

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A New Peal.

SIR,—I forward the accompanying peal of 720 Extreme Minor in three parts, with 9 extremes and 3 singles. I should be glad if you would kindly insert the same in your forthcoming issue, believing it would be of interest to six-bell ringers.

How to make an extreme:— 1 2 4 6 3 5
1 2 4 3 6 5

C. OTTLEY,

Narestock.

One of the Essex Association.

The Peal of Bob Minor.

SIR,—Having read the comments made on Mr. Ellsmore's peal of Bob Minor by your correspondents, Messrs. Clarkson and Hollis, I beg to say a few words on the subject. In the first place, Mr. Clarkson concludes his remarks by saying that such peals can only be rung by ringers who are perfectly indifferent to the musical effect of their performance. I beg to differ on this subject. I would not object at any time to take a rope to ring Mr. Ellsmore's peal, although I have called Holt's original One-part peal several times; neither am I perfectly indifferent to the musical effect of my performance. In the second place, I will tell Mr. Clarkson that the individual that he so warmly attacks is but a young practitioner in this art, and having tried his abilities on a peal of Bob Minor, successfully brings out the peal which he published; at the same time he never saw a book on change-ringing: but, to prevent any criticism, he showed his peal to several members of the Essex Association who are practical ringers, and they said they never saw anything like it before, and therefore Mr. Ellsmore considered it was his composition, which a young ringer would naturally do. Now I mean to say, Mr. Ellsmore deserves credit for his production, although it was well known that the same peal was rung many years ago; but he did not know of it, nor did many others, and therefore how can he snatch what he never knew any one else had got, as Mr. Hollis so boldly asserts? He did his best, and that is all that can be said. If Mr. Clarkson is one of those ringers who, in the course of a few years, get so self-conceited about what little they know as to not take a rope for a 720 because it is not musical, I say the sooner he leaves the ringing alone the better; as we ought to encourage and not discourage young ringers, as Mr. Clarkson tries to do in his remarks. Hoping to hear no more comments about this 720, and giving credit to whom credit is due, I remain,
Greenwich. H. J. SHADE.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting for ringing will be held on Saturday, December 17th, at Christ Church, Bootle, near Liverpool. Ringing from 5 p.m. All ringers are invited.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

St. Edmund's, Salisbury, Wilts.

THE bells of St. Edmund's, Salisbury, have been rehung by Messrs. Jerram and Blackburn of Spalding, who lately hung the light ring of six at St. Martin's in that city. They were rung for the first time on November 9th.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Tuesday evening, the 1st ult., a date touch, consisting of 1881 changes of Grandsire Triples, was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins. G. Rochester, 1; G. Camp, 2; A. Brown, 3; T. Saben, 4; J. Tarling, jun. (composer and conductor), 5; G. Bracc, 6; N. Tarling, 7; H. Saben, 8.

ON Sunday, the 13th ult., for evening service, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins., the first in that method by the home company. G. Rochester, 1; A. Brown, 2; T. Saben, 3; G. Bracc, 4; J. Tarling, jun., 5; N. Tarling (conductor), 6. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON the 6th ult. a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Measures, 1; A. Walker, 2; J. W. Creasey, 3; R. Creasey, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. S. Wright (conductor), 6.

ON the 13th ult. a peal of 720 Bob Minor (14 singles and 4 bobs). J. S. Wright, 1; G. Richardson, 2; A. Ridlington, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; T. Measures, 5; R. Mackman, 6.

ON the 24th ult. a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. T. Measures, 1; A. Walker, 2; J. W. Creasey, 3; G. Richardson, 4; R. Creasey, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Tuesday evening, the 8th ult., the Daresbury Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 42 singles and 18 bobs, in 28 mins. T. Houghton, sen., conductor.

Also on Sunday, the 13th ult., for afternoon service, a peal of 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 27 mins. P. Johnson, conductor.

Also on Sunday, the 20th ult., for morning service, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. Ellison, conductor. And for afternoon service a peal of 720 College Single in 25 mins. P. Hamblett, conductor.

Also on Tuesday evening, the 22nd ult., a peal of 720 Oxford Bob in 26 mins. P. Hamblett, conductor. The first peal of this method on these bells. Also a peal of 720 changes in three methods—viz. Plain Bob, Oxford

Bob, and College Single—in 36 mins. T. Houghton, 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (composer and conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Nicholas, Witham, Essex.

ON Tuesday evening, the 15th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 42 singles, was rung in 27 mins. G. Butler, 1; A. Chalk, 2; A. Fryatt, 3; W. K. Hutley, 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6.

Also at the same church on Thursday, the 24th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 21 bobs and 12 singles, was rung in 27 mins. G. Butler, 1; A. Chalk, 2; W. G. Richards, 3; W. K. Hutley, 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. Both peals were composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow of Saffron Walden, Essex. [All the above are members of the Essex Association.]

At St. Mary's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Wednesday, the 16th ult., a muffled touch of Grandsire Triples was rung as a mark of respect to Mr. G. J. Hawley, formerly of the above society. W. Challoner, 1; J. Mulligan, 2; J. Dixon, 3; W. Bugar, 4; W. Booth, 5; J. Mulligan, 6; C. Steer, 7; W. Smith, 8.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 17 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; Josh. Mulligan, 2; H. Madin, 3; W. Bugar, 4; A. Knight, 5; John Mulligan (conductor), 6; J. Dixon, 7. Composed by Mr. Jenkinson, Hull. Tenor, 25 cwt. [Eighth man not mentioned.]

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 19th ult., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 56 mins., to commemorate the laying of a Memorial Stone to the new chancel and reopening of the church after alteration. J. Waghorn, 1; W. Pead, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; H. Freeman, 5; T. Taylor, 6; G. Freeman (conductor), 7; W. Bowles, 8.

ON Sunday, the 27th ult., after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 1260 changes, was rung in 45 mins. W. Bowles, 1; W. Pead, 2; T. Taylor, 3; T. Sharnan, 4; H. J. Shade (composer and conductor), 5; H. Freeman, 6; G. Freeman, 7; E. Freeman, 8. This peal was rung after the farewell sermon by the Rev. C. H. Simpkinson, who is leaving the parish to take charge of Holy Trinity, Greenwich. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

ON Saturday evening, the 19th ult., eight members of the Society of College Youths rang (with the bells muffled in memory of W. P. Jackson, Esq., aged 77) John Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 52 mins. H. Bright, 1; H. Harvey, 2; F. Bidgood, 3; T. Banister, 4; W. J. Aldridge, 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; J. M. Hayes, 7; W. Harriss, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford.

ON the 20th ult., by six members of the Holywell Society, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung in memory of Mr. H. Pitt. H. Payne, 1; G. Lapworth, 2; E. Harrison (conductor), 3; T. Payne, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; W. Payne, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Kenninghall branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 10 mins. J. Wade, 1; H. Eagling, 2; E. Everett, 3; W. Nudds, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Cunningham, 6; J. Mordey, 7; R. Hutton (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow—a two-part peal, and has the six its extent home at four course-ends in each part. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Rochester, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., five members of this Society, with Mr. J. McLeod of Gillingham, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 28 mins. J. Sullivan, 1; J. McLeod (first peal), 2; T. Tullett, 3; W. Stanford, 4; W. Baker, 5; E. Andrews and R. E. Band (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 18 cwt.

At Soham, Cambridgeshire.

ON the 23rd ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 30 mins. by the home company, with three of the Ely St. Mary's ringers. A. Leonard* (aged 16), 1; W. Summers, 2; A. E. Porter, 3; R. Bacon, 4; A. Pilgrim (conductor), 5; G. Gillson, 6; H. Hawkes (behind), 7. Tenor, 21 cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At Christ Church, Blackfriars.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society—by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. A. H. De Fontaine, and the Churchwardens—rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 56 mins. G. Newton (conductor), 1; H. Dains, 2; H. Randall, 3; J. Barrett, 4; G. B. Banks, 5; J. Hamington, 6; W. Doran, 7; E. Albone, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. These bells were rehung by Mr. Banks of London; and this is their first peal for about twenty-five years.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brook's variation of 5040 Triples on Stedman's principle in 2 hrs. 56 mins. E. Horrex, 1; J. W. Rowbotham, 2; F. T. Gover, 3; R. French, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; S. Greenwood, 7; W. H. George, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Over twenty-five years have elapsed since the last peal in this method was rung on these bells. [* Their first peal of Stedman's Triples. + Their first peal in the method.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. A. Alps; Bob Minor; W. Sottanstill; R. J. Bagnall; and others.

anywhere taught that a *new nature* is implanted in the child who is baptized; (b) that any 'habit of grace' is infused into the soul; or (c) that a *change of heart* takes place.

On the other hand, I do find, (a) that the baptized infant is received into covenant relationship with God—See Catechism; (b) that a state of condemnation is exchanged for one of privilege and blessing—See Baptismal Offices; (c) that adoption into God's family, or visible Church, is conferred—See Baptismal Offices and Art. XXVII.; (d) that the future guidance of the Holy Spirit is covenanted, which blessed guidance must be accepted and used by the child, upon attaining to years of responsibility—See Catechism, Baptismal Office, &c.

In the case of Adult Baptism, *rightly* received, I find (a) that it is regarded as the great means of admission to all the blessings of the Church of Christ; (b) that it brings the person baptized into covenant relationship with Christ, the Great Head of the Church; (c) that it brings the person under the special influence of the Holy Spirit—See Art. XXVII., Baptismal Offices, &c.

Regeneration is never spoken of by the Church as being the same thing as Conversion. Conversion, in the direction of which Holy Baptism, in the case of a child, leads, and which, in the case of an adult, ought to precede Baptism, is always, both in Scripture and by the Church, kept distinct from Regeneration. And what is Conversion? Not simply a turning from sin to God, as people sometimes say, but an *entire change of heart*, whereby, through living faith in Christ, the will is subdued to God's will, the affections receive a new bent, and the life is devoted to the Service of God (See Art. XVII.). It is by confusing the two terms that so much needless controversy has arisen.

Would God that all parties in our beloved Church would be content, faithfully and loyally, to receive her teaching! We should then present one united front against the inroads of apostate Rome, as well as against those of infidelity!

A HIGH CHURCHMAN.

Compulsory Contributions to the Support of the Establishment.

SIR,—Please allow me to inform 'Churchman' that the Church does receive some of 'her income by means of compulsory contributions,' and that he is altogether wrong in being 'strongly persuaded that it could not be otherwise than voluntary.' I live in a parish where I have to pay a 'compulsory' rector's rate, which is collected by the ordinary tax-collector; there is nothing 'voluntary' about it; it is 'compulsory,' pure and simple. I must either pay it or else have my goods seized. Nonconformists are liberal enough to pay their own ministers' salaries, and I think it would be more to the Church's credit if she did likewise, and not dip into the pockets of people she dubs schismatical.

A. T.

Exeter Cathedral Evening Service.

SIR,—While rejoicing that a service is to be given at Exeter Cathedral, does it not seem a matter of regret—1. That a service quite distinct from any in the Prayer-book is not put forth by authority for use where the other four offices—Matins, Holy Communion, Litany, Evensong—are duly said? 2. That, under present conditions, the Evensong had not been shortened by commencing with the Lord's Prayer, as it ever did until about two centuries ago?

T. H. E.

Query.

SIR,—I have a book, in two volumes, called *Hore Solitariae*; or, Vol. I., *Essays upon some remarkable Names and Titles of Jesus Christ*; Vol. II., or, *Essays upon some remarkable Names and Titles of the Holy Spirit*. On the outside cover, written with ink, I find the author's name, 'Scarles.' Can any of your readers tell me who this person was? The date of Vol. I. is 1776; Vol. II., 1784.

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RECEIVED ALSO.—M. A.; W. R. M.; Rector; A Sympathiser with Mr. Green; L.L. D.; A Newcastle Incumbent; and others.

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BELL LITERATURE.

(Continued from page 795, Fol. XI.)

- 169 Moore's Church Bells of Walsall. *Walsall*, 1863
 170 Moore's Mysterious Ringing of Bells at Great Bealings, Suffolk, 12mo. *Woodbridge*, 1841
 171 Our Bells and their Ringers, in the 'Parish Magazine.' 1861
 172 Our Own Bells, 12mo. *Tottenham*, 1865
 173 Passing Bell (The). C.K.S. Tract, No. 1342.
 174 'Penny Post,' several Peals on Bells, in 1856-7
 175 Penny Encyclopedia, article 'Bell,' by Sir Henry Ellis. *London*, 1835
 176 Plain Hints to Bell-ringers. No. 47 of *Parochial Tracts*. *London*, 1852
 177 Powell's Touches of Stedman's Trifles; Dedicated to the College and Cumberland Youths, folio. 1828
 178 Quarterly Review, article 'Church Bells.' *Sept.* 1854
 179 Ramsay's (Dean) Letter to the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, on the Expediency of providing the City with an efficient Peal of Bells. *Edinb.* 1859
 180 Reeves's Representation of the Irish Ecclesiastical Bell of St. Patrick, folio. *Belfast*, 1856
 181 The School of Recreation; or, Gentleman's Tutor in various Exercises, one of which is Ringing. 1684
 182 Scholesfield's Supplement to 'The Clavis.' *Huddersfield*, 1853
 183 Shipway's (William) The Campanologia; or, Universal Instructor in the Art of Ringing, 15mo. 1816
 184 Soltanistall's (Win.) Elements of Campanology, 12mo. 3 vols. 18mo. *Huddersfield*, 16a7
 185 Staveley's History of Churches, 8vo. Chap. 14 on Bells. *London*, 1773
 186 Stephenson's (W. F.) Changes: Literary, Pictorial, and Musical. *Ripon*, 1857
 187 Steps to Bell Ringing, reprinted from *Church Work*. *London*, 1866

- 188 Suggestions on the Devotional Use of the Curfew. *Tract*, 1860
 189 Tansur's Elements of Music (Chap. x. on Changes, Chimes, and Tuning Bells), 8vo. *London*, 1772
 190 Thackrah's (B.) The Art of Change Ringing, 12mo. *Devonbury*, 1852
 191 Tintinnalogia; or, the Art of Ringing, 'by a Lover of the Art.' *London, for Fabian Stedman*, 1668
 The license of Roger L'Estrange is dated Nov. 1, 1667; and I find that it was registered at Stationers' Hall, Feb. 8, 1667, by Fabian Stedman. So there can be no doubt about the author. This is the book so highly spoken of by Dr. Burney, in his *History of Music*, vol. iii. 413.
 It is the earliest book yet known on the art; it is dedicated to the Society of College Youths, and contains the original peal of Grandsire Bob by R. R.*
 The author (who calls himself *Campanista*) says that 'fifty or sixty years last past, changes were not known or thought possible to be rang.' And that 'Walking changes and whole-pull changes were altogether practised in former times;' 'but of late, a more quick and ready way is practised, called "half pulls," so that now, in London, it is a common thing to ring 720 triples and doubles and Grandsire Bob in half an hour.'
 This account is the more interesting, as it carries us back to the beginning of change-ringing as now practised.
 192 Tintinnalogia; or, the Art of Ringing, 18mo. *London*, 1671
 In this edition, the name of Fabian Stedman at the foot of the title-page is omitted, but it is worded thus: 'Printed for F. S., and are to be sold by Tho. Archer at his shop under the Dial of S. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street, 1671.' The Rev. Mr. Lukis possesses the first, and W. Tite, Esq., M.P., has a fine copy of the second.†
 193 Tintinnalogia; or, the Art of Ringing, improved, by J. White, 12mo. *About 1700*
 194 Tyssen's Church Bells of Sussex, 8vo. *Lewes*, 1866
 195 Wolsey's Bell in Sherborne Abbey Church, with a Sermon by the Bishop of Oxford. *Sherborne*, 1866
 196 Wolfe's Address on the Science of Campanology. *Tract*. *London*, 1851
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 197 A Garland of Bells, 12mo. *Newcastle*, 1815
 198 A Poem in Praise of Ringing, with Plain Hints to Ringers, by the Author of 'Shrubs of Parnassus.' 1761
 199 Church Bells, by Miss Daman. *London*, 1864
 200 Cox's Christian Ballads, 12mo. (several pieces on Bells). *Oxon*, 1849
 201 Dillingham, Campanæ Undellenses, in *Muse Anglicana*, 1691, by Gul. Dillingham, S.T.P. 1691
 202 Dixon's Songs of the Bells. *London*, 1852
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 204 Mant (Richard), Bp. The Matin Bell, or the Church Call to Daily Prayer, 12mo. *Oxon*, 1848
 205 Mangan (Clarence). The Bell. *Oxon*, 1852
 206 Matin Bells and the Curfew, *Tract*. *London*,
 207 Midnight Bells, by Miss Walsh, *Tract*.
 208 Schiller, Das Lied von der Glocke—Illustrations of, by M. Patzsch. *Stuttgart*, 1834
 209 — The Song of the Bell, translated by T. B. Lytton. *London*, 1839
 210 The Legend of the Limerick Bell Founder, by D. F. Mac Carthy, published in the *Dublin University Magazine*, Sept. *Dublin*, 1847
 211 The Passing Bell, by Monsell. *London*, 1866
 212 To Younge Tom of Christ Church (Ashmole MS. 36 and 37, fol. 260-1).
 213 Walker (George). The Midnight Bell, 3 vols. 12mo.
 (To be continued.)

Bourdon Bell for St. Paul's Cathedral.

THE casting of the gigantic big bell for St. Paul's Cathedral was completed on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at 10.30 p.m., at the works of Messrs. J. M. Taylor & Sons of Loughborough. Some twenty-tons of metal were prepared. All being in readiness, three furnaces were opened, and liquid streams poured forth for 4½ minutes before the huge casting was filled. The process being one of great delicacy and difficulty, the operation was kept strictly private. It was lifted on Wednesday evening, the 30th ult. and sounded: the note is E flat.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst., at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, when about forty ringers were present from Manchester, Eccles, Swinton, Bolton, Whitefield, and Leigh. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening; also various touches upon the handbells. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the Earl of Mulgrave, and the local ringers, for the use of the bells.

A District Meeting for Ringing will take place at Westhoughton on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 2 p.m. All ringers are invited.

W. J. CHATTERTON, Hon. Secs.
 JOEL REDFORD,

New Bells at Fen Ditton, Cambridgeshire.

A RING of five bells has been hung in the rebuilt tower of Fen Ditton Church, near Cambridge, by Messrs. Lewis & Co. of Brixton, Surrey. The treble bell bears the date 1623, and had four coeval companions; but these were so damaged by the fire which consumed the Rectory barn, where they had been placed during the rebuilding of the tower, that they had to be recast. This has been most successfully done by Mr. Lewis; and the bells were rung, to the great delight of the people of Ditton, on the eve. and again

* One would like to find out who was R. R., the author of Grandsire Bob, as stated above. The initials may be those of the Richard Rock, who was a ringer in 1632; in which year he was admitted a member of the 'Scholars of Cheapside,' a ringing society founded in 1603, and which continued till 1634; three years after which the Society of College Youths was established, to which Stedman dedicates his book.

† I have compared these two copies; they differ only in the title-page. Since the above was printed, Lady Tite has most kindly presented this copy to me.

at intervals throughout the day, of the reopening of the church—last Tuesday week. The tenor bell weighs about 11 cwt., and bears the inscription, *Te Deum laudamus*. The fourth, third, and second, are inscribed respectively, *Benedicam Domino, Exaudi Deus, and Attendite populi*, with the date 1881. The old treble bell bears only the names of the churchwardens of its year.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Kirtlington, Oxfordshire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., five members of the Oxford University Society of Change-ringers and three members of the Oxford Society of Change-ringers rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. S. Buckle, 1; A. B. Perceval, Esq., 2; F. A. H. Du Boulay, Esq., 3; C. C. Child, Esq., 4; C. Hounslow (conductor), 5; W. J. Washbrook, 6; G. F. Coleridge, Esq., 7; H. J. Hastings, Esq., 8. All the above are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers, and, with the exception of Messrs. Hounslow and Coleridge, had never before rung such a peal. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Lindley, Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., the Yorkshire Association rang at St. Stephen's 5024 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 11 mins. R. Kitson, 1; J. Royston, 2; J. Holden, 3; B. Shaw, 4; T. Haigh, 5; F. Schofield, 6; J. W. Snowdon, 7; W. Brogden, 8. The peal—which has the 6th the extent in 5-6, four course-ends wrong and eight home, and had never been previously performed—was composed by N. J. Pitsoy and conducted by J. W. Snowdon. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

At Church, near Accrington, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., six members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 84 bobs and 2 singles, in 28½ mins.

Also on Sunday, the 27th ult., at the same church, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, was rung for morning service in 28 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Eastwood, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Patterson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Ormskirk, Lancashire.

On Saturday afternoon, the 26th ult., the ringers of the parish church rang Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 2 mins., being the first peal since the bells were relung by Messrs. Warner & Son. T. Higham, 1; J. Winrow, 2; J. Eastham, 3; J. Aspinwall, 4; J. Leatherbarrow, 5; R. Clayton, 6; N. Spencer (conductor), 7; J. Prescott, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt. The above peal is the first which has been called by a parish ringer for upwards of seventy years, the last on record having been conducted by the late Mr. R. Gregory in 1813.

At Blackrod, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob was rung in 26 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Curtis, 2; John Higson, 3; J. H. Jackson, 4; James Higson, 5; W. Hamer, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [All members of the Lancashire Association.]

At Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., it being the second anniversary of the Trinity Association, the undermentioned members, assisted by Mr. G. Mash, attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples; but after ringing 35 mins. it was found a change-course had occurred, and 'Stand!' was called. A touch of 350 Grandsire Triples was then rung. J. Jarratt, 1; F. W. Lennard, 2; T. J. Edwards, 3; N. W. Meadows, 4; G. Mash, 5; F. Perin, 6; E. Cooper (conductor), 7; G. Woodage, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat. An adjournment was made to the Coffee Tavern, where a supper had been provided. Afterwards Mr. Meadows obliged the company by tapping a course of Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, and Grandsire Caters, in excellent style, on the handbells.

At St. Mary's, Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 27th ult., for evening service, the last half of Reeves' peal, 2520 Grandsire Triples, muffled, was rung in 1 hr. 32 mins., as a mark of respect to their late companions who lost their lives by the explosion in Warren Vale Colliery, Rawmarsh, on the 20th of November last. W. Whitworth, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; S. Whitworth, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; T. Wild, 5; Jo. Ensor, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; J. Ensor, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At All Saints, Maldon, Essex.

On Monday evening, the 28th ult., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung 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. [* Members of the Essex Association.]

At Horsham, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Horsham Society rang a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 50 mins. C. Vaughan, 1; G. Vaughan, 2; J. Dale, 3; G. Ropley, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Thursday evening, the 1st inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang the late John Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 51 mins. W. Bowles,* 1; T. G. Deal, 2; T. Taylor, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; H. J. Shade (conductor), 5; H. Freeman, 6; G. Freeman, 7; J. Crowder,* 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. John's, Sharow, Yorkshire.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., a muffled touch of 1260 Grandsire Triples, composed by the late Mr. Hubbard, of Leeds, and conducted by T. Clark,

was rung in 45 mins., as a mark of respect to Mr. Joseph Bowman, Copt Hewick, for thirteen years a member of the above Society, by the Ripon Cathedral Society, assisted by G. Ingleby, formerly a member of Sharow Society. T. Shepherd, 1; J. Strodder, jun., 2; J. Strodder, sen., 3; T. Clark, 4; F. Strodder, 5; W. Pick, 6; H. Rumbold, 7; G. Ingleby, 8. Tenor 15 cwt., in C.

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancashire.

On the 2nd inst., the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 2520 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 30 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, out of respect to the late Mr. Nathan Farnworth, who had been a ringer at St. Peter's Church, Halliwell, for upwards of thirty years. He was a member of the Lancashire Association, and was greatly respected by a large number of the ringing fraternity. H. W. Jackson, (conductor), 1; J. H. Jackson, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; J. Walsh, 5; T. E. Turner, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Stalybridge, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., a mixed band rang a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 6 mins. R. Wright, 1; H. Shaw, 2; T. Wood, 3; J. J. D. Hadfield, 4; J. Wilde, jun., 5; T. Wilde, jun., 6; T. Braddock, 7; J. Bailey, 8. A three-part peal, with the 6th at home three course-ends in each part. Composed by the late William Harrison of Mottram, and conducted by Robert Wright. Tenor, 14 cwt.

Twice repeated.

At All Saints, Runcorn, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas Societies, Liverpool, rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 14 mins. R. Williams, sen., 1; H. Meadows, 2; G. Helsby, 3; W. Woods, 4; T. Hammond, 5; J. Egerton, 6; W. Littler, 7; R. Williams, jun. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major on these bells, although opened for thirty-one years.

At St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London.

On Saturday evening, the 3rd inst., twelve members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5014 changes of Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 52 mins. J. Cox (composer and conductor), 1; J. Rogers, 2; H. A. Hopkins, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; J. Hannington (his first peal upon twelve bells and also in the method), 5; W. Hoverd, 6; W. Baron, 7; H. Dains, 8; G. Newson, 9; D. Stackwood, 10; F. Bate, 11; J. Mansfield, 12. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. Saviour's, Leicester.

On Saturday afternoon, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Society rang the first half of Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 2520 changes, in 1 hr. 40 mins. T. Armstrong, 1; A. Millis (conductor), 2; A. Brown, 3; E. Ashwell, 4; J. Needham, 5; J. Moore, 6; G. Dickinson, 7; G. Needham, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt. in E.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, Essex.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 22 singles, was rung in 29 mins. A. Deards, 1; B. Keeble, 2; S. Jarman,* 3; A. Porter, 4; G. Galley, 5; A. J. Perkins* (conductor), 6. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob; A. Pye, 5. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles (6 singles and 3 bobs), and 120 Stedman's Doubles (with the singles in 1-2). A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; B. Keeble, 2; S. Jarman, 3; A. Pye, 4; A. Porter, 5; A. Deards, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells also took place at the Vicarage. This is the first time a peal has been rung on these bells since the year 1818, and also the first on Stedman's principle, the bells not being in good ringing order. [* Members of the Cumberland Society; five are also members of the Essex Association.]

At St. Chad's, Birmingham.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., the St. Chad's and St. Martin's ringers rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 56 mins. W. Saniger, 1; W. Kenney, 2; B. Stevens, 3; T. Russam, 4; T. Miller, 5; F. H. James, 6; J. Carter (conductor), 7; J. Callaghan, 8. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

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

On Sunday, evening the 4th inst., for Divine Service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor (14 singles and 4 bobs) was rung in 25 mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Nixon, 2; A. Jacob, 3; J. Leach, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; T. Titchener, 6. Also, after Divine Service, Mr. Ellsmore's peal of Plain Bob Minor, in 25½ mins. M. Ellsmore, 1; E. Chapman, 2; A. Jacob, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; N. Alderman, 5; J. Barrett, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At Manchester Cathedral.

On the 5th inst. ten members of the Cathedral Society rang a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 13 mins. J. Withers, 1; T. Brawshaw, 2; J. Lowcock, 3; W. Mellodew, 4; G. Mee, 5; J. Grimshaw, 6; S. Knight, 7; J. Eachus, 8; J. Scholey, 9; J. Parkinson, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat. Composed by W. Hollis of Wrenthorpe, and conducted by J. Eachus.

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. Lawrence: you have given neither the name of the church nor the county. There are three Wellastons in three different counties. W. Brooker; &c.

portion of our clergy wink at the practice (if they do not absolutely encourage it), and I would call upon all law-abiding people to discourage raffling, and give their hearty support only to bazaars at which, by moderate prices for good work, and such means, the necessity for gambling is done away with. As a practical suggestion, I may add that an auction of such things as are left unsold at the end of the day appears to be the best means of avoiding money loss by doing right, in the case of a bazaar; although this question of money of course should be (although it is not always made so) subordinate to the question of right or wrong.

L. R.

Methodists and the Church.

SIR,—Would it not be as well if 'E. S.', before attempting to mend the machinery of our Church Services, were to mend the taste and temper which permit him to speak as he does of men, some of whom are, perhaps, quite as jealous and quite as successful as himself in winning back Wesleyans to the Church of their fathers? One who attributes the continuance of Wesleyanism to 'our weakness in dealing with Romanising rebels in the Church,' is not a very promising counsellor, and may be presumed to know very little about the writings and opinions of John Wesley. If at first 'the schism was chiefly the fault of Churchmen,' was it not chiefly owing to that narrow and intolerant spirit of which, under altered circumstances and a different guise, such men as 'E. S.' proclaims himself to be, are the truest modern representatives? Just as if the 'Wesleyan working man's' idea of 'fresh order,' instead of a 'fresh sect,' had not been quoted from Lord Macaulay a thousand times; and as if it had not, moreover, a very pertinent application, for all but the very blindest bigots, to the case of these 'Romanising rebels' with whom 'E. S.' would like to 'deal.'

A. P.

Facsimile Prayer-books.

SIR,—Your correspondent's suggestion of *paged* Prayer-books, S. P. C. K., has been found a very simple remedy for giving out and finding the places in congregations of seamen of various nations, and of many denominations, who attend the services of the Missions to Seamen Chaplains. The difficulties are, in their case, advanced by the frequent changes of congregation, as the men are rarely in port for more than two successive Sundays, and by the limited education of sea-faring men. But by giving out the pages in the course of the service, the men experience no more difficulty in finding their way through the Prayer-book than through the Hymn-book. The Missions to Seamen Chaplains hold also short daily services with men hastily brought together, but by giving out the pages of the Prayer-book, as they do the number of the hymns, all difficulties are overcome, and the men are taught a valuable lesson as to the use of the book, which they can themselves put into practice when withdrawn from public ministrations. In the elementary stages of Mission services I have, in addition, often given out the first lines of the canticles, &c., as one does the first lines of hymns. It is a great pity that our churches are not more generally and frequently used for classes of people who require such simple expedients.

W. Dawson, Commander R.N.

Societies for the Promotion of Good Manners.

SIR,—Permit me to draw the attention of your clerical readers to the great amount of good which, it appears, might by God's grace be done by the establishment, in their respective parishes, of Societies for the Promotion of Good Manners, formed after the model of that lately established at Exeter, under the patronage of the Lord Bishop of that diocese, and which was briefly noticed in your last valuable issue. A recapitulation of the declaration made by members on entering that society will best give an idea of the objects of the society, described under the one heading of 'The Promotion of Good Manners:—I promise, by God's help, to avoid cursing and swearing, and all evil-speaking; to bear no grudge, and to discountenance the same in others; to obey all lawful authority; to honour the Queen; to study to do good to all men; and to show kindness to animals.'

CHARLES J. DAVIES.

'Church Bells' in the Backwoods of Canada.

SIR,—I am requested to acknowledge in *Church Bells* the receipt of P.O. order for £1, from Miss Simpson. I do this with gratitude, and will devote the money to the object mentioned, viz. the proposed church in the Starratt Settlement, should I get funds to carry out the design.

There are a great number in England, we hear, who are turning their thoughts to emigration. Will you allow me to take this opportunity of mentioning that the clergy at home will do a great deal of good if they will make a point of warning their people, so that they may not be deceived by advertisements issued in the newspapers from this country? All these advertisements make special mention, if they can, that a 'church' or 'churches' are convenient. Now, Sir, every sort of a conventicle, meeting-house, &c., is here dubbed a church, and many of our people are misled and decoyed into the ranks of schism. If the clergy at home will make a point of mentioning this, they will do much to prevent our members going astray. Let them tell all intended emigrants that they must ask for the 'English Church' wherever they may propose to settle. A little inquiry will not only find this out, but also gain them a good, careful friend in the clergyman, too.

WILLIAM CROMPTON,

Travelling Clergyman, Diocese of Algoma.

Aspdin P. O., Muskoka, Canada.

'CHURCH' writes:—'Could any reader of *Church Bells* give me information as to the best method of getting lecturers, during the winter months, in a country town? Is there any association for that purpose? Who are the authorities of the Oxford and Cambridge Extension Lectures? What guarantee do they require as to expenses? I do not refer to Church lectures alone; but information as to others will be acceptable, as there are many intelligent Dissenters who might like to avail themselves of the opportunity for improvement offered.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—S. W.; Teacher; Churchman; J. Vosper; W. E.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Great Bell of St. Paul's.

(From the Times.)

SIR,—I shall be much obliged if you will spare me space to give a few details which may interest your readers as to the casting of the large bell for St. Paul's Cathedral. I need not say one word about the actual process of bell-founding; this has been thoroughly popularised by the writings of Mr. Haweis and Sir Edmund Beckett, the former an enthusiastic admirer of Belgian bells, the latter a plain-spoken critic and wholesome reformer of the unscientific and often careless work of our countrymen. "Big Ben" sinks into comparative insignificance by the side of "Great Paul," now lying comfortably, mouth upwards, in the foundry of Mr. Taylor of Loughborough. She (for I fear "Great Paul," as a bell, must, like all other bells, be considered feminine) will take her rank among the six or eight heaviest bells in Europe. At present her position cannot accurately be assigned, as she has not yet passed the scales; but it will probably lie between the great bell of Olmütz, weighing 17 tons 18 cwt., and that of Vienna (cast in 1711), weighing 17 tons 14 cwt. Three furnaces, one of which was specially built for the purpose, poured out more than 20 tons of molten metal into the gigantic mould of "Great Paul," and after writing off 43 cwt. as "overplus" and 8 cwt. as "waste," this will leave 350 cwt. actually in the mould, or a weight of 17½ tons. This mass of metal, consisting of pure tin and copper in due proportions, was about 8½ hours in course of melting; it was placed in the furnaces in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 23rd of last month, and was pronounced fit for use at half-past ten at night. Four minutes after the rush of molten metal the mould was full, and "Great Paul" came into existence in one of those deep "pits" so mysterious to lookers-on. It was not until the evening of Tuesday, the 29th, that the heat had sufficiently abated to allow the men to hoist out of the pit the mould and bell in their "case." This cast-iron "case" had an all-important duty to perform; it had to resist the enormous strain of such a weight of metal when forcing itself impetuously into the mould; and so, in order to prevent a bursting asunder of the mould, it was made strong enough to bear a pressure of 200 tons. The upper portion of the case weighed 14 tons; the lower plate on which it rested, 7 tons. Including clamps and bolts, it is probable that the whole weight of this huge box was not far short of 25 tons. It may be easily imagined how great was the anxiety of all when the case was being taken to pieces, the clay mould broken up, and the mighty bell bit by bit exposed to view. The casting proved to be as smooth and delicate in surface and outline as if it had been a little "treble" of 5 cwt. I have to-day, in conjunction with Mr. F. C. Penrose, been examining the bell and testing its tone. The "skin" of the casting showed no flaw of any kind whatever, and when the tone was produced by swinging a heavy ball of iron against the sound-bow, a musical note boomed out which was impressive beyond description. The dimensions of the bell are as follows:—Height perpendicular (from lip to top of canons), 8 ft. 10 in.; diameter (from edge to edge of lip), 9 ft. 6½ in.; thickness (of middle of sound-bow), 8½ in., or about 1-13th of the diameter. The note is E flat, the upper partials B flat, E flat and G being just audible with the sonorous ground-tone. The general appearance of the bell is handsome, and all campanologists should, if able to get to Loughborough, take a walk round here, and also have an eye to the many valuable appliances which Mr. Taylor has brought together for the perfecting of his art. The cost of the bell and hoisting it into its place in the upper part of the north-west tower will be about 3000*l.*, a portion of which has already been contributed. It has been decided to use the bell for the first time on Easter Sunday next, when I shall be surprised if Londoners do not realise the fact that "Great Paul" is worthy alike of their ancient city and splendid cathedral.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant, JOHN STAINER, Organist of St. Paul's, December 7.

[We have been informed by Messrs. Taylor that the weight of the bell is 17½ tons. The inscription is:—

JOHN TAYLOR AND CO. FOUNDERS
LOUGHBOROUGH MDCCCLXXXI.

Below are the Arms of the Dean and Chapter, and underneath

VAE . MIHI . SI . NON .
EVANGELISAVERO.

Ed.]

The Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

A SPECIAL General Meeting will be held at the St. Sidwell's Ringers' Institute, 160 St. Sidwell's Street, on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m.

W. B. FULFORD, for C. A. W. TROYE, President.

Agenda: To consider matters of the greatest importance to the Guild, to receive ringing reports, &c.

Dedication of a Ring of Bells at Huntingdon, Yorkshire.

On the 3rd inst., a novel service in this neighbourhood took place at the church of All Saints, Huntingdon, near York, being the dedication of a new ring of bells generously presented to the church. Until recently there were but two small bells, and the Rev. J. R. Morton, the Vicar, determined to have a suitable ring. Five now complete the ring. The bells were cast by Messrs. Warner & Sons, London, and supplied by Mr. Thomas Mallaby, church-bell hanger, Masham, Yorkshire. All the bells bear inscriptions, as follows:—On the first or treble bell, the words '*Deo Gloria*;' also '*Jos. Shepherd, curate; Will. Hill, Jos. Raiper, churchwardens; E. Sellar, Ebor. 1747.*' On the second bell, '*Gloria Patri*;' third, '*Et Filio*;' fourth, '*Et Spiritui Sancto*;' fifth, or tenor, '*Convocamus, Benedicimus, Deploramus.*' The bells are hung in massive oak frame. They are of very pleasing tone, and fully answer the expectations of the donors. On the 30th ult. their capabilities were fully tested by five of the York Minster bell-ringers, under the super-

intendence of Mr. Thomas Mallaby. A variety of changes were rung during the day, consisting of Bob Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, and Stedman's Doubles.

The religious services in connexion with the dedication commenced with the celebration of Holy Communion at eight o'clock in the morning. At the full choral service at eleven o'clock there was a large congregation. Morning Prayer being ended, the clergy, choir, and singers proceeded to the tower, where the Order for the Dedication of a new ring of bells was gone through. The Dean of York taking a bell-rope into his hands, repeated several prayers, and the clergy and choir responded. On the conclusion of the last prayer the tenor bell was briefly tolled. This terminated the ceremony in the tower, and whilst the clergy and choir returned to the chancel a short peal was rung on the bells. An appropriate hymn was next sung, after which the Dean of York preached the sermon, from John, i. 42, 'He brought him to Jesus.' He said that these words were recorded of St. Andrew, whose festival the Church commemorated that day; and as they indicated the purpose for which church bells ought for the most part to be used, he had chosen them as his text. It was well they should have that purpose clearly in view, otherwise that solemn service would be only a mockery. Church bells were not mere toys and playthings. They had been sometimes so abused, but they were originally introduced into God's house to promote the distinctly religious services therein. The Dean then said, that as the history of the use and abuse of church bells was not uninteresting, and as it was especially seasonable on such an occasion, he would tell it that morning, as he told it to the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church-bell Ringers some four months ago. He showed that in early Christian days church bells were regarded as sacred instruments. By some they were regarded more as voices than musical instruments—not so much for those in the building as those without. Each particular bell was sounded for a special purpose, and thus it was with combinations of bells. The Dean explained these purposes, instancing the Angelus bell, the passing bell, the solemn knell, joyous bells, the tocsin, &c. The church bell was no mere adjunct to the building, but regarded as part of the religious service. Everything connected with the bell and its ringing was of a distinctly religious character. The very business of the bell-founding was regarded as a hallowed business, in proof of which the Dean instanced one of the windows of York Minster, where the bell-founder is represented as kneeling before the Bishop, and the process of bell-making going on. The window is studded with bells, either singly or in rings of ten. The church recognised the labours of the bell-founder, as they would find by a slab in the Hospitium of the York Museum—the figure of the melting-pot denoting the calling of the bell-founder. The preacher next spoke of the great skill necessary for the work; of the materials of bells and the care as to tone, and of their elegant ornamentation. The business of the bell-founder was, in fact, a work begun, continued, and ended in God. He quoted from Longfellow's *Song of the Bells*, and after explaining the varied lessons to be learnt from bells, deplored the evils which in many districts were associated with the belfry and those who were ringers. He pleaded for something higher and better than bell-ringing being considered a purely secular occupation, fit only for the parish sot. If bell-ringing had been rescued from superstition on the one hand, it had fallen, for the most part, into profanation on the other, and to put it in its proper place and to make it a religious act was by no means the least of the good works which was being done to cleanse the Church of England from abuses, and to make it in harmony with, and helpful to, the highest and purest religious sentiments of the day.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Hark, the sound of holy voices.' In the afternoon and evening the church was again open for divine service.

Dedication of the Bells at St. Giles-in-the-Wood, Devon.

A SERVICE was held in the parish church, St. Giles-in-the-Wood, on Wednesday evening last, Dec. 7, on which occasion the ring of six bells were dedicated to God's service after their restoration. They have been rehung by Mr. Harry Stokes, of Woodbury. Two bells were recast by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, at the expense of the Hon. Mark Rolle. Ringing lasted from two till four o'clock by the ringers of St. Giles, Torrington, Merton, Chittlehampton, Langtree, Bideford, and Monkleigh. At four o'clock a dinner in the reading-room was provided by the hospitality of the Hon. Mark Rolle. At 6.30 the church was filled with parishioners and others from a distance. The service was a special one printed for the occasion. In the midst of the service, during a pause, a short touch was rung. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. E. Trefusis, vicar of Chittlehampton, from Ps. cl. 5, 'Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.' The preacher proceeded to show that in ancient times a cymbal was the nearest approach to a bell, and that the use of the cymbal in the Temple worship of the Jew, and of the bell in the worship of the Christian, were identical, being intended for the praise and glory of God. He earnestly exhorted all bell-ringers to remember the sacred character of their work, to respect the belfry as part of God's House, and never to forget, when they handled the bell-ropes, that dedicated bells ought to be rung by dedicated hands.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

GREAT FEAT IN CHANGE-RINGING.

AN extraordinary feat of change-ringing took place on Saturday, the 10th ult., thirteen members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637) on that evening ringing 5011 changes of Stedman's Cinques in 4 hrs. 17 mins. on the grand ring of St. Paul's Cathedral, the tenor weighing 62 cwt. (B flat), being the heaviest set of twelve bells in the United Kingdom. All present bore testimony to the fine and regular striking throughout the whole of the ringing. It was the first long peal, the first attempt, and rang by the Cathedral ringers. J. Pettit, 1; G. Muskett, 2; W. Cooter, 3; J. R. Haworth, 4; R. Jameson, 5; G. Mash, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; W. Tanner, 8;

M. Wood, 9; E. Horrex, 10; J. M. Hayes, 11; W. Jones and W. A. Tyler, 12. The peal was composed by Mr. Haley and conducted by Mr. Pettit.

At St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London.

ON Saturday evening, the 10th inst., 5278 changes of Stedman's Cinques, being 40 courses, were rung in 4 hrs. 1 min. by twelve members of the Royal Cumberland Society. J. Cox (composer and conductor), 1; J. Rogers, 2; C. Hopkins, 3; J. Harrington, 4; H. Hopkins, 5; J. Nelms, 6; H. Swain, 7; H. Dains, 8; G. Newson, 9; F. Bate, 10; W. Baron, 11; J. Mansfield, 12. Tenor, 34 cwt. This is the second peal of Cinques in eight days by this Society.

At the Parish Church, Crayford, Kent.

ON Monday evening, the 28th ult., six members of the Crayford Company rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 32 bobs and 2 singles, in 28 mins. Mr. King, 1; C. Hammant, 2; M. Jacobs, 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. J. Reeve (conductor), 5; F. French, 6.

Also on Sunday the 4th inst., for morning service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 26 singles, in 27 mins. Mr. King, 1; C. Hammant, 2; W. Pringuer, 3; J. Saxby, 4; M. Jacobs, 5; F. French (conductor), 6.

ON Monday evening, the 5th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. W. J. Reeve, 1; F. French (conductor), 2; J. Saxby, 3; G. Conyard, 4; W. Pringuer, 5; J. Sloper, 6; M. Jacobs, 7; T. Webb, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Leatherhead, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of this Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 58 mins. W. Messam,* 1; C. Want,* 2; H. Newnham,* 3; H. Wood, 4; W. Marks, 5; E. Hull,* 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; J. Lisney, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat. [*Their first peal. + Their first peal inside.]

At the Parish Church, Davenham, near Northwich, Cheshire.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., six of the Witton Society visited Davenham and rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 30 mins. W. Forster (conductor), 1; S. Forster, 2; T. Moore, 3; T. Forster, 4; J. Bell, 5; R. Chantler, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt. It is upwards of twenty years since there was a peal rung on these bells.

At St. Lawrence, Hatfield, near Doncaster, Yorkshire.

ON the 5th inst., a muffled peal of Bob Minor, consisting of 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in memory of Robert Haggett, Esq., and his work in the parish, in 26 mins. T. Moat, 1; J. T. Smith, 2; W. Gregory, 3; J. E. Smith (conductor), 4; W. Hasselby, 5; T. Hemsworth, 6. With the assistance of two other members, a touch of Grandsire Triples was also rung. T. Moat, 1; J. T. Smith, 2; W. Hasselby, 3; W. Gregory (conductor), 4; J. E. Smith, 5; J. Faulds, 6; T. Hemsworth, 7; J. Jarrett, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 12 mins. W. Ireland, 1; Rev. G. H. Harris (Hon. Sec., Tunstead), 2; H. Eagling, 3; W. Brown, 4; J. Woods, 5; J. Cunningham, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Morley (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains of London. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

At St. Dennis', Warminster, Wiltshire.

THE ring of bells of this church have been augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Warner & Sons of London, rehung in new oak frame, and fitted with the Ellacombe chiming hammer. On Sunday morning, the 4th inst., the Vicar held a short service in the belfry on the occasion, and a special Dedication Service was held in the evening. The opening took place on the 6th inst. by members of the Royal Cumberland Society, who rang several touches at intervals during the afternoon and evening.

ON Wednesday, the 7th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins. J. Cox (conductor), 1; J. Rogers, 2; F. Bate, 3; J. Nelms, 4; H. Swain, 5; H. Dains, 6; G. Newson, 7; W. Baron and H. Hopkins, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in E flat.

At Briery Hill, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., the Wordsley Ringers paid their second visit to this place, and rang two peals of 720 Grandsire Minor on the anniversary of the opening of the bells. T. Darby, 1; W. H. Hughes, 2; E. S. Chapman, 3; G. E. Jones, 4; W. Lawrence, 5; E. G. Husselbee, 6. The first peal was conducted by W. Lawrence, and the second by J. Guest.

At the Parish Church, Wakefield, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday, the 11th inst., nine of the Wakefield Society, with J. T. Hollis of Wrenthorpe, rang for evening service a touch of 719 Grandsire Caters in 35 mins. W. Milnes, 1; J. Firth, 2; J. P. Healey, 3; T. Prince, 4; W. Scott (conductor), 5; J. T. Hollis, 6; W. Firth, 7; T. Ormond, 8; T. Moorhouse, 9; J. Styles, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. in C.

At King's Norton, Worcestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., six members of the St. Nicholas Society rang a peal of Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. Francis Palmer,* 1; W. Sumner,* 2; Frederick Palmer,* 3; J. Wright, 4; J. Cooks, 5; W. Palmer (first peal conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt. This is the first 720 rung on the back six for more than six years, and the second never before. [* Their first peal.]

NOTICE.—We once more call attention to the neglect of many of our correspondents in not giving the names of their counties. We have this week received a notice from Leigh, which, for this reason, we do not insert, and because there are thirteen towns of the same name.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Officers of the Lancashire Association; P. Hamblett; Eltham; Liver-edge; Bishopsgate; Ilkley; Waltham Abbey; Coddenham; Lawhilton; S.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London.

On Thursday, the 17th inst., the famous Bow bells, recently augmented from ten to twelve by the addition of two trebles, were rung by twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths before and after a short service, commencing at one o'clock, occupying about an hour, when a sermon was preached by the Rector, the Rev. M. H. Vine, in the course of which he said that 'the parishioners of St. Mary-le-Bow had faithfully done the work with regard to the church, and rendered it what, considering its position and distinction, it ought to be. That work would be permanent; for through all changes, whatever they might be, Bow Church, with its noble spire and melodious bells, would stand.' When the church was rebuilt after the fire of London in 1666, by Sir Christopher Wren, the belfry was prepared for twelve bells, but only eight were placed. These got out of order, and in 1758, the tenor bell being the completest in Europe, and the other seven very inferior, the citizens petitioned the vestry that they might be allowed, at their own expense, to recast the seven smaller bells, and to add two trebles. This was permitted, after Dance and Chambers, the architects, had reported that 'neither such additional weight, nor any weight that can be put upon the steeple, will have any greater effect than the bells now placed there.' Accordingly, the set of ten bells was completed by subscription, and was first rung June 4, 1762, the anniversary of the birth of King George III. In the year 1822 some fear was expressed that the use of the bells would endanger the steeple, when, by order of the vestry, the bells were rung for trial; and from a subsequent examination there did not appear to be any cause for alarm. The present set is much heavier, and much more powerful in tone, than the first ring of bells, the tenor weighing 53 cwt., in C.

Opening of a Ring of Six at Lawhilton, Cornwall.

Mr. H. M. HARVEY, having presented a ring of six bells to the above church, in memory of his wife, were executed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of London, on Dec. 7th, the opening took place by invitation of the Rector (Rev. F. du Boulay). The band of Devon Guild Youths, W. C. Marsh, W. B. Fulford, W. G. Gass, H. Swift, A. & E. Shepherd, from St. Sidwell's, Exeter, rang peals of Grandsire and Stedman's Doubles. Tenor, 11 cwt. A special service was held, and Archdeacon Phillpotts preached the sermon.

Dedication of a New Ring of Ten at the Cathedral of Christchurch, New Zealand.

On the eve of All Saints' Day the new ring of ten bells, lately arrived from England, was opened with a Dedication Service in the belfry. Amongst those present were the Primate of New Zealand, the Bishops of Nelson and Waiapu, the Dean, and a good number of clergy; also Mr. R. H. Rhodes (by whose generosity the tower was built and the bells given to the Cathedral) with his family, and several other friends. The Cathedral choir led the first part of the service, which was choral; the Primate then said the Dedicatorial Prayers, and after Hymn 365 (*Hymns A. & M.*) had been sung, gave the Benediction. Some rounds were then rung by the following members of the Society of Cathedral Ringers:—Rev. A. Lingard, 1; W. Smart, 2; J. Marsden, 3; J. Guntrip, 4; J. Dunn, 5; C. Cranston, 6; H. Walkey, 7; J. Falkinder, 8; R. Jennings, 9; J. Andrews, 10. The bells were cast by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough. Tenor, 33 cwt. 7 lbs.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Chorley on Saturday, January 7th, 1882. JOHN HIGSON.
Dooton House, Blackrod, Lancashire.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Stanstead, Essex.

On Wednesday, the 16th ult., four members of the parish (assisted by F. and R. S. Sworder of Great Hallingbury) rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, containing nine bobs, with second the observation-bell, in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; R. S. Sworder, 2; H. Prior (conductor), 3; F. Sworder, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior, 6.

On Friday, the 16th inst., was rung by four ringers of the parish (assisted by F. and R. S. Sworder of Great Hallingbury), a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; R. S. Sworder, 2; H. Prior (conductor), 3; F. Sworder, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. in G. [* Their first 720 in the above variation of Treble Bob.]

At St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford.

On the 18th ult. a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by six members of the Holywell Society in 30 mins. H. Payne, 1; T. Payne, 2; W. Payne, 3; S. Hounslow (conductor), 4; G. Lapworth, 5; E. Harrison, 6.

At Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., the following company, all of Liversedge, rang a date touch of 1881 changes, Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 10 mins. It was composed of six-place bobs. J. Illingworth, 1; W. Goodall (composer and conductor), 2; W. Firth, 3; J. W. Lang, 4; S. Goodall, 5; T. Goodall, 6; L. Illingworth, 7; M. Ramsden, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London.

On Saturday evening, the 10th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang the late John Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 8 mins. J. Waghorn, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; T. Taylor, 5; H. Freeman, 6; G. Freeman (conductor), 7; W. Bowles, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat.

At All Saints, Ilkley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang 5008 changes of Bob Major in 3 hrs. 1 min. E. Batty, 1; R. Tulke, 2; E. Snowdon, 3; J. Dean, 4; J. Wood, 5; D. E. Rhodes, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowdon, 8. The peal was one from the collection of the late Wm. Harrison, and was conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Coddendam, Suffolk.

On Monday evening, the 12th inst., six members of the Coddendam branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang on the last six bells a peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles; also 120 Plain Doubles. W. Goldsmith, 1; J. Offord, 2; G. Lummis, 3; H. English, 4; E. Wells (conductor), 5; O. Waspe, 6. Also three peals of Stedman's Doubles and two peals of Cambridge Delight. C. Goldsmith, 1; H. English, 2; G. Lummis, 3; J. Offord, 4; E. Wells (conductor), 5; O. Waspe, 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F sharp. These are the first peals of Stedman's Doubles and Cambridge Delight ever rung on the bells.

At Crayford, Kent.

On Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., seven members of the Crayford Company, assisted by Mr. F. Bate of the Royal Cumberland Society, rang Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 3 mins. W. T. Reeve, 1; J. Saxby, 2; F. French, 3; G. Conyard, 4; A. Coles, 5; F. Bate (conductor), 6; J. Sloper, 7; F. M. Jacobs, 8.

Also on Monday evening the following members rang the accompanying peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 40 Singles, in 27 mins. M. King, 1; W. T. Reeve, 2; G. Conyard (composer and conductor), 3; J. Saxby, 4; F. French, 5; F. M. Jacobs, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

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Once repeated.

At St. Cadoc's, Caerleon, Monmouthshire.

THE five bells of this church, recast in 1660 and 1685 (the tenor alone at the last date), after being almost useless for many years, one lying cracked on the floor of the tower below, and another on the uppermost floor, and all more or less damaged, have been recently recast by Messrs. J. Warner & Sons into a light musical ring of six sweetly-toned bells; and the whole of the timber-work, &c. renewed inside the tower, to the entire satisfaction of the parishioners, who are delighted with the melodious sounds now produced by a highly respectable body of ringers. A Dedication Service was held in the church at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15, when the service and prayers used in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and more recently in Llandaff Cathedral, were adopted and used with much approval, a first lesson, taken from Numb. x. to v. 11, being added to 1 Cor. xiv. 6-12. The ringers were:—*Caerleon Ringers*—R. A. Cuthbert (conductor), 1; G. W. Harding, 2; T. Povall, 3; E. Davies, 4; W. Williams, sen., 5; W. Dowle, 6. *Newport Ringers*—J. Wreford (conductor), 1; W. Wreford, 2; R. Combes, 3; W. Maxfield, 4; W. Martin, 5; D. Thomas, 6. The weight of the ring is less than 30 cwt., and the following inscriptions are placed on the bells:—1. Glory to God; 2. Peace on earth; 3. Good will to men; 4. We praise Thee; 5. We bless Thee; 6. We glorify Thee. The curfew is still rung in Caerleon Church at 8 p.m. from Michaelmas to the Festival of the Presentation in the Temple. The church was restored, and partly rebuilt and enlarged in 1867.

At Holy Cross, Bearsted, Kent.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., four of the Bearsted Ringers, assisted by Mr. E. Elliott of Maidstone, and their instructor, H. Pearce of Maidstone, succeeded in ringing a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. The company have only been ten months under instruction. F. Todd,* 1; W. Mercer,* 2; E. Elliott, 3; C. Wilkinson,* 4; J. Wood, 5; H. Pearce (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Sunday evening, the 18th inst., seven members of the St. Mary's Society, assisted by Isaac Shade of Greenwich, rang a quarter peal of 1360 Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. G. H. Hogg, 1; W. Shade, 2; H. Harvey, 3; C. Harvey, 4; F. Bidgood, 5; W. Aldridge, 6; I. G. Shade (composer and conductor), 7; W. Perrott, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, London.

On Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. 17 mins. E. Gibbs, 1; E. Horrex, 2; J. W. Rowbotham, 3; R. French, 4; C. P. Winny, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; E. Pemberton of Ipswich (also first peal in the method), 7; J. E. Mason, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The peal, Brook's Variation, was conducted by J. M. Hayes.

At Waltham Abbey, Essex.—Hand-bell Ringing.

On Thursday, the 17th ult., four of the Waltham Abbey change-ringers, who are also members of the Essex Association of Change-ringers, met at Mr. T. Powell's and rang upon hand-bells retained in hand Mr. T. Day's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 39 mins. D. Tarling, 1 & 2; W. A. Alps (conductor), 3 & 4; G. Thurgood, 5 & 6; J. Barker, 7 & 8. Mr. P. Cleverley was present, and had the peal in manuscript before him to testify the accuracy of the performance.

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.

events comparatively, had spoken out on it. It would not be difficult to give him the names of a goodly number who feel as he does on the matter; but for all this he may well ask, 'What are they among so many?' I confess I was much let down by a remark of your own in your issue for September, 1881, in which, in a review of a sermon entitled 'A Plea for Mercy,' by Mr. Husband, you remarked that you 'agreed with him entirely' so far as the 'infliction of needless suffering,' but that 'he goes further.'

In one sense, no doubt he does, but remember that he is speaking of the said experiments on living animals, and your remark would, I think, lead your readers to imagine that these were not needless except in some few particular instances. What Mr. Harrison, with so much reason, laments, is altogether owing, I am sure, to the clergy having no conception of the real facts of the case, and it is one of such utterly unspeakable, and I may say unimaginable, importance, that I will confidently depend on your giving a place to a letter from me on the subject in your worthy paper before long. I was the more surprised at your remark because, only a few months before, you had expressed the right-minded wish in a review of some other book, that the experimenters might be experimented on themselves with the cat-o'-nine-tails.

F. O. MORRIS.

Hand-bells for North China.

SIR,—While acknowledging, with many thanks, the response to my appeal for money in order to send out to North China a complete set of hand-bells for the use of the Mission labouring there under Bishop Scott, I would take this opportunity to explain the reason why we propose to send a complete set, and not several 'rings of eight' as suggested.

Many ringers have written me very kind letters expressing their sympathy with the scheme proposed, while others—and they the majority—state that they are unwilling to subscribe to bells which are to be used for tune-ringing, seeing that 'the science' would not thereby be advanced.

Dear brother-ringers, speaking personally, it is not 'the science' that I wish the Chinaman to know; nor am I anxious that he should become a 'College Youth' or a 'Royal Cumberland'; but my earnest hope is that he may know the glorious truths of Christianity, and become a member of Christ's visible Church on earth.

Some in their letters have admitted that tune-ringing, when once taken up, usually causes 'the science' to decline. Is not this a proof that in wishing to send 'a complete set' we are hovering on the right side; admitting, as the letters do, that tune-ringing is more attractive to the uninitiated, and may sometimes cause even the veteran to fall? Tune-ringing would be more likely to collect a crowd of Chinese, who, thus beguiled to assemble, would hear the glad tidings of the Gospel of Peace.

While wishing you 'A Happy Christmas,' may I once more ask you to subscribe; and God alone knows but next Christmas some of the now unenlightened Chinese may sing in spiritual communion with ourselves the words of that hymn we love so well,—

'Hark, the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.'

OSWALD P. YERBURGH.

Third Subscription List.

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Further subscriptions will be thankfully acknowledged by the Rev. O. P. Yerburgh, St. Peter's, Eaton Square.

The Opium Question.

SIR,—The gratitude of every sincere member of our grand old National Church is certainly due to the Archbishop of York for boldly advocating the abolition of the Opium Trade at Sheffield on the 15th inst. If the Church of England Temperance Society vigorously took the matter up and aroused the country to the injustice of forcing the trade on China, especially as that country objects to the trade, the subject might have been brought before Parliament. We all know that as soon as the country demands the abolition of the Opium Trade Parliament cannot refuse to sanction it. The first step will be to arouse the country to a sense of the injustice of the trade, and then to submit to experienced financiers some schemes to raise money to replace the revenue now obtained from the opium traffic.

Will not the Church of England Temperance Society move in this matter? We are not quite sure, but we believe that the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Traffic has already a remedy to supply a revenue in the place of that now obtained from the export of opium. We enclose our card, &c.

P.S.—Perhaps the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Traffic might be united with the Church of England Temperance Society to carry out the one common object?

Raffling at Bazaars.

SIR,—Your correspondent, 'L. R.,' in his letter on 'Raffling at Bazaars,' gives as the first plain reason why it is objectionable, 'that all kinds of gambling are alike evil in the sight of God.' He will be doing service if he will give proof of this statement.

P. M. S.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Graduate; A. T. Froggatt; W. Odom; H. C. Richmond; An Englishman who knows Ireland; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Mr. Ottley's New Peal.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a small space for a few remarks with regard to the 'New Peal of Extreme Minor,' which appeared in your issue of the 3rd inst.? What I simply wish to say is, the peal was composed by me, and rung by the Daresbury Society six years ago, exactly as your correspondent, Mr. Ottley, gives it. It was also rung by the same Society on the 5th February, 1880 (but with the fifth and sixth for observation-bells instead of second and third, as previously rung), and was duly reported in *Church Bells* of the 21st of the same month.

P. HAMBLETT.

SIR,—In your issue of the 3rd inst. Mr. C. Ottley of the Essex Association publishes a new peal of 720 Extreme Minor in three parts, with nine extremes and three singles. For the information of our Essex friend and others I should like them to know that I claim to be the author of this peal; and upon reference to No. 247, Vol. V. of *Church Bells*, published on 18th September, 1875, they will find the identical peal. I have also a 5040 in sixty courses upon the same principle, published in No. 249, Vol. V. on 2nd October, 1875. So by which you will observe this so-called new peal is getting rather aged. Thanking you for the insertion of this letter, and for past insertions, &c.

EDWARD PARKER.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of Saturday, the 3rd inst., I see Mr. Ottley lays claim to what he calls a new peal. On looking over some of my old papers (and I take particular care of those which contain new peals) I find that in Vol. V. No. 247, of *Church Bells*, Sept. 18, 1875, we have exactly the same peal, composed by a Mr. Parker of Romsey, and if Mr. Ottley looks he will find it the same, only he calls his 'extremes' and Mr. Parker his 'singles.' J. D.

An Ingenious Invention.

MR. E. SEAGE, of St. Sidwell's, has just returned from Bray, Ireland, where he has been fixing in the belfry of the church an arrangement whereby the ringers strike simultaneously with the church bells themselves a series of miniature bells, placed just above their heads, whose clappers swinging with the motion of the clappers of the larger bells show the ringers precisely what they are doing. This is effected by a simple and easily understood system of wires; and the whole apparatus, which is little likely to get out of order, enables the ringers to practise changes without the clash of the bells, hitherto deemed inseparable from the art. At Bray a subscription of 25l. has been raised, and on Wednesday evening Mr. Seage, after a week's hard work, had the satisfaction of hearing a most beautiful chorus of praise rung by the Bray Change-ringers' Society, having Lord Meath at its head.—*Devon Local Paper*.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE first meeting of the year 1882 will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Monday, Jan. 9th; doors open at 2 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. in the Schoolroom, Wood Street. The Treasurer will be glad to receive the members' subscriptions, 2s. each, for the ensuing year. A statement of accounts will be read.

A. S. W. YOUNG, Secretary and Treasurer.

Reopening of Bells at Thorner, near Leeds.

THE ring of six bells at this church has been for some considerable time out of proper ringing condition. The Vicar and churchwardens put the work in hand to have the ring in order previous to Christmas Festival. The bells have been refitted with new gudgeons, bearings, and wheels, &c., which was completed on Thursday last, the 15th inst., by Mr. Thomas Mallaby, church bell-hanger, Masham, Yorkshire. The bells were reopened the same evening by the parish ringers, assisted by Messrs. Mallaby & Sons.

St. Owen's, Bromham, Bedford.

THE ring of six bells in the above church having just been rehung, ropes rearranged, and the whole of the ringing gear thoroughly repaired, and a set of Ellacombe's chiming hammers (by Mr. E. Rogers of Maidenhead) added, were reopened on Wednesday evening, Dec. 14th, by a mixed band of change-ringers from Biddenham, Bromham, &c., assisted by Mr. Rogers. The ringing consisted of several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles—average time, 5 mins. each. Tenor, about 20 cwt. in D.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

UNDER the auspices of the above Association, a ringing meeting took place at Bootle on Dec. 17, when upwards of thirty ringers attended from Aughton, Farnworth, Garston, Grassendale, Liverpool, Ormskirk, West Derby, and Walton. Various peals and touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire Triples, &c., were rung upon the ring of steel bells. During the evening touches were also rung upon the hand-bells; and at the close a vote of thanks was accorded to the vicar, churchwardens, and ringers connected with the church for the use of the bells, also for the hospitality shown to the visitors.

A peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. S. Gough, 1; J. Davidson, 2; Rev. J. Scott, M.A., Vicar, 3; J. Large, 4; F. Turner, 5; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 6.

A peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. S. Gough, 1; P. Barton, 2; J. Large (conductor), 3; J. Latchford, 4; F. Turner, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6.

A peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Gardner, 1; C. Sharples, 2; W. Fairclough, 3; W. H. Hargreaves, 4; J. Walker, 5; J. Aspinwall (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

A District Meeting was also held at Westhoughton on the same date, but there was a meagre attendance of ringers, owing, no doubt, to the very unfavourable weather that prevailed at the time. Ringers were present from Bolton, Hindley, Leigh, and Blackrod, and several short touches were rung during the evening.

W. J. CHATTEBTON, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REIDFORD, }

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE usual quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 7th, 1882, at Burnley. Ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at the 'Talbot Inn.' Tickets (price 1s.) may be had from Mr. Horrocks, 93 Henry Street, Church; or from any of the Committee. Meeting at 7 p.m.

On Sunday evening, December 25th, the Bishop of Manchester, who is one of the Patrons of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, and who was preaching at St. Philip's Church, Hulme, on that day, paid a friendly visit to the ringers in their belfry while they were ringing after service, and addressed a few kindly remarks to them. This we believe to be the first occasion on which a bishop has visited a belfry for other than official purposes.

At a meeting of the Committee the following were appointed Local Secretaries. They will be glad to give every information to ringers of the county in their immediate districts:—

NAME AND ADDRESS.	DISTRICTS.
Mr. J. Curtis, 47 Platt Fold, Bedford Leigh.	Hindley, Westhaughton, Bedford Leigh, Tyldesley.
Mr. J. Higson, Dootson House, Blackrod.	Blackrod, Horwich, Wigan, Chorley, Standish, Leyland.
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Mr. J. Millett, 24 Hill Street, Heywood.	Heywood, Bury, Ramsbottom.
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Mr. Horrocks, 93 Henry Street, Church.	Padiham, Church, Whalley, Clitheroe, Burnley, Accrington.
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Mr. J. Scott, 100 Stretford Road, Manchester.	Stretford, Birch, Didsbury, Manchester.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John the Baptist, Eltham, Kent.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., six members of the Eltham Association rang a peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 34 bobs and 8 singles, in 24 mins. J. Crowder, 1; F. Fraser, 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Sheppard (conductor), 5; T. Phillips (first peal in the method), 6.

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At Alburgh, Norfolk.	2 3 4 5 6	M. B. W. H.
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On Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 5056 changes of Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 1 min. The peal was composed by Mr. Benjamin Smith, and conducted by his son, Edward Smith. E. Smith, 1; W. Sheldrake, 2; G. Prime, 3; C. Candler, Esq., 4; Rev. H. E. Bulwer, 5; F. Smith, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Aldford, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 12th inst., the Aldford Society rang a peal of 720 Violet Treble Bob in 26 mins. C. Thomas, conductor (his first for Violet).

Also a peal of 720 in three methods—viz. College Singles, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor, in 3 mins.

Also, on the 18th inst., for Morning Service, a 240 of Oxford Treble Bob and a 240 of Kent Treble Bob.

Also for afternoon service a peal of 720 Woodbine Treble Bob in 28 mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Manning, 2; T. Bassett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Peter's, Liverpool.

On Thursday evening, the 15th inst., a peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters was rung in 3 hrs. 23 mins. G. Helsby, 1; R. Williams, 2; J. Brown, 3; H. Meadows, 4; W. Woods, 5; R. Williams, 6; W. Littler, 7; H. Beck, 8; T. Hammond, 9; W. Brookes, 10. Tenor, 25 cwt. The peal was composed by John Heron, jun., and conducted by Thomas Hammond.

At Stockton-on-Tees, Durham.

On Friday, the 16th inst., after ringing a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor at the parish church, this company sat down to supper at the Clarendon Hotel, the chair being occupied by Mr. G. J. Clarkson, and the vice-chair by Mr. T. Whitfield, amongst the company being Mr. W. Reed of North Shields. On Saturday Middlesbrough was visited, and a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at St. Hilda's, followed by 518 of Grandsire Triples. R. Alcock, 1; G. J. Clarkson, 2; J. Clarkson, 3; T. Burdon, 4; W. Newton, 5; W. Reed (conductor), 6; T. Stephenson, 7; S. Green, 8.

At SS. Peter and Paul, East Harling, Norfolk.

On Friday, the 16th inst., a date touch of 1882 was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. viz. 10 changes of Old Doubles, remainder Bob Minor, with as many calls as weeks in the year, namely, 50 bobs and 2 singles. W. Kerry, 1; J. Adams, 2; A. Hunt, 3; C. Poll (composer and conductor), 4; H. Seeker, 5; W. Seeker, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. [* First peal in August, 1881.]

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Wednesday evening, the 21st inst., the Daresbury Society rang seven peals of Minors, consisting of 720 changes each, in 3 hrs. 10 mins.; viz. London Single, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. T. Houghton, senr. 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, junr., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

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

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 120 Stedman's Doubles. N. Alderman, 1; J. Leach, 2; T. Titchener, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; J. Hannington (conductor), 5; G. Griffin, 6. [* Their first 120.]

Another 120 of Stedman's Doubles was rung by N. Alderman, 1; E. Chapman, 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; C. Nixon, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* First time.]

The following members also rang two courses of Kent Treble Bob Minor:—G. Griffin, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; E. Chapman, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; J. Leach, 5; T. Titchener, 6. J. Nixon took the treble in the second course. [* First time.]

At St. Mary's, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

On Thursday, the 22nd inst., ten members of the Chesterfield Society rang a half-peal of 2520 Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 38 mins. J. Goodwin, 1; H. Ellis, 2; D. Farthing, 3; H. Nuttall, jun. 4; G. Topliss, 5; E. Carrington, 6; F. Ellis, 7; A. Knights, 8; W. Ellis (conductor), 9; T. Mee, 10. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

At St. Alkmund's, Whitechurch, Salop.

On Friday, the 23rd inst., a peal of 120 Stedman's Doubles was rung by G. Wright, 1; F. Dutton, 2; R. Langford, 3; G. Woodhall, 4; Rev. C. Davies, 5; T. Barrow, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E-flat. [The first recorded performance by this company.]

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon.

On Christmas Day eight members of the St. Sidwell's Society rang a touch of 1400 changes of Grandsire Triples in 51 minutes. S. Herbert, 1; C. D. Daniel, 2; H. Swift, 3; A. Shepherd, 4; W. G. Goss, 5; W. C. Marsh, 6; W. B. Fulford, 7; J. F. Alford, 8. Conducted by the Secretary, W. C. Marsh. The calling was a 'bob' at 2, 5, and 7, four times repeated, with a single at the end of fifth and tenth parts.

At Holy Trinity, Sunderland.

On Monday, the 26th inst., eight members of the North Shields Branch of the Durham Association rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 45 mins. C. Ross, 1; R. Smith, 2; J. Bossiter, 3; W. Waugh, 4; R. Wignell, 5; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 6; J. Hern, 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F. The peal is in six parts, a composition of W. Taylor, and is the first peal ever rung on the above bells.

At Bromborough, Cheshire.

On Monday afternoon, the 26th inst., the ringers of the Parish Church Ormskirk, Lancashire, visited Bromborough, and rang Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 9 mins. T. Higham, 1; J. Winrow, 2; J. Eastham, 3; R. Clayton, 4; J. Leatherbarrow, 5; N. Spencer, 6; P. Fairhurst, 7; J. Prescott, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The above was conducted by Mr. Peter Fairhurst, and is the first peal he has called.

At Windrush, Burford, Oxfordshire.

On the 26th inst. 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 3 peals, each twice repeated was rung by the Windrush members of the Gloucester and Bristol Society. I. Paget, 1; C. Jones, 2; E. Beles, 3; J. Hayward, 4; R. Mills, 5; H. Lafford, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At Huntsham, Devon.

On St. Stephen's Day, the 26th inst., eight members of the Huntsham Society rang a date touch of 1881 changes of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 9 mins. J. Heard, 1; H. Payne, 2; Capt. A. Troyte, 3; Col. Troyte, 4; J. Chave, 5; J. Davy, 6; J. Heard, 7; S. Davy, 8. Composed by Mr. Tucker of Huntsham, and conducted by Capt. A. Troyte.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

On the 26th inst. ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Cox, 1; J. Mansfield, 2; H. Dains, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; H. Swain, 5; N. J. Pittsow (his first peal in the method), 6; E. Moses, 7; W. Hoover, 8; J. Rogers, 9; W. Coppage, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. The peal has the second bell never behind the ninth. Composed and conducted by Mr. Cox.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Graduate (Archaeology of Church Bells is better suited to Notes and Queries than our columns); G. J. Clarkson; S. Farnham Royal (no date given); Dorking (no church mentioned); and others.

used their chapels for the purposes of the League, and have openly advocated secession, have met with neither punishment nor rebuke from their superiors; thus affording conclusive evidence that the Church of Rome in Ireland is hand and glove with the League. Now, as regards the political partisans of the League, it is well understood that the League itself is, so to speak, a mere accidental phase of a wide-spread conspiracy for separation from England, or, rather, from Great Britain. But as regards the priestly element in the movement, the land question is something more than this—it forms part of a well-devised scheme for the subjugation of the only enemy of whom they have any serious fear, viz. the Church of Ireland. When that Church was, at the instigation of the priests, ‘disestablished and disendowed,’ they hoped, and fully expected, that its efficiency would be seriously crippled. And crippled it has been to a certain extent, but not nearly so largely as the promoters of ‘Disestablishment’ hoped and expected, for the Irish landlords, the large majority of whom are ‘Protestants,’ have, on the whole, come forward liberally to supply the funds requisite for its efficient maintenance. Clearly, therefore, a further move was called for to secure the desired result. The landlords must be attacked, their resources taken from them, and the Irish Church by this means impoverished. Hence the keen interest shown by Irish priests in the passing of the Land Bill; hence their crowding into the lobbies of the House of Commons at every stage of interest during the passing of the Bill; hence the perpetual consultations that were going on between the Irish members and the priests at every crisis of the conflict. No doubt the priests desire with all eagerness the severance of Ireland from England, for in such a case they dream of effectually ‘putting down the Protestants.’ But in the meantime, they are probably tolerably well contented with the ascertained results of their agitation, for the effect of the Land Act must inevitably be to impoverish the landlords, and, through them, the Irish Church. It is not unlikely, therefore, that they may shortly withdraw from further support of the League, so soon as they are quite clear that their immediate object is attained; and if the priests should cease to support it, the probability is that the League would shortly collapse, and Ireland once more have a chance of regaining peace and prosperity.

AN ENGLISHMAN WHO KNOWS IRELAND.

Religious Census at Ipswich.

SIR,—Following the example of Newcastle, Liverpool, and Bristol, Ipswich has had its ‘religious census.’ Last Sunday morning was the time chosen, and, I may say, the weather was all that could be desired. According to the paper which undertook this work the number at church was found to be 7218; at chapel, 7264: making a total of 14,482 out of a population of 50,300, or nearly 29 per cent. In 1851 the total number attending a place of worship was 9721 out of a population of 83,000, somewhat more than 29 per cent; but that was after a long notice of an intended census, whilst last Sunday no one knew of the proposed numbering. In 1851, 5720 persons were at church; last Sunday, 7218; an increase certainly, but not in a ratio with the population. The percentages are as 17·3 to 14·3. On the other hand, the attendance at Nonconformist places of worship has risen from 4000 to 7264. This is most remarkable. Why has not the Church increased in like manner? It is a question which ought to engage the most serious attention of all Church people. Why do not more people come to church? Probably had it been evening many more would have been there. Do the people not care for their Church and her beautiful services? or is it that they are (very often) made long and wearisome by two or three of them being made into one? This is certainly the case with Matins, Litany, and Ante-Communion Service, and oftentimes a sermon at the end of that. Many a time have I gone to church at 11, and not been out again till just 1. No wonder people neglect the morning service. Our services might easily be made shorter and plainer without any mutilation. Will not our Bishops and clergy try and make them so? I am sure the attendance at all the services would speedily increase.

I may say that the prevailing Church tone in Ipswich is low; out of our sixteen churches only about three might be called High; whilst the ‘Black Gown’ and Evening Communion prevail in at least five of them. The clergy are all earnest, hardworking men, and the livings are mostly very poor. Another Ipswich paper (Church) had a calculation made on the night of the 30th October, after a very wet day, and it reports 5113 at church and 4905 at chapel. In all probability, had the census been taken last Sunday at night, the proportion would have been even greater.

C. B. T.

Reply to ‘Vincio.’

SIR,—Please allow me to inform ‘Vincio’ that the name of the author of *Horæ Solitariae*, &c., is not ‘Searles,’ but Serle. Ambrose Serle was born on the 30th of August, 1742, and died on the 1st August, 1812. But little is known of his personal history. He for many years held a situation under Government, as one of the Commissioners of the Transport Office. The following is the list of Mr. Serle’s writings:—*Horæ Solitariae*, 2 vols. 8vo; *The Church of God*, 8vo; *The Christian Remembrancer*; *Christian Husbandry*; *The Christian Parent*, 12mo; *Charis, or Reflections on the Office of the Holy Spirit*. Also a few tracts.

THOMAS CHRISTIE.

The Revisers’ English.

SIR,—I have seen in your paper letters asking for a dictionary that would translate the Greek or Latin Anglicanisms used by modern writers, and there seems to be need of one, since I find in the Revised Edition, at 1 Tim. ii. 9, the word ‘Shamefastness,’ which, if not a printer’s error, must surely have been coined by the Revisers, as it is nowhere to be found. Was it so?

F. W.

[See Webster’s Dictionary, under ‘Shamefaced.’—ED.]

A THIRD SERVICE.—‘St. E.’ writes:—Would ‘W. W. B.’ kindly say where the late Archdeacon Freeman’s Third Service for Sundays can be procured?

RECEIVED ALSO.—A Priest; L. R.; T. R. S.; G. V.; F. H. Brett; H. T. Dix; E. Carlyon; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

NEW RING AT ST. ANDREW’S, LITCHURCH, DERBY.

THE new ring of eight bells just hung in the completed steeple of the fine church of St. Andrew, Litchurch, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield on New-year’s Eve. The following Service was, we believe, compiled by the Bishop for the occasion, and as it will be useful for use in other churches on similar occasions, we print it in full:—

HYMN.

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; Rejoice, give thanks and sing; Your festal banner wave on high, The Cross of Christ your King.	Your clear Hosannas raise, And Alleluias loud; Whilst answering echoes upward float, Like wreaths of incense cloud.
Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong men and maidens meek, Raise high your free exulting song, God’s wondrous praises speak.	With voice as full and strong As ocean’s surging praise, Send forth the hymns our fathers loved, The psalms of ancient days.
Yes onward, onward still, With hymn and chant, and song, Through gate and porch, and columned aisle, The hallowed pathways throng.	Yes on, through life’s long path, Still chanting as ye go, From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.
With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth, Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth.	Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array, As warriors through the darkness toil Till dawn the golden day.

At last the march shall end,
The wearied ones shall rest,
The pilgrims find their Father’s house,
Jerusalem the blest.

EVENING SERVICE COMMENCING AT THE LORD’S PRAYER.

PSALMS cxlix. cl.

LESSONS—ISA. lxxv. 17. REV. xxi. 6.

ANTHEM—*Arise, Shine.*—ELVEY.

SERMON BY THE LORD BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

HYMN.

(During which the Offertory will be made.)

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.	O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, land, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly so to do.
The Lord ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are His flock, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.	For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

¶ The Hymn being ended and the Alms presented upon the Holy Table, the Bishop shall say—

THE Silver is Mine, and the Gold is Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts. All things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

LET US PRAY.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who at the building of Thy temple of old didst graciously receive the gifts of Thy faithful servants, vouchsafe we beseech Thee to accept the offering of the Spire and Bells provided by Thy people in this place for the services of Thy Church, and grant that as with a glad heart they have offered willingly, so they may ever rejoice before Thee with exceeding joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that those who shall be appointed to use these Bells in the service of Thy Church may do so with reverence and godly fear, and keep themselves pure both in word and deed; for Jesus Christ’s sake. Amen.

GRANT, O Lord, that all those who are called by these Bells to Thy House of Prayer, may hear in them Thy loving invitation, and may so come unto Thee that they may find rest for their souls. Amen.

GRANT that all who are hindered by sorrow or sickness or any other adversity from assembling themselves together for Thy worship, may, by these Bells, be reminded, to their exceeding comfort, of the prayers of the Church, and may rejoice in the communion of Saints. Amen.

GRANT that all they who in the midst of their worldly occupations shall hear the passing-bell may be warned to prepare for the time when they too shall depart from this life, and may learn so to number their days that they may apply their hearts unto wisdom. Amen.

THE BLESSING.

¶ The Bishop, with the Clergy, Choir, and Church Officers, will then ascend into the Belfry.

COLLECT.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The Churchwardens taking the ropes of the Bells shall then say—

RIGHT Reverend Father in God, we request you to dedicate to the glory of God and the use of St. Andrew’s Church, this Tower and Spire, together with this Belfry and ring of eight Bells contained therein.

¶ The Bishop, receiving the ropes, shall then say—

By virtue of our sacred office, we do solemnly set apart and separate from all profane and unhalloved uses this Spire and Belfry and these Bells, now dedicated to the glory of God, for the benefit of His Holy Church.

¶ Then delivering the ropes to the Vicar—

RECEIVE these Bells as a sacred trust committed to thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish, and take heed that they be ever and only used in His service, and for His glory. You are to take notice that these

Bells of the Church are committed to the joint custody of the Vicar and Churchwardens of the parish, to be used by their joint consent, subject to the ultimate control of the Bishop of the Diocese.

LET US PRAY.

Choir. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

THE BLESSING.

THE FIRST PEAL WILL THEN BE RUNG.

AFTER the Dedication Service eight members of the Derby Society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. J. Ridgeway, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; J. Howe, 7; G. Slack, 8.

ON Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., the Derby Society rang the Original Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, with 190 bobs and 50 singles, in 3 hrs. 24 mins., being the first peal rung upon the bells, which have been cast by Messrs. Warner and Stainbank of London. J. Ridgeway, 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, 20½ cwt., in E-flat.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Tenor, 'To the glory of God.'
William Booth, 1879-1881
William Henry Hodges, 1879-1881 } Churchwardens.
John Topham, 1881
7th, Josiah Lewis, director; John Moore, assistant secretary; and shareholders of the Midland Railway Benefaction.
6th, John Erskine Clarke, first vicar, 1866.
5th, Melville Horne Scott, vicar, 1872.
4th, Robert Hay, vicar, 1878.
3rd, George Sutherland, secretary of Building Committee, 1879-1881.
2nd, William Joseph Smith, Mayor, Chairman of Committee, 1879.
Treble, Abraham Woodiwiss, Mayor, 1881.

The weights of the bells are respectively:—

	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
Tenor	20	2	14
7th	18	2	2
6th	11	1	15
5th	10	1	27
4th	8	1	6
3rd	7	0	23
2nd	6	2	20
Treble	6	0	12

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1882 at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Also on the following days:—

Wednesday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival) . 9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 18 (Ascension Day) . 9.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24 (Queen's Birthday) . 9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20 (Queen's Accession) . 9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day) . 9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day) . 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) . 9.30 a.m.
On Christmas Eve and New-year's Eve . 11 to 12 p.m.

And on the following Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. for practice:—Jan. 3 & 31, April 25, May 23, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7.

At twelve o'clock on Saturday night (New-year's Eve) a large crowd assembled at the west or principal front of St. Paul's Cathedral. They had come from all quarters of the metropolis to hear the new and beautiful bells of the Cathedral ring 'the Old Year out and the New Year in.' It is estimated that there were nearly 3000 persons assembled in front of St. Paul's during the last moments of the old year. The crowd was perfectly good-humoured.

New Ring at Breasted, Kent.

ON Monday, the 26th ult., six members of the Society of College Youths opened a new ring of six bells at the parish church of Breasted, Kent, which were cast by Messrs. Gillett and Bland of Croydon. The ringing and tone of the bells gave great satisfaction to the clergymen and surrounding gentry. The bells went remarkably well considering they were hung in an oak frame of 400 years old. The ringers were Messrs. Dorrington, Cooter, Boswell, Muskett, Wood, and Hayes, who rang several six-score of Grandsire Minor and Stedman. Also three 720's of Bob Minor in the Kent variation. The ringers, along with the choristers, were entertained at dinner in the School-room in the evening.

The Alburgh Peal.

Sm,—That peal 5056 of Mr. Benjamin Smith's, in your issue for Dec. 31st, is false. The 6th course-end is wrong. There is a treble lead over again at the end in the 12th and 14th courses; this 12437586 change comes at a plain lead in the 12th course; this change, 12437586, comes at a Bob in the 14th course at wrong. W. SOTTANSTALL, *Sowerby*.

Friendly Meeting of Change-ringers at Accrington, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., a friendly meeting was held at Accrington. Change-ringing was commenced at three o'clock by the Waddington Seniors, who were succeeded by Hoddleston, Church, Padiham, Accrington Seniors, Waddington Juniors, and Hoddleston Juniors, change-ringing being kept up until 9.30 p.m. Tea was provided at five o'clock at the 'Bay Horse Inn.' Mr. Howarth Dixon presided at the meeting, when it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hoddleston, on Saturday, April 15th. Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and Wardens for the use of the belfry.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THIS Society will hold their next anniversary meeting on Monday next, the 9th of January, at Thornbury. J. DRINKWATER, *Master*.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Slough, Bucks.

ON Wednesday, the 7th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung by the West Middlesex Association, in 23½ mins. W. Leader, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; J. Parker, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Pursey, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

Also on Christmas Eve a Two-part peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 720 changes, in 26 mins. W. Leader, 1; J. Parker, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; J. Basden, 4; J. Pursey, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6.

On Christmas Morning, for early Communion, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, in three parts, was rung in 25 mins. W. Leader, 1; J. Parker, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Pursey, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6. Time, 19½ mins. Conducted by J. Parker.

At St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Thursday, the 24th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles, from Banister's book) was rung in 27 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; R. Flaxman, 3; W. Wilder, 4; A. Batten, 5; W. Fussell, 6.

On Saturday, the 3rd ult., a three-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. F. Fells, 1; W. Fussell, 2; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 3; A. Batten, 4; J. Pursey, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

On Sunday afternoon, the 18th ult., for Divine service, a two-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 42 bobs and 10 singles, was rung in 26 mins. C. Clark, 1; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; W. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; A. Batten, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

On Saturday, the 24th ult. (Christmas Eve), a peal of 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Basden, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Parker (conductor), 5; W. Fussell, 6.

On Christmas Day, for afternoon service, a peal of 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung in 24 mins. F. Fells, 1; J. Basden, 2; W. Fussell (conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Parker, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also a six-score of Stedman's Doubles. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At York Minster.

ON Saturday evening, the 24th ult., the ringers met after the choir rehearsal, and rang 1881 changes of Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 19 mins. J. Gaudall, 1; W. Bean,* 2; J. Thompson,* 3; T. Hodgson, 4; J. Underwood,* 5; T. Haigh,* 6; W. Morrell,* 7; W. Howard,* 8; W. H. Howard (composer and conductor),* 9; G. Breed,* 10. Tenor, 54 cwt. Those marked * are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. [N.B. The conductor is aged sixty years.]

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

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., a peal of 7104 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 4 hrs.

19 mins. T. Moss, 1; J. Bowcock, 2; J. Wood, jun., 3; J. Adams, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; S. Wood, 6; S. Andrew, 7; J. Thorp, 8. Composed by J. Thorp, and conducted by S. Wood. Tenor, 20 cwt.; in E.

ON Friday, the 30th ult., was rung a peal of 5088 Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Mellor, 1; T. Wood, 2; J. Hopwood, 3; J. Wood, jun., 4; B. Broadbent, 5; J. Adams, 6; J. Thorp (composer and conductor), 7; S. Wood, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

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

Twice repeated.

The 6th its extent right at 9 different course-ends. Its first time of being rung.

ON Sunday, the 1st inst., the ringers of Ashton, assisted by Mr. G. Longden of Bray, Ireland, and Mr. C. Thorp of Crew, rang a peal of 6240 Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 43 mins. S. Wood, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; J. Wood, jun., 3; J. Adams, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; G. Longden, 6; J. Thorp (composer and conductor), 7; C. Thorp, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

6240

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

Four times repeated.

The Ashton ringers also attempted a peal of Grandsire Caters at the parish church, conducted by Mr. T. Wood, on Dec. 31st; but after ringing exactly one hour the wheel of the third bell broke, and put an end to it for a time.

RECEIVED ALSO:—C. Boxall; D. Miller & Co.; Full Swing; and others.

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

Twice repeated.

By calling the 3rd course 2 m. 2 w. 2 h. each part, it will be 7488.

HERE is another of Mr. Thorp's, never before published. It was first rung at Holy Trinity, Staleybridge, and conducted by its composer, on Aug. 22nd, 1869.

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Twice repeated.

The 5th and 6th their extent right, the 6th at 9 different course-ends.

stamps with his approval. Those who fall under the poisonous influence of gambling habits cannot easily be induced to lay them aside; for daily work looks dull and slow to them, and the cup of deadly excitement, which forms one of the principal attractions in gambling, poisons their better nature, not less surely than the cup of the drunkard, and ends in ruin both of body and soul. I do not, of course, mean to assert, that the many well-meaning, thoughtless people, who raffle at bazaars 'for the good of the Charity,' as they say, are all in this dreadful peril. Generally speaking (when not at a bazaar), they would readily join in condemning gambling, and they fail to recognise the simple fact that they also are gamblers: in fact, such a thought would be shocking to them, and if ever their consciences give them an unpleasant twinge on the subject, they probably console themselves with the thought (Jesuitical though it be), that it was for a good cause!

But I would remind these easy-going Christians, that their position will be utterly untenable if they ever desire to hold back from ruin some young soul who may be first venturing in the slippery, downward path of the gambler. I have more than once received, in answer to a remonstrance to such an one, a reply such as this, 'Why, every one does it! Do you mean to tell me that you do not sometimes put into raffles for a charity?' If, then, you cannot truthfully reply that you condemn all gambling, for whatever purpose, your influence for good is gone; and which of us, in our fight as soldiers of Christ against all evil, can afford to thus cripple ourselves? L. R.

Sir,—If 'P. M. S.' wants proof that 'gambling is evil in the sight of God,' he should consider that the gambler has transgressed the Tenth Commandment, and is in sight of the Eighth. Trying one's luck too often leads to forcing it.

The Elements of Church Unity.

T. R. S.

Sir,—If the basis of union among Christians is to be found in the restoration of 'Primitive and Apostolic Doctrine, and Primitive and Apostolic Organization,' as stated in your leader of Saturday, Dec. 17, surely union is a very, very long way off. The writer of the article referred to evidently regards the English Church as a model, to which all other branches of the Church Catholic, as well as the various dissenting bodies, should conform. But, in view of Christ's express promise to remain with His Church until the end of time, and in view of all which that promise implies, is it not, to say the least, a most remarkable fact, if it be a fact, that the whole Church, east and west, only excepting the small fraction known as the Anglican Communion, has left the 'old paths?' Would not this be a marvellously strange fulfilment of the promise of Christ's abiding presence, and a marvellously strange result of the outpouring of God the Holy Ghost? As regards the reunion of the different branches of the Catholic Church, the only 'possible basis of true unity' is to be found in offering the right hand of fellowship, *taking things as they are*. Whatever abuses may exist in her various branches, no one can doubt that the Church, if reunited, would be better enabled to carry out her appointed work than is possible in her present condition. Let all bodies of Christians possessing an Apostolical succession unite, without waiting for the reformation of abuses (they are not confined to Rome and Greece), and then we may hope that, with the aid of such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we shall be justified in expecting, those abuses will be swept away.

ARTHUR THOMAS FROGGART.

The Canons of the Church.

Sir,—Since writing my former letters on the subject of the Canons of the Church, I have received the new *Dictionary of the English Church*, which gives a *resume* of the *Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiastical*, as they were enacted 277 years ago, but affords no help as to the present Canons of our Church, although it is brimful of information about Abbots of Misrule, Ave Bells, Baltheus, Barratry, Battel, Chantry Priests, Friars, Fulminations, Gyrovagi, Humeral Veils, Ostensories, Star Chambers, and a host of such-like things, which concern us in no wise. I have also received the Rev. M. E. C. Walcott's interesting edition of the Canons, 'referred to their original sources, and illustrated with explanatory notes,' which has aided me considerably in my studies on the subject, showing that Canons 9, 12, 65, 66, 110, 114, 92, 93, 105, 106, 126, 132, and others, have been repealed or rendered nugatory by subsequent legislation.

From the same authority I learn that Revised Editions of the Canons, now 89 in number, were presented to the Church in 1874, by the Committees of the Convocations of Canterbury and York. This is what I have been looking for, and I shall assume it to be our Code of Canons until amended or disallowed by the Church.

F. N. LETH, Chaplain.

Rosario, Argentine Republic.

The Revisers' English and their Critics' Ignorance.

Sir,—May I inform 'F. W.' that shamefast, 'absurdly spelt shamefaced,' is a very old English word, 'scam-fast,' 'schamefast' (Chaucer), and 'shamefast' (Spenser, Milton, Shakespeare, and many of our English classics)? It scarcely becomes one who is evidently ignorant of 'the pure well of English undefiled,' to speak confidently about 'the Revisers' English!' We have heard a good deal lately of and from 'Greckless critics;' but though many are found to cavil, few give one the opportunity of so easily showing how little they know of the subject on which they call themselves judges. As a warning to all who commit the like presumption, allow me to suggest that such persons in future be placed on the dunce's stool and asked to study before they speak! 'F. W.' may take comfort in the fact that he, or she, is only one of a number, and he, or she, the one who happens to be found out. I am quite sure if 'F. W.' will study his or her English tongue, he, or she, will be obliged to me for this letter. May I recommend him to read, first of all, for this particular word 'shamefast,' Trench's *English Past and Present* (V.), and Spencer's description of woman's qualities (*Every Queen*, book iv., canto 10, 50), and to remember in future that those who have not, presumably, studied their mother tongue, may not judge those who have.

G.

RECEIVED ALSO.—G. C. Taylor; A.; A Northumbrian Curate; S. G. T.; A Lancashire Layman; A. P. F.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Ringling at Alburgh, Norfolk.

Sir,—Looking over the performances in your paper of December 31, 1881, I find a peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Alburgh, in Norfolk. I am sorry to inform you that this is not true; it repeats in the 12th and 14th courses at the wrong when the four large bells are dodging. It seems singular this was not noticed by the ringers of those bells, they dodging four leads in same position and in courses so close together. It is a pity peals are rung without being looked at more closely, as a second examination could scarcely have overlooked this error, it being so clear.

SAM. MARSH.

Change-ringing at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

Sir,—In your issue of the 7th inst. a 7104 of Kent Treble Bob Major is given, and stated to have been rung at this place on the 24th ult., as the composition of Mr. J. Thorp. On reference to Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part 2, I find this peal at page 29, as having been composed by Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham. Mr. Thorp is equally unfortunate in regard to the 5988 rung at this place on the 30th ult., as at page 16 of the above treatise this peal is to be found as the late Mr. Harrison's composition, and a foot-note states that it was first rung on the 6th October, 1877. Considering the eminence Mr. Thorp has attained as a composer, I am much surprised that he should have placed these peals before your readers as his own after they had been in the hands of most ringers for nearly three years at the least.

N. J. PITSTOW.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

On Monday, the 9th inst., the above Association, which now numbers 233 performing and 84 honorary members, held their quarterly district meeting at Thornbury. A short service was held in the parish church in the morning, when an address on the history of bells was given by the Rev. T. Waters, the vicar. In the course of the day the members rang touches of the Grandsire method and Stedman's Triples, the conductor being Mr. David Morgan of Bristol, the same gentleman having been the conductor in the same belfry twenty-five years ago, when the ringers of St. Mary Redcliff rung a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 45 mins. A capital repast was provided in the afternoon, at the 'Swan Hotel,' at which the vicar presided, and was supported by the hon. secretary of the Association, the Rev. Pitt Eykyn of France Lynch, Stroud; the master, Mr. John Drinkwater of Sandhurst, Gloucester; the Rev. A. F. Corbin, and the churchwardens—Messrs. J. Y. Sturge and J. H. Thurston. The loyal toasts were duly honoured. Five names were submitted as honorary members and three others as performing members. On the motion of the master, Lydney was chosen as the next place of meeting. Some of the members afterwards adjourned to the belfry, where the oldest of the bells dates from 1698. Several of the members were conducted over the Castle by the Rev. T. Waters, and many expressions of thanks for their kind reception by the vicar and churchwardens were made by the members, who were evidently well pleased with their day's excursion.

Re-opening of the Bells of the Church of Ross, Herefordshire.

The bells of this church having been rehung, were reopened on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when ringers were invited from various places. Four of the bells have been quartered and bolted. The work has been done by Messrs. Day of Eye, Suffolk. Ringing was kept up during the day, and several touches rung by different bands—the longest of which was a quarter-peal. H. Karn (conductor), 1; T. G. Wall, 2; F. Day, 3; G. Day, 4; A. Bird, 5; W. Morris, 6; G. Phillott, Esq., 7; R. Clark, 8.

All Saints', Derby.

A NEW set of quarter chimbs has just been erected in this church, which play upon the whole of the ten bells, the largest of which is 32 cwt. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. Smith, Midland Clock Works, Derby.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Thomas the Martyr, Oxford.

On Tuesday evening, the 13th ult., six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Boots, 1; S. Buckle, 2; W. Baston, 3; O. Thomas, 4; H. Cox, 5; W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

On Saturday, the 17th ult., the following members rang at Holywell a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. H. Newman, 1; D. Collier, 2; J. Field (conductor), 3; A. Buckle, 4; J. Ealey, 5; W. Washbrook, 6.

Also on Tuesday evening, the 20th ult., at St. Peter-in-the-East, the same peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. J. Ealey, 1; C. Boots, 2; O. Thomas, 3; S. Buckle, 4; W. Baston, 5; W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. This composition has been rung at St. Cross, Holywell, on several occasions.

At Lichfield Cathedral.

On Monday, the 19th ult., a date touch of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 18 mins. E. Gallimore, 1; J. Key, 2; F. Sedgwick, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Whitby, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6; A. Greenwood, 7; C. North, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. The touch is in five parts, and was composed by W. Gordon of Stockport, Cheshire.

At the Parish Church, Westhoughton, Lancashire.

On Christmas Eve Reeves' Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in commemoration of the 11th anniversary of the opening of the bells on Christmas Eve, 1870. The bells were brought into rounds again in 2 hrs. 52 mins. G. Grundy (conductor), 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Woodward, 3; H. Heaton, 4; J. Vickers, 5; A. Hodgkinson, 6; J. Whittingham, 7; H. Hodgkinson, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 1 qt. 14 lbs.

At Reigate, Surrey.

On Christmas morning, eight members of the Reigate Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins. W. Bone, 1; F. T. Hoad (conductor), 2; W. Tidey, 3; W. Argent, 4; T. Fuller, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Webb, 7; J. Howard, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

Eight members of the Reigate Society rang the old year out and the new one in, with a date touch of 1882 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 12 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, 21 cwt.

At St. John's, Kirkburton, Yorkshire.

On Monday, the 26th ult., a mixed band rang a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 5 mins. D. Copley, 1; H. Kay, 2; J. G. Hardy, 3; R. Hill, 4; B. Smith, 5; W. Womersley, 6; A. Womersley, 7; J. Pickering, 8. A three-part peal, with the 6th at home three-course ends in each part, composed by the late William Harrison of Mottram, and conducted by Joseph Pickering. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Paul's, Wokingham, Berkshire.

On Monday, the 26th ult., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild visited Wokingham, arriving by train at 10.40. They at once proceeded to St. Paul's Church; the belfry was opened to them by the Rev. J. T. Brown, the Rector. They rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 10 mins. C. Boots,* 1; J. Field (conductor), 2; S. Buckle, 3; W. Baston,* 4; C. Hounslow, 5; W. Washbrook, 6; J. Eeley, 7; H. R. Cox,* 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. [* Their first peal.] Afterwards the party was joined by the ringers of the above church, who are all members of the Guild, and at four o'clock sat down under the presidency of the secretary (the Rev. Dolbein Paul) to a dinner provided at the 'Rose Hotel.' This is the second peal rung by members of the Guild in the first year of its existence, and the good feeling as well as good ringing which prevailed are favourable omens of its success.

At Wrexham, Denbighshire.

On Monday, the 26th ult., seven members of the Wrexham Society, assisted by one friend from Aldford and two from Chester, rang 2500 Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 43 mins. C. Rogers, 1; R. W. Evans, 2; A. Jones, 3; J. Moulton, 4; F. J. Bishell, 5; C. Price, 6; E. Newland (conductor), 7; T. Roberts, 8; E. Evans, 9; J. Kendrick, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. in D.

At St. Mary's, Beverley, Yorkshire.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., six members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 720 Oxford Bob, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 32 mins. T. Ushaw, 1; W. Verity,* 2; W. Whitfield, 3; H. Ushaw, 4; G. Winn, 5; T. Walker* (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in E flat. [* College Youths.]

At St. Nicholas, Guildford, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 Union Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 12 mins., by eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. J. Haseman, 1; H. Boxall, sen., 2; G. Sayer, 3; H. Boxall, jun., 4; W. Marks, 5; C. Boxall, 6; S. Brooker (conductor), 7; C. Dudley, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. The peal is the first by the Guild, also the first on the above bells.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., eight members of this branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 3 mins. R. Nudds, 1; C. Everett, 2; R. Hutton, 3; W. Nudds, 4; H. Eagling, 5; J. Woods, 6; J. Cunningham, 7; J. Morday (conductor), 8. Tenor 16½ cwt. This is a two-part peal, the composition of H. Dains. It has the sixth the extent home at four course-ends in each part, and contains all the 8-6's and 6, 7, 8's, and is the first ever composed and rung on this plan.

At Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland.

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., six members of the St. John's Guild of Bell-ringers (who are also members of the Durham Association and the Tyne Guild of Change-ringers) rang at St. John's Church a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and two singles, in 25 mins. G. Herdman,* 1; G. Campbell,* 2; W. G. Routledge,* 3; T. J. Des Forges,* 4; R. S. Story, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt. [* Their first peal.] This is the first peal that has been rung in this method by Newcastle ringers for above twenty years.

At Redenhall, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., eight members of the Redenhall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, being also members of the Royal Cumberland Society, rang the old year out and the new year in, with 5056 Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. E. Smith, 1; J. Bentley, 2; W. Sheldrake, 3; C. Candler, Esq., 4; Rev. H. E. Bulwer, 5; F. Smith, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains and conducted by E. Smith.

At Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., eight members rang a date touch of 1882 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. Whitworth, 1; J. Knott, 2; W. Goodall (composer and conductor), 3; J. W. Lang, 4; S. Goodall, 5; J. Illingworth, 6; L. Illingworth, 7; W. Ramsden, 8.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On New-year's Eve (the 31st ult.), a date touch of 1881 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. and 5 mins. H. Bright, 1; H. Harvey, 2; W. Shade, 3; C. Harvey, 4; F. Bidgood, 5; W. J. Aldridge, 6; Isaac G. Shade (composer and conductor), 7; W. Perrott, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Colchester, Essex.

On New-year's Eve six of the young members of the St. Peter's and Colchester Association, with the assistance of two members of the Norwich Association (Ipswich), rang 504 Grandsire Triples in 22 mins.; they had previously pulled off for 1008, but stopped at 924, service at the church preventing their proceeding further at that time. At the termination of which, and for the customary ringing the old year out and the new year in, touches of Bob Major were rung. They completed their ringing with Bob Minor at one o'clock. D. Prentice (conductor), 1; D. W. Scott, 2; J. Smith, 3; G. Ryder, 4; H. Bowell, 5; S. Oxborrow, 6; J. Starling, 7; T. Bunting, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At Chester Cathedral, Cheshire.

On New-year's Eve, an hour before midnight, the bells of the Cathedral rang a deeply-muffled peal to commemorate the departure of 1881; after which they sent forth their joyous and welcome tones to inaugurate the advent of the present year. The ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 1260 changes and 30 bobs, the Queen's Tittums, seven fours, six sevens, and rounds, occupying 47½ mins. to complete. S. Hand, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; W. Walton, 5; G. Cross, 6; F. Ball (conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8.

On Tuesday morning eight members met to attempt a peal of 5040 changes, when, after ringing upwards of an hour, the whole came to grief, owing to two of the bells changing course. Another attempt was then made to ring half a peal, 2520 changes, which was completed in 1 hr. 36 mins. J. Griffiths, 1; J. Gibson, 2; G. Gerrard, 3; A. Cross, 4; G. Cross, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (conductor), 7; S. Hand, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt., in C.

At West Malling, Kent.

On Sunday, the 1st inst., for evening service, six members rang two peals of 720 Bob Minor in 50 mins. W. Driver, 1; E. Bonner, 2; E. Baldoock, 3; H. Foreman, 4; W. J. Leonard (conductor), 5; D. Hall, 6. Also after service 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Driver, 1; D. Hall, 2; W. J. Leonard, 3; E. Baldoock, 4; F. G. Newman, 5; C. Payne (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire.

On New-year's Day, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Boulby Haslewood, a mixed band of ringers from Accrington and Padiham rang for morning service a date touch of 1882 changes in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following three methods; viz. 442 changes Plain Bob Minor, composed by W. Whittaker, secretary to the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, Leeds; 720 changes Kent Treble Bob; and 720 changes Oxford Treble Bob Minor. T. Duxbury, 1; A. Scholes (conductor), 2; T. Newall, 3; J. Hindle, 4; J. H. Fish, 5; C. D. Pierce, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

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

THE New Year was heralded in by the members of the above Society ringing a date touch of 1882 changes of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 15 mins. J. Kendall, 1; J. Wilson (composer and conductor), 2; B. M. Brown, 3; J. Dancer, 4; S. Brotherton, 5; J. Hague, 6; J. Mercer, 7; R. Bowker, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At Eccles, Lancashire.

On New-year's Day eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a date touch of 1882 changes in 1 hr. 4 mins. T. Yates, 1; J. Barratt, 2; J. Curtis, 3; E. Cash, 4; J. Barratt, jun., 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; G. H. Johnson, 7; W. Ashcroft, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

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

On Monday, the 2nd inst., on the occasion of the opening of the Burdett Coffee Tavern, Rochester Row, Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 22 mins., by five members of St. Mary's Society, Beddington, Surrey, and three of Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, all being members of the Surrey Association of Change-ringers. D. Springall, 1; S. Greenwood (conductor), 2; E. Bennett, 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Plowman, 5; C. Gordon, 6; G. Pell, 7; J. Cawley, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

At Tunstead, Norfolk.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Norwich Association rang a peal of 5056 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. E. Smith (conductor), 1; B. Smith, 2; W. Mack, 3; Rev. G. H. Harris, 4; F. Knights, 5; J. Gower, 6; J. Skinner, 7; Capt. Moore, 8. The above peal (composed by H. Dains) was now rung for the first time, and is the first peal that has been accomplished on these bells.

At St. Peter's, Drayton, Berkshire.

On the eve of the Epiphany eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. F. White, 1; E. Holfield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; G. Holfield, 4; J. Avery, 5; W. Bennett, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; F. T. White, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt. This is the first peal in this method ever rung by members of the Guild.

CORRECTION.—The bells at St. Andrew's, Derby, were cast by Mears and Stainbank, not by Warner.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Swing—ask any ringer to explain; Gillett and Co.—we printed the name as it was sent to us; W. Lester—we request the favour of the paragraph in the Telegraph alluded to; S. Wood—no church mentioned; there are twelve in your town.

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This peal has the 6th the extent at home at four course-ends, and contains all the 8-6's.

God! I recently went to a neighbouring church where the Bishop of Manchester was the preacher at the morning service. The Rector gave us every permitted prayer; and after the offertory the one for the Church Militant, so that the Queen was prayed for five times and the Lord's Prayer repeated four times. The good Bishop, who was kneeling on a cushion without any support within the altar rails, performed a great feat of endurance, not being a light weight, and while the said Rector was relieving the knee pressure by resting his arms on the reading-desk.

Allow me a few words with reference to the discussion in your valuable paper on Fasting or Non-Fasting Communion, also Evening Communion. During the summer months I prefer the early celebration and receive fasting; but to do so during the cold, foggy weather of winter would, with my bronchial affection, be running a great risk of depriving my family of their bread-winner. Yet the clergy of the extreme school would tell me, very probably, I must run that risk. In fact, a popular preacher of that party said he would rather lose his right hand than communicate after breaking his fast; and your correspondent 'J. C. H.' says he would consider doing so himself 'sacrilege.' He also adds, 'As for Evening Communion, they are positively against tradition.' So was Evening Service until comparatively recent times, but now they are more the rule than the exception. The industrial classes are accustomed to have their dinner at midday, and the working man's wife has to prepare it. In the afternoon she wants a rest, or takes a walk with her husband and children, and is rarely seen in a place of worship until the evening. A celebration of the Holy Communion at that service might induce her, and others of the family, to communicate, and lead to a stricter observance of the Sabbath; but those who differ from the sensible, practical Bishop of Rochester, say 'No; it is contrary to the traditions of the Church.'

A. P. F.

Christ Church, Zanzibar.—A Ring of Bells.

SIR,—May I venture to call the attention of your readers to a want in connexion with the Universities Mission to Central Africa? I think that *Church Bells* will be the best medium for making the want known to Churchmen. Your readers are doubtless aware that a noble church is now built upon the site of the old slave-market in Zanzibar, and that the offering of daily prayer and frequent communion arises to the throne of God from the very spot where, less than twelve years ago, the degrading horrors of the slave-auction cried out to Him for vengeance. It was on Christmas Day, 1873, that the first stone was laid, and on Christmas Day, 1880, full and hearty services were held within its walls, though it was some months later before the exterior of the building was finished. Let me hasten to add, that not a penny of the Mission Funds has been spent upon any part of the church. It has been wholly raised by special gifts. Indeed it may be called the child of the Day of Intercession for Missions, 1872. The Rev. A. N. West, of Buckingham, gave himself soon afterwards to the work of the Mission, purchased the site of the slave-market, and gave largely towards the cost, before his death on Christmas Day, 1874. It has since been completed as in some way a *Memorial Church* for those who have passed away in the service of the Mission. I may also mention, that while in 1873 the British Consul-General, fearing a disturbance on the part of the Mahometans, desired that the service at the laying of the first stone should be of as private a character as possible, the church has proved to be, on the contrary, an object of constant interest to many of the Arab population, who hold Bishop Steere in the greatest respect and esteem. The Sultan has himself presented a clock for the tower. And the mention of the tower brings me to the want as to which I am writing. Can the church be considered complete without its ring of bells? There are, however, no funds left for them. Indeed, money is still required for some of the internal fittings. Would not a *Church Bells* fund to furnish such a ring be a happy contribution on the part of your subscribers and readers to the Slave-market Church? The Bishop desires a ring of a special character. He is very anxious for bells which will make music with little noise. His words are, 'The chime of bells (carillon fashion) may, I hope, be possible. The plan of the tower-stage is this: six feet square inside, with twelve openings, fourteen inches by six feet. I think we might have twenty small bells set in these openings, to be played from a sort of keyboard in the centre. Twelve notes, with the accidentals complete, would enable us to play almost any melody. Large bells we are better without.' Will your readers suggest what size the bells should run? Can anybody say what they are likely to cost? All suggestions and contributions will be gladly received by the Rev. W. Foxley Norris, Rector, Witney, Treasurer of the Slave-market Church Fund, or by me, Little Comberton, Pershore.

E. S. LOWNDES.

Titles.

SIR,—In this age of levelling down, one of the oldest and most lawful ecclesiastical titles—'Parson'—is indiscriminately applied to any Clergyman, be he Vicar, Incumbent, or Curate, and sometimes to Dissenting Ministers. The term 'Parson' is only correctly applied to a clerical Rector of a parish who receives the Rectorial tithe. A Lay Rector is, therefore, not a Parson; none but the *Ecclesiæ Persona*, or Ecclesiastical Person, is the Parson. The title 'Doctor' is often used to designate a physician, a surgeon, or an apothecary; whereas the term 'Doctor' belongs only to those who have a Doctor's degree, as Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Medicine, &c. Some surgeons are offended when they are styled 'Dr.', because they know it is used either in ignorance or to flatter. A Nonconformist Minister is not a Clergyman. Masters of Arts' Hoods are often spoken of as being Black and Red, Black and White, &c. All British—and, I believe, Continental—cows are black; their linings only are white or coloured. It would be as absurd to call the colour of a coat from its lining as to speak of the colour of the covering for the caput—the cowl—by its lining. Some graduates evert the inside of their hoods, which is improper; and some, non-graduates, do not wear the 'decent tippet of black' prescribed by one of the Canons, but use a hood-shaped ornament, which is not a tippet, and which sometimes has a glaring if not gaudy colour.

(GRADUATE.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of the Association was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at Burnley. About forty ringers were present from Colne, Padiham, Church, Bolton, and more distant places. During the day several peals of Bob Minor and touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Tea was partaken of at the 'Talbot Inn,' presided over by the Rev. T. A. Turner, B.A., curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Canon Parker, M.A., rector. Immediately after tea a short meeting was held. In the course of his remarks, the Rev. T. A. Turner said he was glad to find that the old state of things, with regard to ringers and ringing, was fast dying out. Clergy, churchwardens, and others, were beginning to look upon ringers as a set of skilled men, and latterly much had been done to make the belfry a fit place to assemble in. He urged upon all to recollect that ringers are men who have abilities given them, for the right use of which they will have to give an account, not only here, but in the world to come. He stated that there were about 52,000 ringers in the country, and showed how much good might be done by such a grand united body of men. He gave many particulars concerning ancient bells and inscriptions, and interested the ringers greatly by the specimens and copies which he had brought for the purpose. The Rev. Canon Parker, who was only able to stay for a few moments, wished the Association every success, and drew the attention of those present to the sacred character of their work. New members, both honorary and performing, were elected, and at the close a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, chairman, churchwardens, and local ringers, for the hospitality shown to the visitors.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., a date peal of 1882 Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Michael's Church, Garston, in 1 hr. 7 mins. S. Gough, 1; J. Davidson, 2; C. Newton, 3; J. Alexander, 4; F. Turner, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6; C. W. Hughes (composer and conductor), 7; J. Latchford, 8. All members of the Association. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Bishops and Belfry Visits.

SIR,—Noticing in your issue of Dec. 31st an account of the Bishop of Manchester having paid a visit to the belfry of St. Philip's Church, Hulme, and the statement that it is supposed to be the first occasion on which a Bishop has visited a belfry for other than official purposes; will you please allow me to say that some few months ago, on the occasion of the induction of the new Incumbent of St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, the Bishop of the diocese (Dr. Ryle), accompanied, I believe, by the Ven. Archdeacon Bardsley, the Revs. J. Eyre, late incumbent, — Wildig, present incumbent, — Gausson, curate, and others, paid a friendly visit to the ringers in the belfry, the service in the church having concluded for some time previous to the visit? Hoping that other bishops and clergy, ay, and laity too, may be induced to follow the above examples, &c.

A FRIENDLY INFORMER.

More Wrong Peals.

SIR,—I write to say that, although you were good enough to give the same peal twice in your issue of the 14th inst., neither entry is correct. This is the peal, and by comparison it will appear that the 7th course of the Kenninghall and the 8th course of the Redenhall reports are both incorrect. In short, the last bob in the 7th and 15th courses should be called at H., and the last two bobs in the 8th and 16th courses should be called at the W.

Old ringers will know all about this, but as it may perplex the younger members, I think it better to put matters right so far, and at once, simply to show the impossibility of using, in any composition, such a course as the 7th and 15th given in the first-mentioned report. I have given it by the bob changes. This is known as the 'long course,' and, as must be observed, if used in any composition, such a composition must be false. This course is the best illustration of transposing, reversing, or variation of peals that can be given, as it shows that bobs before are called exactly in the middle of every course, where such are used, and that the places for bobs at the middle, or wrong, are synonymous; viz. the same distance from the end of the course, be it either the beginning or finish, the extra bobs that may be called at M., W., or Home, having nothing to do with this part of the business; bobs at home always, in fact, remain in the same place.

H. DAINES.

SIR,—The two peals of 5056 each in your issue of the 14th inst. M. B. W. H. are both wrong in the calling. The two last courses in each part 1 1 1 1 should be called thus:—

WM. SOTTANSTALL, Sowerby.

SIR,—Allow me to say that Mr. Conyard's composition of Bob Minor, published in your issue of December 23, is not a peal, as stated; it being deficient of twelve treble leads.

JNO. F. PENNING.

Anniversary of the Opening of Sandiacre Church Bells, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., the first anniversary of the opening of the above bells took place. The bells were kindly presented by Joseph Stevens, Esq., of Sandiacre (who was invited to attend and take part in the pro-

ceedings), and opened by the Long Eaton Society on January 13th, 1881. Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m. by the Sandiacre Society, who rang several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. W. Lovell, 1; A. Follows, 2; J. C. Dicken, 3; W. Gough, 4; H. Sheard (conductor), 5; T. Wheatley, 6. Afterwards, five members of the Long Eaton Society, assisted by J. C. Dicken, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 15 bobs, in thirty minutes. L. Scattergood, 1; J. C. Dicken, 2; R. Hickton, 3; S. Clarke, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. in F. Ringing was afterwards kept up by both Societies till 6 p.m., when all present adjourned to dinner at the 'Red Lion Hotel,' which was kindly provided by Mr. Stevens, the vicar and churchwardens and about twenty ringers being present. The remaining part of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and vocal music. Both Societies take the opportunity of thanking the vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Stevens for his liberality and kindness.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Swaffham on Monday, Jan. 30th. Members wishing to be present are requested to notify the same to the Secretary on or before Tuesday the 24th. G. H. HARRIS, Hon. Sec. Tunstead Vicarage.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING of the above Association is fixed for Monday, the 30th inst., at Faversham. The towers of Faversham (8), Borden (8), Sittingbourne (6), Selling (6), Sheldwich (6), Throwley (6), and Teynham (6), will be visited.

Hand-bells for North China.

FOURTH SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

Mr. W. H. Higgins, Q.C. ...	0	5	0	C. G. H. ...	0	2	6
Mrs. F. W. Butler ...	1	0	0	A Friend ...	0	5	0
Miss Phillips ...	0	5	0	In remembrance of St. Peter's			
Miss Gherne ...	0	3	6	5-o'clock Bell ...	0	5	0
A Great Yarmouth Bible Class,				Rev. Wharton B. Smith ...	0	2	6
per a member of N.C.M.A. ...	0	2	6	Baron Zehmen ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Seymour Grenfell and				Mrs. Fenwick ...	0	10	0
children ...	1	0	0	Mr. E. R. Dale ...	0	1	0

Subscriptions thankfully received and acknowledged by Rev. O. P. Yerburch, St. Peter's, Eaton Square.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paulinus Church, Crayford, Kent.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., seven members of the Crayford Society, assisted by W. F. Bate of the Royal Cumberlands, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5010 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. W. J. Reeve (conductor), 1; J. Sloper, 2; J. Saxby, 3; G. Conyard, 4; F. French, 5; F. M. Jacobs, 6; F. Bate, 7; S. Webb, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 31st ult., six members of the Guild of change-ringers rang the old year out with a muffled peal of Bob Minor, consisting of 9 bobs and 2 singles, in 26 mins. G. Herdman, 1; G. Campbell, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; T. J. Des Forges, 4; R. S. Storey, 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester.

On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a peal of Grandsire Minor was rung on the first six bells by members of St. John's Voluntary Bell-ringers' Society. C. Gregory,* 1; J. Pollitt,* 2; F. Mould,* 3; F. Lord,* 4; A. Wood, 5; S. H. H. Henn* (conductor), 6. The tenors were rung by Messrs. Wolstenholme and Brame. [* Their first peal.] Time, 29½ mins. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

At Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., Mr. John Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 51 mins. G. Longden, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; J. Adams, 3; S. Wood (conductor), 4; B. Broadbent, 5; S. Andrew, 6; J. Thorp, 7; J. Andrew, 8.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a peal of 5201 Grandsire Caters, with the 5th and 6th their extent behind the 9th, was attempted, but after ringing 3 hrs. 5 mins. the 7th rope broke when within a few leads of the finish. T. Mosa, 1; G. Longden, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Adams, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; S. Andrew, 6; J. Thorp, 7; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 8; L. Broadbent, 9; J. Andrew, 10. [In future we shall require the name of the church.]

At North Wingfield, Derbyshire.

On the 5th inst. the ringers of the above church, belonging to the North Derbyshire Association, rang four six-scores of Bob Doubles in various callings. G. Clough, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; J. Cock, Esq., 3; T. Allibone, 4; G. Brown, 5; T. Clough, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt. in G. It may be noted that this is the first time it has been accomplished by this set of ringers, as it is only a few months since they began to ring by the method.

At Diss, Norfolk.

On Friday, the 6th inst., the forty-ninth anniversary of St. Mary's bells was held, when many ringers from Eye, Kenninghall, Norwich, Banham, Redenhall, Tunstead, Needham, &c., enjoyed a dinner provided by Mr. Reeves of the 'Dolphin Inn.' During the day some touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and twelve courses of Stedman's Triples were rung.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Saturday evening, the 7th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang the first 504 of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples; also touches of 366, 210, and 168 changes. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; A. Pye, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. Porter, 4; F. Bidgood, 5; W. J. Aldridge, 6; J. W. Aldridge, 7; G. Garrett, 8. This is the first time a 504 has been rung by one half the band.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, Kent.

On Sunday, the 8th inst., six members of the Crayford Society rang for Divine service a peal of Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins. C. Hamman, 1; J. Saxby, 2; W. Pringuer, 3; J. Sloper, 4; M. Jacobs, 5; F. J. French, 6. The peal, by Mr. N. J. Pitstow of Saffron Walden, contains twenty-six singles, and was conducted by Mr. F. J. French.

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex.

On Sunday evening, the 8th inst., for service, a half-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung; and after service a peal of Plain Bob, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 31 mins. W. Hall, 1; A. Porter,* 2; A. Pye,* 3; S. Rush, 4; G. Dear, 5; J. Dear (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. in E flat. [* Members of the Essex Association.]

At Lichfield Cathedral.

On Monday, the 9th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight bells in 3 hrs. 30 mins. F. Sedgwick, 1; J. Key, 2; T. Meredith, 3; H. Meacham, 4; A. Whitby, 5; F. J. Cope (conductor), 6; A. Greenwood, 7; E. Gallimore and C. North, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. This is believed to have been the first peal ever rung here.

At Birmingham—Handbell Ringing.

On Monday, the 9th inst., four members of the Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers rang upon the handbells (retained in hand) a peal of 5003 Grandsire Major, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. The peal contains the sixth twenty-four times wrong and right; the fifth twenty-four times right, with all the 8 5 7's, 8 6 7's, and 6 7 8's. Composed and conducted by J. Carter. T. Russam, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; W. E. Bryant, 7-8. Referee, W. Kent, who marked the peal off as it was rung. Witnesses, Mr. A. Jones and Mr. G. A. Taylor.

At St. Nicholas, Newington-next-Hythe, Kent.

On Monday, the 9th inst., five members of the Kent County Association rang six peals of Doubles, 2 of Grandsire, and four of Stedman's, in 28 mins. A. Tanton,* 1; J. Hogben,* 2; J. Nutley,* 3; J. Toms,* 4; J. Marsh (conductor), 5. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., ten members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 35 mins. A. Crosser, 1; J. Joyner, 2; S. Reeves, 3; H. Johnson, sen. (composer), 4; J. Dunn, 5; J. Buttery (conductor), 6; J. James, 7; T. Miller, 8; H. Johnson, jun., 9; T. Reynolds, 10. Tenor, 36 cwt., in C.

At All Saints', Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On the 10th inst. eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang Holt's Original One-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 8 mins. F. Ripon,* 1; J. Rowley,* 2; J. Taylor,* 3; C. Bower, 4; T. Hattersley (conductor), 5; W. Gardiner, 6; T. Seed,* 7; W. Smithson,* 8. [* Their first peal.] Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. John Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 26 mins. by members of the Essex Association. J. Priest, 1; E. Barnett, 2; C. Holden, 3; F. Phillips, 4; H. Randall (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Bramhall, Norfolk.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang 5312 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 17 mins. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains and conducted by Edward Smith. E. Smith, 1; Rev. H. E. Bulwer, 2; W. Sheldrake, 3; Rev. G. H. Harris, 4; G. Mobbs, 5; F. Smith, 6; J. Smith, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.	5312					Treble Bob.	
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Also on Friday, the 13th inst., was celebrated the 146th anniversary of the opening of this fine ring of bells as a ring of eight and the formation of the Bramhall Society of Ringers. During the day touches of Treble Bob, Stedman, and Superlative Surprise, were rung. There were present during the day the Rev. G. H. Harris, rector of Tunstead and Secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association; the Rev. H. E. Bulwer; Gervas Holmes, Esq.; the Rev. — Moore Stephens; Captain Moore; &c.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

On Thursday evening, the 12th inst., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 9 bobs, in 26 mins., supposed to be the first peal in the method ever rung upon these bells. H. Nunn, jun., 1 (first peal in the method); S. Jarman, 2; H. Randall, 3; J. Nunn, 4; W. Doran, 5; J. Gobbett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Hulme, Manchester.

A PEAL of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung at the above church on Thursday evening, the 12th inst., in 27 mins. J. Mason, 1; W. J. Chatterton, 2; A. E. Holme, 3; J. Scott (conductor), 4; W. Hargreaves, 5; W. Roberts, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

On Friday evening, the 13th inst., a peal of Grandsire Minor was rung. J. Gardner, 1; J. Woods, 2; W. Morley, 3; W. Fairclough, 4; J. Walker, 5; C. Sharples, 6. This is the first peal on these bells by the ringers of the church. The peal was conducted by C. Sharples, and is the first he has called. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Woolwich; Derby; and others. The peal from Rawmarsh is not inserted because the writer has not sent his name.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Suggestion for a Further Revision of the New Testament.

SIR,—It becomes more and more evident that the Revised Version can never be the Authorised Version for the English-speaking world: it must first undergo another—a thorough and most searching—revision, before it can be generally adopted; and that not the work of a selected clique merely, but a truly national work. To effect this, opinions, emendations, suggestions, should first be invited and gathered together from all quarters. Every competent person who has an emendation, in sense or language, to propose, should have an opportunity of making it known. To this end I would suggest that an inexpensive periodical, under some such title as *The Revisionist*, be started, under competent and liberal editorship, for the purpose of gathering and recording all such proposed emendations and opinions. Then, after a while, these might be indexed or arranged in the order of the several books of the New Testament, to serve as matter for discussion by a Revision Committee, appointed by authority. By this means, probably, a revision might be arrived at that would give general satisfaction. A monthly or fortnightly sheet, at the cost of a few pence, would suffice, I suppose, for this purpose; and it can hardly be doubted that it would be well supported, for it is a matter that not only the clergy, but also the laity, are deeply interested in.

In this re-revision no grammatical craze should be allowed to have place to mar, or banish, phrases or words which have become ingrained in our native tongue; such, for instance, as that to which Mr. Moon takes exception, —‘the very chiefest of the apostles.’ For this, and in the oft-recurring combination, ‘Most Highest,’ in the Prayer-book version of the Psalms, the most exact grammar would be the very worst English, for these expressions are efforts beyond grammar to express thoughts which are too great for utterance in ordinary language; they have become household words, that but few would content to part with. Indeed, if we went upon this tack with our revision, we should first have to revise the very language of the writers of the New Testament themselves; for we find in their Greek precisely equivalent anomalies in grammar: as, for instance, in Eph. iii. 8, *τῷ ἐλάχιστῳ πάντων ἁγίων* which in bald English would be ‘the leastest of all saints;’ but in the incomparable and consecrated English of our old version, ‘less than the least of all saints.’ So again in 3 John, 4, *μειζοτερον χαριον*, which literally rendered would be, ‘greater joy.’

On the other hand, there are, in the Old Version, strict grammatical renderings which convey no proper sense; this one, for instance, which has been passed over by the Revisionists, viz. Titus, i. 1, ‘Paul . . . an apostle . . . according to the faith of God’s elect.’ ‘According’ is, indeed, the most usual sense of *κατά*, but what meaning can we get from the words, ‘an apostle, according to the faith of the elect?’ *κατά* is, in fact, a preposition of wide signification, and here it seems to have a somewhat unusual force, viz. ‘with regard to,’ or, ‘with a view to.’ It denotes the purpose for which he was made an apostle, viz. to direct, promote, and confirm the faith of God’s elect. That the Revisers should have passed this over shows how use and custom often reconcile the ear to words and phrases which, when closely examined, convey but little or no meaning to the understanding.

But I am digressing from the purpose of my letter. If you can find space for it in your paper, I trust it might lead to the adoption of this, or some other comprehensive plan that might lead to a thorough and satisfactory revision of our old and highly-prized Version of the New Testament. F. H. BRETT.

The Revisers’ English.

SIR,—I confess I was ignorant of the word ‘shamefast,’ and therefore may merit ‘G.’s strictures, so I wrote to you for information, after having failed to obtain it from Dr. Johnson; but is it not really *now* an archaism, and therefore not suited for a ‘vulgar’ translation? Also, why better than ‘shamefacedness,’ or the more intelligible ‘self-restraint?’

I should be glad to have an opinion upon ‘baggage,’ Acts, xxi. 15. Has it not a very ‘worthless twang,’ and would not luggage have been better? It is true that perhaps the former may be more correct, since very possibly their luggage was wrapped up in canvas, like our sailors’. F. W.

Hearing Sermons.

SIR,—Every one must deplore the habit that prevails in certain churches of leaving at the close of the musical part of the service; but can it be wondered at when a correspondent in this week’s issue of the most popular Church paper complains of children being obliged to hear sermons? and the Editor instances, with seeming approval, a church in which picture-books are given to the children when the sermon commences.

At the Sunday afternoon service at St. Paul’s Cathedral (even when Canon Liddon preaches), the Collects immediately after the Anthem are inaudible from the noise made by those who leave at that time. The authorities appear to countenance the practice by requesting those who do not intend to remain the whole service to sit near the doors; but the disturbance is very great, and shows that the choral service is not an unmixed blessing. J. S.

All Saints’ Church, Dresden.

SIR,—As a resident of over thirty-eight years in Dresden, I venture to ask for contributions to our special fund, known as the ‘Chaplain’s House Fund,’ which a few years since was originated for the purpose of providing a residence for the chaplain of All Saints’ Church. I believe that there are many former residents in Dresden, visitors, and others interested in English churches abroad, who would gladly contribute to this fund if they knew of its existence. I therefore venture to make it known that donations will be received for the purpose by Messrs. Drummond, bankers, London; Messrs. Gunther and Rudolph, bankers, Dresden; or by myself,

GEORGINA FOOKS.

17 Prager Strasse, Dresden, Jan. 14th, 1882.

RECEIVED ALSO:—E. V.; H. H. M.; N. D. A.; M. A.; A Churchwoman; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Another supposed Impossibility overcome.

SIR,—In a peal of Bob Minor, 32 bobs has long been considered to be the greatest number of bobs possible in the method, and a peal with this number, according to *Rope-Sight*, was first composed by the renowned Annable, and entered in his note-book (now in the possession of Mr. Snowden) between the years 1735 and 1745. This peal is in two parts, and until Mr. J. F. Penning lately composed peals upon this plan, no one else had produced a peal containing this number of bobs.

On Friday, the 20th inst., Mr. J. F. Penning composed a One-part peal with 35 bobs and 6 singles, and which peal was rung for the evening service on Sunday, the 22nd inst., at the parish church, Saffron Walden, in 27 mins., by the following:—J. Freeman, 1; G. Martin, 2; C. Freeman, 3; N. J. Pitstow, 4; J. F. Penning, 5; F. Pitstow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 24 cwt.

This is another instance showing that nothing should be stated to be impossible without mathematical proof positive. A peal of Grandsire Triples may yet be produced by ordinary bobs only. N. J. PITSTOW.

Note to Mr. N. J. Pitstow.

SIR,—I am very sorry you have not a correct list of all peals rung before the publication of Mr. Snowden’s works, as the 5088 that was rung at St. Peter’s on the 30th ult. was rung on April 3rd, 1869, at Leesfield, by the following ringers:—J. Ashton, 1; H. Shaw, 2; J. Bramhall, 3; D. Whiteley, 4; W. Fawcett, 5; R. Williams, 6; J. Wroe, 7; J. Thorp (composer and conductor), 8. The 7104 which was rung on the 7th inst., at St. Peter’s, has been my composition for twenty years. I have not rung it before, neither was I aware of its being published in any work. J. THORP.

Mr. Conyard’s Composition.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue for Jan. 21st a note from Mr. Penning, stating that Mr. Conyard’s composition of Bob Minor, published in your issue of Dec. 24, is deficient of twelve leads, I am at a loss to understand how Mr. Penning finds it twelve treble leads short, as by repeating the calling as given in your issue it comes home at the right number of leads, namely, sixty; but I find that Mr. Conyard is very unfortunate in his first composition, as it is false from beginning to end. I think it would be much better if young composers would prove their compositions before publishing them, as then they would not lay themselves open to severe remarks. S. HAYES.

Durham Diocesan Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Association was held on the 2nd instant at Newcastle-on-Tyne. The ringers came from various towns and villages on the Tyne and Wear. Some good ringing was performed, the most noteworthy, however, being a peal of Bob Minor at St. John’s in 25 mins., and a touch of 3292 Grandsire Triples at St. Stephen’s in 2 hrs. 4 mins., by mixed companies. At St. John’s—S. Nott, 1; G. Campbell, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; J. Rossiter, 4; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 5; W. Smith, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt. At St. Stephen’s—W. West, 1; R. Willans, 2; E. Wallis, 3; R. Smith, 4; F. Lees, 5; S. Power (conductor), 6; J. Hern, 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt. This is the longest touch on St. Stephen’s bells. An excellent dinner was provided in St. Stephen’s Mission Room, Tulloch Street, under the superintendence of Mrs. Morpeth, at which seventy sat down. The vicar, Rev. J. Lintott, presided, and the Rev. R. Nicholson, curate, occupied the vice-chair. Mr. E. Wallis (instructor), St. Stephen’s, having offered Mr. J. Snowden’s *Standard Methods* as a prize to the furthest advanced in the art of change-ringing amongst the members of St. Stephen’s Society, it was competed for and won successfully by Mr. E. W. Pyle, and after dinner was presented by W. D. Cruddas, Esq. (President), who in his observations congratulated Mr. Pyle, and complimented the ringers of St. Stephen’s generally, on the remarkable progress made since his first visit, twelve months ago (the formation of the Society). The Revs. Chairman and Vice-chairman also addressed those present. The Vicar had known Mr. Pyle from a child, and he had always been regular in attendance at both church and school. He was glad to be amongst them that day, and gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and wished them a prosperous and a happy new year. Mr. Pyle replied in a very neat speech. Hand-bell ringing concluded the day’s enjoyment.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter’s, Jarrow, Durham.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (the first of this method on these bells) was rung by six members of the North Shields Branch of the Durham Diocesan Association in 25 mins. J. Rossiter, 1; W. Waugh, 2; R. Willans, 3; R. Smith, 4; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 5; J. Hern, 6. Tenor, 8 cwt.

Also a peal of Grandsire Minor, 22 bobs and 2 singles, by four members of the North Shields and two of St. Stephen’s, Newcastle. Branches, in 25 mins. J. Hern, 1; R. Smith, 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; J. Rossiter, 4; W. Waugh, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6.

At St. Mary’s, Woolwich, Kent.

On Saturday evening, the 14th inst., eight members of the Society of College Youths rang Holt’s Original One-part Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 46 mins. H. Bright, 1; H. Harvey, 2; W. G. Shade, 3; C. Harvey (his first peal), 4; F. Bidgood, 5; W. J. Aldridge, 6; I. G. Shade (conductor), 7; W. Harris, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., the following team, all of Liversedge, rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. J. Whitworth, 1; W. Goodall (composer), 2; J. Illingworth, 3; T. North, 4; S. Goodall, 5; T. Goodall, 6; L. Illingworth* (conductor), 7; M. Ramsden, 8. [* His first attempt in conducting 5088 changes.]

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

On Saturday, the 14th inst. eight members of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, by the kind permission of the Rev. R. Hey, vicar, rang a touch of 504 Stedman's Triples on the new ring of bells lately placed in this tower. J. Griffin, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; Rev. W. S. Willett, 3; A. Wakley, 4; J. Jaggard, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; W. Wakley (conductor), 7; Rev. J. H. Fish, 8.

Also a touch of 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; Rev. W. S. Willett, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jaggard, 5; A. Wakley, 6; F. W. Appleby, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Other touches of Treble Bob, Stedman, and Grandsire Triples, were rung, in which the following took part. Mr. Wibberley of Nottingham, Mr. Joyce of Burton, and Messrs. Howe, Lee, and Woodward of Derby. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat. The belfry is beautifully fitted up, and is quite a model of what a ringing-chamber ought to be.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Campbell, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Campbell Society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples in 47 mins. R. Thompson, 1; R. Pearson, 2; J. Senior, 3; G. Senior (conductor), 4; A. Jubb, 5; H. Butcher, 6; W. Pearson, 7; F. Lorrimer, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F. This is the longest touch ever rung by the above Society.

At St. Martin's, Aldington, Kent.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., six members of the Aldington Branch of the Kent County Association rang seven different peals of Plain Bob Minor, containing 720 changes each—in all 5040 changes—in 3 hrs. 18 mins. C. Slingsby, 1; T. Hodgkin, 2; P. Hodgkin, 3; W. Hyder, 4; E. Hyder (conductor), 5; W. Post, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G. This is the first peal of 5040 by all except the conductor, and it is nearly sixty-three years since a peal of this length was rung on these bells. During the year 1881 the Aldington Branch rang thirty-five 720's, thirty-three 360's, and twelve 240's, making a total of 39,960 changes in two different methods.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., the ringers of the above church, assisted by friends from Westthorpe, rang, with the bells deeply muffled, the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal (2520) of Grandsire Triples (as a mark of respect to the memory of Richard Molyneux, who was one of the first eight that learned the art of change-ringing at the above church under Mr. Peter Johnson of Ince), in 1 hr. 33 mins. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; W. Brown, 2; J. Woodward, 3; E. Prescott, 4; E. Kay, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Whittingham, 7; S. Gerrard, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

At Wakefield, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., eight of the parish church ringers, with J. T. Hollis of Wrenthorpe, and C. Crawford of Doncaster, rang for evening service, in 40 mins., 960 changes of Kent Treble Bob Royal, in the tittums position. W. Milnes, 1; J. Firth, 2; J. P. Healey (conductor), 3; T. Prince, 4; W. Scott, 5; J. T. Hollis, 6; W. Firth, 7; C. Crawford, 8; T. Moorhouse, 9; T. Ormond, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt., in C.

At Deerhurst, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., five members of the Deerhurst Society, assisted by Josiah Wathen of Tewkesbury, rang for afternoon service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. J. Bartlett, 1; C. Willis, 2; C. Axford, 3; C. Andrews, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Wathen (conductor), 6.

Also, on the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung by the Deerhurst Society in 25 mins. C. Roles, 1; C. Willis, 2; C. Axford, 3; C. Andrews, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. This is believed to be the first peal of 720 by members of a Deerhurst Society.

At the Parish Church, Eccles, Lancashire.

On Monday evening, the 16th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 59 mins. T. Yates, 1; E. Cash, 2; J. Curtis, 3; J. Ridyard, 4; J. Barratt, 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 7; E. Reddish, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt.

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

On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., eight members of the Ipswich Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association (being also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths) rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 26 mins. W. L. Catchpole, 1; W. Meadows, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; E. Pemberton, 4; H. Bowell, 5; R. Hawes, 6; E. Reeve, 7; R. Brundle, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. The peal was composed by the late B. Annable, and conducted by W. L. Catchpole, and is the first of the method rung on these bells. The last peal of Bob Major recorded in this tower was rung upon the old eight bells in May, 1811.

At St. Stephen's, Newcastle.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., a touch of 1940 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 20 mins. W. West, 1; R. Willans, 2; E. Wallis, 3; R. Smith, 4; F. Lee, 5; S. Power (conductor), 6; W. Reed, Esq., 7; S. Nott, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

At St. John's, Windsor, Berkshire.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., 120 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung in 5 mins. F. King, 1; J. Steel, 2; A. Fussell (conductor), 3; T. Udell, 4; J. Akery, 5; J. Perryman, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt. It is more than eighty-two years since any scientific ringing was performed on these bells by members only.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., the Abbey Society of Change-ringers rang 1882 changes of Grandsire Triples (the date of the present year) in 1 hr. 7 mins. E. Devereux, 1; T. Devereux, 2; S. Cleal, 3; Josiah Wathen (composer and conductor), 4; J. Wathen, 5; J. Hale, 6; E. Wallis, 7; W. Haines, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

At All Saints', West Ham, Essex.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., eight members of the West Ham branch of the Royal Cumberland Society, being also members of the Essex Association, rang on the back eight Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in

3 hrs. 10 mins. E. Barnett, * 1; G. Pearl, jun., * 2; H. Randall, 3; J. Gobbett, 4; W. Doran, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), * 6; S. Jarman, 7; F. Searle, * 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. [* Their first peal.] This is supposed to be the first peal rung on the bells by a local company for upwards of fifty years.

At St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Middlesex.

On Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., by kind permission of the vicar (the Hon. and Rev. E. Carr-Glynn) and churchwardens, ten members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths rang 5057 changes of Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. Cox (composer and conductor), 1; J. Rogers, 2; C. Hopkins, 3; W. Hoverd, 4; J. Nelms, 5; H. Dains, 6; H. Hopkins, 7; D. Stackwood, 8; G. Newson, 9; J. Mansfield, 10. Tenor, 31½ cwt. The ring (an augmented one by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons) was opened by this Society on New-year's Eve, 1879. By a combination of circumstances this Society rang the first peal on the new ring and the last upon the old ring of eight, which took place on June 24th, 1869, after demolition of the old tower had commenced. Messrs. Mansfield, Hoverd, and Stackwood, took part in each of these performances.

At St. Laurence's, Ardeley, Herts.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., was rung a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. N. Warner, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; T. Page, 4; S. Page, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6.

At St. Mary's, Grassendale, near Liverpool.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, deeply muffled, was rung in 30 mins., in memory of Captain Sutton, 6th L. A. V. J. Large, 1; J. Davidson, 2; F. Turner, 3; J. Latchford, 4; J. Aspinwall, 5; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. All members of the Lancashire Association.

At Holy Trinity, Newington, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 58 mins. G. Mash, 1; F. W. Lennard, * 2; R. French, 3; C. F. Winney, 4; E. Cooper, * 5; E. Horrex, 6; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 7; W. H. George, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat. The last peal rang on the bells was in 1857. [* First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Ormskirk, Lancashire.

On Friday evening, the 20th inst., a date peal of 1882 Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins. T. Higham, 1; J. Eastham, 2; J. Winrow, 3; J. Leatherbarrow, 4; R. Clayton, 5; N. Spencer (conductor), 6; P. Fairhurst, 7; J. Prescott, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. The above was specially composed for the Ormskirk ringers by Mr. John Aspinwall of Liverpool, formerly of Ormskirk.

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 22 singles (from Snowdon's *Rope-Sight*), was rung in 31 mins. W. Halls, 1; S. Rush, 2; G. Galley, 3; A. J. Perkins * (conductor), 4; G. Dear, 5; I. Dear, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* Member of the Cumberland Youths and Essex Association.]

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

On Saturday, the 21st inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Caters, with the 3rd, 5th, and 6th their extent behind the 9th, was rung in 3 hrs. 8 mins. T. Moss, 1; T. Wroe, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Wood, 4; J. Adams, 5; B. Broadbent, 6; S. Andrew, 7; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 8; J. Thorp, 9; J. Andrew, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

At St. Stephen's, Hampstead, Middlesex.

On Saturday evening, the 21st inst., ten members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths rang 5040 changes of Kent Treble Royal in 3 hrs. 51 mins., being the first peal on the bells in this method. J. Rogers, 1; J. Cox, 2; J. Nelms, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; W. Hoverd, 5; J. Hannington, 6; W. Chapman, 7; H. Dains, 8; H. Hopkins, 9; G. Newson (conductor), 10. Tenor, 27½ cwt. The peal has the sixth home at six course-ends, and twice in fifth's place. One-part composition by H. Dains (see Snowdon's *Treatise*, page 108, part 77).

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Sunday afternoon, the 22nd inst., for service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob was rung on the back six bells in 29 mins. G. Roughton, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. Porter, 4; A. Pye, 5; I. Dear, 6. This peal was called with 42 singles, and is the same as that rung at Saffron Walden on February 15th. Composed by Mr. J. F. Penning. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Sunday evening, the 22nd inst., five members of the Long Eaton Society, assisted by J. C. Dicken of Sandiacre, rang for service a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Bradley, 1; J. C. Dicken, 2; R. Hickton, 3; W. Gibson, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At West Malling, Kent.

On Sunday, the 22nd inst., for evening service, five members of this company, with Mr. R. Simmonds of Maidstone, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. W. Driver, 1; F. G. Newman (conductor), 2; E. Baldock, 3; R. Simmonds, 4; C. Payne, 5; D. Hall, 6. Also, after service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Earlsheaton, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 22nd inst., before morning service, a muffled touch of 2528 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins., in memory of Mrs. Seth Senior. M. Garforth, 1; A. Goodall, 2; J. Buckley, 3; G. Taylor, 4; G. Ruddlesdew, 5; J. Ruddlesdew, 6; G. H. Hardy (composer and conductor), 7; H. Dransfield, 8.

Also on Tuesday, the 24th, at the same church, a date touch of 1882 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. A. Goodall, 1; G. Taylor, 2; C. Senior, 3; S. Mortimer, 4; G. Ruddlesdew, 5; I. Idle, 6; G. H. Hardy, 7; H. Dransfield, 8. Composed by J. Thorp and conducted by G. H. Hardy. Tenor, 14 cwt.

The Religious Census.

SIR,—I observe with some surprise that many Churchmen are inclined to attach considerable importance to the so-called Religious Census which is being taken in so many towns under, as I believe in every case, Nonconformist management. I for one should be very unwilling to calculate the strength, or the usefulness, or the success of the Church merely on statistics, more or less accurate, of attendance at one or two services, and I do not think that religion or irreligion is to be correctly gauged merely by counting heads in a place of worship at the hours of the day most in accordance with Nonconformist tradition and convenience. There is, however, another view of this Religious Census movement which may be taken, and which presents some points of interest. It may be regarded not so much as indicating the relative numerical positions of Church and Dissent, but as affording a guide to the church-going habits of Churchfolk, and the question arises whether, if these be found lax and unsatisfactory, something cannot be done to work an improvement. Complaints are often to be met with that in any given congregation the men are generally in the minority; and so much is this the case that, if there is any exception to the rule, it is sure to be remarked upon. It would be a great gain to increase the attendance of men, and I would suggest that this would be largely brought about if it were the practice to have services without sermons. Is the sermon so essential and vital a part of the Church of England Service? If the clergy would get up the subject themselves, and give short lectures or addresses on Sundays or other times on the Prayer-book, I am sure the services would be rendered more intelligently and heartily than they are. We are blessed in my parish with an incumbent who preaches plain practical discourses which are worth listening to, and worth remembering, and trying to live up to, but what are average sermons? Are they not twenty, or thirty, or forty minutes' weariness, if not torture, to the average layman? I do not see what right we have to expect our clergy to be so gifted or so eloquent as to provide us with a hundred or two hundred sermons a-year, and continue to be interesting and instructive, let alone impressive, year after year. I hope some day I may see a preaching brotherhood in the Church, consisting of men specially adapted and specially trained for the pulpit, who would go from parish to parish, and, without all the excitement and fervour of a mission, would give us sermons which would have more power than those of our present system, and which would be without that familiarity which breeds contempt. But that will not be yet, and in the meantime, as things are now, there is many a man who feels that much of the good, if not all, he derives from a service is dissipated and rendered unavailing by the tedium and irritation which are the result of the weak, nerveless platitudes and narrow and illogical exegeses which he is bound to endure, and from which there is no escape. I believe there would be more laymen at service if there were less sermon.

S. G. T.

Prayers for the Dead.

SIR,—Some few weeks ago one of your correspondents asked 'J. W. Horsley' for 'chapter and verse' to prove his assertion that the late Chas. Kingsley found great comfort in praying for his departed friends. As 'J. W. H.' has not yet done so, it may be presumed he has been unable to find it. I have looked carefully through the *Life and Letters of Mr. Kingsley*, and cannot find evidence enough to support the statement of Mr. Horsley. But there is this significant passage in one of his letters. He is writing to a noble lord on the death of his wife. It will be found at page 29, vol. ii. He says: 'Who can feel for you more deeply than I, who have had the same danger in prospect in past time, and found it, even at a distance, too horrible to contemplate? But believe that those who are gone are nearer us than ever; and that if (as I surely believe) they do sorrow over the mishaps and misdeeds of those whom they leave behind, they do not sorrow in vain. Their sympathy is a further education for them, and a pledge too of help—I believe of final deliverance—for those on whom they look down in love.' This is striking evidence that the good Canon held the beautiful and comforting doctrine of the *Communion of Saints*, but that he prayed for his departed friends is not so clear.

C. B. T.

Books for the Shipping.

SIR,—The long-continued gales of this winter have destroyed many thousands of the books sent to sea by the Missions to Seamen, 11 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C., and we again ask that notices may be placed on church boards requesting that bookshelves may be relieved in our favour.

Thanks a good deal to the press, we received during 1881, from 1364 donors, 1089 Bibles and Prayer-books, 2134 hymn-books, 5849 library books, and 30,943 magazines, &c.; besides probably a greater number sent direct to the 46 seaports in which our 23 chaplains and 39 readers are ministering on board ships and barges. We especially need disused Prayer-books to give to crews uniting for Divine worship, and old magazines for our bags of reading. If the hampers, sacks, and boxes were prepaid it would save our funds, which only reached 16,628l. in 1880, and are much wanted for living, agency, and mission vessels.

WM. DAWSON, *Commander R.N., and Secretary.*

Parochial Libraries.

SIR,—I have a private library, which has been largely made use of by the inhabitants of the village in which I live; but as I am about to leave, I wish to make it a public one, to be managed by trustees. I should be very grateful to any one who would send me a copy of their parish library rules, together with their opinion as to whether it is advisable to make a small charge for the use of the books.

J. M. A.

Rock House, Cudworth, Barnsley.

AN OFFER.—I shall be glad to post my copy of the *Guardian* to a clergyman who would not otherwise see it. Address 'Ernest Heseltine, Speen, Newbury.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—Salf; Churchman; T. Field; R. M. B.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON.

THE PEAL OF STEDMAN'S CINQUES.

On Friday, the 27th ult., the Cathedral ringers and some friends, members of the Society of College Youths, were entertained at supper, which was liberally provided by W. Making & Son of St. Paul's Churchyard, to celebrate the remarkable peal of Stedman's Cinques, containing 5014 changes, which was rung on Saturday, the 10th of last December, the time being 4 hrs. 17 mins., and the tenor 62 cwt. In the course of friendly remarks concerning the clever ringers connected with the peal, it was stated that St. Paul's is the heaviest ring of twelve bells, that the striking was first-class throughout, and that the performance was accomplished at the first attempt. An invitation was sent to Mr. Taylor of Loughborough, the founder of the bells. In his answer he stated that pressure of business prevented his attendance; he promised, however, to assist in the erection of a tablet, or memorial, which is, we believe, about to be placed in the belfry, to commemorate the first peal on the bells.

The address of Mr. G. Muskett, the Secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is No. 11 Church Row, Bethnal Green Road, London, N.E.

Change-ringing at Hertford, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 17th ult., a pleasant day's ringing took place at Hertford, on the occasion of the visit of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, vicar of Drayton, Berks, to Squire Proctor of Bennington Hall, Herts, whose celebrated band attended, and Mr. J. R. Haworth, of London. The Rev. W. Wigram, rector of St. Andrew's, kindly ordered everything to be ready at the belfries of the two churches. In the morning Grandsire Caters and London Surprise Major were rung. After dinner some fine ringing took place, Mr. Haworth conducting Stedman's Triples at St. Andrew's, Mr. Robinson Grandsire Caters and Mr. T. Page Superlative Surprise Major at All Saints. Mr. Ingram's band of change-ringers are making great progress in ten-bell ringing; some of them took part in the Grandsire Caters.

Mr. Snowdon's Collection of Treble Bob Peals.

SIR,—In your last week's issue Mr. Thorp regrets that you have not a correct list of all peals rung before the publication of my collection of T. B. peals; in this regret I sincerely join with him. As Mr. Thorp's intention is to show that, in my collection, certain compositions to which he lays claim are credited to other composers, I would ask him, before he again expresses such regret, to consider whether any incompleteness in my collection which may affect his interest is not directly owing to his own indifference to the matter. I can only say that before I published my collection I personally wrote to Mr. Thorp asking him to send me any of his peals, and that to this letter I never received any reply; is it not now rather late for him to express his regret at the incompleteness of the collection?

Concerning the peals that appeared in your number of Jan. 7th, the 5088 there given it is there stated was first rung on Dec. 30th ult.; but on Jan. 28th Mr. Thorp states that it was rung so far back as April 30th, 1869. This peal I give as the composition of Wm. Harrison, from whom I received it in 1876, but how long he had then had it I do not know. Had I also received it from Mr. Thorp before the publication of my collection I should then have endeavoured to have learnt by whom it was first obtained. Mr. Harrison is now dead, it is therefore impossible to learn whether Mr. Thorp has any prior claim to the peal. The 7104, which I ascribe to Mr. Johnson, Mr. Thorp says has been his own composition for twenty years. This peal is the reverse of one published in Thackrah's work, from whence I obtained it. As Thackrah's book was published in 1852, Mr. Johnson has at least a thirty years' claim to it. As I notice that you are continually receiving old compositions as new ones I may say that I should not have troubled you with these remarks had it not been that, as the peals in question have been commented on by one or two correspondents, my silence might have been considered as arising from my inability to find any answer to these claims. JASPER W. SNOWDON.

Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

Mr. Conyard's Composition.

SIR,—The twelve leads deficient are:—

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

By calling singles at all leads in the last half except at 6, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 28, and 30, a peal will be produced containing 42 singles. J. F. PENNING.

Mr. Thorp's Compositions.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Thorp's letter given in your last number, I beg to refer your readers to your issue of the 7th ult., where, in reference to the 5088 (which Mr. Thorp now states was rung at Leedsfield on the 3rd April, 1869), the following remark upon this peal appears: 'The sixth its extent right at nine different course ends. Its first time of being rung.' And now, to claim this peal, Mr. Thorp tells us it had been rung before at Leedsfield in 1869! Strange it is that the late William Harrison did not know of this peal being rung in 1869, living as he did near the neighbourhood.

Again, when this peal was rung by the Yorkshire Association it was reported in *Church Bells* as Mr. Harrison's peal. Why did not Mr. Thorp claim it then? With reference to the 7104, as it has been published for nearly three years in Mr. Snowdon's collection as Mr. Johnson's peal, and no attempt made until now to wrest it from him, it must be accepted as his, although Mr. Thorp says he has had it for twenty years. Mr. Johnson is now in his

73rd year, and probably may have composed long before then. Before Mr. Snowdon published his collection he asked all composers (through the columns of *Church Bells*) to forward him any peals in their possession. Mr. Thorp did not take any notice of Mr. Snowdon's appeal, and now wants his peals recognised, after having been published as the compositions of other composers.

N. J. PRISTOW.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the Society was held at Faversham on Monday, Jan. 30th, when from sixty to seventy ringers attended, from twelve parishes. The churches in the programme, viz. Selling, Sholdwich, Thornley, Faversham, Teynham, Sittingbourne, and Borden, were all visited during the day by some of the bands.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting, for ringing only, will take place at Chorley on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing from 2 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } *Hon. Secretaries.*
JOEL REDFORD, }

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A SPECIAL Meeting of this Association will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Schools, Gloucester Green, Oxford, on Feb. 18th, at 2 p.m. All members are requested to attend.

DOLBEN PAUL, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

The Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE Annual General Meeting of this Branch of the Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, the 28th ult. Out of the fifty-four ringers who comprise this branch, forty-six attended the meeting. Nine of the clergy of the Deanery were also present. After some touches of Grandsire Triples and Doubles at St. Paul's Church, the members collected in the Terrace-room, and partook of a substantial tea. The chair was then taken by the Rev. Dolben Paul, who called upon the Secretary, the Rev. H. Sturges, to read his report for the past year. It was gratifying to notice that more than forty of the laity in the neighbourhood had joined the Branch as honorary members; and that in all the towers in the Deanery change-ringing had now been introduced, and Churchyard Bobs had been buried once (and, it is to be hoped), for ever. No one could look on the party of ringers gathered together on Saturday without being struck with the great changes in the tone of our ringers, to say nothing of a still greater change in the tone of their bells. We feel that it is a real church work that the Guild has undertaken, and we wish it heartily all success.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Saturday, the 21st ult., to celebrate the opening of St. Paul's Institute, built by Mr. Baas, M.P. at a cost of 35,000l., the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 39 min. by members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, assisted by Mr. J. Wiberley, of Nottingham. J. Wiberley (conductor), 1; E. I. Stone, 2; J. Jaggard, 3; J. Griffin, 4; A. Wakley, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; W. Wakley, 7; F. Dawson, 8. Several touches of Stedman's Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were also rung during the day, conducted by W. Wakley. Tenor, 26 cwt., in F.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

ON Monday, the 23rd ult., seven members of the North Shields Branch of the Durham Association, with three from the Newcastle Branch, rang a touch of 1061 Grandsire Caters, containing queens and tittums, in 40 mins. J. Rossiter, 1; W. West, 2; W. Waugh, 3; E. Wallis, 4; R. Wignell, 5; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 6; S. Power, 7; R. Smith, 8; J. Hern, 9; A. Sawyer, 10. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At St. Nicholas, Long Crendon, Bucks.

ON Monday, the 23rd ult., a date touch of 1882 changes was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. R. W. Rose, 1; G. Warner, 2; G. Cadle, 3; John Warner (conductor), 4; M. Warner, 5; D. Warner, 6; W. Cadle, 7; Jas. Warner, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Putney, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 3 mins. S. Greenwood (conductor), 1; W. Shepherd, 2; J. Strutt, 3; D. Springall, 4; G. Gray, 5; G. Pell, 6; J. Wright, 7; J. Fayert, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex.

ON Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., eight members of the Horsham Society rang the first 840 of Shipway's Six-part peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 32 minutes. J. Johnson, 1; G. Vaughan, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Bishop, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E.

At Thurston, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

ON Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., six peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung by the Thurston, Hessel, and Pakenham ringers, in 28 mins. E. Moyse, 1; P. Sturgeon, 2; J. Balls, 3; B. Rowe, 4; J. Foreman, 5. Also three peals of Grandsire Doubles in 15 mins. O. Laffin, 1; A. Halls, 2; J. Balls, 3; E. Moyse, 4; J. Foreman, 5. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Cambridge.

MR. SEAGE, of Exeter, having just finished his patent 'Dumb Practice Apparatus' in the tower of St. Mary's, Cambridge, which was very kindly presented by two of the University Society for the use of its members, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., a first trial of the apparatus was made by the town Society, who rang 504 Grandsire Triples on that occasion. The University Society made their first start on Friday, 27th, when some Grandsire, Stedman,

and Bob Doubles, were rung. R. Copeman, 1; Rev. A. F. Boughey, 2; M. C. Potter (conductor), 3; W. Baker, 4; W. Pearson, 5. The apparatus has been fixed to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th bells of the ring of twelve. The 9th weighs about 16 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, Derbyshire.

ON the 24th ult., the Eckington Society rang a muffled peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins., in memory of Mrs. Estcourt, wife of the Rev. E. B. Estcourt, Rector. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; J. Shaw, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

At All Saints', Sudbury, Suffolk.

ON Tuesday evening, the 24th ult., a touch of 1008 changes of Bob Major was rung in 45 mins. W. Bacon, 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. Brown, 3; W. Howell, 4; H. Brackett, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; A. Scott (conductor), 7; H. Griggs, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Hulme, Lancashire.

ON Wednesday, the 25th ult., a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins., in memory of Mr. S. Ashworth, who was connected with the above church for upwards of thirty years. J. J. Mason, 1; W. J. Chatterton, 2; J. Woods, 3; J. Scott (conductor), 4; W. Hargreaves, 5; W. Roberts, 6. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At St. Wilfrid's, Burnsall, Yorkshire.

ON Wednesday evening, the 25th ult., the St. Wilfrid's Society rang 1882 changes in 1 hr. 8 mins., in the following methods:—442 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 720 of Violet, 720 of Duke of York. W. Thompson, 1; J. S. Wilkinson, 2; W. Whitaker, 3; C. Inman (composer), 4; S. Whiteley, 5; J. P. Birch (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

ON Thursday, the 26th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, consisting of eight bobs and six singles, was rung in 25 mins. W. Smith, * 1; J. Gobbett, 2; G. Akers, * 3; S. Jarman, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; G. Cornell, * 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. [*First peal in this method.]

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

ON Friday, the 27th ult., a half-peal of Thomas Day's method of Grandsire Triples, containing 2520 changes, was rung by three members of North Shields, two of Newcastle, two of St. Stephen's branches of the Durham Diocesan Association, and the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, of Brockdish, Norfolk, in 1 hr. 40 mins. J. Simm, 1; W. West, 2; R. Smith, 3; Rev. N. Bolingbroke, 4; E. Wallis, 5; S. Power (conductor), 6; W. Reed, Esq., 7; R. Willans, 8. Tenor 30 cwt.

ON Sunday, the 29th ult., St. Stephen's band rang on each occasion for morning and evening service two peals of Grandsire Doubles in 15 mins. Morning: R. Bell, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; E. Wallis (conductor), 3; E. Watson, 4; E. W. Pyle, 5; G. Allan, 6; G. W. Stobart, 7; T. Wilkinson, 8. Evening: G. Allan, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; E. Scott, 4; E. Wallace (conductor), 5; G. W. Stobart, 6; F. Ord, 7; T. Wilkinson, 8. Three tenors behind 7th in 6th's place.

At Hurworth-on-Tees, Durham.

ON Saturday evening, the 28th ult., the ringers of St. John's, Darlington, and Messrs. H. Thompson, G. Garbutt, and J. E. Hern, of Hurworth, rang three peals of 720; viz. Grandsire Minor: J. Bolton, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; G. Garbutt, 5; G. Overton, 6. Bob Minor: W. J. Blakiston, 1; G. Garbutt, 2; J. H. Blakiston, 3; J. E. Hern, 4; G. Overton, 5; R. Moncaster, 6. Kent Treble Bob: G. Garbutt, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2 (first peal in this method); J. E. Hern, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; G. Overton, 5; H. Thompson, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. All called by J. E. Hern.

At the Parish Church, Keighley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major. B. Lightfoot, 1; J. T. Middlebrook, 2; J. Clegg, 3; J. McKell, 4; W. Wilks, 5; W. Mallinson, 6; J. Mountain, 7; J. B. Jennings, 8. The peal was composed by Mr. John Buckley, Earlsheaton, conducted by Mr. J. B. Jennings, and brought round in 3 hrs. 10 mins. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At All Saints', Edmonton, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., by kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens, eight members of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 51 mins. E. Barnett, 1; J. Nunn, 2; T. Scarlett (first peal), 3; J. Gobbett, 4; H. Randall, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6; W. Doran, 7; S. Jarman, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., in E.

At St. Barnabas', Ranmore, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., the St. Martin's Society, Dorking, by kind permission of the Rev. H. Waddington, rang half a peal (2520 changes) of Oxford Bob Triples in 1 hr. 37 mins. H. Dobinson, 1; W. Boxall, 2; T. Rose, 3; H. Boxall, jun., 4; C. Boxall, 5; R. Harden (conductor), 6; H. Boxall, 7; G. Holden, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At All Hallows', Tottenham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Tottenham Society rang the first quarter peal (1260) of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins. R. Hawkins, 1; E. Bower, 2; S. G. Bower, 3; R. Bagnall, 4; Rev. A. Starey, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6; H. Barnett, 7; A. J. Foster, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. It is less than three months since the augmented ring was opened, and the ringers were enabled to commence practice at the new method. The energy of the conductor may be deduced from this result, as well as from the fact that after his work at Tottenham he could immediately conduct a successful peal elsewhere.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The 'Bob Minor' Question.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. J. F. Penning, respecting Mr. Conyard's 720, I should like to know how he makes it twelve leads short. I have gone through the whole of the peal myself, but I find there is a 'repetition' of twelve leads (144 changes), and, consequently, there is the same number of changes not in the peal. It contains the proper number of leads (sixty), and the bells come home at 720 changes. No doubt Mr. Conyard did his best to get a 720 of his own, but, unfortunately, it is false, and I am very sorry for him, and I hope he may be fortunate enough to obtain one yet.

Now, Sir, a word to Mr. N. J. Pitstow, in reference to Mr. Penning's new composition. When I composed a 720 Bob Minor a short time ago, Mr. Pitstow was heard to remark that it was 'no use trying to claim it as mine,' for, to use his own words, 'all the six-bell peals were composed before our time, and nobody could get any new ones.' If such is the case, Sir, I should like to say that I have seen Mr. Pitstow several times, and can state that he doesn't look much older than myself. Then how is it that his name is attached to so many six-bell peals? and how is it that Mr. Penning has just produced a new one, when they are all 'worked up?' M. ELLSMORE.

An Explanation.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a few remarks with regard to the peal of 720 Extreme Minor which appeared in *Church Bells* on December 3, 1881? In the first place, I did not claim it as a new peal, having composed the same as far back as 1845, the word *new* having been inserted by the printer; and as I did not take in *Church Bells* previous to 1881, it follows that I could not have seen it as published in 1875 by Mr. P. Parker; neither was I aware of its having been rung as stated by Mr. P. Hamblett. I now send what I consider to be a new peal, composed by me in 1881, of Extreme Minor in three parts; when the triple leaves thirds going out, the three hindmost bells make thirds, and the foremost make half pulls until treble comes into thirds.

Navestock, Essex.

C. OTTLEY.

Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above Association was held at Swaffham on Monday, the 30th ult. There was a fair attendance of ringers from the neighbourhood, and there was some exceedingly good Treble Bob ringing during the day. Dinner was provided at 1.30 at the 'George Inn.' Nearly forty members were present, presided over by the Rev. G. R. Winter, vicar, supported by the Revs. J. Barnard Smith, A. G. Blyth, G. H. Harris, Sec., Capt. Moore, J. Seccombe, M.D., Mr. Plowright, churchwarden, &c. After the usual patriotic and complimentary toasts, and a short discussion as to the advisability of altering the time of the annual meeting, a considerable addition was made to the members of the Association by the election of three honorary members (Rev. G. R. Winter, J. Seccombe, and Mr. Harvey Reeves), twenty-six performing members, and three probationers. The next meeting will be held at Coddanham.

Durham Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A GENERAL Meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 20th, at Sunderland, the bells at the disposal of the ringers being eight (tenor, 14 cwt.) at Sunderland Parish Church, and six (tenor, 12 cwt.) at Bishop Wearmouth Parish Church. Dinner at the 'Waverley Hotel,' at 2 o'clock.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

Reopening of the Bells of St. James's, Hull.

THIS ring of eight bells has recently been rehung by Messrs. Mallaby & Sons, Church Bell-hangers, Masham, Yorkshire. The bells were reopened on Thursday, Jan. 26th, by T. Mallaby, 1; A. Taylor, 2; J. Walker, 3; J. Dixey, 4; J. Mallaby, 5; C. Jackson, 6; J. Stickney, 7; T. Horner, 8; who rang several touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. A short service was held in the church by the Rev. A. Boyd-Carpenter, M.A., vicar, and a suitable address was given by the Rev. H. L. Clarke, M.A., vicar of Hedon. At the conclusion the clergy, churchwardens, and several ladies and gentlemen, visited the chamber to witness the ringing and inspect the work, which has been principally done through the generosity of Mr. J. Horsby, one of the churchwardens.

Accident at St. Albans Tower, Herts.

AT St. Albans Abbey, a few minutes before the commencement of afternoon service on Sunday, the 5th inst., the one and a half ton weight of new chimies fell a distance of twenty-four feet, on to the lower ceiling. The ceiling was not pierced by the weight, but one of the painted panels was splintered, and several pieces of wood fell into the body of the church. One person received an injury to the skull, and another an injury to the arm. In consequence of the accident, neither an afternoon nor evening service was held. The new chimies were erected only last summer. They fell owing to the wire attached to the weight giving way on Sunday.

Falling of the Tower of Hempstead Church, Essex.

GREAT excitement was caused on Saturday week at Hempstead, near Saffron Walden, by the falling of the church tower, which was one of the finest and most lofty village towers in the county of Essex, and strengthened by heavy empanelled buttresses. For some time it has been noticed that this tower has been giving way, the buttresses at the south-west corner, and the winding staircase at the south-east corner, being especially cracked and strained somewhat out of shape. During the six days from Sunday the 22nd January, to Saturday, the 28th, the old cracks had widened and new ones had formed, especially about the arch between the tower and the nave

of the church, and after examination it was thought prudent that the bells should not be chimed any more or the clock wound up, and arrangements were about to be made for their removal; but, 'man proposes and God disposes.' Little was it thought that danger lurked so imminently near. At about seven o'clock on the same evening the south wall of the tower and the staircase began to crumble away a few feet above the ground, and the work of destruction progressed so rapidly that in less than an hour the greater part of the fine old tower slipped down; but, we regret to say, not alone. The walls of the nave are supported upon four arches each. The west arch of the south wall is broken in, and about half of the roof of the nave and a fourth part of the roof of the south aisle are let down into the church. The pillar supporting the two western arches of the north wall of the nave is also split for a yard and a half or two yards. One peculiar feature in the wreck is that a large mass of masonry from one of the buttresses has run about one third part along the roof of the nave, and now lies propped by one of the falling timbers in a very dangerous position upon the wall-plate of the south nave. The five bells, weighing from 24 cwt. downwards, and the clock are entirely hidden from view in the ruins, as well as the south side of the roof of the tower: the north side is just turned over, and laid upon the very surface of the debris. 'In the midst of our great trouble,' writes a correspondent, 'we cannot but be thankful to Almighty God, when we remember the fact that, had it pleased Him to hold the fabric together for a few more hours, and it had collapsed during either of the services of the following day, more than half the children in the parish and several of the congregation must inevitably have perished in the ruins; for the gallery at the west end of the nave, the children's seats in front of the same, the font, and the stove, are all buried in one huge mass of debris.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

ON Saturday evening, the 28th ult., ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5001 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 21 mins. J. Nelms (composer and conductor), 1; J. Rogers, 2; J. Cox, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; G. Newson, 5; W. Hoverd, 6; E. Moses, 7; H. Dains, 8; H. Hopkins, 9; S. Smith, 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. [*Their first peal.]

At SS. Mary and Nicolas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON the 29th ult. was rung a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. W. Mawby, 1; J. Croxford, 2; R. Mackman, 3; R. Creasey, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. R. Jerram (conductor), 6.

Also on the 31st ult. a date touch of 82 Plain Bob, 5 bobs and 2 singles; 360 College Single, 6 bobs and 2 singles; 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 9 bobs; 720 London Single, 18 bobs and 2 singles, were rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. J. S. Wright, 1; R. Creasey, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; E. Mason, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Hilda's, South Shields, Durham.

ON the 30th ult. two peals of 720 each, or 1440 changes, were rung by the North and South Shields Branches of the Durham Association in 53 mins. Plain Bob Minor: R. Hopper (conductor), 1; A. Moffett, 2; A. Ross, 3; W. Waugh, 4; J. Hopper, 5; R. Smith, 6. College Singles: R. Hopper, 1; J. Moffett, 2; W. Waugh, 3; W. Willins, 4; J. Hopper, 5; R. Smith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in C.

At Staveley, Derbyshire.

ON the 30th ult., 6240 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung in 4 hrs. 2 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; J. Broadhead, 2; T. Dixon, 3; T. Hattersley, 4; C. H. Hattersley, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Hunt, 7; J. Madin (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

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

ON Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., Mr. Penning's One-part peal of Plain Bob Minor, containing 35 bobs and singles, was rung in 24 mins. E. Chapman, 1; G. Griffin, 2; J. Leach, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; T. Titchener, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Muffled Peal at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

ON Wednesday, the 1st inst., a touch of 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung, in 43 mins., in memory of the late Andrew Goran, Esq., a benefactor to this church, with the clappers muffled on one side only. F. Dawson, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jaggar, 5; A. Wakley, 6; F. W. Appleby, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Also touches of 1152 Kent Treble Bob Major and 1260 (quarter peal) Stedman's Triples, in which the Vicar (Rev. J. H. Fish) and H. Wakley took part; conducted by W. Wakley and J. Griffin respectively. Tenor, 26 cwt., in F.

At Everton, near Bawtry, Notts.

ON Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs and 6 singles, was rung, for the first time, in 26 mins. T. S. Phillips, 1; C. Lindley, 2; G. Pearson, 3; R. Lindley, 4; J. Swindon, 5; G. Brown (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

ON Wednesday evening, the 1st inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 22 singles, was rung in 27 mins. J. Barrow, 1; G. Bradley, 2; J. Ward, 3; R. Hickton, 4; W. Gilson, 5; S. Clarke (conductor), 6. Also, two six-scores of Grandsire, one six-score of Stedman's Doubles, and 260 of Kent Treble Bob, were rung during the evening. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

RECEIVED ALSO.—B. Kesterton (got from No. 27 The Crescent, Cripplegate, Goslin's First Steps to Change-ringing—sent to Mr. G.); H. Hopkins: delays are caused in the working of a periodical which cannot be explained to the public. Alford, Cheshire (no name); and others. We do not understand Mr. Rochford's note; it would seem as if only a portion of it was sent.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Ringing in Lent.

We desire to remind our ringing friends that before our next issue the Church will have entered on the solemn season of Lent, during which time we hope there will be little or no ringing of peals, either for pleasure or practice. The bells of St. Paul's will be silent till Easter Day, when they will pour forth their joyous notes on the morning of the Resurrection. Such, we hope, will be the case in other places.

Swymbridge, Devonshire.

The belfry, which contained a very beautiful maiden ring of five bells, cast by Mr. Evans of Chepstow, in 1753, was in a bad condition. The work has now been accomplished by Messrs. Hooper & Son of Woodbury, Exeter. A new treble bell, cast by Taylor of Loughborough, was dedicated to God's service on Sunday, the 29th ult., in the middle of morning prayer. Some special collects and hymns having been used instead of the Litany, the Vicar (Rev. R. Martin) and ringers proceeded to the west end of the church, where they rang a short peal. The rest of the service was then said, the sermon being preached by the Rev. E. G. Sandford, Vicar of Landkey, who in eloquent words spoke of the praise of inanimate creation, of the lessons which those bells would toll out from their steeply pulpit, and the responsibilities of those who as ringers should use them.

Muffled Peal at St. Andrew's, Litchurch, Derby.

On Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., the Derby Change-ringers' Society, with Mr. T. Holmes of Burton-on-Trent, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260) in 53 mins., as a mark of respect to Edward Hey, Esq., the late brother of the Vicar of St. Andrew's. J. Ridgway, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; J. Howe, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Waltham, Surrey.

On Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 45 mins. W. Greenleaf, 1; F. T. Gover, 2; H. Page, 3; H. Gutter, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; E. French, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; W. Prime (first peal), 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt., in F.

At Widford, Essex.

On Thursday evening, the 2nd inst., a peal of 720 Superlative Surprise Minor was rung in 26 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; T. Drake (conductor), 5; M. Rolfe, 6. The first peal in this method ever rung on these bells.

Changes rung in the following methods by the Widford ringers during the year 1881:—Cambridge Surprise, 7080; New London Pleasure, 3888; College Exercise, 2520; Kent Treble Bob, 2400; Oxford Treble Bob, 2280; Double Court, 720; Plain Bob, 4560; Superlative Surprise, 600; Grandsire Doubles, 240; making a total of 24,288, in which the following took part:—J. Dains, T. Drake, W. Harvey, W. Rowland, J. Parmenter, W. Hawkes, M. Rolfe, E. Dains. All are members of the Essex Association. Tenor, about 12 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Appleton, Berkshire.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5076 Stedman's Caters was rung in 3 hrs. 20 mins. F. S. White, 1; E. Holfield, 2; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; G. Holfield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; F. White, 8; G. F. Coleridge, Esq., 9; T. Bennett, 10. Composed by the late Mr. Hubbard, and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the St. Mary's Society (being also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths) rang Holt's One-part peal of 5040 Bob Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. C. Bance, 1; J. Branch, 2; B. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Plowman, 5; C. Gordon, 6; J. Cawley, 7; J. Clark, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

The above band (who all belong to the Surrey Association of Change-ringers) would like to be informed when and where this peal (which is called with bobs only) was last rung.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 5 mins. B. Lightfoot, 1; G. Bolland, 2; J. A. Ross, 3; W. Bolland, 4; W. Wilks, 5; J. Woodhead, 6; J. Mountain, 7; R. Binns, 8. The peal was composed by Mr. Fleming and conducted by B. Lightfoot. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

On Sunday, the 5th inst., the Tong Branch of the Yorkshire Association rang for afternoon service seven six-scores of College Exercise, College Triples, Primrose, Tulip, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, and London Scholars' Pleasure. G. Carter, 1; H. Oddy, 2; E. Webster, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland, 5; J. Haley, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., a peal of 5016 Stedman's Cinques was rung by twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in 3 hrs. 48 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; M. Wood, 2; G. Muskett, 3; J. R. Haworth, 4; W. Jones, 5; R. French, 6; G. Mash, 7; F. E. Dawe, 8; E. Gibbs, 9; E. Horrex, 10; M. Hayes, 11; W. Greenleaf, 12. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. Composed by Mr. Cox.

At Tredunnock, Monmouthshire.

On Sunday afternoon, the 5th inst., a Dedication Service was held for the new ring of six bells. At the conclusion of the Morning Service the Llanvrechva ringers, who had come over for the first peal, commenced ringing, and at intervals during the afternoon and evening many pleasing changes of Six-score, Thirds, and Babylon were rung. An appropriate sermon from Acts, v. 15, was preached by the Rev. W. N. G. Eliot, rural dean and rector of Panteg. The Llanvrechva ringers were, J. Morgan, 1; H. Ford, 2; A. Harris, 3; W. Powell, 4; J. Brown (conductor), 5; J. Johns, 6; who were assisted occasionally by Messrs. Hillier and Massey of Llangibby. Tenor, 10 cwt., in G sharp. The whole of the belfry work has been carried out by Messrs. Llewellyns and James of Bristol.

At Wakefield, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 5th inst., eight of the Wakefield Society, with J. T. Hollis of Wrenthorpe and C. Crawford of Doncaster, rang at the parish church, before evening service, a date touch of 1882 Kent

Treble Bob Royal, in the titlums position, in 1 hr. 26 mins.	W. Milnes, 1; T. Prince, 2;	2 3 4 5 6	B. 4th's. Jun. W. H.
J. P. Healey, 3; R. Wrigley (conductor), 4;	W. Scott, 5; J. T. Hollis (composer), 6;	2 4 5 3 6	1 - - 1 2
Firth, 7; C. Crawford, 8; T. Moorhouse, 9;	T. Ormond, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt., in C.	5 3 2 4 6	- - - 1 1
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These two changes, 2134567809, 1234658790, were rung first to make up the number.

At St. Mary's, Diss, Norfolk.

On Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Diss and Banham branches of the Norwich Association rang a peal of 5021 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 12 mins. W. Ireland (conductor), 1; T. Ford, 2; R. Hutton, 3; W. Brown, 4; E. Francis, 5; J. Woods, 6; J. Cunningham, 7; T. Clarke, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The peal is by an unknown composer, but it is given in Snowden's *Treatise*, page 5, and was rung as 5024 instead of 5120, by using the alternative calling.

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., six members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 28 mins. W. Bowles,* 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; T. Taylor (conductor), 4; H. Freeman,* 5; G. Freeman,* 6. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E flat. [* Their first peal in this method.]

At St. Mary's, Horsham, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Horsham Society rang Shipway's Six-part peal of 5040 Oxford Bob Triples in 3 hrs. J. Johnson, 1; G. Vaughan, 2; F. Knight, 3; G. Rapley, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; J. Bishop, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E. The ringers wish to know if this peal has been rung before, as they have no recollection of seeing it recorded.

At St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, Essex.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 54 mins. W. Manning (first peal), 1; Rev. C. D. P. Davies (conductor), 2; G. Grimwad, 3; H. Reeves, 4; R. J. Maynard, 5; F. Bines, 6; T. Maynard, 7; W. Crockford, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Probably this is the first time the above peal has been called by a clergyman.

At Eye, Suffolk.

On Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., Harrison's peal of 5688 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. E. Collins, 1; G. Day, 2; R. E. Gibbs, 3; F. Day, 4; J. Cunningham, 5; G. Ford, 6; J. Bumpstead, 7; G. Murton (conductor), 8.

At St. John's, Capel, Surrey.

On Tuesday evening, the 7th inst., the Capel Society rang a peal of 720 College Delight Minor in 24 mins. M. Jenkins, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Holloway, 3; R. Worsfold, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. This is the first peal in this method, and the first time by any of the company.

At St. Michael's, Wood Green, Tottenham, Middlesex.

On Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (Hubbard's) with 8 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 23 mins. M. Ellsmore, 1; H. Scarlett, 2; J. Nunn, 3; E. Barnett, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6.

Also a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 34 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 24 mins.; the first 720 in this method on these bells. W. Smith, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; F. W. Elbourn, 3; E. Barnett, 4; H. Scarlett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 10½ cwt. All members of the Essex Association except F. W. Elbourn.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Thursday evening, the 9th inst., the Daresbury Society rang a date touch in 1 hr. 9½ mins., in the following methods, viz.:—82 Plain Bob, 360 London Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 College Single. T. Houghton, sen., 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (composer and conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. The above contains 47 bobs and 5 singles. During the year 1881 this Society rang ninety 720's in eight methods; twenty-seven 360's; one 240; and twenty-nine 120's; making a total of 78,240 changes.

At St. Mary's, Stanstead, Essex.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., four ringers of the parish (assisted by F. and R. S. Sworder of Great Hallingbury) rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; R. S. Sworder, 2; H. Prior (conductor), 3; F. Sworder, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt., in G.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Ringing in Lent.

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The 'Bob Minor' Question.

SIR,—If singles are called at every lead in the second division except the 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 15, and 16, it will then remain in two parts, and contain 33 singles. The peal (as a two-part one) will admit of over 300 variations.

J. J. PARKER.

SIR,—In your issue of the 11th inst. Mr. Penning gives the twelve leads deficient. I presume Mr. Penning means to say that 720 Plain Bob Minors cannot be composed true without those celebrated changes, but I fail to see what they have to do with Mr. Conyard's composition, as Mr. Penning, to introduce these changes, runs from Mr. Conyard's composition of 40 singles to one with 42 singles. Now, what on earth has a 720 with 42 singles to do with a 720 with 40 singles? Now, Sir, I think if Mr. Penning had stated plain and simple that the composition was false, and have pointed out to Mr. Conyard that without those changes it is impossible to get a true 720, as that is what I take his meaning to be, he would then have saved any further comments from any one, and would have done Mr. Conyard, being a young composer, a great favour. But probably Mr. Penning thought by so doing his name would not come so prominent before the ringing world as a great composer of Plain Bob Minor. I wish Mr. Conyard success in his next attempt.

S. HAYES.

SIR,—After giving the deficient twelve leads, also showing where they could be inserted and the false ones taken out, I had hoped you would not again be troubled on this question. Still Mr. Ellsmore 'would like to know how I make Mr. Conyard's 720 twelve leads short,' and then says he 'has gone through it himself and finds there are twelve leads not in the peal,' thus answering his own question. He also states, 'the bells come home at 720 changes,' after admitting there are only 576! What does he mean?

Doubtless, Mr. Ellsmore can fully sympathise with Mr. Conyard; and I hope they may yet obtain peals possessing two necessary qualities, viz. truth and originality.

As to the second paragraph of Mr. Ellsmore's letter: of course it is for Mr. Pitstow to defend his own remarks, but I suppose, that if he did make use of the expression referred to, it could only be in alluding to peals on the same principle as that reproduced by Mr. Ellsmore, viz. with 15 calls, as he knew that I (much his junior, both in age and ability) had many peals.

I would also ask where the many peals of Bob Minor with Mr. Pitstow's name attached are to be found, as I know of two only, which appear in Mr. Snowden's *Rope-sight*.

JNO. F. PENNING.

Hand-bells for North China.

THE Rev. O. Yeburgh begs to thank all who have so kindly responded to his appeal for money to send out Hand-bells to North China. 25l. 14s. has been subscribed, which is more than is required. Should any one still desire to contribute to the fund they can do so, as the 9l. placed in the offertory-bag at St. Peter's, Eaton Square, was given on the understanding that the surplus money not required be deducted from the 9l. and given to the North China Mission.

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Oxford University Society of Change-ringers.

THIS Society celebrated the tenth anniversary of its foundation on Thursday, Feb. 2nd, when a visit was paid to Drayton, near Abingdon, of which parish the Rev. F. E. Robinson, a member of the Society, is vicar. At St. Peter's Church the following members of the Society, being also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang Thurstan's peal of Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. 1 min. F. A. H. Du Boulay, 1; W. H. W. Poole, 2; Rev. A. Du B. Hill, 3; G. F. Coleridge, 4; C. C. Child, 5; G. H. Phillott, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. F. Hastings, 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

The Society was founded in 1872, not so much with a view to bringing the art to any pitch of excellence among undergraduates, which would be almost impossible owing to their short and intermittent stay in Oxford, as to promoting among them such a love for a knowledge of change-ringing as would enable them, when scattered throughout the land at the end of their University career, to spread the art and make it more universally known and appreciated; and in this object the Society may be said to have been thoroughly successful, even in the short space of ten years. For though the above is the first peal that has been rung entirely by Oxford University men, yet the work of members of the Society may be traced all over England; none have been more active or done more real work for the promotion of the belfry reform, which is now so much talked about, than the members of this Society. As a proof of this, we may state that several of the Diocesan Guilds owe their formation to the exertions of members of this Society; notably, the Gloucester and Bristol, Winchester, and Oxford Diocesan Guilds, besides a large number of smaller local societies. Many parishes,

too, have to thank this Society indirectly, in the persons of individual members, for new bells: among these are Drayton, where the above peal was rung, and also the ring of twelve at Worcester Cathedral, which was obtained by the sole exertions of an old Oxford man—the Rev. Canon Cattley—who was also instrumental in procuring for St. Paul's their tenor of 62 cwt. The author of the well-known book, *Troyte's Change-ringing*, is also a member of this Society, as are also the compilers of the invaluable *Change-ringers' Guide to the Steeples of England*; and among other publications from the pen of members of the O. U. S. C. R. may be mentioned the series of articles lately published in *Bell News* on 'A ring of bells in perfect tune,' which are by a former master of the Society, and an excellent paper on the bells in and near Winchester by another member. Of the actual ringing capabilities of members of the Society it will be sufficient to say that, besides numerous 5040's in which the Society has been represented, it was represented in the only peal of College Single Triples rung during this century, and in at least three 6000's: there is one of the masters of the Society who can boast of having rung in 257 churches. In conclusion, the mention of the names of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, J. E. Acland Troyte, G. H. Phillott, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and others, as members of the Society, will be ample proof to ringers that Oxford can produce ringers as well as scholars.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting for ringing only was held at St. Lawrence's Church, Chorley, in connexion with the above Association, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Ringers were present from Manchester, Bolton, Leigh, Blackrod, and Leyland. There being only six bells, Plain Bob Minor was principally rung; also a few touches on the hand-bells during the evening.

At St. Lawrence's Church, Chorley, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Curtis, 2; W. Bowling, 3; J. Grimshaw, 4; G. Higson, 5; J. Higson, 6.

Also a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; W. Croston, 2; J. Higson, 3; J. Curtis, 4; J. Grimshaw, 5; J. Scott, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

Durham Association of Change-ringers.

THE number of changes rung by the North Shields branch for the year 1881 amounts to 84,987, consisting as follows:—9 peals Grandsire Minor, 4 College Singles, 18 Plain Bob Minor, 2 Oxford Treble Bob, 9 Kent Treble Bob, or 42 complete peals on six, 1824 changes Kent Treble Bob Major, 10,260 Plain Bob Major, 42,964 Grandsire Triples. The number of changes rung by each member in the above are as follows:—A. Sawyer, 2802; G. Park, 8199; J. Gibson, 14,000; H. Ross, 32,932; S. Nott, 70,000; W. Waugh, 71,000; J. Rossiter, 73,240; W. Reed, Esq., 78,280; J. Hern, 78,480; R. Smith, 80,220; R. Willins, 81,107.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Twerton, Somerset.

FOR some time past the Twerton-on-Avon ringers have been making rapid advances in scientific change-ringing. About five months ago Mr. W. H. Marsh, member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers and of the Ancient Society of College Youths, came from Exeter to reside in Bath, and he introduced to their notice that most beautiful of all methods, Stedman's principle. They set to work, and recently (with his assistance) they mastered four six-scores of that difficult method on the bells of their own parish of Twerton. Great credit is due to them, as these are the first six-scores in this method that have been accomplished by any local band. J. Smith, 1; W. H. Marsh (conductor), 2; J. Blackmore, 3; J. Wotton, 4; H. Wotton, 5; J. Weeks, 6.

At Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., a peal of 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 25 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; J. Mulligan, 2; T. Dixon, 3; T. Hattersley, 4; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 5; C. Steer, 6; H. Madin, 7; J. Broadhead, 8.

At St. Mary's, Chester.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., the Six-bell Band of Change-ringers rang a peal of 720 College Single in 26 mins., being the first peal ever rung in this method in the city of Chester. J. Ball, 1; J. Errington, 2; T. Bethell, 3; J. Gibson, 4; A. Jones, 5; J. Moulton (conductor), 6.

Also on Friday, the 17th inst., the above rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob in 22 mins., Arthur Jones conductor. Tenor, 23 cwt., in D.

At St. Botolph's, Aldgate, London.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Waghorn, 1; W. Pead, 2; T. Deal, 3; T. Taylor, 4; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 5; G. Freeman, 6; H. Fresman, 7; W. Bowles, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. As far as can be ascertained, it is the first peal since 1832, and the fourth rung on these bells.

At All Saints', Stand, Whitefield, Lancashire.

ON Saturday evening, the 11th inst., seven ringers of All Saints', assisted by W. Mellodew from Manchester Cathedral, rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins., with bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to S. Crawshaw, who died February 6th, 1882, aged 68, and who had rung at All Saints' for over twenty-five years. W. Hilton, 1; W. Warburton, 2; H. Hilton, 3; W. Mellodew, 4; R. Fray, 5; E. Bradshaw, 6; W. Hilton, 7; J. Bradshaw, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. 1 qr., in E flat. Composed by J. Aspinwall of Liverpool and conducted by W. Warburton.

A CORRECTION.—In our last issue the peal rung at Wood Green appears with 8 bobs and '2' singles, whereas it should have been 8 bobs and '6' singles.

RECEIVED ALSO.—From St. John's, Aldford—no name. G. F. Coleridge; and others.

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Ringing in Lent.

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The Bob Minor Question.

SIR,—In your last impression you conceded to Mr. J. F. Penning the privilege of defending himself, and I rely on your fairness to concede the same privilege to me. What I wish to say in reference to Mr. Conyard's composition is simply this: I have not admitted that it contains only 576 changes, neither have I admitted that it is twelve leads short. If Mr. Penning had carefully read my letter he would have seen for himself; but instead of so doing he has jumped to an erroneous conclusion, and evidently insinuates that my letter is contradictory—and all because he read it in a wrong light. Let me ask him to read again, and he will see that I said Mr. Conyard's composition contained a 'repetition' of twelve leads, not that it was twelve leads 'short.' I also said that it contained the proper number of leads (sixty). Yet Mr. Penning wants to know 'what I mean?' What I mean is this: Had Mr. Penning come forward and explained in plain English what he meant (by merely stating that the peal was false), instead of creating unnecessary correspondence in *Church Bells*, it would have been more to his credit.

M. ELLSMORE.

St. Paul's (Bedford) Change-ringing Society.

A MEETING of this Society was held at Bedford, on the 13th ult., for the purpose of inaugurating a County Association. About twenty members sat down to supper at the 'George Hotel.' The Vicar of St. Paul's occupied the chair, and was supported by Rev. Mr. Smith, vicar of Bromham, and Messrs. Cuthbert and Bull, churchwardens of St. Paul's. Mr. T. G. E. Elger acted as vice-chairman, and, after the usual patriotic toasts were duly honoured, proposed the Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers, giving an account of the history of scientific change-ringing, and urging the desirability of forming a Diocesan Society for encouraging the knowledge of this manly and healthful art. The Vicar of St. Paul's and Mr. Smith spoke strongly in favour of the proposed movement. During the evening admirable performances were given on the hand-bells by the ringers present.

Hand-bell Ringing by Boys.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., were rung 1080 changes (being the last ten courses of the celebrated peal of 5076 caters, rung at St. John's, Horsleydown, the 28th May, 1787: see *Church Bells*, October 7th, 1876). The above-named ten courses were rung here by my little band of hand-bell ringers in 50 mins., in honour of Miss Chermiside's marriage with Mr. Mackarness on that day. Mrs. Alfred Morrison of Fonthill House, Wilts, sister of the bride, some time since kindly presented a set of hand-bells for the use of the boys in this Union House at Tisbury. I cannot boast of the bells being retained in hand, neither can it hardly be expected when I state their respective ages are as follows:—F. Adlam, 13 years; F. Taylor, 12 years; E. Trowbridge, 9 years; G. Taylor, 10 years; and J. Foot, 11 years.

WILLIAM LATHBY, Master.

[Though not retained in hand, we think the performance deserves to be recorded in our columns, considering the ages of the boys. Verily *Youths!*—Ed.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Harborne, Staffordshire.

On the 11th ult., eight members of the Amalgamated Society, Birmingham, visited Harborne, and rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins., with the 6th and 7th together throughout. J. Callaghan, 1; W. Kenney, 2; T. Miller, 3; J. Perry, 4; B. Stevens, 5; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 6; W. Sanger, 7; G. Hall, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex.

On Saturday evening, the 11th ult., Penning's One-part peal of Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 35 bobs and 6 singles, was rung in 30 mins. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; S. Rush, 3; A. Porter, 4; G. Dear, 5; T. Dear, 6. This peal contains the greatest number of bobs yet obtained in this method. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Philip's, Hulme, Manchester.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., six members of the St. Philip's, Hulme, Change-ringers' Society, assisted by Mr. W. Hargreaves of Holy Trinity, Hulme, and Mr. Albert E. Wrecks, rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Bob and Single Variation) in 2 hrs. 56 mins. A. Wood (conductor), 1; J. F. Woods, 2; A. Eggington (the observation), 3; W. Hargreaves, 4; E. Elcock, 5; T. Heald, 6; A. E. Wrecks, 7; T. Bradbury, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooks's variation of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 2 hrs. 48 mins. C. H. Jessop, 1; C. F. Winny, 2; F. E. Dawe, 3; T. Page, 4; H. Page, 5; Y. Green, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; T. Jackson, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

THE full ring of ten bells was rung, for the first time since their opening, on Sunday, the 12th ult., by the Amateur Band under the conductorship of Mr. Bennett, late of Hyde, near Manchester. At morning service the ringing was in rounds, and in the evening the Queen's Change was rung.

At Redenhall, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., eight members of the Redenhall branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, being also members of the Royal Cumberland Society, rang a peal of 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 24 mins. J. Smith, 1; G. Prime, 2; W. Sheldrake, 3; R. Whiting, 4; E. Smith, 5; F. Smith, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains (Snowdon's *Treble Bob*, Part II., page 19), and conducted by J. Smith; his first peal as conductor.

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

On Saturday, the 11th ult., five members of the St. Stephen's Society, assisted by Wm. Reed, Esq., of North Shields, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 35 mins. R. Bell, * 1; R. H. Richardson, * 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; Wm. Reed, Esq., 4; F. Ord, * 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, the 12th ult., six members of the above Society rang a muffled peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (in memory of one of its members) in 35 mins. R. Bell, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; E. W. Scott, 4; F. Ord, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., a peal of Plain Bob Minor, in one part, consisting of 35 bobs and 6 singles, was rung in 30 mins. W. Halls, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; S. Rush, 3; A. Porter, 4; G. Dear, 5; I. Dear, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. This peal contains the greatest number of bobs yet obtained in this method, and was composed by Mr. Penning of Saffron Walden.

At St. Paul's, Shipley, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 12th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a date peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Lilly, 1; W. Wilks, 2; W. Kendall, 3; J. Crabtree (composer and conductor), 4; T. Crabtree, 5; T. Ives, 6; J. Mountain, 7; T. Pallaisier, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At West Malling, Kent.

On Sunday, the 12th ult., for evening service, six members rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Driver, 1; D. Hall, 2; C. Payne, 3; E. Baldock, 4; W. J. Leonard, 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6.

Also after service a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. C. Payne, 1; W. Aldridge (first peal), 2; D. Hall, 3; H. Foreman, 4; W. J. Leonard, 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At All Saints', Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Monday, the 13th ult., three members of the North Shields, four of St. Stephen's, and one of Newcastle, branches of the Durham Association, rang a touch of 896 Grandsire Triples in 35 mins. F. Ord, * 1; E. W. Pyle, * 2; W. West, 3; E. W. Scott, * 4; J. Hern, 5; S. Power (conductor), 6; R. Wilkins, 7; S. Nott, 8. [* Their first attempt.]

At Rotherham, Yorkshire.

On Tuesday, the 14th ult., a peal of 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung in 3 hrs. 34 mins. G. Briggs, 1; T. Jenkinson, 2; C. H. Hattersley, 3; J. Athey, 4; W. Coates, 5; J. Hall, 6; F. Coates, 7; T. Lee, 8; G. Flint, 9; A. Rodgers, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. This peal is the reverse of one by the late Wm. Booth, commenced at the eighth course, which is considered an improved variation, and in this form was composed by C. H. Hattersley and conducted by G. Flint.

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At St. John's, Aldford, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 13th ult., a peal of 720 Duke of York Treble Bob was rung in 27 mins. S. Manning, 1; C. Manning, 2; T. Basnett, 3; J. Manning, 4; C. Thomas (conductor), 5; W. Manning, 6. Tenor 14½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Kenninghall, Norfolk.

On Tuesday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang the following peal of Treble Bob Major, in the Kent variation, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. J. Wade, 1; W. Nudds, 2; H. Eagling, 3; J. Saunders (his first peal), 4; C. Everett, 5; J. Woods, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Morday (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. The peal—a one-part composition by H. Dains—has the 5th and 6th bells the extent in 5-6, obtained, it is thought, with the least-courses having calls at M. for a peal of this class. This is its first performance.

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

At St. Mary's, Saffron Walden, Essex.

On Wednesday evening, the 15th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins. by J. Freeman, 1; G. Martin, 2; N. J. Pitstow, 3; C. Freeman, 4; J. F. Penning, 5; F. Pitstow, 6. Tenor, 24 cwt. The peal in one part, containing 28 bobs and 18 singles, was composed by J. F. Penning and conducted by F. Pitstow, and is the first rung with this number of calls.

Also on Sunday, the 19th ult., for the evening service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor with 46 calls, viz. 28 bobs and 18 singles, in 30 mins. J. Freeman, 1; N. J. Pitstow, 2; G. Martin, 3; C. Freeman, 4; J. F. Penning, 5; F. Pitstow (conductor), 6. This peal, in one part, is another of Mr. Penning's compositions.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Blackrod parish—no name: From Staunsted—no name; and other

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

A SPECIAL meeting of the above Guild was held at Oxford on the 18th ult., the master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, in the chair. A form of certificate for the admission of change-ringing members was drawn up and ordered to be adopted for the future; and the question of instruction was fully discussed. It was resolved in the end that one first-class change-ringer should be appointed to act as instructor, and that, subject to the approval of the Guild, other qualified instructors might be employed by the local branches. In such cases one half of the expense incurred by any belfry is to be paid out of the funds of the Guild, if application is made to the Secretary. The following members were then chosen as instructors:—Mr. J. Field, New College, Oxford, Principal Instructor of the Guild; and Messrs. Newell, White, Hounslow, Bradford, Washbrook, J. Parker, and R. Smith, qualified instructors, for local branches. The first Annual Report of the Guild, which was distributed among the members present, shows that it has made a very satisfactory start.

A New Date Touch.

THE subjoined date touch of Grandsire Triples, by James Baxter of Kendal, Westmoreland, has been sent to us for publication. It starts from a given change, as will be seen by the first four changes:—

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

Shalford, Surrey.

THE church bells (a ring of six) of Shalford have been rehung by Mr. Harry Stokes (late of the firm of Hooper and Stokes) of Woodbury, Exeter. It was found necessary to put new stocks, stays, sliders, wheels, gudgeons, bearings, and iron-work, as none of these had been renewed since the bells were given to the church in 1789. The framework was found to be in a very good condition. The chiming apparatus invented by the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe has also been fixed. The bells were rung on Sunday, February 5th, and the ringers were perfectly satisfied with the way in which the work has been executed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Alburgh, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 13th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5024 Oxford Treble Bob in 2 hrs. 58 mins. E. Smith, 1; W. Sheldrake, 2; G. Prime, 3; R. Whiting, 4; Rev. G. H. Harris, 5; G. Mobbs, 6; J. Smith, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. H. Dains (Snowdon's *Treble Bob*, Part II., page 73), and conducted by E. Smith.

At St. John Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.

ON Wednesday, the 15th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs and 6 singles, was rung in 24 mins. by members of the Essex Association. G. Cornell, 1; E. Barnett, 2; C. Holden, 3; F. Phillips, 4; H. Randall (conductor), 5; S. Jarman, 6. Tenor, about 13 cwt.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

ON Thursday, the 16th ult., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 3 parts, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 25 mins. M. Ellsmore (composer and conductor), 1; E. Barnett, 2; G. Akers, 3; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 4; W. Doran, 5; G. Cornell, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

At St. Mary's, Glemsford, Suffolk.

ON the 18th ult. was rung a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 30 mins. A. Hurst, 1; J. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; S. Slater, 5; P. P. Adams (conductor), 6. This was Mr. Hurst's first peal, having received a copy of Mr. Snowdon's *Dope-Sight* only in the third week in January, at which time he began to learn to ring.

ON the 21st ult. was rung a peal of Craven Delight, 720 changes, in 30 mins. John Slater (conductor), 1; Jos. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; S. Slater, 5; F. P. Adams, 6. This was the first peal rung on these bells in this method, and also by any of the above ringers. The subjoined is the first treble lead.

CRAVEN DELIGHT.

1 2 3 4 5 6	3 2 4 5 1 6
2 1 4 3 6 5	2 3 4 5 1 6
1 2 4 6 3 5	2 3 4 1 5 6
2 1 6 4 5 3	4 2 1 3 6 5
2 6 1 5 4 3	4 2 3 1 5 6
6 2 5 1 3 4	2 4 1 3 6 5
6 2 1 5 4 3	3 1 4 6 5 5
2 6 5 1 3 4	1 2 6 4 5 3
2 5 6 3 1 4	2 1 6 4 3 5
5 2 3 6 4 1	1 2 4 6 5 3
5 2 6 3 1 4	1 4 2 6 3 5
2 5 3 6 4 1	1 2 4 6 5 3
2 3 5 4 6 1	Bob 1 4 2 5 6 3

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

ON Saturday evening, the 18th ult., eight members of the Society of College Youths rang Taylor's Six-part (bob and single) peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 49 mins. H. Bright, 1; H. Harvey, 2; I. G. Shade (conductor), 3; W. G. Shade, 4; C. Harvey, 5; F. Bidgood, 6; W. J. Aldridge, 7; J. Meaden (his first peal), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Yates (conductor), 1; J. Barratt, 2; E. Cash, 3; J. Ridyard, 4; C. Cash, 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; F. Derbyshire, 7; R. Ridyard, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. 14 lbs.

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

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., being their only opportunity of completing the peal before Lent, an attempt was made to ring Hubbard's Five-part peal of 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. After ringing about 4000 changes in 2 hrs. 56 mins., it was found that the 4th and 6th bells had changed course in the last course of the 4th part. F. Dawson, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger, 5; A. Wakley, 6; F. W. Appleby, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt.

At St. Saviour's, Leicester.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Society rang a date touch of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 17 mins. T. Armstrong, 1; G. Dickinson, 2; A. Brown, 3; E. Ashwell, 4; J. Needham, 5; J. Moore, 6; A. Millis (composer and conductor), 7; G. Needham, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., in E.

At Halesowen, Worcestershire.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., six of the Belbroughton Society rang a peal of 720 changes Kent Treble Bob in 27 mins. C. Goodyear, 1; T. Barber, 2; G. Parton, 3; J. Parton, 4; J. Bayes, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

ON Saturday evening, the 18th ult., the Daresbury Society rang a peal of 720, containing 17 bobs and 2 singles, in three methods: viz., Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and College Single, in 26 mins. P. Hamblett, conductor.

Also on Sunday, the 19th ult., for morning service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 30 singles, in 27 mins., T. Houghton, jun. (conductor); and for afternoon service a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 27 mins., J. Ellison, conductor.

Also on Monday evening, the 20th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, a one-part peal, containing 34 bobs and 8 singles, in 26 mins. T. Houghton, sen. 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (composer), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Chad's, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., eight members of the Amalgamated Society rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 58 mins. The peal is in ten parts, with 178 singles and 72 bobs. J. Callaghan, 1; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 2; T. Horton, 3; T. Russum, 4; B. Stevens, 5; F. H. James, 6; W. Saniger, 7; G. Hall, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F. F. H. James's birthday peal, aged 54 years.

2 3 4 5 6 7	1 2 3	3 4 5 7 6 2	1 2 3	4 3 2 7 6 5	1 2 3
2 3 4 7 6 5	S —	4 3 5 2 6 7	S — S	4 3 2 5 6 7	S —
3 4 7 2 —	S —	3 5 2 4 —	S —	3 2 5 4 —	S —
7 4 2 3 —	S S	2 5 4 3 —	S S	5 2 4 3 —	S S
2 4 3 7 —	S S	4 5 3 2 —	S S	4 2 3 5 —	S S
4 3 7 2 —	S —	5 3 2 4 —	S —	2 3 5 4 —	S —
7 3 2 4 —	S S	3 2 4 5 —	S —	3 5 4 2 —	S —
3 2 4 7 —	S —	4 2 5 3 —	S S	5 4 2 3 —	S —
2 4 7 3 —	S —	2 5 3 4 —	S —	2 4 3 5 —	S —
7 4 3 2 —	S S	5 3 4 2 —	S —	3 4 5 2 —	S S
3 4 2 7 —	S S	3 4 2 5 —	S —	4 5 2 3 —	S —
4 2 7 3 —	S —	2 4 5 3 —	S S	5 2 3 4 —	S —
7 2 3 4 —	S S	5 4 3 2 —	S S	2 3 4 5 —	S —
Three times repeated		First part four times		repeated produce	

At St. Mark's, Worsley, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., a date touch was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. by J. Yates (conductor), 1; J. Barratt, 2; E. Cash, 3; J. H. Ridyard, 4; C. Cash, 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; F. Derbyshire, 7; R. Ridyard, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. All members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

At Upton Pyne, Devonshire.

THE members of the Upton Pyne team of change-ringers (Guild of Devonshire ringers) rang their first six-score Grandsire Doubles, after evening service, on Sunday the 19th ult. F. Shepherd, 1; Rev. J. Stafford Northcote (rector), 2; G. Spare, 3; G. Webber, 4; A. C. Bonner (conductor), 5; J. Bradford, 6.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 19th ult., six members of the Society rang for evening service a peal of 728 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Barrow, 1; S. Clarke, 2; J. Ward (first peal in this method), 3; R. Hickton, 4; W. Gilson, 5; A. Widdowson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At Attenborough, Nottinghamshire.

ON Sunday, the 19th ult., five members of the Long Eaton Society rang for afternoon service three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (360 changes) in 15 mins. R. Hickton, 1; J. Barrow (conductor), 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Gilson, 4; S. Clarke, 5. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in G.

At St. Mary's, Coddensham, Suffolk.

ON Sunday, the 19th ult., after service, a touch of 882 Grandsire Triples was rung in 34 mins. D. Collins, 1; W. Dye, 2; H. English, 3; G. Lummis, 4; W. Whiting, 5; A. Whiting, 6; E. Wells (conductor), 7; C. Mouser, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F sharp.

RINGING IN LENT.—We are sorry to see that some of our ringing friends forget that we are now in Lent.

RECEIVED ALSO.—From East Malling and Tintinnabulum—no names.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE great clock of St. Paul's will be stopped on and from Monday, the 12th of March, to make preparations for raising the great bell, which is to be fixed in the south-west tower.

Some of our correspondents wish to know at what time the large bell (17½ tons) will be heard; while others suggest, as the bell will be hung in the clock-tower, that it would be a complete and grand finish of the bell question if it struck the hour every day; and the three bells—the big hour-bell (5 tons) and the two quarter-bells—be recast and made into four, thus being able to have the Cambridge quarter chimes struck at St. Paul's, similar to those at the clock-tower at the Houses of Parliament. We think this a good suggestion.

Redenhall Bell Foundry.

We have been requested to publish the following letter addressed to the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe:—

'DEAR SIR,—In your work, the *Bells of Gloucestershire*, you have described at pp. 130 and 21, line 2, our firm as "amateur bell-founders." Now this statement, particularly coming from you, may probably seriously injure our business as professional bell-founders; we shall therefore be extremely obliged by your inserting in *Church Bells* a paragraph to the effect that, although gentlemen working with our own hands at bell-founding as an art, we are as much professional founders as any other firm, and hope to continue to receive orders in proportion to the quality of our work, to which we devote our whole time and attention; but we are certainly unable, nor do we think the clergy and others would expect us to supply, bells of the quality and purity of tone of our latest design without remuneration.—We remain, your obedient servants, 'MOORE, HOLMES, & MACKENZIE.'

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Ringers.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, March 25th. The bells will be open for ringing from two o'clock. All ringers invited. JOHN HIGSON, Secretary.

Farnham Royal, Bucks.

SIR,—I have examined the back numbers of *Church Bells* from the 1st of August, 1877, and cannot find a peal of 720 Bob Minor, or any mention of one, with 40 singles or 40 calls, therefore will you kindly insert my peals?

720	720	720
3 5 2 6 4	— 2 3 5 6 4	— 2 3 5 6 4
S 5 3 6 4 2	3 6 2 4 5	3 6 2 4 5
S 3 5 4 2 6	S 6 3 4 5 2	S 6 3 4 5 2
5 2 3 6 4	S 3 6 5 2 4	S 3 6 5 2 4
S 2 5 6 4 3	S 6 3 2 4 5	S 6 3 2 4 5
S 2 5 4 3 6	3 4 6 5 2	3 4 6 5 2
S 2 5 3 6 4	— 3 4 5 2 6	— 3 4 5 2 6
5 6 2 4 3	— 3 4 2 6 5	— 3 4 2 6 5
S 6 5 4 3 2	4 6 3 5 2	4 6 3 5 2
S 5 6 3 2 4	* S 6 4 5 2 3	6 5 4 2 3
6 2 5 4 3	4 2 6 3 5	5 2 6 3 4
* S 2 6 4 3 5	— 4 2 3 5 6	— 5 2 3 4 6
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.	— 5 2 4 6 3
4 5 2 6 3	— 5 3 2 6 4	S 2 5 6 3 4
S 5 4 6 3 2	S 3 5 6 4 2	— 2 5 3 4 6
S 4 5 3 2 6	— 3 5 4 2 6	— 2 5 4 6 3
S 5 4 2 6 3	— 3 5 2 6 4	5 6 2 3 4
S 4 5 6 3 2	5 6 3 4 2	6 3 5 4 2
S 5 4 3 2 6	* S 6 5 4 2 3	3 4 6 2 5
4 2 5 6 3	5 2 6 3 4	— 3 4 2 5 6
* S 2 4 6 3 5	— 5 2 3 4 6	Twice repeated.
Twice repeated.	Twice repeated.	

* Omit these singles in the 3rd and 6th courses.

The first peal contains 40 singles, with the tenors five times the right way; hence my reason for transposing it into that particular form. Bobs can be substituted for singles at the 2, 3, 9 and 10 in the first three courses; and at the 2, 3, 5 and 6 in the last three courses. This peal will admit of about 480 variations, each containing 40 calls. If the singles are omitted at all the course-ends, the courses will come in the following order—1, 5, 3, 4, 2, 6. Thus a three-part peal will be produced with 36 singles. This will admit of about 200 variations.

The second peal contains 24 bobs and 16 singles; and is, I think, a very interesting variation of the first, in spite of its musical quality.

The third peal is in three parts, and is produced from the second by a plan already described. J. J. PARKER.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 19th ult., for afternoon service, three six-score of Bob Doubles were rung in various callings in 14½ mins. G. Clough, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; J. Cock, Esq., 3; T. Allibone, 4; T. Clough, jun. (his first peal), 5. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in G.

As the ringers were ringing for a wedding on the 14th inst., the clapper of the second bell broke just under the crown of the bell. This makes the second accident within about four months to these bells, when it will be remembered that the gudgeon of the fourth broke in last November. It will be three years next month since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Sons of Loughborough.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford.

ON the 20th ult. eight of the Hertford College Youths rang Holt's Bob-and-Single Peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins. F. G. Crawley, 1; J. G.

Crawley, * 2; A. Baker, * 3; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 4; H. Baker, * 5; J. Godfrey, * 6; T. Gathard, * 7; F. George, * 8. [* First peal.] It was sixty years since a peal was rung in Hertford by a company exclusively local; and the peal-book—a very interesting volume—shows that the old county town has never been without change-ringers.

At St. Mary's, Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., eight of the Rawmarsh Society rang Reeves's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 58 mins. J. Ensor, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; V. Hawkins, 3; S. Whitworth, 4; T. Wild, 5; J. Ensor, 6; R. Whitworth, 7; J. Schofield, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

ON Tuesday evening, the 21st ult., six members of the Durham Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. J. Blakiston (first peal), 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; J. H. Whitfield, 3; R. Moncaster, 4; W. Patton, * 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. [* First peal on an inside bell.]

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Monday evening, the 21st ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples in 47 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; J. Gobbett, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; H. Randall, 4; W. Doran, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 6; E. Chapman, 7; S. Jarman, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, Sussex.

ON Tuesday, the 21st ult., the Steyning Society rang a peal of Oxford Bob Minor, containing 40 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. T. Searle, 1; J. Woolgar, 2; F. Chalcraft, 3; A. Rapley, 4; J. Hills, 5; G. Gattand (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, London.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 23 mins. F. T. Gover, * 1; E. Horrex, 2; R. French, 3; J. Sturt, * 4; C. F. Winny, * 5; S. Hayes, 6; H. J. Tucker, * 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. The peal is in one part, and has the 5th and 6th the extent right and wrong, and was composed by H. W. Haley, sen., and conducted by J. M. Hayes. Tenor, 24 cwt. [* Their first peal in this method.]

New College, Oxford.—A Dumb Peal.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., three members of the Oxford University Society of Change-ringers, and three of the City Society, being all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change-ringers, rang on Mr. Seage's dumb-practice apparatus a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. F. Hastings, Esq., 1; C. Boots, 2; S. Buckle, 3; W. Washbrook (conductor), 4; C. C. Child, Esq., 5; G. F. Coleridge, Esq., 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., twelve members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5014 Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 45 mins. W. Haywood, 1; J. Joynes, 2; C. H. Hattersley of Sheffield (conductor), 3; W. Small, 4; S. Reeves, 5; H. Johnson, sen. (composer), 6; H. Johnson, jun., 7; J. Buffery, 8; J. James, 9; T. Hattersley of Sheffield, 10; W. Hallsworth, 11; T. Reynolds, 12. Tenor, 36 cwt., in C. The peal was rung to commemorate the longest peal ever completed in the above method, which was rung at the above church Feb. 28th, 1881, and also the seventy-third birthday of the composer.

At St. Mary's, Stratford-le-Bow, Middlesex.

ON Tuesday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples (Brook's variation) in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; F. E. Dawe, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; H. Page, 4; C. H. Jessop, 5; W. Smith, 6; R. Turner, 7; E. Marriott, 8.

At SS. Michael and All Angels, Galleywood, Essex.

ON Sunday, the 5th inst., for morning service, five six-scores of Stedman's Doubles were rung on the back six by members of the Galleywood Society; this being the first occasion on which so much of this difficult method has been rung by any except the conductor. C. Waskett, 3; H. F. de Lisle, 4; F. Lemon, 5; E. Scotcher, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7. J. Broomfield, 8.

Also for afternoon service a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Broomfield, 1; F. Lemon, 2; C. Waskett, 4; E. Scotcher, 5; H. Brazier, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 7; E. Bird, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. All except E. Bird are members of the Essex Association; and all, with the exception of the conductor, knew nothing of the art of change-ringing previous to January 1881.

At St. Werburgh's, Derby.

ON Sunday, the 5th inst., after evening service, the Derby Change-ringers' Society, with Mr. T. Holmes of Burton-on-Trent, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins., the bells being half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. Radford of Friar Gate, Derby. G. Neal, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; J. Howe, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; G. Slack, 8.

And on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., they rang with Mr. H. Page of London, and Mr. Holmes of Burton-on-Trent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 45 mins., the bells being half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John Heaton, who, for upwards of forty years, took an active part in change-ringing in Derby. F. Sephton, 1; J. Howe, 2; H. Page, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; G. Slack, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E.

RINGING IN LENT.—We are sorry to see that some of our ringing friends forget that we are now in Lent.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. Waghorn; G. J. Clarkson; A. J. Perkins; J. Carter; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

ST. PAULS CATHEDRAL, LONDON.

THE BIG BELL.

THE new bell, 'Great Paul,' will be swung in the Clock-tower of St. Paul's. That much is decided; when, and how, are still open questions. It was originally contemplated to put it in the lantern of the north-west tower of the façade of the Cathedral, over the fine ring of twelve bells erected in 1878, but it is now settled that it shall take its place in the clock-chamber of the south-west tower, the present clock-bell, some five tons in weight, remaining in the lantern above, in which it now is. The tower has ample strength. The staircase being formed within the external walls leaves a square central area of 23 ft. 6 in. on the sides, within which, by entrance at the base, the bell can be elevated into position. The walls of the façade on the south side of the Cathedral form buttresses to the tower of solidity and support far beyond anything merely needful; and from experiments which have been made it is now known that the bell can be swung within the limits of the clock-chamber. The separation of 'Great Paul' from the ring of bells in the north-west tower is a matter of no musical or other consequences, as the great bell is a Bourdon, or service-bell, which will be rung for five minutes before service-time, as is generally done in most churches for a quarter of an hour with the tenor or other bell of the ring. The total cost of the new bell will, it appears, reach 3500l. when hung. The Drapers' Company have just contributed 50l. towards it, which makes the contributions of the City Companies reach 800l. It is now said that the bell will not be *in situ* before Whitsuntide.

THE following account of the trial of 'Great Paul' appears in the *Guardian*: 'An interesting experiment as to the best method of swinging "Great Paul" took place at Taylor's bell-foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday last, in the presence of the Very Rev. Lord Alwyne Compton, the Rev. Canon Cattley, the Rev. F. Woodward, Captain Troyte, Mr. F. C. Penrose, Dr. Stainer, and others. Of course, no effort to "raise" the bell mouth upwards was or will be made; were this even feasible, it would be forbidden by Mr. Penrose, who is responsible for the safety of the fabric of St. Paul's. All that was desired was to find if any reasonable number of men could swing the bell to such an extent as to get a fair hit from the clapper on both sides of the bell. For the purpose of the experiment Mr. Taylor had made a temporary frame by securely bolting beams and cross-beams together, of sufficient height to allow the mouth of the bell to pass freely about two feet from the ground. The bell was placed in its permanent head-stock, and the gudgeons (6 in. in diameter) and bearings were those which will be attached to the bell when in its place in St. Paul's. Over the top of the stock two cross-beams (one at each end of the stock) were placed, of sufficient length to represent the probable space for leverage in the belfry of St. Paul's—namely, 23 ft. This gave four sets of pullers a leverage of 11½ ft. on each side of the bell. Nineteen broad-shouldered Leicestershire men set to work at the ropes with a will, and in ten seconds the clapper began to strike. Owing to a slight deviation of the clapper from the centre it showed a tendency to hit one side of the bell more frequently than the other, but a very slight readjustment will set this right. The important question of the proper weight of the clapper was seriously discussed by the *servants*. The clapper used for this experiment weighed about 6½ cwt.; but a general opinion was expressed that this was somewhat too heavy. The tone of the bell was, however, remarkably pure and grand, and was heard for many miles' distance from the foundry. An exact process of weighing of the bell has proved it to be 16½ tons. This is rather less than the founder had anticipated; but it still makes it far heavier than any other bell in this country.'

The Peal at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

SIR,—In your last issue I notice the report of a peal rung on the 25th ult. at St. Stephen's, Westminster, by the College Youths, said to be 'composed by Mr. H. W. Haley, sen., and conducted by J. M. Hayes.' If this is a new and original peal I am delighted, and only too pleased to congratulate Mr. Haley upon his success. But if it is the old 5120, given in the last edition of the late Mr. H. Hubbard's work upon Change-ringing, which I give side by side with the original, as composed by the late T. Day of Birmingham, then I say the perpetuation of such a mistake is dangerous alike to all concerned:—

5088									5120								
2	3	4	5	6	M.	R.	W.	H.	2	3	4	5	6	M.	R.	W.	H.
3	6	4	5	2	1			2	3	6	4	5	2				
6	2	4	5	3	1			2	6	2	4	5	3				
2	6	3	5	4	2			2	2	6	3	5	4				
6	5	2	4	3		—			6	5	2	4	3				
6	5	4	3	2		—		1	6	5	4	3	2				
3	4	5	6	2	1	—		2	*	3	4	5	6	2		2	2
4	2	5	6	3	1			2	4	2	5	6	3				
2	3	5	6	4	1			2	2	3	5	6	4				
3	2	4	6	5	2			2	3	2	4	6	5				
6	4	2	3	5	1			2	6	4	2	3	5				
6	2	3	4	5				1	2	6	2	3	4	5			
6	3	4	2	5				1	2	6	3	4	2	5			
3	7	4	2	6	1			2		3	5	4	2	6			
2	4	5	3	6				2	2	2	4	5	3	6			
2	5	3	4	6				1	2	2	5	3	4	6			
2	3	4	5	6				1	2	2	3	4	5	6			

T. DAY.

H. W. HALEY.

It is sometimes said that 'comparisons are odious;' and the fact is verified in this case, as any novice will see in succession identical course-ends in each peal. The calling being the same—except the *sixth* course, where the alternate is used, which make the 5120 changes—I only give it to the one.

Now, Sir, I have not the slightest wish to say that Mr. Haley did not compose this peal; and I have no wish to cause him the least pain, and would rather commiserate, especially now suffering by such an acute affliction as he really is. But when it is so well known, and has become such a foregone conclusion, that another person had this composition in a less number of changes, and many years previous, what good is such a peal? supposing it was composed by him in the ordinary way; and no one knows this better than himself, who has met the circumstance as a man should do. Therefore the friends of this veteran will, I hope, see that his best interest will be served by leaving this peal alone. He has one of each, both *three* and two-part, and also a 6016 in two parts, all first-class peals; the originality of which cannot be doubted. Why not ring them?
H. DAINS.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE Committee of the above Association met on Saturday last and decided on holding the next District Meeting at Lydney, on Wednesday in Easter week, April 12, when the company of ringing friends will be esteemed a favour.

L. DRINKWATER, *Master of the Association*.

Touches and Dates by Jumping.

SIR,—I have noticed the jumping dates in several numbers of *Church Bells*, especially in that for March 11th, and I cannot help thinking that it is almost impossible to ring the 5726134 from 1234567. If done, I do not think it could be struck clear. It would be the greater honour to start the commencement of a peal and ring the first 1882 changes and call 'This is all!' 'Stand!' or start ordinary Grandsire till the treble gets in third's place, and let him make a place and return. Thus:—

I do not believe in jumping; let every bell move one place at a time, and get it as near Grandsire as possible. A BELL-RINGER.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Amalgamated Society of Change-ringers rang a muffled peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 8 mins. in memory of Mr. J. Newbold, the tower-keeper of the place for more than thirty years. The peal is in ten parts, with 158 singles and 92 bobs. J. Callaghan, 1; W. Bryant, 2; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 3; B. Stevens, 4; T. Miller, 5; F. H. James, 6; W. Saniger, 7; R. Jones, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Thomas-ye-Martyr, Oxford.

ON Tuesday, the 7th inst., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. by six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. W. Finch, 1; T. Payne, 2; C. Hounslow, 3; W. Washbrook (conductor), 5; W. Easton, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. Being the first rung by members of the above Guild. [Fourth bell omitted.]

At All Saints, West Ham, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 24 mins. E. Barnett, 1; C. Hopkins, 2; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 3; J. Gobbett, 4; H. Randall, 5; G. Newson, 6; W. Doran, 7; H. Hopkins, 8; S. Jarman, 9; F. Searle, 10. The peal was composed by Mr. John Rogers of the Cumberland Society, and conducted by Mr. G. Newson. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. [* Their first peal in the method.]

At St. Lawrence's, Mereworth, Kent.

ON Sunday, the 12th inst., six members of the West Malling Society rang for service a peal of 720 Bob Minor and a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins. each, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of Thomas Thorpe, for many years a ringer at this church, aged 76 years. W. Driver, 1; C. Payne, 2; E. Baldock, 3; H. Foreman, 4; D. Hall, 5; F. G. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in A.

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

ON Sunday morning, the 12th inst., it being the occasion of the annual attendance of the Mayor and Corporation at the above church, six members of St. John's Guild of Ringers rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, consisting of eight bobs and six singles, in 25½ mins. F. Lees (conductor), 1; G. Campbell, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; T. J. Des Forges, 4; G. Herdman (aged 17, first peal), 5; R. S. Story, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Sunday afternoon, the 12th inst., for Divine service, three of Romford with three of Hornchurch rang Mr. Penning's extraordinary peal of Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 28 bobs and 18 singles, in 28 mins. G. Roughton, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; B. Keeble, 3; S. Rush, 4; G. Dear, 5; I. Dear, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. It had long been thought that 42 calls were the greatest number possible to be introduced into a minor peal in this method, until this peal, containing 46 calls, was composed by Mr. Penning of Saffron Walden.

At St. Lawrence's, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Sunday evening, the 12th inst., for divine service, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. J. Longstaff, 1; H. Oddy, 2; E. Webster, 3; W. Bolland, 4; J. A. Ross, 5; S. Longstaff, 6; G. Bolland (conductor), 7; J. Haley, 8. Composed by J. Ross, Pudsey. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

At Rotherham, Yorkshire.

ON the 13th inst. the Rotherham Branch of the Yorkshire Association rang Thurstan's peal of Stedman's Triples (see Hubbard's work, p. 65, 1854) in 3 hrs. 17 mins. C. H. Hattersley (conductor), 1; J. Athey, 2; G. Briggs, 3; P. Coates, 4; F. Coates, 5; G. Flint, 6; A. Rodgers, 7; T. Lee, 8. This is the first time the peal has been rung by the Association.

RECEIVED ALSO.—W. Sottanstill; P. E. B. (no name); and others.

that many persons would act in that way. Let your correspondent take a hint from this, and not waste his trouble on them in that mode. I can tell him a better plan:—To copy out their names and addresses, and put them on parcels or boxes sent in a variety of forms, and from a variety of places, from time to time, by railway, and then let them take these in under the pleasing delusion that they are receiving a present of game, or fish, or books, and find nothing but their own letters inside, with the addition on them of 'rogue,' or 'cheat,' or 'swindler,' from the vocabulary. A pleasant variation may be established by writing these complimentary words with the address on the outside, and if they then decline to take parcels in they will do so with the knowledge that their servants, the railway people, and others, will know their character.

FITZMORRIS.

'A STUDENT' asks any of our readers who have passed the same to inform him, through the medium of our paper, whether it is possible to obtain a place in the First Class in the Cambridge Preliminary Examination of Candidates for Holy Orders without taking Hebrew and the Septuagint versions of the Old Testament?

RECEIVED ALSO:—A. G. Hollicar; Cymro; G. H. Hale; W. M. K.; F. O. Morris; T. Field; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Queen's Birthday.

SATURDAY, the 3rd of June, will be kept as the official birthday of the Queen. The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral and those of a few other churches ring on the day her Majesty was born, the 26th of May; but, as a rule, the day is kept, with ringing, illuminations, and other rejoicings, on the official day.

The Peal at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

SIR,—To convince a man against his will, he is of the same opinion still.' If the 5120, as given in *Church Bells* last week, is Mr. Haley's, this 5184 here given is mine:—

5120	M.	B.	W.	H.	5184	M.	B.	W.	H.
4 6 5 3 2	2	—	2	2	4 6 5 3 2	2	—	2	2
5 2 3 6 4	1	—	1	2	5 2 3 6 4	1	—	1	2
2 5 4 6 3	—	—	1	2	2 5 4 6 3	—	—	1	2
2 4 6 5 3	1	—	2	2	2 4 6 5 3	1	—	2	2
6 3 5 4 2	1	—	1	2	6 3 5 4 2	1	—	1	2
3 2 5 4 6	2	—	1	2	3 2 5 4 6	2	—	1	2
4 5 2 3 6	—	—	2	2	4 5 2 3 6	—	—	2	2

H. HALEY.

D. PRENTICE.

But I say they are one and the same Mr. Haley's.

D. PRENTICE.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY MEETING will be held on Easter Monday, April 10th, at St. Luke's Church, Liverpool. Ringing from 10 a.m. Tea, 6 p.m. in school-room. A Meeting will be held immediately after tea. The Incumbent will preside. Tickets for tea (price 1s.) may be had from any of the Committee, or from

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE next Quarterly Meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Battersea, the Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke presiding. Tea will be provided after the Meeting, to which all members can come who have paid their subscriptions for the year. Members who purpose being at the tea are requested to send their names to the Hon. Sec. not later than Monday, April 10th.

The Vicarage, Kingston-on-Thames.

A. S. W. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 14th Jan., six six-score of Stedman's Doubles (720 changes) were rung in 24 mins. F. Fells, 1; W. Fussell, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Batten, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; C. Clarke, 6.

ON Sunday, the 18th ult., for afternoon service, a three-part peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 42 singles and 18 bobs, was rung in 26 mins. F. Fells, 1; A. Fussell, 2; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; W. Fussell, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 4th ult., six members of the Essex Association rang Hubbard's Peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 8 bobs and 6 singles, in 24 mins. J. King, 1; E. Barnett, 2; G. Pearl, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; G. Cornell, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A. This peal was rung in honour of Miss Whitehead's wedding, and was conducted by A. H. Gardom, Esq.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 11th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs and 22 singles (Troyte), was rung in 26 mins. H. Nunn, jun. (first time as conductor), 1; J. Nunn, sen., 2; H. Nunn, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; F. W. Elbourn, 5; H. Scarlett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. This is the first 720 of any kind that has been rung at this church by an entirely local band.

At Willesden, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 13th ult., six members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang at the parish church a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 32 bobs and 2 singles. J. Jakeman, 1; F. Were, 2; W. A. Tyler (conductor), 3; W. N. W. Meadows, Esq., 4; R. Kilbey, 5; H. Cutter, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. [No time mentioned.]

At St. Peter's, Colchester, Essex.

ON Monday evening, the 13th ult., seven members of the Colchester and St. Peter's Association, with J. Prentice (Ipswich), rang a touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples in 34 mins. J. Prentice (conductor), 1; D. W. Scott, 2; J. Smith, 3; G. Elliott, 4; J. Ryder, 5; S. Oxborrow, 6; J. Starling, 7; T. Bunting, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E. This is the longest piece on record as having been rung on these bells by Colchester ringers in this method. Several other touches were also rung in the same method.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

ON Monday evening, the 13th ult., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. H. Robinson, 1; R. Thornton, 2; H. Clapham, 3; J. Thornton, 4; L. Snowden, 5; H. Smith, 6. This is the first peal rung by a Drighlington company.

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

ON Tuesday evening, the 14th ult., ten members of this Society rang a quarter peal of Stedman's Caters (1295 changes) in 55 mins. W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 1; R. Brundle, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. Meadows, 4; C. Saul, 5; E. Pemberton, 6; R. Hawes, 7; S. Tillet, 8; E. Reeve, 9; S. Pollard, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Thursday, the 16th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 5003 changes, in 3 hrs. 25 mins. J. Pettit, 1; E. Horrex, 2; R. Jameson, 3; F. T. Gover, 4; G. Mash, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; J. M. Hayes, 7; R. French, 8; F. E. Dawe, 9; W. Greenleaf, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat. The peal—which has the 4th, 3rd, 5th, and 6th behind the 9th—was composed by Mr. J. Cox and conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe, who completed his twentieth year on the above day.

At Ashted, Surrey.—Muffled Ringing.

ON Thursday, the 16th ult., the members of the Ashted Society rang at the parish church, the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Mr. George Page, who was buried on that day. Mr. Page was one of the oldest members of the Society, and was for many years parish clerk. A short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the funeral, and in the evening a quarter of a peal (1260 changes). W. Read, 1; H. Sayer, 2; Rev. E. C. Peake, 3; J. Haseman, 4; G. Sayer, jun. (conductor), 5; W. Clapham, 6; S. Brooker, 7; W. Arthur, 8.

At Aston, Birmingham.—Muffled Peal.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., eight members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang at the Parish Church, Aston, a peal of 5065 Stedman's Caters, in 3 hrs. 26 mins. J. James, 1; H. Bastable, 2; J. Joynes, 3; S. Reeves, 4; W. Small, 5; H. Johnson, sen. (composer and conductor), 6; J. Dunn, 7; T. Miller, 8; H. Johnson, jun., 9; R. Jones, 10. The bells were half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late James Newbold, steeple-keeper of St. John's, Deritend, who had been a member of the above company for a number of years, and was much respected by all who knew him.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Hubbard's peal of 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 10 mins. R. Jameson, 1; F. T. Gover, 2; J. W. Rowbotham, 3; R. French, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; F. E. Dawe, 6; E. Horrex, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. First peal in the method by all the above with the exception of R. Jameson.

At Bromborough, Cheshire.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of St. Peter's Society, Liverpool, rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 40 mins. R. Williams, sen. (aged 72 years), 1; H. Meadows, 2; J. Brown, 3; T. Hammond, 4; E. Booth, 5; R. Williams, jun., 6; H. Beck, 7; W. Littler, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed and conducted by R. Williams, first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and was Mr. Walter Littler's farewell peal previous to sailing for Canada this week.

At York Minster.

ON the 25th ult. a touch of 1882 Grandsire Caters was rung in 1 hr. 19 mins. J. Cundall, 1; W. Bean, 2; J. Thompson, 3; T. Hodgson, 4; C. Underwood, 5; T. Haigh, 6; W. Morrell, 7; W. Howard, 8; G. Breed (conductor), 9; W. H. Howard (composer), 10. Tenor, 54 cwt. Annexed is the touch, which may be useful to other companies:—

1882.	3 6 2 5 4	7 ³
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	2 3 6 5 4	
2 1 3 5 4 7 6 9 8	3 5 6 2 4	8 ³
2 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9	5 2 6 3 4	"
3 2 4 1 6 5 8 7 9	4 3 2 5 6	8 ²
3 4 2 6 1 8 5 9 7	6 5 3 4 2	8 ²
4 3 6 2 1 5 8 7 9	5 4 3 6 2	8 ³
4 6 3 1 2 8 5 9 7	3 5 4 6 2	7 ³
6 4 1 3 8 2 9 5 7	4 3 5 6 2	"
6 1 4 8 3 9 2 7 5	3 6 5 4 2	8 ³
1 6 8 4 9 3 7 2 5	6 4 5 3 2	"
1 8 6 9 4 7 3 5 2	2 3 4 6 5	8 ²
1 6 9 8 4 7 3 5 2	3 6 4 2 5	8 ³
6 4 9 3 8 2 7 5	4 3 6 2 5	7 ³
6 3 4 2 9 5 8 7	5 2 3 4 6	8 ²
6 2 3 5 4 7 9 8	3 5 2 4 6	7 ²
	5 4 2 3 6	8 ³
	2 3 4 5 6	8 in and out at two leads.

RECEIVED ALSO:—M. K., (no name); F. Wickens (send another account—1882 changes on six bells; and you do not state how it was rung).

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ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

THE BIG BELL.

GREAT PAUL has, after much cogitating, been finally declared too big for conveyance by rail from Loughborough to London, and will accordingly be brought by road on a special carriage now in course of construction. According to present arrangements it is to be in place by Whitsuntide; but it will require all the skill of the contractors to land it safely at its destination.

Lincolnshire Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING of the above Association will be held at Spalding on Easter Monday. Divine service at eleven; dinner at one o'clock. The bells will be placed at the disposal of the members.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Stansted, Essex.

On Thursday, Feb. 23rd, three ringers of the above parish, assisted by F. and R. S. Sworder of Great Hallingbury, and G. Brand of Bishops Stortford, rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; R. S. Sworder, 2; G. Brand, 3; F. Sworder, 4; C. Prior, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At Charlwood, Surrey.

On Monday evening, the 27th ult., the Charlwood Society rang, in 1 hr. 16 mins., a date touch of 1882 Oxford Single Bob Minor, consisting of 18 bobs and 30 singles. F. Ellis, 1; B. King, 2; L. Broadbridge, 3; A. Brown, 4; M. Heffer, 5; F. Wickens (conductor), 6.

At St. James's, Dover.

On Thursday, the 30th ult., five members of the Folkestone Society visited Dover, and with the assistance of E. Potter, of Dover, rang, in 30 minutes, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles. F. Finn, 1; J. Harrison, 2; J. Fisher, 3; E. Potter, 4; S. Barker (conductor), 5; F. Slingaby, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. All members of the Kent County Association.

At St. Stephen's, Westminster, London.

On Friday evening, the 31st ult., eight members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5152 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 26 mins. Composed by J. M. Halsey. B. French, 1; E. Horrex, 2; J. N. Oxborough, 3; F. T. Gover, 4; J. W. Rowbotham, 5; E. F. Winny, 6; F. E. Dawe, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. [*First peal in this method.]

At Church, Lancashire.

On Friday evening, the 31st ult., the ringers of the parish church rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 34 bobs and 2 singles, in 29 mins.

Also on Sunday, the 2nd inst., being the anniversary of the bells, the ringers went to the belfry at seven o'clock in the morning, and rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, in 28½ mins. The bells were opened on Sunday, April 2nd, 1882.

Also for evening service a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 28 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Eastwood, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Patteson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. All members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

At the Parish Church, Birstall, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., seven of the Society of Change-ringers of Birstall parish church, assisted by Mr. B. Parkinson of Birstall, rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 9 mins. The above was rung as a farewell to Mr. Parkinson, who is retiring from long-peal ringing. It is a one-part peal, and has the fourth and sixth their extent in 5 6, and is one of the latest compositions of the late Mr. Henry Hubbard of Leeds, who expressed a desire that it should be rung at Birstall. We may also state that this is the sixty-eighth peal of 5000 changes and upwards that Mr. Parkinson has taken a part in ringing. G. Thornton, 1; W. Banham, 2; J. W. Yates, 3; B. Parkinson, 4; W. Stainthorpe, 5; J. Clayton, 6; A. Briggs, 7; J. A. Dodson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

NOTICE.—The next Quarterly Meeting of the Surrey Change-ringers' Association will be held on the 17th inst.

RECEIVED ALSO.—E. Thorpe; M. S.; H. Halsey; J. Bright; W. Sottanstell; F. W. ('it' would have been the correct word).

RECEIVED ALSO.—John Bright (Write to Mr. Goslin, of 27 The Crescent, Cripplegate, London, for his *First Steps*, inclosing 1s. 1d.); and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Church Bells Dedication Festival at Camborne, Cornwall.

On Tuesday the opening of the ring of bells at St. Martin's church took place. The bells have been rehung on cast-iron framing. The treble and tenor bells are new, and these are additions to the old ring of six. Messrs. Taylor & Sons, Loughborough, have done the work. The dedication festival commenced with the celebration of Holy Communion at eight o'clock. A shortened service was held at eleven o'clock, in the course of which the Rector and the choir went into the belfry, where the prayer used at the dedication of the twelve at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, was used. The service concluded about noon, at which time the bells were opened by a touch of Grandsire Triples by the Guild of Devonshire, which includes ringers of Penzance.

At half-past one nearly fifty sat down to luncheon at Abraham's Hotel, Canon Chappel, Rector, in the chair. There were no toasts, but the chairman said he was anxious to express his gratitude to the Guild of Devonshire for coming to Camborne on that bright and happy day. He wished to thank all who had been on the committee, those outside the parish, and those who did not worship at the church, who had assisted in the work. He wished to thank Colonel Trelawny for his efficient assistance. It was intended after the afternoon service to attempt what he believed had never been heard in Cornwall before, a peal of 5000 changes. He would ask Col. Trelawny to say a few words.

Colonel Trelawny thought the Rector had given him too prominent a position, as he was only a member of the Guild. The Colonel spoke in the highest terms of the quality of the ring. Camborne now possessed a really excellent ring of eight bells. They ought now to try to get a good set of ringers, and have instruction from the Devonshire Guild, and in two or three months they would be able to do as well as what they had heard that day.

The Rev. Prebendary Hedgeland preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon in the afternoon.

A tea meeting was held in the Assembly Room, after which Colonel H. R. Trelawny, of Poltair, in the evening delivered an interesting lecture on 'Change-ringing,' the handbell ringers of St. Mary's, Penzance, led by Mr. J. Symons, giving illustrations. The lecturer graphically described the intricate methods by which these changes are rung, and he urged the desirability of the clergy and gentry of the county encouraging in the future its general practice as highly instructive to the youth of the district, and calculated to improve both morally and intellectually all who engage in this portion of church work; and in time wholly supersede the present mode of plain round ringing, which requiring but physical effort in its performance, is uninteresting, and rather demoralising than otherwise.

The members of the Devonshire Guild taking part in the change-ringing during the day were, Col. Trelawny, Rev. A. B. Berry, J. Symons, T. Corin, C. Boase, J. Richards, J. Hodder, T. Hicks, M. Bassett, G. Sellars, W. Dale, J. Baxter, and W. Banister; the two last-named from Devonport.

[We hope the above report of satisfactory progress in the right direction towards belfry reform will stimulate the many lovers of bells in Cornwall to discontinue the utterly useless practice of giving prizes for *Ups and Downs* and *Rounds and Rounds*, which is the bane of belfry reform and progress in scientific ringing; for it is a fact often maintained by the best ringers in the kingdom, that those who ring only for money never make out anything. We believe that if the Bishop, and archdeacons, and clergy, were alive to the folly of such prize-ringing, they would inhibit such a prostitution of the goods of the church supplied for more pious uses. An instance of which took place at Fovey, in the same county, on Easter Monday (the day before the dedication at Camborne), when twelve teams completed and carried off (less what the publican gained) the sum of 21l. 10s. 1—Ed.]

The Peal at St. Stephen's, Westminster.

SIR,—I do not wish to enter into the controversy as to Mr. Haley's claim to this peal: I think this should be left to the decision of Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, the only gentleman well qualified to be a judge in this matter, and who no doubt took a great deal of pains, when compiling his collection, to satisfy himself as to whom this peal should belong.

But Mr. Haley in his letter touches upon the qualities of certain Treble Bob compositions, having the sixth at home more than four course ends, and in this particular I beg entirely to differ from him. Mr. Haley fails to see what improvement there can be in peals on the new plan, and mentions that the sixth is then 'parted' three leads in every course. To show to your readers the superiority of peals on the new plan, and that they contain more leads having the sixth at home, I give below the best peal Mr. Haley has produced on the old plan, and the best peal Mr. Dains has produced on the new plan:—

5056						M. B. W. H.			
2	3	4	5	6					
4	6	5	3	2	2	—	2	2	
6	2	5	3	4	2	—	1	2	
3	5	2	6	4			2	2	
5	4	2	6	3	2	—	1	2	
2	3	6	4	5	1	—	1	2	
3	2	5	4	6			1	2	
4	5	2	3	6	1	—	2		

H. W. HALEY.

5356						M. B. W. H.			
2	3	4	5	6					
5	2	3	6	4			—	2	
2	5	4	6	3			—	1	2
6	4	3	5	2	2	—	2		
6	4	5	2	3			—	1	
3	4	6	2	5			—	1	
4	2	3	5	6			—		
5	3	2	4	6	1	—	2		
3	4	2	5	6	1	—			
4	5	2	3	6	1	—			

H. DAINS.

Now in Mr. Haley's peal the sixth is at home thirty leads (960 changes), and in Mr. Dains' peal forty-eight leads (1536 changes), and, therefore, Mr. Dains' peal contains 576 changes more, with the sixth working with the 'tenors' in the same relation as in the plain course.

In composing peals with the fifth and sixth, or fourth and sixth, their extent, I agree with Mr. Haley the homes should be as full as possible. I prefer a peal of this class with the homes full throughout, but in peals having only the sixth the extent I think that this bell should be placed at as many course ends as possible in either fifth or sixth places. Mr. John Reeves, the first known composer of Treble Bob, in his celebrated peal of 8448 changes, showed that the sixth could be placed at six course ends, wrong and right. Mr. Thomas Day, late of Birmingham, the next great composer, and also the late Mr. Estcourt, showed that the sixth could work its extent in 5-6, and be placed at six course ends wrong and right respectively. Mr. Charles Firth seems to be the first composer who saw that this bell could be placed at six consecutive course ends each way; and the late William Harrison composed peals with these qualities and also the extent.

I really cannot see where Mr. Haley can draw his inference that these peals were cast out by the old composers, as there is no evidence that any were produced before the appearance of Mr. Firth's peal.

Putting aside the question whether the new plan or the old one produces the best musical peals, there remains the fact that it requires twenty times the amount of skill to produce a good peal on the new plan more than is required to produce one on the old plan.

N. J. PITSTOW,

Member of the Royal Cumberland Society.

SIR,—By the composition given with his letter, Mr. Sottanstill confuses the question. It is the peal in *Church Bells* of the 25th ult. that is disputed. I am sorry to have caused Mr. Haley to write to you, as I sought to exonerate him in my first letter. But this is not accepted, and, contrary to my expectation, he still claims the peal in question. In the year 1879, just prior, I believe, to the appearance of the second edition of Mr. Banister's work, revised, &c., by Mr. Haley, the disputed peal also appeared in Part II. of Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*, stating how it could be extended from 5088 to 5120: the correct way to give the peal, I should think. At this time the loss of this peal, 'which is not a first-class one,' would not have been irreparable, as since that time my friend, Mr. N. J. Pitstow, has produced nine peals of this class. I have been less fortunate, having devoted my leisure time to peals of another class, the merits of which we will examine further on. However, I have one such peal. I give it for several reasons. One is, that it finishes with the approved course-ends; another is, that it contains but one of the objectionable bobs before; and the last is, that like my friend's

5024.						M. B. W. H.			
2	3	4	5	6					
3	6	4	5	2	1			2	
6	3	2	5	4	2				
6	2	5	3	4			1	2	
3	6	2	4	5	2		2	2	
6	5	2	4	3	1			2	
5	6	3	4	2		—	1	2	
5	3	4	6	2			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

The 5024 I give conclude with four course-ends, 6th at 11, without calls before, and contain all the music it is possible to get on this plan, viz. forty leads or 1280 changes, and these course-ends are not new, but were used by Mr. John Reeves in the *Clavis*, first published in 1784. Now, Sir, any peal that contains more than the above number of changes with 6th in position will certainly prove the more musical of the two plans. I here give two peals: the first contains 42 leads, or 1344 changes; the second, forty-four leads or 1408 changes: 64 and 108 changes respectively in excess of the old peal:—

5056.						M. B. W. H.			
2	3	4	5	6					
3	6	4	5	2	1			2	
4	2	5	6	3			2	2	
2	3	5	6	4	2	x	1	2	
6	5	4	3	2	2	x	2		
5	3	6	2	4			x	1	
2	5	3	4	6		x		2	
3	4	2	5	6			1	1	
4	5	2	3	6	1	x			

5056.						M. B. W. H.			
2	3	4	5	6					
5	2	3	6	4			x	2	
2	5	4	6	3			x	1	2
6	4	3	5	2	2	x	2		
6	4	5	2	3			x	1	
3	4	6	2	5			x	1	
4	2	3	5	6			x		
5	3	2	4	6	1	x		2	
3	4	2	5	6	1	x			
4	5	2	3	6	1	x			

Each once repeated.

Each of these peals has the 6th the extent wrong and right. The first has all the 8 6 7's; the second has the 6th twelve times placed; the difficulty in each case of composition being quite equal to that of peals where all homes are full. By the side of the second 5056 is a 5248 peal (page 38, part 2, Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*), which has forty-six leads, or nearly a course in excess of the old peals; and on page 69 there is a peal by the late W. Harrison, which contains forty-seven leads, 6th in position—a whole course, or 224 changes more music than the old. Also a peal of mine rung at Bethnal Green, conducted by Mr. Fred. Bate, has all the 8 6's, 8 6 7's, and 6 7 8, and contains forty-five leads, with 6th in position, five leads or 160 changes in excess of the old peals.

I could point out several others, while I know there are also several which do not come up to the standard. I think, however, I have shown enough

for the purpose, and that my friend has overlooked the facts of the case. But why, I ask, are we to be bound to the exclusive use of the old style of peal, when, as shown, there are new equally as good and, better? As to why these peals being cast out by old ringers I will offer no opinion, but leave it with the rest of the questions to the judgment of your readers. HENRY DAINES.

Inaugural Meeting of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Derby and District.

A VERY successful meeting of change-ringers took place at Derby on Easter Monday, to establish a Change-ringers' Association for the Archdeaconry of Derby and District. A Provisional Committee had been in existence some time, and who had drawn up the necessary rules and objects for the carrying out of the Association.

About ten o'clock visitors began to arrive from Burton, Long Eaton, Beeston, Nottingham, and Darley Dale, when St. Andrew's fine new ring of eight bells (tenor, 20½ cwt.), cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, were raised, and various touches of Grandsire, Stedman's Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower of All Saints, a ring of ten, where touches of Triples, Major, and Caters, were rung. Also the rings of eight at St. Alkmund's and St. Werburgh's were rung during the day.

The various bands of ringers then visited St. Luke's tower, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples upon the fine ring of eight bells (tenor, 33½ cwt.), the gift of the late Mrs. Moss of Litchurch, Derby, and cast by Messrs. John Taylor & Sons of Loughborough.

An adjournment was then made to St. Luke's schoolroom, and a business meeting held, presided over by the Rev. F. J. Lyall, vicar of St. Luke's, supported by Mr. Beresford, Mr. Lee, and the Hon. Sec. to the Association, Mr. H. C. Woodward. The meeting having been opened with prayer, the Rev. Chairman gave a most suitable address, explaining how such an Association tended strongly to the improvement of ringers, not only in their skilled capacity as Change-ringers, but also as Churchmen. The Chairman gave the ringers one and all a most hearty welcome, and hoped it would not be the last time that he would have the pleasure of meeting them at St. Luke's. Mr. Thos. Beresford, President of the Provisional Committee, then explained the objects of the Association, which were discussed at some length, Mr. Beresford remarking that, whilst there was great need for reform, as far as the ringers personally were concerned, there was also great need for reformation of the belfries, as some of them, he regretted to say, were very much neglected, and hoped that the officers of the various churches where such neglect existed would endeavour to make the belfries clean and attractive, the same as the other part of the church, thus recognising the ringers as Churchworkers. The business of reading and passing the rules drawn up by the Provisional Committee was proceeded with, and sanctioned with some slight verbal alterations. The election of officers also took place, and the first quarterly meeting of the Association was decided to be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, June 24th.

After the business of the Association was over a substantial meat tea was provided in an adjoining room, to which about forty ringers sat down, and it is needless to say ample justice was done; after which the hand-bells, kindly lent by the Vicar of St. Luke's, were brought into requisition, and touches of Triples, Major, and Caters were rung: also some tune-playing took place. The various Societies represented were St. Luke's, St. Werburgh's, St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's, and All Saints', Derby; St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent; St. Lawrence, Long Eaton; Beeston, Nottingham, and Darley Dale. The following are the officers appointed for 1882-83:—*President*: the Rev. J. H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent. *Vice-Presidents*: the Rev. F. J. Lyall, vicar of St. Luke's, and Mr. Thos. Beresford, St. Andrew's, Derby. *Stewards*: Mr. Geo. Lee, St. Luke's Society; Mr. Wm. Shardlow, St. Andrew's Society, Derby. *Treasurer*: Mr. R. Redgate, St. Werburgh's Society, Derby. *Secretary*: Mr. H. C. Woodward, Derby. *Committee*: Mr. Sephton, St. Luke's Society; Mr. Bosworth, St. Werburgh's Society; Mr. Howe, All Saints' Society; Mr. Maskrey, St. Alkmund's Society, Derby; Mr. Wakley, St. Paul's Society; Mr. Jagger, St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent; Mr. Barrow and Mr. Widdowson, St. Lawrence Society, Long Eaton; Mr. Henson, Beeston.

The visitors were highly pleased with the manner in which several of the belfries are fitted up, and of these St. Andrew's and St. Luke's are most prominent, being models of what ringing chambers ought to be; and we may also state that great improvements have been made for the comfort of the ringers in All Saints' belfry, which did not formerly exist.

South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association.

THE Annual Meeting was held at Spalding on Easter Monday. About thirty members were present. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the eight bells at St. Paul's, and also of Bob Minor and London Single on the six at St. Mary's. Service was held at St. Mary's at 11 a.m. The Rev. Canon Moore preached a special sermon to ringers. At 12, noon, a meeting for transacting the business of the Society was held in the National School. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*President*, Rev. Canon Moore. *Vice-Presidents*, Rev. Canon Hemmams, Rev. J. R. Jackson, Rev. A. C. Abdy, Rev. R. E. Roy, Rev. R. G. Ash, Rev. J. M. Coates. *Secretary*, Mr. J. R. Jerram. *Assistant Secretary*, Mr. R. Creasey. *Treasurer*, Mr. T. A. Sisson. *Committee*, Messrs. J. S. Wright, R. Creasey, J. W. Mawby, J. Mawer, E. Mason, and W. Pearce. Several new members were also elected. Dinner took place at 1 p.m., after which ringing was resumed until 8 p.m., when the company separated.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Half-yearly Meeting of the above Association took place at St. Luke's Church, Liverpool, on Easter Monday, when there was only a fair muster of members, the major portion being at Garston, where the usual anniversary of

the opening of the bells took place. The bells of St. Luke's were placed at the disposal of the Association from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung by companies from Eccles, Bolton, Manchester, Worsley, and Ormskirk, and local ringers. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Eccles.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } *Hon. Secs.*
JOEL REDFORD, }

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE Easter Meeting of this Association was held on Wednesday last at Lydney. The Quedgeley band of six bell-ringers was selected by the Committee to represent the Association, who, accompanied by the Master, Mr. J. Drinkwater of Sandhurst, Rev. Pitt Eykyn, Hon. Secretary, and the Rev. Mowbray Trotter, Hon. Treasurer, attended Divine service at the parish church, where a suitable address was delivered to them by the Rev. Prebendary Trollope, vicar of Lydney. After the service the ringers rang six six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and a half-peal (360 changes) of Grandsire Minor. The local band also rang four six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. The dinner was held at the 'Feathers' hotel, after which a business meeting was held and three honorary members elected, and the whole of the Lydney band as performing members. The Association now numbers over 800 members.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting was held on April 17th, at St. Mary's, Battersea, the Vicar of Battersea (Rev. Canon Erskine Clarke) in the chair. Three new members were elected, but there was no other business of importance. After the meeting the members present sat down to tea, for which arrangements had been most comfortably made by the kindness of the Vicar. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, Bob Major, and Treble Bob Major, were rung.

Kidlington, Oxfordshire.

THESE bells have recently been repaired and rehung by Messrs. Bond & Sons, bell-founders of Burford, Oxon. and on Easter Monday were rung for the first time. They gave the greatest satisfaction to the ringers, churchwardens, and committee. The cost of the seven bells (including the Litany bell) was a little over 62*l.*, which was entirely defrayed by voluntary contributions raised by the exertions of the churchwardens and the committee.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Bocking (Braintree station) on Saturday, April 29th. The belfry will be open at 2 p.m. A Committee Meeting will be held at 4 p.m.; a General Meeting at 4.30. Tea immediately afterwards. Members wishing to join at tea are requested to send their names at once to the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Galleywood Vicarage, Chelmsford.

J. B. SEAMAN, *Hon. Sec.*
H. A. COCKEY, *Hon. Assist. Sec.*

Norwich Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held on Monday, May 1st, at Coddendenham. Members wishing to attend are requested to communicate with the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 25th inst.

G. H. HARRIS, *Hon. Sec.*
Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Drighlington, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., five members of Tong, St. James's, assisted by Mr. James Crabtree of Shipley, rang seven Treble Peals of 720 changes each, consisting of 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. 1st, College Exercise; 2nd, College Treble; 3rd, Primrose; 4th, Tulip; 5th, Arnold's Victory; 6th, City Delight; 7th, London Scholars' Pleasure. J. Crabtree, 1; H. Oddy, 2; E. Webster, 3; W. Bolland, 4; G. Bolland (conductor), 5; J. Haley, 6. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At St. Paulinus, Crayford, Kent.

ON Sunday, the 2nd inst., for morning service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. C. Hammant, 1; E. Snowdon, 2; H. Pierce, 3; G. Sarrell, 4; J. Saxby (conductor), 5; F. M. Jacobs, 6.

ON Easter Sunday, for early morning service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. A. Cole, 1; C. Hammant, 2; W. Pringner, 3; G. Conyard, 4; J. Saxby, 5; F. M. Jacobs (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in F.

At John the Baptist's, Eltham, Kent.

ON Easter Sunday, the 9th inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor for morning service, was rung by the Eltham Association, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 24 mins. T. Phillips, 1; F. Fraser,* 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith,* 4; T. Titchner, 5; G. Sheppard (conductor), 6. [* Their first peal inside in this method.]

At Great Bromley, Essex.

ON Easter Sunday, the 9th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs and 6 singles, was rung in 27 mins. G. Hurn, 1; J. Sharling, 2; J. Sharling, 3; J. Taylor, 4; J. Smith (conductor, his first peal), 5; W. Nevard, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

AFTER afternoon service two 720's, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, were rung. A. Bloyse, 1; G. Bowell, 2; J. Taylor, 3; J. Smith, 4; W. Nevard, 5; J. Sharling (conductor), 6.

Also three 720's, containing 14 bobs and 2 singles. G. Hurn, 1; J. Sharling, 2; J. Sharling, 3; S. Bloyse, 4; J. Taylor (conductor), 5; J. Smith, 6.

Several other touches were also rung.

At Holywell, Oxford.

ON Easter Sunday, for morning service, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. W. H. Fussell, 1; S. Hounslow (conductor), 2; W. Baston, 3; T. Payne, 4; W. Payne, 5; W. Washbrook, 6. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—From Folkestone and Oldham—no name or address; and others.

BILLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Penarth Bells.

Sir,—Some time since you asked for particulars of the different rings of bells throughout the country. Will you please insert the following?—St. Augustine's Church, Penarth, six bells, supplied by Messrs. John Taylor & Co., bellfounders, Loughborough.

	Cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	Note.
Treble	6	3	17	F.
Second	7	3	18	E flat.
Third	8	2	5	D flat.
Fourth	9	0	23	C.
Fifth	10	0	19	B flat.
Tenor	13	2	11	A flat.
Total	56	1	9	

They have been heard over land for a distance of seventeen miles, and over sea for a much further distance. No ringing has taken place during Lent. Lately, a peal of Grandsire Doubles, containing two singles and four bobs, was rung. W. Morris, 1; T. Meazey, jun., 2; T. Yarrington, 3; T. Meazey, sen., 4; J. Pickford, 5; J. Vincombe, 6.

Bell Festival at Camborne, Cornwall.

SINCE our last we have been informed that Lieut.-Col. Trelawny, who gave a lecture on bell-ringing, was enabled to illustrate various methods on eight, ten, and twelve bells. The Grandsire Triples were entrusted to the Penzance band, who acquitted themselves right well. A short touch of the more difficult method of Treble Bob Major was materially assisted by Mrs. and Miss Trelawny, being the first time that it has ever been ventured in public in Cornwall. Then two more bells were taken in and Grandsire Caters were rung, which rather surprised those who had never heard ten bells changing before. The performance ended in a touch of Grandsire Cinques, for the first time heard in Cornwall. The eight large bells were rung by Colonel, Mrs., and Miss Trelawny; Mr. H. Trelawny, Mr. Symons, and Mr. Edwin Jenkins, ringing the four trebles. The number of the bells and the rapidity of the striking elicited great applause from the audience.

Ugborough, Devonshire.

THE ring of eight at this place has lately been rehung (one cracked bell having been recast by Messrs. Taylor) by Mrs. Hooper and Son. The ringers at this place know nothing of scientific ringing, but rejoice in having won prizes for ups and downs and rounds and rounds in Devon style.

St. Mary's, Fryerning, Essex.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., the ring of five at the above church, which has been rehung by Mr. H. Boswell of Ipswich, was reopened by a company from Galleywood, all members of the Essex Association. During the afternoon several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman's Doubles were rung. C. Waskett, 1; H. F. de Lisle, 2; F. Lemon, 3; E. Scotcher, 4; Rev. H. A. Cockey (conductor), 5. Tenor, about 10 cwt. Mr. H. Boswell also took part in the ringing. The treble was cast by 'Roberte Mot. 1590,' the second, fourth, and tenor by 'John Thornton, 1716,' the third by 'Thos. Mears, 1793.' The tone of the bells is most rich and mellow, this being probably one of the most beautiful rings of five in the county.

In the evening the same company rang some six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman's Doubles on the ring of five at Ingatstone. Tenor, about 11 cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Otley, Suffolk.

ON Easter Sunday a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung. W. Culham (conductor), 1; W. Furnish, 2; W. Hatcher, 3; W. Calver, 4; W. Meadows, 5; W. Shipp, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

Also a peal of 720, being 360 of Plain Bob and 360 of Grandsire, in 2½ mins. W. Culham, 1; Dr. F. Meadows, 2; W. Archer, 3; W. Calver, 4; W. Shipp, 5; W. Meadows, 6.

At St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Sunday, the 9th inst., for Divine service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. C. Clark, 1; F. Fells, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Batten, 4; W. Wilder, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At All Saints', Northampton.

ABOUT eighteen months since a number of youths formed themselves into a society of ringers in connexion with the above church, having the Vicar as President and the Churchwardens as Vice-Presidents. Very little progress was made in the science of Change-ringing till the appointment of Mr. T. Rickwood as instructor, about four months ago, under whose instruction the Society is making fair progress in the Grandsire method.

ON Easter Sunday their first six-scores of Doubles were rung on the back six bells. J. Thompson, 3; L. L. Lewis, 4; T. Rickwood (conductor), 5; W. Thompson, 6; W. H. C. Lewis, 7; B. Cox, 8. Tenor, 2½ cwt., in E flat. A Plain Course of Grandsire Triples was also rung during the day.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, reverse, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. Shepherd, 1; D. Springall, 2; S. Greenwood (conductor), 3; J. Strutt, 4; G. Pell, 5; J. Fayers, 6; J. Wright, 7; H. Pates, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt, 3 qrs.

At All Saints', Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., five of the North Shields Branch, and three of St. Stephen's, Newcastle, Branch, rang a touch of 1512 Grandsire Triples in 54 mins. W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 1; R. H. Richardson (first touch), 2; J. Rossiter, 3; E. W. Scott, 4; J. Hern, 5; E. Walliss, 6; R. Smith, 7; S. Nett, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Slough, Bucks.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 24 mins. J. Parker (conductor), 1; J. Basden, 2; W. Wilder, 3; A. Batten, 4; J. Pursey, 5; R. Flaxman, 6.

Also another in the same method, containing 44 bobs and 4 singles, was rung in 25 mins. W. Leader, 1; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 2; J. Basden, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Pursey, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

At Crawley, Sussex.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., six members of the Croydon Society, assisted by Messrs. Brooker and Balcombe, rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 54 mins. T. Verrall, 1; G. Russell, 2; W. Burkin, 3; J. Burkin, 4; S. Brooker, 5; W. Saunders (conductor), 6; A. Bruce, 7; J. Balcombe, 8. Both before and after the peal the Rector (the Rev. J. B. Lennard) and several members of the Crawley Society of Ringers joined some of the above in ringing touches of Grandsire Triples. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

At St. John the Baptist's, Leytonstone, Essex.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; G. Akers, 3; J. Nunn, 4; C. Holden (conductor), 5; E. Barnett, 6. Tenor, about 13 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Harborne, Staffordshire.

ON Easter Monday the ringers of St. Mary's, Selly Oak, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, comprising 34 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. G. Hale, 1; E. Bush, 2; J. Nix, 3; T. Lewis, 4; E. Hinton, 5; A. Cole (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. This is the first peal the men ever rang from home.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

ON Easter Monday, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs and 22 singles, was rung in 26 mins. J. Priest, 1; H. Nunn, jun. (conductor), 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; J. Nunn, 4; J. Marks (first 720), 5; E. Barnett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At Eastham and Bromborough, Cheshire.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., a company of ringers from Chester and Liverpool were invited by the Rector to ring at Eastham Church, when the undermentioned rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. W. Woods, 1; J. Moulton, 2; A. Jones, 3; F. Ball, 4; J. Foster, 5; J. Egerton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in A. Afterwards a visit was paid to Bromborough, to meet Mr. J. Bull and J. Bamford, Esq., to engage in a friendly ringing contest to advance the science of change-ringing in the district, when touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung. After partaking of tea the following rang half a peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 35 mins. S. Hand, 1; J. Gibson, 2; A. Jones, 3; G. Gerrard, 4; J. Egerton, 5; J. Moulton, 6; F. Ball, 7; J. Bull, Esq. (first half-peal), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat. The above was a variation of Taylor's twenty-four course or six-part peal, and contained 96 bobs and 24 singles, and was arranged and conducted by F. Ball, and attested by Messrs. Thistlewood and Foster of Liverpool.

At St. Matthew's, Walsall, Staffordshire.

ON Easter Tuesday, the members of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and St. Matthew's, Walsall, rang for the first time a peal of 5069 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 22 mins. J. James, 1; J. Joyner, 2; D. Chapman, 3; T. Miller, 4; D. Westley, 5; J. Astbury, 6; J. Dunn, 7; F. H. James, 8; W. Hallsworth (composer and conductor), 9; R. Jones, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

At St. John's, Deptford, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Society of Trinity Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 2 mins., being the first peal in this method on these bells. T. Rose, 1; W. Pead, 2; E. Smith, 3; T. Deal, 4; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 5; T. Taylor, 6; J. Freeman, 7; H. Freeman, 8.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, London.

ON Wednesday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang Holt's One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; W. Coppage, 2; W. Pead, 3; W. Wilder, 4; W. Jones, 5; T. G. Deal, 6; T. Taylor, 7; E. Bayford, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

Muffled Peal at All Saints', Writtle, Essex.

ON Thursday evening, the 13th inst., six of the Galleywood and two of the Wiford ringers (all members of the Essex Association), rang touches of 168, 504, and 1092 Grandsire Triples, which were half muffled, in memory of the Rev. M. Seaman, D.D., father of the Rev. J. B. Seaman (curate in charge of Writtle, and Hon. Sec. of the Essex Association of Change-ringers), who was buried that afternoon at Colchester. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; C. Waskett, 3; H. F. de Lisle, 4; E. Scotcher, 5; F. Lemon, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey, (Assist. Sec. E. A. C. R., conductor), 7; J. Broomfield, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., 2 qrs., 2 lbs.

At Ringstead, Northamptonshire.

IN Easter Week the ringers of St. Peter's, Raunds, rang two peals and a half as follows:—A peal of 720 London Single, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 25 mins. F. Gilbert, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; J. Wilmott, 5; W. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Second peal: Plain Bob, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. W. Hall, 1; W. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; J. Wilmott, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6. A half-peal Oxford Single Bob with 9 bobs. G. Kirk, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; J. Wilmott, 5; W. Gilbert (conductor), 6. W. Hall is 18 and F. Gilbert is 15 years of age. The last-named is believed to be the youngest peal-ringer in Northamptonshire, and promises to become a great proficient in the art of change-ringing.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A District Meeting was held at Bocking on Saturday, the 29th ult., the fine ring of six at the parish church (tenor, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 28 lbs.) being placed at the service of the members by the kind permission of the Dean. In spite of the unusually inclement state of the weather there was a very fair muster of ringers, the following places being represented—Braintree, Bocking, Galleywood, Maldon, Springfield, Stebbing, and Witham. A business meeting was held at 4.30, the Rev. H. A. Cockey (Hon. Assist. Sec.) in the chair.—The Chairman, after reading the usual Office, addressed the meeting. He regretted that their Secretary, the Rev. J. B. Seaman, was unable to be present, and that the Dean was prevented from taking the chair by another engagement, and congratulated the Association on the progress it had been making, both in numbers and in proficiency, in the art of change-ringing, and also on the good work that it was doing in the county. The minutes of the last District Meeting, held at Walthamstow in November last, were then read and confirmed. Mr. F. J. Bidgood, of East Ham, was elected a ringing member, and the following motions were carried:—That in future the District Meetings shall, whenever possible, be held on a Saturday: proposed by Mr. S. Hammond. 'That the Annual Meeting be held this year, with the Rector's permission, at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 29th, and that the secretaries be empowered to make all necessary arrangements:' proposed by Mr. W. Moore. Amendment to the above, proposed by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, 'That if the tenor at Chelmsford could not be set right before Whit Monday, the Annual Meeting be held, with the consent of the Rev. J. B. Seaman, at Writtle.' Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for the kind way in which they had received the visitors, and to the Chairman. After the meeting the ringers, to the number of thirty-two, sat down to a capital tea, provided by the landlord of the 'Black Boy Inn.' Ringing commenced at 2 o'clock, and was carried on till 3.0, being resumed at about 6 o'clock and carried on till 9 p.m. Two 720's were rung; the first, Oxford Treble Bob, by T. Watson, 1; W. Moore, 2; W. Bearman, 3; C. Bearman, 4; S. Hammond (conductor), 5; A. Huxson, 6, in 28 mins. The second, Kent Treble Bob, by Rev. H. A. Cockey, 1; F. Calthorpe, 2; W. Hawkes, 3; W. Dyson, 4; F. Rudkin (conductor), 5; S. Hammond, 6. Several touches in the above methods, Bob Minor, and Double Court, were rung in the course of the afternoon; and after the tea several touches were rung on the handbells in the following methods—Woodbine, Oxford, and New London Minor, Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Bob Royal; and the company were entertained with some capital tune-playing by Messrs. Huxson, Hammond, Rudkin, and Calthorpe.

Three Peals of Plain Bob Minor.

720	720	720
S 3 2 5 6 4	S 3 2 5 6 4	S 3 2 5 6 4
- 3 2 6 4 5	S 2 3 6 4 5	2 6 3 4 5
- 3 2 4 5 6	3 4 2 5 6	6 4 2 5 3
2 5 3 6 4	S 4 3 5 6 2	4 5 6 3 2
- 2 5 6 4 3	S 3 4 6 2 5	S 5 4 3 2 6
- 2 5 4 3 6	S 4 3 2 5 6	4 2 5 6 3
S 5 2 3 6 4	S 3 4 5 6 2	2 6 4 3 5
2 6 5 4 3	4 6 3 2 5	S 6 2 3 5 4
6 4 2 3 5	S 6 4 2 5 3	S 2 6 5 4 3
4 3 6 5 2	4 5 6 3 2	6 4 2 3 5
3 5 4 2 6	5 3 4 2 6	S 4 6 3 5 2
- 3 5 2 6 4	S 3 5 2 6 4	S 6 4 5 2 3

Each four times repeated.

The first peal contains 25 bobs and 10 singles, and has the 6-4, 4-2, 2-3, 3-5, and 5-6, six times each the right way. The second contains 40 singles, and the third contains 30 singles. Each has for its part-ends the lead-ends of the Plain Course; and in the first two peals they turn up in the same order. In the first and second peals either part can be rung or omitted, as a touch will run round true after either of their part-ends. If the calling of either peal is reversed, the same part-ends and qualities will turn up.

Farnham Royal, Bucks.

J. J. PARKER.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Folkestone, Kent.

On Easter Monday eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, containing 194 bobs and 46 singles, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. These bells have been lately cast by Taylor of Loughborough, and this is the first peal on them. R. Simmonds, 1; J. Harrison* (aged 75), 2; J. Laker* (aged 76), 3; B. Barker, 4; H. Croucher, 5; H. Pearce* (conductor, aged 19), 6; A. H. Woolley, 7; A. Moorcraft*, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt. [* Members of the College Youths, London.]

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Thursday, the 13th ult., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor (Shipway's 22 singles), in 24 mins. W. Smith, 1; J. Priest (first 720 inside), 2; G. Akers, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; E. Barnett, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. in A.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

On Saturday, the 15th ult., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 9 bobs, in 26 mins. H. Scarlett*, 1; H. Nunn,† jun., 2; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 3; J. Nunn, 4; J. Gobbett, 5; S. Jarman, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. [* First 720 in this method. † Ditto inside.]

Also on Saturday, the 22nd ult., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 25 mins. C. Holden, 1; S. Jarman, 2; G. Akers, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; H. Nunn, jun., 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Alburgh, Norfolk.

On Friday, the 14th ult., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5056 Oxford Treble Bob, composed by Mr. H. Dains, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Bently, 2; G. Prince, 3; W. Sheldrake, 4; Rev. H. Earle-Bulwer, 5; G. Mobbs, 6; F. Smith, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

On Saturday, the 15th ult., eight of the St. John's Society rang at the parish church a peal of 5664 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 42 mins. T. Allbutt, 1; G. Bourne, 2; G. Hayward (composer), 3; O. James, 4; R. Broomfield, 5; E. Crump (conductor), 6; W. Rea, 7; W. Duffill, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Giles's, Reading, Berks.

On Sunday, the 16th ult., for morning service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 28 mins. R. Swain, 1; R. Allen, 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; J. Potter, 4; W. Newell, 5; H. Egby (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Holborn, London.

On Sunday, the 16th ult., for evening service, eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples in 48 mins. H. Hopkins, 1; E. Steventon, 2; C. Hopkins, 3; H. Dains, 4; E. Moses, 5; J. Nelms, 6; W. Baron (conductor), 7; J. Lewis, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D.

St. John's Guild of Bell-ringers, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Monday, the 17th ult., six members of the above Guild, assisted by Wm. Reed, Esq., of North Shields, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, consisting of 34 bobs and 2 singles, in 27 mins. G. Campbell, 1 (first peal in this method); R. S. Story, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 4; G. Herdman, 5; F. Lees, 6.

Also a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 22 singles, in 28 mins. W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 1; G. Campbell, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; T. J. Des Forges, 4; G. Herdman, 5; F. Lees, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At Christ Church, North Shields.

On Tuesday, the 18th ult., six members of the North Shields Branch rang on the six back bells a peal of 720 Kent Treble Minor in 26 mins. S. Nott, 5; H. Ross (first peal), 6; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 7; R. Wignell, 8; R. Smith, 9; J. Hern, 10. Tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At St. Lawrence's, Mereworth, Kent.

On Wednesday, the 19th ult., six members rang six six-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. G. Ludds, 1; A. Brooker, 2; G. Bell, 3; G. Newman, 4; F. G. Newman (conductor), 5; J. Wellden, 6. Tenor 12 cwt., in A. This is the most rung by all except the conductor, as the company only started in January, 1882.

Dumb Bell-ringing at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

On Thursday, the 20th ult., a touch of 1008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on Mr. Seage's apparatus in 41 mins. F. Dawson, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger, 5; A. Wakley, 6; F. W. Appleby, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung by the Waterloo Society in 3 hrs. 6 mins. C. Malim, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; W. Coppage, 3; W. Jones, 4; C. Hopkins, 5; J. Mansfield, 6; H. Hopkins, 7; A. Andrews, 8. The above was the first peal of Messrs. Malim and Andrews.

At St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds.

On Saturday, the 22nd ult., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5216 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. M. Tomlinson, 1; A. Tuke, Esq., 2; T. Lockwood (composer), 3; J. Hutchinson, 4; G. Barraclough, 5; W. Walker, 6; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 7; R. Binns (conductor), 8. The peal has the fifth and sixth the extent each way in 5-6, and had never been previously performed. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Colne Engaine, Essex.

On Sunday, the 23rd ult., the bells were rung for the services for the first time after the restoration of the belfry. Two of the old ring had been cracked, and were now recast by Messrs. Warner of London, and the entire ring rehung with new wheels and fittings by Mr. Mallaby of Masham, in Yorkshire. They were rung at intervals throughout the day, from 6.30 a.m., by a company of ringers from Earl's Colne, who, together with the parish ringers, were invited to dine with the Rector. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Rector, the Rev. H. T. Armfield, M.A., F.S.A., and the sermon in the evening by the Rev. Alban Wyld, curate of Tilbury.

At St. John's, Staveley, Derbyshire.

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang Reeves' Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 10 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; J. Broadhead (conductor), 2; H. Madin, 3; J. Harris, 4; A. Knights, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Hunt, 7; S. Palmer, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

On Monday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang Brookes' variation of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 2 hrs. 53 mins. G. Newton (conductor), 1; J. Baldwin*, 2; C. T. Hopkins,† 3; J. Gobbett*, 4; H. Randall*, 5; J. Hannington,† 6; D. Stackwood, 7; A. Jacobs*, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. [* First peal in the method. † First in the method on eight bells, rang on the sixtieth anniversary of the laying the foundation-stone of the church.]

REPORTS have also been received from Burford, Sowerby, Maldon, Mottram-in-Long-dendale, Hertford, Hyde, Staleybridge, St. Albans, Burton-on-Trent, Leytonstone, North-wichfield, and Wanstead, &c.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The New Bell for St. Paul's.

'**GRAND PAUL**,' the new bell for St. Paul's Cathedral, was expected to leave for London on Thursday, the 11th inst., on a specially constructed trolley, which will be drawn by two traction engines. It will be placed on the trolley cannon upwards, the hammer, headstock, and the fittings going separately. The bell is expected to reach its destination in about a week. The total weight is 19 tons.

Anniversary at Braughing, Herts.

On Wednesday, the 10th inst., the 103rd annual ringing festival was held to celebrate the 12,240 changes of Bob Major, rung on the 10th of May, 1779—L. Proctor, Esq., of Bennington, Herts, bringing his first-class band of ringers, who rang seven methods:—London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman's Triples, and Grandsire Triples—amounting to 4376 changes. About forty sat down to dinner, the chair being taken by Squire Proctor, merry tunes on the hand-bells enlivening the company afterwards. There were several well-known ringers present, among whom we noticed—Messrs. J. R. Haworth, J. Smith (London), G. Rochester, H. C. Rivers, Camp (Sawbridgeworth), Sworder (Great Hallingbury), G. Crawley (Heriford), Hill (Waltham Abbey), Lawrence (Furieux Pelham), Huttleson (Hoddesdon). Mr. Dredge kindly got everything in the belfry in good order.

A New Ring at Bournemouth, Hants.

At Holy Trinity Church, a ring of five bells, with clock and chimes, was dedicated on the 4th inst., after an address at forenoon service by the Ven. Archdeacon Jacob, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Winchester. After the address the Special Prayers of Dedication were offered. The congregation afterwards spent a short time in silent prayer, until the clock struck the hour (12), when the hymn commencing,

'There is a blessed home
Beyond this land of woe,'

was sung, and the offertory was collected.

A brass tablet, bearing the following inscription, has been placed on one of the walls underneath the belfry, and immediately inside the south entrance to the church:—'In Memoriam. To the glory of God, and in memory of Mary Ann Marriott, wife of the Rev. Canon Eliot, M.A., first vicar of this parish, the clock and five bells were placed in the tower of this church by the parish and members of the congregation, as a token of the affectionate esteem in which she was held by all who knew her. May 4th, 1882.'

The clock, chimes, and bells, were manufactured by Messrs. Gillett, Bland, and Co. of Croydon. The clock strikes the hours upon a bell weighing about 27 cwt., and chimes the Westminster quarters on four other bells of the following notes, weights, and sizes:—

NOTE.	WEIGHT.		
	cwt.	qrs.	lb.
F (sharp) ...	5	1	23
E ...	6	1	16
D ...	8	0	7
A ...	9	0	2
D ...	26	3	0
	55	2	20

The time is shown upon four dials (each 7 ft. 8 in. in diameter) and are fixed over the louver-boards of the belfry windows. The cost was about 600l.

Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A MEETING will be held at Bishop Auckland on Whit Monday. Dinner at 'Cross Keys' at two o'clock. Members intending to dine are requested to send in their names not later than Monday, May 22nd, to the Secretary.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec., Post-office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

Old Swindon, Wilts.

The ring has lately been augmented by the addition of two trebles, one paid for by subscription, the other given by J. G. Bradford, Esq., in memory of his deceased mother. The work has been done by Messrs. Llewellyns & James of Bristol.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John the Baptist's, Leytonstone, Essex.

On Tuesday evening, the 25th ult., these bells were deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Churchwarden Collins, who was buried on that day, at the age of sixty-eight years. After the ringing and tolling of the age six members of the Essex Association rang a touch of 504 Bob Minor. M. Ellsmore (composer and conductor), 1; J. Priest, 2; G. Akers, 3; S. Jarman, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; E. Barnett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. in G.

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

On Thursday, the 27th ult., in honour of the marriage of Roger Bass, Esq., Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. J. Griffin (conductor), 1; E. L. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; A. Wakley, 4; J. Jaggar, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; W. Wakley, 7; H. Wakley, 8. First peal in the Grandsire method by the conductor, 2, 3, and 5, and first peal in any method by 8.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., in honour of the marriage of the Duke of Albany, a mixed band rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. Roston, 1; J. Wood, jun., 2; J. Shaw, 3; R. Woolley, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; J. S. Wilde, 6; S. Bennett, 7; T. Wilde, jun., 8. Conducted by S. Bennett, Instructor to the Society of Change-ringers, St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.

At St. Peter's, Sowerby, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a Friendly Meeting of Change-ringers from different parts of Yorkshire, according to arrangement made on the 29th October, 1881, by those who rang at the Centenary of St. Peter's Bells, took place at Sowerby, and afterwards rang in the following order: Sowerby, first, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by Richard —* for the occasion; second, Bradford; then Elland, Liversedge, and Halifax, rang touches of Treble Bob from 800 to 1088 and upwards; and other companies rang touches of Treble Bob. At six o'clock they sat down to tea. Afterwards the Halifax company rang a short touch of Treble Bob, and then returned to head-quarters for business, &c. The next meeting was decided to be held at Liversedge on the last Saturday in July next. [* The surname is omitted in the MS.]

At Holy Trinity, Staleybridge, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a mixed band rang a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 2 6 5 4. M. N. W. N. 1 1 2
2 hrs. 52 mins. J. Lawton, 1; H. Shaw, 2; 3 2 5 4 6 1 1
W. Hulme, 3; E. Schofield, 4; W. Fawcett, 5; 2 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2
T. Wilde, jun., 6; S. Wood, 7; J. Thorpe 3 5 6 4 2 1 1
(composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. 5 4 3 2 6 1
The 5th and 6th their extent right, and the 4 2 3 5 6 1 1
6th at home at nine different course-ends. Twice repeated.

At St. Albans Cathedral.

On Sunday afternoon, the 30th ult., for service, a peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung. M. Pratt, 1; A. Sprigings, 2; F. R. Martin, 3; N. N. Hills (conductor), 4; W. Gray, 5; A. Panton, 6; H. Younger, 7; T. Everett, 8. Tenor, 33 cwt., in E flat. The 7th was rung in the 6th's place, and the above is the first 120 by all except the conductor.

At Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire.

On the 30th ult. a date touch of 1882 Kent Treble Bob Major. J. Shaw, 1; J. Harrop, 2; R. Wright, 3; W. Middleton, 4; T. Braddock, 5; J. Nuttall, 6; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 7; S. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

On the 1st inst. a mixed band rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 53 mins. R. Wright, 1; J. Harrop, 2; T. Wilde, jun., 3; W. Middleton, 4; T. Braddock, 5; J. Nuttall, 6; J. S. Wilde (composer and conductor), 7; S. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Sunday, the 30th ult., for evening service, six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing twenty-six singles, in 22 mins. G. Cornell, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; G. Akers, 3; C. Holden, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; E. Barnett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At Northwingfield Parish Church, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 30th ult., for Divine service, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles on the last five bells were rung; two 6-scores with singles, one on the third bell and one on the fifth bell; one 6-score with bobs of the fourth bell. G. Clough, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; J. Cook, Esq., 3; T. Allibone, 4; T. Clough, 5. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in G. This is for some their first peal of singles, and it is only eleven months since they began ringing by method; out of that time they were not able to practise for three months, owing to accidents; one of which occurred to the fourth bell last November, when a gudgeon broke; the other, to the second bell last February, when the clapper broke. Annexed is the last line of each treble lead of one peal rung with singles, which may be of interest to some five-bell ringers.

Third bell observation.
S 3 2 4 5
2 5 3 4
5 4 2 3
4 3 5 2
S 3 4 5 2
4 2 3 5
2 5 4 3
5 3 2 4
S 3 5 2 4
5 4 3 2
4 2 5 3
2 3 4 5

At All Saints', Maldon, Essex.

On Monday evening, the 1st inst., a peal of 720 Double Court Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. F. Fitch, 1; R. Hutson, 2; T. Mansfield, 3; G. Mansfield, 4; W. Chalk (conductor), 5; W. Mansfield, 6. Tenor, about 13 cwt. All members of the Essex Association. [The above peal is the first in the method known to be rung on these bells by the Maldon ringers.]

At All Saints', Hertford, Herts.

On Monday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Hertford College Youths rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 46 mins. C. Tyler, 1; F. G. Crawley, 2; J. Staples, 3; A. Baker, 4; H. Baker (composer and conductor), 5; J. Godfrey, 6; J. G. Crawley, 7; F. George, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Peter's, Colchester, Essex.

On Monday, the 1st inst., the St. Peter's and Colchester Association rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 50 mins. W. W. Scott, 1; D. W. Scott, 2; J. Smith, 3; D. Prentice, 4; J. Ryder, 5; S. Oxborrow, 6; J. Starling, 7; D. Wright, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Also on Monday, the 8th inst. the Association rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 41 mins. D. Prentice (conductor), 1; D. W. Scott, 2; J. Smith, 3; C. Elliott, 4; G. Ryder, 5; S. Oxborrow, 6; J. Starling, 7; D. Wright, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E. This is the longest piece in this method ever rung on these bells, and the longest in any method on record since 1840. [What makes the difference in the weight of the tenor bell?]

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., four members of the above Society, assisted by Mr. J. C. Dicken of Sandiacre, and Mr. J. Copeland of Leicester, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins. G. Bradley, 1; J. C. Dicken, 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Gilson, 4; J. Copeland, 5; A. Widdowson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt. in G.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Burford—What peals were rung? John Baker; John Bastler; T. Beacall; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

THE GREAT BELL OF ST. PAUL'S.

ALTHOUGH 'Great Paul,' as, notwithstanding objections urged to the name, the bell will probably continue to be called, has not, on going to the scale, proved so heavy as it was thought he would be, his weight and size will still entitle him to rank seventh or eighth among the great bells in the world, and will place him in these respects at the head of the big bells of this country. In weight 'Great Paul' exceeds 'Big Ben' by something over three tons, his exact weight being 16 tons, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 19 lbs. To provide for the carriage of a bell of this weight a distance of over one hundred miles safely, and without incurring a great expense, is an undertaking of some difficulty, and there was much excitement in the ordinarily quiet little town of Loughborough on Thursday, the 11th inst., while the huge bell was being fastened with many precautions on a trolley or car of peculiar construction, built expressly for the purpose. The work of loading occupied the greater part of the day. The great bell stood in the foundry on the ground; a workman, who had to use a ladder to reach the top, was early set to clean and polish the smooth exterior with a brush, and the inscriptions in raised letters could then be seen plainly. At the waist of the bell, under the arms of the Dean and Chapter, are the words, 'Vae mihi si non evangelisavero,' and round the crown, 'John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.' The alloy of which it is cast consists of thirteen parts copper to four parts tin. When the bell had been raised by means of a crane and massive iron cable from the ground, a better opportunity was afforded of estimating its size. As it swung at a height of about five feet from the ground, a number of persons stood together under it as in a room. The actual dimensions are 8 ft. 10 in. in perpendicular height from base to top of canons; diameter at base, 9 ft. 6½ in.; height inside to crown, 6 ft. 11½ in.; thickness near the base, where the clapper strikes, 8½ in. The clapper is 7 ft. 9 in. long, and weighs 4 cwt. 20 lbs. When it is tolled the edge of the bell will move 2 ft. to the swing, the centre of suspension or axis of the gudgeons being 7 ft. 9 in. from the lip. The gudgeons or trunnions of the head-stock are of wrought iron 5½ in. in diameter, fixed in a cast-iron bed-plate, and working on gun-metal bearings. Instead of lubricating with oil, little holes will be drilled in the gun-metal, into which will be placed pellets of metalline—a substance resembling plumbago, or black lead—to act as a lubricant. The head-stock, which is formed of three balks of oak bolted together, with half-inch plates of iron between, is 2 ft. 6 in. deep, by 18 in. across. The note of the bell is E flat, and the tone is very fine.

While the bell was being swung, workmen were busy finishing the carriage. This has been constructed by Messrs. Coles and Matthews, engineers, of Coventry, who have undertaken all responsibility in the removal of 'Great Paul' to London. It is a complicated structure, apparently of great strength, which might be described as a platform of oak beams placed on a double carriage. It was necessary to provide against the machine running back in going up hill, and to control the movement down hill. With these objects in view, two large wooden scotches, joined by an iron bar, and so fastened to the car that they cannot leave the trace of the wheels, have been supplied. This arrangement for scotching and a powerful brake, operated by a worm and worm wheel, are both controlled by one man walking behind. The centre of gravity of the whole mass, with 'Great Paul' on the carriage, is 7 ft. 8 in. from the ground, and to provide against the danger of an upset in turning a corner on uneven ground, from the sinking of the wheels in mud or the breaking in of a drain, an ingenious temporary support has been devised. This consists of a pair of stout wooden struts or props, shaped like the letter T, which hang one on each side of the platform between the wheels. A long centre pin, passing through the clapper-hole and bolted under the platform, keeps the bell in its place, and to counteract the thrust of the rim of the bell on the outer edges of the platform, chains are carried from each end and from the sides and fastened to pieces of boiler-plate, which cross each other over the top of the canon of the bell. The wheels of the carriage, small and very broad, are wholly of iron, and weigh about 12 cwt. each; the axles, 4 in. in diameter, are of case-hardened Yorkshire iron, and the main or centre draw-pin is of Bessemer steel. A pair of india-rubber buffers have been introduced to diminish the effect of any accidental jerk when the carriage is started. The carriage weighs about five tons. On the top of the platform is a circular bed of wood for the bell to rest on. The object of this additional platform, which was designed by Mr. C. F. Penrose, the architect and surveyor to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, is to make unloading easier. The bell, resting on this movable floor, will be slid off the carriage down an inclined plane to the door through which it is to be placed in the south-west tower. The start from the foundry was made soon after three o'clock, one of Messrs. Fowler's traction engines of nine horse-power drawing the whole machine through the narrow streets of Loughborough in a very satisfactory manner. Another engine followed, drawing a van for the attendants to sleep in, a water-cart, and a cart with the hydraulic jacks, boiler-plates, and other impedimenta. The route to be followed was through Leicester, Market Harborough, Northampton, and St. Albans.

The preparations for receiving the Great Bell in the Clock Tower of St. Paul's Cathedral are now complete. There is no doubt as to the way in which this superb bell will give forth its powerful note. It will not be struck by hammer like most of the gigantic bells, nor will the clapper be thrown, as in American usage. But the huge bell will be fairly swung high up from side to side with a right earnest swing of from forty-five to fifty degrees, until it fairly 'speaks' as English ringers make church bells 'speak' in the ordinary peal. The architect (Mr. Penrose), who fills the responsible office of surveyor to the Cathedral, has not feared to undertake the task of mounting and working the bell properly. Of the solidity of the tower no doubt at all exists. Like all Wren's work, the tower walls are well supported, and the materials excellent.

As to the tackle for raising the bell, there can be no doubt, either, in that case, for the strong blocks and ropes used by the Royal Artillery for raising and moving the ponderous thirty-three-ton guns have been lent for the purpose, and half their accustomed load will put light strain indeed upon this tackle.

The great bell will not be central in the clock chamber, but will occupy the southern moiety of it, the clock itself beating in solemn, slow, two-second ticks, the minutes and the hours, as time flies by. The massive timbering of the bell cage is, however, duly separated from the framing which supports the clock, and there will not be the slightest disturbing vibration between them.

A Correspondent writes as follows from Stony Stratford:—'It had been rumoured for some time past that the great bell would come this way; and the accounts in the daily papers had prepared our townfolk for his advent some time this week. Yesterday we were told by people coming in from the country that the bell would certainly arrive in the afternoon. But reports were uncertain and somewhat contradictory; one said that the bell would come by one road, another by another; a third, that a *détour* would have to be made to avoid a weak bridge; a fourth that the engine had stuck in the mud some miles from the town. But, at last, some bicyclists brought surer news. They had met the slow procession a mile out of the town, and Stony Stratford would certainly not be deprived of the pleasure and privilege of welcoming the illustrious passenger. One traction engine pulled the car on which "Great Paul" was fastened with chains; the other engine followed, drawing a covered van. As the bell approached the church, which stands in the High Street, the coverings were cast away from it, and all could see its noble proportions and read the legends on its sides. While the bell stood close to the east end of the church, only a few feet distant from the altar within, the crowd surged around, pressing as near as possible, and loudly expressing pleasure and surprise. The thronged street and the clanging bells overhead united to leave an indelible impression upon the minds of all capable of thinking. Soon the bells ceased sounding, and the ringers came down to see the great bell which they had been welcoming. And then once more the engine moved on, the crowds following beyond the confines of the parish, wishing good speed for the remainder of the journey. It was a day memorable for all. We could only pray that for many years to come "Great Paul" might remain to help in preaching that Gospel of which the legend on its sides speaks, and which is now being so fully set forth in the great cathedral.'

Since the above was written the waggon, with its heavy load, unfortunately became embedded in the roadway between Fenny Stratford and Brickhill. Jacks were successfully used to raise it, but little progress has since been made, although boiler-plates have been used to prevent the wheels sinking into the clay soil.

Reopening of Bells at St. Mary's, Ely.

THIS ring of eight has recently been rehung and each bell turned under the superintendence of Messrs. Day of Ely. It is intended to reopen them (p.v.) on Whit Monday, May 29th. The Great Eastern Railway Company have most kindly consented to grant return tickets, at a single fare, from any station on their line of railway to all *bona-fide* ringers or members of companies. Notice of station from which it is proposed to travel, and of number of ringers, should be sent within one week from the date of this issue to Rev. K. H. Smith, Cambridge Road, Ely. The Vicar and Churchwardens hope to see a goodly company from all parts, and as many ringers as think fit to come. A hearty welcome awaits them.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 29th. Belfry open 10 a.m.; service, 12.30; dinner, 1.30; meeting for business, 2.30. Tickets for the dinner, 1s. 6d.; if taken on or before 25th May, 1s. Members are particularly requested to send in their names as early in the week as possible.

JOHN B. SEAMAN,
Hon. Sec.

Change-ringing at St. Martin's, Haverstock Hill, Middlesex.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, containing 42 singles, was rung in 26½ mins. F. W. Elbourn (conductor), 1; J. Nunn (composer), 2; G. Griffin, 3; J. Nixon, 4; J. Hannington, 5; A. Jacob, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

S 3 5 2 6 4	S 4 5 3 2 6	S 3 6 2 4 5
S 5 3 6 4 2	S 5 2 4 6 3	S 6 3 4 5 2
S 3 5 4 2 6	S 2 5 6 3 4	S 3 6 5 2 4
S 5 3 2 6 4	S 5 2 3 4 6	S 6 2 3 4 5
S 3 5 6 4 2	S 2 5 4 6 3	S 2 6 4 5 3
S 5 4 3 2 6	S 5 2 6 3 4	S 6 2 5 3 4
S 4 5 2 6 3	S 2 5 3 4 6	S 2 6 3 4 5
S 5 6 4 3 2	S 5 4 2 6 3	S 6 2 4 5 3
S 6 5 3 2 4	S 4 5 6 3 2	S 2 6 5 3 4
S 5 6 2 4 3	S 5 3 4 2 6	S 6 3 2 4 5
S 6 4 5 3 2	S 3 2 5 6 4	S 3 6 4 5 2
S 4 6 3 2 5	S 2 3 6 4 5	S 6 3 5 2 4
S 6 4 2 5 3	S 3 2 5 6	S 3 2 6 4 5
S 4 6 5 3 2	S 4 3 5 6 2	S 2 4 3 5 6
S 6 4 3 2 5	S 3 4 6 2 5	S 4 2 5 6 3
S 4 6 2 5 3	S 4 3 2 5 6	S 2 4 6 3 5
S 6 5 4 3 2	S 3 4 5 6 2	S 4 2 3 5 6
S 5 6 3 2 4	S 4 3 6 2 5	S 2 4 5 6 3
S 6 5 2 4 3	S 3 2 4 5 6	S 4 2 6 3 5
S 5 4 6 3 2	S 2 3 5 6 4	S 2 3 4 5 6

NOTICE.—Copy of *Clavis* for sale, price 12s. post free. Apply to the Editor.

RECEIVED ALSO.—T. Ladin; and others.

that he adheres to that policy.' There are plenty of laymen to do all this work well, and in the interests of the Church, as also of the ratepayers, the clergy are much better in their own sphere. R. M. C.

Holy Trinity, Dalston.

SIR,—I shall be greatly obliged if you will allow me, through your columns, to ask for assistance in a much-needed work which we purpose starting in this parish. We are anxious to open a room where girls and young women may meet in the evenings for recreation and instruction, instead of—as so many of them are obliged to do—finding their only amusement in the streets. A large room can be obtained at a moderate rental, but it is unfurnished, and in this poor parish we have no funds to fall back on for such a purpose. Will not some, who are able to do so, help us in this work among their poorer sisters, by sending books for a library, games, materials for fancy work, illustrated papers, magazines, or coloured pictures for the walls? We propose having various benefits attached, such as clothing, boot, umbrella, and watch clubs, and to make these efficient premiums must be given on deposits. Any donations of money, games, papers, &c., will be gratefully received by Mrs. Hassard, Holy Trinity Vicarage, Dalston. EDITH HASSARD.

The Abandonment of Christianity in our Schools.

SIR,—The proposed shortening of the hours during which pupil teachers are to work in our schools is unnecessary, and is very unfair towards all other teachers. But that is not all: it means, in practice, the still further abandonment of Christianity, for it involves, in practice, the omission of the religious instruction hitherto given by pupil teachers. We are nearing the time when we shall ask, 'Is it worth our while to bestow so much labour, time, and trouble, and to give so much money in order to secure religious teaching, which is now reduced to the smallest modicum?' T. H. E.

An Urgent Appeal.

SIR,—Mr. William T. Mowbray, who started the Home Reunion Society on its present basis, and who is thoroughly deserving in every way, has been brought into rather precarious circumstances, partly by ill-health and partly by a difficulty in finding work in his old employment in a conveyancer's office. He has a wife and family in great part dependent upon him. Instead of helping him by small donations from time to time, which do no permanent good, I am desirous to raise from 100*l.* to 150*l.* to enable him to buy a small business in the outskirts of London, and should be very much obliged if our friends would make an effort speedily to collect this sum. 55*l.* has already been paid or promised, and the Rev. J. E. Vernon, 8 Arlington Villas, Clifton, Bristol, has kindly consented to receive donations. NELSON.

Queries.

AUTHOR WANTED.—'The Rev. George W. Jones' asks, 'Who is the author of a devotional book called *The Nourishment of the Christian Soul*?'

PLYMOUTH BRETHRENISM.—'J. W. C.' asks for the titles and publishers of works dealing with the errors of the 'Brethren' (Plymouth).

[Messrs. Hatchard have published a work on that subject by Miss Whately.]

LIFE OF WESLEY.—'The Vicar of a country parish' writes: 'Can any of your readers recommend a short Life of John Wesley, written in plain language, suitable for distribution in a country parish where there are many Wesleyans? Or any good tracts or sermons recording John Wesley's opinions? I have the *Church Tracts*, published by Messrs. Charles & Son, of Dublin; but these are not quite what I require for distribution.'

AUTHOR WANTED.—'H. G.' asks for the author of the following lines:—
'And all is well, tho' faith and form
Be Sundered in the night of fear,
'Well roars the storm to those that hear
A deeper voice across the storm.'

Answers to Queries.

SIMPLE FAMILY PRAYERS.—A Correspondent recommends 'A. B. C.' to get *Family Prayers in the Simplest Language*, by G. W. Mylne, published by Wm. Poole, 12A Paternoster Row, price 3*d.*, or 2*s.* 6*d.* per dozen.

PARISH CLERKS.—In answer to 'Rector's' inquiry, 'R. M.' says:—'Parish clerks are usually appointed by the vicar, but if appointed at a vestry meeting, and allowed to remain in office a reasonable time without objection having been made, such parish clerk cannot be removed except for immorality or incompetence, and then only by order of the archdeacon's court. The office is freehold, and it is not absolutely necessary to have the archdeacon's consent to hold the appointment. The parish clerk's duties are connected with the customary services and offices of the church in which he holds office. The churchwardens cannot assign to him other duties; they can only complain of neglect of duty, if any, by such parish clerk to the archdeacon at the annual Easter visitation.'

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—In answer to 'Lola,' 'Z. Z. Z.' begs to give her a few hints, as she has taught lads from 14 to 20 for some years. The first thing is to get to know them well, taking an interest in their daily life, their work, their play, their loved ones; no long prayers, but what you do have, very earnest. Teach much on prayer, illustrating your teaching from everyday events; things in the newspapers; also from nature. Tell your boys of your own daily life, some of your own experience of God's mercies; always be cheerful with boys, trust them thoroughly, and make them feel you do trust them, and care for them; and then teach them a chapter, say of the Bible, till they thoroughly understand every word, always trying to leave them with some thought to take home, such as 'loving,' 'true courage,' 'manliness,' and 'unselfishness.'

An Offer.

'W. H. Graves (B.A. Camb.), 4 Ludgate Circus Buildings, London, E.C.4,' writes: 'I should be pleased to send to any poor parish or mission about 100 copies of *Hymns A. & M.*, old edition, words only, and a few copies arranged for treble voices, all in good condition. If any priest, &c., can make use of them, and willing to defray the cost of carriage, and will communicate with me, I will send them to him.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

'GREAT PAUL' IN LONDON.

'GREAT PAUL' made its final journey from Highgate on Monday morning. Steam was got up in both engines after midnight, for the route which had been well selected by the contractor to come by Liverpool Road was forbidden by the Islington surveyor, who gave imperative orders for the bell to proceed by Upper Street. Troubles were in consequence expected over the stone-paved ascents therein, especially at the corner of Highbury Railway Station, where so many tramways intersect, and there is a very sharp curve almost impracticable for a traction-engine to surmount. However, the pilot-engine did good service by hauling the bell-engine up the several long inclines, with its steel rope and drum, and St. Paul's was reached in triumphant style at eight o'clock. The bell-trolley was admirably put alongside the launchways prepared by Mr. Penrose, and by ten o'clock the chains and securing tackle of the bell had been cleared away, and the hauling of it by ropes and blocks upon the launchways commenced; 'Great Paul' being entirely free of its travelling carriage at half-past eleven. Other blocks and tackle were then attached, and the hauling of the bell down the first incline was begun, and was safely terminated at half-past four, the noble bell being then in front of the tower doorway, ready to be taken up the second incline into the tower. The bell will be in its place to-day or Monday. There was to have been a dedication service in connexion with the new bell to-day, but it is, we understand, postponed.

The Hubbard Testimonial Fund.

THE headstone over the grave of the late Mr. Henry Hubbard, in the Woodhouse Hill Cemetery, Hunslet, near Leeds, which has been erected out of the funds of the Hubbard Testimonial, has now been completed. A bell is shown in relief on the stone, which also bears the following inscription:—

'AS A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO
HENRY HUBBARD, CHANGE-RINGER,
BORN AT NORWICH, AUGUST 25TH, 1807.
DIED AT HUNSLET, OCTOBER 9TH, 1881.
AGED 74 YEARS.

Author of *Elements of Campanologia*. Twenty years a member of the Society of Norwich Scholars, and afterwards, for twenty-two years, a ringer at the Leeds Parish Church. This stone was erected by the contributions of change-ringers from different parts of the country.'

A meeting of the Testimonial Committee was held on the 18th inst., when the Secretary reported that a total sum of 28*l.* 17*s.* had been received, and that after payment of the cost of stone a sum of 2*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* remained. A minute was passed that, in accordance with previous announcements, this balance should be paid to the widow, Mrs. Henry Hubbard. Several votes of thanks to the contributors and others then concluded the business of the meeting. JASPER W. SNOWDON, Hon. Sec.

'The Touch of Bob Minor at Leytonstone.

SIR,—Mr. Ellsmore would do a favour by giving the calling of the 50*th* reported to have been rung on the 25th ult. at St. John the Baptist's, Leytonstone. NOVICE.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

MEMBERS who intend to contribute to the 'Mason' Testimonial are requested to forward their donations to the Local Secretaries, or the undersigned, as early as possible, as it is intended to close the 'List' by June 24th, the date of the next quarterly meeting.

A ringing meeting will take place on Whit Saturday, June 3rd, at Leyland, conjointly with the Six-bells' Association, who will hold their annual meeting on the same day. Tea will be provided at the 'Roebuck Hotel,' tickets 1*s.* 6*d.* each. Any one desiring tickets may obtain them from the Secretaries.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Lancashire Association of Six Bell Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association will be held at Leyland on the 3rd of June, the bells will be open for ringing from one o'clock. A tea will be provided at the 'Roebuck Hotel,' at five o'clock. Tickets, 1*s.* 6*d.* each, may be had from John Higson, Secretary.

Notice.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Kent County Association of Change-ringers will be held on Whit Monday, at Maidstone. Service in All Saints' Church at 10.30.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the St. James's Company rang a muffled touch of 1564 Grandsire Triples (tenor half open) in 65 mins., as a last mark of respect for Mr. J. Farrants of Great Barton, who was for thirty years a much-respected member of this company. A. Osborn (conductor), 1; E. Buckle, 2; R. Wilding, 3; G. Cornell, 4; A. Bridges, 5; J. Adams, 6; R. Moore, 7. [8th bell not mentioned.] Tenor, 30 cwt.

At Hurworth-on-Tees, Durham.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., a peal of Bob Minor was rung in 29 mins. by Rev. W. H. Deane (first peal), 1; J. Gaines, 2; J. E. Hern, 3; J. Temple, 4; G. Garbutt, 5; H. Thompson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Luke's, Bedminster, Bristol.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung. H. Senshler,* 1; C. Waters, 2; J. Brain, 3; T. Salter (conductor), 4; J. Norton, 5; T. Staddon,* 6. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Thursday, the 4th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, containing 194 bobs and 46 singles, in 2 hrs. 53 mins. J. Waghorn, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; W. Jones, 3; T. G. Deal, 4; H. Freeman, 5; T. Taylor, 6; G. Freeman (conductor), 7; E. Freeman, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E flat. The peal was rung to commemorate the opening of the new chancel by the Bishop of Rochester.

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

On Thursday, the 4th inst., Hubbard's Five-part peal of 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 29½ mins. F. W. Dawson,* 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger, 5; A. Wakley, 6; F. W. Appleby, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This is the first peal in the method by all of the above, and is thought to be the first ever completed in the county. [* First peal in any method.]

At St. Paul's, Denholme Gate, near Bradford, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association, also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 59 mins. A. Moulson, 1; H. Raistrich, 2; R. Tuke, Esq., 3; J. Broadley, 4; J. Cheetham, 5; J. Wilson, 6; J. Standeven, 7; J. W. Snowden, Esq. (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by J. Buckley. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Aston, Warwickshire.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., ten members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang a peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 20 mins. T. Reynolds, 1; T. Miller, 2; H. Johnson, sen. (composer), 3; H. Bastable, 4; H. Johnson, 5; J. Buffery (conductor), 6; J. Perry, 7; J. Sanders, 8; C. Standbridge, 9; R. Jones, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt. The peal contains the 24 courses with the 6th behind the 9th, and 24 courses with the 6th behind the 8th.

At All Saints, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., six members of the Durham Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, consisting of 9 bobs, in 30 mins. G. Campbell,* 1; R. Willans, 2; W. G. Routledge,* 3; E. Wallis, 4; R. S. Story,* 5; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19 cwt. [* First peal in this method.]

At St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.

On Saturday, the 6th inst., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 27 mins., to commemorate the opening of Epping Forest by her Majesty. A. H. Gardom, Esq., 1; J. Priest, 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; G. Akers, 4; C. Holden (conductor), 5; E. Barnett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At SS. Philip and James, Clifton, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 7th inst., for evening service, a peal of Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. W. Challenger, 1; J. Cundall, 2; T. Haigh, 3; G. Breed (conductor), 4; T. Hodgson, 5; W. Morrell, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

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

On Sunday, the 7th inst., eight members of the St. Stephen's Branch of the Durham Diocesan Association rang for morning service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 30 mins. R. Ramage, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; E. W. Pyle, 3; E. W. Scott, 4; F. Ord, 5; G. W. Stobart, 6; E. Wallis, 7; E. Watson, 8. The 6th and 8th were rung behind.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Monday, the 8th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 40 singles, was rung in 25 mins. W. Smith, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; G. Akers, 3; S. Jarman, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; J. Gobbett, 6. This peal was taken from *Church Bells* of May 6th, and belongs to Mr. J. J. Parker of Farnham Royal. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

At St. Nicholas, Long Crendon, Bucks.

On Monday, the 8th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. R. W. Rose,* 1; L. Ing, 2; G. Cadle, 3; J. Warner (conductor), 4; M. Warner, 5; G. Warner, 6; W. Cadle, 7; F. Turner,* 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E. [* Their first peal.]

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., ten members of the St. Margaret's Society rang a half-muffled peal in whole pulls as a mark of respect to the late Lord F. Cavendish, M.P. A. Smith, 1; J. E. Scott, 2; A. Rumbold, 3; W. Shapland, 4; W. Fogden, 5; J. Dod, 6; S. Smith, 7; J. N. Oxborough, 8; G. Scowen, 9; A. Andrews, 10.

At St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester.—Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Minor (720 changes) was rung in 26 mins. on the first six bells, by members of St. John's Bell-ringers' Society, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Frederick Cavendish. C. H. Gregory, 1; J. E. Pollitt, 2; F. W. Mould, 3; P. G. Lord, 4; S. H. H. Henn, 5; A. Wood (conductor), 6. The tenors were rung by Messrs. Wolstenholme and Hague. Tenor, 20½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Rickinghall, Suffolk.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., four of the Redgrave members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Driver, jun., 1; B. Broome, 2; J. Hawes, 3; W. Morley, 4; H. Morley, jun., 5; J. Morley (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G flat.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., for evening service, eight members of the Society of College Youths rang a quarter peal of Stedman's Triples, containing 1260 changes, in 40 minutes. H. Bright,* 1; H. Harvey,* 2; W. G. Shade, 3; C. Harvey,* 4; F. Bidgood,* 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; W. Aldridge,* 7; J. Meaden,* 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. [* Their first quarter-peal in this method.]

At Dunster, Somerset.—Muffled Peal.

On the occasion of the burial of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the front five of the ring of eight (six, seven, and tenor being kept at home). The changes were rung in whole pulls, one side only of the clapper being muffled. J. Evans, 1; W. Thorn, 2; R. Holl, 3; C. B. Craze, 4; Rev. J. Utten Todd, 5; W. Thrush, 6; E. Hole, 7; J. Pain, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in F.

At Folkestone, Kent.

On the 11th inst., a muffled touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung on the day of the funeral of Lord F. Cavendish. E. L. Dale, 1; J. Harrison, 2; J. Fisher, 3; S. Barker (conductor), 4; H. Croucher, 5; F. Finn, 6; F. Slingsby, 7; W. Booth, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt. The last seven members belong to the Kent County Association.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.—Muffled Touch.

On Thursday, the 11th inst., the Abbey Society rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), as a tribute of respect to the late Lord F. Cavendish. R. H. Witherington, 1; G. Willis, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; C. Axford, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.

At St. Nicholas, Newington, Hythe, Kent.

On Friday, the 12th inst., five members of the Kent County Association rang six scores of doubles, Steadman's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. E. Halliday, 1; J. Hogben, 2; A. Santon, 3; J. Nutley, 4; J. Marsh (conductor), 5.

At St. Mary's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

	2	3	4	5	6	M.	B.	W.	H.
On Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 27 mins. T. Dixon (conductor), 1; Jos. Mulligan, 2; H. Madin, 3; J. Mulligan, 4; W. Coates, 5; C. H. Hattersley (composer), 6; T. Hattersley, 7; A. Brierley, 8. This peal has never been rung before, and has the 5th and 6th their extent. Tenor, 25 cwt.	2	3	4	5	6	2	2	2	2
	2	4	3	6	5	2	-	1	2
	4	5	3	6	2	1			2
	5	4	2	6	3	-	1	2	2
	6	2	4	5	3			2	2
	2	6	3	5	4	-	1	2	2
	6	4	3	5	2	1			2
	5	2	4	3	6	1	2	2	2
	3	6	5	2	4	2	1		2
	2	3	6	4	5	2		2	2
	2	6	4	3	5			1	2
	3	4	6	2	5	1	-		2
	4	3	5	2	6	2			2
	2	5	3	4	6	1	-		2
	2	3	4	5	6			1	2

At St. Mary's, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

On Saturday, the 13th inst., a party of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor (Hubbard's 8 bobs and 6 singles) in 27 mins. J. King, 1; W. Smith, 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; H. Nunn, 4; H. Scarlett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6. Although these bells have been hung for more than two hundred years, there is no record of any peal having been rung on them; this is, therefore, supposed to be the first peal on the bells. Several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and touches of Grandsire Minor were also rung; in which Mr. G. Akers of the above Association, and Mr. H. Barnett of the Tottenham Society, assisted. Tenor, 1 ton, in E. The bells are in very bad order. An attempt was made to ring a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor; but the tenor rope 'slipping wheel,' coiled round the ringer, who was elevated to a considerable height, and in coming down again was dashed with great force on the floor of the belfry. Though he was considerably shaken, the result was not so serious as might have been expected.

At Manchester Cathedral.

	2	3	4	5	6	M.	W.	H.
On Saturday, the 13th inst., a peal of 5160 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung in 3 hrs. 32 mins. T. Moss, 1; H. Rostron, 2; W. Smith, 3; J. Wood, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; T. Wilde, 6; S. Andrew, 7; J. S. Wilde, 8; J. Thorpe, 9; S. Wood (composer and conductor), 10. Tenor, 25 cwt.	5	2	3	6	4	2	2	2
	2	4	3	6	5	1		2
	1	5	3	6	2	1		2
	5	4	2	6	3	2		2
	6	2	4	5	3		2	2
	2	6	3	5	4	2		2
	6	4	3	5	2	1		2
	5	2	4	3	6	1	2	2
	5	4	3	2	6		1	2
	2	3	4	5	6			2

At Holy Trinity, Dartford, Kent.

On Sunday, the 14th inst., a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for the morning service by a mixed party of the Dartford, Crayford, and Gravesend companies, in 45 mins. C. Hammant, 1; Harry Peirce (conductor), 2; Herbert Peirce, 3; B. Spinner, 4; J. Saxby, 5; J. Blackman, 6; M. Jacobs, 7; J. Chapman, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F. The bells have recently been rehung, and a new treble supplied, by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

At St. Mary's, Frittenden, Kent.

On Monday, the 15th inst., a peal of 5376 Bob Major was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. C. Payne (conductor), 1; J. Potter, 2; E. Baldoock, 3; E. Potter, 4; J. Taylor, 5; T. Potter, 6; W. Brattle, 7; F. G. Newman, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G flat.

At Hyde, Cheshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Monday, the 15th inst., eight members of the St. George's Society rang a touch of Plain Bob Major in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. Rostorn (conductor), 1; J. Shaw, 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. S. Wilde (composer), 7; T. Wilde, 8. The above piece contains 1832 changes, and was rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Thomas Burke.

REPORTS have also been received from other places, which will be inserted in due course.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

'GREAT PAUL.'

THE work of lifting the bell was recommenced at seven on Tuesday morning, and was completed at noon, the actual operation having taken fifteen hours. At one o'clock timbers were put under the bell across the opening in the vaulting in the tower to support it, and to enable the ropes to be removed. These supports were in position, and the bell was gently lowered upon them at half-past one, taking its seat firmly, with a slight creaking noise, as the beams felt the heavy burden settling itself upon them. The tackle and actual work of raising the bell was under the charge of Captain English, R.E., the direction of the operations being in the hands of Mr. Penrose, the architect to the Cathedral. The head-stock was attached and the gudgeons seated on the bell-cage on Thursday morning, and to-day, as was predicted, the solemn voice of 'Great Paul' will be heard, as we understand that a dedication service will be held at five o'clock, when the grand ring of bells will be rung.

A Meeting of Change-ringers at Cambridge.

AFTER the reopening at St. Mary's, Ely, on Whit Monday, Messrs. Haworth, French, Fosdike, and Pemberton, on the invitation of the Cambridge ringers, visited the town. On Whit Tuesday they were shown the Colleges and Halls by Mr. Rockett, King's College Chapel surprising them with its beauty and grandeur. Mr. Fabian Stedman was born at Cambridge in 1631. Some members of the Society of College Youths, in the summer of 1657, visited the town, and were presented by him with his peculiar production on five bells, since called 'Stedman's Principle,' which was rung for the first time at St. Benedict's (six bells). In 1669 he published a book entitled *Campanologia, or the Art of Ringing*, which, before 1680, had gone through three editions. Mr. Stedman was Printer to the Cambridge University, and became a member of the Society of College Youths in 1664, his name appearing at the present time in the annals of the Company. As the College Youths rang the first Stedman's Doubles at St. Benedict in 1657, so the following persons rang the last peal of 120 changes in the same method, at the same church, in 1882 (Tuesday, May 30th): Haworth (conductor, London), 1; Jackson (Cambridge), 2; Pemberton (Ipswich), 3; Fosdike (Woodbridge), 4; French (London), 5; Rockett (Cambridge), 6. In the afternoon of Tuesday the following persons rang at Great St. Mary's (twelve bells) 540 of Stedman's Caters, which had not been done on the bells for nearly fifteen years: Haworth (conductor), 1; Rockett, 2; Fosdike, 3; Taylor, 4; J. Holmes, Esq. (Redenhall), 5; Holiday, 6; Pemberton, 7; Andrews, 8; French, 9; Mansfield, 10. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques, in which Messrs. Jackson and Knowles assisted, which had not been rung for many years. At St. Andrew's (eight bells), Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, and Kent Treble Bob, were rung. The strangers departed on Tuesday evening, much pleased with the famous town, the ringers, and their reception.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

THIS Society held its Annual General Meeting at Maidstone on Whit Monday, when 87 ringers attended, representing 16 parishes. At the 10.30 service in All Saints' Church the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Timins, vicar of West Malling, from 1 Cor. xii. 5. The meeting was held immediately after the service, when the usual officers were re-appointed and the accounts passed. The Report stated that the Society has now 28 parishes in union, with 120 honorary and 286 practising members.

MUFFLED PEALS.

At Derby.

ON Thursday, the 11th ult., the various rings of bells in Derby were rung deeply muffled in memory of the late Lord F. Cavendish. And again on Sunday the bells were muffled. At St. Werburgh's, after Divine service, eight members of the Association of Change-ringers for the archdeaconry of Derby and district met and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 50 mins. G. Neal, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; R. Redgat, 3; J. Nebold, 4; J. Duncalf, 5; F. Sephton (conductor), 6; J. Howe, 7; L. Lomas, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire.

ON the 11th ult. a muffled peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by the parish church change-ringers, as a tribute of respect to the late Lord Frederick Cavendish. J. Robinson (conductor), 1; W. Robinson, 2; T. Watson, 3; T. Hill, 4; J. R. Jackson, 5; J. Burrow, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs.

At All Saints', Worcester.

ON Thursday, the 11th ult., a muffled peal was rung in memory of Lord F. Cavendish. G. Lewis (conductor), 1; S. Price, 2; W. Pardoe, 3; W. Hales, sen. 4; W. Hales, jun. 5; J. Reynolds, 6; J. Hales, 7; J. Holder, 8.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 15th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung, with the bells half muffled, in 28 mins., as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Jones, who presented one of the bells. G. Larkey, 1; J. Gardner, 2; W. Fairclough, 3; J. Orme, 4; J. Walker, 5; C. Sharples (conductor), 6; H. Case, 7. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At Gloucester.

ON Tuesday, the 16th ult., the Gloucester Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Crypt Society, on the suggestion of their respected Rector, the Rev. Mowbray Trotter, rang with the bells half muffled a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples in memory of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Mr. Burke.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 13th ult., the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. by members of the Essex Association. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; R. Sewell, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. Pye, 4; C. Holden, 5; E. Barnett, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey (assistant secretary), 7; A. Whight, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Langley, Bucks.

ON Sunday, the 14th ult., six six-score of Grandsire Doubles, each called different (720 changes), were rung in 27 mins. W. Leader, 1; J. Parker, 2; A. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; R. Flaxman (conductor), 5. Tenor, 1 ton.

At St. Paulinus, Crayford, Kent.

ON Monday, the 15th ult., six members of the Crayford Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob, containing 15 bobs, in 29 mins. W. J. Reeve (conductor), 1; C. Hammant, 2; G. Conyard, 3; J. Saxby, 4; F. M. Jacobs, 5; F. French, 6.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON the 15th ult. six six-scores of Doubles—Grandsire, Gogmagog, Hudibras, Old Doubles, and Bob Doubles, and one with extremes—were rung. J. Brown, 1; R. Creasey, 2; G. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman (conductor), 4; J. Jerram, 5; A. Brown, 6. Tenor behind.

Also a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 26 singles. J. Brown, 1; R. Creasey, 2; G. Richardson, 3; J. Wilson, 4; R. Mackman (conductor), 5; J. Jerram, 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Great Munden, Herts.

ON Monday, the 15th ult., six members of the Benington, Herts, Change-ringing Society, by the kind invitation of the Rector and Churchwardens, rang on the six bells, which have been rehung by Mr. John Gray of Little Munden, two peals of Kent Treble Bob Minor, each containing 720 changes, in 26 mins. each peal.

Five peals of Grandsire Doubles were also rung. N. Warner, 1; John Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; S. Page, 4; Joseph Kitchener, 5; T. Page, 6.

Mr. G. Sworder, Great Hallingbury, Essex, rang the fourth bell in the last peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. The ringing was conducted by Mr. T. Page. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At SS. Nicholas & Mary, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON Thursday, the 18th ult., being Ascension Day, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung for early celebration. J. Brown, 1; J. Wilson, 2; G. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman (conductor), 4; J. Wright, 5; J. Jerram, 6. And for evening service a peal of 720 London Single. J. Brown, 1; J. Jerram, 2; G. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. Wright, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6.

On the 21st ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung for evening service. J. Brown, 1; J. W. Creasey, 2; G. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. Wright, 5; J. Jerram (conductor), 6.

Also on the 23rd, three six-scores of Bob Doubles. A. Brown (his first peal), 1; G. Richardson, 2; R. Mackman, 3; J. Wright, 4; J. Jerram, 5. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Waltham Abbey, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Stedman's Triples (Brook's variation) in 2 hrs. 54 mins. T. C. Powell, 1; G. Thurgood, 2; F. E. Dawe, 3; D. Tarling, 4; G. Rochester (first peal in the method), 5; P. Cleverley, 6; W. A. Alps (conductor), 7; T. Colverd, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in three parts, containing 36 singles and 24 bobs, was rung in 28 mins. C. Chapman, 1; F. Fells, 2; A. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; J. Parker (composer and conductor), 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., two peals of 720 Plain Bob Minor were rung in 1 hr. 2 mins. J. Dear, 1; S. Rush, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; A. Pye, 4; G. Dear, 5; I. Dear, 6. The first peal was composed by Mr. Penning, and contains 28 bobs and 18 singles, and is the same peal as that rung at Elmdon, Essex; the second was composed by Mr. Parker—a five-part peal—containing 25 bobs and 10 singles.

Also on Sunday evening, the 21st ult., after service, a peal of 720 in the same method, containing 8 bobs and 6 singles (from Hubbard's *Art of Ringing*), in 32 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; S. Rush, 2; G. Galley, 3; A. Pye, 4; G. Dear, 5; I. Dear, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Mary's, Chelmsford, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., eight of the Royal Cumberland Society were invited by Messrs. John Warner & Son, who have lately rehung the bells, and rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 18 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; C. Hopkins, 2; J. Nelms, 3; H. Dains, 4; W. Baron, 5; H. Hopkins, 6; D. Stackwood, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat. The peal—a three-part composition by H. Dains—has the 6th the extent home, and twice placed each way in each part. The last peal on these bells was rung in 1815, Bob Major variation. The ringers were kindly and thankfully entertained by the Rector.

The records of the Society show that this is not the first in the method on these bells, for on Tuesday, June 18th, 1804, this Society rang at Chelmsford a complete peal of Treble Bob, eight in, consisting of 5024 changes, in 3 hrs, 32 mins., with all bobs above 4th's place. J. Harris, 1; A. Cavalier, 2; G. Gross (composer and conductor), 3; W. Mathews, 4; J. Polley, 5; T. Freeth, 6; J. Baker, 7; R. Hall, 8.

RECEIVED.—Rev. K. H. Smith, Ely (we shall be pleased to have a Report from you of Monday's proceedings); and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

THE DEDICATION OF 'GREAT PAUL.'

THE dedication of the great bell on Saturday, the 3rd inst., was a very simple and appropriate affair. The afternoon service in St. Paul's was attended by a very large congregation. All the seats beneath the dome were densely filled, and those of the entire nave also had their occupants. Outside the Cathedral hundreds had congregated to hear the first tones of the bell, whilst peals from all the surrounding churches mingled on the ears. After the church service the clergy of the Cathedral, attended by the choir, proceeded to the triforium, a corridor above the south aisle of the nave, from which there is, at right angles to its length, a direct entrance into the bell-tower, about midway of its height, on a level with the top of the landing of the first stairs, and from this corridor the winding stairs in the wall ascend to the bell-chamber. Here was a small congregation of about a hundred, including many ladies, admitted to the special service by invitation. The choir having taken their places, under the leadership of the organist, the special service of the dedication was performed by Canon Gregory, M.A., assisted by Canon Stubbs. The Psalms, *cxxx., De profundis; lxvii., Deus misereatur; xxix., Afferte Domino;* and *cl., Laudate Dominum,* having been sung, and the Lord's Prayer repeated by the congregation, kneeling, the dedication was made by several prayers, and at their termination the choir sang the hymn No. 303, 'When morning gilds the skies.' The collect for St. Paul's Day was then read, and the service was ended by the blessing of the congregation by the priest, in the usual form.

There was now a pause of what seemed, to the strained attention, some minutes, during which the dull thudding of the head-stock moving on its gudgeons could be heard, increasing as the bell got up its swing, and then the pure, deep-toned, solemn note of 'Great Paul' boomed through the tower doorway, and vibrated through the corridor; stronger became those solemn boomings when the swing of the bell was maintained. There was one universal admiration of the quality and musical perfection of its tones. The modulations of the upper partials—B flat, E flat, and G—were just audible by close listening. Every one in turn mounted the dark ascent to see, as best they could, between each other and the timbering of the massive cage, the great bell knolled. By the ropes attached to the cross-levers eight or ten stalwart ringers pulled the bell over some ten or twelve degrees, just enough for the clapper to strike the sound-bow.

Out-of-doors, amongst the populace, there was the like gratification expressed with the music of the bell; but it seemed to be thought less powerful than had been imagined. The bell at its dedication was not swung so high nor hit anything like so hard as it will be when the masonry disturbed for its ascent shall have been replaced.

It will be only an appropriate corollary to this record of the success the great bell has now achieved—its transport and elevation having been performed without the slightest accident of any kind to life or limb—to add that it is by private subscription that the funds have been so far provided, and by private contribution will the balance still have to be completed. The total cost of the casting, transport, and erection, will mount up, probably, close to 3000*l.* Of this already half has been actually received, the Dean and Chapter and officials of the Cathedral having amongst themselves contributed 600*l.* Of the City Companies, the Merchant Taylors, Mercers, Clothworkers, Grocers, and Fishmongers, have each contributed one hundred guineas; the Stationers, Salters, and Drapers, fifty guineas; and some of the smaller guilds, as the Dyers and Plumbers, from five to ten pounds. The only bankers are Hoares and Coutts, who have presented 50*l.* a-piece.

Durham Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE Whit-Monday Meeting of this Association at Bishop Auckland was a great success, being the largest meeting yet held since its formation. The company numbered sixty-eight, which sat down to dinner at the 'Crown and Anchor' at two o'clock. Canon Long, vicar of Bishop Auckland, presided. Twenty-eight new members were elected. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and Treble Bob Major, were rung, but no great lengths were accomplished. The next meeting, which is the annual meeting, will be held on the last Monday in October at Newcastle.

Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.

THIS Society held its Annual General Meeting at Leyland on Whit Saturday, when upwards of fifty ringers attended, representing six different parishes. Ringing commenced at 2 o'clock, and was kept up to a late hour. A tea was provided at the 'Roebuck Hotel' at 5 o'clock, after which the meeting was held, when the usual officers were reappointed (with some addition) and the accounts passed, showing the Society to be in a flourishing condition. Eight new members were elected, making a total of three honorary and fifty-two practising members.

JOHN HIGSON, Secretary.

Reopening of the Bells of St. Mary's, Ely.

THESE bells were reopened on Whit Monday, and the occasion and fame of the ring attracted a large number of ringers. Owing to cases of severe illness in the Militia Hospital, the ringing had to be stopped some four hours before the time intended. This prevented many companies from having a turn. The following companies were represented:—The College Youths, the Cumberland Youths, Cambridge, Bury, Stortford, Wisbech (2), Sawbridge-worth, Waltham Abbey, Beccles, Ipswich, Swaffham, Bennington, Woolpit, Sutton, Haddenham, Hitchen, Methwold, March and Doddington, Norwich, Long Melford, Spalding, Redenhall, and Hundon. The ladies of Ely kindly provided a tea in the Corn Exchange. An excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Prebendary Sutton, rector of West Tofts, after a short service, and in the evening the Ven. Archdeacon Emery gave a short address. The whole proceedings were a success, had it not been that one or two local occurrences shortened the ringing, and somewhat clouded a bright Bank holiday.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A RINGING MEETING will be held at Wigan on Saturday, June 17th. Ringing from two p.m. All ringers invited. W. J. CHATTERTON, Hon. JOEL REDFORD, Secs.

Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE next Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21st. All persons interested in bells and bell-ringing are invited to attend. Dinner at the 'Cock' inn, at two p.m.

Ely Diocesan Change-ringers' Association.

Will any of our readers, interested in the above, kindly communicate with Rev. K. H. Smith, the Cambridge Road, Ely?

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Redenhall, Norfolk.

On Friday, the 19th ult., eight members of the Redenhall Branch of the Association rang a peal of 5088 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 10 mins. The peal is in three parts, and has the fourth, fifth, and sixth, their extent home, and eight times wrong; the second is kept away from the tenor at the wrong throughout, and is now rung for the first time. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Bentley, 2; W. Sheldrake, 3; G. Prince, 4; Rev. H. C. Bulwer (composer), 5; F. Smith, 6; G. Mobbs, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Mary's, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.

On the 20th ult. two peals of 720 Grandsire Minor were rung in 54 mins. The peals were as follow:—First peal, 34 bobs and 2 singles; second peal, 38 bobs and 22 singles, or a call every lead. G. Hale, 1; H. Smith, 2; E. Bush, 3; T. Lewis, 4; E. Hinton, 5; A. Cole (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Rochester, Kent.

On Sunday, the 21st ult., four members of St. Margaret's Society, assisted by C. Andrews, R. E. Band, and J. McLeod of Gillingham, rang for evening service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 22 mins. J. O. Sullivan, 1; J. McLeod, 2; H. Greaves, 3; W. Kingsford, 4; W. Baker, 5; E. Andrews (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. John's, Staveley, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang for service a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 15 mins. H. Mottershall, 1; H. Madin (composer and conductor), 2; W. Harris, 3; J. Harris, 4; A. Knights, 5; W. Worthington, 6; J. Hunt, 7; J. Broadhead, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. 3 qrs. 22 lbs.

At St. Cuthbert's, Halsall, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 21st ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung for service in 23 mins. G. Larkey, 1; J. Gardner, 2; J. Orme, 3; W. Fairclough, 4; J. Walker, 5; C. Sharples (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 12 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On Tuesday, the 23rd ult., the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5019 Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 40 mins. H. Bastable, 1; J. Joynes, 2; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 3; W. Small, 4; S. Reeves, 5; H. Johnson, sen., 6; J. Dunn, 7; J. Buffery, 8; T. Miller, 9; H. Johnson, jun., 10; T. Hattersley, 11; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 12. Tenor, 86 cwt.

At St. John the Baptist's, Eltham, Kent.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., a peal of Plain Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 26 mins. C. Mussett (first peal), 1; G. Sheppard, 2; C. English, 3; T. Smith, 4; T. Titchener, 5; F. Fraser (first peal as conductor), 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in A.

At St. Nicholas', Witham, Essex.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., in honour of Her Majesty's birthday, seven peals of Bob Minor, in seven different variations, were rung by Members of the Essex Association; also several touches: in all, 6000 changes. G. Butler, 1; A. Chalk, 2; W. G. Richards, 3; A. Fryatt, 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

Also on Whit Sunday, the 28th ult., for morning service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung. G. Butler, 1; A. Chalk, 2; C. F. Winny,* 3; A. Fryatt, 4; E. Carter,* 5; G. M. Hayes* (conductor), 6. [Those marked * are College Youths.]

At St. Michael and All Angels', Galleywood, Essex.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., the Galleywood Company of Change-ringers, assisted by A. H. Gardom, Esq. of Wanstead, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; C. Waskett, 3; F. Lemon, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; E. Scotcher, 6; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 7; J. Bloomfield, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. This is the first peal ever rung on these bells, and was the first attempt at a peal by any except the 5th and 7th men. The 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 8th men knew nothing of the art of change-ringing previous to January 1881. Messrs. Harvey and Dains had never rung triples previous to December last. All the above are members of the Essex Association.

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

On Sunday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Bishops Stortford Society rang for morning service a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), with the 5th at home every three leads, and containing the six 7-5-6's, six 5-6-7's, and twelve 6-7's, in 45 mins. W. Rickett, 1; W. H. Tucker, 2; A. Tucker, 3; G. Martin, 4; H. Champness, 5; J. Newman, 6; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 7; J. Sampford, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

RECEIVED ALSO.—R. Koble; F. Petrie; and others.

he follows his trade, that of a millwright, at the greatest risk. I have applied to the National Hospital for Epileptics, Bloomsbury, but have failed to obtain admission for this case owing to alleged lack of room.'

'PILGRIM'S PROGRESS' FOR THE YOUNG.—'W. G. W.' asks, 'Is there any edition of the *Pilgrim's Progress*, much abridged, and adapted for young Church-folk?'

A COMMUNICANT'S MANUAL.—'J. A.' writes: 'Will any one kindly recommend a Communicant's Manual suitable for village boys and girls? I want to give some of a thorough Church tone to Confirmation candidates.'

RECEIVED ALSO.—A Vicar; H. Aldwin Soames; Commodus; Sexagenarian; A Curate; C. W. Pearce; G. R. M.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE Second Annual Festival will be held at Oxford, July 18th. There will be service in the Cathedral at 11.30, when a sermon will be preached by the Rev. Walter Hook, rector of Porlock, Somerset. Dinner will be provided in the Hall of Christ Church; and ringing practice in several towers in the afternoon. Full particulars will be forwarded to members shortly.

DOLBEN PAUL, Secretary.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Eccles on Saturday, June 24th. Tea will be provided at the 'Odd Fellows' Arms Hotel.' Tickets, 1s. each, may be had from the Committee, or the undersigned. The Rev. Canon Pitcairn is expected to preside at the meeting.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE Anniversary of these bells will be held on June 21st. Return tickets at single fares on the Great Eastern Railway.

Westleigh, Devon.

A NEW ring of six bells, complete with new English oak frames, floors, girders, and chimes, has been fixed in the church tower of Westleigh. On Wednesday, the Rev. T. Thelwall conducted a dedication service before the bells were placed in the bell-chamber, and a large congregation assembled on the occasion. After the service the ladies and gentlemen present assisted in raising the bells. On Thursday a peal was rung for the first time, to celebrate the marriage of E. R. Berry Torr, Esq., of Westleigh House, with Miss Bessie Higgs of Holsworthy. The bells have been hung by Mr. Agget of Chagford.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Margaret's, Ockley, Surrey.

ON Sunday, the 28th ult., a mixed band rang for morning service a peal of 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins. E. Knight, 1; R. Jordan, 2; G. Rapley, 3; G. Jenkins, 4; E. Jordan, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. John's, Capel, Surrey.

ON Sunday, the 28th ult., for afternoon service, some short touches were rung in the Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob methods.

And after service a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. by a mixed band from five different parishes and three different counties. H. Wood, 1; R. Worsfold, 2; F. Wickens, 3; G. Sheppard, 4; M. Heffer, 5; H. Burstow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

Also, on Monday evening, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 24 mins. G. Hollaway, 1; R. Jordan, 2; R. Worsfold, 3; G. Sheppard, 4; D. Jordan, 5; E. Jordan (conductor), 6.

At Kirtlington, Oxfordshire.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 23 mins. J. Howes, 1; G. Lapworth, 2; W. Baston, 3; O. Thomas, 4; S. Buckle, 5; C. Boots, 6; S. Hounslow, 7; C. Hounslow (conductor), 8. It is the first peal in this method rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At All Saints', Writtle, Essex.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., before the Annual Meeting, which was held at Chelmsford, a mixed band of Members of the Essex Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 3 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; B. Keeble, * 2; W. Hawkes, * 3; J. Pye, * 4; E. Scotcher, 5; A. Porter, * 6; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 7; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. 2 lbs. [* Their first peal.] This is the first peal in this method on the bells.

At St. Bartholomew's, Horley, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Surrey Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 54 mins. C. Slade, 1; D. Springall, 2; S. Greenwood, 3; G. Pell, 4; G. Gray, 5; J. Strutt (conductor), 6; J. Wright, 7; J. Green, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. This is believed to be the first true peal on the bells, two new trebles having been added to a ring of six in 1839.

At Aylsham, Norfolk.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., the ringers were visited by a few friends from St. Peter's, Norwich. Some touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, and Bob Royal, were rung. T. Greenwood (conductor), 1; F. Knights, 2; E. Fitt, 3; C. Clements, 4; J. Youngs, 5; S. Maidstone, 6; R. Stackwood, 7; J. Edridge, 8; J. Skinner, 9; G. Smith, 10. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At Alvescott, Oxfordshire.—Re-opening of Bells.

ON Monday, the 29th ult., six different peals of 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung in the afternoon. J. Webb, 1; J. Trinder, 2; J. Wise, 3; R. Robbins, 4; H. Cottrill, 5; J. Trinder (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At Hayes, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., five members of Chislehurst and one of Bexley rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins., being the first peal on the bells. G. French, * 1; T. Durling, 2; J. Thomas, * 3; C. English, 4; R. French (conductor), 5; J. Kitchener, 6. [* Their first peal.]

At Bromley, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., five members of Chislehurst and one of Bromley rang a peal of Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. French, 1; T. Durling (conductor), 2; J. Thomas, 3; E. Dunn, 4; G. Shepard, 5; J. Kitchener, 6. Also a peal of Bob Minor in 26 mins. G. French, 1; T. Durling, 2; J. Thomas, 3; E. Dunn (first peal), 4; J. Kitchener, 5; G. Shepard (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Oswald's, Guiseley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 7008 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 4 hrs. 5 mins. C. Ralph, 1; T. Lockwood (composer and conductor), 2; L. Cawood, 3; D. E. Rhodes, 4; J. Hutchinson, 5; J. Barraclough, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 8. The peal will be found in Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part II., p. 31. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., nine members of the St. Mary's Society, with Mr. A. Cresser of Birmingham (being also members of the Ancient Society of College Youths), rang a peal of 5020 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 15 mins. C. Martin, 1; J. Branch, 2; A. Cresser, 3; C. Gordon, 4; E. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Trappitt, 6; J. Plowman, 7; J. Cawley, 8; J. Zealey, 9; J. Clark, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat. This peal was composed by Mr. H. Johnson of Birmingham, with the 6th twenty-four courses behind the 9th and twenty-four behind the 8th, and was first rung on the 6th ult. at Aston, near Birmingham.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., five ringers at the above church, assisted by friends from Liverpool, rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 40 mins. G. Larkey, 1; W. James, 2; J. Orme, 3; C. Sharples, 4; J. Aspinwall (composer and conductor), 5; W. Fairclough, 6; J. Walker, 7; J. Lynam, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At St. Peter's, Eckington, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 4th inst., the Eckington Association (assisted by H. Madin and W. Worthington of Staveley) rang for service a date touch, comprised of three different peals, viz. Violet, Oxford, and New London Pleasure, in 1 hr. 10 mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; H. Madin (composer and conductor), 3; G. Norman, 4; W. Worthington, 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston, Birmingham.

ON Tuesday, the 6th inst., ten members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5079 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 27 mins. H. Bastable, 1; J. Joynes, 2; H. Johnson, sen. (composer), 3; T. Miller, 4; S. Reeves, 5; J. Buffery, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; J. Dunn, 8; H. Johnson, jun., 9; T. Reynolds, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At Bennington, Herts.

ON Friday, the 9th inst., the Bennington Change-ringing Society rang a selected touch of 1792 changes, contained in the two melodious methods of London Surprise Major and Superlative Surprise Major. N. Warner, 1; J. Kitchener, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; S. Page, 4; J. Kitchener, 5; L. Chapman, 6; C. Sharnbrook, 7; T. Page (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. James's, Bolton, near Bradford, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 55 mins. A. Moulson, 1; J. Angus, 2; B. Copley, 3; J. Broadley, 4; J. Cheetham, 5; J. Wilson, 6; J. B. Jennings, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. The peal in one part, with the sixth the extent in 5-6, four course-ends wrong and eight home, was composed by N. J. Pitstow. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

ON Sunday afternoon, the 11th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor on the back six bells was rung in 25½ mins. R. Checkley, * 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 3; Edward Rogers, * 4; E. Rogers, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt. [* Their first peal of minor.] Composed by Mr. J. J. Parker of Farnham Royal.

At St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, Essex.

ON Sunday evening, the 11th inst., for Divine service, six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Priest, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; G. Akers, 3; C. Holden, 4; J. Marks, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At Appleton, Berks.

ON the 11th inst. a peal of 720 Stedman's Minor was rung in 25 mins. J. Avery, 1; E. Holifield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; W. Bennett, 4; F. White, 5; G. Holifield (conductor), 6.

At Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

A PEAL of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 8 bobs and 6 singles, was rung by the Cambridge University Guild, on Mr. Seage's apparatus, in 28 mins. W. W. C. Baker, 1; G. Holmes, 2; Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, 3; H. E. T. Glover, 4; E. Knowles, 5; M. C. Potter (conductor), 6. [The date has not been given.] Tenor, 17½ cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Big Ben; Rev. J. Francis; and others. Hand-bell performances seldom inserted; MSS. not returned.

Christian Evidence.

SIR,—As one of the models of an out-and-out kind referred to by Mr. Morris, albeit a clergyman of the Church of England, may I be allowed a few words in reply to his assertions? May I remind him that the great theory of Evolution will hardly be upset by a few assertions, and he gives no more; and that many clergymen believe it, and he calls them infidels? Surely it is puerile to assert that the Bible and Evolution are as opposite to one another as black to white, merely because we cannot see where they agree. If natural science is one of the books that God has given us to read, it will not eventually be found to contradict the greatest, the Bible. And if theology is true it need not fear a scientific theory, nor need it treat it in the harsh, dogmatic way that Mr. Morris does. I fancy there are many points of contact to be found between Genesis i. and the Darwinian theory: for instance, if this theory is true, it almost proves the inspiration of the Bible, for notice what the order of the creation is, and see how it agrees entirely with the order of evolution. What is *Creation*? Does it imply something sudden? Might not a thing be *created*, though it took thousands of years to work itself out under given laws? I am not a Hebrew scholar, but in the English version *created* is only used *trice*; is it correct to say 'every creature was at the first *created*?' The Italics are mine. Is not this subject a little deeper, and have not the Evolutionists a little more to say for themselves, than Mr. Morris seems to think? Need he call us infidels because we see things differently to him?

H. ALDWIN SOAMES.

[We cannot insert any more letters on this subject.—ED. C. B.]

Replies to Queries.

PLYMOUTH BRETHRENISM.—'B. A.' (Dunelm) writes:—'In *Sketches of English Nonconformity*, by the Rev. A. S. Dyer, published by W. Poole, Paternoster Row, price 1s. 6d., there is a chapter on the Plymouth Brethren, containing a *résumé* of their history, organization, theology, and statistics. For further information on the subject one should consult *The Brethren: their Worship and the Word of God at Open Variance*, by R. H. Carson, a Baptist Minister, published by Elliot Stock, price 1s.; also *Heresies of the Plymouth Brethren*, by Dr. Carson. The publisher's name and the price I forget.'

MANUALS FOR HOLY COMMUNION.—In reply to 'J. A.' a correspondent recommends *Holy Communion: Invitation and Simple Preparation*, &c. 9th Edition. 38th Thousand. Prices 2d., 4d., and 9d., according to binding. Published by Poole, 12a Paternoster Row, E.C.

Queries.

THE DISCIPLINE OF THE EARLY SAINTS.—Can any of your readers tell 'Monica' the name of any book where she can find an account of the fasting, hours of prayer, and other discipline made use of by the early saints of the time of St. Ambrose?

MARTIN LUTHER AND POLYGAMY.—'C. C. F.' writes:—'In an otherwise very valuable tract by the Rev. T. Vincent (Parker & Co.) on the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, it is incidentally stated of Luther, "Why, he was for letting a man, if he were a prince, have more wives than one at a time." Can any one tell me what authority there is for such an assertion, and the occasion to which it refers? I have in vain searched for it in three lives of Luther. It is so contrary to his general teaching, and he was so little given to truckle to princes, that I think there must be some mistake.'

THE CLERGY AND INCOME TAX.—'A Rector' writes:—'Perhaps one of your correspondents would kindly inform me whether a clergyman, in filling up the Income Tax Schedule, can claim any deduction, for expense of collecting, from the amount of Tithe-rent Charge receivable for the preceding year. Has the question been legally decided? A trustworthy reply would oblige many besides myself.'

'M.A. OXON' (Plympton).—We cannot reopen the correspondence on Non-communicating Attendance.

'A. WILLIAMS.'—Our space is too limited to enable us to give a lengthened account of the ceremony.

RECEIVED ALSO:—C. E. Grenside; M. T. W. P.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths (Established 1637).

The two hundred and forty-fifth Anniversary Dinner of the above Society will take place on Saturday, July 1, at the 'Bell Inn,' Clay Street, Walthamstow.

The Derby and District Change-ringers' Association.

The first Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday afternoon, July 1st, 1882. All ringers are earnestly invited to attend. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m.

H. C. WOODWARD, Hon. Sec.

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Guild will be held at Guildford on Tuesday, July 11th. The Secretary will be glad to supply additional information, and to receive the names of members who intend to be present before the first day of July.

Rev. A. D. HILL, Hon. Sec., Winchester

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Kenninghall, Norfolk.

On Tuesday, the 13th inst., the Kenninghall Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, with the Rev. G. H. Harris, rang a peal of 5280 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 13 mins. W. Oxer, 1; Rev. G. H. Harris, 2; G. Edwards, 3; W. Nudds, 4; H. Eagling, 5; R. Nudds, 6; R. Hutton, 7; J. Morley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At Chester Cathedral, Cheshire.

On Thursday evening, the 15th inst., eight members of the Chester Cathedral Society rang the last 1621 changes of Holt's One-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 3 mins. S. Hand, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; A. Jones, 3; A. Cross, 4; W. Walton, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball, 7; W. Ball, 8. Tenor, 38 cwt., in C. The above was arranged and conducted by F. Ball, and is the greatest extent yet rung on the bells in this intricate and wonderful composition.

On Saturday evening, the 17th inst., was rung the mixed touch of 1882 changes (Grandsire Triples) in 1 hr. 9 mins. S. Hand, 1; J. Griffiths, 2; A. Jones, 3; A. Cross, 4; T. Bithell, 5; P. Griffiths, 6; F. Ball (composer and conductor), 7; W. Ball, 8.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
2 1 4 3 5 7 6
2 4 1 3 7 5 6
4 2 1 7 3 6 5
4 1 2 7 3 5 6
1 4 7 2 6 3 5
1 7 4 2 3 6 5
First six changes.

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

1882

Will some kind reader of *Church Bells* take the trouble of searching in their works on change-ringing, to see whether this composition can be found? By doing so they will greatly oblige
FREEMAN BALL.

At St. Mary's, Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., seven of the Rawmarsh Society, with R. Brock of Doncaster, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Ensor, 1; T. Whitworth (conductor), 2; V. Hawkins, 3; J. Hawkins, 4; T. Wild, 5; S. Whitworth, 6; R. Brock, 7; R. Whitworth, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang Holt's original One-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. M. Ellsmore, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; C. Holden, 3; R. Sewell, 4; E. Barnett, 5; H. Scarlett, 6; A. H. Gardem, Esq. (conductor), 7. A. Wright, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. [* First peal inside.]

At St. Mary's, Ware, Herts.

On Saturday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Hertford Society of College Youths visited Ware, and rang the original Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 5 hrs. 6 mins. F. G. Crawley, 1; J. G. Crawley, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; A. Baker, 4; H. Baker, 5; J. Godfrey, 6; T. Gathard, 7; F. George, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat. This is the first peal on the bells for 101 years, the last peal being 5040 of Bob Major rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1781.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Campsall, Doncaster, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 18th inst., for evening service, a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins. R. Thompson, 1; J. Senior, 2; J. Senior, 3; R. Pearson, 4; A. Jubb, 5; H. Butcher, 6; W. Pearson (conductor), 7; F. Lorrman, 8.

On Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., a touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung in 36 mins. W. Butcher, 1; J. Senior, 2; J. Senior, 3; R. Pearson, 4; A. Jubb, 5; H. Butcher, 6; W. Pearson (conductor), 7; E. Senior, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

At St. James's, Accrington, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 18th inst., six ringers from Church rang for evening service a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, in 26 mins. H. Hayes (conductor), 1; T. Doran, 2; J. Bullock, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Pattison, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt. All members of the Lancashire Association.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Monday, the 19th inst., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, having 20 singles and 10 bobs, in 25 mins. E. Barnett (composer and conductor), 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; C. Holden, 3; J. Priest, 4; J. Marks, 5; H. Nunn, jun., 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

This part to be four times repeated.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

On Monday, the 19th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, on the back six bells, was rung in 26 mins. G. Wilkins, jun. (first peal), 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. A. Garaway (conductor), 3; R. Smith, 4; E. Rogers, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

3 2 5 6 4 S
2 3 6 4 5 S
3 2 4 5 6 S
2 5 3 6 4
5 6 2 4 3
6 4 5 3 2
6 4 3 2 5 —
4 6 2 5 3 S
6 5 4 3 2
5 3 6 2 4
5 3 2 4 6 —
3 4 5 6 2

hand the furnishing of the Mbweni tower with such a ring as soon as it is ready for it, the Bishop and Archdeacon Hodgson will give him a hearty welcome when he goes out to superintend their hanging. Mr. Horace Walter says that the Africans have a better knowledge of time than Europeans. He believes 'they could ring a peal of twenty bells as easily as they can beat twenty drums on a moonlight night; a thing,' he adds, 'to hear and to appreciate.'

E. S. LOWNDES.

[It is to be hoped that the balance due on the bells may be more than paid for, so that, before the tower of the church at Mbweni is finished, a Bells Fund may be well forward to secure for them a real 'ring' of bells. If the Africans keep time so well, they ought to have the opportunity of showing their powers in a church tower.—ED.]

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

BIG BEN.

WE reproduce the following letter, lately addressed to the Editor of the *Echo* :—

'DEAR SIR.—The attention of Mr. Robert Warner, of the Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, the surviving partner of the firm of bell-founders of the first bell of Westminster, has been directed to the reference made to that production in the article headed "Bells" in your issue of the 1st inst., and he has desired me to ask you to be so good and kind as to tell the public generally, and your readers especially, that there is another version of the story of the breakage of the big bell made by his firm which is founded upon facts rather than upon the "it was thought so," which was the answer given to the question put to the author from whose work your information is given, when he was asked in the recent libel case at Westminster "if the first bell had a flaw in it where two streams of metal had met but not joined."

'The facts of the second version are as follows, viz., 1. That the bell was a sound and homogeneous casting, which may be proved by Dr. Percy's report, upon which the Government relied as evidence when such evidence was needed, and which was relied upon as good evidence in the recent trial for libel. 2. That there was no flaw where "it was thought" that it existed, may be proved now by an inspection of the very portion of the bell, which is in Mr. Warner's possession, by any one so far interested in the matter as to have the desire to do so,—the very portion so condemned having at the time under discussion been purchased by the Mr. Warner now living from the authorities, and been conveyed by him to his foundry. 3. That the bell was broken, as any bell may be broken, by the sudden stoppage of vibrations or by striking on one side—that side being free to vibrate and the other side having an obstruction to such vibrations: in this particular case these conditions were fulfilled by a fixed, or partially fixed, clock-hammer and the usual loose clapper, which was being pulled by ten men when the bell broke. 4. It was at that time not only convenient but necessary that the bell should break, for it was found to have been designed too large to get it up the tower, where it had been decided that it should be raised, the space through which it had to pass being too small for any cage or tackle for lifting it or anything beyond the height of the bell, which was to have been lifted lying on its side in a cage or by tackle, if such cage or tackle could have been applied, and the walls of the shaft were true to half an inch in the entire height of the tower; the second bell was so lifted on its side in a cage, but was made very much smaller every way for this very purpose from the designs given by the same designer as for the first bell, and for the same space and position, at the public expense. 5. The practical founder who superintended the casting of Mr. Warner's bell is alive and can substantiate, if necessary, beyond the inspection of the metal (which tells its own tale) where the flaw was thought to be; "That it was made exact to designs given, which are still in existence; that it was a *clean, good, and sound* casting; and that two streams of metal were not used to the mould, as has been stated."

'Mr. Warner would not desire to trouble you at this length, but as your motto is, "Be just and fear not," he ventures, as he simply desires that justice may be given to his productions, and he feels sure that he has nothing to fear from the world at large, who abominate false statements and acts of injustice committed under the cover of the truth half told.

'Yours, very truly, S. B. GOSLIN.'

New Ring of Eight Bells at St. Peter's, Brighton.

THE bells, which have been cast by Messrs. Warner and Sons of London, arrived in Brighton on Monday, the 12th ult., and it is intended that the first peal shall be rung on St. Peter's Day, when there will be anniversary services commemorative of the dedication of the church. About 225*l.* is now required by the churchwardens to enable them to defray the cost of the ring, the chimes, and other incidental expenses connected with this work. The two chiming bells, which have been removed from the tower, have been taken back to St. Nicholas Church, whence they were taken when St. Peter's was opened; and this will restore the ring at St. Nicholas to its original number of ten. The donors' names are cast on the new bells. No. 7 is inscribed, 'The gift of John Hannah, Vicar, and George Attree, Churchwarden.' 6, 'The Corporation of the Borough, and the Arms.' 5, 'The Congregation of St. Peter's Church.' 4, 'Benjamin Bennett, 1881 to 1883; William Baker, 1881 to 1882; Henry C. Davis, 1882 to 1883, Churchwardens.' 3, 'The Clergy of Brighton.' 2, 'Eardley Nicholas Hall.' 1, 'Somers Clarke and Samuel Hannington.'

Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Redenhall on Monday, July 17th. Those wishing to attend are desired to communicate with the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 11th.

G. H. HARRIS.

Trustead Vicarage, Norwich.

Surrey Change-ringers' Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting will be held, by the kind permission of the Rector, at Beddington, on Monday, July 10th. Tower open at 2; meeting in the school at 6.30 p.m. A. S. W. YOUNG, Hon. Sec.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 24th ult., at Eccles. Over thirty members were present from various towns in the neighbourhood of Manchester. Ringing was commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m. A peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung, and numerous touches of Grandsire Triples. Tea was provided at 6 p.m., and at the meeting afterwards eight new members were elected and certain routine business transacted. It was decided to hold the annual meeting in October next at Bolton.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Secretaries.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Lavenham, Suffolk.

THE Annual Meeting here was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult. The company attending was not so large as on previous occasions, but there were included the Revs. G. H. Harris, H. E. Bulwer, G. B. Seaman, A. Sutton, and F. E. Robinson; Gervas Holmes, Esq., L. Proctor, Esq., Captain Moore, and also Messrs. R. Sewell, Jones, Cross, Thompson, Harvey Reeves, and R. Nudds. About sixty sat down to dinner at the 'Cock Inn,' as usual. Chairman, F. T. Barkman, Esq., M.D. In consequence of the bells being in bad order no great length was accomplished, but short touches included Stedman Grandsire, Treble Bob, Bob Major, &c. Also it may be mentioned that a tablet was placed in the tower a day or two previous, recording the peal of Kent Treble Bob rung by a mixed party a year ago.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At King's Norton, near Birmingham.

ON Sunday, the 4th ult., six members of the St. Nicolas's Society rang a peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 26 mins. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; F. Palmer, 3; J. Cooks, 4; W. Palmer, 5; J. Wright (conductor), 6.

Also on Sunday, the 25th ult., for the first time, a peal of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins.	2 3 4 5 6	. 5 4 3 2 6
F. Townsend,* 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; J. Cooks,	. 6 5 2 4 3	. 6 2 5 3 4
3; F. Scrivens,* 4; J. Wright, 5; W. Palmer	S 4 3 6 2 5	. 4 3 6 5 2
(composer and conductor), 6. [* Their first	S 2 5 4 6 3	S 5 2 4 6 3
peal.]	. 3 6 2 4 5	. 3 6 5 4 2
		S 4 2 3 5 6

Six times repeated with a bob in lieu of a single in 3rd and 6th parts.

At Wollaston, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

ON Saturday, the 10th ult., a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung by three of the Wollaston Society, assisted by three of the Belbroughton Society, in 25 mins. R. Bidmed, 1; J. Lewis, 2; H. Dakin, 3; J. Parton, 4; Z. Parton, 5; H. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. 3 qrs.

At St. John the Baptist's, Leytonstone, Essex.

ON Wednesday, the 21st ult., six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 9 bobs, in 27 mins., supposed to be the first 720 in this method on these bells. J. Priest, 1; M. Ellismore, 2; G. Akers, 3; C. Holden, 4; E. Barnett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At St. Alkmund's, Derby.

ON Friday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Derby and District Association rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 10 mins., being the first peal rung on the bells for over twenty-five years. J. Ridgway, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; R. Redgate, 5; H. C. Woodward (conductor), 6; J. Howe, 7; S. Smedley, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in F.

At All Saints', Ilkley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 1 min. C. Ralph, 1; T. Lockwood, 2; J. Whitaker, 3; J. Barraclough, 4; J. Wood, 5; J. Hutchinson, 6; J. Winder, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 8. The peal was composed by H. Dains and conducted by Jasper W. Snowdon. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Kegworth, Leicestershire.

ON Saturday evening, the 24th ult., five members of the Long Eaton Society, assisted by Jos. Wibberley, Esq., of Nottingham, rang in 28 mins. a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 15 bobs, being the first peal in that method on these bells. G. Bradley, 1; J. Ward, 2; J. Wibberley, Esq., 3; R. Hickton, 4; S. Clarke, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt., in F.

At All Hallows, Tottenham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Tottenham Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. G. Bower, 1; M. Ellismore, 2; Rev. A. Starey, 3; A. H. Gardom,* Esq. (conductor), 4; H. Barnett, 5; E. Bower, 6; W. Doran,* 7; J. Barry,* 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first peal on the bells, which are all in very good order; and we hope that many enjoyable 5000's may be rung on them. 1, 3, 5, and 6, first peal, knew nothing of G. T. nine months ago. [* Members of the Royal Cumberland Society.]

At St. John's, Staveley, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 24th ult., a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 22 mins. C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 1; H. Madin, 2; W. Harris, 3; A. Knight, 4; T. Lee, 5; G. Flint, 6; J. Hunt, 7; J. Broadhead, 8. This peal has the 6th its extent in 5-6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

RECEIVED.—Edisrog.—Blocks of steel are not bells, therefore we cannot recommend them; L. M. Dalton—with thanks.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Peal at Leytonstone.

SIR,—Having seen that a peal of Treble Bob Minor has been rung at Leytonstone, consisting of 9 bobs, composed by the conductor, I should feel obliged if the composition of this particular peal were given, as it is doubtful whether anything beyond a variation of the original can be obtained by this number of calls.

OXFORD AND KENT.

New Peals.

SIR,—Will you kindly insert the following peals of Bob Minor in your next issue of *Church Bells*?

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

720	720
3 2 5 6 4 S	3 2 5 6 4 S
2 6 3 4 5	2 6 3 4 5
6 4 2 5 3	6 2 4 5 3 S
4 5 6 3 2	6 2 5 3 4 —
5 3 4 2 6	2 3 6 4 5
3 5 2 6 4 S	3 4 2 5 6
5 3 6 4 2 S	4 5 3 6 2
3 5 4 2 6 S	5 4 6 2 3 S
5 3 2 6 4 S	4 5 2 3 6 S
3 6 5 4 2	5 4 3 6 2 S

The first four are to be four times repeated, and the last two five times repeated.

Leytonstone, Essex.

E. BARNETT.

Westleigh, Devon.

THE four ancient bells of this church have been melted down, and a ring of five has been produced by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. They were dedicated by a solemn service on the 26th ult. We are always sorry to hear of the melting down of old bells—(necessary, of course, if cracked)—but old bells form a link in parochial history more desirable than any written matter, and, therefore, arrangements should be made to preserve them; and, however difficult, they may be spliced into new additions. And the more difficult the job may be to the founder, the more it will be to his credit to have done it.

Meeting at Spalding, Lincolnshire.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the South Lincolnshire Change-ringers' Association was held at Sutterton on Saturday, the 1st inst. 504 Grandsire Triples were rung by C. Creasey, 1; W. Pearce, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; R. Mackman, 4; E. Mason, 5; J. M. Rylatt, 6; R. Creasey (conductor), 7; G. Clow, 8. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor by W. Pearce, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; T. Taylor, 3; E. Mason, 4; R. Mackman, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6. Dinner was provided at the 'Angel Inn,' the Rev. A. C. Rowley, vicar, presiding. Several new members were elected.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.

THE two hundred and forty-fifth Anniversary of the College Youths' Society took place on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the 'Bell Tavern,' Walthamstow, when thirty members sat down to dinner, the fine views of the surrounding scenery adding a zest to the feast. Afterwards, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung on the church bells, and the evening was enlivened by the handbells.

Portbury, Somerset.

THE bells of this church (a ring of five), tenor, 23 cwt., have just been re-hung and put in thorough ringing order by Llewellyns and James, Bristol.

Derby and District Change-ringers' Association.

THE first Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, July 1st, and was a great success, ringers from Nottingham, Derby, Long Eaton, Lenton, Melbourne, and Winhill, being present; and the Burton Societies were also strongly represented. Ringing commenced at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. The St. Paul's Society welcomed the various ringers upon their arrival with a nice touch of Grandsire Triples. The visitors then rang touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire, and Stedman's Triples, until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the large hall of St. Paul's Institute. After tea a meeting was held, the President of the Association, the Rev. James H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton, in the chair. The President, in his opening remarks, congratulated the ringers upon their first visit to Burton, and not only he himself, but the whole of the Burton ringers, wished them a most hearty welcome, and hoped he would soon have the pleasure of meeting them all again at Burton; and in the meantime, if each one present would obtain one or more to join the Association, it would give him still greater pleasure to meet them, and give them a cordial welcome. A suggestion by Mr. Joseph Wibberley, of Nottingham, that the Association be called 'The Midland Counties Association,' was allowed to stand over until the Annual Meeting. Twenty ringing members and four

honorary members were elected. The various ringers again visited the tower of St. Paul's, and also the parish church, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples. A party then proceeded to Winhill, and rang a peal of 720 Treble Bob Minor (which will be found below). The next Quarterly Meeting of the Association was proposed to be held at Nottingham about the end of September.

The Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday last the July Meeting of this Society was held at Gargrave, near Skipton, when there was a large muster of members. The General Meeting was held in the National Schoolroom, after tea, when an invitation to hold the October meeting at Drighlington, near Leeds, was accepted. A vote of thanks was passed to Sir Matthew Wilson, of Eshton Hall, who had kindly thrown open his grounds to the inspection of the Association. Votes of thanks were also passed to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the ringers and inhabitants of Gargrave for their kind hospitality.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. John the Baptist's, Eltham, Kent.

On the 18th ult. a mixed band rang for morning service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 34 bobs and 8 singles, in 25 mins. C. Musset, 1; F. Fraser, 2; C. English, 3; P. French, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Sheppard (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt. in A.

Also on the 24th ult., being the anniversary of the dedication of the above church, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 9 bobs, in 24 mins. F. Fraser, 1; G. Sheppard, 2; J. Sloper, 3; C. English, 4; T. Titchener, 5; F. French (conductor), 6.

Also, on Sunday, the 2nd inst., for morning service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 25 mins. C. Musset, 1; T. Darling, 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Sheppard (conductor), 6.

At St. Hilda's, South Shields, Northumberland.

On Monday, the 19th ult., six members of the Durham Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. F. Lees, 1; R. Willans, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; W. Smith, 4; Wm. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 5; J. Hern, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. [* First peal in this method.]

At St. Nicholas', King's Norton, Worcestershire.

On the 24th ult. the ringers of St. Mary's, Selly Oak, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 28 mins. G. Hale, 1; H. Smith, 2; E. Bush, 3; T. Lewis, 4; E. Hinton, 5; A. Cole (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Sunday afternoon [no date given: probably the 25th ult.], previous to Divine service, F. Pitstow's peal of Bob Minor, on the back six, was rung in 27 mins., with 21 bobs and 12 singles (3rd observation). W. Keeble, 1; G. Roughton, 2; B. Keeble (conductor), 3; A. Pye, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; A. Porter, 6. All members of Essex Association.

At St. James's, Little Heath, Essex.

On Sunday evening [no date given: probably the 25th ult.], previous to Divine service, six peals of Doubles, viz. London Doubles, Gog and Magog, Grandsire Singles, Dream, St. John's, and Grandsire, were rung. R. Gillingham, 1; J. Pye, 2; A. Pye, 3; B. Keeble (conductor), 4; A. Porter, 5. All members of Essex Association.

At St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 3 mins. A. Anderson, 1; B. Lightfoot, 2; J. Angus, 3; J. Broadley, 4; J. T. Middlebrook, 5; W. Mallinson, 6; J. McKell, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by N. J. Pitstow. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Winhill, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 1st inst., six members of the Derby and District Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Barrow, Esq. (conductor), 1; R. Hickton, 2; J. Ward, 3; A. Widdowson, 4; J. Holmes, 5; J. Howe, 6. Tenor, about 18 cwt., in F.

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

On Sunday evening, the 2nd inst., for Divine service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. G. Griffin, 1; J. Nixon, 2; A. Jacob, 3; J. Leach, 4; J. Hannington, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. This peal contains 70 bobs and 10 singles, and was composed by W. Gordon of Stockport.

Also, after Divine service, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. H. Cutter (1st peal), 1; J. Page, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; A. Jacob, 4; E. Moses, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Manchester Cathedral.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Cathedral Society rang a touch of 1882 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 8 mins., as a farewell to W. Mello-dew previous to his departure for America. J. E. Pollitt, 1; S. West, 2; G. Mee, 3; W. Mello-dew (conductor), 4; J. Grimshaw, 5; A. E. Wrecks, 6; J. Eachus, 7; J. Withers, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat. The touch was composed by J. Aspinwall of Liverpool.

At All Saints', Ilkley, Yorkshire.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ilkley Amateur Society, also members of the Yorkshire Association, rang a peal of 5040 Bob Triples in 2 hrs. 58 mins. R. Wilson, 1; W. Robinson, 2; J. Beanlands, 3; E. Snowdon, Esq., 4; J. Wood, 5; A. Citchley, 6; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 7; J. Kendal, 8. The peal was composed by H. Hubbard. Tenor, 18 cwt. This peal completes one hundred peals of 5000 changes and upwards rung by J. W. Snowdon.

RECEIVED ALSO:—B. Keeble—Reports not received; John Carter; R. W. G.—no name.

country parson guards his register at least as well as his title-deeds. Some of a former generation may no doubt have been 'remiss on this point,' but are the sins of the fathers to be visited on the children? Then think of the poor parishioner, whose requirements out of the parish chest the parson is glad to supply gratis. In future (we suppose) he must needs be mulcted in a fee. The more this question is revolved, the more do we feel that a strenuous resistance thereto is a moral obligation. R. R.

MARTIN LUTHER AND POLYGAMY.—'J. W. B. L.' gives, in answer to 'C. C. F.', this extract from Birchall's *England under the Tudors*:—'The German Reformers refused to purchase Henry's good will by sanctioning the divorce. Both Luther and Melancthon agreed in saying, that they would rather allow Henry to have two wives than to separate from Catherine for the purpose of marrying another woman.' But we must not infer that Luther sanctioned such a proceeding.

RECEIVED ALSO:—A Deaf Layman; F. C. Green; High Churchman; F. W. I.; Isabel Moore; J. W. F.; B. A.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING for ringing purposes only will take place at St. Luke's Church, Heywood, on Saturday, July 22. Ringing from 2 p.m. All ringers invited.

W. J. CHATTERTON, Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD,

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of this Society was held at St. Mary's Church, Beddington, on Monday, July 10th, Mr. J. Trappitt in the chair. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and was kept up till 9 o'clock, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman's and Treble Bob, being rung. Five performing and one honorary member was elected; J. Perceval, Esq., of Wimbledon, consenting to act as Secretary, and the Rev. A. S. Young, of Kingston, retaining the office of President and Treasurer. The Association now seems to be making steady progress, eight peals having been rung since its formation—at Beddington, Kingston, Putney, Carshalton, Horley, Mitcham, and St. Stephen's, Westminster. A peal-book for the proper entry of peals has also been ordered, and the ringers of Surrey are earnestly requested to afford all the assistance they can by joining this Association. Surrey, by reason of its number of rings and change-ringers, ought to stand among the first associations. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Bridges for the use of the bells concluded the proceedings.

Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting was held on July 11th at Guildford. About ninety dined together at the Ward Street Hall, after a service at St. Nicholas' Church, at which the Rector, the Rev. W. T. Jones, gave a short address on the text, Ps. lxxiv. 11. Ringers were present from Bournemouth, Fareham, Farnham; Godalming, Havant, Hursley, Soberton, Swanmore, West Meon, Weybridge, Winchester, Dorking, Ashstead, and Leatherhead. The eight bells of Holy Trinity were rung in the morning, and St. Nicholas' in the afternoon, where several good 500's and a little Stedman were rung. Detachments of ringers also visited Godalming (8), and the six-bell towers of West Clandon, Bramley, Womersley, and Shalford. By the appointment of Canon E. R. Wilberforce to the Bishopric of Newcastle the Guild will sustain the loss of its first President, who will carry with him to his new sphere the sincerest goodwill of all in whom he has shown so untiring an interest.

The Peal at Leytonstone.

For the benefit of 'Oxford and Kent':—

23456	6 2 5 3 4 —
4 2 3 5 6 —	5 6 4 2 3
3 4 6 2 5	4 5 3 6 2
6 3 5 4 2	3 4 2 5 6
5 6 2 3 4	2 3 6 4 5 —
2 5 6 3 4 —	Twice repeated.

Visit of Cheltenham Ringers to London.

ON Saturday, the 1st inst., the ringers from Cheltenham paid a visit to the metropolis. After visiting many places of interest they went to St. Paul's and inspected the fine ring of twelve, and also 'Great Paul,' an order having been kindly given by the Dean to enable them to do so. They then went to St. Clement Danes, where Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung, and thence to St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Owing to its being the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths, members of their own Society were unfortunately unable to meet them, but they were most kindly welcomed by some members of the St. James's and Cumberland Societies. The visitors returned to Cheltenham the same evening, having enjoyed what all agreed was the pleasantest outing the Cheltenham Ringers had ever had.

New Edition of Mr. Snowden's 'Rope-Sight.'

SIR,—With the exception of a few copies which are in my own hands, and which I can supply to any one who writes to me directly, the second edition of my book—*Rope-Sight: an Introduction to the Art of Change-ringing*—is sold out. As it is my intention to issue another edition, I shall be much obliged to any one who will take the trouble to correspond with me and suggest any alterations, additions, or improvements that should be embodied in the new edition. I shall be especially obliged to any one who has used the book when learning who will write to me on any such point.

Old Bank Chambers, Leeds.

JASPER W. SNOWDON.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

ON Thursday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 3 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; M. Burgess (first peal of Kent), 2; H. Randall, 3; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 4; W. Doran, 5; N. Alderman (first peal in the method), 6; S. Jarman, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt. The peal has the sixth the extent each way in 5-6 at consecutive course-ends, and was composed by N. J. Pitstow of Saffron Walden.

At Church, Lancashire.

ON Friday, the 30th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 29 mins. H. Hayes* (conductor), 1; W. Slater, 2; J. Sutton, 3; J. Pickles,* 4; G. Duerden, 5; R. J. N. Parker, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [* Members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.]

At St. Oswald's, Guiseley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 58 mins. E. Tuft, 1; J. Slater, 2; D. E. Rhodes, 3; S. Brown, 4; W. Demaine, jun., 5; J. Barraclough, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt. The peal was rung as a tribute of respect to the memory of the composer, the late Henry Hubbard, who rang his last 5000 on these bells.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday evening, the 8th inst., four members of the above Society, assisted by Mr. John Howe of Derby and Mr. John C. Dicken of Sandiacre, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 15 bobs, in 27 mins. J. Harrison, 1; J. C. Dicken, 2; J. Ward, 3; J. Howe, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor. A. Widdowson, 1; G. Bradley, 2; J. Ward, 3; J. C. Dicken, 4; H. Sheard, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Also a six-score of Stedman's and a six-score of Grandsire Doubles were rung during the evening. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At St. Michael's, Chester.

ON Sunday, the 9th inst., six members of St. Michael's Society rang for service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. J. Ball, 1; J. Errington, 2; T. Bethell (conductor), 3; E. Ward, 4; C. Price, 5; J. Moulton, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in D.

At St. John the Baptist's, Eltham, Kent.

ON Sunday evening, the 9th inst., for Divine service, a peal of Grandsire Minor, with 34 bobs and 14 singles, was rung by the Eltham Association in 25 mins. C. Musset, 1; T. Titchener, 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Sheppard (conductor), 5; F. Fraser, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in A.

At St. Paul's, Spalding, Lincolnshire.—Muffled Peal.

ON Sunday evening, the 9th inst., a touch of 868 Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Keal, 1; R. Creasey (conductor), 2; J. S. Wright, 3; E. Quinton, 4; A. W. Walker, 5; J. A. Croxford, 6; J. W. Creasey, 7; C. Creasey, 8. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Edwin Wain, a change-ringer, who was accidentally drowned whilst bathing on the 3rd inst. Deceased was steeple-keeper at Fleet Church.

At South Weald, Essex.

ON Sunday evening, the 9th inst., after Divine service, a band of Essex Associates rang, by the kind permission of Canon Fraser, a peal of Bob Minor in 28 mins. W. Keeble, 1; A. Porter, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; G. Roughton, 5; A. Pye, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Christ Church, Liversedge, Yorkshire.

ON the 9th inst., being the 82nd anniversary of William Sottanall's birthday, a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major (his own composition) was rung in 3 hrs., with the sixth eight courses at home. J. Whitworth, 1; W. Goodall (conductor), 2; J. W. Lang, 3; J. Illingworth, 4; S. Goodall, 5; F. Goodall, 6; L. Illingworth, 7; M. Ramsden, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Mr. Sottanall took part in ringing for service at St. Peter's, Sowerby, on Sunday evening, July 9th, by ringing the third bell on his 82nd birthday.

Once repeated.

5088

	2 3 4 5 6	M.	B.	W.	H.
At St. Peter's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.	2 3 5 6 4	2	2	1	
On Monday, the 10th inst., a peal of 5088	3 2 4 6 5	2		2	
Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs.	5 2 3 6 4		1		
13 mins. G. H. Hattersley (composer), 1;	4 5 6 2 3		2	2	
J. Mulligan, 2; T. Dixon, 3; W. Mulligan, 4;	5 3 6 2 4	1		2	
T. Lee, 5; C. Steer, 6; T. Hattersley (con-	3 4 6 2 5	1		2	
ductor), 7; A. Rodgers, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.	4 3 5 2 6	2		2	
This peal has the sixth its extent in 5-6, with	4 5 2 3 6		1	2	
five course-ends wrong and the fifth its extent	3 4 5 6 2	2		2	
right.	4 2 5 6 3	1		2	
	6 4 2 3 5			2	
	6 2 3 4 5		1	2	
	2 5 3 4 6	1		2	
	6 2 4 5 3	2		1	2
	2 3 4 5 6	2		1	2

At Rawmarsh, Yorkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 11th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (a variation of Taylor's Bob-and-Single peal) was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. F. Coates (conductor), 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; G. Briggs, 3; J. Hale, 4; G. Flint, 5; T. Lee, 6; A. Rodgers, 7; W. Coates, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

NOTICE.—A copy of the *Clavis* for sale, price 12s. RECEIVED ALSO:—Miss Godding, &c.

There are but few who can render much help—indeed, with few exceptions, all are fishermen—still, they do what they can. Their earnings are small; from 20*l.* to 30*l.* for the summer, and sometimes 10*l.* or 15*l.* in the spring. When I say that in six years the Church people of Port de Grave (900 in number) contributed 1000*l.* towards their new church, you will agree with me that they were not backward in giving. I received about 200*l.* more from other quarters. I am very anxious to build a chancel, and could do so if I could obtain 30*l.* more. I am sixty-eight years of age, and have a large family, and am therefore unwilling to advance or borrow the amount necessary. . . . Had I kept up correspondence with many I met during my last stay in England, in 1875, it is probable that my few wants would have met with a ready response; but my eyesight has for a long time been failing, and I do not care to use my pen frequently. Mr. Harvey asks, also, for a silver Communion service. I hope to collect sufficient to buy a chalice and paten. Will any one contribute towards the flagon? It will cost 18*l.* 10*s.* Mr. Harvey's only means of calling his congregation to church is by hoisting a flag. Will any one give him a bell? I shall be happy to receive any contributions for the above objects.

ISABEL MOORE.

Higham, Bournemouth.

SERVICES OF SONG.—'J. W. F.' writes:—'Will you or any of your readers kindly tell me of one or two Services of Song, of a good sound Church tone? I notice one for Harvest Time advertised in your columns, and should be glad to have the opinion of some one who has worked it.'

COMMUNICANTS' MEETINGS.—'B. A.' writes:—'Can any one recommend any book with prayers and instructions for communicants' meetings or classes? A book, I mean, giving prayers suitable for a meeting preparatory to a celebration of the Holy Communion. I do not mean for communicant classes alone, but one suitable to use with members who have been communicants for a greater or less period.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—C. M. O.; I. R. V.; Wm. Crompton; A. Reader; E. Ridgway; A. C. S.; G. Gregory; M. R. A. C.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, July 29th, 1882. Belfry open at two o'clock, or before if requested. Meeting at the Town Hall at half-past four. A tea will also be provided at the Town Hall at half-past five. Tickets, 1*s.* 6*d.* each. JOHN B. SEAMAN, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

Writtle Vicarage, Chelmsford.

The Peal at Leytonstone.

SIR,—I am pleased to see the composition of this peal of Treble Bob with nine bobs. As I expected, it is but a variation of the original peal, which is—tenor observation—in, out, in. This peal is, with second bell as observation from first lead, out, in, out. You may take any bell out of the five, and so get a peal. For instance, take the fifth, which goes out of the slow in the fourth lead of plain course, and call her out, in, out, and you have another 'new peal' if the above is one.

P.S. By looking at this peal in *Church Bells*, one would at first be inclined to think it contained twelve bobs, as the part-end has a —, signifying a bob lead, but which is a plain lead.

OXFORD AND KENT.

Mr. Barnett's New Peals.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to make a few remarks concerning the 720's of Bob Minor sent to you by Mr. Barnett? The one which appears on the 24th ult. is a variation of my 720 with 30 singles. If the calling of the 720 in question is commenced with the third lead, it will be seen that the first bob causes the ninth hand-stroke lead in the fourth part to turn up, when a portion is reversed, and the second bob brings up the ninth back-stroke lead in the second part, and the remainder of the calling is the same in each.

On the 8th inst. appears quite a collection. The first is the same as my 720 with 40 singles, but is called backwards, commencing with the sixth lead. The next three are the same as my 720 with 30 singles. The first is commenced with the first lead backwards; the second is commenced with the ninth lead; and the third is commenced with the second lead backwards. And it is most absurd to see that the tenors turn up only twice the right way in each of the last-named two.

With regard to the last two, which are in six parts, I discovered them about a year ago, but find they are variations of a very old 720 composed years ago, which can be found in *Rope-Sight*. It might be mentioned that each of my three 720's (which are in five parts) can be transposed twenty-four different ways. But each of these productions is but one composition.

J. J. PARKER.

Anniversary Dinner.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., the Birmingham St. Martin's Society held their 127th Annual Dinner at the 'Malt Shovel Inn,' Market Place, Lichfield. The Lichfield Society kindly conducted them over the fine old Cathedral. After dinner they rang at the Cathedral a touch of Stedman's Caters and Treble Bob Royal. The other part of the company in the meantime, assisted by the Lichfield Company, rang some good touches of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's. The day was finished by singing the National Anthem.

Visit of the Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars) to Dartford, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of this Society paid a visit to the above place, where they rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's

One-part) in 3 hrs. 3 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; H. Peirce, 2; J. W. Mansfield, 3; C. T. Hopkins, 4; H. Peirce, 5; G. Banks, 6; G. Newson, 7; H. Hopkins, 8. After the peal the ringers adjourned to the 'New Inn' for refreshment provided by the Dartford Society. After which touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples were rung on the hand-bells, returning afterwards to London.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Andrew's, Wraysbury, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 8th inst., a company of the Oxford Diocesan Guild from Farnham Royal and Slough visited Wraysbury, and rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. Leader, 1; F. Fells, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; W. Wilder, 4; C. Clark, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. They were then joined by the Rev. J. H. Hindson (Vicar) and his ringers, who rang for the visitors to hear the bells outside. They then returned to the tower, and, after having a pull with the Vicar, rang the accompanying peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 26½ mins. C. Chapman, 1; J. Parker (conductor), 2; F. Fells, 3; W. Wilder, 4; C. Clark, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, about 12 cwt. This 720 is the same as Mr. Hammond's, but is called backwards, commencing with the first lead. A single is required at the end of the third and sixth parts. A supper at the Vicarage finished the day's enjoyment.

At Woodford, Essex.

ON Monday, the 10th inst., the Widford ringers visited the above parish church and rang three 720's in the following methods, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise, in about 26 mins. each peal. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowland, 3; W. Hawkes, 4; T. Drake (conductor), 5; M. Rolfe, 6. Mr. H. Nunn, steeple-keeper, rang the treble to the peal of Oxford Treble Bob, and Mr. Ellsmore rang the treble to six-score of Superlative Surprise, all the other ringers standing the same. All members of the Essex Association. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Gillingham Tower, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 11th inst., this Society rang for practice a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. B. King, 1; A. Haigh, 2; J. McLeod, 3; W. King, 4; J. Tullett, 5; J. Baker, 6; E. Andrews (conductor), 7. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

	5216				
ON Saturday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5216 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 20 mins. A. Knights (composer and conductor), 1; C. H. Hattersley, 2; H. Madin, 3; T. Hattersley, 4; G. Flint, 5; J. Harris, 6; J. Hunt, 7; A. Rodgers, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. This peal has the 6th the extent each way in 5-6, all the 8 6 7's, and 8 6's, and had never been previously performed.	2 3 4 5 6	M.	D.	W.	I.
By using the alternative calling in the eighth and ninth courses the peal is reduced to 5088.	5 2 3 6 4	-	-	2	
	2 4 3 6 5	2	-	1	2
	5 6 3 4 2	2	-	2	1
	2 5 4 6 3	-	-	2	2
	5 3 4 6 2	2	-	1	2
	3 6 2 4 5	2	-		
	4 3 6 5 2	-	-	2	
	4 6 5 3 2	1	-	2	2
	6 2 5 3 4	2	-	1	2
	2 3 6 4 5	-	-		
	5 2 4 3 6	-	-	2	2
	5 6 3 2 6	1	-	2	2
	6 4 2 3 5	2	-		2
	2 5 3 4 6	2	-	2	2
	2 3 4 5 6	1	-	2	2

At St. Andrew's, Keighley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 6624 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 48 mins. A. Anderson, 1; B. Lightfoot, 2; W. Mallinson, 3; J. McKell, 4; W. Wilks, 5; J. T. Middlebrook, 6; C. Lancaster, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The peal—which contains the sixty course-ends in the least number of changes yet obtained, and had never been previously performed—was composed by N. J. Pitso.

At St. Mary's, Farnham Royal, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. by W. Fussell, 1; F. Fells, 2; J. Parker (conductor), 3; A. Batten, 4; G. Buckland, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5002 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 26 mins. J. Pettit, 1; R. French, 2; G. Mash, 3; W. Cecil, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; F. E. Dawe, 7; J. W. Rowbotham, 8; E. Horrex, 9; G. P. Crossman, 10 (first peal). Tenor, 21 cwt., in F. The peal was composed by H. W. Haley and conducted by J. Pettit.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

ON Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., six members of the Darlington branch of the Durham Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. W. J. Blakiston,* 1; J. H. Blakiston,* 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. H. Whitfield,* 4; W. Patton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. [* First peal in the Oxford Variation.]

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. by H. Cave, 1; J. Gardner, 2; W. Fairclough, 3; J. Orme, 4; J. Walker, 5; C. Sharples (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. The peal was composed by John Aspinwall of Liverpool.

RECEIVED ALSO:—J. N. Robinson, Bath; Waltham Abbey; H. Tipper; and others.

—often being very learned men, and belonging to the oldest families of France. I had the good fortune to meet several priests and two Bishops. They received me most kindly, and spoke of England with respect—even with affection. The fact is, that Protestant England has treated them better than Roman Catholic France. They know that, at any rate, there they will find a harbour of kindly toleration and good will when it is denied them elsewhere. Thirdly, your correspondent has contrasted the appearance of religious unity in France with that of religious discord in England. Unfortunately, the religious unity in France is only the result of religious apathy. Better far that we should have sects and schisms than atheism and gross superstition. Fourthly, amid the gloom of religious apathy in France, there are gleams of light. The immediate effect of priestcraft has been 'la libre pensée.' But this is merely a transitory effect which cannot last. Frenchmen, like their fellow kind in all ages and all over the world, will not be content in the long run with merely negatives. Some form of positive or dogmatic religion will again assert its sway on the national life. Whether it is to be looked for in the modified form of Roman Catholicism as taught by Pere Hyacinthe, or from some other source, remains to be seen. But two things, I think, are certain—as certain as any which humanity can foretell: one is, that France will never become Protestant; the other is, that she will not remain, in her past or even present sense, Roman Catholic.

C. E. S. RATCLIFFE, M.A., *Late Chaplain of Lyons.*

The Patronage Question.

SIR,—As you have permitted the insertion in your last issue of some very political allusions in Mr. F. C. Green's letter, wherein he sneers at the late Government for its Public Worship Act and Church Appointments, and talks of the 'advantage of having a thorough Churchman (*sic*) at the head of the Government,' now, perhaps you will allow me to remind him that the Public Worship Act was supported as much by the Bishops nominated by the present as by the late Premier, and that the Bishop of Manchester, a nominee of Mr. Gladstone, tells us that Mr. Green has 'locked the prison doors from the inside;' that the late Government gave us an extension of the Episcopate which had been in vain sought from previous 'liberal' Governments; that the late Government rejected the unjust Burials Bill, petitioned against by 15,000 of the clergy, but supported and since carried and legalised by that 'thorough Churchman,' the present Premier; that the Bill to legalise what the Catholic Church has for centuries held to be 'incestuous marriages' has been steadily opposed by Conservatives as a rule, and as steadily supported by the 'thorough Churchman' and (with some happy exceptions) his Radical colleagues; whilst the 'thorough Churchman' first achieved his position as Prime Minister by his onslaught on the Church of Ireland. As an ex-M.P. of some twenty years' experience, I can form a pretty good opinion of the value of this steady 'Churchmanship.' I could enumerate many other points of contrast with the same result, especially in the treatment of the questions of education, 'elementary' and 'endowed.' But I have said enough, I think, to show that those who trust to Mr. Gladstone to support the Church are relying on a broken reed. Truly 'one man may steal a horse whilst another may not look over a hedge.'

I deprecate party politics in your impartial columns, but in common fairness I ask the insertion of these remarks in reply to those of your correspondent.

AN EX-M.P.

Is it wise to consecrate Churches?

SIR,—I have just chanced to read 'E. T.'s' question on my letter with the above title. It appears in *Church Bells* of July 1; but I have not observed it until now. He asks you 'what I mean?' I will, through you, tell him. I mean, then, that every church which is consecrated is legally made over to the Church of England as its property for its purposes. And, further, that of late years legislators have held and taught that whatever belongs to the Church is the property of the State to do with as it likes. Further, that the State has already acted precisely on these lines in reference to the Burials Bill. Further, that on the Continent all churches, cathedrals, and Church property, have been appropriated by the Government as its own, in France, in Germany, and in Belgium. I believe that in all of these countries it is so. Further, that the University and Education Laws have each proceeded upon the presumption that the State can do as it likes with church possessions. Further, that Mr. Leatham's Patronage Bill is really one great movement in the same direction, having for its object to make all private patronage into public patronage, and then one more step will do all else that is wanting to secure confiscation. And if 'E. T.' with all these facts before him, is so happy as to think me lugubrious for just recommending that it would be wise to convey new churches to trustees, and by avoiding consecration to avoid confiscation, I only hope he may never have reason to see that he lives in any other paradise than a real and enduring one.

H. G. O.

P.S.—There is neither meaning nor point in his second question, 'Is it wise to consecrate Bishops, or ordain clergymen?' Let us hope there will be a faithful ministry, even although every church be confiscated.

'Church Bells' in Canada.

SIR,—The response to my appeal for read copies of *Church Bells* to be sent to settlers in the backwoods has been a most hearty one, and I confess that it exceeds all that I ventured to hope for. But many of my generous friends are falling into a serious mistake, and prefixing the settler's name by 'Rev.' Now I have not sent home one clergyman's name, only the names of *bonâ fide* settlers, whose houses I wished to brighten, and whose hearts I hoped to cheer, by letting them see that Christian brethren thought of them in their loneliness, and had a sincere desire that none should feel himself as isolated from all good as the situation of his life might tempt him to think. If it could be so, I would we had a great increase of clergy, for there is ample room for four travelling parsons in my district, but at present I am alone in the field. We purpose opening All Saints' Church, at Burk's Falls, (p.v.) on Sunday, August 6th, next, and I ask for the prayers of my brethren on behalf of that church. This will be the sixteenth place

of worship it has been my privilege to be the means of erecting, and such a blessing has been vouchsafed to my efforts that I am enabled to set on foot the erection of *five more*. The advent of such papers as *Church Bells* is telling, and telling most materially, upon the attendance at these churches; and such a spirit is being stirred up, that the settlers will not rest until they have many more services than are now possible. Brothers and Sisters at home, let me urge upon you 'not to be weary in well-doing.' The sender of one good Church paper, I can fearlessly say, is a *Missionary* of the strongest type, and a blessing to the house which he cheers by sending the paper. Then, one and all, 'Go on!'

WILLIAM CROMPTON, *Travelling Clergyman, Dio. of Algoma.*
Aspin P. O. Muskoka, Canada.

'LUNG GYMNASTICS.'—'St. E.', referring to *Church Bells* for 15th July, asks what 'lung gymnastics' are, and how to practise them? Does Mr. E. Behnke teach them?

'I. MOORE, Higham, Bournemouth,' has received from Lancaster two Postal Orders for 1*l.* for Port de Grave. No name attached. Many thanks.

RECEIVED ALSO:—C. M. OWEN; C. POYNDER; E. L. H. TEW; G. V.; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THIS Society held its Second Annual Festival at Oxford on Tuesday, the 18th inst. The day was fortunately one of the few fine ones of this inclement summer, and the proceedings were attended with complete success. A touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. J. R. Haworth of London (a member of the Guild), was rung by a side of Oxford ringers on the Christ Church bells before the service, which was held in the Cathedral at 11.30, and at which an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Hook, rector of Porlock. The members then assembled in the Chapter House, where they were most warmly welcomed by Canon Bright, to whom—as representing the Dean and Chapter—the Master of the Guild (Rev. F. E. Robinson) tendered their grateful thanks for the kindness of their reception. The transaction of the necessary business was then proceeded with, under the presidency of the Archdeacon of Berks; and the Secretary made the gratifying statement that the Guild now mustered 172 honorary and 303 ringing members, making a total of 475. A few slight alterations in the rules having been made, dinner was served at two o'clock in Christ Church Hall, which was kindly lent for the occasion by the Governing Body of the House. Several toasts were proposed and acknowledged, after which the party separated for the real work of the day, and rang at the following towers, which were generously placed at their disposal—Christ Church and Magdalen for ten-bell ringers; New College and Merton for eight-bell ringers; St. Mary Magdalene, St. Thomas the Martyr, St. Aldate's, Holywell, and St. Giles's parish churches, for six-bell ringers. The total number of members present was 190. No long peals were attempted, as so many members were anxious to ring. A good touch of Grandsire Caters was rung at Magdalen. G. Fussell, 1; J. Lapworth, 2; J. R. Haworth, 3; — Collier, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; O. Thomas, 6; S. Buckle, 7; J. Boots, 8; C. Hounslow (conductor), 9; W. Finch, 10. One of the best touches of the day was one of Grandsire Triples (508) at New College, which was conducted by Mr. Haworth. It contained the changes known as Queen's and Tittums, and came round at hand. J. Eastman, 1; J. Howe, 2; T. Newman, 3; W. Bennett, 4; J. R. Haworth, 5; G. Hodfield, 6; W. Newell, 7; J. Sadler, 8. The Rev. Dolben Paul and other members of the Committee visited the towers during the afternoon, and ringing was kept up till dusk.

Church Bell-ringers' Association for the Bath and Keynsham Deaneries.

AT the Guildhall, Bath, on the 19th inst., a meeting took place for the purpose of inaugurating a Church Bell-ringers' Association for the Bath and Keynsham Deaneries. About 100 gentlemen sat down to tea, and at the after meeting the Rev. Canon Brooke, rector of Bath, took the chair, being supported on the platform by Canon Bernard, Rev. J. H. Gray, Keynsham; Rev. E. J. Harford, Rev. C. W. Hony, vicar of Bishop's Cannings, Devizes; Rev. E. Lascelles, Rev. W. S. Shaw, Rev. R. E. Washer, Rev. W. T. H. Wilson, and Messrs. J. G. Willis, Newton; and F. S. S. Torr, Keynsham. The Chairman having made a few remarks, the Rev. W. S. Shaw expressed his gratification at seeing such a large attendance. The objects of the Association were to bring bell-ringers together, for it was thought that by so doing the whole character of bell-ringing would be raised, and it would be pleasant and useful for ringers to meet together. He did not know that in this part of the world they were so far advanced in bell-ringing as they were in many parts of the country, and he thought it would be very desirable to find some one to undertake the office of instructor, to visit the various towers from time to time, and to put ringers in the way of advancing in what he (the speaker) believed to be the very high art of change-ringing. He was glad to see that the ringer was now taking his place as an officer of the Church. The Rev. C. W. Hony, vicar of Bishop's Cannings, Devizes, Secretary of the North Wilts Guild of Ringers, next spoke, and explained the mode in which the Association would be worked. He expressed the hope that the funds raised would be sufficient to enable them to obtain a paid instructor. The Rev. W. S. Shaw spoke of this as a step toward the Diocesan Association to which he looked forward. The meeting next proceeded to consider a code of rules drawn up upon the basis of existing associations. This code was exhaustively discussed and adopted, with some alterations. It was stated that it was hoped to obtain the Bishop of the Diocese as president, and the subscriptions were fixed at 1*s.* for ringing, and 5*s.* for honorary members, a subscription of two guineas constituting the donor a life member. The Rev. Canon Brooke was

appointed chairman, and the Rev. W. S. Shaw hon. secretary *pro tem*. The meeting terminated with votes of thanks, and a selection of hand-bell ringing by the St. Michael and St. James's hand-bell ringers.

At Coldash, near Newbury, Berks.—Hand-bell Ringing.

A VERY successful Hand-bell Competition took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in a rural district of Berkshire, rich in bells but somewhat deficient in science, and has, we trust, awakened a new interest in the art. The Rev. J. M. Bacon (a member of the Society of College Youths), having called to his aid the able services of Mr. J. R. Haworth (of London) as Judge and Instructor, brought seven of the principal teams on to his picturesque grounds at Coldash, and succeeded in gaining the greatest applause for his men, after a creditable performance on a new set of twenty-three bells. The meeting, which was largely attended by all classes, had for its main object the imparting of a healthy impetus to change-ringing, and establishing a good moral tone and good fellowship among the ringers; and a short but excellent address was given by the Hon. and Rev. J. H. Nelson, rector of Shaw, several other clergymen being present. It is hoped that the competition will be repeated another year on a larger scale.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the above Association was held at Redenhall on Monday, the 17th inst., and was well attended by ringers from various parts of the diocese. Ringing commenced at an early hour, a band having started for a peal of Kent Treble Bob before the arrival of the general company, but owing to the slipping of a rope they came to a stand after having rung about an hour. Ringing was kept up until the dinner-hour, when the company sat down to an excellent cold collation in a marquee erected by the kind permission of the Venerable Archdeacon Perowne in the Rectory grounds. The Archdeacon himself presided, supported by the Revs. C. F. Blyth, N. Bolingbroke, H. E. Bulwer, and G. H. Harris (Secretary); G. F. W. Meadows, Esq., H. A. O. Mackenzie, Esq.; and the post of Vice-Chairman being occupied by Gervas Holmes, Esq., with whom was Captain Moore, Master of the Redenhall Company. Dinner being ended, and the usual loyal toasts having been loyally proposed and received, the Chairman gave 'Success to the Association' in a graceful and genial speech, in which he heartily welcomed the Association to Redenhall, and after eulogising and commending the objects which the Association had in view, expressed, amid loud cheers, his hope that the visit would be repeated. The Rev. G. H. Harris (Secretary) replied, and two honorary members having been elected, the Rev. J. A. Whistler of Banham, and M. C. Potter, Esq. (Master of the Cambridge University Society), one performing member, and three probationers, the company left the tables, and a select band rang some touches of Stedman's Triples. Short pieces of Grandsire and Treble Bob by other bands were rung, when the majority of the visitors were obliged to leave to visit the Redenhall bell-foundry. A large body of practical ringers inspected the ring of eight bells recently turned out and mounted on an iron frame at the foundry, and then examined the various improvements lately introduced in the hanging and fitting of church bells. The visitors were much pleased with all they saw and heard in the tone of the new bells, the 'go' of the bells seeming to be almost perfection.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A RINGING Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday last at St. Luke's, Heywood, when there was a fair attendance of ringers. Several touches of Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon; also courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the hand-bells.

W. J. CHATTERTON, {
JOEL REDFORD, { Hon. Secs.

The Redenhall Bell-Foundry.

In past times the bell-foundries of the Eastern counties had a name in the ringing world. Miles Graye of Colchester, and the foundry connected with the monastic establishment at Bury, left much of their work in the church towers of Suffolk and Norfolk. In recent times bell-founding has been abandoned, but the Redenhall Company, Messrs. Holmes, Moore, and Mackenzie, have begun afresh in the pleasant border village of Redenhall, near Harleston. They have determined to bring all the advantages of modern science to bear on their work. What our forefathers did (and did well) by 'rule of thumb,' is being done by mathematical calculation to three or four points of decimals. Given certain diameters of the varying circumferences of a bell, and blend them together in a form, and if the integral rings are mathematically correct the bell itself must be equally so. These principles have guided the firm of Messrs. Holmes, Moore, and Mackenzie, of the Redenhall Bell-Foundry. On Thursday a series of carillon performances by Mr. Mackenzie were executed on a fine ring of eight, just cast by this firm. When we say that the tone of the bells is pure without any double vibrations, this will be quite sufficient for professional ringers, but to the uninitiated it would be well to say that this means the absence of the horrible clash of two vibrations, produced by the different portions of the bell vibrating out of synchronous order. This grand essential of one pure vibration has been scientifically and carefully attained by the above-named firm, whose latest ring of eight are as follows:—The tenor, 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs.; 7th, 11 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lbs.; 6th, 9 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lbs.; 5th, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.; 4th, 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.; 3rd, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.; 2nd, 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 3½ lbs.; and treble, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs.: together, 64 cwt. 0 qr. 16½ lbs. Mr. Mackenzie played several airs, sacred and secular, and brought out the tone of the bells in an admirable manner, although even this could not equal the effect of 'raised' bells. In the latter case a most valuable and clever patented management of the clapper is shown, by means of which, in the 'swing' of the bell, the centrifugal force drives the hammer-head to its furthest extent, where it strikes the bell; and immediately after it falls on to a shoulder, leaving the bell to vibrate freely, just as a pianoforte hammer does the string after striking it. These eight bells are hung, just as they might be on a steeple, without the cumbersome timbers of old belfries, and

the whole eight work on gun-metal bearings, with self-oiling appliances. Altogether, bells and iron frames only occupy a space of 13 ft. by 13 ft. 6 in., with ample room for each bell, its pulley-wheel, and the iron eyelet for the rope to pass through, obviating the snapping of the ropes while ringing. Dr. Bridge, the organist of Westminster Abbey, paid these works a visit last week, and expressed his great delight with the ring, which he tested for pure musical effect in every way. The metal is the best that can be obtained, and the appliances are perfect.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Waltham Abbey, Essex.—Hand-bell Ringing.

On Friday, the 14th inst., two ringers from Birmingham and two from Waltham met at Mr. T. Powell's, Market Place, and succeeded in ringing upon the hand-bells (retained in hand) a twenty-course peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 37 mins. D. Tarling, 1-2; W. A. Alps, 3-4; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 5-6; G. A. Taylor, 7-8. Referee—Mr. G. Thurgood, who marked the peal off as it was rung. Witnesses—Mr. T. Powell and Mr. T. Britton.

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2 3 4 7 6 5	S . .	4 3 2 5 6 7	S . .
4 3 7 2	S S	2 3 5 4	S S
7 3 2 4	S S	5 3 4 2	S S
3 2 4 7	S .	3 4 2 5	S .
4 2 7 3	S S	4 2 5 3	S .
7 2 3 4	S S		
Three times repeated		1st Part. Four times	
produce—		produce—	
3 4 5 7 6 2	1 2 3	2 5 3 7 6 4	1 2 3
3 4 5 2 6 7	S . .	2 5 3 4 6 7	S . .
5 4 2 3	S S	3 5 4 2	S S
4 2 3 5	S .	4 5 2 3	S S
3 2 5 4	S S	5 2 3 4	S .
2 5 4 3	S .	3 2 4 5	S S
5 4 3 2	S .	2 4 5 3	S .
		4 5 3 2	S .
		3 5 2 4	S S
1st Part. Four times		1st Part. Four times	
produce—		produce—	

J. CARTER.

At Higher Walton, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., six members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, in 29 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Eastwood, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Patteson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At Church, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., five ringers from Accrington, with H. Hayes of Church, rang for morning service a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with 9 bobs, in 28 mins. A. Scholes* (conductor), 1; R. Scholes, 2; H. Hayes, 3; J. Hindle, 4; J. H. Fish, 5; D. C. Pierce,* 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [*Members of the Lancashire Association of Six-bell Ringers.]

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

On Thursday, the 20th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society rang W. Royle's Five-part peal of 5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 26 mins. J. Griffin (conductor), 1; E. I. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; A. Wakley, 4; J. Jaggar, 5; F. W. Appleby, 6; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Willesden, Middlesex.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 25 mins. by W. Kendall, 1; F. Wear,* 2; H. Cutter,* 3; W. A. Tyler* (conductor), 4; R. Kilby,* 5; J. Jackman,* 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. [*College Youths.]

At All Saints', Otley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 3 mins. C. Ralph, 1; M. Tomlinson, 2; J. Baldwin, 3; S. Brown, 4; D. E. Rhodes, 5; T. Lockwood, 6; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 7; J. Barraclough (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by L. Cawood. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Edward the Confessor's, Romford, Essex.

On Saturday evening, the 23rd inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 24 mins. J. Goblett, 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; A. J. Perkins, 3; H. Randall, 4; W. Doran, 5; J. Hannington, 6; S. Jarman, 7; G. Newson (conductor), 8. This peal was composed by Mr. G. Newson, and was first rung at Barking by the Essex Association, May 21st, 1881, the composition being given in this paper the following week. There has only been one peal besides this rung in the present tower—that being Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples in September last, by the same Society. The last peal of Treble Bob (which was rung in the old tower) was in the Oxford variation, a 5248, composed and conducted by G. Gross, also rung by the Cumberland Youths, February 1811. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At All Saints', Poplar, Middlesex.

On Monday, the 24th inst., ten members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang Mr. John Cox's peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 19 mins. H. Scarlett,* 1; C. T. Hopkins, 2; E. Barnett,* 3; J. Mansfield, 4; G. Newson, 5; H. Randall, 6; W. Doran, 7; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 8; S. Jarman, 9; F. Searle, 10. Tenor, 25½ cwt. [*First peal on ten bells. † ditto inside.]

RECEIVED ALSO.—Tim Bobbin; G. Short; and others.

Sun, that is, with Christ; she hath the moon, that is, the changeable things
 of the world, under feet; and the twelve stars with which she is crowned are
 the twelve Apostles; she is in labour and pain, whilst she brings forth her
 children, and Christ in them. in the midst of afflictions and persecutions.'

It thus appears that many parts of the sacred Scriptures have been interpreted by Roman Catholic Churchmen of authority as relating to Christ and His spouse the Church, and that sometimes the same portions of the sacred Scriptures have been interpreted as relating to the Virgin Mary. While such a double and doubtful meaning is thus given to Word of God, it is a matter of no wonder that a similar confusion has arisen concerning many ancient sculptures in the Roman Church, and one cannot be surprised if what was originally (as Mr. Parker declares) intended to represent Christ crowning His spouse the Church, has been interpreted during recent centuries to illustrate the fable of the crowning of the Virgin Mary. I hope that Mr. Parker's letter will cause others to look closely into the facts of the case, and to give to the world the benefit of any thing they can offer.

G. V.

Clerical Boycotting.

Sir,—I have read 'J. F.'s' article in your number for July 8 referring to the sale of Advowsons, and I would suggest in reply that he and his new friends, the Curate 'Boycotters' of owners of Advowsons who may be compelled to sell, may, under the guise of zeal for the Church's interest, but really with a longing eye to the loaves and fishes, be as guilty of robbery of the widow and orphan as the Boycotters in Ireland have proved themselves, and may thereby bring upon themselves a curse and not a blessing. I know an instance, and I think it not an uncommon one, of a clergyman who, nearly thirty years ago, long after his induction, purchased the advowson of his living by public auction, by the advice of his lawyer and banker, to make provision for his family after his death. He sold out his life assurance policy, and, being a poor man, borrowed money on the mortgage of his advowson to pay the purchase-money, and, to this day, he is paying annual interest thereon. He did this, fully convinced that he was not infringing the letter or the spirit of the law. The action suggested by 'J. F.' and taken by his Boycotting friends would make this clergyman powerless to sell, and would leave his family not merely penniless, but in debt to the lender of the purchase-money, and with no means to pay dilapidations or other debts. Surely this is clearly robbery, equally with the action of the Land Leaguers and Fenians. All the expedients suggested in the article alluded to would fail to put one penny into the hands of the family for whom the clergyman had hoped he had made fair and honest provision; they must be beholden to the Clerical Widows' and Orphans' Fund, or the workhouse. If the family of Mr. Gladstone, the Premier, could receive so many thousands in remuneration of their losses by the Act which gave freedom to their slaves, is it not fair to suppose that the owners of advowsons, purchased with the sanction of law, ought to be remunerated at the rate of their present value? And what shall be said of the claims of those who purchased advowsons from the Lord Chancellor, under distinct conditions laid down by the late Lord Westbury? It has been proved again and again that the sale of the temporalities of the Church is not 'the sale of souls,' as the Boycotters publicly announce with unblushing effrontery at the sales. Surely it has been declared by more than one bishop that those presented to livings purchased by relatives and friends are quite as faithful, and in many instances far more so, than Fellows of Colleges, too long acquainted with 'the Common Room,' or those 'first on the list' of Lord Chancellors. The proposals of the Curatos' Alliance are so wild, and their proceedings at public auctions so outrageous, I trust they will prove there is too much of the Land League spirit in them to commend them to the notice of patrons, or of incumbents who prefer curates of humble minds and loving hearts to the rowdy spirits of these clerical Boycotters.

A READER.

Audible Voice.

Sir,—I lately attended a celebration in a church in London of great celebrity. The celebration was on a week-day, and of course not many people were present. I am by no means 'hard of hearing,' and I was a short distance from the celebrant. I solemnly declare that I do not know what took place, for I never heard four sentences throughout the entire service, except the words used in communicating. I do not know whether the Commandments were read or omitted. I think they were omitted. I do not know if the Epistle and Gospel were read or not, but as one person stood up for a short time I fancy he knew that the Gospel was being read.

When I mentioned these circumstances some time after to a regular communicant and parishioner, he told me that the subject had been spoken of, in vain; and that not a few of the regular worshippers attended, taking no part in the (inaudible) office, but reading books of private devotion instead, leaving the priest to perform his function. Is this wise? Is it right? Can it be pleasing to Him to Whom all our worship is addressed? A VERY HEARTY CHURCHMAN.

Enclosing Leaflets.

SIR,—Would some of the numerous readers of *Church Bells* be kind enough to recommend me as to a nice and suitable leaflet or small tract adapted for enclosing with letters? I should wish to know of two kinds—one for enclosing to those whom I thought were yet in their sins, and the other for those whom I thought had found the Saviour.

LAT DEACON.

THE REV. H.R. HOLME, Rector of Bassettville, and Chaplain of the Gaol, St. Kitts, W. Indies, writes:— 'Will you kindly allow me to appeal to the clergy through your columns for any copies of the old edition of *Hymns A. & M.* for the use of the prisoners in the gaol of this island? MESSRS. Rowse & Son, 31 Cheapside, will forward any parcels that may be sent. There are about 100 prisoners on an average, and there is a regular Sunday service for them, but they have no hymn-books.'

RECEIVED ALSO—J. N. B. Woodroffe; A Seaman; C.; F. C. Green; T. Fenton; Emil Behnke; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Handbell Performance.

On Friday evening, the 28th ult., four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang at the house of Mr. Making, St. Paul's Churchyard, London, a peal of Grandsire Triples on hand-bells (retained in hand), containing 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 28 mins. E. Horrex, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; R. French, 5-6; J. W. Rowbotham, 7-8. The peal (Reeve's Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal) was conducted by Mr. French. Mr. John Cox kindly acted as umpire, and took off the peal as it was rung. Messrs. Haworth and Greenleaf being present, testified their approval of the good striking throughout. This is the first time the above peal was rung in hand. [All members also of the Yorkshire Association.]

Progress of Hand-bell Music in India.

MESSRS. WARNER have received the following order for hand-bells from the Bishop of Madras :—

‘GENTLEMEN,—Will you be so good as to let me have a set of twenty-five musical hand-bells, No. 22 size, in C, two octaves, in chromatic scale? I have named your highest size, supposing it likely to be the most musical; and mellow; but if some other size is sweeter and more mellow, I should prefer it. I am particularly desirous that the sounds should be free from harshness and shrillness. On my last visit to the Telugu district, between the Kistna and Godavery rivers, north of Madras, I was very much pleased by hearing a set of your bells played by some boys of the Mission school at Raghapur, whom the missionary’s wife, Mrs. Stone, daughter of the late Archdeacon Hore, had instructed in the art. I know of no other set of your hand-bells in the Madras presidency, but think that they might be introduced into some of our schools with advantage. If you are disposed to send me some of your advertisements, and half-a-dozen copies of the *A. B. C. of Musical Bell-ringing*, I should be happy to circulate them.

‘I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,
‘Ootacamund, S. India. (Signed) ‘F. MADRAS.’

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. James's, South Anston, Yorkshire.

On Sunday, the 23rd ult., the Eekington Society of SS. Peter and Paul, Derbyshire, rang for service a peal of 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and New London Pleasure in 50 mins. G. Smith, 1; H. Madin, 2; J. Shaw, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor) 5; T. Lunn, 6. Also a peal of 720 each of Violet and Oxford Treble Bob in 51 mins. H. Mothershall, 1; W. Price, 2; W. Hargreaves, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor. 12 cwt.

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

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., on the occasion of opening the New Corn Exchange, the following members of the Ipswich branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, with W. Ireland of Diss, rang a peal of 5082 Grandire Cinques in 3 hrs. 51 mins. The peal has 4, 5, 6, twelve courses each before the 8th. W. L. Catchpole (composer and conductor), 1; R. H. Brundle, 2; W. Ireland, 3; I. S. Alexander, 4; J. Fosdike, 5; E. Pemberton, 6; C. Saul,* 7; H. Bowell, 8; R. Hawes, 9; S. Tillet,* 10; E. Reeve, 11; J. Miller,* 12. Tenor, 32 cwt. [* First peal.]

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2 5 6 3 4	11 ,, 4	6 3 4 2 5	11 ,, 4
6 2 5 3 4	7 ,, 4	3 2 4 6 5	11 ,, 4
5 6 2 3 4	7 ,, 4	4 3 2 6 5	7 ,, 4
6 3 2 5 4	11 ,, 4	2 4 3 6 5	7 ,, 4
3 5 2 6 4	11 ,, 4	4 6 3 2 5	11 ,, 4
2 3 5 6 4	7 ,, 4	6 2 3 4 5	11 ,, 4
5 2 3 6 4	7 ,, 4	3 6 2 4 5	7 ,, 4
2 6 3 5 4	11 ,, 4	2 3 6 4 5	7 ,, 4
6 5 3 2 4	11 ,, 4	3 4 6 2 5	11 ,, 4
3 6 5 2 4	7 ,, 4 part end		part end

The last twelve courses repeated produce 3 5 4 2 6 and rounds by calling at 1, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 1.

At St. Paul's, Hammersmith, Middlesex.

On Wednesday, the 26th ult., a farewell touch was rung previous to the demolition of the old parish church. C. Begent, 1; W. Fisher, 2; J. Wale, 3; W. Best, 4; E. L. Dale, 5; A. Croucher, 6; W. Loader, 7; J. M. Day, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. 3 qrs. Owing to the bad state of the bells no long touches could be had.

At St. John's, Loughton, Essex.

On Friday, the 28th ult., being the 21st birthday of Mr. Gardom of Wanstead, Holt's Original peal of 5640 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 59 mins. by eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society. H. Gooch, 1; J. Gobbett, 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; E. Barnett, 4; H. Scarlett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor). 6: W. Doran, 7; S. Jarman, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At All Saints', Ilkley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins. by the Yorkshire Association. R. S. Ambler, 1; J. Barracough, 2; B. Copley, 3; J. Broadley, 4; D. E. Rhodes, 5; J. Baldwin, 6; J. Standeven, 7; J. W. Snowden, Esq. (conductor), 8. Composer, N. J. Pitstow. Tenor, 18 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Rev. W. S. Grindle, Coldash (we will make inquiry): Eitham, Padiham; Brigg; and others.

SERVICES OF SONG.—In reply to 'J. W. F.', 'X. T.' heartily recommends a Service of Song by C. E. Kettle, entitled *Looking unto Jesus*, and published by Weekes & Co., Hanover Street, London. Price 4d.

SPECTACLES FOR THE POOR.—The Rev. A. G. C. wishes to hear of any ophthalmic institution where he could be supplied with spectacles *gratis*, to be issued to persons unable to purchase them. He also asks for a few plain rules for ascertaining the kind of spectacles needed in the ordinary cases that would come before him.

'REV. W. FITZPATRICK.'—The pressure on our space is so great that we are unable to insert appeals, unless under very exceptional circumstances, in our Correspondence columns. Our Advertisement columns are open for the purpose.

'H. G.' writes:—Can you, or any of your readers, let me know of a book or tract likely to be helpful to a working man whose belief in a future life has been unsettled by listening to Mr. Bradlaugh?

RECEIVED ALSO:—An Original Member H. R. S.; G. A. Spottiswoode: C. Brightmer Trollope; J. C. H.; Fair Play; W. A. C.; C. Brown; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Bell-ringers' Association at Bath.

A MEETING was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday, the 18th ult., for the purpose of forming a Bath and Keynsham United Deanery Association of Church Bell-ringers. The Rev. Canon Brooke (rector of Bath) presided, and there were also present upon the platform the Revs. Canon Bernard, W. Stokes Shaw, E. J. Harford, W. T. H. Wilson, R. E. Washer, E. Lascelles, C. W. Hony, J. H. Gray; Messrs. J. F. T. Tarr, and J. G. Willis. There was a very large attendance. The Chairman called upon the Rev. W. Stokes Shaw to address the meeting, who said he had no idea when the meeting was announced that it would be so largely attended. Hitherto ringing had been regarded by the clergy as a plague, but now he was glad to see that church bell-ringers were taking their place as actual officers of the Church, their work being considered one of no secondary importance. After the Association was thoroughly started it would be a very desirable thing to find some one who would take the part of instructor in bell-ringing and change-ringing. The Rev. C. W. Hony, vicar of Bishop's Canning, Devizes, and secretary of the North Wilts Guild of Ringers, next addressed the meeting. He said that one of the chief objects of such an association was that the true position of the ringers should be recognised, and that they should be regarded as church officers doing good work for the Church. He thought Mr. Shaw's proposition of having an instructor in change-ringing was a capital idea, for it was very difficult for a set of young men to commence change-ringing without instruction. The proposed Rules of the Association were then discussed, some few alterations being made, and it was decided to include a president and vice-president in the list of officers, the Rev. W. S. Shaw suggesting that they should endeavour to get the Bishop of the diocese to fill that office, for they hoped that in time the Association would become a diocesan and not a deanery one. The subscriptions were fixed at 1s. for ringing members, and 5s. for honorary members, two guineas being a life subscription.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Change-ringers' Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association will take place, *p.v.*, at Bristol, on Monday, the 28th inst. All members and friends are particularly requested to be at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, for Divine service, by 10.25, and to proceed to the Colston Room at the south-east corner of the churchyard for the business meeting immediately afterwards. Dinner will be at the 'Ship Inn,' Redcliffe Hill, at 1 o'clock, at 2s. 6d. per head. Performing members will be allowed the usual 1s. 6d. towards this, provided they have given notice through their committee-man; or if belonging to no company, direct to me, before the 21st inst.

France Lynch, Chalford Hill, Stroud.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting was held at Barking on Saturday, July 29th, when a small muster of members of several neighbouring companies took place, and touches with good striking were rung during the evening. The Curate-in-charge, Rev. F. P. H. Powell, presided in the absence of Bishop Blomfield, and an excellent tea was provided in the Town Hall under the direction of Mr. Davies.

New Bells at St. Budeock's, Cornwall.

A NEW ring of six bells, to take the place of three old ones, have been hung in St. Budeock Church, Falmouth, on new fittings and chime apparatus complete. The bells have the following inscriptions:—Treble: 'In principio creavit Deus cælum et terram.' Second: 'Attingit a fine usque ad finem fortiter.' Third: 'Vox clamantis in deserto: Parate viam Domini.' Fourth: 'Magnificat anima mea Dominum. Ad Dei gloriam et in piam Ricardi Michell Hodge de Menhay in ista parochia Memoriam. Maria ipsius vidua me deaviv tristis semper autem gaudens.' Fifth: 'Factum est regnum hujus mundi Domini nostri et Christi ejus, mccccxxxii. E. W. Benson, Episcopo; W. J. Phillpotts, Vicario; M. V. Bull et B. Mannell, Custodibus.' Tenor: 'Ecce nova facio omnia.' The bells are in the key of G, from the White-chapel foundry, and are hung by Mr. W. Aggett, of Chagford, Devon.

Reopening of the Church Bells at Sandbach, Cheshire.

IN consequence of a fire damaging the framework and bell-fittings, the whole has been restored by putting new beams where required and rehanging the whole of the ring by Messrs. Gillett & Bland of Croydon, under the superintendence of Mr. H. Boswell; and on Monday, the 31st ult., the bells were again rung for the first time since the fire. A touch of 1000 Grandsire Triples was rung by the ringers of Sandbach, assisted by Mr. H. Boswell. The ringers were entertained to a good supper at the 'Old Hall,' and a pleasant evening was spent, the ringers enlivening the party by touches of changes on their musical handbells. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

Carillons at the Town Hall, Hove, Sussex.

ON the 1st inst. carillons by those world-wide manufacturers, Messrs. Gillett and Bland of Croydon, were opened at the Town Hall, Hove. The clock and bells are all by the same firm. There are twelve bells, fitted with all modern improvements.

Prize-ringing in Cornwall.

WE are sorry to see that this useless expenditure of money is very dominant in Cornwall; it is most destructive of all progress in belfry reform and scientific change-ringing. We may be excused for being so earnest in a cause we have much at heart, and calling upon the principal clergy, and especially those in higher authority, to set their faces against all such wasteful expenditure of money for the benefit of the village publicans.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Briggs, Lincolnshire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., the Trinity Society of Change-ringers, Hull, rang touches of Yorkshire Court, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples. F. Merrission, 1; J. Dixey, 2; S. Slingsby, 3; W. Gill, 4; A. Taylor, 5; C. Bennett, 6; J. W. Stickney, 7; C. Jackson (conductor), 8. Also a peal of 720 Bob Minor on the back six, under 25 mins. Conducted by J. W. Stickney. Tenor, 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs., in A. This was the first 720 rung on the bells.

At St. John the Baptist's, Eltham, Kent.

ON Sunday, the 30th ult., for morning service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 24 mins., with eight bobs and six singles, by J. King (first 720), 1; F. Fraser, 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith, 4; T. Titchener, 5; G. Sheppard (conductor), 6.

At Padiham, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 30th ult., five of the Padiham ringers (also members of the Lancashire Association), with Mr. Harrison of Burnley, rang for morning service, in 1 hr. 9 mins., 1882 changes in the three following methods: 442 Plain Bob Minor, composed by Mr. William Whittaker of Leeds, 720 Grandsire Minor, and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. T. Duxbury (conductor), 1; C. Parkinson, 2; F. Pollard, 3; R. W. Hargreaves, 4; F. Wagner, 5; J. Harrison, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Kemerton, Gloucestershire.

ON Sunday, the 30th ult., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang for morning service a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., consisting of 21 bobs and 12 singles. A. Grizelle, 1; E. Devereux, 2; T. Devereux, 3; C. Bown, 4; M. Devereux, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. This peal was a farewell one to M. Devereux, who left on the following day for Queensland.

At St. Oswald's, Guiseley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., by the Yorkshire Association, a peal of 5024 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. by M. Tomlinson, 1; D. E. Rhodes, 2; J. Barracough, 3; S. Brown, 4; T. West, 5; J. Yeadon, 6; J. Baldwin, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. Composer, W. Harrison. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At King's Norton, Worcestershire.

ON Sunday morning, the 6th inst., six members of the King's Norton Branch of the Birmingham and District Association rang a peal of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. The peal, which is in twelve parts, is the composition of Mr. J. Carter of Birmingham. F. Palmer, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; J. Cooks, 3; F. Scrivens, 4; J. Wright, 5; W. Palmer (conductor), 6.

IN the afternoon two Birmingham members of the above Association started a quarter-peal of triples, but after 46 runs a slip was made about six changes from the end. G. Russam, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; T. Russam, 3; J. Wright, 4; J. Cooks, 5; F. Scrivens, 6; W. Palmer (conductor), 7; F. Palmer, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

ON Sunday, the 6th inst., for afternoon service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. by G. Wilkins, jun., 1; W. A. Garraway, 2; H. Rogers, 3; R. Smith, 4; E. Rogers, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At Southport, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 7th inst., five of the Christ Church ringers, Southport (assisted by J. Grimshaw of the Manchester Cathedral Society), rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. T. Fielden,* 1; R. Hill, 2; A. Fielden,* 3; J. Grimshaw, 4; G. Heywood, 5; C. Heywood (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. [* Their first peal.] The above ring of bells is now being made into a ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank, and will be opened on Sept. 16th. The same firm cast the excellent ring of six bells eighteen years ago.

At St. Mary's, Frittenden, Kent.

ON Monday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. A. H. Woolley, 1; J. Harrison, 2; E. Baldoek, 3; S. Barker, 4; J. Laker, 5; C. Payne (conductor), 6; F. G. Newman, 7; D. Hall, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G. The above is the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the bells.

At Uckfield, Sussex.

ON Monday, the 7th inst., four Members of the Eltham Association and two from Capel rang on the back six bells a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 25½ mins. C. Mussett, 1; D. Jordan, 2; E. Jordan, 3; J. Smith, 4; F. French, 5; G. Sheppard (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in F. This is the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor known to have been rung on these bells. The Members of the Uckfield Society also rang a few touches of Grandsire Doubles.

RECEIVED ALSO:—*Western Mercury*, with thanks.

The Patronage Question.

SIR,—I really must decline taking up the cudgels on a mere political question. 'An Ex-M.P.' is evidently, as he has a perfect right to be, a party man. I am not, and at present I do not intend to be. I had no intention, by any remarks of mine, to wound those tender feelings the 'Ex-M.P.' apparently possesses. In fact, I think I was equally hard upon the Liberal party in alluding to their probable future Premiers. The Church, it seems to me, gets very little from its so-called friends 'the Tories' when they are in office; and when they are out, how can one expect to avoid receiving some of the kicks from that party one nearly always so vigorously opposes, and very often so bitterly reviles? Shelving all reforms, and neglecting every possible helpful measure for their friends that is not literally forced from them, may be the way to help us on. I must confess I do not think so. Like 'An Ex-M.P.', I deprecate party politics in your columns, and I would beg not only 'An Ex-M.P.', but also your correspondent 'H. G. O.', not to be so violently suspicious of those whose political hue may not be of the same colour as their own, but to try to learn that there may be some honesty and some honour even among political opponents. F. C. GREEN.

Lay Celebrations of Holy Communion.

SIR,—I have read the letter of 'A Seaman, R.N.', in *Church Bells* of 12th inst. As I have had a long and varied experience amongst the seamen of the Navy, I am inclined to think that the practice spoken of, in regard to the Lord's Supper, is followed by those who are not Churchmen. A chaplain would be very glad to find such men, if they were Churchmen or Wesleyans, on board his ship. I fear they are 'Plymouth Brethren.' In former times the Holy Communion was much neglected afloat. Happily we live in better times. ROBT. PICTON, R.N., Rector of Falstone.

Prayers for Egypt.

SIR,—Why should not prayers be offered up in our churches for this terrible war? I have heard from one who is out there what horrible bloodshed it is among our fellow-Christians. Oh, will not our prayers be heard? God's hand is not shortened that He will not hear: His word is, Ask, and ye shall receive. BROTHERN, PRAY FOR THEM.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.—'A. F. Rudge' asks if any reader of *Church Bells* can recommend a book upon the Sermon on the Mount suitable to Bible class teachers.

RECEIVED ALSO.—An old Clergyman; Sapper, R.E.; A. C. S.; An Incumbent; J. C. H.; H. C. Richmond; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Association of Change-ringers for the Diocese of Worcester.

The first Annual Meeting of the above Association was held on Monday, the 7th inst., in All Saints' Schoolroom, Worcester, under the patronage of the Hon. and Very Rev. Lord Alwyne Compton, M.A., Dean of Worcester, the Rev. R. Cattley, M.A., Honorary Canon, and other influential clergy, churchwardens, citizens, and upwards of fifty change-ringers from all parts of the diocese. The Committee have much pleasure in stating that the rules (being read by the Dean, Chairman) were all passed unanimously, with but few amendments, and that the above fifty ringers became members of the Association by paying their first year's subscription to the Secretary, Mr. H. Wilkes, of Worcester. This was followed by election of officers: the Dean, president; the Rev. R. Cattley, vice-president; Mr. Perks, Malvern, master; Mr. Wm. Duffield, Bromsgrove, treasurer; Mr. H. Wilkes, Worcester, secretary; and a committee of one member from each district. At the close of the meeting votes of thanks were passed to the president, the vice-president, and the Rector of All Saints'. The members afterwards adjourned to the several churches in the city for change-ringing. Bromsgrove company at St. Helen's rang a short touch of Bob Major, conducted by Mr. Wm. Duffield, of Bromsgrove; and afterwards, with the assistance of Mr. Perks, of Malvern, a touch of 1100 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. E. Crump, of Bromsgrove. Afterwards a mixed company of Bromsgrove and Worcester rang at All Saints' a touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. G. Haywood, of Bromsgrove. In the evening Mr. Wilkes conducted various and mixed companies on the 12 bells of the cathedral tower. Any ringer or other gentleman wishing to become a member of the above Association should forward his name and address for information to Mr. H. Wilkes, Hon. Sec., Ombersley Road, Worcester.

Parish Church of St. Kentigern, Crosthwaite, Keswick, Cumberland.

This Church had a ring of six bells, cast in 1775 by Pack and Chapman, London. For a long time, beyond the memory of man, the tenor (12½ cwt.) had been badly cracked, and the fourth bell also cracked, but not so badly. A fire in the belfry on January 23rd last so injured the bell-frame as to make it necessary to rehang the bells; and the opportunity was taken to recast the cracked bells, and add two new ones at the top and bottom of the ring respectively, the new tenor weighing about 15 cwt. The old bells were quarter turned, with new clappers, and the entire ring hung with new fittings complete by Mr. Mallaby, church bell ringer, Masham, Yorkshire. The casting was entrusted to Messrs. Warner & Sons, Cripplegate, London. A chiming apparatus—Ellacombe's plan—has been added, and the ring is now as good a ring as there is in Cumberland, if not, as probably better than any other.

The ring was opened by a service of dedication and thanksgiving for the preservation of the church from fire on Friday evening, August 11th, 1882. An eloquent and very suitable sermon was preached by Dr. Oakley, the new Dean of Carlisle, upon the text, Matt. iii. 8: 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness;' after which the Vicar held a short service of special prayers in the belfry, while the same service was being said in the church by the late curate, Rev. E. P. Stanley, M.A.

The legends on the new bells were taken from Southey, whose body lies in the churchyard, and who for forty-three years lived in the parish. Upon the treble,—

'I love the bell that calls the poor to pray,
Chiming from village church its cheerful sound.'

'In memory of Arthur Dover, who died January 30, 1874.'

Upon the tenor,—

'Over the vale the heavy toll of Death sound slow:
It makes me think upon the dead.'

'In memory of James and Joshua Stanger, brothers, benefactors of this parish.'

The present seventh was recast at the sole charge of Miss Mary Sterndale Rooke. The old legends were reproduced upon the recast bells. Upon the fourth were added the names of the Vicar and churchwardens, viz.: 'T. K. Richmond, M.A., Vicar; J. Fisher Crosthwaite, F.S.A., Mark Cockbain, Jonathan Harriman. Churchwardens.'

The whole renewed and increased ring was rung by the old parish church ringers, assisted by Messrs. Mallaby and Son. It is hoped that this addition may revive and increase the interest in change-ringing, which formerly is said to have existed in the parish, but which, for lack of new blood among the ringers as the old ones died off, has become an almost lost art in the neighbourhood, as indeed, we may add, in the whole of Cumberland. It is also to be hoped that the mother church—the Cathedral of the diocese—may take example and rehang their ring of six which at present are only chimed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, Ealing, Middlesex.

On Saturday evening, the 5th inst., eight members of the West Middlesex Association rang Holt's Original Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 6 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; J. J. Parker, 2; *W. H. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; *J. Basden, 5; *F. G. Goddard, 6; K. Flaxman, 7; *G. Elsbey, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. [*Their first peal.] This is the first peal by this association.

At St. Mary's, Stansted, Essex.

On Sunday, the 6th inst., was rung for evening service a 720 of Plain Bob Minor, with 40 singles, in five parts, in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; H. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; J. Luckey, 4; C. Prior, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. Composed by Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks.

At All Saints', Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Sunday evening, the 6th inst., four members of the Daresbury Society, assisted by Messrs. J. Webb and T. Critchley, of St. Paul's, Warrington, rang for divine service 720 of Plain Bob in 25½ mins. J. Webb (conductor), 1; T. Critchley, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, 6.

Also after service 720 College Single in 26 mins. J. Webb, 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

On Wednesday, the 9th inst., on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. C. Jones, eldest son of W. C. Jones, Esq., of the Elms, Daresbury, and Miss Greenall, of Grappell, and which took place at Grappell parish church, was rung a half peal of 360 Bob Minor in 13½ mins. T. Houghton, son, (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; P. Hamblett, 3; T. Ellison, 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, jun., 6. Other short touches were also rung, in which E. Deprez rang treble.

At Christ Church, Didsbury, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Manchester Cathedral Society of Change-ringers rang the late Mr. John Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 57 mins. J. Withers, 1; *S. West, 2; *J. E. Pollitt, 3; *G. Mee, 4; A. E. Wrecks, 5; J. Eachus (conductor), 6. J. Withers, 7; J. Parkinson, 8. Tenor, 18½ cwt. in E. [*Their first peal of triples.]

At All Saints, Otley, Yorkshire Association.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., a peal of 5440 Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 10 mins. R. E. Rowells, 1; L. Cawood, 2; M. Tomlinson, 3; S. Brown, 4; J. Horner, 5; J. Barraclough, 6; T. West (composer and conductor), 7; J. W. Snowden, Esq., 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Barlow Moor, Didsbury.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., the following members of the Lancashire Association rang the first single peal, being Mr. E. Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples (Bob and Single Variation) on the new ring of bells cast by Messrs. Mears and Staintank, in 3 hrs. 4 min. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Curtis, 2; J. Redford, 3; T. E. Turner, 4; J. Barratt, 5; W. Marsden, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Christ Church, Southport.

On Sunday, the 13th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung, for evening service, in 25 mins. T. Fielding, 1; R. Hill, 2; A. Fieldings, 3; H. Spencer (his first peal), 4; G. Heywood, 5; C. Heywood (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At Cheriton, Shorncliffe, Kent.

On Sunday, the 13th inst., after evensong, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. Tenor, 7 cwt. Rev. A. Hall Hall, 1; A. Tanton, 2; P. Greensheet, 3; F. Rolfe, 4; R. Beal, 5; T. Marsh (conductor), 6. All members of the Kent County Association. This is the first peal of the Cheriton ringers, and the first on an inside bell of A. Tanton. Previous to Easter, 1881, change-ringing at Cheriton had for some years been extinct, when the bells were recast and increased from four to six, as a memorial to the wife of the Rev. K. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the energetic Secretary of the Kent County Association, formerly Rector of Cheriton.

At Eltham, Kent.

On Sunday, the 13th inst., at St. John the Baptist, was rung for morning service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, in 25 mins., with 34 bobs and 2 singles. C. Mussett, 1; G. Sheppard (conductor), 2; C. English, 3; T. Smith, 4; T. Titchener, 5; F. Fraser, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt. in A.

plaining the whereabouts of Miss Harvey's liberal bequest. As the General takes such an interest in the watches, &c., that are presented to his captains and lieutenants, he must not be surprised at their showing equal anxiety as to the many little presents he receives.' WATCHMAN.

A CORRECTION.—'W. * W.' writes:—'In your number for the 26th ult., under the heading "South America," an expression occurs which may be misleading, and which it is therefore desirable to correct. The paragraph alludes to Brett and Heard and Pierce as amongst those who "are" carrying forward mission work amongst the Indians of British Guiana: it is therefore well to remind your readers that Edward Pierce gave up his life in his Master's service returning home from a visit to the Indians on the Potaro river, where he had himself founded an important and successful mission to the children of the forest. Brett still survives, enjoying honourable and well-earned repose. Heard still labours in the same field, worthily emulating the zeal and success of those who have led the way.'

'C. POYNTER.'—The correspondence on the subject of your letter is closed.
'ZENAS.'—The correspondence on 'Lay Celebrations' is closed.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Opening of a Ring of Bells at Bletchingley, Surrey.

For some time past the familiar sound of the church bells has been missed by the inhabitants of Bletchingley, in consequence of the unsafe state of the fittings and framework in the belfry. The whole of the woodwork forming the frame upon which the bells were hung had become so rotten with age that for the bells to be touched was dangerous, for fear of a general collapse; in which case several tons weight of metal would have crashed through into the church. Taking this fact into consideration, the Rector and Churchwardens thought it necessary to get the frame and fittings repaired, and accordingly, about three years ago, orders were given to a firm of bellhangers to get this done. After going to considerable expense in the matter, it was found that the bells were little, if any, better than they had been before. Upon a peal being attempted it was found utterly impossible to ring it, and since that time the bells have remained silent. Now, however, there was a determination to once more hear the sound of the Bletchingley church bells. Orders were given to the firm of Gillett and Bland, of Croydon, to entirely rehang the bells, make a new framework, and do anything that was thought necessary. For several months past workmen have been busy in the old tower, and the work has been finished.

Mr. Boswell, under whose charge the work has been carried out, states that it is 102 years since the bells had been hung, and calculates that the present framework will last 300 years. The head-stocks, ironwork, wheels, and all the fittings, have been replaced; and, to prove the fact that every thing is in good order, on Tuesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London—Messrs. Cooper, Jameson, Haworth, Boswell, Cresser, H. Wood, M. Wood, and Greenleaf—rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes) in 3 hrs. 8 mins.; and in the evening, two long courses of Kent Treble Bob Major (704 changes), and six courses of Stedman's Triples (504 changes). The ringing was conducted by Mr. M. A. Wood. The bells were cast by Thomas Janaway, London, and the tenor weighs about a ton. It bears the inscription: 'This peal of eight bells was put up by subscription in the year 1780—Robert Clayton, Bark.; Matthew, Kenrick, LL.D., Rector; John Steel and John Radley, Churchwardens. Thomas Janaway.'

Mr. Parker's Claim.

SIR,—Seeing in your last issue Mr. Parker's claim to the 720 of Grandsire Minor, and saying he rang it on June 6, 1881, I beg to say that a 720 was rung upon handbells double-handed on January 30, 1877, at West Bromwich. We thought it was not worth publication; and the only difference between that and the one rung at King's Norton is, the singles were called at the end of the 4, 7, 11, 12 courses, instead of 1, 4, 8, 9 courses. The same was attempted at Great Bar, with the exception of the last course, and there was a break-down, about the same time as the one on handbells. If Mr. Parker wishes to claim it he can have it, for I do not believe it to be an original composition, but I have not seen it in any of the ringing-books. But 720's I think it is almost impossible to get now-a-days. J. CARTER.

63 Heaton Street, Hockley, Birmingham.

Cattistock, Dorset.

THE new ring of eight bells just hung in the tower of the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and which is to form part of the new carillon, was on Thursday, the 17th ult., tested by the following members of the Beaminster Amateur Bell-ringing Guild:—Messrs. T. P. Coombs (captain), J. Kecch, W. Newman, A. Hann, E. Hann, J. Poole, S. Poole, H. Poole, C. Poole, J. Trump, and F. Hussey. The party on their arrival received a hearty welcome from the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Wilkins. Ringing commenced about one p.m., and was continued at intervals till nearly nine p.m. The work of hanging the bells was carried out by Messrs. Hooper & Son, church bellhangers, of Woodbury, near Exeter, who have also been intrusted with the hanging of the remaining carillon bells—thirty-three in all—all of which were cast in Belgium by Van Aerschoot of Louvaine. The members of the Guild were treated very hospitably by the Rector, who provided them with a luncheon and other refreshments.

[The above ringing at Cattistock was merely for trying the 'Go' of the bells. We hope soon to hear of their being dedicated by a solemn service, and opened by a band of College Youths from London.—ED.]

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

GREAT PAUL is now tolled every week-day at one o'clock, and on Sundays, as usual, at morning and afternoon service.

Ufford Church Bells, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

THE ring of six bells in this parish were rung for the first time since their restoration on Wednesday evening, the 17th ult., by the members of the Woodbridge Company. The bells are in the key of F[♯], the tenor weighing 14 cwt.; they have all been taken up and rehung with new stocks and wheels, four of them having been quartered on new stocks. The frame has also been thoroughly restored with new oak timber and iron work by Messrs. George Day and Son, church bell-hangers, Eye, Suffolk. The ringers were: A. Ackfield, 1; — Adams, 2; W. Meadows, 3; J. Fosdike, 4; Geo. Day, 5; C. Ward, 6. Several touches were also rung upon the handbells.

Reopening of Bells at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, London.

THESE bells were re-opened on the 14th ult., having been put in ringing order by Mr. G. R. Banks, of Kennington Lane, London. The tenor is 19 cwt. in E.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Matlock Bridge, Derbyshire.

ON Saturday, the 12th ult., six members of the Derby and District Association visited the above place, and by kind permission of the Vicar rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins., being the first 720 rung on the bells. J. Ridgway, 1; R. Bosworth, 2; A. Taberer, 3; J. Newbold, 4; H. C. Woodward, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Hockley, Birmingham.—Handbell Ringing.

ON the 20th ult., five members of the Amalgamated Society met at Mr. J. Carter's, 63 Heaton Street, and rang a peal of 5003 changes of Grandsire Caters (bells retained in hand), in 2 hrs. 50 mins. The peal contained the 6th twenty-four times right, twenty-four times behind the 9th. Composed and conducted by Mr. J. Carter. T. Russan, 1-2; J. Carter, 3-4; T. Miller, 5-6; W. Bryant, 7-8; E. Hackley, 9-10. Referees, Mr. W. Bagnell and Mr. A. Hackley, who marked the peal off as it was rung.

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

ON Monday evening, the 21st ult., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 30 mins. by the St. John's Guild, assisted by Driver Dransfield of the Royal Artillery, Newcastle. G. Herdman,* 1; Driver Dransfield, 2; W. G. Routledge, 3; W. Eggleston, 4; E. Lees (conductor), 5; R. S. Story, Esq.,* 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in G. [* First peal in this method.]

At St. Andrew's, Gargrave, Yorkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 22nd ult., a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. by the Yorkshire Association. W. Clarke, 1; J. T. Middlebrook, 2; H. Horsman, 3; C. Lancaster, 4; N. J. Pitstow, Saffron Walden (composer), 5; W. Mallinson, 6; J. McKell, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Heath, Derbyshire.

ON the 23rd ult. seven six-scores of Bob Doubles and Grandsire were rung in various callings, being the first peals on the new ring of five bells, cast and hung by Messrs. Taylor & Sons of Loughborough. G. Clough, 1; T. Millington (conductor), 2; J. H. Cook, 3; J. Atkin, 4; T. Clough, 5. Tenor, 15 cwt. Mr. T. Clough rang in four six-scores, and Mr. R. Lane in two six of Bob Doubles and one of Grandsire Doubles.

At St. Alkmund's, Derby.—Muffled Peal.

ON Wednesday, the 23rd ult., six members of the Derby and District Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins., the bells being half muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. S. Marshall, who for many years was sexton at the above church. J. Ridgway, 1; T. Bancroft, 2; H. C. Woodward, 3; H. Sephton, 4; R. Bosworth, 5; J. Howe (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. in F.

At St. Nicholas's, Liverpool.

ON Thursday, the 24th ult., ten members of St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' Societies rang a peal of 5057 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 22 mins. G. Helsby, 1; R. Williams, sen., 2; J. Brown, 3; R. Williams, jun. (composer), 4; H. Beck, 5; E. Vose, 6; T. Hammond (conductor), 7; H. Coley,* 8; G. Fisher,* 9; E. Foster, 10. Tenor, 41 cwt. [* First peal in any method.] The peal has the 5th and 6th behind the 9th.

At Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (London) rang at St. Peter's Church a peal of 5130 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 36 mins. W. Worthington, 1; J. Mulligan, 2; C. Bower, 3; H. P. Wood (London), 4; T. Dixon, 5; M. A. Wood (London), 6; G. Flint, 7; C. H. Hattersley, 8; T. Hattersley, 9; G. Potter, H. Madin, 10. Composed by the late H. Booth (London), and conducted by T. Hattersley. Tenor, 41 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Sunday evening, the 27th ult., for Divine service, six members of the above Society rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 29 mins. C. Bance, 1; J. Trappitt, 2; E. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Plowman, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. Gordon, 6. This is the first peal in the method by any of the above: all members of the Surrey Association and College Youths.

At Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Lancashire Association rang E. Taylor's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, bob-and-single variation, in 2 hrs. 55 mins. T. Yates, 1; J. Barratt, 2; G. H. Johnson, 3; E. Cash (conductor), 4; C. Cash,* 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; J. Scholey, 7; W. Ashcroft, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. [* His first peal.]

* * Contributors are requested to state the time of each peal rung.

RECEIVED ALSO.—James Wilson,

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Change-ringing Society.

THE members, ten in number, visited London on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The company was met at Ludgate Hill by Mr. J. R. Haworth, who kindly gave his services all day. The first place visited was St. John's, Waterloo Road, where the members were kindly allowed to try their hands, everything having been prepared. About an hour was spent here, and a few touches of Bob Minor were rung. The members being used to heavy-going bells at home, the striking was not at times as good as might have been wished. From this point steps were retraced to St. Paul's Cathedral, a halt being made at the 'Goose and Gridiron' for luncheon. At one o'clock the more muscular of the party assisted in tolling 'Great Paul.' The mode of hanging this bell caused some surprise, in not being furnished with wheels. Afterwards, all ascended to the ball and cross, the weather being delightful. Subsequently the bell-tower was ascended, and the bells duly examined. Dr. Grayling (who takes a great interest in bells and change-ringing, and was one of the party) explained the 'original' model of the cathedral, and also the old ruins, having previously pointed out the existing remains in the garden. After this, progress was made by steamer to Southwark, and the 'property' of the College Youths' Society was most courteously displayed to the visitors. A touch of Bob Minor was rung on the 'saucers' (the Company possesses two rings of 'cups' and 'saucers'—handbells made in those shapes), and their music was greatly appreciated. Dr. Grayling then conducted the party through the venerable remains of St. Mary Overy (St. Saviour's), pointing out the architectural and monumental objects. Having gone up the river to the Temple Pier, a hasty view was had of the Temple Church, and a good meal at the 'Rainbow' tavern. Afterwards the members rang for an hour at St. Clement Danes some touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. London was subsequently left by the Flushing express, all having passed a most enjoyable day, thanks to the kindness everywhere shown. It had been the intention to visit Lambeth Church; but after a kind letter from the Rector, relating to the Archbishop's illness and offering future hospitality, this part of the programme was omitted.

Gloucester and Bristol Change-ringers' Association.

THE annual festival of the above organization took place on the 28th August, in this city. The Association was founded on January 8th, 1878, for the promotion of belfry reform and the cultivation of change-ringing. The hon. and performing members now number nearly 250. The officers comprise the following:—President, the Right Rev. C. J. Ellicott, D.D., Lord Bishop of the diocese; Vice-presidents, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Gloucester, the Venerable the Archdeacon of Bristol, the Right Hon. Sir Michael Edward Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Colonel Robert Nigel Fitzhardinge Kingscote, C.B., M.P.; Master, Mr. John Drinkwater, Sandhurst, Gloucester; Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, France Lynch, Stroud; Hon. Treasurer, the Rev. Mowbray Trotter, St. Mary de Crypt, Gloucester. A brief service was held at the ancient church of St. Mary Redcliff. Prayers were read by the Rev. D. M. Claxton, and the Rev. P. Eykyn read a special lesson: Eph. v. The 16th verse of this chapter—'Redeeming the time because the days are evil'—served as the text of the preacher, the Rev. J. G. Tetley. The business meeting was afterwards held at the Colston Committee-rooms on the Parade. The hon. treasurer on resigning that office, suggested as his successor the Rev. F. E. B. Witts, vicar of Morton, Gloucester; this was agreed to. The hon. sec. was re-elected, and the master re-appointed. A number of new members were also admitted, including the Rev. C. E. Cornish, Rev. Aelard Troyte (Winterbourne Down), and Alderman Cope Proctor, churchwarden of Redcliff. Dinner was served at the 'Ship Inn,' Redcliff Hill, under the presidency of the Vicar. Several toasts were drank, and on the health of the Master being proposed Mr. Drinkwater humorously replied, saying that a great deal remained to be done in the way of improving dilapidated belfries. He hoped the authorities of Gloucester Cathedral would take the hint and do a little for the comfort of the ringers. Several companies of the members then adjourned to various steeples in the city, one of them ringing 5040 Grandsire Triples. Bristol is considered the richest English city as regards its rings of bells, and sixteen belfries were placed at the disposal of the Association, including Redcliff with twelve bells. However, it is said that though Painswick and Cirencester also have rings of twelve, there is not a company in the diocese qualified to ring them.

Lancashire Association of Six Bell Change-ringers.

THE usual quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 2nd, but owing to the inclement state of the weather only a few members attended. Two peals of Bob Minor and various other touches were rung by mixed bands from Chorley, Blackrod, Leyland, Accrington, and Eccleston. The bells, which had been undergoing repairs for this meeting, did not run quite as well as might have been expected, but altogether a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Five new members were elected.

JOHN G. HIGSON, Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Ipswich on Monday, September 25th. Members wishing to attend should communicate with the Secretary on or before Tuesday, the 19th.

G. H. HARRIS, Mon. Sec.

Tunstead Vicarage, Norwich.

Bells for the Cathedral at Zanzibar.

THE Rev. E. S. Lowndes, of Little Comberton, writes to the *Times*:—'You will, I think, be pleased to make public the fact that a work has just been completed, not without interest of its own, and on which the lamented Bishop Steere has set his heart. On Saturday last there was shipped to Zanzibar a ring of twenty-five small bells, to be hung in the tower of Christ

Church Cathedral in that city. It is believed to be the first ring of two octaves, chromatic, C to C, ever executed in England. And if, perhaps, critics may think that our founders are bold in attempting anything so unusual, Bishop Steere was much pleased with the bells when he saw and heard them in their incomplete state at Messrs. Warner's foundry during his recent visit to England.

'They will, it may be hoped, for many years, melodiously celebrate the memory of the great builder of that cathedral; and will summon as well the cultivated Arab as the degraded heathen to the brightness of Christian worship, and to the attractive power of the Christian faith. An interesting feature in the ring is that most of the bells are called after different patrons, diocesan and other. Of course there is a St. Paul bell for London, with the text 'I declare unto you the Gospel.' Durham contributes a St. Cuthbert bell, Canterbury a St. Augustine one, Dublin a St. Patrick bell, Exeter a Devon Peter. Cambridge commemorates Bishop Mackenzie; Buckingham, Arthur West, who gave the site (the old slave-market) for the cathedral buildings. The names of Charterhouse, Clare College, Manchester, Bristol, Worcester, Hereford, and others, appear on other bells. Oxford, besides giving the largest bell, has a second, given by St. Stephen's Mission-house in that University. One bell remained to the last without a patron, so it has 'All Saints' engraved on it, with the text, 'The Spirit and the Bride say, Come.' It was completed on Thursday week. Bishop Steere died on Sunday.

CHANGE-RINGING.

Return of Peals rung by the Royal Cumberland Society.

At Saffron Walden, Essex, on the 7th ult., a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major, 4th and 6th extent in 5-6, in 3 hrs. 7 mins. H. Hopkins, 1; C. Hopkins, 2; G. Martin, 3; C. Freeman,* 4; J. F. Penning, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; H. Dains (composer), 7; F. Pitstow (conductor), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. [* First peal.]

At Tottenham, Middlesex, on Saturday, the 19th ult., a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 8 mins. Composed by N. J. Pitstow. It has the 6th extent in 5-6 without calls at the M. G. Newson (conductor), 1; H. Hopkins, 2; J. Hannington, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; A. H. Gardom, 5; E. Moses,* 6; H. Dains, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* First peal in the method.]

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, London, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. N. J. Pitstow (composer and conductor), 1; H. Dains, 2; H. Randal, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; J. Hannington, 5; A. H. Gardom, 6; W. Doran, 7; G. Newson, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. The composition has the 5th and 6th the extent in 5-6; all H. full.

At the same church, on Monday evening, the 28th ult., a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples, in 2 hrs. 51 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; C. Hopkins, 2; H. Dains, 3; H. Hopkins, 4; D. Stackwood, 5; F. Pitstow,* 6; J. Barrett,* 7; J. Mansfield, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. [* First peal in the method.]

[We congratulate our friends, the Royal Cumberland, on the accomplishment of so many peals in the summer month of August,—an example which other societies would do well to follow.]

At Daresbury, Cheshire.

On Tuesday, the 29th ult., five members of the Daresbury Society, with Mr. J. W. Yates of Birstal, Yorkshire, rang a peal of 720 changes Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27½ mins. J. E. Ellison, 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; J. W. Yates (conductor), 5; T. Houghton, junr., 6. Also a 360 Bob Minor in 13 mins. J. Webb (conductor), 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett, 4; T. Houghton, junr., 5; J. W. Yates, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

Also on Saturday evening, the 2nd inst., the above company rang at St. Matthew's Church, Stretton, Cheshire, a peal of 720 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in about 26 min. T. Houghton, junr. (conductor). Also a 360 Kent Treble Bob, in 13 mins. J. W. Yates, 1; P. Johnson, 2; T. Ellison, 3; P. Hamblett (conductor), 4; J. Ellison, 5; T. Houghton, junr., 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Society of Hertford College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. F. G. Crawley, 1; H. Baker, 2; J. Staples, 3; J. G. Crawley, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5; J. Godfrey, 6; T. Gathard, 7; E. Tyler, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At All Souls', Bolton, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., Aspinwall's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (bob-and-single variation) was rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Curtis, 2; J. Redford, 3; W. Marsden, 4; T. E. Turner, 5; W. Hamer, 6; J. Aspinwall (composer), 7; W. Hilton, 8. All members of the Lancashire Association. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs. This is the first peal rung upon these bells, which were opened about eighteen months ago, and cast by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 3rd inst., five members of the above Society, assisted by Mr. G. Marsden of Eckington, rang for evening service a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 15 bobs, in 28 mins. G. Bradley, 1; R. Hickton, 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Gilson, 4; G. Marsden, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G. G. Marsden has rung at different times five 5040 peals in seven different Treble Bob methods on six bells, and has also conducted three peals in the above number.

RECEIVED ALSO—A newspaper cutting, giving a peal at St. Nicholas's Church, without name of either town or county; Eccles; Bishop's Stortford; Woodford.

lisher said 'Possibly, but there were thousands who would die before they gave up the fact of the raven-carried bread.'

Certainly common sense would lead to the word *Bedouin*, and that the prophet was kept alive by charitable *Bedouin* Arabs in the desert, rather than the very substantial slices of home-made English bread, which we have been in the habit of seeing from our childhood issuing from the beaks of the birds, and to obtain which they must have flown thousands of miles. One can understand that such a tale might be useful in pre-Reformation times, when 'mysteries' and 'marvels' were advisedly chosen by the priests, but we should prefer the truth, as far as it can be procured; and if it be the fact that the Hebrew word corroborates the Arabic word in this case, why not let us have the truth?

Communicants' Union.

SALE.

SIR,—As several of the clergy who have seen my letter on the above subject in a recent number of *Church Bells* have asked me to explain the constitution and mode of working of our Society, I shall esteem it a kindness if you will allow me to give some details.

To make the Union known and to explain its object we stated from the pulpit and in our *Parish Magazine* that we intended to form a Communicants' Union for the parish, with a view to strengthen the spirit of Church fellowship, as well as to encourage the intellectual and devout participation of the Lord's Supper as the great bond of Christian union. All who had been confirmed were invited to join, and the meetings were announced for the last Friday in every month, at eight p.m.

The service, which lasts for an hour, consists of a hymn, a few introductory prayers, a second hymn, a short portion of Scripture introducing the special subject for the evening, a short address, another hymn, and some prayers selected from various manuals, such as 'A Prayer for the Faithful Discharge of the Duty of Self-examination,' 'A Prayer for Growth in the Spiritual Life,' for 'Confidence in God,' for 'Earnestness and Warmth in our Approach,' &c.

I have found Dean Goulburn's *Book on the Communion Office* most suggestive, also the Bishop of Bedford's *Forty Meditations with a View to the Deepening of the Religious Life*, and am now going through a course of addresses on 'The Beatitudes,' the subjects being handled devotionally, and keeping the Holy Communion in full view.

Persons attending the meetings are asked if they desire to join the Union, and upon their expressing the wish a card of membership is given them, with space for name and date of joining, and vicar's signature; and their number on the roll of members is added, and this number is asked for at each attendance, and duly registered: thus we know who attend and who absent themselves, and the absent members are looked up. While every encouragement is offered to members to frequent the Holy Communion, no rule constrains; indeed we have no printed rules for the Union.

The meetings are held in a mission-room, which allows greater freedom in our mode of conducting the service; the clergy conducting them wear their cassocks.

I hope shortly to print a revised edition of *A Short Office for a Communicants' Union*, and shall be happy to send a copy to any brother-clergyman who expresses a wish to see it. Meanwhile, I shall esteem it a kindness if those who have compiled such a Manual will let me see theirs: in this way we may help one another.

JOHN N. B. WOODROFFE, Vicar of St. Mark's, Peterborough.

Books for the Shipping.

SIR,—The Dockmaster writes:—'Last month the mission yacht visited two hundred sail of vessels in Penarth Roadstead (Wales); but we were compelled to refuse many crews who applied for books, &c. Owing to the late severe westerly gales we have now about three hundred sail anchored in our roads. The mission yacht visits them certainly, and short services are conducted on board many ships; but, alas! no tangible proof, in the form of books, can be produced by the crews to prove that the visit has been paid.' The Missions to Seamen, 11 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C., has twelve mission yachts so employed in as many outer roadsteads around our shores, and a fleet of boats carrying twenty-three chaplains and forty-one readers to the shipping; and we are receiving similar appeals from many of these agents for supplies of disused Bibles, Prayer-books, library books, magazines, pictorial periodicals, &c. Would your readers kindly send their spare literature in hampers, sacks, or boxes, carriage paid, to the nearest Missions to Seamen Chaplain or to the London office?

WM. DAWSON, Commander R.N., and Secretary.

The Missions to Seamen, 11 Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C.

Services before Harvest.

SIR,—In answer to 'A Constant Reader,' who writes in your last edition about a service before harvest: I had such a service before the commencement of the present harvest, to ask God's blessing on the ingathering—to give sunshine for the crops and strength to the labourers. It was on Tuesday evening, August 8th. The church was crowded by farmers and labourers, and all present seemed to realise the importance of such a service, and to appreciate its value. The congregation present was estimated at over 300, and that in a parish of about 480 people. The Rev. George Venables, vicar of Great Yarmouth, preached the sermon.

RICHARD J. TACON, Rector of Rollesby.

The Sermon on the Mount.

SIR,—I observe that in reply to 'A. F. Rudge,' 'H. D.' writes to recommend a *Commentary on St. Matthew's Gospel*, published by J. Spiers, 36 Bloomsbury Street. It is only fair to 'A. F. Rudge' and your readers that they should be informed that 36 Bloomsbury Street is the head-quarters of the 'Swedenborg Society,' of which Mr. Spiers is, I believe, the Secretary. To say, as 'H. D.' does, that 'some doctrines are held by the author outside the teaching of the Church of England,' is surely a most inadequate description, if the *Commentary* in question be a Swedenborgian publication. J. GILBERT DIXON.

A Query.

'A. B. C.' asks why, towards the end of the Confession in the Communion Service, the words 'serve' and 'in' are *always* printed with capital letters?

Answers to Correspondents.

'ORDER.'—The orders of the 'Reformed Episcopal Church' are not valid; and its position is not at all analogous to that of the Old Catholic Church.

THE 'Rev. J. C. Hudson' writes:—'Messrs. Halkett and Laing, in their *Dictionary of Anonymous and Pseudonymous Literature of Great Britain*—quoting as their authority *Notes and Queries*, March 1854, p. 241—give the name of Fabian Steadman as the author of the work entitled *Campanologia*, London, 1677.'

In reply to 'E. F. W.' 'A. B. C.' suggests that the canticles *Benedictus*, *Magnificat*, and *Nunc Dimittis*, are used in many 'High' churches, in preference to the alternative ones, on account of their being taken from the New Testament.

'A SUBSCRIBER' (St. John's, Wakefield).—Write to Mr. G. J. Murray, Wootton Court, Canterbury, for information as to the Association for Promoting the Unity of Christendom.

We have a letter for 'W. A. H.' at our office.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

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 28th ult., when the following persons were elected:—Mr. George, Master; Messrs. Gover and Albone re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively; and Mr. Langdon, Steward.

Derby and District Change-ringers' Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Nottingham, on Saturday, September 23rd, 1882. Tea and the Society's business will be held in the Arboretum Refreshment Room at 5 p.m. Tickets, 1s. 6d. Ringers and friends are invited to attend.

H. C. WOODWARD, Hon. Sec.

JOHN HICKMAN, Sec. Nottingham Committee.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Harborne, Birmingham.

ON Saturday evening, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Holt Society rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 56 mins. T. Reynolds, 1; A. Jones,* 2; T. J. Hemming,* 3; J. W. Cartwright,* 4; W. Ansell,* 5; W. Kent (conductor), 6; C. Stanbridge, 7; J. Quarterman,* 8. [*Their first peal.] This peal was composed by the late Thomas Day of Birmingham, and is the first rung by this Society since its formation.

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

ON Sunday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Bishop's Stortford Society rang for evening service the annexed—

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quarter peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples, with the twelve 7 4's,	- 7 5 2 6 3 4 #
twelve 4 6's, and twelve 6 7's, Tittums and Queens, in 45	- 4 6 7 3 5 2 1
mins. T. Newman, 1; W. H. Tucker, 2; A. Tucker, 3;	- 6 7 4 3 5 2 1
G. Martin, 4; H. Champness, 5; J. Newman, 6; H. J.	- 2 3 6 5 7 4 4
Tucker (conductor), 7; H. Doughty, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.	- 7 4 2 6 5 3 1
The whole five times repeated, with a single instead of	- 3 6 7 5 4 2 1
the fourth bob in 3rd and 6th parts.	- 7 4 3 6 2 5 1
	- 5 6 7 2 4 3 3
	One plain lead produces 526374.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

ON Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., for Divine service, four of the Woodford company, assisted by Messrs. A. J. Perkins and A. Porter of Romford, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 25 singles and 10 bobs, in 26 mins. M. Ellsmore, 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; J. Nunn, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Marks, 5; A. Porter, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. Composed by Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal.

At Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 4th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. J. Barratt, 1; T. Yates (conductor), 2; J. Barratt, jun., 3; R. Ashcroft, 4; G. H. Johnson, 5; W. Ashcroft, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. [All members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.]

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

ON Monday, the 11th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, on the first 5 and 7th bells, with 6th and Tenor behind, was rung in 28 mins. J. Eldridge (first peal), 1; G. Wilkins, jun., 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; R. Smith, 4; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 5; E. Keeley, 6; E. Rogers, 7; G. Wilkins, sen., 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At St. John the Baptist's, Eltham, Kent.

ON Tuesday, the 12th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 20 bobs and 2 singles, was rung by the Eltham Society in 26 mins. C. Mussett, 1; G. Sheppard, 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith, 4; T. Titchener (conductor), 5; F. Fraser, 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in A.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON the 9th inst., the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5000 Kent Treble Royal in 3 hrs. 23 mins. J. Pettit, 1; W. Cecil, 2; T. Gover, 3; W. Collings, 4; C. F. Winney, 5; R. French, 6; J. W. Rowbotham, 7; G. Mash, 8; E. Gibbs, 9; J. M. Hayes, 10. Composed by Mr. Haley and conducted by Mr. Hayes. The first peal in the method on the ten bells.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Michael's, Sittingbourne.—Kent County Association.

On Friday, the 15th inst., the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, and two members of the Committee, Messrs. Harrison and Wood, attended at this ancient church, in order to test the abilities of some of the members prior to being admitted full members and receiving certificates. Mr. J. R. Haworth, of London, was present, as also the Vicar of the parish and many others, the tower being very large. The methods practised were Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Seven members received certificates, setting forth their ability to ring in these methods. Several touches were rung by members and the visitors. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E (six bells), all cast, 1687, by James Bartlett. The addition of two trebles is in contemplation, the space being ample for ten bells. Waiting this event, the wheels of most of the bells, except the fifth, are out of repair, and the old frame (which seems not to have just fitted the bells when originally put up) is shaky; still the members have made great progress, with this state of things, in change-ringing in the past year, the local band having only practised at broken intervals some eighteen months altogether, and have not received any instruction either from the Kent Association or elsewhere, and all beginners, the art having never, at least in this century, been practised in Sittingbourne. The ringing-room is furnished with gas and water, and the bell-chamber and staircase with gas. Other improvements are in contemplation.

Clerical Ringers.

Sir,—Will you allow me through your columns to make known that a few of the above are attempting to form a side for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Derby during the Congress week? As the requisite number is not yet completed, the names of any clerical ringers who intend to be present at the Congress, and would like to take part in the peal, will be gladly received by W. S. WILKETT, Curate, Burton-under-Needwood, Burton-on-Trent.

Lea, Lincolnshire.—Dedication of Three New Bells.

On Saturday the 16th inst., three new bells were solemnly set apart at Lea, by a Service of Dedication. These bells have been presented to the church by the family of Sir Charles Anderson, Bart., of Lea, as a memorial to the late F. P. Anderson, Esq., whose lamented death took place on Sept. 15th, 1881, the bells being dedicated on the day after the anniversary. Previously there had been a ring of four bells in the tower. By taking away the highest of these and adding three new ones below the remaining three, a ring of great richness and beauty has been formed. The tenor is especially noticeable for the depth and fulness of its tone. The new bells were in their places about a month ago, but were rung for the first time after the Dedication. The service used on the occasion was taken from one lately authorised by the Bishop of London at the Dedication of 'Great Paul.' After Evening Prayer and an address explaining the nature of the ceremony, the Rector of Lea took his place under the tower and said the Prayers of Dedication, as follows:—

'O Everlasting God, Whom no man hath seen at any time, although Thou dost speak to the souls of men through the things which Thou hast made, receive, we beseech Thee, these bells which are offered by Thy people for the service of Thy Holy Church and bless them to the spiritual well-being of Thy servants, that they may remind us of Thy presence in life and in death. Do Thou mercifully visit our souls with solemn and holy thoughts; sanctify our trials and sorrows; brighten and chasten our joys; so that amid the changes of this mortal life we may in heart and mind ever dwell with Thee, and may at the last enter into Thy Eternal Rest: through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

'O Lord, Who by Thy servant Moses didst order that silver trumpets should be sounded at the time of sacrifice, to the end that Thy people Israel should be drawn to worship Thee; Grant, we beseech Thee, that we who have been redeemed by the blood of Thy only-begotten Son, may joyfully obey the call to meet together in Thy Holy Church, to render thanks for the great benefits which we have received at Thy hands, to set forth Thy most worthy praise, to hear Thy most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

'Grant, O Lord, that all they who with their outward ears shall hear the sound of this bell, may be moved inwardly in their spirits, and drawn nigh unto Thee, the God of their salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

'Grant, O Lord, that whosoever by reason of sickness, or any other necessity, shall be hindered from coming into the House of the Lord, may, when he hears this bell, in heart and mind ascend unto Thee, and find with Thee peace and comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

'Grant, O Lord, that they who minister to Thy service in sounding this bell may be filled with all reverence and godly fear, and may be mindful ever of the sacredness of Thy House, putting away all idle thoughts and light behaviour, and continuing in holiness of life, so that they may stand with those who praise Thee evermore in the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

After each of the last three prayers, three strokes were sounded by one of the ringers upon one of the new bells. Then, after the hymn, 'May Jesus Christ be praised,' and the Benediction, the first peal was rung by the Guild of Ringers from St. Botolph's Church, Lincoln.

The inscriptions on the new bells are: 1. 'Lord, open Thou my lips.' 2. 'My mouth shall praise Thee.' 3. 'Alleluia. Amen.' 'In Mem. F. F. A.' The tenor is 18 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb., and the work has been executed by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, the founders of the previous ring. C. E. C.

The Holy Trinity Society of Change-ringers, Bolton.

On Friday, the 15th inst., the above Society proceeded to Southport at the invitation of the churchwardens for the purpose of reopening the bells of Christ Church. These bells have been augmented to a ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank, and are a grand improvement, the firm having made an excellent splice. On their arrival in Southport they were regaled with refreshments, and ringing was commenced shortly after twelve o'clock when the first

peal was rung in honour of the inauguration of the West Lancashire Railway, being Mr. E. Taylor's Six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. At the conclusion of the peal they sat down, along with the Southport ringers, to an excellent repast, under the presidency of the Rev. Mr. Hatfield, who congratulated the visitors for the style they rung the peal, and also proposed a vote of thanks to them; which was seconded by Mr. Beckett, architect, and supported by the Rev. Alban Williams, and briefly acknowledged by Mr. H. W. Jackson. The company arrived in Bolton about 10 p.m., thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing. H. W. Jackson* (conductor), 1; J. Curtis,* 2; J. Redford,* 3; T. E. Turner,* 4; J. Walsh, 5; W. Marsden,* 6; W. Hamer,* 7; B. Lindley, 8. Tenor, 10 cwt. [Those marked with a * are members of the Lancashire Association.]

The ringers from the parish church, Bradford, Yorkshire, paid a visit to the above place on Saturday, the 16th, and rang a touch of 1600 Kent Treble Bob Major, the whole of the Bradford company being members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London. Six of the Heywood Company, assisted by two of the Southport ringers, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples. Two of the Bradford Company, Messrs. Choetham and Harcastle, along with Mr. James Wood of Ashton-under-Lyne assisted the Southport ringers in ringing several nice touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples for Divine service, morning, afternoon, and evening on Sunday. The new bells have been cast and fixed by Mears and Stainbank, London. The same firm cast the ring of six eighteen years ago. Tenor, 10 cwt.

Death of an Old Ringer.—An Essex Worthy, and an Example for Others.

SAMUEL GRIMWOOD RUSH died on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Hornchurch, Essex, one of its prominent and efficient local ringers. Unfortunately his death was caused through an accident which occurred with a traction-engine. He was assisting to steer the engine into a field, and not noticing a gate-post in the way, he became suddenly crushed against it, receiving such injuries that between four and five hours afterwards death resulted. Though the deceased belonged to what might almost be termed 'the old school,' yet, owing probably to his never-to-be-forgotten civility to all classes alike, and his sound words of advice which he was at all times willing to give either to young or old, combined with a constant and devout attendance in the House of God after he had called his fellow-worshippers together, made him a man held in high esteem in the parish of which he was a native. His ability as a member of the exercise was rare, and undoubtedly his loss will be greatly felt. In former years there was a local band known as the Hornchurch Youths, of which the deceased was a member. There are at the present time three tablets in the belfry recording their performances. The latest of these, rung when the deceased was about twenty-seven years of age, is as follows:—29th May, 1842, were performed in this tower, by the Hornchurch Youths, four true and complete peals. Court Bob Doubles; Treble Bob Minor; Bob Doubles; Minor Bob. James Smith, Treble; S. Rush, 2; J. Cressey, 3; Henry Bright, 4; John Spencer, 5; James Redgell, Tenor.

The knowledge of the deceased was not confined simply to the methods mentioned in the above record, as he was able to take part in almost any practised six-bell method. His position in life, latterly that of an agricultural labourer, coupled with his advancing years, did not give him an opportunity of travelling far from home; consequently it was only among that portion of the rising community of ringers who visited the steeple at home that he was generally known. Not one of these can ever forget his cheerful, hearty welcome, always ready to 'stand out,' or, if necessary, to take part in the ringing, which he did with his full energy and tact, giving a young hand practical words of advice, in the manner he did only on the previous Sunday, when he also rang the tenor to a touch.

He was buried in the parish churchyard on Sunday, the 10th inst.; his employer's family, together with a large concourse of people, attending as a mark of respect. The bells were deeply muffled, and rung while the mournful procession moved into and out of church; after which three of the local company, with three members of the Essex Association, rang a half-muffled peal of Bob Minor in 30 mins. J. Dear, 1; B. Keeble, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; A. Pye, 4; I. Dear, 5; J. Dear, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. This was the same composition as the last in which the deceased took part on the 21st of May last.

A Correction.

In the account of the peal of Bob Minor rung at Woodford on Sept. 3rd, it should be 25 bobs and 10 singles, instead of 25 singles and 10 bobs.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Thursday, the 7th inst., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. G. Herdman, 1; F. Lees, 2; W. G. Routledge, Esq., 3; W. Eggleston, 4; W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 5; R. S. Story, Esq., 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At King's Norton, Worcestershire.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., eight members of the Birmingham and District Association rang a touch of 1882 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 11 mins., with all the 5, 6, 7's and 5, 7, 6's and 6's and 7's together throughout. H. Sumner, 1; W. Palmer, jun., 2; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 3; J. Cook, 4; J. Wright, 5; T. Russam, 6; B. Stevens, 7; A. Hackley, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Michael's, Garston, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 10th inst., for Divine service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 26½ mins. S. Gough, 1; P. B. Wood, 2; J. Alexander, 3; F. Turner, 4; E. Burge, 5; G. W. Hughes (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Church; Bletchingley; Marsham; Syston; Ashton-under-Lyne; White Waltham; Eltham; Birmingham; Southport; and others.

NOTICE.—The Editor has a copy of the *Clavis* for sale. Price, per post, 10s. 6d.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Derby and District.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Nottingham on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Ringers attended from Derby, Burton-on-Trent, Nottingham, Long Eaton, Loughborough, Mansfield, Eastwood, Beeston, Lenton, Hull, &c. The following towers were open for ringing: St. Peter's and All Saints', Nottingham, also Beeston and Lenton. Some excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Triple Bob Major, also Double Norwich Court Bob, were rung during the day. At Beeston, eight members of the Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major, the first peal in that method rung on the bells. At five o'clock the ringers, to the number of sixty, adjourned to the Arboretum Refreshment-room. After tea the usual business meeting was held, the President of the Association (the Rev. J. H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent) in the chair; F. Gascoigne, Esq., of All Saints', Nottingham, in the vice-chair, supported by Mr. Beresford of Derby, Mr. Ashworth and several other influential Nottingham gentlemen. The President, in his opening remarks, congratulated the ringers upon their success in obtaining a peal during the day, and hoped that the Association would be able to obtain more peals during the winter months; and he strongly urged those ringers who had not joined the Association to do so and strengthen its cause, as he was pleased to inform them that the Yorkshire Association had rung over fifty peals during their past year, and hoped that the Derby and District Association would try and follow their example. Mr. Thomas Beresford, Vice-President, urged the necessity of ringers co-operating with the clergy and churchwardens, so that they may be recognised in their true position as church-workers.

The next quarterly meeting of the Association was proposed to be held at Leicester, about the end of December.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Andrew's, Holborn, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 2nd inst., a peal of 5010 Stedman's Triples was rung by the Royal Cumberland Society in 3 hrs. 14 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; J. Nelses, 2; C. Hopkins, 3; H. Swain, 4; E. Moses,* 5; H. Dains, 6; H. Hopkins, 7; J. Barrett, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. Composed by S. Thurstan. [* First peal of Stedman's Triples.]

At King's Norton, Worcestershire.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., six members of the King's Norton Branch of the Birmingham and District Association rang a peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 25 mins. F. Townsend, 1; W. H. Sumner, 2; Fred. Palmer, 3; J. Wright, 4; J. Cooks, 5; W. Palmer (conductor), 6.

At Church, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 12th inst., a mixed band rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, in 28½ mins. H. Hayes*† (conductor), 1; C. D. Pierce,† 2; A. Scholes,† 3; J. Pickles,* 4; J. Bullock,* 5; W. Pattinson,* 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [* Members of the L. A. of Change-ringers. † Members of the L. A. of Six-bell Change-ringers.]

At St. Mary's, Bletchingley, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 14th inst., a mixed band of ringers from Bletchingley, Nutfield, and Reigate, rang the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 35 mins. F. Smith, 1; W. Burkin (conductor), 2; L. Killick, 3; J. Burkin, 4; T. Fuller, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Webb, 7; J. Balcomb, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At Mersham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. on the back seven (tenor cover). E. Ruck (conductor), 1; D. Paine, 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; G. Finn, jun., 4; G. Paine, 5; F. Finn, 6; E. Finn, 7. [All members of the County Association.]

At the Parish Church, Syston, Leicestershire.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., five members of the above Society, assisted by Mr. A. Millis of Leicester, rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. A. Millis, 1; J. Needham, 2; A. Carnal, 3; J. North, 4; J. Pickard, 5; Rev. W. Pearson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

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

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a peal of 8000	2 3 4 5 6	M. H. W. H.
Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 4 hrs.	3 6 4 5 2	1 2
57 mins. J. Mellor, 1; J. Hopwood, 2; W.	2 4 6 5 3	1 1
Smith, 3; J. Adams, 4; J. Wood, 5; G. Long-	5 6 3 4 2	2 - 2
den, 6; S. Wood (conductor), 7; J. Thorp	2 4 3 6 5	2 - 2 2
(composer), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.	6 2 3 4 5	1

At St. Mary the Virgin, White Waltham, Berks.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung by a band from Maidenhead in 25½ mins. J. Eldridge, 1; G. Wilkins, jun., 2; J. W. Wilkins, 3; R. Smith, 4; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 5; E. Rogers, 6. Tenor, about 13 cwt. The above was the first peal on the bells, cast by Messrs. Warner in 1869.

At St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

On Sunday, the 17th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 34 bobs and 2 singles, was rung for evening service in 27 mins. T. Reynolds, 1; J. Buffery, 2; J. Perry, 3; B. Huckle, 4; W. Samgur, 5; T. Miller (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

At St. John the Baptist's, Eltham, Kent.

On Sunday, the 17th inst., for Divine service, Hammond's reverse peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 26 mins. J. King, 1; G. Sheppard, 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith, 4; F. Fraser (conductor), 5; T. Titchener, 6.

On Thursday, the 21st inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 42 singles, was rung in 24 mins. C. Mussett, 1; W. Fraser, 2; C. English, 3; J. Smith, 4; G. Conyard, 5; F. French (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt., in A.

At Stansted, Mountfitchet, Essex.

On Sunday, the 17th inst., after morning service, six members of the Stansted Society, assisted by Messrs. F. Pitstow and G. Martin of Saffron Walden, rang for the harvest peal a 720 of Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; J. Mumford, 2; G. Grey, 3; H. Prior, 4; G. Martin, 5; F. Pitstow (conductor), 6.

Also, for afternoon service, a half peal of Kent Treble Bob, Messrs. C. Prior and J. Lucking taking part. Also, after service, a half peal, fully muffled, for the late Mr. John Pomphret, who was for many years a ringer of this parish; after which they rang a half-muffled peal of Double Court. These were conducted by Mr. Henry Prior, who had been connected with the deceased for a great many years.

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 19th inst., being the anniversary of opening the above bells, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 26 mins. H. Cave, 1; C. Sharples, 2; J. Gardner, 3; W. Bentham, 4; J. Walker, 5; W. Fairclough, 6. H. Wilson, 8. The peal was conducted by W. Fairclough, and is the first he has called. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Holbeach, Lincolnshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., a muffled touch of Egyptian Surprise was rung at Holbeach as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. John Blinkhorn Hardy, an old ringer and parish clerk, who was buried on that day. J. R. Jerram, 1; T. Blackburn, 2; J. Lee, 3; J. Wilson, 4; R. Clarke, 5; A. Tubbs, 6; T. Squires, 7; T. Clarke, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt., in E flat.

['Egyptian Surprise' is a surprise to us. Is it a new name to an old Go?—Ed.]

At St. John the Baptist's, Leytonstone, Essex.

On Wednesday, the 20th inst., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs, was rung in 26 mins. J. Priest, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; G. Akers, 3; C. Holden, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; H. Randall, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At St. Luke's, Derby.—Muffled Peal.

On Thursday, the 21st inst., seven members of the St. Luke's Society, with Mr. W. D. Smith of Hackney, London, member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang with the bells half-muffled a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins., in memory of Dr. Pusey. A. Riley, 1; T. Bancroft, 2; J. Newbold, 3; W. D. Smith, 4; J. Duncalf, 5; J. Howe, 6; G. Lee (conductor), 7; H. Longdon, 8. Tenor, 33½ cwt., in D.

At Fleet, Lincolnshire.—Muffled Peal.

A MUFFLED peal was rung on Thursday, the 21st inst., as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. F. Copeland, an old ringer.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 23rd inst., a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the Royal Cumberland Society in 2 hrs. 53 mins. G. Newson (conductor), 1; H. Hopkins, 2; J. Nelses, 3; C. Hopkins, 4; J. Hannington, 5; H. Dains (composer), 6; J. Rogers, 7; W. Baron, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Beeston, Nottinghamshire.

On Saturday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the Derby and District Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 14 mins., being the first peal on the bells in this method. J. Griffin, 1; E. J. Stone, 2; G. Appleby, 3; S. Cooper, 4; J. Jagger, 5; A. Wakley, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Composed by the late Mr. William Harrison and conducted by Mr. William Wakley. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F.

At St. Mary's, Selly Oak, Worcestershire.—Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, the 23rd inst., four ringers from King's Norton and two of Selly Oak rang a peal of Grandsire Minor, containing 38 bobs and 22 singles, muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. Walter Meere of the Selly Oak Odd Fellows Society. J. Nix, 1; J. Cooks, 2; Fred. Palmer, 3; T. Hinton, 4; W. Palmer, 5; J. Wright (conductor), 6.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

On Saturday, the 23rd inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 8 bobs and 6 singles (Hubbard), was rung in 27 mins. G. Cornell, 1; J. Priest, 2; G. Akers, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; H. Scarlett, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6.

Also a touch of 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Priest, 1; S. Jarman, 2; G. Akers, 3; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 4; M. Ellsmore (conductor), 5; H. Scarlett, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At St. Mary Magdalene's, Campsall, Doncaster, Yorks.

On Sunday evening, the 24th inst., eight members of the above Society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples in 46 mins. F. Lorrinan, 1; R. Pearson, 2; J. Senior, 3; J. Senior (conductor), 4; A. Jubbs, 5; H. Butcher, 6; W. Pearson, 7; F. Briggs, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Sunday, the 24th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 26 mins. A. Brown, 1; J. Brown, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

* * We again request our friends to report the time of their performances.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Putney; St. Giles-in-the-Fields; Somerleyton; Boyne Hill; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Intoning.—Choral Services.

SIR,—Surely your correspondent, 'C. T. C.', has been betrayed into a curious confusion of ideas? What can he mean by suggesting an evening service at which the prayers may be 'prayed in the natural voice?' (I have not his letter before me, and may not be quoting with literal exactness.) Is it impossible to pray in monotone? Does one necessarily pray if the voice is inflected? Let me carry his theory a little further, and say, 'Instead of singing the hymns next Sunday let us praise them in the natural voice,' or 'At the morning service we will no longer chant the Canticles, but speak them to God in the natural voice.' Does it require anything more to make manifest the absurdity of 'C. T. C.'s' theory?

There are two parts to Divine worship—(1) the inward spirit or feeling, (2) the outward expression: the latter may vary infinitely, but certainly the former is not necessarily annexed to, or absent from, any particular mode of expression. The use of a musical mode of expression (whether it be monotone or otherwise) is, I apprehend, that a number of people may join in harmonious utterance, and thus avoid discordant variations and inflections.

If your correspondent simply means to denounce bad intoning, mumbling, muttering, and gabbling, the use of too high a note for the congregation to get hold of, and all the other abuses of choral services, I am heartily with him. Let us have a crusade against these by all means: they are much too prevalent. Inexpressive and unintelligent mumbling is not intoning; but your correspondent will find that clergymen who thus pervert a musical use can read the lessons just as badly, and render the Communion Office just as unimpressively and inaudibly in the 'natural voice,' as if they used the monotone. The due and expressive, reverent and careful, use of the monotone, and of music generally, in our services, is much too great a boon to be lightly thrown away. But the time has certainly come for a loud, emphatic, and universal protest against the abuses I have indicated. A SOLICITOR.

Ordination of Priests.

SIR,—Will some of your readers explain the meaning and extent of the words in the service for Ordination of Priests, when the Bishop says, 'Receive the Holy Ghost. Whose sins thou dost forgive, they are forgiven; and whose sins thou dost retain, they are retained?' An ordination has been recently held here, and these words have caused considerable discussion. B. G. J.

[The words are, in substance, a quotation of the words of Christ (St. John, xxi. 23) spoken to the disciples after His resurrection. They were addressed either to the apostles exclusively, or to the disciples as representing the whole Church. In either case they declare the will of Christ to exercise His power of pardoning sin by means of the Church, which is His representative on earth, and by His ministers who are the officers of the Church. As to the manner in which this is done there are differences of opinion. But it may be said that they have authority, (1) to preach the word of reconciliation, by which remission of sins is proclaimed. (2), To baptize into the Church, which is the covenant body, and therefore, as such, the assembly of the pardoned. (3), To excommunicate offenders, thus removing them from the covenant body, and to restore them on their repentance. It is not, of course, believed by any that mere membership in the Church infallibly secures remission of sins, or that no one who is excommunicated can be forgiven. But this is the idea of communion and excommunication. And the Church can recognise only her members as being in Christ, and therefore as in a state of salvation.—ED. C. B.]

The Confession in the Communion Service.

SIR,—If 'A. B. C.' will refer to the rubric before the General Confession at Morning and Evening Prayer, he will see that the Confession is to be made 'after the minister'; and he will notice that the Confession is divided into phrases, each phrase commencing with a capital letter. It seems clearly to be intended that the Confession should be rehearsed alternately by minister and people, phrase by phrase—a plan insuring great reverence and quietness, as all who have tried it know; and probably meant to suggest how the sinner is taught fitting words of confession. The case of the Confession, 'Turn Thou us,' in the Communion Service, with its rubric, is exactly similar. And it is clear that the Confession in the office for Holy Communion is to be treated in the same way. Probably the second *Pater noster* in the Holy Communion is an instance of the same kind, and an exception to the general rule of simultaneous repetition. HIPPO.

Church Patronage.

SIR,—I gladly find that 'H. G. O.' does not mean to impute ulterior motives to the supporters of Mr. Leatham's Bill. A mistake is a very different thing to a dishonest object. One may be honestly mistaken. And so, I think, 'H. G. O.' is altogether in his argument in this case. But that I need not enter into. To show, however, 'H. G. O.' the absolute necessity of caution in his words for the future, I may remark that two brother-clergymen, to whom I handed his letter of July 29th, took it in exactly the same sense as myself, saying that that seemed to them the plain evident interpretation of the letter, and expressing surprise at such a statement being made, especially anonymously. However, of course, I frankly accept the explanation, and as frankly withdraw any expression that may have given pain. I am very glad indeed that 'H. G. O.' has explained his letter, for I do think such an explanation was necessary. In conclusion, let 'H. G. O.' be well assured that a paltry matter like the difficulty of satisfying private patrons will never prolong the existence of the Establishment one day. Reforms may strengthen us, abuses will never bolster us up. It would be one of the easiest things to satisfy private patrons at the time of Disestablishment. And it will be tenfold more easy when their adownsons have been further depreciated by another Royal Commission and a little more uncertainty and delay. Well may private patrons say, 'Save us from our friends!' F. C. GREEN.

Denmead Vicarage, Horndean.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

A GENERAL Meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Oct. 9th. Gentlemen attending will be conveyed at reduced fares by the L. and S. W. R. Short special service in the parish church. All members and ringers cordially invited. Further particulars next week. A. B. PERCEVAL, Hon. Sec.

The 'Egyptian Surprise.'

SIR,—The 'Egyptian Surprise,' as published in your last issue, was a surprise indeed to every one who saw it and a disgrace to the party who sent it for publication. It is evident he is no ringer—trying to deceive the ringers at large by a false representation of Churchyard Bobs. It was published in another paper as 'Lincolnshire Exercise'—such an exercise as the reporter would like to make popular in this district! R. MACKMAN.

Spalding.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Mottram in Longdendale, Cheshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, the 23rd ult., a mixed band rang the following peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 50 mins.

	5088	M.	B.	W.	U.
R. Wright, 1; H. Shaw, 2; T. Wilde, 3; S. Wood (conductor), 4; J. S. Wilde, 5; G. Longden, 6; J. Thorpe, 7; J. Bailey, 8. The above peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Shaw, who was for upwards of fifty years a ringer at the above church. He had rung many peals on 8, 10, and 12 bells, from 5000 to 10,000 changes. Tenor, 14 cwt.	3 5 4 2 6	1	—	—	—
	2 3 5 6 4	—	—	2	2
	2 5 6 3 4	1	—	—	—
	5 3 6 2 4	1	—	—	—
	5 3 2 4 6	—	—	—	1
	2 4 2 5 6	1	—	—	—

Twice repeated.

At St. Mary's, Putney, Surrey.

On Monday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 3 mins. W. A. Tyler (conductor), 1; F. Weare, 2; H. Cutter, 3; B. J. James, 4; C. F. Winney, 5; R. Shilby, 6; J. Jackman, 7; D. Newton, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Middlesex.

On Monday, the 25th ult., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was rung in 3 hrs. 10 mins. J. Mansfield, 1; J. Page, 2; T. Tit-chener, 3; T. Gleed, 4; A. Jacob, 5; J. Hannington (conductor), 6; J. Barrett, 7; W. Strange, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At Somerleyton, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 25th ult., six of the Somerleyton Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang touches of 360 Violet Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Grandsire Minor, 442 Plain Bob Minor, making in all 1882 changes, in 1 hr. 5 mins. R. J. Kittle (composer and conductor), 1; G. Rudd, 2; J. Orford, 3; James Orford, 4; H. Orford, 5; R. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

On Tuesday, the 26th ult., a touch of 910 Grandsire Triples was rung in 35 mins. J. Eldridge, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; G. Wilkins, jun., 3; H. Rogers, 4; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 5; R. Smith, 6; E. Rogers, 7; E. Keeley, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At St. Leonard's, Hythe, Kent.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., several members of the County Association met the Messrs. Finn, who are engaged in refitting the Saltwood bells, and rang a touch of 1008 Bob Major, besides several touches of Grandsire Triples. In Bob Major:—F. Fisher, 1; J. Harrison, 2; H. Down, 3; S. Barker, 4; G. Finn, 5; A. Moorcraft, 6; F. Slingsby, 7; F. Finn, 8. In Grandsire:—Down, 1; Harrison, 2; Fisher, 3; Barker, 4; G. Finn, 5; F. Finn, 6; Slingsby, 7; Moorcraft, 8. The evening was finished with tune and change-ringing on hand-bells.

At St. Mary's, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

On Friday, the 29th ult., in commemoration of the eighteenth opening of the bells, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 26 mins. G. Hale (conductor), 1; H. Smith, 2; E. Hinton, 3; J. Nix, 4; E. Bush, 5; A. Cole, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

On Saturday, the 30th ult., being the eve of the eighty-eighth birthday of that veteran ringer, Mr. Thomas Gooch of Yarmouth, the St. Nicholas' Company rang on the eight large bells a touch of 1344 Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., containing the twenty-four 6-7's, being the greatest number obtainable by bobs only. W. Chaplin, 1; W. T. Blyth, 2; W. Lee (conductor), 3; W. Secret, 4; W. Fletcher, 5; D. Hayward, 6; M. Long, 7; H. Wright, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt. [We have received another communication, in which the sixth bell is given to D. Shalma.]

Also on Sunday morning, the 1st inst., being the birthday, and for church service, a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples was rung in 14 mins. W. T. Blyth, 1; W. Lee (conductor), 2; R. Christian, 3; W. Secret, 4; W. Fletcher, 5; D. Hayward, 6; M. Long, 7; W. Chaplin, 8. And in the afternoon a touch of 503 Grandsire Triples in 20 mins. W. T. Blyth, 1; W. Lee (conductor), 2; M. Long, 3; W. Secret, 4; J. F. W. Bray, 5; W. Fletcher, 6; D. Hayward, 7; W. Chaplin, 8. Mr. Gooch was a ringer for many years, and is well known and respected. He has rung several peals of 5040 changes each, with different companies, and on one occasion 10,080 changes.

RECEIVED ALSO:—W. A. H. is requested to send us his address. H. R. Greaves: your communication omits both the name of the town and the county! E. Curtis; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Church of England on the Continent.

SIR,—‘G. V.’ has called attention to a subject of very considerable interest. But so long as the Colonial and Continental Society send out chaplains who think themselves above rubrics, there is little chance of the Church of England being fairly represented. In some cases it is almost impossible to sit out the services with any degree of patience. I have been at a service where the chaplain did not consecrate the elements for Holy Communion! Here is an extract from a letter received from the wife of an Evangelical clergyman who was staying at one of the most frequented of the Society’s stations: ‘We had a rather remarkable service on Sunday, and have been unfortunate enough to come in here for a specimen of the *real* Colonial and Continental chaplain. He seemed to think that the rubrics were open to improvement, for he knelt when he ought to stand, and stood when he ought to kneel, as a rule. At the beginning of the Communion Service he came forward to the rail, and said, with closed eyes and clasped hands, the Lord’s Prayer and first Collect; then went back within reach of his book to say the Commandments; and then said the last two Collects in the same position facing the congregation. He administers the Sacrament to three people while he says the sentence once; and Miss —, who is *advanced* in her views, thinking, I suppose, to avoid receiving it so, went up alone at the end; and—can you believe it?—he took no notice of her, but went calmly on with the service, in spite of her gesticulations, and leaving her place at the end of the rail for a more central one.’ If any one thinks this an exceptional experience, let him inquire how matters were conducted at Chemperry this summer. In fact things have come to such a pass that many travellers make a point of absenting themselves from Church services provided by the Colonial and Continental Society.

Was Elijah fed by Ravens or Bedouins?

SIR,—Your correspondent, ‘Salf,’ in his letter under the above title begs the question when he says that ‘the fact of the matter’ and ‘the truth’ is that Elijah was fed by Bedouins and not by ravens. The question is an important one, and is worth investigation. At the outset we may notice that the difference between the words for *ravens* and *Arabians* is not so small as ‘Salf’ imagines; there is the ‘dot’ to which he alludes, but there is also a diversity of other vowel points, and, most important of all, there are two radical letters in the latter which are not found in the former word! There is, therefore, a considerable difference between the words. Even supposing that they were identical in spelling, nothing would be proved. In our language we have some words spelled exactly alike and yet possessing meanings totally different; to a foreigner these appear the same, but an Englishman detects at once something which shows the difference. If, then, these words were identical, it would require a skilled and learned person to pass judgment upon their meaning; here, however, as I have shown, identity or even close similarity does not exist. Besides, who so fit to decide the meaning of the word as those who were accustomed to the original language by race and education?

The Septuagint renders it *κόρακες*, showing how the Hebrew translators understood the word. So does St. Chrysostom; and Bishop Patrick, when alluding to this theory of ‘Arabians’ merely to dismiss it as untenable, adds that all the ancients without exception agree in the interpretation of the text. The writer in Smith’s *Dictionary*, under the head ‘Ravens,’ alludes to other theories than that always received about this passage as ‘fanciful speculation;’ and the learned Bishop Wordsworth scarcely notices the objection, and does not think it worth refuting. One great difficulty in believing that Elijah was fed by ‘charitable Bedouin Arabs’ lies in the secrecy of his retreat—‘*hide thyself*’ was God’s command; but if his dwelling near the Jordan was so well known that for a considerable period ‘charitable Arabs’ could bring him bread and flesh twice a-day, we may be sure that Ahab, who was anxious to lay hold of him, would soon have succeeded in so doing. I cannot divine your correspondent’s meaning when he speaks of ravens having to fly ‘thousands of miles’ to supply the needs of the prophet. It is easy to throw ridicule upon anything; but I believe that neither in the Sacred Text, nor in the interpretation of it by any well-qualified writer, shall we find ground for altering the old belief that Elijah in his retirement was fed miraculously by fowls of the air.

Can the Plague be Stayed?

SIR,—No excuse can now be needed for suggesting a method by which all may help to stay the drink plague, which is, perhaps beyond all others, the curse of Britain. Then let me suggest that an organized effort be made to bring the evil home, case by case, to the prime mover of the mischief. Cases occur daily, with hideous frequency, where drinking leads visibly and directly to crime. Now it is clear that in the great majority of such cases there must be two offenders, both of whom, according to the spirit of English law, ought to come up for trial. But the anomaly is that only one is looked after and caught, the other is very rarely thought of. The position is this:—(1.) To ‘drink to excess,’ so as to commit any act of violence, is contrary to law. (2.) For any licensed person to supply ‘drink to excess’ is contrary to law. Now, as a rule, wherever an act of violence has been committed under the influence of drink, A must have drunk excisable liquors, and B (perhaps C and D also) must have supplied them. Now, why apprehend and bring A before the magistrate, while we make no effort to discover and apprehend B? Surely it is important that this joint liability for the commission of the numerous crimes of violence should everywhere be directly brought home to the magistracy, police authorities, and the public; and that the seller and the ‘sold’ should stand side by side in the criminal’s dock. Now as this action can be expected from no organizations, but simply from an enlightened public sentiment, may I ask you to permit me thus to lay the case before your readers?

R. BATLY WALKER, F.S.S.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Ringer’s Wedding at Benington, Herts.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Samuel Page, one of the resident village change-ringers, 3004 changes were rung in Superlative Surprise Major, London Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Stedman’s Triples—six distinct musical and intricate methods—by L. Proctor, Esq., Messrs. Warner, J. Kitchener, Chapman S. Page, Jos. Kitchener, Sambrooke, and T. Page. A luncheon was provided by the father of the bride, Mr. Mean, to which Squire Proctor, the Rev. W. Mills (rector), and Mr. Haworth of London (who took part in some of the ringing), were invited. In the evening many of the villagers were entertained at Mr. Mean’s house. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

The ‘Egyptian Surprise.’

SIR,—In answer to ‘R. Mackman’s’ letter in your issue of Oct. 7th, allow me to inform him that he is right as to the nature of the above performance. On behalf of myself and two more of the ringers mentioned by name, I must remind him that we have done quite as much in the way of change-ringing as he has, and our names have often appeared in your columns in conjunction with his own in various peals rung in the district. I must also repudiate his statement that the correspondent, who dignified the performance with the name of ‘Lincolnshire Exercise’ in another paper, is a man who wishes to introduce ‘Churchyard Bob’ into the district. The gentleman referred to is a change-ringer living at Holbeach, and has tried hard to instruct the ringers there in the art, but for want of sympathy from the rest of the company he has been able to do but little in the way of teaching.

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

[We request Mr. Jerram not to send us any more Churchyard Bobs.—Ed.]

Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual General Meeting of the above Association was held at Drighlington on Saturday last. In the morning eight of the officers of the Society rang a peal at St. Paul’s Church. In the afternoon tea was served in the National Schoolroom, and later on the general meeting was held, the President, Jasper W. Snowdon, Esq., in the chair. The Report of the Committee and the Treasurer’s Balance-sheet were read and adopted. From the latter it appears that the invested capital of the Society now reaches a sum of more than 72l. The next meeting was appointed to be held at the head-quarters, Leeds, on Saturday, January 7th, 1883. The usual votes of thanks concluded the business of the meeting.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Ipswich on Monday, the 25th ult., and was a great success. The day was fine, and there was a good muster of ringers from all parts of the diocese. At 12.45 a short service was held at the church of St. Mary-le-Tower, the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Turnock, giving an address. At 1.30 an adjournment was made to the ‘White Horse’ hotel, where over 100 members sat down to dinner. The chairman, Mr. S. Westhorpe, was supported by the Revs. C. R. Turnock, C. Ward, W. C. Pearson, and H. A. Cockey (Essex); Captain Moore, Leonard Procter, Gervas Holmes, G. F. W. Meadows, N. W. W. Meadows, H. A. O. Mackenzie, R. Copeman, Esqrs., &c. After dinner the usual loyal and complimentary toasts were given, and duly responded to. Mr. Gervas Holmes, who had kindly undertaken the duties of the Secretary, the Rev. G. H. Harris, who was absent through illness, then read the Annual Report, from which we gather that the Association is in a very flourishing condition, the members being nearly 500, and the balance well on the right side. The following were then elected as honorary members: Mr. C. F. Winney (London), Mr. S. Slater (Glensford), Rev. C. Ward (St. Nicholas, Ipswich), and the chairman, Mr. S. Westhorpe, and two Ipswich and two Yarmouth men as performing members, with two probationers. The officers were re-elected, and it was decided to hold the district meetings in the following year at Bungay, Stonham, and, for the benefit of the six-bell ringers, at Reppham. Ringing was then again the order of the day, the towers of St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Clements, St. Margaret, St. Mary Key, St. Lawrence, St. Mary Elms, St. Matthew, St. Nicholas, and St. Lawrence (the bells in the last just hung), having been kindly placed at the service of the Association until the time came for the members to take their departure homewards.

North Goscote (Leicestershire) Deanery Society of Church Bell-ringers.

ON Monday, the 2nd inst., the ringers of this deanery assembled at Syston to inaugurate the above Society, having for its object ‘the cultivation of the art of change-ringing and the promotion of belfry reform.’ Ringers from Ashfordby, Great Dalby, Ratcliffe, Syston, and Thrusington, took part in the proceedings. Ringing commenced at 10.15, and continued without intermission until 12.45. After dinner, some rules which had been previously drawn up were discussed and agreed to, and all present were enrolled as members of the new Society. Ringing again commenced at 3.15, and was continued till 4.30, when all once more assembled at the new school for afternoon tea. Several members of the Syston company afterwards performed some tunes on their hand-bells, and were warmly applauded. The ringers again adjourned to the tower, and the bells were kept in motion until 6.30—the day’s performance being concluded with half a peal of Bob Minor and some six-scores of Grandfire Doubles by the Syston company. At 7 o’clock a special service was held in the church, at which the greater number of the ringers were present. The Rev. D. W. Barrett, vicar of Nassington, who has taken an active part in organizing societies of this kind in the diocese (Peterborough), preached from Zech. xiv. 20, from which

he drew many excellent lessons, which, we trust, will be remembered by all who heard them. The offertory, which was in aid of the funds of the Society, amounted to 1*l*. 7*s*. 6*d*. In conclusion we would say, that since the object of the Society is to cultivate the art of change-ringing rather than to excite a spirit of rivalry between the different companies, we forbear to make any invidious comparisons, but we should like to remind those who were present that change-ringing does not consist in raising and falling the bells in order, and simply ringing a few 'cross changes,' and we hope that, while in the future the former may be as carefully practised as at present, efforts will be made by each company at least to so far master the art as to be able to ring a well-struck 'six-score' of Grandsire Doubles before we meet together another year.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

THE next General Meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Ringing from 8.30 a.m. Short special service at midday. A substantial meat tea will be provided at the 'Swan Hotel.' Members free. Members and friends intending to be present should send in their names to their local secretaries, or direct to me. Ringers attending the meeting will be conveyed at reduced fares by L. & S. W. R.

Eagle House, Wimbledon.

A. B. PERCEVAL, Hon. Sec.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Newcastle on Monday, Oct. 30. A special service will be held in St. John's Church at 2.30. Dinner at the 'Crown and Mitre,' Grey Street, at 4 o'clock. Tickets for the dinner will be supplied at 1*s*. each to members whose names are sent in to the secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 23.

G. J. CLARKSON, Hon. Sec.

Post-office Chambers, Stockton-on-Tees.

Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28th, at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. At 4 p.m. service; sermon by Rev. H. R. Heywood, M.A., vicar of Swinton. At 5 p.m. tea; tickets, 1*s*. each, may be had from Committee. At 6 p.m. business meeting, and at 7 p.m. ringing. The bells of Holy Trinity, All Souls' Parish, and St. George's Churches, will be at the disposal of members. Non-members are also kindly invited.

W. J. CHATTERTON, } Hon. Secs.
JOEL REDFORD, }

Progress of Change-ringing at Woburn, Bedfordshire.

ON Wednesday, the 4th inst., six members of the Woburn Company of Change-ringers rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. W. E. Turney,* 1; A. C. Wiseman,* 2; A. Morrison,* 3; C. Herbert, 4; W. W. C. Baker, Esq., 5; F. T. Tanqueray, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. [* First peal.] This is the first 720 rung at Woburn by the local band. Strenuous efforts have of late been made to introduce the art of change-ringing to the knowledge and practice of the ringers of the various rings of bells in and around Bedford, Woburn, and other places; a County Association has been formed, and very excellent progress is being made—five of the above-named ringers are in unison with such Association. Mr. Baker, besides being a member of the Woburn Company and of the Beds Association of Change-ringers, is the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Cambridge University Society, and whose assiduous help has done much to bring real ringing into practice in the neighbourhood. The ringing of the above peal is an encouraging sign of the progress which is being made, and that, too, notwithstanding the prejudices and difficulties which have had to be surmounted on introducing the half-pull system of change-ringing in a county where Churchyard Bob has been universally practised. To Mr. Tanqueray, who called the peal, also a meed of praise is due for the untiring energy and assistance always so readily accorded by him in furthering the objects of this Company and of the County Association—viz. the promotion and encouragement of the study and practice of true ringing.

The Tewkesbury Ringers at Bristol.

ON Monday, the 25th ult., the Tewkesbury Abbey Society visited Bristol and Clifton, and at St. Mary's parish church, Clifton, by the kind permission of the vicar, they rang touches of 504 and 630 changes of Grandsire Triples. Afterwards they visited the parish church of St. Mary-le-Port, Bristol, and by the kind permission of the vicar and churchwardens they rang touches of Grandsire Triples. H. Witherington, 1; F. Moore, 2; S. Cleal, 3; J. Hale, 4; John Wathen, 5; C. Awford, 6; Josiah Wathen (conductor), 7; W. Haines, 8.

Corrections.

IN our issue of Aug. 12 it was stated that new bells at St. Budock's, Cornwall, were from the Whitechapel foundry. That was a mistake; they were supplied by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough.

IN our issue of the 30th ult., a peal was inadvertently reported to have been rung at St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. St. Chad does not belong to the Church of England, and by our rule should not have been inserted.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Barwell, Leicestershire.

ON Monday, the 18th ult., a peal of Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs and 6 singles, was rung. T. Needham, 1; R. Lane, 2; G. White, 3; A. Needham, 4; W. Powers (first peal), 5; C. Lane (conductor), 6.

Also on Saturday, the 23rd ult., a peal of Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung. T. Needham, 1; E. Garner, 2; G. White, 3; W. A. Needham, 4; C. Lane, 5; J. Buttery (conductor), 6.

[In neither of these notices has the time or weight of tenor been given.]

At Norton, Lincolnshire.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., the ringers of St. Botolph's, Lincoln, assisted by E. Curtis of St. Peter-at-Gowts, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in three parts, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, in 28 mins. J. Giles, 1; H. Maidens, 2; G. Gill, 3; H. Hoyes, 4; C. Johnson, 5; E. Curtis (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At St. John the Evangelist's, Pimlico, London.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 52 mins. W. T. Ceaton,* 1; G. T. McLaughlin,* 2; C. F. Winny, 3; R. French, 4; F. E. Dawe, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; F. T. Gover, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in G. [* First peals.] This was rung as an anniversary peal, it being four years ago, on the 2nd October, since the bells were opened by the above Society.

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

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 20 mins. It is the first peal in the method by those marked *, and is the first in the method on the bells. The peal contains the 6th extent wrong and home, also 4th extent in 6th's, being the reverse of the one on p. 60, Snowdon's Collection. J. Tarling,* 1; G. Rochester,* 2; C. Prior,* 3; H. J. Tucker, 4; N. Tarling,* 5; H. Prior,* 6; G. Taylor, 7; F. Pitstow (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford.

ON Sunday evening, the 1st inst., being the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Hertford College Youths in 45 mins. J. Shepherd, 1; J. G. Crawley, 2; J. Staples, 3; A. Baker, 4; H. Baker (conductor), 5; J. Godfrey, 6; T. Gathard, 7; F. George, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At Northwindingfield, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 1st inst., for the first time, a touch of 360 Bob Minor with 9 bobs, was rung for Divine service in 14½ mins. G. Clough,* 1; T. Allibone,* 2; J. H. Cook,* 3; T. Millington* (conductor), 4; J. Atkin, 5; T. Clough,* 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in F. [* Their first half-peal in this method.]

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

ON Sunday, the 1st inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung for evening service in 27 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; A. Pye, 4; J. Marks, 5; A. Porter, 6. Composed by Mr. Penning (No. 1), with 46 calls; namely, 28 bobs and 18 singles. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At St. John Baptist's, Leytonstone, Essex.

ON Sunday, the 1st inst., being the harvest thanksgiving day, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 9 bobs and 6 singles, was rung after evensong in 26 mins. W. Campfield (first 720), 1; W. Smith, 2; G. Akers, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; J. Priest, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G.

At Cheriton, Kent.

ON Monday, the 2nd inst., six members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 720 Canterbury Pleasure, the first in this method on these bells, in 25 mins. R. Beal, 1; P. Greenstreet, 2; A. Tauton, 3; G. Finn, 4; F. Rolfe, 5; J. Marsh (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, with 25 bobs, was rung in 28 mins. J. Pye,* 1; J. Potter, 2; B. Keeble,* 3; A. Pye, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; A. Porter, 6. [* First peal in this method.]

At St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale, Lancashire.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd inst., five of the parish ringers, assisted by Mr. James Mather of Higher Walton, rang the undermentioned peals of 720 changes each, altogether 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins.:—Double Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Plain Bob Minor (Reverse), Plain Bob Minor. R. Dewhurst (conductor), 1; J. Mather,* 2; H. Robinson, 3; John Robinson,* 4; E. Balshaw, 5; James Robinson, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt. 3 qrs. [* Members of the L. A. of Change-ringers.]

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 2520 changes, was rung in 1 hr. 35 mins. R. Checkley, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; G. Wilkins, jun., 3; H. Rogers, 4; R. Smith, 5; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 6; E. Rogers, 7; G. Wilkins, sen., 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. This is the first half-peal by all the above band, and the second half-peal ever rung in that belfry.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs and 6 singles, was rung by six members of the Essex Association in 25 mins. G. Akers (conductor), 1; W. Smith, 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; H. Randall, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq., 5; J. Marks, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, London.

ON Wednesday, the 4th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 57 mins. T. G. Deal (conductor), 1; W. G. Shade, 2; E. F. Cole, 3; W. Coppage, 4; J. G. Shade, 5; W. Baron, 6; T. Taylor, 7; J. Crowder, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., ten members of St. James's Society rang a peal of 5220 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 35 mins., to celebrate the birthday of the rector, the Rev. John Lindsay. J. R. Haworth, 1; W. Weatherstone, 2; F. Margetson, 3; R. French, 4; F. T. Gover, 5; F. E. Dawe, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8; G. Banks, 9; E. Albone, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. sharp, Composed by H. Hubbard, sen., and conducted by Mr. Hayes.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

ON Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., six members of the Darlington branch of the Durham Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 26 mins.; the first of the method on these bells. J. Bolton, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; R. Monaster, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; W. Patton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

North Wilts Guild of Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Trowbridge on Saturday, October 14th. The following companies attended:—Trowbridge, Great Bedwyn, Milsenhall, Bishops-Cannings, Scend, and Bromham; about fifty in all, besides some dozen or so honorary members. Service was held in the parish church at 11.30, and a sermon, addressed to the ringers, was preached by the Rector, the Rev. T. H. Gill, from Col. iii. 23, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord,' &c. After church, a party of four clergymen, with Mr. Jerram, rang Doubles for half-an-hour, and at one the whole company sat down to an excellent dinner at the 'George Inn,' with Alex. Mackay, Esq., churchwarden, in the chair, supported by the Rector and the Ven. Archdeacon Buchanan. After the healths of the Queen, and Bishop and Clergy, and of Mr. Mackay, who had generously given the dinner, had been drunk, the Secretary, with some regret, proposed 'That, in consequence of the recent formation of a Diocesan Guild, the North Wilts Guild cease to exist at the end of the current year.' It is hoped that all who have supported the North Wilts (and a good many who have not) will join the new society, and that ere long it may be in a flourishing condition, and able to provide an instructor in change-ringing. Mr. Jerram is likely to take up his residence in Salisbury, and it is hoped that arrangements may be made, by which any company in union with the Diocesan Guild will be able to avail themselves of his services as instructor. We should have mentioned that the Trowbridge company rang the bells for service. The afternoon was equally apportioned among the several companies, Trowbridge ringing a touch of Triples, and Scend a few plain courses of Doubles, the rest ringing rounds and call-changes. Tea was provided at the 'British Workman' (again by the liberality of Mr. Mackay). The whole day passed off very pleasantly, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

W. C. HORN, Hon. Sec. N.W.G.R.

SS. Peter and Paul, Cattistock, Dorset.

A CARILLON consisting of 33 bells, cast by Severin van Aerschoot at Louvain, was dedicated and opened on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the above church. About twelve years ago the idea of this carillon was first started by the then Rector, the Rev. Keith Barnes, the chief contributor. The scheme included the demolition and rebuilding on a larger scale of the tower of the church by the late Sir Gilbert Scott, which was finished five or six years ago. The bells were cast in 1880, and arrived from Louvain in February last. Messrs. Hooper & Son of Woodbury, Devon, have done the hanging. Eight of the largest bells are hung for ringing to Ellacombe's chiming hammers, and Seage's dumb-practice apparatus is annexed. The service at 3.30 was fully choral, with special Psalms and Lessons, and after the Third Collect the Bishop of Honolulu preached on the use of bells in the services of God's sanctuary from the earliest times, taking as his text Ps. lxxxi. 3, 4. After the service the choir and clergy, numbering together about forty, proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop read the Dedication Service, and after a few rounds on the bells the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the Blessing. In the evening the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Wilkins, entertained his parishioners at tea in the schoolroom, while a party of Oxford ringers, viz. G. F. Coleridge, Esq., of Keble, C. C. Child, Esq., Ch. Ch., Messrs. C. Hounslow, J. Collier, S. Buckle, D. Francombe, J. H. Warner, H. R. Cox, and C. Boots, rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, and Treble Bob. The next morning, before returning to Oxford, they rang short touches in various methods. The apparatus for working the carillons by Messrs. Gillett & Bland is not yet fixed. The clock is fixed, and fitted with the Westminster chimes.

The Chichester Cathedral Bell-ringers.

THE Honorary Guild held their Annual Meeting on Tuesday week, and were entertained at dinner by the President, R. G. Raper, Esq. The Dean and Chapter honoured the Guild with their company, and a very pleasant evening was spent. It was remarked that that meeting took place on the Chapter Day, and that it was the first instance on record of the Dean and Chapter (the governing body of the Cathedral) having met their bell-ringers at such a gathering. The formal business was afterwards transacted, and the following subscriptions were voted from the funds of the Guild:—West Sussex and Chichester Infirmary, 8l. 8s.; the Dorcas Charity (half the recommendations to be disposed of by the President and half by the clergy of the city), 2l. 2s.; the March Charity (to be distributed in the same way), 2l. 2s.; the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (letters to be placed at the disposal of the Ven. Archdeacon Hannah, vicar of Brighton), 2l. 2s.; the Eye Infirmary, Brighton, 2l. 2s.; Chichester Coal Club, 17l. 1s.; St. Paul's School, Chichester, 17l. 1s.; St. Peter's School, Chichester, 17l. 1s.; St. Pancras School, Chichester, 17l. 1s. The first moiety of a donation of 57l. 5s. to the new Chichester Central Girls' School Building Fund was also voted.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Benhilton, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., the ingathering of this year's harvest was celebrated in this parish. The church was profusely decorated by many ladies, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Cazenove, vicar of St. Mark's, Reigate. The collection was for the Bell fund. The bells rang out some merry peals both before and after the service. They have been augmented from five to six by the addition of a new treble, cast by Gillett and Bland of Croydon, and hung by their foreman, Mr. H. Boswell, who assisted in ringing several 120 Grandsires. In the evening the ringers sat down to an excellent supper, provided for them in the school-room. Benhilton has now a fine ring of six, with a tenor, 19 cwt., in E.

At Church, Lancashire.

On Friday, the 6th inst., six members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 720 in two different methods—viz. 360 of Plain Bob Minor and 360 of Grandsire Minor—in 29 mins. J. Horrocks (conductor), 1; H. Hayes, 2; J. Eastwood, 3; J. Pickles, 4; W. Pattinson, 5; T. Horrocks, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

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

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight of the officers of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. A. Spurr,* 1; C. H. Hattersley,* 2; W. Whitaker, Hon. Sec., 3; T. Hattersley, Steward, 4; T. Haigh,* 5; G. Bolland,* 6; C. Jackson,* 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., President (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by N. J. Pitstow. Tenor, 16 cwt. [* Members of the Committee.]

At SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., five members of the above Society, assisted by Mr. H. Madin of Staveley, rang a peal of 720 Violet with 21 bobs, and 720 of Oxford with 15 bobs, in 55 mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; H. Madin, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Society rang the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes, with 50 bobs) in 1 hr. 33 mins. J. Priest, jun., 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; H. Scarlett, 3; G. Pearl, 4; H. Randall, 5; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 6; W. Doran, 7; S. Jarman, 8. Tenor, about 20 cwt.

At St. James's, Little Heath, Essex.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., twenty-one peals, each with a different calling, were rung by five members of the Essex Association in 1 hr. 15 mins. F. Gillingham, 1; J. Pye, 2; A. Pye, 3; B. Keeble (conductor), 4; A. Porter, 5. Tenor, 5 cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Chipping Hill, Witham, Essex.

On Sunday afternoon, the 8th inst., after Divine service, a peal of Bob Minor, containing 18 singles and 3 bobs, was rung by six members of the Essex Association in 27 mins. W. Richards, 1; A. Chalk, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. Fryatt, 4; E. Garnett, 5; H. Sayer (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

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

On Monday, the 9th inst., six members of the St. John's Guild rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. G. Campbell, 1; W. G. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; C. L. Routledge,* 4; W. Story,* 5; F. Lees (conductor), 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt. [* Their first 720.]

At Withesham, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 9th inst., a peal of 720 Oxford Delight was rung by the local Society in 26 mins. T. Sadler, 1; W. Damant, 2; C. Chovett, 3; W. Woods, 4; W. Ramsey (conductor), 5; G. Pyett, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. Touches of College Pleasure, Merchants' Delight, and London Scholars' Pleasure, were also rung on the above occasion.

Also, on the 20th ult., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob. G. Sadler, 1; W. Woods, 2; C. Chovett, 3; T. Sadler, 4; W. Ramsey (conductor), 5; Rev. W. C. Pearson, 6.

At the Parish Church, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Cheltenham Society rang a date touch of 1882 Stedman's Triples in 1 hr. 7 mins. W. Morris, 1; F. Musty, 2; H. Hodges, 3; W. T. Pates, 4; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 5; G. Acocks, 6; G. F. Coleridge, Esq., 7; H. Karm, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. All the above are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Change-ringers. The above touch, which has never been previously performed, was composed by Mr. H. Reeves and conducted by G. F. Coleridge, Esq.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the St. George's Society rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major in 3 hrs. H. Fildes, 1; R. Prichard,* 2; T. Bradley,* 3; W. Slater,* 4; H. Rostron, 5; S. Bradley,* 6; T. Wilde, 7; S. Wilde, 8. Composed by the late Henry Hubbard and conducted by Henry Rostron. Tenor, 16 cwt. [* First peals.]

At Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., four of the ringers at the above church, assisted by two of the junior ringers from St. Nicholas's, Liverpool, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. G. Larkey, 1; J. Orme, 2; C. E. Wilson, 3; H. Coley, 4; S. Walker, 5; C. Sharples (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Raunds, Northamptonshire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob, with nine bobs, was rung in 27 mins. A. Coles, 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; T. Stubbs, 4; J. Wilmot, 5; W. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first time that this peal has been rung by this Society. On the same evening, a half-peal of Plain Bob, with 360 changes and 9 bobs, was rung in 13 mins. A. Coles, 1; W. Hall, 2; W. Gilbert, 3; R. Pendered, 4; H. Stubbs (conductor), 5; J. Wilmot, 6. This was followed by a half-peal of Grandsire Singles, with 12 singles, in 13 mins. A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendered, 3; G. Kirk, 4; W. Gilbert, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6.

* * 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:—Kirkburton; Huntsham; Norton; and others. The notice of the Essex Association meeting reached us too late for insertion.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of the Association was held at Coggeshall on the 19th inst., when touches were rung in various methods—Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Bob Minor. The Rev. F. A. Alban Wyld presided at the tea meeting, and addressed the members in a very hearty manner, encouraging them to look upon their work as part of a good Church work, worthy of being well done. A resolution was passed to the effect that notices to be brought forward at any meeting must be sent to the Secretary, the Rev. J. B. Seaman, a week beforehand, and to be put by him in a conspicuous place on the day of meeting, for the information of members.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Society was held at Frittenden on Monday, the 23rd inst., when, after service in Frittenden Church, the various bands visited the towers of Cranbrook, Benenden, Rolvenden, Biddenden, and Headcorn. Touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung at these churches, all of which have eight bells, though Frittenden only belongs to the Association.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Christ Church, New Zealand.

Sm.—Thinking it would interest bell-ringers in the old country, I have forwarded the following for insertion:—

On August 17th, 1882, six members of the Christchurch Cathedral Bell-ringers' Society rang a peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles for the first time, five out of the six being young hands. This is the first peal of 120 ever rung in New Zealand. J. P. Colgrove, 1; J. Beechey, 2; J. Andrews (conductor), 3; S. Marriott, 4; F. Parker, 5; J. Guntrip, 6. Subsequently the same members went through the 120 eight times repeated, without any hitch.—JOHN BEECHEY.

At St. Edward's, Romford, Essex.

On Sunday, the 8th inst., for morning service, a touch of 1050 Grandsire Triples was rung in 42 mins. G. Garnett, 1; A. Pye, 2; G. Roughton, 3; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 4; J. Nunn, 5; F. Elbourne, 6; A. Porter, 7; H. Skingley, 8.

In the afternoon a 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. G. Roughton, 1; A. Pye, 2; J. Nunn, 3; G. Galley, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; A. Porter, 6. Also 120 Stedman's Doubles.

In the evening a peal of 720 Bob Minor, as given below, was rung in 27 mins. G. Garnett, 1; A. Porter (conductor), 2; J. Nunn (composer), 3; G. Galley, 4; A. J. Perkins, 5; A. Pye, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

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Also on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 27 mins. G. Garnett,* 1; J. Potter, 2; B. Keeble, 3; A. Pye, 4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5; A. Porter, 6. [* First peal in this method.]

At St. John's, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 1 min. J. Stead, 1; J. Holden, 2; J. G. Hardy, 3; G. Clay, 4; R. Hill, 5; T. Haigh, 6; J. Pickering, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The peal was composed by H. Dains.

At Huntsham, Devon.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., to celebrate the baptism of the infant son of Lieut.-Colonel Troyte, seven members of the Huntsham Society, with Mr. Munday of the St. Peter's Society, Tiverton, rang (between the morning and afternoon services) a date touch of 1882 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. H. Redwood, 1; H. Payne, 2; W. Heard, 3; E. Munday, 4; J. Heard, 5; J. Davey, 6; H. Tucker (composer and conductor), 7; S. Davey, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. [All members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.]

After evening service the same band rang another touch of 1036 in the same method.

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., Annable's peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 14 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 29 mins. J. Pritchard, 1; G. Bradley, 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Gilson, 4; W. Grice, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Also a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 18 bobs and 2 singles, was rung in 27 mins. W. Gutteridge, 1; G. Bradley, 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Gilson, 4; W. Grice, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Also a Six-score of Grandsire and two Six-scores of Bob Doubles were rung during the evening. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At Wargrave, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., a peal of Stedman's Doubles, 120 changes, was rung by S. Daley, 1; H. Barefield, 2; W. Townsend, 3; C. Guy, 4; B. Robbins (conductor), 5; A. Guy, 6. Afterwards, touches of Grandsire Minor (first time) by A. Guy, 1; Rev. H. C. Sturges, 2; J. R. Haworth, London (conductor), 3; W. Townsend, 4; B. Robbins, 5; S. Daley, 6. Followed by a peal of Grandsire Doubles, 120 changes, in which, in addition to the above, W. Bacon and W. Fuller took part. All members of the Wargrave Society of Bellringers, as well as of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and, with two exceptions, of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. James', Norton, Derbyshire.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., six members of the Norton Society rang for the first time six 6-scores of Bob Doubles in 30 mins. W. Biggin, 1; H. Ward, 2; J. Allen (conductor), 3; J. Goucher, 4; J. Biggin, 5; W. Lee, 6. Tenor, 11½ cwt. It is only a few weeks since the members began to ring by this method.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins. by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. R. Checkley, 1; J. W. Wilkins,* 2; G. Wilkins, jun., 3; H. Rogers,* 4; R. Smith,* 5th; W. A. Garraway* (conductor), 6; E. Rogers,* 7; E. Keeley, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. [* Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.] It was their first peal, and it is worthy of note that they are a self-taught band with the aid of books by Mr. Troyte and others.

At St. John the Baptist's, Eltham, Kent.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., four members of the Eltham Society, assisted by two from Crayford, rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor, with 32 bobs and 2 singles, in 25 mins. C. Mussett, 1; G. Conyard, 2; J. Saxby, 3; J. Smith, 4; F. French, 5; G. Sheppard (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9½ cwt. in A.

At Arborfield, Reading, Berks.

On Friday, the 20th inst., nearly all of the parish ringers—Messrs. T. Attwell (captain), M. Attwell, J. Wallen, T. Sanders, G. Bentley, Jas. Wallen, W. Cox, S. Thick, F. Moore—rang several peals of Grandsire Doubles, 120 changes, although they have been in the habit of only ringing the course, and that by memory. Mr. J. R. Haworth of London, who conducted the peals, at the beginning of the meeting lectured on the three principal rules of change-ringing—Hunting, Place-making, and Dodging, and explained the way of making the bobs. The Rev. G. L. Walsh, the rector, takes great interest in the ringers and the belfry. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. James', Biddenham, Beds.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., six members of the Bedfordshire Association rang their first peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, containing 34 bobs and 2 singles, in 28 mins. W. West, 1; S. Cullip, 2; J. Newland, 3; W. Allen, 4; J. Adkin, 5; I. Hills (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 14 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Staindrop, Durham.

On Saturday, the 21st inst., five members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, assisted by Mr. Moncaster of Darlington, rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 30 mins. W. McLean,* 1; J. W. Shipp,* 2; R. Moncaster, 3; T. Leanord,* 4; W. Johnson,* 5; D. Shipp (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. [* First peal of Bob Minor.] This is the first peal on these bells by Staindrop ringers.

At St. John's, Darlington, Durham.

On Sunday, the 22nd inst., for evening service, a peal of 720 Oxford Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The first 720 in the above method on the bells. W. J. Blakiston, 1; J. H. Blakiston, 2; R. Moncaster, 3; J. H. Whitfield, 4; W. Patton, 5; G. Overton (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 22nd inst., for evening service, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung on the back six in 26 mins. C. Bance, 1; J. Harris, 2; E. Bennett, 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. Gordon (conductor), 6. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Eckington, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 22nd inst., five members of the above Society, assisted by Mr. H. Madin of Staveley, rang 240 changes each of Oxford Treble Bob, Violet, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, and London Scholars' Pleasure, in 1 hr. 4 mins. G. Smith, 1; W. Price, 2; H. Madin, 3; G. Norman, 4; G. Marsden (conductor), 5; T. Lunn, 6. Tenor, 16 cwt. 14 lbs.

At Benington, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 24th inst., the undermentioned members of the village Change-ringing Society rang upon their musical peal of eight bells an original and select musical touch of London Surprise Major, containing 1344 changes. 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. This touch contains ten bobs. Also, on a previous evening, by the same band, six courses of Cambridge Surprise Major. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F sharp.

At St. Philip and St. James', Clifton, York.

The ringers of the above church rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. J. Cundall,* 1; R. Thompson,* 2; T. Haigh,* 3; G. Breed,* 4; J. Thompson,* 5; E. Andrews (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt. [* First peal in that method.] No date given.

RECEIVED ALSO:—All Saints', Boyne Hill (report next week).

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Style of Ringing in Devonshire.

A FRIEND has sent us the following slip from a local paper, which were reproduced for the amusement of our subscribers and as a proof of the utterly debased production in that part of the kingdom. They no doubt think it the correct thing to call themselves *Campanologists*, using that mongrel word instead of *Ringers*, whereas they rather deserve to be called *Pulley-Haulers*, for their splendid peals, we suppose, were nothing but ups and downs and rounds and rounds. Such clever old hands are too conceited to be taught, and therefore they must make themselves happy in their ignorance:—

CAMPA NOLOGY AT BLACKAWTON.—A number of the best campanologists of Devon have given some splendid peals on the fine old bells of Blackawton parish church. No such ringing has been heard since the noted contest, which took place about twenty years ago, between the West Alvington and Christowe (North Devon) ringers, and which ended in the victory of the former, the leader of the winning side at that time being Mr. J. Veale of Kingsbridge. The picked set, who, a few days ago, paid the parish a visit, came from different parishes, including Paignton, Cornworthy, Ashprington, West Alvington, &c., the band being completed by the well-known tenor man of West Alvington (Chapman), who, unlike most other ringers, keeps up the fullness of tone from the beginning to the end of the peal.—*The Western Daily Mercury*, Monday, October 2, 1882.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers.

THE Quarterly District Meeting of this Association was held in the Court House, Bisley. In the evening service was held in the church. A dinner took place at mid-day, the Rev. T. Keble, vicar of Bisley, presiding, there being present also the Rev. Pitt Eykyn, of France Lynch (hon. sec. to the Association), Mr. John Drinkwater, of Sandhurst, Gloucester (master ringer), and the Rev. John Keble, of Lichfield. The Chairman proposed 'Success to the Association,' coupling with it the names of Mr. Drinkwater and Mr. Giles Mansfield, ninety years old, who, the Chairman said, was the father of change-ringing in that neighbourhood. Mr. Mansfield, in returning thanks, said he had been a ringer for seventy-seven years, and would remain a ringer as long as he had strength. Mr. Drinkwater pointed out the necessity of belfry reform, saying there was a movement on foot by which those who would in time to come be clergymen were learning change-ringing, and that these people would either reform the ringers or remove them out of the church. At the business meeting Mr. Gambier Parry was elected an hon. member of the Association, and Mr. David Marment, of Painswick, re-elected. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wotton-under-Edge, subject to the adjusting of the tenor bell in the church there. During the day the Stroud ringers, who acted as a representative band, rang the bells of the church at intervals, and in the evening at Stroud. [No date was given.]

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

At the invitation of the Rev. A. H. Drummond, a General Meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers was held at Boyne Hill, on Saturday, the 21st ult. In spite of the inclement state of the weather during the afternoon, a large number of members and others interested in the work of the Guild assembled. Several touches of triples, containing 500 and upwards, were rung during the afternoon by mixed bands, in which the Revs. F. E. Robinson and H. E. Sturges, and Mr. J. R. Haworth of London, took part. After the ringing the members assembled sat down to tea in the Boys' Schoolroom at 5 o'clock. Business was then commenced: and Messrs. A. C. Fussell, F. Fells, and W. Alfred Garraway, were elected on the Committee, in the room of Messrs. Batten, Steel, and Goulden; A. Alder, the other member, being re-elected. The Chairman announced that the Rev. S. F. Marshall had expressed his desire to be relieved of the duties of Secretary, as he was unable to devote the time that he would like to the work. Mr. Marshall's resignation was received with great regret, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded him for the valuable services he has rendered the Branch. Mr. Rogers raised a proposition, which was duly seconded, that the Rev. R. E. Spencer be asked to act as Secretary. On the motion of Mr. Marshall, Mr. Drummond was asked to allow himself to be re-elected Chairman. After announcing that the names of sixteen candidates for membership had been handed in to him, he then called upon the Master of the Guild, the Rev. F. E. Robinson of Drayton, to address a few words to the members. At the outset of his remarks Mr. Robinson congratulated the Branch in that, on St. Luke's Day, some members (Boyne Hill) had succeeded in ringing a peal of 5040 in 3 hrs. 9 mins.; and went on to point out the advantages of joining the Guild. Amongst them, that where a number of men were associated together for some good purpose, union always beget strength, and any advantage or privilege which accrued to the body was felt particularly by each member. One privilege specially dwelt upon was that of having a good instructor, half of whose expense was paid by the Guild. Another point dwelt upon was that of belfry reform, by which the belfry had become to be looked upon as a part of the House of God; and that now, in this age of restoration, wise or unwise as in some cases it might be, cobwebs and lumber had disappeared from the belfry, and smoking and drinking there were generally (and let us hope everywhere) discountenanced. A most admirable address, which was listened to with every sign of attention and appreciation, was concluded with a suggestion which the Master threw out: that, inasmuch as the name Guild suggests a society whose aim and object is a religious one, it would be desirable to have a prayer or form of prayer compiled for the daily use of the members, by which they might be reminded of their position as Church officers; and that their best and strongest peals on the *loud cymbals* of the Church should be rung out for the glory of God, and not for self-glorification and boasting. Amongst those present were

the Rev. Dolben Paul (Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild, who also spoke a few words of congratulation and advice to those assembled), Rev. A. H. Fairbairn, Rev. — Puckridge (Woburn), Lawrence (Waltham), Rev. F. Hayter (Binfield), Rev. H. Sturges, and Captain Robson and Mr. G. W. Cox (Churchwardens of the parish). Evensong was sung at 6.30, at which a most excellent and suitable sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Sturges, from 1 Cor. xiv. 7-12. The preacher most earnestly enforced upon the minds of his hearers that the use of bells as musical instruments of God's House demanded that use to be reverential, religious, and holy; and he pointed out that the intellectual power required of bell-ringers, which is by no means small, should, with all the other powers brought into requisition, be directed to one sole aim and object, viz. the building up of the Church of Christ. After service a 910 was rung by the following members: J. Eldridge, 1; J. Parker, 2; G. Wilkins, jun., 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; J. W. Wilkins, 5; R. Flaxman, 6; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 7; C. Clark, 8.

On Monday, the 30th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 28 mins. J. Eldridge, 1; H. Rogers, 2; G. Wilkins, junr., 3; R. Smith, 4; T. W. Wilkins, 5; E. Rogers (conductor), 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. James's, Wollaston, Worcestershire.—Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., four of the ringers of the above tower, assisted by two of the Wordsley tower, rang a muffled peal of 720 Grandsire Minor as a tribute of respect to the late William Pugh, who for several years was conductor of the above tower. A. Pugh,* 1; G. Howells, 2; R. Bidmead, 3; J. Lewis, 4; W. Lawrence (conductor), 5; E. S. Chapman, 6. [*First peal.]

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

On Sunday morning, the 22nd ult., being the sixteenth anniversary of the consecration, the ringers of the above church, assisted by Mr. John Whittingham of Westhoughton, rang the first half of Reeve's Ten-part peal (2520) of Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 25½ mins. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; R. Calland, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnall, 4; E. Kay, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Whittingham, 7; H. Molyneux, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

Also on Saturday, the 28th ult., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in honour of the marriage of William Johnson, Esq., late of Strangeways Hall, Hindley, in 2 hrs. 57½ mins. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnall, 4; E. Kay, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Whittingham, 7; H. Molyneux, 8.

At Deerhurst, Gloucestershire.

On Wednesday, the 25th ult., the Deerhurst Society rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. S. Roberts,* 1; C. Willis, 2; G. Hearn,* 3; C. Halford, 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Bartlett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [*First peal.]

Also on Sunday, the 29th ult., for afternoon service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 24 mins. J. Bartlett, 1; C. Willis, 2; J. Hale,* 3; C. Halford,* 4; G. Willis, 5; J. Wathen (conductor),* 6. [*Members of the Tewkesbury Abbey Society.]

At Christ Church, Oxford.

On Thursday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters was rung in 3 hrs. 30 mins. by the following, being all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers and of the Ancient Society of College Youths. C. Hester, 1; J. F. Hastings, Esq., 2; J. G. Collier, 3; C. C. Child, Esq., 4; C. Boots, 5; O. Thomas, 6; G. F. Coleridge, Esq., 7; C. Hounslow (conductor), 8; W. Washbrook, 9; H. R. Cox and J. S. Hounslow, 10. Composed by Mr. J. Cox. Tenor, 42 cwt. The above peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Captain J. E. Acland-Troyte, M.A., Christ Church, a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, and the original founder and first master of the Oxford University Society of Change-ringers.

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

On Thursday, the 26th ult., 2520 changes were rung in the following methods:—Two peals of Bob Minor, one with 18 bobs and 2 singles, and one with 30 bobs and 2 singles, and nine 120 Grandsire and Bob Doubles, in 1 hr. 35 mins. A. Brown, 1; J. Brown, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; R. Creasey, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Thursday, the 26th ult., six members of the Bedford Branch of the Bedfordshire Association rang on the back six bells their first peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles, in 32 mins. C. West, 1; W. Allen, 2; J. Newland, 3; J. Atkins, 4; W. Hall (conductor), 5; J. Hills, 6. Tenor, 28 cwt. This is the first peal in the method by all.

At All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey.

On Friday, the 27th ult., a mixed band rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. S. Greenwood, 1; T. Miles,* 2; D. Springall, 3; G. Faires,* 4; G. Pell,* 5; S. Brooker (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt. Also a 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 120's of Stedman. The above are the first peals rung on these bells since they were augmented to six. All members of the Surrey Association. [*Their first peal in this method.]

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., the Crayford Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. J. Reeve (conductor), 1; C. Hammant, 2; W. Pringuer, 3; G. Conyard, 4; J. Sloper, 5; F. G. Newman, 6; E. French, 7; T. Webb, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in F.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Beddington; Church; Gillingham; Prestbury; Northwindingfield; Hyde; Wigan; Brighton; Wimbledon; Hulme; and others.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Finding the Places.—Hearty Services.

SIR,—The method which I suggested of numbering 'parts, not pages,' is so easy and inexpensive that I do hope some one will print an edition, carefully numbered (which is very important), so that anybody and everybody who hereafter prints an edition of the Prayer-book may adopt it. The idea of a 'facsimile series' is nice enough and neat enough, but it is hardly likely that all printers and publishers would agree to the same arrangement. Moreover, I have laboured for years to induce publishers to publish one edition, and hitherto in vain. But if so, it is hardly likely they will risk the series, which a 'facsimile' series would require. I regret Mr. Richmond's proposal, but only because I fear that the one suggestion may so interfere with the other that nothing will be done. My scheme of 'numbering the parts' demands the mere use of figures with any edition of the Prayer-book, and if it answers it can be extended to all editions. The 'facsimile' scheme is very nice and neat, but would involve a large outlay, and would hardly be adopted by two publishers in precisely the same manner. It might very well follow the 'part-numbering' plan, but I fear it would not do all I long to see done, while I think the 'part-numbering' plan would secure everything. I wish I could afford to print one edition.

GEORGE VENABLES.

Great Yarmouth Vicarage.

Side-Chapels.

SIR,—In the course of an article entitled 'Wanted a Nineteenth-century Church,' which appeared in the *Churchman's Shilling Magazine* for last March, I ventured to assert that in the structural arrangements of our churches architects go on blindly copying a type of building imperfectly adapted to the conditions and requirements of our age, and that they provide for one only out of the many uses to which modern churches need to be adapted. What would be thought of the architect who designed a town-hall consisting only of one large room suitable for public assemblies, but also intended to be used as a mayor's parlour, a magistrates' court, a council room, a sub-committee room, for the officers of the various municipal departments, and for a score of other purposes? Yet a mistake of the same character and extent is universally made in our modern churches. The Sunday assembly of the whole body of worshippers is the only purpose for which our churches are designed, and are more or less suitable. While the means and agencies of parochial work are being multiplied yearly, no provision is being made for suitable rooms in which to carry them on with effect. How are daily prayer, early communions, Advent and Lent special work-day services, adult Bible classes, Guild and Prayer-union meetings, confirmation classes, &c., housed and accommodated? I went recently into the mother church of a town of 100,000 inhabitants, where the Litany was being read, one Friday morning. About a dozen persons were present, most of whom were seated at the extreme end of the church, about thirty yards from the clergyman, and the others were either out of his sight in the aisles, or some distance from him down the nave. St. Paul himself could not arouse and edify a handful of people scattered at distant intervals, and in remote corners, throughout a large church. How can daily prayer and other services attended by small congregations ever be successful unless we hold them in rooms of size proportioned to the numbers? I contended, therefore, that every church needs one or more side-chapels of various sizes, each with its own separate heating and lighting apparatus, and entirely cut off by thick walls from the sound of services going on in the other portions of the building. May I be allowed the satisfaction, then, of quoting, in corroboration of my argument, a sentence from the interesting letter of an English clergyman on 'A Temperance Ramble in the Far West,' which appeared in *Church Bells* of October 28? He writes of one church that he visited, 'They have just completed a small chapel as a sort of limb of the church, for smaller congregations and occasional services. This is an admirable plan, almost an universal feature of American episcopal churches of any size, and much to be imitated at home.' I had no previous knowledge that this plan was carried out in America, but I think it will be an encouragement to some clergymen to adopt it, when they have impartial testimony that practical experience has proved its utility. Church work in English parishes will be greatly promoted when such side-chapels become an invariable adjunct of every church in the land. But at present our architects, unlike those in America, do not seem to ask themselves what our churches are wanted for, before setting down to design them; it is easier to copy than to contrive. I have known an instance of a clergyman begging of his architect to turn to account what would be considered a great advantage in the case of any secular building, viz. a steep incline in the site of the proposed church, furnishing two different levels of approach, and to make an extra chapel as a kind of crypt under the chancel. But no; the architect could not be persuaded to go out of the usual rut, and a great space in the foundations was utterly lost, which would have insured the success of daily and occasional services.

H. H. M.

The Lichfield Barge Mission.

SIR,—Would you kindly allow me to draw the attention of your readers to the Lichfield Barge Mission? Few people seem to be aware of the existence of this Mission; fewer, I regret to say, seem inclined to help to bring our canal population out of a state of almost heathenism. Wolverhampton is a most important barge centre, and there it is that a Mission Room, as soon as funds can be obtained, is to be built. A site has been granted by the Canal Company. I would earnestly plead that the state of the barge people should be inquired into, and that help should be accorded to the Diocesan Mission at Lichfield. I beg to submit that the Mission stands in urgent need of immediate help, and that subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Rev. P. H. Moore, 10 New Hampton Road, Wolverhampton, who will also be most happy, I am sure, to give any further information on the subject; or by W. B. Wordsworth, Esq., Treasurer, Lloyds' Bank, Lichfield. J. M.

Dedication of Churches.

SIR,—I think your correspondent 'G. S. O.' must have been writing hastily when he stated that 'St. Matthias has only one church, that of Thorpe by Hadisoe in Norfolk.' The Rev. D. Hooke has mentioned two more, viz. St. Matthias, Stoke Newington, and St. Matthias, Burley, Leeds. Five more occur to me, viz. St. Matthias, Earl's Court, Kensington; St. Matthias, Salford; St. Matthias, Birmingham; St. Matthias, Bristol; and my own church, St. Matthias, Liverpool. And then, with reference to 'G. S. O.'s' statement that all St. Chad's churches are in the Midland counties, Mr. Hook upsets it by mentioning one in Yorkshire, while I, as a Lancashire clergyman, remember five churches with this dedication in my own county, viz. St. Chad's, Rochdale; St. Chad's, Saddleworth; St. Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde; St. Chad's, Cloughton near Lancaster; and St. Chad's, Kirkby, near Liverpool.

St. Matthias, Liverpool.

G. J. ROBINSON.

SIR,—The list of dedications of churches, signed 'G. S. O.', refers solely to the ancient churches. There are, it may be, many new ones dedicated to St. Matthias, St. Chad, and others. I should like to know whether St. Crispin has been remembered by modern church founders. Will any one tell me—

1. When the Royal arms were first set up in churches?
2. Where the authority for setting them up is found?
3. Whether all churches are required to have them?

G. S. O.

Safety Sermons.

SIR,—I was much pleased with your unqualified denunciation of 'Safety Sermons.' Their immorality seems to lie as much in the saving of honest trouble as in anything else. Mr. Harper gives sound advice. On coming to my work as a deacon, with two sermons every Sunday, I made a declaration from the pulpit that my object would be to teach, and therefore I should make such use of materials as I judged most likely to benefit the congregation. I thought this the most honest course, and it has left me free to use 'sketches,' &c., without the wretched feeling that I was a 'pulpit impostor.' I must confess that one old lady, who takes an interest in sermons, remarked that she would rather have been without the information.

COUNTRY CURATE.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

The annual gathering of members connected with the Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers was held in Newcastle on the 30th ult., and the bells of the various churches during the morning rang several peals. In the afternoon a sermon was preached in St. John's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Houldey) to the members of the Association. An adjournment was made to the 'Crown and Mitre' Hotel, Grey Street, where dinner was provided. A meeting was afterwards held, with Mr. Houldey in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. G. J. Clarkson) then read the fifth annual report, which showed that the Association would henceforth be styled 'The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers,' instead of the Diocesan Association. The Society was formed and inaugurated as recently as 1877, and might now be regarded as an interesting link between the past and the present. The two counties covered by the Association formed a very large district, but it was certainly not desirable that for ringing purposes they should be separated. The balance-sheet of last year was in a healthy condition, so much so that the Committee decided to use the funds in sending an instructor to such branches as might require assistance. At Newcastle the art of ringing might certainly be said to be reviving, for although the old and once famous society of Newcastle and Gateshead had sent in no report, the St. John's Branch, which yet could only report a half-peal of Minor last year as their greatest achievement, had this year succeeded in ringing about twenty peals of Minor in four methods, including Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The names of these ringers occasionally appeared in taking part in eight-bell touches. The St. Stephen's Branch had made rapid progress, from Grandsire Doubles to Minors and Triples, of which several touches of great length had been accomplished, including a half-peal. He reminded that branch that it was thirty years since a whole peal of Triples had been rung in Newcastle, and that if they got a peal this year it would at least be one in a generation. It was a reproach to this wealthy city to allow the bells of the various churches to remain in the condition in which they were: the tenor at St. Andrew's Church was cracked and useless; some of the bells at St. Nicholas, which was now the cathedral church, were going very heavily, or striking very falsely; and the fittings at All Saints', Newcastle, and St. Mary's, Gateshead, had been worn out for years past. The report was adopted. The Secretary then read an address which he had forwarded to the Right Rev. Dr. Wilberforce, bishop of Newcastle, on behalf of the Association.

A peal of 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung at the Cathedral, the first for two years; 576 Kent Treble Bob Major at All Saints'; and 421 Grandsire Triples at St. Stephen's; and 720 of Bob Minor at St. John's. The bells at St. Stephen's and St. John's were rung half-muffled for Archdeacon Prest. The next meeting will be at Stockton in February.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers.

OPENING OF A RING OF BELLS AT JARROW-ON-TYNE.—The above ring of six bells (tenor, 18 cwt.), cast and hung by Taylor and Sons of Loughborough in the tower of Christ Church, Jarrow, were opened on All Saints' Day. A Dedication Service was held in the morning, at which the Bishop of Durham preached. After service dinner was served to the ringers from North Shields, Jarrow, and Newcastle (St. John's); after which the following members of the above Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. C. L. Routledge (first 720 in this method), 1; R. Smith, 2; W. Eggleston, 3; W. Reid, Esq. (conductor), 4; R. Wignell, 5; F. Lees, 6. Afterwards touches

of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Minor and Doubles, were rung. Ringing was kept up till 9 p.m.

During the day a band went to St. Peter's Church, Jarrow, and rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor in 24 mins. W. Reed, Esq. (conductor), 1; R. Smith, 2; T. Nanson, 3; F. Lees, 4; W. Story (first 720 in this method), 5; W. Eggleston, 6. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

ANNUAL MEETING IN BOLTON.

HALF-A-DOZEN years ago, an Association of change-ringers was founded in this county for the promotion of belfry reform. Amongst the objects of those most prominent in inaugurating the movement were the laudable ones of elevating the moral and religious tone, as well as the status, of the ringers, and the bringing about of a better state of things generally in our belfries, it being considered that the belfry is an integral part of the church, and therefore consecrated to God; whilst the bells and ringers, like the organ and choir, are intended to be exercised for His glory and worship. The work of the Association has been productive of most beneficial results, not only in these respects, but also in the cultivation of the science of change-ringing—by doing away to a great extent with the obnoxious practice of prize-ringing—and also in the dissemination of reliable information concerning bells and belfry fittings. At present some twenty-eight cities, towns, and villages, are affiliated with the Association; and, exclusive of honorary members—both clergy and laymen—there are about 150 performing members. Most of these visited this town on Saturday week to attend the annual meeting; and during the day mixed companies of ringers occupied various belfries in the borough.

At four o'clock a short service, which was well attended, was held in Holy Trinity Church, Bolton. The prayers were read by the Rev. Charles Lowe, M.A., vicar of the parish, suitable hymns were sung; and an appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. H. R. Heywood, M.A., vicar of Swinton, who based his discourse on the words, 'The bells and ringers are intended to be exercised for God's glory and worship.' At the close of the service a substantial tea was served in the schoolroom adjoining the church, and here we noticed the following clergy and gentlemen, most of whom had attended the service in the church:—The Rev. Canon Powell, the Rev. Chas. Lowe, M.A., the Rev. J. Lewis, the Rev. W. Popplewell, the Rev. Richard Loxham, the Rev. H. R. Haywood, M.A., the Rev. Chas. Heath, M.A. (Walkden), the Rev. T. A. Turner, B.A. (Burnley), the Rev. B. Winfield, B.A. (Hulme), and John Greenhalgh and N. Greenhalgh, Esqrs. The meeting was afterwards held, 130 members being present; the Rev. C. Lowe, who is an old ringer and a life member of the Association, occupying the chair. He congratulated them upon having had a large influx of members during the year, and expressed a hope that their numbers would continue to increase, and that the influence of the Association would be felt amongst the bell-ringers throughout Lancashire. In conclusion, the Chairman said he trusted that all bell-ringers would come to feel that they had the credit of their respective churches at stake, as well as their own respectability and credit, and that they would strive, individually and collectively, to glorify God by their faithfulness, loyalty, and consistency of life.

The Committee would most kindly draw the attention of members of such belfries to the fact that other methods might easily be learned, and 5040 changes rung, as was done on October 3rd, at Walton-le-Dale, by a mixed band. The Committee think that the members may congratulate themselves upon the work achieved during the past three years, and look hopefully to the future. They think that the Association is fulfilling, if only to a slight extent, the objects for which it was started; not the least being the 4th and 5th objects, viz. full recognition of the ringer's office and the elevation of his moral and religious status. To attain a still further success, all that is needed is a united body of ringers for the county, and an earnest spirit pervading that body.

New members, to the number of twenty-one, were then elected, these including the Revs. C. Heath, R. Loxham, and W. Popplewell; together with the ringers at All Souls'.

St. Peter, Mancroft, Norwich.

We are informed that the ringers of St. Peter's, Norwich, always have a New-year's feast in the belfry, in the shape of hot-pot and bread and beef, and it is subscribed to by the principal gentry of the city. If this be correct, it is high time a little belfry reform was set on foot and carried out.

Another Specimen of Change-ringing in Devon.

It is recorded in the *North Devon Herald*, that at Landkey, 'the ringers held their annual outing last Saturday. Westleigh, Northam, and Parkham, were the places visited, and several peals were rung at each parish. At Westleigh the thirty doubles were rung in grand style, and although several sets of well-known ringers have tried the same task since the Westleigh bells were rung, this is the first time it has been successfully accomplished. The efficiency of the local ringers is therefore beyond doubt.'

'Our readers may smile at the pompous phrases used in publishing the above, but that may be passed over if even such a simple thing as a plain course was performed by the aid of scientific rule alone. But the correspondent who sends the above paper tells us that the course has either been committed to memory by each ringer, or that cards showing every bell over which each ringer has to strike has been furnished, and that each change is struck a dozen times or more, till the signal is given for the next change to be rung.' [This is what is well called 'Churchyard Bob.']

At St. Lawrence's, Northwingfield, Derbyshire.

On Monday, the 30th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 16 bobs and 2 singles, was rung for the first time in 27 mins. G. Clough,* 1; J. Atkin, 2; H. Cook* (age 18 years), 3; T. Millington* (conductor), 4; G. Brown,* 5; T. Clough,* 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt. [* Their first 720.]

At All Saints', Writtle, Essex.

On Friday evening, the 20th ult., seven members of the Essex Association, assisted by Gervas Holmes, Esq., of the Norwich Association, rang a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples in 18 mins. W. Harvey, 1; J. Dains, 2; W. Rowlands, 3; H. F. de Lisle (conductor), 4; E. Scotcher, 5; W. Hawkes, 6; G. Holmes, Esq., 7; J. Bloomfield, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs. It is worthy of notice that this touch was conducted by Master H. F. de Lisle, son of the Rev. H. C. de Lisle of Galleywood, who is not yet fourteen years old.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 29th ult., for evening service, five members of the Beddington Branch of the Surrey Association, with Mr. James Harris, formerly of Lincoln, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six in 27 mins. C. Bance, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Trappitt, 3; J. Plowman, 4; J. Cawley, 5; C. Gordon (conductor), 6. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

At Church, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 29th ult., five ringers from Accrington, with H. Hayes of Church, rang for morning service a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with 9 bobs, in 28 mins. A. Scholes* (conductor), 1; H. Hayes,* 2; T. Newhall, 3; J. Ifindle, 4; J. H. Fish, 5; E. D. Pierce,* 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. [* Members of the Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers.]

At Gillingham, Kent.

On Sunday, the 29th ult., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for Divine service in 40 mins. by members of the Kent Association. B. King, 1; S. Hampshire,* 2; H. Greaves,* 3; W. Baker,* 4; A. Haigh,* 5; J. Baker, 6; E. Andrews (conductor), 7; W. Haigh,* 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. [* First peal.]

At Prestbury, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 30th ult., the Macclesfield ringers rang a beautiful selection of Grandsire Triples, containing 1110 changes, being the same number as there are months in the age of Mr. John Wheelton (92 years and 6 months), who was until recently, and had been for nearly 70 years, a ringer at the parish church. The above peal was specially composed by Mr. Matthews, who conducted the same. W. Hulme, 1; J. Holt, 2; C. Bamford, 3; J. Morledge, 4; J. Farrish, 5; E. Matthews, 6; John Maurice, 7; Jos. Maurice, 8. It had been arranged that the venerable gentleman should ring a short peal with the youngest members of the Society, but owing to his having taken cold it was not deemed advisable for him to attempt the task. It may not be out of place to mention, as showing the healthy exercise of ringing, that Mr. Wheelton's brother David, who died last year, was 88 years old, and had been a ringer for over 60 years. Another member of the same Society at the time of his death was 79; and there is another member now a ringer who is 74, and likely, to all appearance, to be one ten years hence.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 30th ult., eight members of the St. George's Society rang 5040 changes of Bob Major in 2 hrs. 48 mins. H. Fildes, 1; H. Rostron (conductor), 2; J. Shaw,* 3; R. Woolley,* 4; J. Fildes,* 5; T. Wilde, 6; J. S. Wilde, 7; D. Lee,* 8. Composed by the late H. Hubbard. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F. [* First peal in the method. † First peal.]

At the Parish Church, Wigan, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 30th ult., a date touch of 1882 Grandsire Triples, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the erection of the bells in the tower, was rung in 1 hr. 11 mins. T. Halliwell (conductor), 1; G. C. Hall, 2; J. Layland, 3; G. Turner, 4; G. B. Walker, 5; S. Hall, 6; J. W. Hall and H. Burtonwood, 7; R. Fisher and J. Hall, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, Sussex.

On Tuesday evening, the 31st ult., six members of the Brighton Society, with the assistance of G. Attree of St. Peter's, and John Jay, jun., rang a touch of 1570 Grandsire Triples in 57 mins. J. Jay, jun., 1; H. Boast, 2; W. Searle, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Boniface, 5; G. Attree, 6; J. Jay, sen. (conductor), 7; W. Robinson, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F.

At St. Mary's, Wimbledon, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 31st ult., six members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Strutt, 1; J. Harris, 2; J. Trappitt, 3; J. Fayers, 4; G. Pell, 5; S. Greenwood (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

At Holy Trinity Church, Hulme, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 31st ult., six members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 42 singles, in 28 mins. H. Diggle,* 1; W. Diggle,* 2; W. J. Chatterton, 3; W. Savage, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; W. Roberts, 6. Tenor, 15½ cwt. [* First peal.]

At Long Eaton, Derbyshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Monday, the 6th inst., six members rang, with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Clow (a prominent Church-worker and Sunday-school teacher), a peal of 720 Double Court Bob Minor (being the first performance of that method on the above bells), in 27 mins. R. Hickton, 1; S. Clarke, 2; J. Ward, 3; W. Gilson, 4; A. Widdowson, 5; J. Barrow (conductor), 6. Also 600 of Bob Minor, 240 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 99 of Grandsire Doubles (round at hand) were rung during the evening. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

RECEIVED ALSO.—A Cornishman—we advise him to get Troyte's *Art of Change-ringing*; 'M. R.' is requested to send us his address; St. Thomas' Society, Belfast; E. Rogers; J. R. Jerram; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

THE election of officers for the ensuing year took place at the headquarters of the Company, St. Saviour's, Southwark, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when the following persons were chosen:—Master, Mr. E. Gibbs; Secretary, Mr. G. Musket; Treasurer, Mr. J. Pettit; Stewards, Messrs. Winny and Rowbotham.

St. Peter, Mancroft, Norwich.

SIR,—I wished to pass over your notice under the above heading in silence, but for the sake of my brother-ringers I send a few lines, otherwise it may be said by one and another, 'Strange things are done in Norwich! I know it is true, as I saw it stated as a fact in *Church Bells*.' I will give you the facts. It was the custom on New-year's Eve, when certain of the leading citizens were present in the tower, to hand round the contents of a kind of loving cup, which cup or pot, for it is not made of silver or pewter, but simple earthenware, dated 1748 upon it, had been previously filled by the order of one of the churchwardens. In 1879 a new order of things came in with a new vicar. A service was held in the church at 8 p.m. This ended, the ringers gave a few touches on the bells, and then, at the vicar's invitation, adjourned to a neighbouring house for supper. In due time they again went to the tower, and ushered in the New Year. Since that date the church and tower have been undergoing restoration. There has again been a change of vicar, the Rev. Sidney Pelham, the prime mover in the work, being obliged to retire on account of ill health; but we do not suppose that under the new vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Nevill, there will be any return to the old ways, even if it was desired. As for the bread and beef, to the knowledge of the present generation of ringers they have never been seen in the tower.

C. Y.

Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

A MEETING, for ringing only, will be held at St. Giles's, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 25th inst. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. The tower of St. George's, Camberwell, will be open at the same time. All ringers invited.

A. B. PERCEVAL, Hon. Sec.

Ringing at Belfast.

WE are pleased to see a most satisfactory Report of the progress of scientific change-ringing by the St. Thomas' Society at Belfast. Many peals have been rung, but in what method does not appear.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At SS. Mary and Nicolas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., was rung a peal of 720 Oxford Bob, containing 18 bobs and 2 singles. A. Brown, 1; J. Brown, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; J. W. Mawby, 4; R. Creasey, 5; R. Mackman, 6.

On the 5th, after evening service, a peal of 720 London Singles. A. Brown, 1; J. Brown, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; J. S. Wright, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6.

On the 9th, four peals of Plain Bob in 1 hr. 44 mins. 1st, 18 bobs and 2 singles; 2nd, 16 bobs and 2 singles; 3rd, 14 bobs and 2 singles; 4th, 30 bobs and 2 singles. A. Brown, 1; J. Brown, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; F. S. Wright, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At the Parish Church, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., a peal of 10,080 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 5 hrs. 41 mins. T. Taylor, 1; J. S. Wilde, 2; J. Wood, jun., 3; W. Middleton, 4; T. Wilde, 5; S. Wood, 6; G. Longden, 7; J. Thorpe, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Composed by W. Harrison and conducted by S. Wood.

10,080

2 3 4 5 6	M.	B.	W.	R.
5 6 7 4 3 2	2	out on double 4th and in 1 in 5th		
2 3 7 5 4 6	1	4th		
5 2 7 3 4 6	1	2		
2 6 4 3 5	2	1 in and out		
6 3 2 5 4	—			
3 5 6 4 2	—			
5 4 3 2 6	—			
2 5 4 6 3	—	2		
5 6 2 3 4	—			
6 3 5 4 2	—			
3 4 6 2 5	—			
4 2 3 5 6	—			

Twice repeated.

At St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., a band from All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, in company with the Rev. A. H. Drummond, vicar, by invitation of the Rev. C. T. Mayo, vicar of St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, visited his church, and rang several touches of Grandsire Triples. After service another touch of Triples. Thanking the Vicar for his kindness, they returned home, well pleased with their short outing.

At St. Peter's, Raunds, Northamptonshire.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., the St. Peter's Church Society rang, in 1 hr. 34 mins., 2520 changes in the following methods:—720 College Little, with 18 bobs and 2 singles; 720 London Single, with 18 bobs and 2 singles; 720 Plain Bob, with 18 bobs and 2 singles; and 360 Oxford Single, with 9 bobs. F. Gilbert (aged 16), 1; H. Stubbs, 2; R. Pendered, 3; S. Stubbs, 4; J. Wilmott, 5; W. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Lee, Kent.

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. T. Malin, 1; E. F. Cole, 2; J. Smith, 3; T. Taylor, 4; T. G. Deal (conductor), 5; F. Fraser, 6. This is the first time the method has been rung on these bells.

At Holy Trinity, Hulme, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., six members of the Lancashire Association rang Mr. J. F. Penning's peal of 720 Bob Minor, containing 85 bobs and 6 singles, in 28 mins. H. Diggle, 1; W. J. Chatterton, 2; C. Woodward (first time), 3; J. J. Mason, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; W. Roberts, 6. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

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

On Thursday, the 9th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society rang Mr. J. F. Penning's One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 8 mins. J. Griffin, 1; W. Wakley, 2; J. Jaggar, 3; H. Wakley (first peal with an inside bell), 4; F. W. Appleby, 5; G. Appleby, 6; A. Wakley, 7; T. Holmes, 8. All members of the Derby and District Association. Tenor, 26 cwt.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Friday, the 10th inst., eight members of the St. George's Society rang 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. H. Fildes, 1; H. Roston, 2; T. Bradley, 3; J. Shaw, 4; J. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; J. S. Wilde, 8. Composed by Samuel Wood of Ashton-under-Lyne, and conducted by T. Wilde. Tenor, 16 cwt., in F.

At St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., six members of the Bedford Branch rang on the back six bells a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs and 28 singles, in 30 mins. W. Hall, 1; W. Allen, 2; S. Cullip, 3; J. Atkins, 4; J. Hills, 5; J. Newland (conductor), 6. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, Essex.

On Saturday evening, the 11th inst., six members of the Essex Association, assisted by ringers from Romford, rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs, in 31 mins. G. Garnett, 1; B. Keeble, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Galley, 4; A. Pye, 5; A. Porter, 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first peal rung on these bells in this method since the year 1842. Also, 120 changes Grandsire Doubles. [* First peal in this method.]

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex.

On Sunday morning, the 12th inst., for Divine service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 42 singles, was rung in 27 mins. H. Nunn, sen., 1; H. Nunn, jun., 2; M. Ellsmore (conductor), 3; J. Nunn (composer), 4; J. Gobbett, 5; J. Marks, 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in G. Mr. Nunn would be glad to know if any of our readers have this 720 in their collections.

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S 3 2 5 6 4	S 6 4 3 2 5	S 3 6 5 2 4	S 5 3 2 6 4
S 2 3 6 4 5	S 4 6 2 5 3	S 6 3 2 4 5	S 3 5 6 4 2
S 3 2 4 5 6	6 5 4 3 2	S 3 6 4 5 2	5 4 3 2 6
2 5 3 6 4	S 5 6 3 2 4	S 6 3 5 2 4	4 2 5 6 3
5 6 2 4 3	S 6 5 2 4 3	3 2 6 4 5	2 6 4 3 5
6 4 5 3 2	S 5 6 4 3 2	2 4 3 5 6	S 6 2 3 5 4
4 3 6 2 5	S 6 5 3 2 4	4 5 2 6 3	S 2 6 5 4 3
S 3 4 2 5 6	S 5 2 6 4 3	S 5 4 6 3 2	S 6 2 4 3 5
S 4 3 5 6 2	S 2 5 4 3 6	S 4 5 3 2 6	S 2 6 3 5 4
S 3 4 6 2 5	S 5 2 3 6 4	S 5 4 2 6 3	S 6 2 5 4 3
S 4 3 2 5 6	S 2 5 6 4 3	S 4 5 6 3 2	2 4 6 3 5
S 3 4 5 6 2	S 5 2 4 3 6	5 3 4 2 6	S 4 2 3 5 6
4 6 3 2 5	2 3 5 6 4	S 3 5 2 6 4	S 2 4 5 6 3
S 6 4 2 5 3	3 6 2 4 5	S 5 3 6 4 2	S 4 2 6 3 5
S 4 6 5 3 2	S 6 3 4 5 2	S 3 5 4 2 6	2 3 4 5 6

* Mr. W. Gilson, of Long Eaton, Derbyshire, will oblige by sending his address to 'Ringer,' 3 Percy Cottages, Hall Road, George Lane, Wanstead, Essex.

At Eccles Parish Church, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang a touch of 1882 Bob Major in 1 hr. 5 mins. No greater length in this method has ever been rung at this church. J. Barratt, sen., 1; E. Cash, 2; J. Scholey, 3; T. Yates, 4; J. Barratt, jun., 5; R. Ashcroft, 6; G. H. Johnson (composer and conductor), 7; W. Ashcroft, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. 3 lbs.

At Crawley, Sussex.

On Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Crawley Society, assisted by Mr. Burstow of Horsham, rang a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples, called thus (No. 6 being the observation-bell): Into the hunt; out at 5; once wrong; twice repeated. G. Holder, 1; T. Smith, Esq., 2; Rev. J. B. Lenard, 3; F. Caffyn, 4; J. Newman, 5; H. Burstow, 6; — Hillier, 7; B. Court, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

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

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Ipswich Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association (being all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths) rang a peal of 5056 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 32 mins. W. L. Catchpole, 1; R. Hawes, 2; C. Saul, 3; I. S. Alexander, 4; R. H. Brundle, 5; S. Tillett, 6; E. Reeve, 7; E. Pemberton, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt. The peal was composed by the late H. Hubbard and conducted by W. L. Catchpole.

At St. Nicholas', Brighton, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., the Brighton Society, with Mr. G. Attree and J. Jay, jun., rang a touch of 2000 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 12 mins. J. Jay, jun., 1; H. Boast, 2; T. Searle, 3; C. Tyler, 4; H. Boniface, 5; G. Attree, 6; J. Jay, sen. (conductor), 7; E. Butler, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F.

RECEIVED ALSO: Report from Dorking, without name or address: A. R. Chamberlain; J. W. Spratt; and others.

Notices to Correspondents (*continued*).

'VICAR OF WESTOW, YORK.'—Humphreys, in the Brompton Road, Kent, in the Euston Road, and Dixon, of Windsor Iron Works, Liverpool, would doubtless send you prices of an iron Mission-room to seat 200 persons.

THE REV. T. J. MOULDER, Demerara, wishes to repeat his warmest thanks to the kind unknown Friend who regularly sends him *Church Bells*, and to ask that in future it may be sent to him at *Christ Church Parsonage, Georgetown, Demerara*.

LAY BAPTISM.—'H. P.' asks: 'In a case of sudden illness a child is baptized by a layman; should such baptism be entered in the Parish Register? If so, what description should be given of the person performing the ceremony?'

COMMUNICANTS' ASSOCIATIONS.—'A. B. A. Gilnockie, Westcombe Park, Blackheath,' writes: 'Would any brother clergyman or lady who has started a Communicants' Association send me a spare set of rules or card of admission as a guide, especially in regard to a class of young Shop-girl Communicants?'

CHURCH TEACHING FOR FACTORY GIRLS.—'V. S. A.' wishes to hear of a book, on Church principles, that would be suitable to read to a class of Factory Girls, who are Churchwomen from habit only.

REMEDY FOR ACOUSTIC DEFECTS IN CHURCHES.—The 'Rev. J. H. White, St. Mary's Parsonage, Isle of Scilly, Cornwall,' asks for the experience of clergymen who have made the experiment, whether wires fixed across a church will prevent an echo when reading or preaching; and if so, at what height they should be fixed, and what thickness the wire should be?

LAY READERS.—'High Churchman (Belize, British Honduras)' will find in the *London Diocesan Calendar* a definition of the Reader's office and work. In no English diocese with which we are acquainted is the Reader allowed to read prayers in a consecrated church, his commission only empowering him to read the Church Service in an unconsecrated building. The Bishop in the case you refer to may have given a different commission.

REV. J. E. VERNON (8 Arlington Villas, Clifton, Bristol) acknowledges the following sums for the Mowbray Fund:—Rev. T. E. Garnier, 5s.; G. M. F. (Dursley), 2s. 6d.

RECEIVED ALSO:—*Laicus Anglicanus*; A Layman; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Peals of Bob Major.

We have received the following for insertion:—

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6 3 4 7 2 5	—	—	—	—	6 3 4 2 5	—	—	—
4 6 3 7 2 5	—	—	—	—	4 6 3 2 5	—	—	—
3 4 5 6 2	—	—	—	—	3 2 4 6 5	—	—	—
5 3 4 6 2	—	—	—	—	4 3 2 6 5	—	—	—
4 6 5 3 2	—	—	—	—	6 4 2 3 5	—	—	—
5 4 6 3 2	—	—	—	—	2 3 6 4 5	—	—	—
6 3 5 4 2	—	—	—	—	6 2 3 4 5	—	—	—
5 6 3 4 2	—	—	—	—	3 6 2 4 5	—	—	—

The above peals in five parts.

E. FRANCIS, *Diss.*

Worcester Diocesan and adjoining Districts Change-ringing Association.

A MEETING of the members of the above recently formed Association was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., in the Barnes Schoolroom, Dudley, by permission of the Rev. W. R. Cosens, D.D., vicar. About forty members attended from Worcester, Bromsgrove, Malvern, Chaddesley Corbett, Netherton, and Dudley. Mr. J. Perks, master, took the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and application made for instructors to be provided to two companies in the district; and other business. A vote of thanks was passed to Rev. Mr. Cosens, the vicar, for the use of schoolroom, and tower, and bells, and to the Chairman and Officers, and the meeting closed. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Grandsire Triples were rung before and after the meeting, on the ring of ten at St. Thomas's. The next meeting will be held at Cradley, near Stourbridge, at 4 o'clock on Saturday, January 13th, 1883, when all members and ringers are invited to attend.

H. WILKES, *Secretary to the Association.*

Tywardreath, Cornwall.

THE ringers lately held their Annual Meeting at the 'New Inn,' a capital supper being served by Mrs. L. Cook. The Rev. S. V. Baker presided, and Mr. J. Thomas, parish churchwarden, occupied the vice-chair, in the absence, through indisposition, of Mr. W. E. Geach, vicar's churchwarden. After the loyal and patriotic toasts had been honoured, the Chairman gave 'The health of the Ringers,' coupling with it the name of Mr. J. Mitchell. That gentleman, being the senior ringer, replied, and recommended some belfry reforms which it was considered would be beneficial through the coming year. After enrolling a new member, and proposing some others, the ringers dispersed, having spent an enjoyable evening.

Reply to Mr. Nunn.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. Nunn I beg to tell him that I have the 720 which appeared in your last issue in my collection; also several variations, including the following: Call singles every lead except the 2, 7, 12, 17, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 30, which produce 2 4 3 5 6. Second half, 4, 9, 14, 19, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30.

J. PARKER.

Farnham Royal, Bucks.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Martin's, Dorking, Surrey.

On the 9th inst., the St. Martin's Society rang a touch of 1882 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 11 mins. H. Dobinson, 1; W. Boxall (composer), 2; T. Rose, 3; C. Boxall (conductor), 4; H. Boxall, jun., 5; R. Harden, 6; H. Boxall, sen., 7; G. Holden, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Lawrence's, Appleton, Berks.—Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the Appleton Society rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 7 mins., in memory of the late Mr. J. Newman, an old and respected member of the Society, who died at the advanced age of 86, having rung a bell through a 10,000 at the age of 75. F. S. White, 1; J. Avery, 2; B. Barrett, 3; E. Holifield (conductor), 4; W. Bennett, 5; G. Holifield, 6; H. Woodward, 7; R. Bennett, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

On Monday, the 20th inst., ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5001 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 24 mins. F. S. White, 1; E. Holifield, 2; F. White, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; G. Holifield, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. Avery, 8; G. F. Coleridge, Esq., 9; T. Bennett, 10. Tenor, 14½ cwt. The peal was composed by Mr. J. Cox of London, and conducted by the Rev. F. E. Robinson, Master of the Guild.

At St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, London.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5000 Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 50 mins. J. Pettit, 1; R. French, 2; W. Cooter, 3; W. Cecil, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; J. W. Rowbotham, 6; M. A. Wood, 7; G. Musket, 8; W. Jones, 9; F. E. Dawe, 10; J. A. Hayes, 11; J. H. Monday, 12. Tenor, 31 cwt. Composed by Mr. Haley and conducted by Mr. Pettit. This is the first peal on the bells for fifty-two years, and also the first peal in this method.

At Faversham, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., six members of the Canterbury Cathedral Company, with two of Faversham, rang three parts of Holt's Ten-part peal of 1512 Grandsire Triples in 59 mins. A. Biggs, 1; H. G. Fairbrass (conductor), 2; G. T. Ovenden, 3; A. Foreman, 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; W. Wood, 6; J. H. Small, 7; A. White, 8. Tenor, about 19 cwt. The above has not been rung in Canterbury or Faversham for the last thirty years. All the above are members of the Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

At St. John's, Newcastle.

On Thursday, the 16th inst., six members of St. John's Guild rang a peal of six-score Stedman's Doubles in 4 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; F. Lees, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. G. Routledge, 4; W. Story, 5; W. H. Sykes, 6. This is the first 120 in this method for all except F. Lees, and is the first rung in Newcastle for many years.

Also a touch of 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, with the assistance of E. Wallis of St. Stephen's, Newcastle, in 14 mins. E. Wallis (conductor), 1; W. G. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Eggleston, 4; W. Story, 5; F. Lees, 6. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At Bletchingley, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 16th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part) was rung in 3 hrs. 12 mins. F. Smith,* 1; W. Burkin (conductor), 2; T. Boniface,* 3; J. Burkin, 4; T. Fuller, 5; E. Kenward, 6; W. Webb, 7; W. Mayne,* 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. [* Their first peal.] The above was a mixed band: Messrs. Smith, Boniface, and Mayne, being from Bletchingley; Messrs. Fuller, Kenward, and Webb, from Reigate; and the Messrs. Burkin from Nutfield.

At Darlaston, Staffordshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., a mixed band rang at the parish church a muffled peal of 5040 Grandsire Major, in memory of the late Mr. Tinsley, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. D. Chapman, 1; J. Astbury, sen., 2; A. Malborn, 3; W. Walker, 4; W. Johnson, 5; W. R. Small, 6; C. Astbury, jun., 7; W. Hallsworth (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At Beeston, Notts.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Derby and District Association rang a peal of 7200 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 4 hrs. 22 mins. H. Wakley, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; J. Jagger, 3; J. Griffin, 4; A. Wakley, 5; G. Appleby, 6; J. W. Snowdon, Esq., 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 19 cwt. This is the longest peal ever rung in this method, and supplants the one of 6160 changes rung at St. Michael's, Coslany, Norwich, by the Norwich Scholars, on Nov. 1st, 1831.

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part) was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. by eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. J. Bonny, 1; E. G. Clarke, 2; E. Wallace, 3; Jos. Gealey, 4; W. Cooter, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; Jos. West (first peal with a bob bell), 7; G. Dorrington, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F.

At Holy Trinity, Hulme, Manchester.

On Sunday evening, the 19th inst., six members of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers rang for service a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, containing 24 bobs and 18 singles, in 28 mins. H. Diggle, 1; W. Diggle, 2; C. Woodward, 3; W. Roberts, 4; W. Hargreaves, 5; W. Savage (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15¾ cwt.

At Christ Church, Wanstead, Essex.

On Sunday evening, the 19th inst., for Divine service, six members of the Essex Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, containing 9 bobs, tenor observation (being the first 720 in this method in this steeple), in 26 mins. W. Smith, 1; J. Priest, jun., 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; J. Nunn, 4; A. H. Gardom, Esq. (conductor), 5; G. Akers, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

RECEIVED ALSO:—St. Lawrence, Wingfield—without name or address; J. W. Spratt; A. B. Chamberlin; and others.

Would he, *e.g.* allow it to be said uncontradicted that because vaccination only protects against smallpox, and not scarlatina or typhoid, therefore it is not worth while to be vaccinated? His charge against wearers of the blue ribbon of doing that which is ostentatious (whatever that may mean) and Pharisaical is open to a retort about the Ninth Commandment being still binding upon Christians. And then, what must we think of the reasoning power of an advocate who thinks he has proved his point when he has stated his own private opinion about the superiority of the influence exercised by a moderate drinker at an Oddfellows' feast over that of a total abstainer? I would suggest that a blue-ribbon man might just as well have gone to the feast, and would at least have strengthened the tempted ones who had signed the pledge to be true to their promise.

In conclusion, with what your correspondent says about Christianity being the great remedy for our social evils, every Christian abstainer will agree. But does the effort to promote total abstinence necessarily interfere with the endeavour to spread true religion? Facts prove the contrary. The most earnest advocates of the one are the most zealous apostles of the other. If by signing the pledge and wearing the blue ribbon I can make my influence more widely felt in upholding the tempted and the weak, I believe I am not sinning against that Lord Who 'came not to be ministered unto but to minister.'

K. L. JONES.

Notices to Correspondents.

'ZENAS.'—We cannot reopen the correspondence on 'Prayers for the Dead.'

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RECEIVED ALSO:—A. J. B.; V.; Churchman; H. M.; Miss Biller; G. J. Woodward; Antiquary; The Lady President; L. W.; Medicus; Catholicus; and others.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Hand-bell Ringing.

On Thursday, the 9th ult., four members of the above Guild rang the annexed quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. J. Field and J. Collier officiated as referees. 7 5 2 6 3 4 1
W. C. Baston,* 1-2; C. Hounslow,* 3-4; J. W. Washbrook* (composer and conductor), 5-6; S. Hounslow, 7-8. 6 5 7 4 2 3 5
This is the first double-handed performance ever accomplished by the Guild. Those marked thus * are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The part here 3 4 6 2 5 7 1
given to be twice repeated. The small figures indicate the 2 4 3 7 6 5 5
number of leads from one bob to the next. 7 4 2 5 3 6 5
4 2 7 5 3 6 4
6 5 4 3 2 7 1
4 2 6 5 7 3 3
5 2 4 3 6 7 5

And on Friday, the 10th ult., at the church of St. Thomas-ye-Martyr, in the same city, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 25 mins. C. Hounslow, 1; T. Payne, 2; W. Finch, 3; O. Thomas, 4; W. C. Baston, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6.

At Holy Trinity, Hulme, Manchester.

On Thursday, the 9th ult., six members of the Lancashire Association rang Mr. J. F. Penning's peal of 720 Bob Minor (35 bobs and 6 singles), in 21 mins. H. Diggle, 1; W. J. Chatterton, 2; C. Woodward (first time with a bob bell), 3; J. J. Mason, 4; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 5; W. Roberts, 6. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., six members of the Bedford Association rang on the back six bells a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with 38 bobs and 22 singles, in 30 mins. W. Hall, 1; W. Allen, 2; S. Cullip, 3; J. Atkins, 4; J. Hills, 5; J. Newland (conductor), 6. This is the first time of Mr. Newland calling. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At Henley, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., six members of the local society, assisted by E. Wells and O. Waspe of the Coddensham Society, rang nine 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each being called differently. R. Chittock, 1; F. Hummer, 2; J. Creasy, 3; O. Waspe, 4; E. Wells (conductor), 5.

At Hornchurch, Essex.

On Saturday, the 11th ult., a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 31 mins., by six members of the Essex Association. G. Garnett, 1; B. Keeble, 2; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 3; G. Galley (first 720), 4; A. Pye, 5; A. Porter, 6. This is the first 720 rung in this method on these bells since 1842. Also at the same time a six-score of Grandsire Doubles. A. Porter, 4; I. Dear, 6. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At Leeds, Kent.

On Sunday, the 12th ult., after afternoon service, a touch of 1008 Bob Major was rung in 36 mins. F. Gibbons, jun., 1; W. Wickens, 2; A. Knight, 3; F. Hollands, 4; E. Gibbons, 5; W. Sloman, 6; F. Gibbons, sen., 7; H. Pearce (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Michael's, Lichfield.

On Sunday, the 12th ult., after evening service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 28 mins. F. Smith, 1; A. E. Greenwood, 2; H. Meacham, 3; W. Tredgold, 4; E. Gallimore, 5; T. Meredith (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Glemsford, Suffolk.

On Monday, the 13th ult., six of the Glemsford Society rang a peal of 720 Morning Exercise Minor in 30 mins. C. Adams, 1; Z. Slater, 2; F. Wells, 3; O. Garwood, 4; F. P. Adams, 5; S. Slater (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 in this method rung by any of the Company.

At Horsham, Sussex.

On Tuesday, the 14th ult., four members of the Horsham Society, with four from Warnham, rang the first 840 of Shipway's Six-part peal of Oxford Bob Triples in 32 mins. G. Vaughan, 1; H. Chantler, 2; W. Short, 3; H. Wood, 4; J. Browne, 5; W. Redford, 6; H. Burstow (conductor), 7; H. Cook, 8. This is the first 840 rung by the Warnham Youths. Tenor, 24 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Birmingham.

On Tuesday, the 21st ult., ten members of the St. Martin's Society rang a peal of 5079 Stedman's Caters, with the 6, 5, 4, 3 behind the ninth, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. W. Hayward, 1; H. Bastable, 2; A. Cresser, 3; J. Johnson, sen. (composer), 4; H. C. Hattersley (conductor), 5; J. Dunn, 6; S. Reeves, 7; F. H. James, 8; H. Johnson, jun., 9; T. Reynolds, 10. Tenor, 36 cwt., in C.

At St. John's, Worcester.

On Thursday, the 23rd ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. by five members of the Worcester and District Association, assisted by Mr. T. Gwyn. F. Owen, 1; G. Hobbs, 2; S. Price, 3; T. Gwyn, 4; H. Wilkes, 5; G. Cleal (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 16 cwt.

At All Saints', Nottingham.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Derby and District Association rang Holt's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Webberley (conductor), 1; S. Simkin, 2; A. Archer, 3; J. W. Taylor, jun., 4th; A. R. Peet (first peal), 5; J. Hickman, 6; S. Burton, 7; W. Sadler, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt., in E.

At All Souls', Bingley, Yorkshire.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., the Yorkshire Association rang 5056 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. A. Anderson, 1; B. Lightfoot, 2; W. Mallinson, 3; D. E. Rhodes, 4; W. Wilks, 5; W. E. London, 6; J. Mountain, 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (conductor), 8. The peal was composed by N. J. Pitstow. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 6384 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 46 mins. E. Gibbs, 1; F. T. Gover, 2; J. W. Rowbotham, 3; R. French, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; F. E. Dawe, 6; E. Horrex, 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Composed by H. Johnson, sen., conducted by J. M. Hayes, and is the longest peal obtainable in three parts with the tenors together.

At St. Mary's, Kelvedon, Essex.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., a date touch of 1882 changes, consisting of nine different methods, was rung in 1 hr. 21 mins. R. Elliott, 1; H. Evers,* 2; C. Elliott* (conductor), 3; W. Elliott,* 4; H. Elliott,* 5. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E. [* Members of the Essex Association.]

At St. Mary's, Lewisham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 25th ult., eight members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (W. Taylor's Six-part peal) in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Crowder, 1; W. Pead, 2; T. G. Deal, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; T. Taylor, 5; H. Freeman, 6; A. G. Freeman (conductor), 7; E. Freeman, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E flat.

At St. Peter-at-Gowts, Lincoln.—Muffled Peal.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., before evening service, with the bells muffled on one side, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor and 360 Grandsire Minor were rung in 45 mins., as a mark of respect to the Rev. C. Dickenson, late priest-vicar of Truro Cathedral, and formerly curate of St. Peter-at-Gowts, who died on the 22nd ult., after a very short illness. J. Cox, 1; G. Doughty, 2; P. Herrick, 3; E. Curtis (conductor), 4; J. Watson, 5; W. Knowles, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Middlesex.—Wedding Peal.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 42 mins., in honour of Mr. H. Page, formerly a ringer at this church. F. C. Rumens, 1; T. Jackson, 2; G. Grimwade, 3; T. Page (conductor), 4; J. Page, 5; G. Marriott, 6; C. H. Jessop, 7; J. Carmichael, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Somerleyton, Suffolk.

On Sunday, the 26th ult., the Somerleyton Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang for morning service, in 25½ mins., a peal of 720 Violet Treble Bob, being the first 720 in this method ever completed by them, and also the first peal of 720 ever rung on these bells. R. J. Kittle (conductor), 1; G. Rudd, 2; John Orford, 3; G. Wright, 4; H. Orford, 5; R. Wilson, 6.

Also in the afternoon a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 25 mins. R. J. Kittle, 1; G. Rudd, 2; John Orford, 3; James Orford, 4; H. Orford, 5; R. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in G.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Monday, the 27th ult., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 29 mins. R. French, 1; E. Horrex, 2; F. T. Gover, 3; E. Gibbs, 4; J. W. Rowbotham, 5; C. F. Winny, 6; G. Mash, 7; W. Hoverd, 8; H. Tucker, 9; J. M. Hayes, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt. Composed by Mr. Haley, and conducted by Mr. Hayes.

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

On Tuesday, the 28th ult., ten members of the Ipswich Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association, with the Rev. G. H. Harris of Tunstead, Norwich, rang Reeves' One-part peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 35 mins. W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 1; Rev. G. H. Harris, 2; J. Fosdike, 3; E. Pemberton, 4; C. Saul, 5; R. Hawes, 6; I. S. Alexander, 7; S. Tillett, 8; R. Brundle, 9; E. Reeves, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt. All members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

RECEIVED ALSO:—Charles J. Barham—Where is Chishurst? Send another copy of the quarter-peal, with weight of tenor; Penge—writer's name not given.