be furnished from one or more apertures in that kind of roof, where a sound flooring would enable the attendant to reach the lamp or lamps without much trouble or awkwardness. Believing, as I do, that our ideas of cheap lighting of large churches will soon be agreeably intensified, when existing engines are utilised and new ones judiciously distributed, I cannot help thinking that it is an additional reason for relaxing our senile adherence to the antique style of ecclesiastical structure, if we can so adapt our churches to the light of the future as to enable us to reap the advantages that light may easily bring with it. Perhaps a few central towers of the old sort might afford facilities for introducing the new light, but the ordinary type of building will be found, I imagine, as serious an obstacle to lighting by electricity as the proposed flush parallelogram would offer perfection of area for the distribution of that light, which has such supreme advantages, if they could fairly be brought into play.

VICAR.

The Irish Church.

SIR,—Your readers now know the foundation upon which 'Amicus' made several grave charges against the Irish Church. But that he has in an indirect way repeated these charges, I would be disposed to leave his last letter to answer his first, which it does effectually by its weakness. However, as he speaks as if Irish Churchmen generally had deserted their Church and only a few staunch friends remained, I desire to inform your readers that the few are those who have deserted her, and that they are very few and inconsiderable indeed, either in character or numbers—so few, that they really are not missed. I desire also to state that the Revised Prayer-book is generally accepted in the Church, and that there are but few places where it is not used. 'Amicus' says, the Irish Church failed to educate and win the people to her side, and hence her weakness. Of this fact he considers the disestablishment of the Church and the Revision of the Prayer-book ample proof. His logic is not easy to follow, but I would humbly ask, Has the Church of England performed this same duty on your side of the Channel? If so, what means the voice of Dissent and Infidelity and the rant of the Liberation Society in mine ears?

The Secession from the Church on account of the Revision of the Prayer-book turns out to be one Irish Nobleman, who, because the Synod acted wisely and temperately, and would not revise the Prayer-book as he wished, retired from Communion with the Church. As he could get no one to agree with him he never joined any other community, but remains his own self-contained Church to this day. He never either built or endowed anything that I ever heard of. Your correspondent tells us nothing more about the fine churches going to ruin, about which I was curious to know. *Appropos* of this subject, he will no doubt be gratified by the statement of the Bishop of Kilmore (a poor diocese) appearing in *Church Bells* the 24th of Sept., that sixteen churches in that diocese had been restored or were in process of restoration, although it is scarcely consistent with the statement of 'Amicus' that the churches in Ireland are going to ruin.

IRISH CHURCHMAN.

RECEIVED ALSO.—An Unsuspecting Reader; G. W. Jones; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths, London.

THE election of officers took place on Tuesday, the 15th inst., when the following persons were appointed for the ensuing year (November 5, 1881, to November 5, 1882):—Master, Mr. W. Jones; Secretary, Mr. G. Muskett; Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit; Stewards, Messrs. Gibbs and Winney.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting for ringing will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, at Worsley. All ringers are invited. Ringing from 2 p.m.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Sec.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Death of an Old Ringer.

It is with sincere regret we have to announce the death of Mr. John Friend, which took place at Hythe, Kent, on the 15th October last at the advanced age of 77 years. Many members of the Kent Association of Change-ringers attended his funeral on the 19th inst. In the evening muffled touches were rung in the towers of Hythe, Folkestone, Newington, and Mersham, in respect to his memory. He was for many years a member of the Society of College Youths; and on his occasional visits to London a select band always met the 'talented countryman,' as he was termed, having performed on every ring of ten and twelve bells in London in the several systems of Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob. In the district in which he was so long a resident he was noted as a conductor of the several performances—as recorded on tablets in the towers of New Romney, Ashford, Hythe, and Folkestone—namely, ten peals of Bob Major, ranging in number of changes from 5040 to 10,304 at Ashford and 13,440 at Hythe; six peals of Grandsire Triples; six peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, the greatest number of changes, 6720; and one peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. James's, Bermondsey.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held at Walthamstow on Thursday, Nov. 10th, the ring of eight at St. Mary's being kindly placed at the service of the Association. Ringing commenced at about 1.30, with a 720 of Bob Minor on the back six, and was kept up till 4 o'clock, when the business meeting took place in the Infant School. The Rev. J. B. Seaman (Hon. Sec. of the Association) took the chair, as none of the local clergy were able to be present, and opened the meeting with the usual office. The following gentlemen were elected Hon. Members: Rev. Canon Fraser (South Weald), Rev. H. S. Mather (Willingale), Major Bishop (Colchester), R. Woodhouse, jun., Esq. (Writtle), and W. Beadel, Esq. (Chelmsford). The following were elected Ringing Members: Messrs. Thos. Maynard, R. Maynard, H. Reeves, G. Grimwade, W. Manning, W. Crookford, T. Watson, F. Bines, W. Coakhan, and E. Fenn (Walthamstow); J. Barker, G. Rochester, and W. Meadows (Waltham Abbey); J. T. Barker, E. Hynds, C. Ruffel, W. Stock, H. Gowers, and E. Claydon (Stebbing); E. Dains (Widford); W. Lodge, J. Bloomfield, H. Brazier, and C. Waskett (Galleywood). Tea was provided at 5 o'clock at the Walthamstow Coffee Tavern; ringing recommencing at about 6, and being carried on to a late hour. Amongst the touches which were brought round during the day were a 210 and a 360 of Grandsire Triples, a 504 of Stedman's Triples, and the same of Kent Treble Bob Major, with several minor touches of Stedman's Triples. The striking in the Stedman and Treble Bob was most excellent. The following are some of those who took part in the ringing: The Rev. H. A. Cockey* (Assist. Sec. E.A.C.R.); A. H. Gardom,† Esq. (Wanstead); Messrs. R. Sewell* and E. A. Davies* (Barking); W. Alps,* T. C. Powell,* and W. Meadows* (Waltham Abbey); J. Gobbett,† H. Randall,† and G. Jarman† (West Ham); J. Nunn† and M. Ellsmore (Woodford); F. Bates† and —Stackwood† (London), &c. [* Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. † Members of the Royal Cumberland Society.]

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

A MEETING of the Sonning Deanery Branch of this Guild was held at Hurst on Saturday, the 12th inst. The belfries of Sandhurst, Sonning, All Saints', Wokingham, Arborfield, Hurst, and Wargrave, were well represented; and as many as forty-three ringers at different times took part in the ringing. The proceedings commenced, as usual, with prayer being said in the belfry by the Rev. E. Broome, vicar of the parish. Mr. John Troyte, a member of the Guild, attended the meeting and conducted the ringing, giving many valuable suggestions to those present. The evening was brought to a close by a tea in the schoolroom, where Mr. Nicholls, the churchwarden, and the Vicar and Mrs. Broome, gave the ringers a hearty welcome.

Hand-bells for North China.

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Mr. J. H. Jones	5	0	Mr. Edward B. Foske	5	0
Rev. F. M. Gregory	1	0	Mr. B. Turner	1	0
			Rev. F. E. E. Heathcote	5	0

Further subscriptions thankfully received by Rev. O. P. Yerburgh, St. Peter's, Eaton Square.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey.

On Monday evening, the 14th inst., the St. Martin's Society rang a touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. C. Peters, 1; H. Dobbison, 2; T. Rose, 3; C. Boxall (conductor), 4; R. Harding, 5; S. Brooker, 6; H. Boxall, 7; C. Dudley, 8.

At Bennington, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 22nd inst., the under-mentioned members of the Changing Society of Bennington rang, in excellent style, upon their musical ring of bells, a select touch of 1314 changes in that most melodious method, Superlative Surprise Major. N. Warner, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; L. Chapman, 4; S. Page, 5; Jos. Kitchener, 6; C. Shambrook, 7; T. Page (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

On Wednesday evening, the 9th inst. (the Prince of Wales's birthday), a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; W. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; A. Batten, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

Also on Sunday evening, the 13th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing eight bobs and six singles, was rung in 27 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; F. Wearo, 3; A. Batten, 4; H. Cutler, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. [This peal was rung to the memory of the late Mr. Hubbard, its composer, and is the first 720 rung on these bells in this method.]

Also on Saturday, the 19th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, a six-score of each alternately, each called differently, was rung in 26 mins. F. Fells, 1; C. Clark, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Batten, 4; R. Flaxman, 5. Tenor, 12 cwt. [Where is the sixth man?]

At Glington, Northamptonshire.

On Friday, the 11th inst., being the eightieth anniversary of the opening of the fine ring of six bells of this village (tenor, 16½ cwt.), a friendly gathering of ringers took place to celebrate the occasion and give a stimulus to the art of change-ringing. Invitations having been sent to the various Societies in the district, the following gentlemen were present:—J. R. Jerram, Esq., R. Creasey, and R. Mackman, from Spalding; Mr. Mason, from Boston; H. Cutforth, S. Black (sen.), and S. Black (jun.), from Maxey; H. Stubbs and T. Stubbs, from Raunds; H. Hollis, from Market Deeping, formerly of Glington; and J. T. Hollis, from Wrenthorpe, Yorkshire, also formerly of Glington. At 9 a.m. the bells were raised by the Glington ringers, assisted by H. and J. T. Hollis, and a touch of Bob Minor was rung. The visitors then began to arrive, and a 720 Bob Minor was rung by the following:—H. Stubbs, 1; S. Black, sen., 2; J. T. Hollis, 3; H. Cutforth, 4; T. Stubbs, 5; S. Black, jun. (conductor), 6. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was also attempted by the following, but unfortunately jumbled out in the last twelve changes—(this is to be regretted, as the Raunds men had never before attempted the method: they are nevertheless masters of it):—H. Stubbs, 1; J. R. Jerram, Esq., 2; J. T. Hollis, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; R. Mackman, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. Several half-peals of Bob Minor were also rung during the day, Mr. R. Clark of Glington taking the treble, and H. Hollis the fifth. The last half-peal was rung by the following:—R. Clark, 1; S. Black, sen., 2; J. T. Hollis, 3; H. Cutforth, 4; R. Creasey, 5; S. Black, sen. (conductor), 6. A knife-and-fork tea was provided at the 'Blue Bell Inn' by Mr. Boydon, the Rector (Rev. V. Wilkinson) presiding, and other gentlemen being present. A very amusing evening was spent in listening to Mr. J. T. Hollis playing tunes and tapping off change-ringing on the hand-bells, amongst the latter being a course (224 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, tapped off in capital style. A conversation took place respecting the formation of an Association, and it is hoped that a movement in that direction will be made, and that Glington may soon be in possession of a good company of change-ringers, with the Rector at their head.

At St. Mary's, Hornsey, Middlesex.

On Sunday evening, the 13th inst., after Divine service, six members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. G. Griffin,* 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; A. Jacobs,* 3; J. Leach,* 4; J. Hanington (conductor), 5; T. Titchener, 6. The above peal is supposed to be the first ever performed on the bells of this church. [* Their first peal in this method.]

Also, on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., at the same church, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor (sixteen bobs and two singles) was rung in 30 mins. W. Pearson,* 1; S. Griffin,* 2; J. Hanington (conductor), 3; A. Jacobs, 4; W. H. Fussell,* 5; T. Titchener, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt. [* Introduced. † Their first peal in this method.]

At the Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness, North Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., six members of the Dalton-in-Furness Parish Church Association rang a peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles. J. Robinson (conductor), 1; W. Robinson,* 2; T. Watson,* 3; T. Hill,* 4; T. R. Jackson,* 5; J. Burrows,* 6. Tenor about 14 cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Nicholas, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., eight of the Yarmouth Company and members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 25 mins. W. Lee (conductor), 1; W. T. Blyth, 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secret, 4; W. Fletcher, 5; D. Hayward, 6; W. Long, 7; H. Wright, 8. Tenor, 30½ cwt. This is the first peal of the company, and the first in Yarmouth for 27 years, and by a Yarmouth company for 35 years.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., eight members of the Lewisham Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 1260 changes, in 45 mins. J. Crowder, 1; W. Pead, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; T. Taylor, 4; H. J. Shade (composer and conductor), 5; H. Freeman, 6; G. Freeman, 7; J. Howe, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. John the Baptist, Eltham, Kent.

On Thursday evening, the 17th inst., six members of the St. Nicholas Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. F. Fraser,* 1; G. Sheppard, 2; H. J. Shade,* 3; T. Taylor,* 4; T. G. Deal,* 5; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 6. [* Their first peal in this method.] This is the first peal in this method on the bells.

At Redenhall, Norfolk.

On Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Redenhall branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5184 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 23 mins. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains and conducted by Edward Smith. E. Smith, 1; W. Sheldrake, 2; Rev. N. Bolingbroke, 3; C. C. Edger, 4; G. Prime, 5; F. Smith, 6; G. Motts, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

By calling the first three courses as annexed, reduces the peal to 5056 changes:—

THE PEAL.					
5184					
2	3	4	5	6	M. B. W. H.
5	2	3	6	4	— 2
6	3	2	5	4	— 2
4	6	5	3	2	— 2
4	5	3	6	2	1 — 2
4	3	6	5	2	1 — 2
3	5	4	2	6	—
2	4	5	3	6	1 —
5	4	3	2	6	1 —
Repeated.					
5	2	3	6	4	B. H.
6	5	2	4	3	— 2
4	6	5	3	2	— 2

Also on Saturday, the 19th inst., six of the Tressingfield branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, with two from Redenhall, rang a peal of 5056 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 17 mins. The peal was composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow and conducted by Edward Smith. E. Smith, 1; W. Motts, 2; J. Motts, 3; J. Abbott, 4; J. Pulham, 5; W. Gobbett, 6; W. Riches, 7; Captain Moore, 8.

5056					
2	3	4	5	6	M. B. W. H.
6	4	3	5	2	2 — 1
5	3	4	6	2	— 2
2	4	3	6	5	2 — 1
2	3	6	4	5	1 — 2
2	5	3	4	6	— 1
5	4	3	2	6	1 —
3	4	2	5	6	1 —
4	5	2	3	6	1 —
Repeated.					

At St. Stephen's, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., being the anniversary of the opening of the bells, eleven of the Newcastle-on-Tyne and North Shields Branches of the Durham Diocesan Association rang several touches, the most noteworthy of which were two touches of Grandsire Triples. First touch, 504 changes: J. Gillings, 1; E. Wallis, 2; J. Rossiter, 3; W. West, 4; R. Smith, 5; J. Power (conductor), 6; F. Lees, 7; S. Nott, 8. Second touch, 750 changes: J. Gillings, 1; J. Power, 2; E. Wallis, 3; J. Donald, 4; W. West, 5; R. Willins, 6; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 80 cwt.

At St. Luke's, Heywood, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., was rung Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 15 mins. A. Schofield, 1; G. Crossley,* 2; John Millet,* 3; W. B. Barrett, 4; J. Street,* 5; J. Pilkington,* 6; J. Harrison* (conductor), 7; Jas. Millet,* 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E. This is their first peal. [* Members of the Lancashire Association.]

At All Saints, Otley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 1 min. P. Ralph, 1; R. Tuke, 2; J. Barraclough, 3; L. Cawood, 4; D. E. Rhodes, 5; E. Snowdon, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowdon, 8. The peal (*Snowdon*, Part ii. p. 63) was composed and conducted by Lister Cawood. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Christ Church, Oxford.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., a touch of Stedman's Triples, with the bells half muffled, was rung at the Cathedral by the following members of the Oxford Change-ringing Society:—T. Hill, 1; E. Harrison, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; W. Smith, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; J. Williamson, 6; R. Lapworth, 7; A. Strange, 8—to the memory of Mr. Henry Pitt, who for sixty years was a member of the above Society, and was much respected by all who knew him, his first peal being recorded as May 20, 1823. He died on the 12th of November, 1881, aged eighty-three years. Several other muffled peals have also been rung to his memory.

At St. Nicholas, Leeds, Kent.

On Sunday, the 20th inst., after the afternoon service, five members of the All Saints' Company, Maidstone, assisted by Mr. J. Wood of Bearsted, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, on the middle six of the bells, in 26 mins. G. Moorcraft, 1; A. Moorcraft, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; J. Wood (first peal), 5; H. Pearce (conductor), 6.

At St. George's, Gravesend, Kent.

On Sunday evening, the 20th inst., for Divine service, a peal of 503 Grandsire Triples was rung in 19 mins. J. N. Chapman,* 1; W. Loft,* 2; M. Lambert, 3; H. Weeks,* 4; W. King,* 5; B. Spinner,* 6; S. Hayes* (conductor), 7; J. Royal, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. The above was rung as a farewell touch to Mr. S. Hayes, who is leaving the neighbourhood. [* Members of the Society of College Youths.] In future all communications are to be addressed to W. Loft, 1 Garden Row, Gravesend, Kent.

At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

On Sunday, the 20th inst., for morning service, six members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob on the back six in 29 mins. H. Bowell (conductor), 1; J. S. Alexander, 2; D. Prentice, 3; W. Meadows, 4; W. Catchpole, 5; E. Pemberton, 6. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At St. Mark's, Leicester.

On Monday evening, the 21st inst., eight members of St. Margaret's Society rang a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Jarves, 1; J. Copeland, 2; E. Nedham, 3; G. Burrows (conductor), 4; J. Marlow, 5; A. Wilson, 6; S. Cooper, 7; C. Biddles, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat.

NOTICE.—Communications from H. J. Shade, C. Otley, G. Freeman, W. A. Alps, J. R. Jerram, J. Mordey, and I. G. Shade, will be inserted next week.