

SUBSTITUTION OF VOLUNTARY OFFERINGS FOR LEGAL DUES.

Paper read by the Chancellor of Lichfield at the Diocesan Conference.

It may seem rather curious to discuss now the question whether Church fees should be voluntary, inasmuch as all fees are in their inception voluntary, but being paid for many years by different persons, have eventually become customary, and when the custom can be proved are recoverable by legal process. If, however, they are to become purely voluntary, unless a fresh custom should be established, there seems to be danger that they might disappear altogether like Easter offerings, or partially as fees at Archdeacons' Visitations, or possibly become unduly large by mere force of habit.

It happens often enough that A regulates his payment by the amount that B has given on a similar occasion, and it depends quite on the chapter of accidents whether B has taken a liberal or illiberal view of the matter. I think, therefore, that if fees are to be paid at all, the object for which they are to be paid should be clearly fixed and defined, the amount certain, and that it should be recoverable by summary process. This interferes in no way with voluntary liberality, on the part of either the recipient or the donor. The incumbent can, if he thinks fit, forego his fees, and is not hampered by fear of destroying a custom, or by a sense that he is bound to protect the income of the living, or consider the possible effect on a future incumbent. The donor is in no way restricted to the fixed fee, and many clergymen, possibly some here present, may have found the liberality of a happy bridegroom not strictly confined within the limits of a table of fees. It may also tend to prevent disputes arising. In one case I heard complaints made that an incumbent had asked for the guinea as a customary fee on opening a vault. This, of course, was irrespective of the fee paid when the vault was originally made. In another case when it was proposed to erect a stained glass window in memory of a deceased relation, a fee was claimed as if the entire window was a monumental tablet, and as the fee for a tablet is apt to vary directly as the size, the amount of fee, if the window were large, would be very considerable. But this strange claim leaves out of consideration an important fact, that a monument is rarely an ornament to a church, it is simply a testimony of private affection. In the other case a distinct addition is made to the beauty of the church.

In considering the second part of the subject, whether fees for monuments in churches, or vaults in churchyards, should be still paid to the incumbent or applied to other purposes, I must observe that these fees differ somewhat in their cause and origin from surplice or such-like fees. Fees in a churchyard are held to arise, because the freehold being in the incumbent, a parishioner, though entitled to burial, is not entitled to interfere with the incumbent's use of the surface of the ground. The fee is therefore a sort of compensation for a possible loss. Fees for monuments in a church arise because the incumbent is bound to see that they do not interfere with divine worship in the church, and as his consent is necessary, he may impose terms on which his assent will be given. I can see no reason why purely personal fees should be assigned to other purposes. It seems simply to be robbing Peter to pay Paul; and if they cease to be payable to the incumbent, they should, I think, cease altogether.

On the question whether fees should be payable or not, I need not enter, but if they are to be paid, the less uncertainty there is in the actual payment to be made, the less is the difficulty likely to arise from their continuance.—*Lichfield Diocesan Magazine.*

AN INTERESTING CHURCH.

ALL Saints' Memorial Church, at Peshawur, is a building of peculiar interest, erected—writes the Rev. T. P. Hughes—'with a threefold object: that it might be a place of worship for the native Christians of that city, a memorial of departed missionary brethren, and a witness for Christ in an important Muhammadan centre.' The successful mission here has been carried on as far as possible on Oriental lines, and accordingly in this church Saracenic architecture has been adapted to the purposes of Christian worship by a native architect. The building is cruciform, about a hundred feet long, and is built from east to west, 'the chancel facing Mount Zion' (Dan. vi. 10). A transept is 'screened off for Muhammadan women and such Christian women as still veil themselves. A few yards inside the church is a red cord drawn across the aisle, which separates the Muhammadan and heathen audience from the Christian worshippers: up to this cord natives are allowed to enter without uncovering either the head or feet. Above the Holy Table is a Latin cross. This has been designedly placed in the face of the thousands of Muhammadans, who with their Quran say, "Yet they slew Him not and they crucified Him not." In the south transept is the baptistery, 'constructed for the purpose of immersion,'—a pentagonal well three feet deep. The tower of the church 'is a dome-covered cupola, surmounted by a large gilt cross.' The effect of this building and its services upon the Moslems and Hindus has been extremely good. Mr. Hughes states that every day at the daily services there are crowds of them listening to the reading and preaching, as well as witnessing a devout Christian worship. Many who visit this church are people from Central Asia, where the foot of the Christian missionary dares not tread.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The late Mr. G. Stockham.

On Monday, the 1st inst., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5129 Grandsire Caters, with the bells half muffled, in 3 hrs. 46 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; J. Mansfield, 2; C. F. Winny, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; E. Horrex, 5; R. French, 6; J. Martin Routh, Esq., 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8; G. Banks, 9; E. Albone, 10. It was rung at St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, in memory of Mr. Stockham, who had been a member of the above Society and steeple-keeper of the above church for about fifty years. He died on the 15th of November, and was buried at Highgate Cemetery on the 22nd. The legatees of Mr. Stockham will—under the superintendence of Mr. R. Stockham, Mr. Bell (executors), and Mr. Haworth (who suggested it)—erect a marble tablet in the ringing-chamber of the above church, commemorating the above peal. This will be done, of course, with the permission of the Rector, the Rev. J. Lindsay, and the churchwardens. No doubt the St. James's Society, of which he was so great a supporter, will record the peal on a tablet for their meeting-room. Mr. Haworth will soon be in possession of the papers and private peal-book (which contains, it is believed, upwards of two hundred peals) of the famous ringer, when some particulars of his ringing career will be given.

A Peal of 720 Bob Minor.

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

Repeated.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss.*

Two-and-a-Quarter Peals of Grandsire Triples.

2 3 4 5 6 7	2 3 4 5 6 7
7 5 2 6 3 4 1	7 5 2 6 3 4 1
5 2 7 6 3 4 1	2 3 7 5 4 6 3
4 6 5 3 2 7 1	4 6 2 7 5 3 2
6 5 4 3 2 7 4	3 7 4 5 6 2 1
5 4 6 3 2 7 4	6 2 3 4 5 7 3
7 3 5 2 4 6 1	3 5 6 2 7 4 3
3 5 7 2 4 6 4	4 2 3 7 5 6 1
5 7 3 2 4 6 4	2 3 4 7 5 6 4
6 2 5 4 7 3 1	7 3 6 4 5 Part end
2 5 6 4 7 3 4	Four times repeated.
5 6 2 4 7 3 4	
3 4 5 7 6 2 1	
4 5 3 7 6 2 4	
S 3 5 4 7 6 2 4	
2 7 3 6 5 4 1	
5 4 3 6 7 Part end repeated.	

A New Touch.

A 2520 changes of Grandsire Triples in five equal parts, containing 100 bobs. The fourth is the observation.

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

This is the first part. Repeat four times; twenty bobs in each part.

JAMES BAXTER, *Kendal, Westmoreland.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Caversham, Oxon.

On Sunday, the 23rd ult., a peal of 720 Oxford Bob was rung in 27 mins., being the first in the method on the bells and the first by the local society. J. Butler, 1; E. Pottinger, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6.

Also on Sunday, the 30th ult. (St. Andrew's Day), another peal of 720 in the same method was rung in 27 mins. J. Hands, 1; J. Butler, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; T. Newman, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Thursday, the 27th ult., a Friendly Company rang the Original Bob-and-Single peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 52 mins. W. Grant, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Weatherstone (conductor), 3; W. Thornton, 4; W. Watchorn, 5; W. Bowles, 6; W. Freeman, 7; W. Harriss, 8.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of Bob Minor (26 singles) was rung in 27 mins. H. O. Dowling, * 1; C. A. Clements, * 2; J. Wilton (first peal in the method), 3; J. R. Jerram, * 4; W. W. Gifford, * 5; T. Blackburn * (conductor), 8. [* College Youths.]

At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Stanstead, Essex.

On Sunday, the 2nd ult., six of the local company rang 360 of Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; J. Momford, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also on Wednesday, the 5th ult., a 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; H. Trigg, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also a 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, sen., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also on Sunday, the 9th ult. 360 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also on Thursday, the 20th ult., 360 of Double Court Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

Also on Saturday, the 29th ult., by the hand-bell ringers, a course of London Surprise Major; a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal; and a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus. W. Prior, H. Prior, C. Prior, G. Prior, Wm. Prior, H. Prior.

At St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part variation) was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins. L. Millar, 1; E. Cashmore, 2; W. Millar, 3; W. R. Small, 4; S. Reeves, 5; S. Spencer, 6; H. Page, 7; W. Greenleaf, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Messrs. Cashmore, Small, and Reeves, hail from West Bromwich; Page and Greenleaf from Stoke-on-Trent.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Mitcham, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was rung by eight members of the Surrey Association in 3 hrs. H. C. Haley (conductor), 1; H. Dudley, 2; A. B. Carpenter, 3; J. Fayers, 4; C. E. Malim, 5; T. Verrall, 6; A. Bruce, 7; U. Holman (first peal), 8. Messrs. Haley and Malim hail from London; Fayers from Mitcham. The rest belong to Croydon. Messrs. Haley and Holman were elected members of the Surrey Association in the tower before starting.

At Holy Trinity, Hulme, Lancashire.—Muffled Peal.

On Sunday, the 30th ult., six members of the Holy Trinity Society rang for service a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. the bells being muffled as a mark of respect for their late Rector, the Rev. A. E. Welby, B.A. H. Wagstaffe, 1; W. Roberts, 2; W. Diggle, 3; W. H. Lockett, 4; W. Hargreaves, 5; W. Savage (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15½ cwt. All members of the Lancashire Association.

At St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., the following members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 22 mins. H. Lewis (St. Albans), 1; N. N. Hills (St. Albans), 2; J. Pettit (London: conductor), 3; H. Baker (Hertford), 4; J. J. Crawley (Hertford), 5; W. A. Tyler (Hitchin), 6; T. Gathard (Hatfield), 7; F. George (Hertford), 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. It is many years since a peal was rung at this church. The former ringing-chamber being taken away, the ropes were brought down to the ground-floor, thus giving about seventy feet of rope, and making ringing very difficult.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Devotional Books.

SIR,—Whilst heartily agreeing in many points with the letters of your correspondents, 'O. S. B.' and 'T. H. E.', I must say that I think at least as much, if not more, danger to be feared from the utterly un-Catholic nature of many books of devotions as from the Romeward proclivities of those mentioned, which are, after all, but very little seen and used.

'O. S. B.' recommends *The Narrow Way* and *The Daily Round*, books which, though good enough so far as they go, yet require a very great amount of supplementing, in addition to that of the Prayer-book collects, before they are of any adequate use in the devotional life. I am glad to see that no accusation of Romanism has as yet been laid to the charge of that most excellent little manual, the *Treasury of Devotion*. There are in it no prayers to the Blessed Virgin and the Saints in glory, and although the prayers of those holy ones are asked, it is not from them, but from our Lord Himself that their intercession, as well as the protection of the angels, is entreated. I myself confess that I see no objection to the repetition of the verse from St. Luke, containing the salutation of the angel to St. Mary, once during one's morning or evening prayers. Surely it is a Scriptural way of acknowledging the 'mystery of the Holy Incarnation' of our Lord, and it would be well for England if men remembered more often the true ground for Christian respect for womanhood, in the honour conferred upon it by the condescension of the Incarnate God in taking flesh and being born of His blessed mother, and if women had more often before their eyes the ideal type of perfect womanhood in that holy Virgin-mother.

Your correspondent 'T. H. E.' complains of the *Little Breviary* as Romanising, but there are numerous manuals in which the 'hours' are contained quite free from any such blemish. They are so in the *Treasury of Devotion*, and though that only has Tierce, Sext, Nones, and Compline, all the day and night Hours can be obtained, I think, from Messrs. Parker quite in harmony with Anglican Catholicism. It is a great misfortune, to my mind, that the 'Hours' are so little known and used; they are beautiful offices, very short, and springing from most ancient sources. No one need

fear that they are using services peculiar to the Romish Church, since they have existed from the earliest times in the Undivided Church, and are enshrined in the 'Use of the most illustrious Church of Sarum.'

Without private devotion, secret and unostentatious, the sanctification of the inner life is impossible, but never let us forget or set aside the public offices of the Church; let us show forth our thankfulness for the means of grace by a frequent and reverent use of them, and by the public assembling of ourselves together show our sense of our membership in the body politic, whilst in private we realise our individual communion with God, our Father, Saviour, and Sanctifier, and with the world of the unseen and of the hereafter. After all, the great safeguard to any approach to Mariolatry lies in a greater sense of our blessed Lord's office of Mediator, and a deeper sentiment of adoration to and affection for His Person. Whilst the Reformers repudiated with vehemence the '*Ora pro nobis*' addressed to Blessed Mary and to all the saints, their prayers to the One Mediator do not seem to have realised their teaching as to His office as such; and even now, though we conclude our prayers with an appeal to His adorable Name, we do not seem in our supplications to Him to implore His *Personal* intercession with the Eternal Father. '*Domine Jesu, ora pro nobis.*'

'Let her be honoured and esteemed, let Him be worshipped and adored.' So says the great Bishop Pearson; only, in this England of ours, in this nineteenth century, there seems more danger of the neglect of her reverent estimation and His true adoration than of the undue exaltation of the one, and the consequent lower, or perhaps less frequent, honouring of the other. K. C. O.

Prayer-book Made Easy.—The Church Army.

SIR,—Beneath my letter in *Church Bells* of the 8th of November, urging action in this matter, appeared one from Canon George Venables himself, saying that action had been decided on, so far as he was and is concerned, and that he hoped to have an edition of 20,000 copies of 'the Numbered Prayer-book' ready by Christmas. But it is well that those Churchmen who take an interest in this question of rendering the Prayer-book easy to use by the young and uneducated (I hope their number includes all *earnest* Churchmen) should remember that this is being done at Canon Venables' personal risk. It would, indeed, be hard that he should have any anxiety as to this matter, considering how much the Church is indebted to him. And I think that the course I suggested of getting resolutions passed at meetings of rural deaneries, &c., in favour of the issue by authority of a 'numbered' Prayer-book is not by any means rendered superfluous by his action as to getting out a trial edition. I think he will think so, too. As one who formerly in your columns rather opposed Canon Venables, permit me to say how much the Church, in my opinion, will benefit by his proposal, and I do sincerely hope that the Church Army will take up the matter warmly. The question is one specially for them. It is very much to be regretted that the book cannot be ready in time for the East London Mission. 22 Scarisbrick Street, Southport. H. C. RICHMOND.

The Prayer-book Made Easy.

SIR,—A well-bound Prayer-book of MDCLXX. was brought to me a few days ago, which had been exchanged with an honest, manly, Christian fisherman, for a new copy. It was given me as a specimen of a book which had been well used and 'thumbed,' and as such is a pleasing curiosity. I found that its late owner had used it and profited by it. But surely it is suggestive when I find that throughout the Psalter he had written the days of the month with figures over against the printed numerals, thus—the vii. day has '7' written just beyond it, and so on throughout. It is true that with my numbered Prayer-book it will be of little consequence whether figures be substituted for numerals, or whether they remain as they are. But the above fact shows the truthfulness of what has often been stated, that the use of numerals instead of figures in the Psalter is a cause of very great hindrance to the people who desire to use their Prayer-book. It is easy to term these things trifles. These trifles have done much harm.

Great Yarmouth Vicarage, Nov. 20, 1884.

GEORGE VENABLES.

'Why do not the Men go to Church?'

SIR,—Though I cannot claim to be 'one of them,' nor have I, doubtless, had as much experience as some of your correspondents, yet I should like to express a few ideas on this question, if you will accord me space in your valuable paper. I do not suppose it would be so difficult to find out 'where the men are,' as to answer the question, 'Why don't they go to church?' Several reasons, more or less weighty, have been advanced by your correspondents, but most of them are, I firmly believe, only the *minor* causes, or rather the *excuses*, which are generally given. If men do not go to church, it is invariably because they *have no desire to go*. It seems to me, that if a man really wanted to go to church he would not be kept away because there was a 'collection,' or a 'bad sermon,' or because he risked getting an uncomfortable 'seat,' or even from the fact of the service not being rendered to his fancy. Surely there are churches, sermons, and services now-a-days to suit all 'tastes.' Moreover, if we are to please every one's eyes, ears, and feelings, I am afraid we shall meet with the same result as the man and his ass in the well-known fable. Some like choral services, some do not; one objects to appropriated sittings, while another likes to know where he may find his place, or be assured that he may sit with his family. The 'offer-tory' excuse is, to my mind, the most paltry. What working man, inspired in the smallest degree with love to his God, would refuse the sum that he willingly gives when he treats (?) a friend?

All these pleas, I fancy, come from a false and *selfish* idea that we go to church exclusively to 'get good' rather than to worship God, which is undoubtedly the primary object of our public services. Every man will cer-

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Midland Counties Association.

THE third quarterly meeting of this Association will be held at Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, December 27th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 1.30 p.m., viz. Winshall, six bells; Horninglow, six bells; the Parish Church, Burton-on-Trent, eight bells; and St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, eight bells. Friends on arrival are requested to proceed to St. Paul's Institute, where the local committee will be in attendance to assist in forming bands for ringing. Committee meeting in St. Paul's Institute at 4 p.m. Tea in St. Paul's Institute at 5 p.m.; tickets, 1s. 6d. each. General meeting immediately afterwards.

R. W. PITT, Hon. Sec.

36 St. Paul's Street West, Burton-on-Trent.

Reopening of Hexham Abbey Bells.

AFTER a silence of six months, caused by a thorough restoration in the tower, the above far-famed ring of eight was opened on Thursday, the 4th inst. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, in a very satisfactory manner, except that the seventh bell strikes very false. About eighteen members of the Durham and Newcastle Association visited this little Northumbrian town at the kind invitation of the Rector and Churchwardens. A service was held in the Abbey Church in the afternoon, at which the Rev. S. E. Pennefather, of Newcastle, preached to a large congregation. The bells were rung during the offertory. Both dinner and tea were provided for the ringers at the North-Eastern Hotel, the Rector (Canon Barker) presiding at the former. The bells were kept going at intervals from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., when they were lowered in peal. Through the medium of *Church Bells* the members of the above Association wish to express their warmest thanks to the Rector and Churchwardens of Hexham Abbey for the extreme kindness and hospitality displayed towards them during the day. Touches of Kent Treble and Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman's, were rung; but owing to the noise in the ringing-room and the falseness of the seventh no great length was accomplished. The tenor weighs from 18 to 20 cwt. A short account of this ring of bells appeared in *Church Bells* on Feb. 5th, 1876, page 110.

An Old Promise fulfilled about a Bell.

SPEAKING at a luncheon sixteen years ago, in connexion with the opening of St. Seriol's Church, Penmaenmawr, Mr. Gladstone promised to contribute a bell, providing the parishioners would erect the tower. Through the exertions of the Vicar the tower is nearly completed, and the rev. gentleman recently reminded Mr. Gladstone of his promise. Last week a reply from the Premier was received, to the effect that a Loughborough firm had received orders to cast a bell, which will weigh 21 cwt.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At St. John's, Waterloo Road, London.—Muffled Peal.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., the following members of the Waterloo Society rang a muffled peal as a last token of respect for the late Mr. G. Stockham, an old and respected member of this Society. W. Baron (conductor), 1; H. J. Davies, 2; W. Jones, 3; O. Bliss, 4; W. D. Matthews, 5; R. Jacob, 6; G. T. McLaughlin, 7; W. Coppage, 8. Afterwards some Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, conducted by Messrs. Baron and McLaughlin respectively. It is worthy of note that the deceased ringer was one of the six gentlemen who founded the above Society.

At St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, Surrey.

ON Friday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) in 3 hrs. 8 mins. H. Alford, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; H. Langdon, 3; F. T. Gover, 4; R. French (conductor), 5; M. Murphy, 6; G. Cleal, 7; D. Newton, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. Bung as a mark of respect (the bells half-muffled) to the memory of the late Mr. G. Stockham, an old and esteemed member of the Company.

At St. James's, Trowbridge, Wilts.

ON Saturday, the 6th inst., 1960 Grandsire Triples were rung in 1 hr. 15 mins. W. Alley, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey (conductor), 5; J. Blackburn, 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. Composed by Mr. Uriah Woodman of Trowbridge.

At Canterbury Cathedral.

ON Saturday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, 1; G. Stancombe (conductor), 2; H. G. Fairbrass,* 3; F. G. Newman,* 4; A. A. Andrews, 5; R. Goodbourn, 6; S. Snelling,* 7; W. H. Judd,* 8. Tenor, 36 cwt. [* College Youths.]

At St. Mary's, Mortlake, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 6th inst. eight members of St. James's Society rang a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. G. Newson, 1; A. Fussel, 2; R. French, 3; W. H. Fussel, 4; E. Strange, 5; I. Shade, 6; A. Hayward, 7; G. Brown, 8.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., six of the St. Andrew's Ringers rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 30½ mins. W. Shardlow, 1; G. Mottershaw, 2; C. Hart, 3; W. Midgley, 4; H. Found, 5; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 ever rung in which all the performers were St. Andrew's Ringers. [Weight of tenor not given.]

At St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples, composed by Thurstan, was rung in 2 hrs. 58 mins. J. Joynes, 1; S. Reeves (conductor), 2; A. Cresser, 3; W. R. Small, 4; A. Thomas, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; F. H. James, 7; J. Johnson, 8. This is a five-part peal, and was now rung for the second time.

At Sittingbourne, Kent.

ON Monday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang Reeves' Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. W. H. Judd,* 1; A. Foreman, 2; H. G. Fairbrass,* 3; G. Stancombe, 4; J. Small, 5; F. G. Newman* (conductor), 6; S. Snelling,* 7; J. Greensted, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. [* College Youths.] This is the first peal since the bells were made into a ring of eight. Messrs. Foreman, Fairbrass, Stancombe, and Small hail from Canterbury; the rest are local.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Finding the Places in the Prayer-book.

SIR,—A Correspondent, signing himself 'J. F.', asks, 'Is there any need to find them?' To which I would reply, Most certainly; and for this reason. The Church's worship is not left to the minister, but is taken part in by both minister and people, in a preconceived or set form, and it is only reasonable that persons who are to join in that worship should be provided with a copy of it. If, from long habit, they can do without it, so much the better in one sense. But seeing that most people will be provided with the service, or if not, will know it by heart, any person entering the church and not having the service, or having it but not knowing how to use it, is at once stamped as a stranger, and feels his awkward position. If, on the other hand, he goes to chapel, he has nothing to do but sing a hymn, and is at once at home as far as his share in the service is concerned, and no one is any the wiser that it is his first visit. It would be impossible to print the Dissenter's service, because it would upset their principle of worship, which is that prayer, &c., must come from the heart as moved by the Holy Spirit (although it is well known that their prayers are all well got up beforehand), therefore, nobody is expected to have a book. With the Church's worship it is otherwise. The people are taught that the prayers are 'common,' that is, prayed by all, and, therefore, must be known beforehand by all, hence the necessity of the Prayer-book.

Your correspondent, 'J. F.', suggests that the minister's part need not be in the hands of the people, only their own, and then quotes a book he used to know which he says answers this description, called a Psalter. But this Psalter, also, contained Morning and Evening Prayer, the Litany, Occasional Prayers and Thanksgivings, Collects, and Communion Office. Surely this was the Prayer-book itself, only under a new name. The fact is, you cannot do without the whole thing, so long as the Church uses a Liturgy at all. The question is how most easily to make people acquainted with a service partly fixed and partly variable. The only plan I can conceive is to give them every Sunday's service in continuous order, in a handy form, which I am delighted to see is now done in the *Sunday Service-book*, published by the Oxford University Press, a copy of which I have lately purchased. Put this book into the hands of those unacquainted with the Church's service, and let them use it for, say, twelve months. By that time they will have discovered what is fixed and what is variable, and will then more readily take to the use of the Prayer-book, which, with a very little instruction, will not be so difficult to understand as it was before they knew the service at all. And what is more, people who have used the *Sunday Service-book*, and got to like the Church's worship, will more readily receive instruction in the Prayer-book than those who are frightened away by its supposed difficulties. At any rate I am going to try the experiment, and I have very good hopes of the result. The cost of the *Sunday Service-book* is a mere trifle, less than a halfpenny a-week, and is therefore within reach of all but the very poorest. I am fully convinced that a 'People's Prayer-book,' as suggested by 'J. F.', or rather a 'People's Response-book,' will never be popular, for the prayers would be conspicuous by their absence, it would be only a mutilated or deformed Prayer-book.

I do not write as a mere theorist, but from practical experience among all classes. Already this new *Sunday Service-book* has brought several to me, who say they are delighted at the prospect of being able to come to church and take an intelligent part in our worship, and not as mere spectators feeling very uncomfortable and not liking to come again. I candidly think this book will be a great help to the Church in bringing many in who would otherwise never have entered her fold; and as a stepping-stone to the understanding and use of the Prayer-book, I think it will prove invaluable.

PRESBYTER ANGLICANUS.

Reading in Church.

SIR,—At this time, when many young men are presenting themselves for ordination from our Universities and Theological Colleges, it may not be inopportune to try and assist those who suffer from that painful feeling, nervousness in executing the above duty, by suggesting three means, the acquisition of which (by practice, it is possible to secure) will enable them to get rid of. 1. Think you are by yourself. 2. Keep your voice up, but not too high. 3. Mind your stops, and say every word. Some are more nervous than others, and if the knowledge of the above three ideas will be of any service to them, I shall be very glad.

DIACONUS.

then, the objection was fatal to the Church, it was similarly so to religious bodies outside her. The objection to the Queen being the head of the National Church was disposed of by reference to the Church Article No. 77, as giving the right meaning of the expression. The Queen in Council was the ultimate appeal in all cases, and was so for Dissenting bodies when they could not agree among themselves, quite as much as for the Church. The last misrepresentation noticed was that the National Church was a 'State-paid Church.' Never, said the lecturer, did any parochial clergyman receive a single penny from the State. Never can any one point out that in any annual budget there was an estimate for the payment of the salary of a single parochial clergyman. The revenues of the Church were from lands or from charges on lands piously and freely given, for the support of a ministry, by their owner, and so had come down from time immemorial. The lecturer showed, by copious references to history, that, on the contrary, the clergy had often foregone their own rights to subsidise the State.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Change-ringers' Society for Sussex.

THE various suggestions which have been thrown out at many meetings in different parts of the county, during the past year, for the formation of a County Association of Change-ringers, took a practical shape on Saturday afternoon last, when a most influential and representative meeting of the towns and villages in the diocese of Chichester took place in the belfry of St. Peter's Church, Brighton. In consequence of the indisposition of Dr. Hannah (Archdeacon of Lewes) the chair was taken by the Rev. J. J. Hannah (Vicar of St. Nicholas, Brighton), and he was supported by the Very Rev. E. R. Currie (Dean of Battle), the Rev. Divie Robertson (Rural Dean), and the Revs. R. F. Tompkins (Tortington), J. B. Orme (Angmering), and W. W. Kelly (Brighton). The following delegates were also present, representing societies of change-ringers:—Mr. Orme, jun. (Angmering); C. Blackman (Arundel); — Hutchinson (Battle); A. H. Wratten (Buxted); G. F. Attree (St. Peter's, Brighton); H. Boniface (St. Nicholas, Brighton); A. Giddens (St. Paul's, Brighton); F. Hounsell (Cuckfield); O. Gatling (Chailley); — Newham (Crawley); — Baker (Detchling); — Bennett (St. Mary's, Eastbourne); — Smith (Christ Church, Eastbourne); A. F. Rich (East Hoathley); C. A. Miller (Leves); G. Martin (Rotherfield); G. Gatling (Steyning); O. Gatling (Uckfield), and several others. The rev. chairman (the notice convening the meeting having been read) called upon Mr. G. F. Attree (through whose indefatigable exertions the formation has been brought about) to state the objects of the proposed Association. Mr. Attree said they were, (1), the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (2), the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3), the cultivation of the art of change-ringing; and (4), belfry reform. In the course of his remarks he said the aim of the Association would be to spread the art of change-ringing in Sussex by the aid of instructors, whereas at the present time in many parishes the bells are silent, even the oldest inhabitant never having heard their music, the bells being in a very bad state; also of showing the necessity of cleansing and restoring the belfries in many churches, as for a long time past they have scarcely been regarded as a consecrated portion of the church. The Rev. D. Robertson proposed that an Association should be formed, and in the course of an able speech pointed out the advantages to be derived by Societies joining the Association. The motion was seconded by the Dean of Battle (Rev. E. R. Currie), and after a protracted discussion, in which nearly all the delegates took part, was carried *unanimously*. The code of rules was afterwards considered, and drawn up on somewhat the same lines as those of Kent and Surrey, and ordered to be printed and distributed. On the motion of the chairman, Mr. G. F. Attree was appointed hon. sec., and twenty-one vicars, rectors, and curates in the county, were elected hon. members. The meeting, which had lasted over three hours, was then adjourned until Jan. 23, 1885, to enable the representatives to report the proceedings to their respective Societies, a vote of thanks being accorded to the chairman for presiding. The towers of St. Nicholas (8) and St. Peter's (8) were placed at the disposal of visitors, and several touches were rung.

All Saints', Gresford, Denbighshire.

THE bells of this noble church (the tower of which is supposed to have been built about the same time (viz. 1472) as the neighbouring one of Wrexham) were augmented from six to eight by the addition of two trebles, and three others being recast, including the tenor, by Warner & Sons of Cripplegate Foundry in 1875, and were hung in the old frame, which was in a very insecure state. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the Wrexham Society on Oct. 29th, 1883, it being the only 5040 rung since that time. The frame and beams gradually gave way, rendering it impossible to ring the bells. At a meeting held in the parish it was decided to replace the defective woodwork, and the order was intrusted to Messrs. Warner & Sons, who have lately cleared out the whole of the frame and beams, which had literally rotted off at the ends; and under the personal supervision of Mr. Dunn, their foreman, have put in five large beams and a massive frame, all of well-seasoned English oak; the bells being rung for the first time on Tuesday, December 2nd, by the local band, with touches of Grandsire Triples, to the delight of the inhabitants. In the olden times the bells of Gresford Church were counted one of the wonders of Wales, and the present bells are certainly a magnificent ring, the tenor being 25 cwt., note D, quarter sharp; and being placed in a lofty tower were heard to a great advantage for miles

around. In the churchyard are some remarkably fine yew-trees; one, at a height of six feet from the ground, measures thirty feet in circumference; which, with its embattled walls and lofty tower surmounted by pinnacles and statues, give the church a most imposing appearance.

Destruction of a Church Tower by Fire.

A FIRE, involving the destruction of Welford-on-Avon parish church, five miles from Stratford-on-Avon, occurred on Saturday last. The tower in which the fire originated is completely burnt out, nothing being left but four bare walls open to the sky. A fine ring of six bells, the tenor weighing over half a ton, has been destroyed, their fall from a great height on to the stone floor beneath having smashed them to pieces. The interesting old turret clock, presented in 1860 by the former vicar of the parish, is also destroyed. Large holes were burnt in the roof, and some of the rafters ignited, but, fortunately, the firemen were able to confine the destruction to the tower.

Notice.

MR. H. W. HALEY, of ringing celebrity, requests us to state that he has changed his residence to 73 Cyprus Street, Globe Road, Bethnal Green, E.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Pudsey, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by Mr. Sottanstill) was rung in 3 hrs. 4 mins., with the fifth twelve times at home, and the sixth nine courses at home. J. Angus, 1; E. Keigley, 2; W. Hollings, 3; W. Holland, 4; J. Cheetham, 5; J. H. Hardcastle (conductor), 6; G. Holland, 7; J. Haley, 8.

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At the Parish Church, Lytham, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 7th inst., seven of the ringers, assisted by one from St. John's Church, rang for evening service 1884 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 5 mins. W. Miller, 1; John Miller, 2; James Miller, 3; J. Fell (St. John's), 4; W. Atkinson (conductor), 5; J. Fisher, 6; H. Gregson, 7; R. Allanson, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

On the following Tuesday evening, at the same church, the above-named ringers went through S. Biddleston's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 51 mins. W. Miller, 1; John Miller, 2; James Miller, 3; J. Fell (St. John's, first peal), 4; W. Atkinson (conductor), 5; W. Gregson, 6; H. Gregson, 7; R. Allanson, 8.

At the conclusion of the peal the whole of the ringers connected with the Parish and St. John's Churches were generously entertained at supper by John S. Slater, Esq., B.A., LL.B., Principal of Seafield School. The Vicar of Lytham, the Rev. H. B. Hawkins, M.A., was also present for a time. After supper a number of selections upon the hand-bells were performed by the parish church ringers, and various members of the company contributed songs at intervals. Throughout, the evening was of the pleasantest character, and the ringers one and all feel highly grateful to Mr. Slater for his unstinted hospitality.

At Baldock, Herts.

ON Sunday, the 7th inst., for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples were rung. J. Webb, 1; J. Phillips, 2; J. Cawdell, 3; W. Tyler (conductor), 4; R. Jackson, 5; J. Hare, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8. Also for evening service, 728 Grandsire Triples by the above, with the exception of the 4th and 6th men changing places. Conducted by W. A. Tyler. In the afternoon on hand-bells a 518 of Grandsire Triples, being the first part of Holt's Ten-part peal. T. Webb, 1; J. Phillips, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; J. Hare (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; R. Jackson, 6; J. Roslyn, 7; G. Gentle, 8.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 9th inst., a 210 of Grandsire Triples was rung. C. Smith, 1; C. Fox, 2; T. Cooper, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., 4; S. Smith (first peal as conductor), 5; E. W. Taylor, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun., 7; W. Billingham, 8.

Also a touch of 630 of Grandsire Triples. T. Cooper, 1; R. Bayles, 2; C. Smith, 3; C. Fox, 4; S. Smith, 5; W. Billingham (conductor), 6; J. W. Taylor, jun., 7; J. Grundy, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

ON Thursday, the 11th inst., eight members of the United Counties Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major (composed by J. J. Brierley) in 3 hrs. 5 mins. J. Shaw, 1; W. Slater, 2; J. S. Wilde, 3; J. Maloney, 4; J. Sellars, 5; S. Bradley, 6; S. Knott (conductor), 7; J. Pye, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt., 1 qr. 24 lbs.

Also on Sunday, the 14th inst., eight members of the St. George's Society, being also members of the above Association, rang for service a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples (1260 changes). J. Shaw, 1; R. Woolley, 2; T. Bradley, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 7; T. Wilde, 8.

At Alburgh, Norfolk.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Norwich Diocesan Association (being also members of the Royal Cumberland Society) rang a peal of 6016 Oxford Treble Bob in 3 hrs. 15 mins. The peal was composed by J. Lockwood, and will be found on page 52 of Snowdon's *Treatise*, Part 2. E. Smith (conductor), 1; R. Whitney, 2; G. Prime, 3; W. Matthews, 4; J. Tann, 5; F. Smith, 6; W. Roope, 7; Captain Moore, 8. Tenor, 11 cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Attendance at Holy Communion.

SIR,—The subject of the attendance of men at church has been lately gone into in your columns, and that of the presence or otherwise of both men and women at the Holy Table is one also that calls for grave attention. I have often thought that the great length of the service, especially when added on to others, is the chief hindrance in the way, and that it would be very desirable if a shortened service could be provided for it by Convocation, as has been already done for the Morning and Evening Prayers. At the same time it might be left, by the like authority, to the discretion of the officiating clergyman to make the address to the communicants either individually or collectively, as might seem to him best at the time. For myself I have never felt at liberty to adopt the latter mode, though often wishing to be able to do so. It seems to me that the fact of the words used at the original institution of the Blessed Sacrament having been in the plural number, not only gives authority for a change in the present practice, but appears to indicate the propriety of its adoption. It would at the same time be a relief to the celebrant, the whole being more or less fatiguing to these or those, according to their age and health or strength. I feel sure that the change would be productive of much advantage to the end desired. In another direction a half-yearly meeting of the communicants and confirmed persons at the rectory or the schoolroom, according to their numbers, will be found very advantageous in itself and helpful towards the object to be gained. Tea should be provided for them, to be followed by a short address, in the church or the room, by a neighbouring or other clergyman, and some suitable hymns which the people will always enjoy, and all will have a good effect, and tend to the desired result.

F. O. MORRIS.

Nunburnholme Rectory, Hayton, York.

'Where are the Men?'

SIR,—Many interesting replies to this important question have appeared in your valuable paper, and some of your correspondents have given the much-desired answer—'The men are at church.' Will some of our seaside clergy give their experience? In my case as curate of a seaside parish, with a large number of boatmen, pilots, and fishermen, the answer must be, 'The men are at sea,' or, 'They are lounging on the beach.' Certainly, as a body, they do not attend church. Indeed, the scarcity of men in our congregations has frequently been made a subject of comment by 'occasional preachers.' The dearth of men is striking, though the church is well filled by the opposite sex. But as to the cause? The reply of the men themselves is, that their occupation necessitates their absence from church. But whilst willing enough to make every proper allowance for what must be regarded as really necessary work, the question arises, To what extent is this true? What is the nature of the work which keeps them away? Assistance to ships in distress, or requiring supplies of gear to replace what has been swept away by the gale or the stormy waters (there is a good deal of this kind of work at times), going off as pilots, and fishing. Now, it is very difficult to judge how far the above excuse is valid in the first three of these cases, and how far it is only an excuse. There is no doubt that the men have come to regard their work as peculiar, and to be expected and sought for on Sunday as much as on any other day; and the lads are educated, as perhaps their fathers were before them, in this opinion. Hence the indifference with which Sunday is regarded. Hence, too, the lounging on the beach, which is a part of their ordinary employment. If questioned as to why they cannot leave the beach and come to church, they reply, 'Something would be sure to turn up: we must keep a look-out.' It is altogether in vain to suggest that some of their number might suffice for any necessary watching. The men have to struggle for their very existence, and if a ship is observed to signal for a pilot, or exhibit signals of distress, there is a race between them for the 'job,' or the 'hovel,' as the phrase runs.

But what about the Sunday fishing? Can that be excused as in any sense necessary? Perhaps it is a habit which has grown out of the other practice; but does it not suggest the inquiry whether, after all, the difficulties which are alleged are not in a great measure imaginary, often perhaps only an excuse, rarely an insurmountable obstacle?

A further reason for habitual absence has, sometimes, been found in the annual 'crowding out,' which takes place when the summer visitors appear. A proportion—about half—of the seats in this church are let—the remainder are free. The latter during the season are filled by visitors, and the poor inhabitants are 'crowded out.' This is unquestionably an evil, but it is a difficulty by no means peculiar to this place: nor is it easy to devise a remedy unless every seaside parish has a church far larger than is requisite for the resident population. Of course, visitors to the seaside have their spiritual needs like others; nor should they be neglected. Far better that they should attend church than set an example of carelessness and indifference, as is sometimes the case. The visitors to this place are of a superior order, and as a rule exemplary; but there is a sprinkling of another sort, who spend Sunday as a day for sensual enjoyment, apparently careless

that whilst they neglect holy ordinances themselves for excursions on the sea, &c., they set an example which our boatmen are only too ready to follow.

So much as to facts. But where is a remedy to be found? Perhaps some who have worked with success amongst men of the class I have described will be able to give some valuable information. DESIDERANDUM.

P.S.—In striking contrast with the above was my experience in a former curacy, in the diocese of Norwich, where the preponderance of men over women was nearly as remarkable as the opposite extreme is here. That was in an agricultural parish.

Anglican or Roman?

SIR,—I had occasion a few weeks ago to call the attention of your readers to the Romanism lurking in a book of the wide-meaning title, *The English Catholic's Vade Mecum*. But this is not the only book containing Romish error. *The Little Breviary* has been pointed out as another of these very unsafe books. *The Server's Handbook*, a manual for servers at the celebration of the Eucharist, also contains grievous error. There is no doubt that there are many more such manuals which I have not seen, which are spreading error on all sides. It is our positive duty to do all we can to prevent the growth of this plague-spot in the Anglican Church. Pious young people, of little reading and less knowledge, ever eager after novelty in religion, and not able to judge what is right, are the ones who are led away by these strange books. Not only is an incipient Mariolatry taught in these books, but the distinctive Romish doctrine of Confession is set forth for habitual and systematic use. It is very sad indeed to contemplate the number of manuals which give forms for confession to priests. I am not in any way going to discourage any poor sinner from seeking advice and confiding in some discreet and learned priest of God's Church, but in every possible way that I can I shall discourage the habitual use of sacramental confession, which cannot fail to do vast mischief, especially among women of unsound judgment. Our clergy are not confessors; the Romish priest is taught in his seminary the routine, &c., of the Confessional, the Anglican priest is not, and, therefore, in many cases is not fit to hear a confession, especially that of a scrupulous person. I am a High Churchman (which some of your readers may deny), attached, I hope, to my spiritual mother, and loving her as a son should love his mother. It is because of this regard for my Church that I view with feelings of alarm the spread of secret Romanism amongst us. I do not fear Romanism pure and simple, I do fear a mingling of Romanism with Anglicanism. I should be sorry to level a charge of Romanism against a body of men like the clergy of the Church of England, but there are individual cases of priests who are doing Rome's work in a very expert manner. The Order of Corporate Reunion, with its bishops and priests—what is it? But outside this organization there are men whose sympathies are with Rome. In some churches many of the ritual practices are mere importations from Rome. Instead of a grand and impressive service, thoroughly Anglican, we have all kinds of puerile acts, which lower religious worship, and bring it into contempt.

Another sign of the spirit of Romanism amongst us is the mania of imitation. Everything must be Roman; even the collars of the clergy must be Roman. If we go to Ireland we must ignore the true Church of that land, and attend the celebration of Romish mass; if abroad, we must neglect our own chaplaincies and frequent some gorgeous cathedral. These 'Romish' gentlemen are most surely and effectually paving the way to Rome. Then, again, the 'Catholics,' as some extreme Churchmen love to be called (in distinction to the whole body of English baptized Christians and Churchmen, and, therefore, Catholics), look down with contempt on the moderate Anglican, or even the Anglican of distinct high teaching. They make the Church to consist of a little tiny band of 'Catholics' comprised in such Societies as the E. C. U. and C. B. S. Surely for this foolish mania for Rome and her ways there is some antidote? Yes, there is. Let us spread such books as Dr. Littledale's *Plain Reasons*, the S.P.C.K.'s anti-Romish tracts, and Wordsworth's *Theophilus Anglicanus*. Let our teaching be Catholic and primitive, a clear discerning between truth and error, and a clinging to the Bible and Prayer-book and the Communion of the Church of England as distinct from Puritan and Papal error.

W. H. (O. S. B.)

'The Little Breviary.'

SIR,—In reply to questions and remarks by 'One Who Uses the Book,' (1.) I am surprised at his first question, which suggests that because the Angel saluted the Virgin with 'Hail, Mary,' we may do so now. I certainly think there is all the difference between addressing a living person in his or her presence, and using the same words of or to him or her when that person is dead. (2.) I hope that many of my friends pray for me, for I need their prayers; but I have no right to ask departed friends to pray for me. We know nothing of their condition, and have no right to assume that they know anything of what is proceeding here. (3.) There is no proof whatever that Mary was 'ever Virgin.' Some passages of Holy Scripture almost involve a contrary conclusion. But it is a matter of no importance whatever. As to the term 'Gate of Heaven,' it is highly objectionable, and misleading to many minds. There is nothing whatever in Holy Scripture to justify the term. It is one of many terms used in 'THE MOUTH OF MARY,' in which several expressions applied (in the Douay Bible even) to Jesus Christ are applied to the Virgin Mary; as, e.g., where she is called 'Refuge of Sinners,' 'Health of the Weak,' 'Morning Star,' 'Gate of Heaven,' 'Ark of the Covenant,' 'Cause of our Joy,' 'Seat of Wisdom,' &c. (4.) I distinctly say that I do not believe that Mary had no spot in her, however 'fair' she may have been. I believe that she rejoiced in God her Saviour, and that she was not spotless or sinless, and that she needed a Saviour as well as others of the race of Adam. (5.) I do not object to keeping her festival, because Christ is

A ringer can always recognise a 'brother-string,' and after the first 'touch' old Enoch asked him to take a pull.

'Thank you,' replied the stalwart stranger, as he stood up and prepared to doff his coat and muffler.

'Which bell will you ring?'

'I don't care, so long as it is somewhere at the heavy end.'

'Then try the ninth, mister,' said Enoch, as he proceeded to trim the lantern, for the dips wanted snuffing badly. But at that moment he awkwardly let the antiquated concern drop, leaving us in darkness as we held our ropes.

It was a minute or two before the newly-snuffed wicks were resuscitated, and we stood awaiting sufficient light to begin. We could just see the outline of the stranger on the ninth box; then the light gradually increased, and we looked hard at Enoch for the signal to begin.

'Are you all ready? One gone—go!' cried Enoch, the last syllable culminating in a shriek of terror as the old man's eyes became fixed on the stranger, and without another word he left his bell swinging and rushed for the steps.

One glance in the same direction was sufficient to strike a like terror into the hearts of all of us. There, on the ninth box, stood the ghost of the dead man. * * * *

How we got down the steps and across the road to the house of meeting we never knew. But our troubles were not over. In the course of a few minutes the apparition had followed us thither, and, eyeing our crouching forms, exclaimed sadly,

'Well, I didn't expect such a welcome as this after four years' absence!'

But it was long before we could comprehend that Joe had not shipped in the *Aurora* at all, and was only intending a little surprise for us. And he on his part quite forgave us for our apparent want of heartiness when he learnt that it was at his own funeral peal that he was assisting. J. M. R.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT meeting of the above Association will be held at Saffron Walden (eight bells) on Wednesday, January 7th. Ringing to commence at 12 o'clock. Tea at the 'King's Arms' at 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately after the tea. Members will be conveyed to and from Saffron Walden by the G. E. R. at a single fare and a quarter, provided that they inform the Secretary, before January 2nd, from what station they start, and show their E. A. C. R. receipts for this year at the booking-office. Ringers intending to join the Association will be enabled to travel at the same rate on communicating with the Secretary. It is hoped that as many members as possible will endeavour to be present, as this is the first meeting held in this part of the county.

H. A. COCKEY, Hon. Sec., Rayleigh, S.O., Essex.

A Request to Ringers.

OF all the singular bequests we have seen for some time, those contained in the will of the late Mr. James Henry Bird of Hammersmith carry off the palm. The testator bequeaths 700l. to the vicar and churchwardens of the parish of Little Missenden, Bucks, upon trust, to apply the dividends as follows, viz., 3l. 3s. to the vicar for preaching a sermon, annually in commemoration of his wife, and a similar sum for preaching annually another sermon in commemoration of the testator; on the occasion of the sermon to commemorate the testator, and after Midsummer, 1921, also on the occasion of the sermon to commemorate his wife, 15s. is to be paid to the choir, 15s. to the bell-ringers to ring a muffled peal on the bells of the said church, 6s. to the parish clerk, and 6s. to the organist; 3l. 3s. to keep the Nil Desperandum vault in Abney Park Cemetery, in which his wife is interred, in repair; 1l. 10s. to the Vicar of Little Missenden to see that this is done; after Midsummer, 1921, 1l. to the person who keeps in repair the tablet to the memory of testator's wife in Little Missenden Church; and the remainder of the income for the deserving poor of the said parish.

Notice.

MR. GOSLIN has taken out a patent for hanging heavy bells, which we commend to the notice of our ringing friends.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Philip's, Hulme, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 20th inst., the following members of the St. Philip's Change-ringers' Society rang a peal of 5120 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. O'Brien, 1; T. Heald, 2; H. Wood, 3; T. Collinge, 4; E. Etcock, 5; W. J. Hargreaves, 6; A. Wood, 7; J. F. Woods, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The peal was composed by the late Mr. W. Harrison of Mottram-in-Longendale, and was conducted by Mr. J. F. Woods. It is believed to be the first of its kind rung in this city.

At St. Lawrence's, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 21st inst., for afternoon service, six 6-scores of Bob Doubles, called differently, were rung in 28 mins. A. Bannister,* 1; G. Beresford,* 2; G. Tarlton,* 3; T. Allibone (conductor), 4; T. Day,* 5; W. Hopkinson,* jun., 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in F. [* First time.]

RECEIVED WITH THANKS.—Ringers' Rules.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Free and Unappropriated Church of St. Clement, East Dulwich.

SIR,—May I appeal through your columns for aid towards the endowment fund of this church, one of the ten generally known as 'The Bishop of Rochester's Ten Churches?' It is the earnest wish of many inhabitants of the parish that the new church should be entirely 'free and unappropriated,' and the Lord Bishop of Rochester is in sympathy with this desire, and gives his consent on condition that a sum of 1500l. shall be raised, for the purpose of endowment, before he consecrates the church at Easter next. The sum of 1200l. has already been collected by our own people, and I appeal to those who are already provided with free ministrations in their own parishes to assist the inhabitants of this poor and rapidly increasing neighbourhood. Donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by me or Mr. H. Rowe, 36 Oakhurst Grove, East Dulwich. H. E. JENNINGS, 5 Croxted Lane, W. Dulwich, S.E. Vicar-designate.

Why do not the Men go to Church?

SIR,—May I observe, in answer to some of your correspondents on this subject, that the men can be got hold of, if only they are sought in the right way? I need only refer your readers to such books as *Work amongst Working Men*, by Ellice Hopkins, or *Our Coffee-room*, by E. R. Cotton, to show that there is a longing amongst them for higher and better things if their hearts can be reached. I myself have been present at a meeting in the 'Sailors' Rest,' at Devonport, when the hall was crowded with seamen and their wives, all listening with breathless interest to the words of their friend, Miss Weston. Many ladies seem to have a special gift for speaking to men and boys, just because they manage to get at their hearts, and talk earnestly and simply to them. Might not more use be made of this power to win them to the Church? A poor woman at a mothers' meeting in Somersetshire once told me her husband said, 'he did not see why the fathers should not have a meeting too,' and I have often thought that ladies who are successful in conducting a mothers' meeting might be equally successful with their husbands. If once they could be brought to care for religion itself, and could be taught the meaning of our beautiful service, there would be more hope of their coming to church. M. L. W.

'Te Deum Laudamus.'

SIR,—Some interesting letters on this sublime hymn have appeared in your columns. Will you admit one suggestive of thoughts as to its authorship and scope—thoughts arising out of no tradition of external evidence, but absolutely and entirely out of its internal structure. Its internal structure seems, in my humble opinion, to indicate three consecutive integral parts, and as many authorships. Part I. consists of the first thirteen verses, and contains an ascription of praise from earth and heaven, from angels and powers, from cherubim and seraphim, from apostles and prophets, from martyrs and the whole Church, to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. And here, at the end of the thirteenth verse, absolutely ends the ascription of praise to the three sacred persons of the Blessed Trinity. Here, in other words, ends the *Te Deum* proper. Here most fitly, with the *Gloria Patri*, would end the use of this hymn as a hymn of thanksgiving. Here, in fact, seems to be brought to a close the idea of the composition as the product of one mental effort, of one author. Whether its author was Ambrose or Augustine, if either, would seem decided by its priority of order, and his priority of age, in favour of St. Ambrose, not to insist upon its greater simplicity of style. Part II. consists of the next twelve verses, and contains a passionate address to the second person of the Sacred Trinity, expressed in the form, first, of the Articles of the Creed which relate exclusively to Him; secondly, of a fervent supplication to Him for help to the whole Church of the redeemed, whether militant or already at rest; and, thirdly, of a vow of daily adoration and worship paid to Him and to His name. And here, again, seems brought to a close the idea of the composition as an act of homage to Christ, and as the mental effort of a single author. Who that author was does not admit of doubt, as it seems to me, always supposing that St. Augustine took any part in its composition, according to ancient tradition, with or in sequel to St. Ambrose. Part III. consists of the last four verses, and contains an earnest ejaculatory prayer for benefits personal to ourselves; to find mercy, and to be kept without sin this day, and without confusion for ever. From its following an act of praise, this addition has the appearance of being an afterthought, whether on the part of St. Augustine, or of some other saintly personage, who felt that prayer for others—for the whole world of the redeemed—ought to be followed by fervent prayer for ourselves also. Highfield.

JOHN JAMES.

A Fathers' Meeting.

SIR,—Can you spare me a corner in your paper to say, in reply to a question from one of your correspondents in a recent number, 'Did one ever hear of a fathers' meeting?' that this is the fourth winter that we, in an agricultural village in Bedfordshire, have not only heard of, but have actually held, fathers' meetings? The idea originated with one of themselves, who, when his wife used to go home and 'tell him every word' of the interesting book she heard read at the mothers' meeting, said, 'I think there ought to be fathers' meetings as well.' Our plan is this: we meet in the schoolroom at seven o'clock on Tuesday evenings, and they listen for about three quarters of an hour to an interesting tale, such as *The Watchers on the Longships* or *Martin the Skipper* (Wells Gardner, Darton, & Co.), followed by a short and

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association will be held at Kingston-on-Thames (by the kind permission of the Vicar) on Monday, January 12. The business meeting, at which the Vicar will, if possible, preside, will be held at the 'Leopold Coffee Tavern' at six p.m., and will be followed by the usual tea. Those who intend to be present are requested to send in their names to the Hon. Secretary not later than Thursday, January 8th, in order that tea may be provided for them. Members are reminded that their subscriptions became due on January 1st, and they will be collected at the meeting at Kingston. The tower will be open for ringing as usual; any ringers will be welcome.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Kent County Association—Mersham Band.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, having visited the parish for the purpose of receiving a testimonial from his late parishioners, paid a visit to the belfry, and, as he had an hour to spare before train time, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung. D. Paine, 1; Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen (first peal), 2; G. Finn, sen., 3; E. Ruck (conductor), 4; G. Paine, 5; E. Finn, 6. After which another peal was rung in the same method. D. Paine, 1; G. Finn, 2; W. Jay (first peal), 3; E. Ruck (conductor), 4; G. Paine, 5; E. Finn, 6. Each 28 mins.

The Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association was held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 27, 1884, and was fairly attended, members being present from Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Sheffield, Burton-on-Trent, and adjoining districts. After tea, which was served in St. Paul's Institute, the Rev. James H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's and President of the Association, took the chair. Amongst other business, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. W. Pitt on his retirement from the post of Hon. Secretary to the Association. It was stated that Mr. Joseph Griffin had kindly undertaken the duties of Hon. Secretary until the Annual Meeting, when a successor to Mr. Pitt would be appointed. The Annual Meeting was decided to be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 6, and Messrs. Wibberley and J. Wilson were appointed auditors of the Treasurer's accounts.

Ringers' Meeting at Deane Church, near Bolton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., a meeting of the ringers of Deane and Holy Trinity, Bolton, took place. After several short touches on the bells an adjournment took place to the house of Mr. Marsh, and a substantial repast was partaken of; Mr. Hough, churchwarden of Deane, being chairman, and Mr. H. W. Jackson, of Trinity, vice-chairman. The chairman submitted the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, several songs were given, and at intervals the Holy Trinity men gave some good tunes on their hand-bells. Afterwards six of the Trinity men visited the tower and rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Walsh, 3; T. E. Turner, 4; W. Marsden, 5; W. Hamer, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Also on Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., after a sermon by the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, one of the preachers at the reopening of the church, which has been renovated and the galleries removed (this being the church of which the late Canon Girdlestone was vicar for twenty-five years), the following rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 26½ mins. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; J. Walsh, 2; J. H. Jackson, 3; J. Smith (Deane), 4 (first peal); W. Hamer, 5; J. Peers (Deane), 6.

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2 5 6 3 4	6 5 2 3 4	5 6 4 2 3	S 3 4 5 6 2
S 5 2 3 4 6	S 5 6 3 4 2	6 2 5 3 4	S 4 3 6 2 5
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BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

At Hertingfordbury, Herts.—Hand-bell Ringing.

ON Christmas Day, at the request of the Rector, the hymn tune, 'O come, all ye faithful', was played upon the hand-bells in the belfry, which is on the first floor, and open to the church, by eight of the parochial company of ringers. The time appointed for the performance was previous to the commencement of Divine service in the morning (11 o'clock), instead of the usual voluntary on the organ. The tune was taken from *Hymns A. & M.*, played over four times, representing the four verses, and well rendered. For some weeks the ringers have been practising under the instruction of Mr. Jasper G. Crawley, the conductor of the band, who has spared no pains to make the undertaking successful. The hand-bells, which are of a fine tone, were supplied a few years ago by Messrs. Warner & Sons, Cripplegate, London.

Mr. F. H. Squires, the organist, who was in the chancel, writes:—

'St. Andrew's Street, Hertford, 27th Dec. 1884.

'DEAR SIR,—Your experiment of playing a hymn on the hand-bells in the church on Christmas Day was quite a success. The time was perfectly steady, and the harmony throughout was quite correct; and the whole of the bells being in perfect tune, the effect in the church was very pleasing. The ringers must have practised diligently to have done so well, and I hope you will be able to bring them into the church again. Wishing your Society every success,

'MR. J. G. CRAWLEY.'

I remain, yours faithfully, F. H. SQUIRES.'

A Sad Event on Christmas Night.

THE Rev. D'Argent Bell, vicar of Eling, Southampton, after following the service and assisting in ringing the bells on the evening of Christmas Day, suddenly dropped down dead.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 20th ult., ten members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 5075 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 25 mins. J. Plowman, 1; J. Branch, 2; J. Trappitt, 3; C. E. Malins, 4; E. Bennett (conductor), 5; J. Harris, 6; J. Barry (first peal of Caters), 7; J. Fayers, 8; G. Pell, 9; H. Holder, 10. Composed by M. Johnson of Birmingham. Tenor, 21½ cwt., in E flat.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

ON Sunday, the 21st ult., it being St. Thomas's Day, the following band of St. Andrew's rang for evening service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, with the 6th and 8th behind, in 31 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; G. Mottershaw, 2; C. Hart, 3; W. Midgley, 4; H. Pound, 5; J. Gilbert, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; C. Sidley, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5129 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 25 mins. H. Lewis,* 1; W. Greenleaf, 2; J. Pettit (conductor), 3; J. M. Hayes, 4; W. B. Jones, 5; N. N. Hills,* 6; J. M. Routh, 7; H. Baker, 8; W. D. Smith, 9; W. H. George, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. [* First peal of Caters.

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

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., a peal of 720 College Singles was rung in 28 mins. by Members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. R. Hopper, 1; James Moffitt, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; C. Wawn, 4; J. R. Wheldon (first peal in this method), 5; John Moffitt (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. John's, Perry Barr, Staffordshire.

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., the following members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers, Birmingham, rang a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples (Brook's Variation) in 2 hrs. 52 mins. H. Bastable, 1; W. R. Small, 2; A. Jones,* 3; A. Thomas, 4; T. Reynolds, 5; S. Reeves (conductor), 6; C. Stanbridge,* 7; J. Buffery, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt., in F sharp. [* First peal of Stedman's Triples.]

At New College, Oxford.

ON Wednesday, the 24th ult., the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Oxford Diocesan Association attempted a peal of Stedman's Caters, but after ringing twenty-three courses in 1 hr. 40 mins. unfortunately came to grief. S. Hounslow, 1; G. Holifield, 2; C. Finch, 3; E. Bennett, 4; J. Field, sen., 5; J. E. Dawe (composer and conductor), 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. M. Routh, Esq., 8; J. W. Washbrook, 9; C. Hounslow and J. Field, jun., 10. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Christmas Day the local Company of Ringers, members also of the Midland Counties Association, rang the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal in 1 hr. 35 mins. E. D. Taylor, 1; T. Cooper, 2; C. Smith, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., 4; J. Hardy, 5; W. Billingham, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., the local company of change-ringers, assisted by A. P. Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, Derby (all being members of the Midland Counties Association), rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples. E. D. Taylor, 1; T. Cooper, 2; J. Hardy, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., 4; S. Smith, 5; A. P. Heywood, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt., in D.

At Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire.

ON Friday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part) in 2 hrs. 59½ mins. R. H. Witherington, 1; E. J. Strange, 2; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 3; J. Hale, 4; J. Wathen, 5; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 6; E. Wallis, 7; W. Haines, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs., in E flat. The above Company take this opportunity of tendering their most sincere thanks to the Rev. Hemming Roberson for allowing them the use of the Abbey bells on this occasion.

At St. Edburg's, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

ON Friday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Six-part) was rung in 3 hrs. 6 mins. by members of the Oxford Society of Change-ringers, who are also members of the Royal Society of London Cumberland Youths. W. Jefferey, 1; F. Williamson, 2; J. M. Hine, 3; G. Lapworth, 4; H. Janaway, 5; W. J. Smith (conductor), 6; T. Payne, 7; A. Strange, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Beaconsfield, Bucks.

ON Friday, the 26th ult., a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Field, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; W. Baston, 3; S. Hounslow, 4; W. Finch, 5; J. M. Routh, Esq., 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 7; A. Thomas, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At Caversham, Oxon.

On Sunday, the 28th ult., six members of the St. Peter's Society rang a peal of 720 College Single in 28 mins., being the first in the method on the bells and by the ringers. G. Essex, 1; J. Butler, 2; E. Menday, 3; Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 4; E. Pottinger, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6.

Also after evening service, another peal of 720 in the same method and time. J. Hands, 1; J. Butler, 2; E. Menday, 3; T. Newman, 4; E. Pottinger, 5; Rev. G. F. Coleridge (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt., in F.

At All Saints', Nottingham.

On Sunday, the 28th ult., for Divine service, 1280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung in 52 mins. J. Wibberley, 1; R. Beeson (of Peterborough), 2; W. Langley, 3; J. Wilson (conductor), 4; E. Robinson, 5; T. Cooke, 6; W. H. Abbott, 7; G. Middleton, 8.

At St. Sepulchre's, City of London.

On Tuesday, the 30th ult., ten members of the Cumberland Society rang a funeral peal, with the bells half muffled, to the memory of Mr. W. H. Hart, for forty years a servant of the above church, who died after a month's illness. D. Lovett (conductor), 1; A. C. Church, 2; O. Bayley, 3; J. Pearce, 4; W. Devereux, 5; J. Wheeler, 6; W. D. Matthews, 7; J. Bayley, 8; J. Rumsey, 9; J. Barry, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Our Festival Services.

SIR.—It is often felt to be a matter for regret that the services of our Church do not bring forward the events of her chief festivals more prominently. On Easter Day we have a special anthem, but on Christmas Day and other festivals there is no special anthem to celebrate the event. It may interest some of your readers to know that the Christian Knowledge Society publishes twelve good Christmas cards, with music, at a very cheap rate, suitable for public worship. With a view to make our Christmas-tide services more suitable, we substituted one of these cards for the *Venite* on Christmas Day and the Sunday following, and took three of them in the place of the evening Psalms. This gave a true Christmas tone to the services, and brought more prominently forward the great event of the season. To those who think (and their number are not few) that the progress of the Church is much retarded by the want of a little power conferred upon our Bishops to allow some departure from our prescribed services on Sundays, any suggestions of this kind may be welcome. Until something can be done by our rulers to relax the Act of Uniformity on Sundays, it will continue to hang like a great millstone around the neck of the Church. If two persons are to run a race, it does not require any prophet to say which of the two will win if you tie the right or left arm of one behind him, and leave the other with both his arms free.

A VICAR.

Church Missions.

SIR.—The great success of the courses of Evidential Addresses arranged by the Christian Evidence Society for the London Church Mission in the east and north-east districts (especially that at St. Mark's, Dalston) has already led a clergyman to solicit like help for his church at Ealing, as one centre for the Mission for the west of London, February 8th–15th, 1885. It is so very difficult to secure the services of competent preachers (men of reputation to draw, and of earnestness, power, and knowledge to do good) that we may perhaps fail to arrange for more than two or three centres besides that at Ealing. But it seems to me that St. Pancras and Marylebone, Paddington and Notting Hill, Kensington and South Kensington, Westminster, Mayfair, and Soho—I only roughly indicate localities—ought each, if possible, to have a course; and I therefore beg that any incumbent in those districts, who is decidedly in favour of such a course of Evidential Addresses being held in his church, will communicate with me at once.

C. LLOYD ENGSTRÖM, M.A., Secretary,
13 Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C. Christian Evidence Society.

Missions to Secularists.

SIR.—The spread of Secularism amongst both the highly-educated and the half-educated classes seems a disease of our times. I may now claim some experience from personal contact with various shades of unbelief in the big townships of Lancashire and Yorkshire. A very small number seem deeply bitten with it, but hundreds are in some early stage of the disorder. They imbibe the virus easily at 'Progress Clubs,' 'Free Thought Societies,' &c. These spring up mostly outside the parochial sphere of work and field of view, however locally included in parochial areas. They are thus virtually to a great extent ignored by Church workers; or, if known, are mostly 'severely let alone.' I have repeatedly been met by the statement on behalf of such that the clergy seem to know nothing of them, or to care nothing about them. This in the broad sense is probably, or certainly, untrue, but is assumed and taken as a truth, and the impression does untold mischief. They improve it into a notion that the clergy prefer to work safely within their own lines of pulpit, Sunday schools, mothers' meetings, &c., but shirk any controversy in the open. I should add that I do not think that public disputations, in which a believer is pitted against an unbeliever, make much impression on one another, or on the audience, for reasons which I need not detail. But I believe that by well-chosen addresses, delivered either in church or in some neutral room available, with invitation to personal discussion of difficulties after the address, much good may be done.

I wrote on 13th November to the Bishop of Bedford, to offer such work in connexion with the February W. and N. London Mission. After corre-

spondence with him, the Archdeacon of Middlesex, Canon Furse, and others, I am virtually told that my suggestion, though thus early made, comes too late—a result much to be regretted, if so. But as I believe each incumbent makes his own arrangements, I shall be glad to place my services at the disposal of any, for the above purpose, who may be impressed by the considerations advanced above.

HENRY HAYMAN, D.D.

Aldingham, December 29th.

Rector of Aldingham, Ulverston.

Sermons or Essays?

SIR.—Some time ago I wrote a letter on the above subject, and you kindly inserted it in your columns. It elicited various replies, chiefly in opposition to my expressed opinion in favour of extempore sermons. I still strongly advocate preaching and the abolition of the MS. essay. One of your correspondents humorously deprecated the practice of extempore preaching, by suggesting that such sermons would be as flavourless as the 'third cup of tea.' Now I wish to inform him that, notwithstanding his little profanity, I have had the temerity to deliver two and sometimes three extempore sermons here on Sundays; and now, owing to the resignation of the Vicar—though coming to this town as an entire stranger—I have been appointed as his successor to the living, worth over 600*l.* a-year, and with one of the finest churches far and near. Of course one would hope that it is the Lord's ordering; but, humanly speaking, as I was known to the people only in my ministrations in church, the result proves, according to your correspondent's proposition, either that they have a taste for extempore preaching, or that they like very weak tea. *Verb. sat. sap.*

B. A., Oxon.

Catholic versus Roman.

SIR.—Our secular press seems sadly to want enlightening about ecclesiastical affairs. Your contemporary, the *Standard*, was once a journal to which one could look at least for an intelligent view of Church matters. It has now lapsed into the dismal *pocoourantism* which was once the peculiar property of Whig theology. Thus, in an article on the Bishop of Lincoln's resignation we find the following passage: 'He took a great interest in the Catholic movement on the Continent, and attended the Old Catholic Congress at Cologne in 1872, though it is difficult to understand what he expected to result from it. In his *Lectures on the Apocalypse* he had laid down authoritatively that Rome was Antichrist, a dogma which seems to bar the way to any kind of reconciliation with even the most moderate party in the Church of Rome.' But he was anxious, no doubt, to see and judge for himself, and perhaps he did not find the meeting at Cologne all that his imagination had painted it.'

It would be as well, perhaps, if the daily press contrived to get their articles on Church matters written by some one who had at least an elementary acquaintance with theology, and of the ecclesiastical movements of the day. But one reason of the confusion of thought into which the writer in the *Standard* has fallen, is in the increasingly loose way in which the word 'Catholic' is used in secular literature as synonymous with 'Roman.' Time was when the energetic protests of High Church divines placed some check upon this utterly unscholarlike and non-natural sense attached to the word. But people have got tired of protesting. And so, among slipshod writers and thinkers the evil is on the increase, in spite of the fact that to use the word Catholic as a synonym for Roman is not only directly contradicted by the formularies of the Church of England, but is growing more and more irreconcilable with the facts of ecclesiastical history in our own day. And when this style of writing extends to the columns of the *Guardian*; when we find in its French correspondence of December 10th the phrase 'Catholic world' applied to the countries where Romanism is in the ascendant, it is time a protest was made. Adroit Roman controversialists know well how to make use of the confusion of thought at present prevalent on this question. Therefore it is a necessity of our position to be on our guard. I question whether we ought ever to admit the phrase 'Catholic' in reference to the Church of Rome, even where 'Roman' is prefixed to it, and whether we ought not invariably to speak of her as the 'Roman Church,' and of her adherents as 'Vaticanists.'

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A Memorial to the late Bishop Huxtable.

SIR.—Thirty years ago, before the Rev. H. C. Huxtable left Tinnevely to become Bishop of Mauritius, he laid the foundation-stone of a church at the head station of one of the chief mission districts of Tinnevely. The name of the place where the church was to be built is Sawyerpuram (i.e. Sawyer's village), called after a certain Mr. Sawyer, who about a century ago purchased a piece of land to serve as a harbour of refuge for a number of Christian converts, who were being cruelly persecuted by their Hindu neighbours. From want of funds the church has never been finished. Bishop Caldwell, in writing of this place, says, 'I am well acquainted with the locality and the circumstances of the place, and have often lamented the way in which the large, beautiful church, commenced by Bishop Huxtable, had been left unfinished. The completion of this church will not only be a great boon to the large but poor community of Native Christians in the place and neighbourhood, but will form a suitable memorial of Bishop Huxtable's connexion with Tinnevely.' In these days, when large sums are collected as memorials, may I not bring this far-away church to your readers' notice? All I ask for is 1000*l.*, which, with what I can collect in India, will be sufficient to complete this long-neglected work. Many of your readers, I trust, will be ready to help to extend Christ's kingdom amongst the heathen by contributing to erect this witness to the one true God and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Subscriptions may be sent to me direct, or to the Rev. W. R. Sharrock, M.A., vicar of Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Yorkshire.

J. A. SHARROCK, Missionary in Charge,
Caldwell College, Tuticorin, S. India, Dec. 2, 1884.

of its languages. . . . The spiritual bond uniting the two countries is the most favourable condition for extricating Abyssinia from her moral isolation.'

RUSSIA.

THE weakest point, perhaps, in the Greek Communion is the icon-worship as sanctioned by the so-called Second Nicene Council—a synod disclaimed at once in the West at the instance of Charlemagne and our own Alcuin, but subsequently more or less received before the Reformation by all Churches except the Armenian, Assyrian, and Coptic. Much of the force of the 'Stundists,' or new 'Bible-reading sect,' consists in their exposure of this corruption. One of their body has been sentenced at Odessa to three years' imprisonment for assailing it.

TEACHING HUMANITY IN SCHOOLS.

'The child is father of the man.'—Wordsworth.

A lady well known for her benevolence having contributed a considerable sum for giving away the 'Humanity Series of School Books' to poor schools, the managers of many others have made urgent appeals for the like gifts. The extreme difficulty with which such schools are maintained is only too well known.

Donations for the purpose to the 'Humanity Fund' are received by the Messrs. Barnetts, Hoares, & Co., Lombard Street, London; and the Rev. F. O. Morris, Nunburnholme Rectory, Hayton, York, of whom any information on the subject may be had.

'HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS.—Public attention has been recently directed in Scotland to the importance of encouraging the humane treatment of the lower animals. The Highland and Agricultural Society, on the 31st of March last, sent a circular to 970 teachers of the Scotch School Board, in which they suggested that the subject should be recognised as a necessary element in education, and pointed out that if opportunities were taken in primary schools systematically to inculcate on the children lessons of humanity, very beneficial results might be expected to follow. The School Board of the Borough of Greenock called attention to the same subject in a letter dated the 17th of February last, which they addressed to the school-teachers and managers within the district under their control. They recommended that the teachers in all the public schools should take opportunities, perhaps once or twice a-week, of giving lessons on the domestic and other animals, to excite the interest of the children in their structure, habits, and uses, and to stimulate them to the careful management and kindly treatment of them. The Board reminded the teachers that a large part of their duty consists in producing such results, and that it is fully as important as making the children proficient in reading, writing, and arithmetic, while it is apt to be comparatively neglected from the influence of the present system of distributing grants in aid.'—*Times*, May 4th, 1875.

The views thus expressed seem to be met exactly by the 'Humanity Series of School Books,' as stated in the following extract from the Preface to them:—

'It is not intended that the present series of School Books should supersede any of those now in use, many of them well adapted to the several purposes they are professedly intended for.

'It is meant as supplementary to them, and was only thought of to supply lessons on the great duty of Humanity to animals, while at the same time the danger of monotony, if the lessons had been confined to that one subject, has been avoided by the introduction of other topics for the encouragement of "every good word and work."'

The books will be supplied at half-price, and can be sent to any National Schools as may be desired by the donors.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Worcester Diocesan Change-ringing Association.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., four members of the local company of St. Andrew's Society, Netherton, assisted by Messrs. William Micklewright, sen. and jun., rang in 29½ mins. a peal of 720 Plain Bob, with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Blanche Skidmore (the donor of the bells), it being the twelfth anniversary of her death. The ringers were R. Round, 1; W. Micklewright, sen., 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Robinson, 4; W. Micklewright, jun., 5; J. Smith, 6.

Also on Sunday, the 4th inst., before evening service, with the same band, stationed as above, a peal of 720 of Kent Treble Bob in 29 mins. This is the first peal ever rung upon the bells in this method, and the first by all the above members. Also at the same time, with the same band, a peal of 720 Plain Bob in 28 mins. Also after service a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27½ mins., by the following:—J. Prestidge, 1; F. Hotchkiss, 2; W. Micklewright, sen., 3; J. Robinson, 4; W. Micklewright, jun., 5; J. Smith, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The whole of the above were conducted by W. Micklewright, jun. The three peals rang on Sunday were in commemoration of the unveiling of a brass tablet in mahogany frame, which has been placed in the tower in memory of the donor of the bells, and bears the following inscription:—'The peal of six bells in this tower were presented by Mrs. Blanche Skidmore, and rang for the first time Dec. 31st, 1871.' The tenor bell also bears the following inscription:—'This peal of six bells was presented by B. S., as a late thankoffering to God for many mercies. J. J. Slade, M.A., Vicar.'

Two Peals of Bob Major.

5600	W.	M.	H.	5600	W.	M.	H.
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Each peal four times repeated.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Association rang 5008 changes of Plain Bob Major (the first peal ever performed on these bells) in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. Eggleston,* 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. Wignell, 3; W. Bowes,* 4; F. Lees, 5; H. Thompson,* 6; W. Story, 7; R. S. Story* (first as conductor), 8. Composed by A. Knight of Chesterfield. This is the first peal of Major rung in this town and the first of Plain Bob by the Association, and by all the above except F. Lees. [* Their first peal.]

Also on Monday evening, the 29th ult., a touch of 1008 Grandsire Triples was rung in 36 mins. H. Ferguson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; R. S. Story, 3; W. Bowes, 4; F. Lees, 5; T. J. Des Forges, 6; T. Denton, 7; W. Story, 8. This touch, taken from Holt's Original, was conducted by C. L. Routledge. Also another touch of 714 of the same in 25 mins. R. J. Robson, 1; W. Bowes, 2; W. Story, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; F. Lees, 5; T. J. Des Forges, 6; T. Denton (conductor), 7; R. S. Story, 8.

At Iwerne-Minster, Dorset.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., a final test-peal was rung, by the Blandford ringers, on the completion of the rehanging of the bells at the sole expense of Lord Wolverton, they having been silent for many years.

On New-year's Eve the Iwerne men handled the ropes and rang a muffled peal, finishing with a peal to welcome the birth of 1885.

At Llandaff.

ON the last Saturday of the old year, the bell-ringers of the Cathedral were entertained at a supper given by the Dean and Chapter. The Ven. the Archdeacon, seconded by the Succentor, did the honours of the table and dispensed the excellent fare of roast beef, goose, plum-pudding, mincepies, and other sweets, served in capital style by the hostess of the 'Maltsters' Arms.' Upon the removal of the cloth, various loyal and other toasts were given in felicitous terms by the Ven. Chairman, and received with great applause. The Ven. the Archdeacon left shortly afterwards; not, however, before a hearty vote of thanks to him had been passed for his able and genial occupation of the chair. The rest of the evening passed very pleasantly in jest and anecdote, toasts and singing.

At Tiverton, Devonshire.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the St. Peter's Society rang a date-touch of 1885 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 20 mins. R. Grater, 1; E. Munday (conductor), 2; R. Grater, jun., 3; T. Woodward, 4; J. Babbage, 5; J. Grater, jun., 6; J. Grater, 7; J. Hosegood, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. This touch was adapted (after the first 21 changes) from part of the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal by Miss E. Cruwys Sharland, of Rose Bank, Tiverton.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the United Counties Association rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation) in 2 hrs. 56½ mins. T. Bradley, 1; J. Blakeley, 2; R. Woolley, 3; O. Dixon (his first peal), 4; J. S. Wilde, 5; T. Wilde, 6; T. Dixon (conductor), 7; S. Bradley, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs. This is the first peal of Grandsire Triples recorded by the above Association.

At the Parish Church, Palgrave, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., six members of the Diss company rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 24 mins. E. Hayward, 1; C. Webster, 2; J. Clark, 3; E. Francis, 4; B. Francis (conductor), 5; J. Souther, 6.

At St. George's, Gravesend, Kent.—Muffled Peal.

ON Sunday, the 4th inst., the ringers of the above church, after attending the funeral, rang a muffled peal as a last token of respect to Mr. John Chapman, who died on New-year's Day at the age of thirty-nine, from shock to the system after amputation of the right arm. He had been a ringer and member of the Society of College Youths for over twenty years. A 672 of Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung. H. Weeks,* 1; B. Spinner,* 2; H. D. Davis,* 3; W. King,* 4; F. Hayes, 5; J. Aitkin,* sen. (conductor), 6; W. Harper,* 7; J. Aitkin, jun., 8. [* College Youths.]

At Somerleyton, Suffolk.

ON Monday, the 5th inst., the Somerleyton branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers rang a date-touch of 720 changes of Oxford, 720 Grandsire Minor, 360 Kent, and 85 of Plain Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 5 mins. R. J. Kittle (conductor), 1; G. Rudd, 2; John Orford, 3; James Orford, 4; H. Orford, 5; R. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

RECEIVED ALSO.—'Ignorant Ringer' has not sent his name,

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

CANADA.

THE diocese of Niagara is vacant by the decease of Dr. T. B. Fuller.

BISHOP ANSON has now nine clergy in his new diocese of Assiniboia, but he calls for the number to be doubled, immigration being already so great and rapid.

THERE has been an 'unpleasantness' between the students of King's College, Nova Scotia, and the Professors, the removal of the whole staff of the latter being demanded! The students at one time broke out into open rebellion, but now have gone back to lectures. It is more gratifying to learn that all of the supplemental endowment fund has been raised.

UNITED STATES.

THE *Living Church* prints the following from a correspondent:—'Since the beginning of Advent, 1883, I have kept a list of the accessions to the Church of ministers from other bodies. After a year, the following is the result: Dutch Reformed, 1; Roman Catholic, 3; Baptist, 5; Methodist, 6; Southern Methodist, 3; Congregationalist, 2; Reformed Episcopal, 2 (one returned to the fold he had left, the other entered the Canadian Church); African Methodist Episcopal Zion, 1; British Wesleyan, 1; Christian, 1; Presbyterian, 1: total, 26. This record is for America. It is not improbable that I have missed several.' The same journal adds another name—that of 'Mr. M. K. Schermerhorn, one of the brightest ministers of the Unitarian body, who built the "Channing Memorial Church" in Newport.'

JAPAN.

BISHOP POOLE, who unfortunately has been obliged by illness to quit his new charge for a while, has received the important intelligence that the Tokio Government has issued a proclamation renouncing its right to appoint Buddhist and Shinto priests to certain offices, and that another is expected repealing all the old edicts against Christianity and giving it formal toleration.

INDIA.

THE S. P. G. Mission to the Karens, that remarkable race of the hilly regions of Burmah, embraces more than fifty villages, under the Revs. W. E. Jones and A. Salmon, with five native clergymen. There are now opened not only a girls' boarding and day school, but also a training school for Catechists. This last institution has already nine students; the teaching is wholly in Karen.

ITALY.

A QUASI-MARTYR—certainly a confessor—has died at Rome. From a sermon by M. Loyson, to whose son he was godfather, we learn that Paolo Panzani, a Capuchin in Corsica, becoming convinced by study of the corruptions of his Communion, went to the Pope in trustful simplicity with a scheme of reforms. He failed to obtain an audience and returned to his convent. He was summoned back by Pius IX., his papers were seized, and himself thrust into the prison of the Inquisition. Tried for heresy, he was sentenced to forced labour for life. But, as a Corsican, he was a French subject, and on the ambassador hearing of his sentence it was commuted to perpetual confinement within his convent. However, he succeeded in escaping to Turin, where, being without resources, he earned bread as a gardener. On the death of Pius IX. he returned to Rome, still toiling with his hands, and always poor. Eventually he was succoured by Savarese and Campello, on their finding that amid his hardships he had maintained a good character, though his age and infirmities forbade his active co-operation with them.

GERMANY.

MILLIONS of Ultramontanes follow their leaders with blind zeal. Yet among the ranks of those externally in union with the Papacy are millions who do not accept the dogmas of Vaticanism, but are too utterly indifferent to all religion to join the Old Catholics openly.

THE *Deutscher Merkur* gives its annual 'Old Catholic Retrospect,' from which we abridge the following: 'Prince Bismarck has had to acknowledge that his hopes of a reconciliation of Prussia with Rome have hitherto failed. Negotiations began as far back as 1878. The visit of the Crown Prince to Rome in 1883 was intended as an act of acceptable respect for the Papacy on the part of the restored Empire. All the Prussian sees are now filled, excepting Cologne and Posen, and the ejected priests have been restored to their cures on the easiest conditions. But against Germany, as against Italy, Leo XIII. maintains—though with more prudence—the same *non possumus* attitude as Pius IX. Indeed, Rome rages as fiercely as ever against all modern culture; the contest is described as between Christ and Antichrist. In the Encyclical against the Freemasons this view has been reaffirmed, and many of the Episcopal vassals of the Papacy have echoed invectives.'

NETHERLANDS.

THE Belgian city Ghent, or Gand—the Gaunt of our forefathers—is to have at last a distinctively English church on a site given by the Corporation, instead of our services being held in a Dutch kirk after the Presbyterians have finished. Mr. Mermagen, our chaplain, has started a Sailors' Institute; he describes his people as energetically assailed by the two opposite influences of Romanism and Infidelity.

FRANCE.

BISHOP JENNER has lately advanced to the priesthood in the Gallican Catholic Church a deacon who had received his first orders at the hands of Bishop Herzog of the Swiss Church.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. James's Society, London.

WE are requested to state that from Monday, the 12th inst. (and every fortnight), the meetings of the above Society will be held at the 'Crown Tavern,' Essex Street, Strand, after practice at St. Clement Danes, where members of the Company have rung for many years.

The Ringing at Iwerne-Minster.

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of Jan. 9th an account of a 'final test peal' being rung at Iwerne-Minster, Dorset, by the Blandford Company, I should like to ask what methods that Company rang there? My reason for asking is that last October I went down there with a few ringers, and we found the greatest difficulty in ringing a plain course of doubles on the bells in question. Possibly the 'go' of the bells may have improved by now. I hope such may be the case.

A SALISBURY RINGER.

Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

A MEETING of this Society will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 24. Members are requested to meet at the parish church at 2.30 p.m. The Wednesbury and Willenhall steeples will also be open during the afternoon.

St. John's, Lichfield.

J. R. KEEBLE, Hon. Sec.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at Saffron Walden. This being the first visit of the Association to this part of the county there was but a small muster of members, but as a goodly number were elected at the meeting, there is good reason to expect a larger one on the next occasion, especially as the meeting could not this time be held as usual on a Saturday. Ringing commenced at noon on the fine ring of eight, tenor 23 cwt., and during the afternoon touches of Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman's and Grandsire Triples, and the first course of Double Norwich Court Major, were rung by the Association. Tea was provided at the 'King's Arms' at five o'clock, to which upwards of twenty sat down, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. J. B. Seaman, founder of the Association, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Hon. Sec., Mr. H. Taylor, churchwarden, and Mr. M. C. Potter, of the Cambridge University Society. There were also present Messrs. F. & E. Pitstow, J. F. Penning, G. Taylor, F. & R. Sworder, H. Randall, Nevard, E. Claydon, &c. Full justice having been done to the repast, and the cloth having been removed, the business meeting was opened with the usual Office, which was said by the Vicar. The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed, and the following members were elected:—Honorary: the Rev. T. Stevens and Mr. H. Taylor, Saffron Walden; Mr. A. C. Veley, Great Baddow, and Mr. M. C. Potter, Peterhouse, Cambridge. Ringing members: Mr. W. Judd, Rayleigh; T. Watson & A. Keit, Walthamstow; W. Nash, Romford; G. Pearl, West Ham; W. Emery and A. Barker, Stebbing; G. W. Taylor, Great Bentley; J. Hurst, Elendon; F. & E. Pitstow, J. F. Penning, G. Martin, and C. Freeman, Saffron Walden; F. & R. S. Sworder, Great Hallingbury, and G. Taylor of Cambridge, as a distinguished ringer. The election of Messrs. T. A. Eastell and W. Coakham on the occasion of a peal at Walthamstow on Nov. 10th was confirmed. The secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the vicar and churchwardens for their kindness in allowing the Association to meet at Saffron Walden, spoke of the good which the Association has been the means of doing in the country, both as regards ringers and bells. Mr. Seaman, seconding the vote, said that it was a very great pleasure to be once more among his Essex ringing friends after his absence in Manitoba, and to hear that the work commenced in his time was going on so well. He hoped that the opening up of the new district, which was for the first time visited by the Association that day, would tend to promote the good feeling which already existed amongst the ringers in other parts of the county. Mr. Stevens said that he was very pleased to be able to welcome the Association to Saffron Walden, and wished it all success in its work. The great object of such an Association was, of course, to lead ringers to look upon their work as a sacred work, and in no way to bring reproach upon their office by unseemly or evil behaviour, even in their ordinary everyday life. The most menial work, if he might use the word, in connexion with the church, even down to the very sweeping and cleaning of it, ought to be regarded as something done for the glory of God; much more the works which fall to the lot of the ringers. And this being the case, not only should they be sober and godly in their daily life, but constant attendants at the services of the Church, and above all at the celebrations of the Holy Communion. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Pitstow and his fellow-ringers for their kind reception.

Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY MEETING of this Association was held at Kingston-on-Thames, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Monday, January 12th. After some preliminary ringing in the tower, the members adjourned to the 'Leopold Coffee Tavern,' where about thirty sat down to a meat tea. The Vicar, who is Treasurer of the Association, occupied the chair at the subsequent business meeting, at which eleven new members were elected. It was also decided that the next District Meeting should be held at Croydon on Saturday, Feb. 21st, and the next Quarterly Meeting at Blethingly on April 6th, Easter Monday, permission in both cases being obtained as usual. After the meeting the excellent band of hand-bell ringers, under the guidance of Mr. J. Wright of Kingston, gave a selection of tunes in an admirable manner, calling forth much applause. Unfortunately, this part of the entertainment had to be cut short, as the room was required for some other purpose at 8 p.m. On repairing to the tower, there was more ringing until

about 9.20 p.m. The following methods were rung during the day:—Grand-sire Triples and Caters, Bob Triples, Stedman's Triples, Union Triples, and Treble Bob Major.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Bourne Abbey, Lincolnshire.

On Monday, the 29th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. J. T. Ball, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; W. Pearce, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; R. Creasey (conductor), 5; R. Sharpe, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At Basingstoke, Hants.

THE inhabitants of Church Square and its neighbourhood had no difficulty in remembering what day it was when they heard the bells of St. Michael's peal forth on Christmas Day. The old custom was kept up again this year of singing the 'Old Hundredth' on the top of the tower. On New-year's Eve a limited number of visitors were admitted by ticket only. At 6 p.m. the custom was commenced by chiming round the bells, then raising them. At 11.45 the ringers proceeded to the steeple to ring the old year out: the hymn was sung and the New Year rung in. The proceedings were finished at 12.30.

On the same evening the ringers held their annual supper, the chair being taken at 7.15 by Mr. H. O. Dowling, C.Y., the Vice-chair by Mr. Geo. Capron (captain). A pleasant evening was spent in singing, music, and hand-bell ringing. The party broke up at 1.30.

On the following day a party of six, accompanied by Mr. Geo. Capron and Mr. H. O. Dowling, visited Bramley, where a most enjoyable afternoon was spent in ringing, returning home at 6 p.m.

At St. Andrew's, Litchurch, Derby.

NEW-YEAR'S EVE being the anniversary of the opening of these bells, muffled touches of Grandsire Minor, with 6-8 behind, were rung from 11.15 p.m. until midnight, when the new year was rung in merrily.

On the 2nd inst., the whole of the ringers, accompanied by the vicar, churchwardens, and several of the sidesmen, celebrated the anniversary in the usual way, in partaking of a substantial dinner at the 'Midland Hotel.' The evening was passed in a thoroughly enjoyable manner in hand-bell ringing, music, and several appropriate speeches.

At Crowland Abbey, Lincolnshire.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung. J. Brown, 1; R. Wyche, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; J. S. Wright, 5. Also by some of the local company. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Caversham, Oxon.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., after Divine service in the evening, the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 720 of College Single in 27½ mins. J. Hands, 1; J. Butler, 2; E. Menday, 3; G. Essex, 4; E. Pottinger, 5; T. Newman (conductor), 6. Tenor, 16½ cwt. [* First 720 in the method with a bob bell.]

At St. Mary's, Battersea, Surrey.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's original) was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins., by members of the Waterloo Society, who are also members of the St. Mary's Society, Old Battersea. W. Baron (conductor), 1; C. E. Malim, 2; W. Coppage, 3; J. R. Vincent, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; J. W. Mansfield, 6; C. W. Ludwig, 7; H. A. Hopkins, 8. [Weight of tenor not given.]

At St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

On Thursday, the 8th inst., on the occasion of Prince Albert Victor of Wales attaining his majority, eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 1 min. A. E. Church, 1; W. H. Fussell, 2; H. Langdon, 3; R. French (conductor), 4; J. Barry, 5; G. R. Banks, 6; A. Hayward, 7; D. Newton, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Pimlico.—Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., the St. John's Company of Ringers rang a funeral peal (the usual whole-pull and stand, &c.) to the memory of the late Bishop of London. G. T. McLaughlin, 1; F. W. Francis, 2; H. P. Walsh, 3; W. Chew, 4; F. E. Dawe, 5; W. Woods, 6; R. R. Sparkes, 7; F. T. Gover, 8. The Rev. Oswald P. Yerburgh, M.A., also rang during part of the peal.

At St. Mary's, Islington, Middlesex.—Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., the parochial ringers rang a muffled peal as the last token of respect to the late Bishop of London. J. Hanes, 1; C. Spicer, jun., 2; C. Spicer, sen., 3; W. Spicer, sen. (conductor), 4; F. Thomas, 5; W. Williams, 6; D. Living, 7; J. Tingey, 8. [Weight of tenor not given.]

At Beddington, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 10th inst. (monthly practice night), eight members of the Beddington Branch of the Surrey Association rang a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples in 48 mins. E. Bennett (conductor), 1; A. B. Carpenter, 2; J. Branch, 3; J. Trappitt, 4; J. Plowman, 5; C. Gordon, 6; J. Cawley, 7; J. Harris, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat. [* First quarter peal of Stedman.]

At Great Marlow, Bucks.—Hand-bell Ringing.

On Thursday, Dec. 12th, at the house of Mr. J. C. Truss, the following band rang on hand-bells three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently.—J. C. Truss, jun., 1; G. Truss, 2; T. Price, 3; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 4; J. C. Truss, sen., 5; A. W. Truss, 6. And on Friday, the 13th ult., at the same place, a six-score in the same method. J. C. Truss,

jun., 1; T. Price, 2; G. Truss, 3; J. C. Truss, sen., 4; J. W. Wilkins (conductor), 5-6. Great credit is due to J. C. Truss, jun., who is only ten years of age. The above being his first performance promises well for his future ringing career.

At St. Michael's, Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 12th inst., eight members of the United Counties Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 47½ mins. J. Sidebotham, 1; J. Harrop, 2; R. Wright, 3; W. Slater, 4; G. Braddock, 5; W. Middleton, 6; T. Wilde, 7; T. Braddock, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Composed by J. J. Brierley of Saddleworth, and conducted by T. Wilde.

At Holy Trinity, Castle Hall, Staleybridge, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 12th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Major was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min. A. Marsden, 1; J. Pownall, 2; J. Lawton, 3; E. Schofield, 4; S. Hill, 5; I. Schofield, 6; M. Pailthorpe (composer), 7; S. Wilde (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO:—North Lincolnshire Association will appear next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Impediments to Reunion.

SIR,—Jesse Page in your issue of the 9th inst. asks, 'What is Church Doctrine?' and says that what one clergyman affirmed another denied. Surely he need be in no difficulty about this; the Prayer-book is the standard of doctrine, inasmuch as it gives the sense in which the Church of England interprets Holy Scripture, and any doctrine inconsistent with the teaching of the Prayer-book cannot be said to be the doctrine of the Church of England.

He also says that Baptismal Regeneration is not to be found in the New Testament; this is probably because he does not attach the same meaning to the word regeneration that the Prayer-book does. A reference to the Baptismal Office, the Catechism, and the Collect for Christmas Day, will give the Church sense of the word. The Exhortation in the Baptismal Service for Infants clearly expresses that regeneration means what our Saviour meant when He told Nicodemus that he must be born again, 'None can enter into the Kingdom of God except he be regenerate and born anew of water and the Holy Ghost.' The second prayer says, 'That he coming to Thy Holy Baptism may receive remission of sins by spiritual regeneration,' also immediately before the address to the god-parents the priest prays that the infant may be born again, and be made an heir of everlasting salvation. From these we find that regeneration means, remission of sins, new birth, and a title to everlasting salvation. But as infants cannot have committed any actual sin the remission must be of inherited or original sin, placing the child in a different relationship to God, undoing to some extent the effect of the fall of Adam and consequently giving the child a birth into a new state and inheritance. In short, regeneration is the *washing away of the guilt of original sin*. But original sin consists of two parts: the wrong relationship to God under which we are born and the inclination to commit sin which we inherit also. This second portion the Prayer-book teaches is not removed by baptism, for in the Collect for Christmas Day we pray that 'we being regenerate may daily be renewed (converted) by the Holy Spirit,' and brought back to the state we entered into at our Baptism and in the Catechism the child says, 'I pray God that I may continue in the same (state of salvation) unto my life's end.' This is also strongly brought out in the four short prayers, directly after the answers of the sponsors in the Baptismal Service, when the priest prays, 1st for the child's regeneration, 2nd for a weakening of the evil disposition and strengthening of the good, 3rd for power and perseverance, 4th for the attainment of the final reward. So that regeneration does not imply final salvation, but only placing the recipient of baptism in such a position that if he prove faithful he will not lose his reward. I think that this will be found to accord with the doctrine of Rom. vi. 1-4: 'What shall we say then? shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that, like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.'

That remission of sins is obtained in baptism see Acts, xxii. 16: 'Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' This was after conversion had taken place, see also Titus, iii. 5; 'Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost,' and many other like passages. I would like to have added a few remarks on the Real Presence and Apostolical Succession, but my letter is already too long.

AN EX-NONCONFORMIST.

SIR,—Are not some of the assumptions and assertions in the letter of your correspondent, 'Jesse Page,' a little doubtful? He assumes that the Church of England teaches Apostolical Succession. I do not myself think any such teaching in the Creeds, the Prayer-book, the Articles, or the Catechism. Individual clergymen no doubt teach it; as an historical fact we must accept it, but that the Church sets it forth as an article of faith is certainly not proven.' He asserts that 'Baptismal Regeneration is not found in the New Testament, neither is there the remotest warrant for the doctrine of the Real Presence in the Sacrament.' Looking at the *Acts of the New Testament*, I should have thought that such passages as *John iii. 5*; *Romans vi. 1*; *Gal.*

IRELAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

It seems that some persons have taken upon them to write letters of advice to the new Archbishop of Dublin. Indeed, his Grace hinted as much in his first public appearance after his enthronement. It seems that a request was made that his Grace would sanction the invitation of Nonconformist ministers to occupy our pulpits; so, at least, says the Irish correspondent of the *Nonconformist*. The *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* says:—

'A neater trap could hardly be invented wherewith at the outset of his archiepiscopal career to catch his Grace, and the writer of the request no doubt counted on the well-known gentleness and generally liberal views of the Archbishop. Reading between the lines of his Grace's address at the Colonial and Continental Church Society, we think we can discover how the Archbishop will reply to the request made to him; and if we are correct in our surmise, the answer, to our mind, is a wise one, and will save the Church from unhappy and possibly dangerous complications.'

His Grace has, through the daily press, communicated to the clergy of his united diocese the following arrangements:—The second Sunday (Sexagesima) of next month, Feb. 8th, has been named as the day on which the usual annual collections will, he trusts, be made throughout the united diocese on behalf of diocesan church funds, with a view more especially to the aid of poor parishes. His Grace has appointed the fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22nd, as an 'Education Sunday,' and earnestly hopes that a simultaneous collection will be made on that occasion in all the churches of the united diocese for educational purposes. Confirmations for Dublin and its vicinity will be held during the fortnight immediately preceding Whitsun Day (May 29th). For the other parts of the united diocese they will be held during the autumn months. His Grace purposes to hold an ordination in Christ Church Cathedral on the second Sunday in Lent (March 1st).

The Archbishop also notifies that he will be glad to see any of his clergy who desire to call upon him on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 12 Earlsfort Terrace. His first levee, which is sure to be numerously attended, will be held on the 28th inst.

A report having gained ground that Canon Wynne, Incumbent of St. Mathias, as Dean Daunt's successor, was in indifferent health, and not equal to the duties of the Episcopate, one of his congregation, Mr. Gamble, Q.C., writes to the papers to say:—

'Canon Wynne has no delicacy of mind or body which interferes with an energetic discharge of his very onerous parochial duties to his immense congregation—duties which overtaxed the strength of the late Dean Daunt, and which, I should think, are much more onerous than those of the Bishopric of Meath. The Sunday and weekday preaching, the daily classes of all kinds, the numerous parochial committees, the Tuesday evening classes for the divinity students, are all personally attended by Canon Wynne.'

A new literary journal is about to be started by members of the University of Dublin and undergraduates, to be called *The Dublin University Review*. It is to appear twice a-month during term time, and is to contain in addition to other matter reports of sermons preached in the College Chapel.

As a contributor to the Eastward controversy in the Church of England, attention may be drawn to a rather interesting article in the *Irish Ecclesiastical Gazette* of the 17th inst. It is there shown by several extracts from the occasional services of the Prayer-book, according to the use of the Church of Ireland before the Union, that the Eastward position was fully recognised in our Church. We make the following quotations from the article referred to:—

'What will the opponents of the Eastward position say to the rubrics in the "Form of Consecration or Dedication of Churches and Chapels according to the Use of the Church of Ireland," enjoining this position? e.g., the opening rubric—"When they [Bishop and clergy] are vested, they shall kneel down in the body of the church, with their faces to the East, and say together." Again, "Then shall the Bishop kneel in the body of the church, before the chancel door" (implying both the Eastward position and some kind of chancel screen). Again—"Then the Bishop arising from his chair shall kneel before the altar, or Communion Table, and say." The same office also shows us (as above) that the objection to calling the Holy Table the Altar was not then understood. Here is another rubric, directing the presenting of the sacred vessels for the newly-consecrated church:—"Then the Bishop arising shall return to his chair, and sitting covered, some persons by the Patron's appointment shall bring the carpet, the Communion cloth and napkins, the chalice, paten, and the other vessels, books and utensils for the Communion; and humbly presenting them on their knees to God, the Bishop shall receive them severally, and deliver them to the Deacon, to be laid orderly on the Communion Table; excepting only the chalice, and the paten, which two priests shall (when the table is covered) humbly on their knees lay upon it. Then the Bishop, returning to the altar, shall with reverence and solemnity (his face being Eastward) lay his hands upon the plate, and say this prayer standing.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

New Peals.

SIR,—I beg to forward you a Date Touch and a few peals of Plain Bob Major for insertion in your valuable paper:—

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5	8	3	7	2	1	4	6
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7	8	1	5	6	3	4	2
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Plain Bob Major.

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Twice repeated.

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Four times repeated.

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Twice repeated.

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Four times repeated.

25 Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

JOHN HORWOOD.

A Peal of Bob Major.

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Twice repeated.

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BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

The New Bells of SS. Mary and Nicolas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

A MEETING of the Committee formed to provide the two new bells to the tower of the parish church was held in the Guild-room on the 11th inst. The Rev. Canon Moore and eleven members of the Committee were present. Subscriptions amounting to 23l. 12s. 6d. (including 10l. from Lord Boston) were announced, bringing the total received to 128l. 15s. Various suggestions were made with a view to obtain 50l. to complete the octave of the present six bells and for bracing the tower. Canon Moore stated that about 90,000l. have been spent in church building and church restoration in Spalding since 1865, so it was deemed advisable to ask through the medium of *Church Bells* if any lover of change-ringing would kindly assist us in the completion of the ring in our fine old parish church. Subscrip-

tions, however small, will be gladly received and acknowledged by W. J. E. Hobson, Esq. (Secretary), Spalding; or Thos. Nicholls, Esq. (Treasurer), National Provincial Bank of Spalding.

North Lincolnshire Association.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., the Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held at Market Rasen, when companies of ringers were present from Lincoln (three Societies) and Gainsborough, in addition to the local branch. Owing to its being market-day at both Horncastle and Caistor, those Societies were not represented. The fine old church tower at Market Rasen contains a ring of six bells, which are in good working order, and at eight o'clock in the morning six members of the St. Thomas's (Market Rasen) Society of Change-ringers rang a peal of Bob Minor in honour of the first visit of the Association to the town. The noon train brought a strong party of the Lincoln and Gainsborough members of the Association, amongst the former being representatives of the Cathedral, St. Peter's-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's Societies; other members following by a later train. During the afternoon a peal of Bob Minor (conducted by J. Vickers, Lincoln Cathedral), a half-peal of Oxford Bob (conducted by H. Burditt, Market Rasen), and several short touches, were rung by mixed bands. At five o'clock the ringers (numbering over twenty) and a few friends, including the Rev. Mr. Musson of Lincoln, and Messrs. H. Scupham (churchwarden), and T. Nettleship of Market Rasen, adjourned to the 'Railway Hotel,' where they were served with a substantial tea. After tea, the meeting of the Association Committee was held; the resignation of Mr. F. B. Cousins of the office of honorary secretary was accepted, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for his kind services; Mr. T. Gibbons, of Market Rasen, was elected secretary in his stead until the General Annual Meeting to be held at Lincoln on the 25th of April next. The treasurer (Mr. H. Gadd) presented a statement of accounts, which showed that since the last quarterly meeting a liberal number of donations and subscriptions had been received. It was also stated that the Association now numbers about sixty members. The meeting was thoroughly unanimous in its character, and the Association, having now got on a good sound basis, will doubtless make rapid progress. Subsequently the ringers returned to the parish church, where further touches were rung, Messrs. Tinker of Gainsborough, and Burditt of Market Rasen, conducting. Before separating the visitors were entertained with some pleasing double-handed hand-bell ringing by four of the local society; the methods rung were Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, by S. Marshall, 1-2; H. Gadd, 3-4; H. Burditt, 5-6; W. Lunn, 7-8. Much sooner than was either desirable or pleasant the company had to separate in order to catch the evening trains, but all had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and hopes were expressed of soon meeting again. The members of the Association wish to thank the vicar and churchwardens of Market Rasen for kindly granting them the use of the church bells on the occasion.

The United Counties Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association was held at Hyde, Cheshire, on Saturday last, when ringers attended from Mottram, Staleybridge, Pendleton, Ashton, Northenden, Saddleworth, Hayfield, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Dinting, Glossop, Houghton, Gorton, Worsley, and Hyde. Over twenty sat down to dinner. The chair was occupied by the Rev. W. H. Lowder, vicar of St. George's, Hyde, supported by the Rev. C. P. Smith, curate of St. George's, Mr. John Holden, President of the Association, and Mr. George Ford, Vice-President. The Chairman remarked that ringers must never forget that they were officers of the Church, appointed by the Almighty to call congregations together to worship in God's house. He was glad to notice that leaving the church after having rung for service was fast becoming the exception rather than the rule, and he hoped it would continue to be so. He had great pleasure in calling on the Rev. Mr. Smith to address the meeting. Mr. Smith spoke at some length, and at the finish of a most earnest discourse he said, that although he was not a ringer at present, he hoped to have made some progress in the art before they met again. After some remarks from Messrs. Holden and Ford, the Chairman called upon the Secretary to read the annual report, which showed that the Association was advancing very fast, both numerically and financially, and that the Association had accomplished peals in the following methods: eleven of Kent Treble Bob Major, two of Bob Major, and one Grandsire Triples. The minutes of the last meeting were then confirmed, after which the election of officers took place. All the business being transacted, the bells of St. George's were set going, and touches in the methods previously mentioned were rung, whilst at the meeting-houses the hand-bells were brought into use, and courses of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman's Triples, Grandsire Triples, Majors, Caters, Royals, and Cinques, also three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal, were rung. A vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Lowder for the very able manner in which he had conducted the meeting. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Northenden, Cheshire, on the 4th of July, 1885.

40 Church Street, Hyde.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

A Visit to South Lincolnshire.

DURING the Christmas holidays Messrs. Jerram and Clements of Salisbury visited Spalding and the neighbourhood, and had the pleasure of taking part in the following peals and touches:—On Monday, Dec. 29th, 720 Bob Minor at Bourne, reported last week. On Tuesday, Dec. 30th, at SS. Mary and Nicolas, Spalding, 720 Double Court Bob. C. A. Clements, 1; J. Wilson, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; E. Brown, 5; R. Mackman, 6. Also 720 London Single Bob. J. Wilson, 1; G. A. Clements, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; E. Brown, 5; J. Brown, 6. On Jan. 1st, 1885, 720 Oxford Single Bob. C. A. Clements, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; J. Wilson, 3; R. Mackman, 4; E. Brown, 5; G. L. Richardson, 6. On

Jan. 6th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. J. Wilson, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; J. R. Jerram, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; G. L. Richardson, 5; R. Mackman (conductor), 6. On Jan. 8th, 720 London Single Bob. R. Skeef, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; J. Wilson, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; R. Mackman, 6.

At Long Sutton and Sutton St. Nicholas, on Dec. 31st, touches of Minor and several six-scores of Doubles with Mr. J. W. Mawby's company.

Also at Crowland Abbey on Jan. 2nd, Doubles, reported last week.

And on Wednesday, Jan. 7th, an unsuccessful attempt was made at St. Paul's, Spalding, for a 5040 Grandsire Triples. This (Holt's Ten-part) unfortunately broke down just before the halfway single. G. Keal, 1; R. Skeef, 2; J. W. Creasey, 3; E. Quinton, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; R. Creasey (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; A. Walker, 8. [No explanation given of the *. The reporter is requested in future to write in ink, not pencil.]

Worcester Diocesan Change-ringing Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting of the above Association will take place on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at Evesham. The tower will be open during the day for those who can make it convenient for ringing. Business meeting in the school adjoining the church at 5 p.m. Members are requested to note that all subscriptions are due at this meeting.

JNO. SMITH,

23 Church Road, Netherton, Dudley.

Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association of Change-ringers.

A RINGING Meeting of the Association will be held at St. Edward's, Leek, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Members wishing to attend to inform Mr. W. H. Armitt, 98 Broad Street, Leek, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 2nd.

H. WALSHAM HOW, Hon. Sec.

The Ringing at Iwerne-Minster.

SIR,—If your correspondent, 'A Salisbury Ringer,' has any other reason save curiosity in asking the question he does relative to the Iwerne-Minster bells, I shall be pleased to answer him. Because the bells were difficult to ring *last October*, is to my mind not sufficient reason for questioning the improved 'go' of them now. He may advance further than venturing to 'hope such may be the case,' otherwise I should not have sent you the account which I did on the 9th inst.

T. W. WASDALE-WATSON, Priest in Charge.

Information asked for.

SIR,—We have a ring of five bells hung in the old-fashioned way. The main beams are sound and strong, but the framework is weak. We wish to strengthen this framework, and also to put the bells 'in stay.' Will any of your readers kindly give us some approximate idea of the money required to do these two things? The bells range from ten to twenty-one hundred-weight.

CAMPANOLOGIST.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, Middlesex.—Muffled Peal.

ON Sunday, the 11th inst., after the evening service, the St. Dunstan's Company of Ringers rang a muffled peal (the usual whole-pull and stand, &c.) to the memory of the late Bishop of London. G. Tanner (conductor), 1; W. Tanner, 2; J. H. Barrett, 3; W. Biddis, 4; H. P. Relton, 5; H. Springall, 6; W. Watkins, 7; F. Harris, 8; J. Miles, 9; W. B. Jones, 10. Tenor, 31 cwt.

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

ON Friday, the 16th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang N. J. Pistow's Three-part peal of 5088 Superlative Surprise Major in 3 hrs. 23 mins. H. Wakley, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 5; J. Jagger, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This is the ninth peal of Superlative Surprise Major on record. All the above are members of the Midland Counties Association.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

ON Friday, the 16th inst., eight members of the United Counties Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 3 mins. J. Shaw, 1; R. Pritchard, 2; J. Wilde, 3; W. Slater, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; T. Wilde, 7; T. Brocklehurst, 8. Composed by J. J. Drierley of Saddleworth, and conducted by T. Wilde. Tenor, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

At St. James's, Weybridge, Surrey.

ON Friday, the 16th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, Reeves's variation of Holt's Ten-part peal, was rung in 3 hrs. by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Rev. A. du B. Hill, 1; S. Brooker (conductor), 2; W. Marks, 3; F. Hill, 4; J. Hewett, 5; T. Newnham, 6; G. Williams, 7; G. H. Barnett, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. Rev. A. du B. Hill hails from Downham. S. Brooker and W. Marks from Leatherhead, F. Hill from Fareham, J. Hewett from Gosport, T. Newnham from Southampton, G. Williams from Wokingham, and G. H. Barnett from Farnham.

At St. Peter's Parish Church, Harborne, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was rung in 2 hrs. 50 mins. H. Hippis, 1; A. Hill, 2; S. Reeves (conductor), 3; T. Horton, 4; W. Beeson, 5; W. A. Smith, 6; J. Thomas, 7; J. Hall, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. The above are members of the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Salop.

At St. Laurence's, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield.

ON Sunday, the 18th inst., for afternoon service, a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, each called differently, were rung in 2½ hrs. by members of the St. Laurence's Society. G. Beresford, 2; G. Tarlton, 3; T. Aldridge, 4; J. H. Smith, 5; W. Hopkinson, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt. in F.

At St. Bartholomew's, Clay Cross, Derby.

ON Sunday, the 18th inst., for evening service, two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. T. Walters, 1; G. Brown, 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Green, 4; J. H. Cook (conductor), 5; T. Allibone, 6.

Also one 6-score of Bob Doubles, with bobs and singles. W. Brown, 1; T. Allibone, 2; G. Brown (conductor), 3; J. H. Cook, 4; T. Day (first 120 with singles), 5; J. Green, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Old Battersca, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the St. Mary's Society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 50 mins., to commemorate the birthday of their respected warden, Mr. George Durrant, to whom they owe the present of a very handsome mahogany board commemorating the accomplishment of a peal at Ditchington in June last year. W. Ambrose, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; W. Coppage, 3; G. F. Cole, 4; C. T. Hopkins, 5; A. G. Thomas, 6; C. W. Ludwig, 7; J. W. Mansfield, 8.

At St. Mary's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 20th inst., eight members of the St. Mary's Society rang a Date Touch of 1885 Grandsire Triples in 1 hr. 13 mins. W. Midgley, 1; J. Goacher, 2; Joseph Mulligan, 3; G. O. Dixon, 4; E. Woodward, 5; John Mulligan (conductor), 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; W. Smith, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt., in D. Composed by E. Crews, Sharland, Devonshire.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Impediments to Reunion.

SIR,—Mr. Jesse Page's position appears to be simple 'Bibliolatry,' which is really less intelligible than the development theory of the Roman Catholic. A man or woman who can read, and is rightly disposed, has nothing to do but to open the Bible and metaphor, simile, allegory, parable, fable, proverb, direct and indirect sayings, all open their secrets without a shadow of doubt and difficulty, and every person who does so is in possession of greater knowledge than the accumulated learning of all the scholars and learned men in Europe together! This is really too much to expect of any man, and Mr. Page must know that in Christianity, 'the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.' 'Every man his own theologian' simply means chaos, and has already produced nearly 200 different kinds of Christians in this little island. There are two ways of reading the Bible:—

1. For edification and personal growth in holiness: here no one will go wrong who reads in a right spirit.

2. As a library containing God's revelation to man.

Now the Bible consists of various writings by different men, in different ages, and must stand the same scrutiny as any other literary production.

I would first remark, that the New Testament was written in Hellenistic Greek—a dead language—not pure classical Greek; it even contains Latin words in Greek form, and some words do not bear the same shade of meaning which they do in classical Greek. No work can be translated from one living language into another without loss of power, *a fortiori*, from a dead language. English is not such a rich language as Greek, and lacks its graphic power of description. A living language is always subject to change of meaning in its words. The new version of the New Testament became a necessity from this and other reasons, and in revising it the revisers made more than 30,000 changes, and even altered the Greek text itself. A vast number of passages, words, and phrases in Greek text, are the result of a balance of probability arising from the many different readings of the 700 known Greek MSS. of the New Testament. Every ancient document must be read in the light of the language, mode of thought, and institutions of the age and country in which it was produced. Take half-a-dozen translations of any portion of the Bible, and they will all vary very considerably in words and phrases, so much so as to give different shades of meaning. Verbal inspiration, which is one of the foundation stones of Mr. Page's theory, is thus untenable. The New Testament, as we have it, is the result of three periods of growth during the first 400 years of Christianity, and the canon was not finally completed and ratified till the year A.D. 397, at the third Council of Carthage held in that year; it therefore follows that every person who opens the New Testament recognises the authority of that Council, although English Nonconformists profess to care nothing for councils or tradition.

Mr. Page's letter is admirable in spirit, and will cause him to see that there are other points from which to look at the Bible than the one he so much approves of. With your permission I will examine in another letter several remarks in his communication, which the length of this epistle does not permit me to do.

ANGLICAN.

SIR,—Mr. Jesse Page has given his view of these impediments so decidedly as to claim some reply. If no other should give such reply more fully and more ably, perhaps you will accord space for the following remarks:—

1. Mr. Page writes: 'If he (the Dissenter) is asked to join the Church of England, he wants first to know whether its doctrines are in accordance with the Scriptures. From such a standpoint he resolutely refuses to believe in Apostolical succession, holding that all who have the Spirit of Christ are entitled to serve Him without any restriction in every office to which they are called of God.' Now, I would first suggest that this tenet of his is nearly as novel (I hope he will forgive me) as it is *unscriptural*. That it is the latter will, I think, be evident on a dispassionate consideration of the following places: (a) Mark, iii. 14: 'He ordained twelve.' Here we find Christ Him-

self definitely setting apart a certain number of His disciples for the chief work of the ministry under Himself, not leaving it to the whole number of His disciples to decide whether they had the Spirit of Christ or the call of God; nay, He appointed one (Judas) for whom, I suppose, Mr. Page would hardly claim such qualifications. At any rate, they were definitely chosen and definitely appointed; they did not assume their office of their own will. (b) Acts, i. 22-26. Here we find the Church, at Peter's invitation, 'appointing' two persons, of whom one was to be 'ordained,' and then 'numbered with the eleven apostles.' Joseph and Matthias did not 'appoint' themselves, nor did Matthias 'ordain' himself. Can any one doubt that the ordination (whatever the manner of it) was from the hands of Peter and the Eleven? At least, there is no trace of Mr. Page's tenet having been the rule of action. But, on the other hand, there is the strongest probability that this is truly the first instance of 'Apostolical Succession.' (c) Acts, vi. 1-6. Here we find the Twelve directing the Church to 'look out' seven men whom they might 'appoint' over a certain business. The Church did as they were asked; they 'chose' seven men, and set them before the Apostles, 'and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.' Who thus laid their hands? Was it any other than the Apostles? At any rate, the seven did not (I suppose) lay their own hands on their own heads, and so 'ordain' themselves, as Mr. Page's tenet would require that they should have done. Must not, then, that tenet give way before a second case of 'Apostolical Succession?' And when we turn from the practice of St. Peter and his brethren to that of Paul and Barnabas (Acts, xiv. 23), we read that they 'ordained elders in every church.' And when St. Paul speaks of the Ephesian elders as having been made overseers of the flock by the Holy Ghost (ch. xx. 28), there is no reason to suppose that he implies an appointment anywise differing from that which he and Barnabas had given in every church. If those elders had been appointed directly and solely by the Holy Ghost, the Apostle would hardly have presumed to summon them to receive his exhortation. There is, then, all reasonable warranty for holding to an Apostolical Succession in regard to the subordinate orders in the Primitive Church, and, indeed, in the case of Matthias in regard to the very highest order.

But further: we find St. Paul, with a view to the future, ordaining those who should ordain others, *i.e.*, such as our bishops. He reminds Timothy (2 Tim. i. 6) of 'the gift of God which is in thee by the putting on of my hands,' which gift contained the right to lay hands on others (1 Tim. v. 22). In like manner he leaves Titus in Crete that he might 'ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee' (Tit. i. 5). Stronger proof that 'Apostolical Succession' was the rule in the first age of the Church could hardly be expected; and I trust that Mr. Page will modify his resolute refusal to admit it.

2. 'He opens his New Testament, and Baptismal Regeneration is not found there.' Of what, then, was our Lord speaking when (John, iii. 5) He warned Nicodemus of the necessity of being 'born of water and of the Spirit?' Where are those two requisites combined but in Baptism? And the fact that He did not *enjoin* Baptism till three years later is no reason against His giving a previous intimation of it. And, indeed, He did in practice anticipate that injunction by His very next recorded act. After His conversation with Nicodemus 'came Jesus and His disciples into the land of Judea, and there He tarried with them and baptized' (ver. 22). Whether He baptized with His own hands, or by those of His disciples, makes no difference, as their action was *as His*. Surely the intention of this remarkable action was to give a practical interpretation to the otherwise enigmatical announcement which He had just made. At any rate, those who had knowledge of both would so understand it, such as the Evangelist himself, and probably Nicodemus. I commend these passages of Holy Scripture to Mr. Page's consideration.

A. H. H.

SIR,—Surely if Mr. Page would examine the Common Prayer-book of the Church of England he would see for himself what 'Church doctrine' is, and if he would get Sadler's *Church Doctrine, Bible Truth*—cost, I believe, about 3s. 6d.,—it would help him to see that it is in accordance with the Holy Scriptures. Or if he (with all others who love our Blessed Lord) would only with an honest heart, putting aside all prejudice and preconceived ideas, and with earnest prayer that God would show him the truth, and help him at any cost to follow it, look out for himself with the help of the marginal references all the passages in the Bible which bear on Baptism (including those on regeneration) and the Holy Communion, &c., and then compare them with the doctrine of the Church. I may add that it is to me a matter of surprise, as well as sorrow, that Dissenters, and I fear many members of the Church, should ignore, as they seem to do, the plain teaching of the Bible on Baptism and the Holy Communion.

A. W.

SIR,—A letter worthy of notice, and of the attention of Churchmen interested in the subject of Reunion, appeared in your issue of January 9, under the above heading, signed 'Jesse Page.' In offering one or two remarks on that letter, I pass over the writer's objection to a State Church, and would first ask, Is it seriously urged that in the matter of interpretation of Holy Scripture, and important doctrinal questions arising therefrom, every single person is to exercise his own private judgment, and act in accordance with his own conclusions? This is manifestly absurd, to say the least, and our unhappy divisions are largely attributable to the persistent preaching of this doctrine, and the practice based thereon. What has caused the banishment of the merest elements of any definite instruction in religious truths from our Board Schools, the fruit of which is ripening fast, and is but too painfully coming before us even now? We have instances recorded of young people possessed of a sound secular education, having gone out into the world, committing forgery and sent to prison, found to know neither Decalogue, Creed, or Lord's Prayer, and absolutely nothing of a Saviour! The 'conscientious

to have left for England at the end of the year, finds the work in Florida so increased that he feels it his duty to remain another year. The *Southern Cross* left, on her third and last voyage for this season on October 6th, taking the Revs. J. Palmer, C. Bice, and M. Wadrolak.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE Missioners from England, the Rev. Messrs. Bodington and Mason, will probably reach New Zealand in the end of February.

THE following letter was received by the Bishop of Auckland from his delegates to the Hauhaus:—At Karakiriki, on the occasion of the death of the Rev. William Barton, there were 200 persons present. The chiefs first referred to the good work of the man whose body was then lying before them, and then turned to welcome Tawhiao. Two spoke thus:—"Friend Tawhiao, return to the true faith in the presence of your people; for your father Potatau's dying words were, 'Remain behind, O people, and live in peace.' Let your words be like his. Listen! If you go a different way neither we nor the people will follow you; but if you go in the way now set before you, that is, the way of godliness, we and all the people will go with you." Tawhiao then stood up and said: "O people living in the Waikato, hearken to my words. When I went to England across the vast ocean, I felt that the Queen was the upholder of truth and righteousness. In crossing the sea I experienced fine weather, both going and returning; the Almighty preserved us, and His great love brought us back in safety. I have signed my name to the blue ribbon pledge, and I want all the tribes everywhere to accept those good things." When Tawhiao finished speaking the people clapped their hands so vigorously that our ears were made deaf. His own thirty also joined in the applause. In the evening the king attended our service, as did also the chief priest of the Hauhaus on the following morning. Tawhiao did look so noble when he spoke; he seemed to conceal nothing, but spoke in all sincerity. Next morning, just before leaving for his home, he came to us with this word: "Farewell, my sons; my word is, Return again to your tribe, Waikato is yours from mouth to source. Do not be diffident to order food at any place if you are hungry. But it must be you two only; do not let strangers come yet." This is what he said, and the chiefs at Whatiwhatiho also told us the same. May the Church rejoice with us, and pray for the Maori king and his people that God would open their hearts to the truth and cause them to return to the Church of Christ."

ARCHDEACON CLARKE also visited these people, and writes:—"The renouncing of their false religion and return to Christianity is a foregone conclusion. As to their mode of worship, it is a most miserable farce. The *tariao*, or priest, began with an address exhorting to peace and quietness, the return of Tawhiao from England was the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecies. There was then a prayer for protection during the day or night, which was wound up by repeating portions of the multiplication table in English in a monotone, and a sort of ascription, in which the words "honour" and "glory" were frequently repeated, closing with the word "rire" in diminuendo. Their apparent devoutness and sincerity was painful to me."

AUSTRALIA.

Among recent applications to the S. P. C. K. was one from the Rev. C. G. Allauby, of the Wimmera lake in the north-west of Victoria, for as many as nine new churches.

INDIA.

THE Church has lost an eminent divine in Dr. C. E. Kennet, principal of the S. P. G. Theological College at Madras. He was an author of many works on Missions and the Pastoral Office.

THE Chota Nagpur Mission has made peculiar progress. Work is now carried on in more than 400 villages, over an area of some 1600 square miles. There are no less than 12,482 baptized Christians, of whom 5985 are communicants. During the past twelve months 472 children of Christians, and 268 converts, were baptized, and at the end of the year 477 unbaptized persons were under instruction.

WEST AFRICA.

THE Bishop of Sierra Leone observes in a sketch of Church progress in his jurisdiction that the first missionaries arrived in 1806. The Church is now almost entirely self-supporting. There are thirteen parishes, all in charge of native pastors. From two to three thousand pounds are annually raised for evangelistic purposes. There are a college for training native clergy and a grammar-school at Freetown, as well as a female educational institute. Lagos, the furthest station of our communion, is 1000 miles from Sierra Leone. When the C. M. S. went there, twenty-five years ago, Lagos was a principal slave-mart; its district now contains seven churches, three of them in charge of native pastors.

RUSSIA.

'NEW ISRAEL' is the title taken by the Jews who have recognised in the son of Mary of Nazareth the true Messiah, on the persuasion of Joseph Rabinovitch, of whom we recently spoke. The *Times* states that at Kishineff on Christmas Eve a room in the house of that reformer's brother was, with the consent of the Government, consecrated into a synagogue for the 'sect.' At the opening services a Lutheran pastor was invited to address the brethren. Some, however, of the newspapers at Odessa 'throw cold water' upon the movement; one sapient 'Christian' journalist objecting that Judaism cannot admit 'a second Divinity.' Evidently, therefore, at least one so-called 'Orthodox' man at the south of Russia believes in more gods than one.

SWITZERLAND.

OLD CATHOLIC worship has been established in the ancient chapel of Burgdorf, which had long been quite disused.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A New Method.

Sin,—Now that Ringers' Associations have become the rule and order of the day, I wish to submit to you for insertion a new method of Minor. I believe it is the first in which the treble has to make places. It will be seen that all the bells (treble included), after leaving the lead, make 3rd's and 4th's, and up; on coming from behind, 4th's and 3rd's, and down. Another feature is that the plain course consists of 120 changes, made up of five leads, as per Treble Bob Methods. It also contains the whole of the plain course of Bob Minor, which will be seen by omitting every alternate pair of changes from the start. This method is my invention, and I designate it '*Association Exercise Minor*.' I now give the plain course, and also a peal of 720, with 9 bobs. There are no singles. 3 bobs bring the bells home. I hope shortly to hear that some of my brother-ropes have rung the 720, which will be 'the first in the method.' I deem it worthy of insertion on account of the even working of all the bells, and also from the fact that 3rd's and 4th's places are made from beginning to end.

PLAIN COURSE OF ASSOCIATION EXERCISE.

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

720 ASSOCIATION EXERCISE.

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

Twice repeated.

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

MATTHEW ELLSMORE,

Church Cottage, Ware.

Member of the Royal Cumberland Society.

Two Peals of Bob Major.

6000	w.	5th's	4th's	n.	6000	5th's	4th's	n.	n.
2 3 4 5 6					2 3 4 5 6				
3 6 4 5 2	-	-	-	-	3 5 4 2 6	-	-	-	-
4 3 6 5 2	-	-	-	-	4 5 6 2 3	-	-	-	-
6 4 3 5 2	-	-	-	-	6 5 3 2 4	-	-	-	-
3 5 6 4 2	-	-	-	-	4 3 5 2 6	-	-	-	-
6 3 5 4 2	-	-	-	-	5 3 6 2 4	-	-	-	-
5 4 6 3 2	-	-	-	-	6 3 4 2 5	-	-	-	-
6 5 4 3 2	-	-	-	-	5 4 3 2 6	-	-	-	-
4 6 5 3 2	-	-	-	-	3 4 6 2 5	-	-	-	-
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4 5 3 6 2	-	-	-	-	4 6 3 2 5	-	-	-	-
3 4 5 6 2	-	-	-	-	3 6 5 2 4	-	-	-	-

Four times repeated.

Four times repeated.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

Royal Cumberland Society.

On Monday, the 26th inst., a meeting took place at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, several members of St. Mary's Guild being also present. The occasion was that of the fixing of an elaborate Tablet, to commemorate the ringing of the *first* and *last* peals upon the old ring of eight in the old tower, and the first peal upon the augmented ring in the new tower, from the Cumberland records by R. A. Daniell, Esq., who also presented funds to carry out the object. Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung during the evening. Best thanks are hereby awarded to Mr. Daniell and other gentlemen who assisted, and also to the Vicar, the Hon. and Rev. Canon, for the use of the bells, and permission to place upon the bell-ringing performances of past and recent years.

Sussex County Association of Change-ringers.

ABOUT a month since a meeting, duly recorded in these columns, was held at Brighton, when it was decided to form an Association for the county of Sussex, and adjourned to enable the delegates to report to their respective Societies. The adjourned meeting was held in the belfry of St. Peter's (the parish) Church, Brighton, on Saturday evening, when about sixty persons were present, including the Rev. W. W. Kelly (senior curate of St. Peter's, Brighton); Rev. J. B. Lennard (rector of Crawley); Rev. J. B. Orme (vicar of Angmering); R. F. Tompkins (vicar of Tortington); and Mr. G. Attree (churchwarden of Brighton). The following parishes were also represented by delegates: Angmering, Mr. G. L. Orme; Brighton (St. Peter's), Mr. G. F. Attree; Brighton (St. Nicholas), Mr. H. Boniface; Brighton (St. Paul's), Mr. A. J. J. Giddings; Battle, Mr. H. Hutchinson; Buxted, Mr. A. H. Wratten; Billingshurst, Mr. T. Chantler; Chailey, Mr. O. Gatland; Cuckfield, Mr. Hounsell; Chichester, Mr. L. H. Hawes; Ditchling, Mr. T. Baker; Eastbourne (St. Mary), Mr. Bennett; Eastbourne (Christ Church), Mr. T. Smith; Hurstpierpoint, Mr. W. Davey; Horsham, Mr. H. Burstow; Rye, Mr. G. Henley; Uckfield, Mr. O. Gatland; Waldron, Mr. T. Ashdown; and Warnham, Mr. H. Chandler. Letters of apology were read from the Ven. Archdeacon of Lewes (Dr. Hannah, D.C.L.); the Rev. Divie Robertson (rural dean); the Rev. W. H. M. Buck (vicar of Seaford), and Rev. J. J. Hannah (vicar of St. Nicholas, Brighton), expressing regret that other engagements prevented them being present. Mr. G. Attree was voted to the chair, on the motion of the Rev. W. W. Kelly, and, in opening the proceedings, expressed a hope that a brilliant future was before the Association, as was evidenced by the presence of so many representatives from all parts of the county. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Association Secretary, Mr. G. F. Attree, read letters from the following noblemen and gentlemen, consenting to become Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Association: The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chichester, the Right Hon. the Earl of Sheffield, the Right Hon. the Earl of Egmont, the Right Hon. the Earl of March, the Right Hon. Viscount Hampden, Col. Sir W. B. Barttelot, Bart., M.P., the Very Rev. the Dean of Chichester, the Ven. Archdeacons of Chichester and Lewes, the Right Rev. Bishop Tufnell, D.D., the Very Rev. Dean of Battle, Mr. J. R. Hollond, M.P., and Mr. R. J. Streatfield, J.P. The following gentlemen were then elected honorary members, in addition to about thirty who were elected at the previous meeting: *Rectors*, Revs. J. B. Hepburn (Chailly), A. W. Ward (Little Horsted), O. W. Haweis (Slaugham), J. Warner (Seddlescomb), W. G. Humble-Crofts (Waldron), F. J. R. Reed (Withyham), H. Baily (West Tarring), C. Holland (Petworth), G. E. Haviland (Warbleton), E. Polehampton (Hartfield), G. J. Boudier (Ewhurst), A. G. Holmes (Egdean), G. Faithful (Storrington), F. A. Stapley (Midhurst), R. J. Mead (Balcombe), and E. J. Cardale (Uckfield). *Vicars*, Revs. B. Barrett (Warnham), W. H. Bailee (Billingshurst), W. J. Attenborough (Fletching), J. B. M. Butler (Maresfield), M. H. M. Buck (Seaford), H. Thomas (Wivelsfield), J. R. Potter (Wartling), H. Hopley (Westham), T. Lowe (Willingdon), H. B. Ottley (Horsham), G. Taylor (Kirdford), N. Manning (Hoove), R. W. Loosemore (Salehurst), F. C. Harvey (Hailsham), J. Puttick (Alfriston), H. H. Wyatt (Bolney), W. A. Spyers (Weybridge, Surrey), and W. Anderson (Hurstpierpoint); Mr. G. Attree (churchwarden of Brighton), Mr. F. W. Wilson (Uckfield); Mr. G. S. Orme (Angmering), Revs. Hutson Shaw (Horsham), Mr. Fieldwicke (churchwarden, Ditchling). Twenty-six societies, numbering over 250 ringing members, joined the Association, as follows: Brighton (St. Peter's), 21 members; Brighton (St. Nicholas), 14; Waldron, 15; Chailly, 10; Hurst, 8; Buxted, 9; Arundel, 9; Rye, 1; Cuckfield, 16; Henfield, 10; Eastbourne (Christ Church), 7; Eastbourne (St. Mary), 19; Uckfield, 10; Billingshurst, 7; Southover, Lewes, 10; Chichester Cathedral, 16; Angmering, 6; Battle, 12; Crawley, 16; Horsham, 10; Newick, 5; Fletching, 2; Worth, 2; Warnham, 7; Rye, 8; and one other society, the name of which did not transpire. On the motion of Mr. Bennett (St. Mary's, Eastbourne), seconded by Mr. Hounsell (Cuckfield), it was agreed that the first general meeting should take place at Brighton, in the month of May. The Rev. R. F. Tompkins (vicar of Tortington) was then unanimously chosen treasurer; other business was disposed of, the usual votes of thanks were accorded, and the meeting closed. Some touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' churches by members of the Association, the bells of the former being half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the officers and men of the 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards who fell in the battle of Abu Klea, the regiment being quartered at Brighton.

It is worthy of note that the Vicar of Brighton, Dr. Hannah, has set apart a pew in his church for the use of the ringers.

The St. Paul's tower was visited by the Eastbourne ringers on the Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of ringing, previous to the meeting at St. Peter's church.

The Augmented Peal at Soberton, Hants.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., being the anniversary of the augmented ring in St. Peter's tower, and also the birthday of Mr. G. W. Child, captain of the band, a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples. Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation, was rung in 3 hrs. and 6 mins. G. H. Child, 1; F. Linten, 2; H. Mason, 3; J. Hewett, 4; T. Newnam, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Graffham, 8. Great credit is due to Mr. G. Williams, as it is the first peal ever conducted by him, and also for the energy displayed by him during the past twelve months in getting together a local team so efficient, as five out of the eight have never rung in a peal before. The bells were brought round in capital style shortly before two o'clock, when the party adjourned to the 'White Lion' inn, where a most substantial spread awaited them. The chair was ably filled by the Rev. W. Sharp, temporary curate-in-charge; and the company numbered about

twenty. The Chairman's health was enthusiastically drunk; and, in responding in a very neat speech, he eulogised the bell-ringing science, especially when such heights were attained as had that night been placed before them. The next toast from the chair was the 'St. Peter's Bell-ringers,' which was responded to by the captain, Mr. G. Child, who spoke with great warmth of having such young members belonging to the St. Peter's Society, taking so great an interest in change-ringing, as one of them, though only seventeen years of age, had that afternoon, through great perseverance, stood the test of a three-hours' performance. The next toast was that of the 'Honorary Secretary and Treasurer,' Mr. J. A. Emslie, proposed by the captain, and drunk with musical honours, a course of Grandsire Caters on the hand-bells. Mr. Emslie, in responding, spoke of the delight it gave him to be the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, especially as it brought with it the very pleasant duties of providing a slight pecuniary recompense for their year's pleasant toil in the belfry. But he was sure it must be the very great love they had for the art, or the pecuniary compensation would not create it. Thanks to the host and hostess for the manner in which the catering had been performed brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Muffled Peals on Holy Innocents' Day.

SIR,—It is the custom to ring a muffled peal at the parish church of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, on Holy Innocents' Day. Does this custom obtain elsewhere in England? If so, how far is it an ancient custom? Is it known in any other Christian countries? Information on this point may, I think, be appropriately given in the columns of *Church Bells*.

DIGNA SEQUAMUR.

[DIGNA SEQUAMUR has not sent his name, which the Editor requires, but not for publication.] Ringing at Iwerne-Minster.

SIR,—My reason for asking the question relative to the 'go' of Iwerne bells was twofold. First, I wished to know if they were really ringable in half-pull changes (which they were not when I was there); second, I wished to know what the Blandford Company really had rung on them. I may add that I never yet heard of that Company being able to ring anything at all on any bells beyond rounds and set-changes, although I am told that they are good strikers. If they really are able to do anything in the way of half-pull change-ringing I willingly apologise for having done them an injustice.

A SALISBURY RINGER.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Arundel, Sussex.

ON Monday, the 19th inst., the St. Nicholas' ringers rang 336 Grandsire Triples in the parish church, assisted and conducted by the Rev. A. Spyers of Weybridge. W. Chamberlain, 1; W. Wilkinson, 2; C. Spyers, 3; G. Balchin, 4; Rev. A. Spyers, 5; F. Laxford, 6; Rev. R. F. Tompkins, 7; H. M. Dew, 8.

At Kendal, Westmoreland.

ON Wednesday, the 21st inst., a company of Kendal ringers rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520) in 1 hr. 30 mins. W. Tyson, 1; J. Boardley, 2; J. Wilcock, 3; James Baxter, 4; Jacob Baxter, 5; B. Walker, 6; J. Braithwaite, 7; J. Salmon, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt. This peal was issued through *Church Bells* on Dec. 4, 1884. The peal is in five parts, consists of 100 bob calls, and was conducted from the 4th bell by the composer, James Baxter, Stramongate, Kendal.

At Wymeswold, Leicestershire.

ON Wednesday, the 21st inst., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. E. D. Taylor, 1; J. Brookes, 2; T. Cooper, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., 4; M. Brown, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in F sharp. The above ringers are all members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

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

ON Saturday, the 24th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang W. Shipway's Five-part peal of 6720 Superlative Surprise Major in 4 hrs. 34 mins. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jagger, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. The peal contains the extent with the tenor together, and is the longest length of Superlative ever achieved, having supplanted a peal of 6048 rung at Benington, Herts, in the year 1855, by the Benington Society. All the above are members of the Midland Counties' Association.

At St. Bartholomew's, Clay Cross, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday, the 25th inst., for evening service, four 6-scores of Bob Doubles with singles only, each called differently, were rung. W. Brown, 1; G. Brown, 2; T. Allibone, 3; J. H. Cook, 4; T. Day, 5; J. Green, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt., in A. Also one 6-score of Grandsire Doubles. T. Walter, 1; G. Brown, 2; W. Brown, 3; J. Green, 4; J. H. Cook, 5; T. Day, 6. Conducted by J. M. Cook. Messrs. Allibone and Day hail from North Wingfield.

At Ashford, Kent.

ON Monday, the 26th inst., eight members of the Kent County Association met at Chilham to ring a peal, and after many unsuccessful attempts, owing to the bad 'go' of the bells, started for Ashford, at which place they rang a variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 7 mins. A. Foreman, 1; E. Baldock, 2; R. Simmons, 3; S. Barker, 4; A. H. Wooley, 5; A. Moorecraft, 6; S. Snelling, 7; G. J. Moorecraft (conductor), 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

'CAMPANOLOGY' is a mongrel word which we desire to stamp out. 'Ringing' and 'Ringers' are plain English.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

An Aged Ringer.

Sir,—I think I shall not be wrong in supposing that you and some of your readers will be interested to hear that Giles Mansfield, the very aged and worthy change-ringer of Stroud, is still alive, and is in fair health. He has just entered his ninety-third year, and I am gratified to say he is still able to toll the bell for daily prayers. The cottage in which he lives is at some distance from the church, but the interest of fulfilling his daily task is so great that he does not allow inclemency of the weather to keep him away or to make him late, but Giles is always duly at his post. He began change-ringing on the 5th of March, 1805, and he has continued it ever since; and after so long an experience of it as eighty years, he says he is happy and thankful that at Whitsuntide last he rang seventy-four changes, a course of Grandsire Triples on our sixth bell. We all respect and value him, and our body of thirteen ringers are justly very proud of him. He is bearing the increasing infirmities of his great age with exemplary patience and characteristic courage. In his poverty the few sums sent, to him or to me for him, last year, amounting altogether to 5*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, were a great relief to him; and I should be gratified if respect and sympathy for certainly one of the oldest, if not the very oldest, change-ringer in England, and who is at the same time one of the best, the most respectable, and the poorest of men, should again have the blessing of a little pecuniary aid.

Stroud Vicarage, Feb. 2, 1885. JOHN BADCOCK, LL.D., Vicar of Stroud.

The Hertfordshire Association.

The first Quarterly Meeting of this Association was held at the county-town of Hertford on Thursday, the 22nd ult., and was well attended by ringers from Baldock, Bennington, Bishops Stortford, Great Hallingbury (Essex), Hunsdon, Sawbridgeworth, and St. Albans. The towers of All Saints' (ten bells, tenor 22 cwt.), St. Andrew's (eight bells, tenor 16 cwt.), and Holy Trinity, Bengoe (six bells tenor 7½ cwt.), were placed at the disposal of the Association. Several members of the Sawbridgeworth company were the first to arrive, and ringing commenced at All Saints' about noon, with a touch (704 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. H. J. Tucker of Bishops Stortford. G. Rochester, 1; R. S. Sworder, 2; A. Brown, 3; F. Sworder, 4; J. Tarling, 5; N. W. Tarling, 6; H. Baker, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. L. Proctor, Esq., arrived from Bennington, who we were glad to find looking himself again. Messrs. W. A. Tyler, J. Phillips, J. W. Rosslys, T. Webb, and J. Smith, having arrived from Baldock, touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples were rung. Messrs. Lewis, Hills, Waddington, Hulks, Grant, Waller, and Buckingham, arrived from St. Albans. In the afternoon touches of Stedman's Triples were rung at St. Andrew's, conducted by Mr. H. Baker; and a 720 of Bob Minor at Bengoe, conducted by Mr. W. A. Tyler of Baldock. The business meeting was held at the St. Andrew's church-house at 5.30, the chair being taken by the Rev. W. Wigram, and about thirty ringing members were present. Rules were drawn up as nearly as possible in accordance with the rules of the Essex Association, in order to facilitate an amalgamation at some future date, and thus make it a St. Albans Diocesan Association. In the evening the tower of All Saints' was again visited, when touches of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters were again rung, the following members of the local company taking part:—J. G. Crawley, J. Staples, W. L. Randall, S. Knight, J. Jauncey, H. Phillips, and F. George. The next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Hitchin on Monday, April 20th.

Midland Counties Association.—Nottingham Branch.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., a large gathering of members took place at All Saints' Church, it being the monthly meeting. Ringing commenced about four o'clock with a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples. S. Wilkinson, 1; J. Wibberley, 2; S. Wilkins, 3; J. Wilson, 4; Rev. A. Baker, 5; D. P. Taylor, 6; A. P. Heywood, Esq. (conductor), 7; W. Sadler, 8. Touches of Stedman's Triples were afterwards rung, which were followed by a touch of 748 Kent Treble Bob Major. A. Archer, 1; S. Burton, 2; J. Wilson (composer and conductor), 3; J. Wibberley, 4; Rev. A. Baker, 5; W. Goslin, 6; A. P. Heywood, Esq., 7; J. Howe, 8. Members attended from Loughborough, Derby, Duffield, and Mansfield. The next meeting takes place at Long Eaton at four o'clock on Saturday, the 14th inst., when it is hoped a large gathering will take place.

NOTTINGHAM BRANCH at BEESTON.—On Tuesday evening, by arrangement, a meeting took place at Beeston parish church, when a touch of 1184 Kent Treble Bob Major (composed for the occasion by Mr. John Wilson) was rung in 49 mins. A. Archer, 1; S. G. Henson, 2; J. Wilson (conductor), 3; J. Wibberley, 4; H. W. Abbott, 5; J. Hickman, 6; S. Burton, 7; G. Middleton, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F.

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

A RINGING Meeting will be held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at St. Philip's Church, Hulme. This meeting is intended more especially for members living in or near Manchester. The tower will be open for ringing from three o'clock.

A. E. HOLME and J. REDFORD, Hon. Secs.

Information Given.

Sir,—If your correspondent will advertise for tenders for the work he wishes to have done he will doubtless obtain the required information. He can hardly expect any one to give even an approximate idea of the cost of work of the extent of which they can have no conception without an inspection. Is he quite sure of the soundness of his beams? Old beams under a decayed frame are often very deceptive; looked at from the under-

side, they appear to the inexperienced eye to be sound and strong, but when tested from above are frequently found to be a mere shell full of dust. I have had a proof of this since Christmas.

BELLHANGER.

Death of a Celebrated Ringer.

Mr. Cox, the well-known composer and ringer, died on Thursday, the 29th ult., aged 71. He will be buried on Saturday, the 7th inst., at Nunhead Cemetery, near London, in the afternoon.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary the Virgin, Stanstead, Essex.

On Thursday, the 22nd ult., six of the local company rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor (8 bobs and 6 singles) in 26½ mins. W. Prior (first 720), 1; H. Prior, 2; J. Luckey, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also on Sunday, the 25th ult., for morning service, 180 Plain Bob Minor. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; I. Cavill, 5; J. Luckey (conductor), 6.

Also for evening service 360 Plain Bob Minor. J. Luckey, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; C. Prior, jun., 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also on Sunday, the 1st inst., for evening service, a peal of 720 and 72 Plain Bob Minor (9 bobs and 6 singles). W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Prevvitt, Alton, Hants.

On Friday, the 23rd ult., the ringers of the above church rang for the first time a course of Grandsire Triples (5 leads, 70 changes). J. Bright, 1; F. G. Ayling, 2; H. Sutton, 3; C. Hasted, 4; A. Earwaker, 5; T. Hansford, 6; H. Hasted, 7; J. Baker, 8. This little performance is thought to be noteworthy, as it was done in five meetings of two hours' duration, from Jan. 19 to Jan. 23. Mr. Haworth of London is the instructor, who hopes before his engagement is terminated to leave a band of change-ringers at the pleasant village of Prevvitt.

The church was erected and a fine ring of eight bells placed in the tower (160 feet high) in 1878, the cost of the whole work being defrayed by W. Nicholson, Esq., M.P., of Basing Park, who, with the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Falwasser), takes great interest in the bells and bell-ringers. The tenor weighs 12½ cwt., in G, and the bells were 'opened' by eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Thursday, April 24, 1878, by a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original)—Messrs. Haley (conductor), Cooter, Page, Haworth, Jones, Musckett, Wood, and Greenleaf. A tablet recording such an event is nearly always placed in the tower, but it is not so at present.

At Brathay, Ambleside, Westmoreland.

On Monday, the 26th ult., a peal of 1440 changes, comprising the full peals of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, was rung in 45 mins., and after a short rest, the evening's practice was brought to a close with the half-peal of Violet Treble Bob, the full peal of which was rung on Sunday, the 18th ult., for the first time. R. Satterthwaite (conductor), 1; J. Cookson, 2; S. Dalzell, 3; D. Harrison, 4; J. Fairclough, 5; T. Satterthwaite, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Mary's, West Malling, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a peal of 5376 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 20 mins. D. Hall, 1; F. G. Newman, 2; E. Baldock, 3; W. Harding, 4; A. Moorcraft, 5; T. Potter, 6; C. Payne (conductor), 7; W. J. Leonard, 8. These bells have lately been augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles by Mears & Stainbank of Whitechapel. The opening took place on Dec. 31, 1884, and this is the first peal on them. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 6 mins. J. R. Haworth (London), 1; Rev. F. J. O. Helmore (Canterbury), 2; G. Stancombe (conductor, Canterbury), 3; Rev. H. A. Cockey (Rayleigh, Essex), 4; H. G. Fairbrass (Canterbury), 5; S. Snelling (Sittingbourne), 6; F. G. Newman (Mereworth, Kent), 7; W. H. Judd (Sittingbourne), 8. Previous to starting for the peal, Mr. Stancombe and the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore were elected members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Tenor, 21 cwt., E. The above was rung to commemorate a handsome tablet being erected for the first peal on the bells, lately rung; another will record this one.

Touches of Stedman's Triples (first on the bells) and Treble Bob, conducted by Mr. Haworth, were rung in the evening (the peal being rung in the middle of the day), and afterwards the gentleman who takes so much interest in the bells and ringers of Sittingbourne entertained the strangers and some of the local ringers, a pleasant evening being spent. Next day some of them went to Faversham.

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

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang N. J. Pitstow's Three-part peal of 5056 Superlative Surprise Major in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Rev. James H. Fish, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggard, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal has the fourth its extent in sixth's place, and is now rung for the first time. It is the eleventh peal of Superlative on record, and four of the eleven have been rung by the above Society. All are members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Benilton; Capel; Faversham; Hyde.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Funeral of John Cox.

THE funeral of the late John Cox took place on Saturday, the 7th inst., at Nunhead Cemetery, the body having been previously taken into St. Bride's Church, where the first part of the funeral service was read by the Rev. E. C. Hawkings, vicar. Entering the church the coffin received a basket of choice flowers, through the kindness of Mr. H. S. Thomas. Messrs. Baron, Buffin, Rogers, and Dains, acted as bearers. The body was enclosed in an oak coffin, which was borne upon an open car, followed by three mourning-coaches, containing the deceased's wife, children, &c.

Over the grave the Royal Cumberlands—Messrs. Nelms, Hopkins, Hopkin, Newson, Rogers, and Baron—rang a course of Grandsire Cinques, and about fifty members of this Society were present, including the master, Mr. A. H. Gardom, with the Society's medal adorning his breast.

Mr. H. W. Haley met the body at St. Bride's, and followed to the grave; and many of his colleagues—the College Youths—were also present. Amongst them were Mr. M. A. Wood, Mr. J. R. Haworth, Mr. J. M. Hayes, Mr. Mash, Mr. French, Mr. Haward, &c. The inscription on the coffin was as follows:—

JOHN COX, died 29 January, 1885.
Aged 71 years.

The Cumberlands returned to St. Bride's Church, and rang the usual whole-pull and stand muffled peal, concluding with a touch of Stedman's Cinques, called by Mr. H. W. Haley.

The cost of the funeral, the purchase of the private grave for two persons, with that of the intended headstone that will mark the spot, is being defrayed out of the Jubilee Fund raised for the benefit of deceased.

False Peals.

SIR,—I wish to inform you that among the peals of mine published in *Church Bells* of the 23rd January the first of the five-part peals is false, the last lead of the sixth course repeating in each part, making eighty changes false in the whole peal. By inserting this in your next you will perhaps prevent some band from ringing a false peal. JOHN HOPWOOD.

25 Egerton Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire.

Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Society will be held on Monday, the 16th inst., at West Malling, when the towers of Birling (6), Wrotham (8), St. Michael's, Maidstone (6), and West Malling (8), will be visited.

R. B. KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, Hon. Sec.

Surrey Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Association (for ringing only) will be held, by the kind permission of the Vicar, at Croydon, on Saturday the 21st inst. The tower will be open for ringing from 3.30 to 5 p.m., and after 5.30.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

A 5040 Plain Bob Major in Three Parts.

5040

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

Twice repeated.

J. HOPWOOD.

St. Nicholas' Society, Gloucester.

On Wednesday, the 28th ult., six members of the above Society rang, in honour of the new Dean of Gloucester, eighteen six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the back six. D. Dix, 1; P. Daniells, 2; T. Belcher,* 3; A. Smart, 4; W. Sevier (conductor), 5; H. Merchant, 6. The ringing was arranged by the Rev. J. J. Luce.* [* Members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.]

Two Peals of 720 Plain Bob Minor.

2 3 4 5 6	4 5 3 2 6	Second 720.
B 2 3 5 6 4	S 5 4 2 6 3	S 2 4 5 6 3
3 6 2 5 4	4 6 5 3 2	B 5 2 4 6 3 4
6 1 3 5 2	6 3 4 2 5	S 5 4 2 6 3 4
4 5 6 2 3	3 2 6 5 4	B 2 5 4 6 3 4
5 2 4 3 6	2 5 3 4 6	B 3 4 6 2 5 3
S 5 3 6 4	B 2 5 4 6 3	Twice repeated
5 6 2 4 3	S 2 4 5 6 3	completes the
6 4 5 3 2	4 6 2 3 5	peal.
4 3 6 2 5	6 3 5 4 2	
3 2 4 5 6	B 3 4 6 2 5	Contains 9 bobs
B 3 2 5 6 4	3 4 2 5 6	and 6 singles.
2 6 3 4 5	5 2 3 4 6	
6 4 2 5 3	B 5 2 4 6 3	repeated
4 5 6 3 2	2 6 5 3 4	completes
S 5 3 4 2 6	6 3 2 4 5	the 720.
	3 4 6 5 2	

W. SEVIER, Gloucester.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey.

On Friday, the 30th ult., six members of the local company rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob in 28 mins. W. Walker, 1; T. Guieger, 2; C. Trendell, 3; G. Petrie, 4; James Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E.

At St. Mary's, Faversham, Kent.

On Friday, the 30th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major in 3 hrs. 6 mins. R. Simmonds, 1; G. Stancombe, 2; J. R. Haworth, 3; H. G. Fairbrass, 4; Rev. H. A. Cockey, 5; W. H. Judd, 6; S. Snelling, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E. The above was rung to commemorate the fixing of a tablet for a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on Sept. 22, 1884, by Captain W. Wood, J. R. Haworth, G. Stancombe, F. G. Newman, R. French (conductor), H. G. Fairbrass, S. Snelling, and E. Crosier. It is remarkable that this peal is the first since the eight members of the Society—T. Harris, E. Runball, W. Jones, C. Barber (conductor), T. Grainger, J. Eddis, T. Westcombe, and W. Dyer—rang 5040 Bob Major in February, 1808, at St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, and it is the first peal of Bob Major rung by the performers, except the conductor. Mr. Simmonds, of Maidstone, was elected a member of the Society of College Youths in the tower.

[Since the above was written, it has been ascertained that a peal of Bob Minor was rung, a few years ago, by the Beddington (Surrey) ringers—College Youths—conducted by Mr. Gorden, which makes this one the second since 1808.]

At St. James's, Norton, Derbyshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., the local company rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 29 mins. J. Goacher, 1; H. Ward, 2; W. Biggin, 3; J. Atkin (conductor), 4; J. Biggin, 5; J. Allen, 6. Tenor, 12½ cwt. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled on one side, as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Thos. Lee, who died Jan. 28th, aged 74 years, and who was clerk and ringer at this church for fifty years.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the United Counties' Association rang a peal of 5040 Bob Major in 2 hrs. 51 mins. J. Shaw, 1; J. Sidebotham (his first peal in the method), 2; G. Longden, 3; W. Slater, 4; R. Woolley, 5; S. Wilde, 6; J. S. Wilde (conductor), 7; D. Leigh, 8. Composed by James Longden of Ashton-under-Lyne. Tenor, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

At Capel, Surrey.

On Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., the Capel Society of Change-ringers rang Mr. Matthew Ellsmore's peal of Association Exercise, which appeared in the issue of *Church Bells* for Jan. 30, in 24½ mins. A. Tidy, 1; R. Jordan, 2; A. Mills, 3; E. Jordan, 4; R. Worsfold, 5; D. Jordan (conductor), 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt.

At St. James's, Newton Hall, Essex.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 30 mins. W. Lisle (conductor), 1; J. Charlton, 2; A. Pigg, 3; J. Symm, 4; R. Scott, 5; W. Wear, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. This is the first peal of Minor by each of the above ringers.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., a peal of 360 Grandsire Minor was rung in 18½ mins., with 7 and 8 behind as covers. The bells were half muffled, as a token of respect to the Rev. Canon Hey, vicar of Belper, aged 68, and father to the Rev. Robert Hey, M.A., vicar of the above church, who expired suddenly on Sunday evening, the 1st inst., after performing his duties for the day. W. Shardlow (sexton), 1; C. Hart, 2; G. Mottashaw, 3; W. H. Found, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 6; C. Sidley, 7; T. Alton, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat.

At St. Sepulchre's, London.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., ten members of the Cumberland Society rang a peal with muffled bells as a last token of respect to the late Mr. John Cox, a most distinguished member of this Society many years, and who died on Thursday, January 29th, 1885 (after three years' suffering with asthma) in his 72nd year, to the great regret of his brother-ringers and numerous friends. J. Nelms (conductor), 1; J. Bayley, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; A. E. Church, 4; J. W. Mansfield, 5; J. Barry, 6; W. D. Matthews, 7; H. Dains, 8; J. Rumsey, 9; D. Lovett, 10.

Also on Sunday, the 8th inst., eight members of the Cumberland Society rang a muffled peal at St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, to the memory of the late Mr. John Cox, who had been a ringer at this church many years. G. Newson (conductor), 1; C. Hopkins, 2; T. Titchener, 3; S. Hayhurst, 4; J. Barry, 5; J. Lewis, 6; S. Jarman, 7; H. Hopkins, 8. About 30 changes were rung in the Grandsire method after each peal.

And on Monday, the 9th inst., Holt's Original was attempted with half-muffled bells, in memory of Mr. Cox, at St. Mary's, Lambeth, but after ringing 1 hr. 42 mins. came to grief, through the rope of the fourth bell stranding. H. J. Davies, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; W. Chapman, 3; J. Barry, 4; J. Mansfield, 5; G. Banks, 6; H. Dains, 7; H. Hopkins, 8. It is intended to start for this peal again on Monday, Feb. 24, at Lambeth Church. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E.

At Rickinghall-Superior, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., Jonathan Morley and his two sons and Henry Morley and his two sons at St. Mary's Church, to test the new peals recently put up—which are satisfactorily done—by ringing a peal of 720 Bob Minor.

with 18 bobs and 2 singles. James Morley (Redgrave), 1; H. Morley, sen., in his 77th year (Rickingham), 2; H. Morley, jun. (Rickingham), 3; W. Morley (Rickingham), 4; A. Morley, aged 17 (Redgrave), 5; Jonathan Morley (conductor), 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

At Basingstoke, Hants.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., a party of gentlemen from Salisbury visited Basingstoke, and by the kind permission of the Vicar rang, in 30 mins., a peal of London Singles and touches of Grandsire Minor. H. O. Dowling,* 1; E. A. Foster, 2; C. A. Clements,* 3; T. Blackburn,* 4; W. W. Giffard,* 5; J. R. Jerram* (conductor), 6; T. Grey, 7; T. Powers, 8. H. G. Dowling and T. Powers hail from Basingstoke. [* College Youths.]

At Upton St. Leonards, Gloucestershire.

On Monday evening, the 9th inst., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Middlecot, 1; J. Yates, 2; D. Aston, 3; W. Sevier (composer and conductor), 4; R. A. Barrett, 5; H. J. G. Gardner, 6. Accompanied with several six-scores of Stedman's Doubles, conducted by R. A. Barrett, with J. Middlecot, tenor; H. J. Gardner, treble.

At All Saints', Nottingham.

On Monday, the 9th inst., a Date Peal, consisting of 1885 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung by members of the Nottingham Branch of the Midland Counties' Association in 1 hr. 21 mins. A. Archer, 1; S. G. Henson, 2; J. Wilson (composer and conductor), 3; J. Wiberley, 4; Rev. W. W. Baker, 5; J. Hickman, 6; H. W. Abbott, 7; G. Middleton, 8. Tenor, 17 cwt., in E. This is the greatest length in the method since 1836, when a peal over 5000 was rung in Nottingham, and it is intended that ere long a 5000 will be attempted by members of the Midland Counties' Association.

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancashire.

In the course of a sermon on Sunday evening, the Rev. Chas. Lowe, M.A., vicar, referred to the late John Greenhalgh, Esq., for fifteen years Vicar's Warden, and a prominent Churchman of the town of Bolton, who had the previous week been interred at Ainsworth Church, being borne to his last resting-place by six of the ringers, in whom he had always taken the greatest interest, it being mainly through his exertions that the present fine ring of eight bells was placed in the tower, and the ringing-chamber made one of the most comfortable in the county. He was also a life-member of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, and regularly attended its annual meetings, though he had reached the age of 75. Muffled peals were rung each evening from his death to his interment, consisting of 504, 840, 1000, and 2000 changes; and when the funeral sermon was preached the bells were rung half-muffled. He had been for sixty-one years connected with the principal bank in the town, and for twenty-seven years head manager.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Edward Francis.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Signs of the Times Hopeful to Reunion.

SIR.—I have before me a printed paper of directions for the conduct of service in a Dissenting chapel in London. It is printed in the (once suspicious) red, as well as black ink. The morning service and evening service each indicate the use of an 'Introit,' an 'Invocation,' a 'Chant,' and a 'Benediction.' Also, the Lord's Prayer is to be used, and the congregation joins in uttering it. Now, I well recollect when each one of these practices was denounced by Dissenters, and quoted as a justification of their leaving the Church. Fifty years since, what Dissenter would have contemplated such words as 'Introit,' 'Invocation,' 'Benediction,' 'Anthem,' or even 'Chant,' with satisfaction in connexion with the Church? while the suggestion of their adoption in the worship of the Dissenters themselves would have been simply inconceivable. But inasmuch as these very things were formerly used as the principal arguments against the Church and in favour of dissent, and inasmuch as they are now adopted by the Dissenters, I cannot refrain from an expression of hope that before many years the Dissenters will ask themselves what reason remains for the existence of so many divisions amongst Christians, to the very great injury of all religious practice? Will not the thought suggest itself that they may as well be united and put an end to all misgiving and doubt, touch the 'Orders' of their ministry by returning to the ancient Church of their fathers, which existed in Great Britain long before Augustine's mission? Will not they join at Church in services of which the chapel services are only a copy? Will it not do more to meet the waves of infidelity and the insidious workings of Popery to see all other earnest Christians united as one great body in the Anglican Communion, than split, and splitting yearly, into new schisms and fragments, thus throwing doubt into the minds of many, and seriously damaging all true godliness by new phases of dissent? H. G. O.

Impediments to Reunion.

SIR.—I have hitherto spoken of verbal inspiration and the canon of the New Testament (see Smith's *Bible Dictionary*, article 'Canon'): I would now remind Mr. Page of three things: 1. Christ spoke of sending the Holy Spirit to guide into all truth after His Ascension. 2. He was forty days with His disciples, speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 3. The result was seen in the enthusiasm displayed by the disciples, in the marvellous spread of Christianity, and the Divine organization of the new society.

Now Christ always spoke of His kingdom. The kingdom of heaven not being of (æc) this world in the sense of proceeding from it, for it proceeds from heaven; but He made it evident that it was of this world in the sense of containing earthly citizens—all who have been baptized becoming members of it. The disciples then proceeded to found this new spiritual kingdom by Divine guidance—that kingdom known as 'The Holy Catholic Church;' and long before the early Christians had the New Testament we find the Church constituted all over Christendom alike. It consisted of all people who had been baptized into it, under the charge and ministration of the three orders of the ministry—Bishops, Priests or presbyters, and Deacons, receiving their consecration and ordination from a succession of Bishops. During the first four centuries the Apostles' Creed was drawn up and developed, so that by the time the New Testament canon was completed, the Creed was also, with the exception of a word or two afterwards added, but which made no real change in its teaching.

Let us now look at the New Testament. The Gospels are but fragments of the life and teaching of Christ, strung together without order or arrangement. The Acts contains some account of the doings of the first Christians, and is largely taken up with the life of one of the Apostles. The Epistles are examples of letters written by the Apostles to countries, cities, or individuals, on the various matters contained in them. They were written to Christians already living in an organized society, under constituted authority, and we look in vain in them for any formal essay on what the Church of Christ was. They merely treat of points of doctrine and conduct, &c. In the same way a political speaker does not begin by giving a history of the Constitution and the various political parties in the State; he takes all these things for granted as well known to the people, and he only addresses them on certain matters connected with them which happen to be uppermost in his mind, and in which he deems that the people need instruction.

All was tradition in the early ages of Christianity. The two sacraments, Confirmation, the nature of Christ's kingdom, the Trinity, the Creed, are not set forth in formal treatises in the New Testament, but only alluded to directly and indirectly, by metaphor allusion, and in association with the past religion of Judaism and the development of Christianity. The reason why we receive the present canon of the New Testament is because we believe that the twenty-seven writings were handed down to us through the Holy Spirit guiding the early Christians, in the persons of their Bishops and learned men, councils, &c., to select them from the mass of writings in the course of the first 400 years, so that they were finally received by all Christians in those times—everywhere and by all.

Now how can we escape the conclusion that during that period of 400 years the Holy Ghost likewise directed Christendom aright as to (1.) What were the essential things in Christianity, in doctrine and practice? (2.) What was the truth concerning each one of those things? Amongst these things we have the canon of the New Testament—the Apostles' Creed—the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper—Confirmation—the Divine authority and order of the Church with its three orders of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, all receiving authority by consecration and ordination of Bishops in succession. All these rest on the same authority, we cannot doubt, viz. the guidance of the Holy Spirit shown in the harmonious belief of Christendom everywhere and by all, so that *exceptio probat regulam*. This is an intelligible position; and it would seem that every thoughtful Christian must submit his private judgment in such essentials to this final test, or to the other which Rome offers, viz. the Infallibility of the Pope or Bishop of Rome, the so-called Vicar of Christ and successor of St. Peter as the mouth-piece of Christ on earth. This position is certainly intelligible if you grant the premises—a most magnificent idea truly—but it cannot bear the test of history. It was never received in the early days of Christianity, always, everywhere, and by all, and the rise of the Papacy divided Christendom into two portions, the East and West; the Eastern Church standing aloof to this day, and all its branches, equally with the Anglican. As I have said, these two positions are intelligible, and appear to be the only two possible ones.

If unity is ever to be brought about, it would seem to be feasible only on Anglican lines (which differ little from those of the Greek Church, which has never added to the Nicene Creed), viz. Apostolical Protestantism: the keeping of everything apostolical, the clearing away of ideas developed since the close of the canon of the New Testament. This is the position practically of all our great Anglican thinkers, from Wiclif to the present time.

Apostolical Succession presents no greater difficulty than the preservation of the words of Christ and His Apostles through so many ages and changes, for we must acknowledge that the Holy Spirit ruled the hands of the many hundreds of copyists, translators, critics, and those who have handed and kept the precious documents—men faithful and faithless—through all these hundreds of years. For 1500 years Apostolical Succession was never doubted in any part of Christendom, and is not now by any branch of the ancient Catholic Church. As the Bishop of Manchester once said, 'It was much an historic fact as that Queen Victoria sat on her throne as the legitimate successor to the crown.' It is no Romish figment, but has always been acted upon by the Roman Catholic Church in common with the Greek and Anglican branches, and is an article of faith received by all alike. By all of them it has never been doubted that authority to exercise the office of a Bishop, to administer the sacraments, preach the Gospel, and minister to the members of Christ's Church, could only be had by the will of Christ through consecration and ordination at the hands of lawful Bishops, who had themselves received their commission in direct unbroken succession from Christ and His Apostles. If it is not true, then all the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons who have ever existed have been conspiring together to do what is nothing short of blasphemy. Christ came to found a society as well as to teach doctrines, and the threefold ministry is the Divinely constituted order for the perpetual minis-

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

On Chiming.

SIR,—I have frequently seen it stated in this and other periodicals, that by the use of chiming-hammers on Mr. Ellacombe's principle any number of bells may be chimed by one person with ease and precision. This is undoubtedly correct in many instances, but not in all. I have no wish to say anything to disparage the 'Ellacombe Hammers,' which I believe to be a very simple and useful invention. At the same time it is quite a mistake to suppose that anybody can use them decently. No doubt some people have a better ear for time and an easier manipulation than others. As a rule, a young lad makes a better chimmer than an old ringer or sexton. Who, with any ear for time, has not sometimes been driven almost wild by hearing, say, first, rounds very fast with no open leads, gradually getting slower as the chimmer gets out of breath; then one or two set changes, with large gaps where the hands of the performer have to be crossed on the manual; then, for a variation, some simple hymn tune, such as 'Rousseau's Dream,' &c.; then rounds again, and so on? Some chimers do a little extemporising by pulling the cords at random anyhow, which is worse still. This sort of thing is simply maddening to the hearer. The tolling of one bell would be preferable. It certainly requires some skill and practice to use any manual chiming apparatus well. I have heard some performers do it with wonderful precision and regularity, opening the leads every alternate round as in-ringing; but these instances are comparatively rare. On the whole I should say, a barrel chiming apparatus, though more intricate and expensive, is more satisfactory, unless you have a good performer to use the other kind.

AUDITOR.

[We have never advocated—not approving—tune-playing with chiming 'hammers,' always recommending simple chiming.—Ed.]

Association Exercise Minor.

SIR,—On referring to your number of Jan. 30, I see that Mr. Ellmore has published a peal called 'Association Exercise,' which he thinks is a new peal. I beg to state that it was rung at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, more than twenty years ago; it was introduced by the late Wm. Garrard, then a member of St. Mary-le-Tower, of the above place, myself also being a member, and who was one of the band to help ring it.

ROBT. SEWELL.

Barking, Essex.

Another Claimant for a Peal.

SIR,—The second 720 Bob Minor which appeared in your last issue appears to me to be a two-part peal, with 8 bobs and 6 singles. I composed and conducted it at Palgrave, Suffolk, in October, 1883. I sent it to the *Bell News* at that time, but it did not appear. By inserting this in your next issue you will oblige

EDWARD FRANCIS, Diss.

Kent County Association.

THIS Society held a District Meeting at Malling on Monday, the 16th inst., when, notwithstanding the very unfavourable weather, there was a muster of over seventy ringers, who visited the towers of Wrotham, Birling, and St. Michael's, besides West Malling, where the bells were going nearly all day from 10 a.m.

A Peal of Bob Major.

5024

2 3 4 5 6	W. D. M. H.	3 2 5 4 6	W. D. M. H.
3 5 6 4 2	2	5 4 3 2 6	
6 3 5 4 2		3 5 4 2 6	
5 6 3 4 2		4 3 5 2 6	
3 4 5 6 2		5 2 3 6 4	
5 3 4 6 2		3 5 2 6 4	
2 4 3 6 5		4 2 3 5 6	
3 2 4 6 5		3 4 2 5 6	
4 3 2 6 5		3 2 4 5 6	8
5 2 4 3 6			
4 5 2 3 6			
2 4 5 3 6			
5 3 2 4 6			
2 5 3 4 6			

Repeated.

This peal has the 6th twenty-four times at home.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

Two Touches of Bob Major.

1152

2 3 4 5 6	5th's	4th's	M.	H.	2 3 4 5 6	w. 5th's	4th's	H.
3 5 4 2 6					3 6 4 5 2			
4 3 5 2 6					4 3 6 5 2			
3 2 5 4 6					3 2 6 5 4			
5 3 2 4 6					6 3 2 5 4			
2 5 3 4 6					2 6 3 5 4			
5 4 3 2 6					6 4 3 5 2			

Repeated. 6th twelve times right.

Repeated. 5th twelve times right.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (8 bobs and 6 singles) was rung in 28 mins. A. Anderson, 1; E. A. Foster, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Surrey Association of Change-ringers rang Holt's One-

part peal of Plain Bob Triples in 2 hrs. 46 mins. C. Martin, 1; J. Branch, 2; E. Bennett (conductor), 3; J. Harris, 4; J. Trappitt, 5; J. Fayers, 6; G. Pell, 7; J. Cawley, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths attempted one of the late Mr. J. Cox's 5024's of Kent Treble Bob Major, as a last token of respect to his memory, but after ringing 1344 changes 'Stand!' had to be called, the conductor missing a bob. J. Harris, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; J. Branch, 3; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 4; J. Trappitt, 5; J. Plowman, 6; J. Cawley, 7; C. Gordon, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters, composed by the late John Cox, was rung by the Waterloo Society in 3 hrs. 23 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; J. W. Mansfield, 2; W. Coppage, 3; C. E. Malim, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; C. T. Hopkins, 6; J. Barry, 7; J. Fayers, 8; G. Pell, 9; H. A. Hopkins, 10.

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

On Wednesday, the 11th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part) was rung by the Waterloo Society in 3 hrs. 15 mins. A. E. Church, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; J. W. Mansfield, 3; W. Coppage, 4; T. Taylor, 5; W. Jones, 6; A. Hayward, 7; W. D. Matthews, 8. The above was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. John Cox. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang at the above church, by kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, N. J. Pitstow's One part peal of 5056 Superlative Surprise Major in 3 hrs. 21 mins. Rev. James H. Fish, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggard, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The peal, which contains the 4th its extent in 6th's place, and has never been previously performed, was rung on the conductor's 32nd birthday. It is the twelfth peal on record in this intricate method. All the above are members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

At Liversedge, Yorkshire.

2 3 4 5 6	M.	IN	OUT	5TH	W.	H.
6 5 4 3 2	2		1		2	1
3 6 5 2 4			1			2
5 4 2 6 3	2		1		2	2
4 3 2 6 5	2		1		1	2
5 2 3 6 4	1	1		1		2
2 5 6 3 4		1		1	1	2
5 3 2 4 6			1			
3 4 2 5 6	1		1			
2 4 5 3 6	1		1			1
4 3 5 2 6	1		1			
3 2 5 4 6	1		1			
6 4 5 2 3	1				1	1
4 2 3 5 6	2		1			
2 5 3 4 6	1		1			
3 5 4 2 6	1		1			1
5 2 4 3 6	1		1			
2 3 4 5 6	1		1			

At SS. Mary and Nicholas, Wilton, Wilts.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (14 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 26 mins. J. Short, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; E. A. Foster, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; T. Blackburn (conductor), 6. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Brathay, Westmoreland.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., was rung for morning and afternoon service two half-peals of Association Exercise, and on Monday the full peal was rung for evening practice in 23 mins. Also a peal in the same method, with the introduction of a single each time the tenor bell worked in front with the treble bell, which was brought out and conducted by R. Satterthwaite. R. Satterthwaite (conductor), 1; J. Cookson, 2; S. Dalyell, 3; D. Harrison, 4; J. Fairclough, 5; T. Satterthwaite, 6.

At St. Mary the Virgin, Stanstead, Essex.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., for morning service, six of the local company rang a peal of 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior,* jun., 3; G. Gray,* 4; I. Cavill,* 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. [* First 720 in this method.]

Also for the evening service a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. (21 bobs and 12 extremes). W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At All Saints', Maldon, Essex.

On Monday, the 16th inst., six members of the local company rang a peal of 720 Cambridge Surprise in 26 mins. W. Last, 1; R. Hanson, 2; I. Mansfield, 3; G. Mansfield, 4; W. Chaik (conductor), 5; W. Mansfield, 6. Tenor about 13 cwt. The above peal is the first in the method known to be rung in Maldon. All are members of the Essex Association.

CORRECTION.—In the account of the peal at Faversham last week, for Bob Minor read Bob Major.

his carriage, and pay this last mark of respect to one who deserved well of his country. When the late Bishop Darley died, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kilmore in person attended the obsequies of the deceased Bishop. Such little marks of Christian civility and goodwill would do no harm in unhappy Ireland.'

A meeting will be held in the Metropolitan Hall on Thursday next, under the auspices of the Evangelical Alliance, in connexion with the Wyckliffe Quincentenary. The chair is announced to be taken by Lord Plunket, Archbishop of Dublin.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

CANADA.

It is pleasing to turn to another island and note a contrast. The Newfoundland Synod's annual statement shows that the various diocesan funds, including the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, are steadily increasing. The Orange riots lately reported by the secular papers were grossly exaggerated; there was no loss of life or destruction of property.

The Bishop of Rupertsland states that the trust funds of his diocese now amount to 350,000 dollars. A large number of vacant and unorganized parishes are served by the Cathedral staff of Winnipeg, who sometimes keep up work at a distance of over 300 miles from the city. On the other hand, the Bishop laments, that while his diocese received 1200 dollars last year from the Church of old Canada, the Presbyterians received at the same time 40,000 dollars. He urges the appointment of a deputation by the Canadian Church to visit the North-west personally and report to the Provincial Synod.

The Diocese of Niagara, vacant by the death of Bishop Fuller, has elected for his successor the Rev. C. Hamilton, rector of St. Matthew, Quebec, and Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Canadian Provincial Synod.

The Diocese of Algoma is to have a distinct literary organ—the *Algoma Missionary News*.

There are now three branches of the Sisterhood of St. John the Evangelist—at Toronto, Winnipeg, and Brandon. The ladies especially devote themselves to the nursing of the sick.

Trinity College, Toronto, after having been founded—mainly with English money—to be a Church University, in contradistinction to the Secularised University in that city, is proposing to unite with it, in common with other bodies in the province—not only the Western University at London, and the partisan Wyckliffe College, Toronto, but also some Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian seminaries.

INDIA.

There are now three rival Somaj bodies of Hindu reformers. That termed the Sadharan Brahmo Somaj, which holds a theism, but professes no fresh revelations from heaven, seems to be really doing good work in its way. The *Indian Churchman* notices that one of its members—a well-to-do man—has gone as a missionary 'among the hill-tribes.' It has a lady-missionary in Calcutta, and there are ladies' societies for moral and religious discussion, besides a Sunday school and a prayer hall. It has fourteen congregations.

There are in the diocese of Calcutta no less than 230 separate congregations, exclusive of purely native congregations. Allowing two out-stations to each clergyman, in addition to his chief station, the number of clergy would be 76. At present it is found that 45 only are available from the staff of chaplains, leaving 31 to be provided by diocesan organization. For this purpose an addition of at least 11 is needed to the clergy now maintained by the help of the Additional Clergy Society. More support is much needed from the diocese, only 65 laymen being found among the subscribers last year, and only 65 congregations out of the 230 contributing collections. In connexion with European work in India an important scheme has lately been put out by Mr. Brooke Deedes, proposing to make Allahabad a strong centre of Church work and life, to be organized on the model of a large English parish. There are in Allahabad a considerable number of the lowest class of Eurasians, whose social and spiritual condition verges on semi-barbarism. A large central church is in course of building, and will soon be sufficiently advanced for opening. High schools for boys and girls, railway school, free school, hospital, almshouse, women's workshop, and other agencies, are all in operation. A staff of not less than four clergy will be required.

The increased power of Christianity in India is shown by the multiplying of religious literature. The *Indian Witness* says: 'Denominational periodicals are ever increasing. The Baptists have a monthly, the Wesleyans two monthlies, the Anglicans a weekly, a fortnightly, and two monthlies, the Roman Catholics two weeklies, and the Episcopal Methodists two official and two non-official weeklies, and three or four monthlies. The London missionaries are about to start a weekly, and the missionaries of the American Board in Western India already issue one.'

We have received the first number of the *Rangoon Church News*, which is designed to further Missionary work in Burmah. The conversion of the Karens is still making progress; one happy feature is the ease experienced in finding among them catechists, and even candidates for Holy Orders.

PALESTINE.

The 'Chovev Zion,' the society promoted by Sir Moses Montefiore for colonising the Holy Land by Jews, has many branches now in Russia, and especially in Russian Poland, and a few in Germany.

On Christmas Day, at Jerusalem, the Rev. A. H. Kelk (of the London Jews' Society) baptized a Jewess in Christ Church, and four Jews on the Sunday following.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

The February meeting was held on the 16th inst. at Winlaton, Durham. About thirty members sat down to a substantial dinner at the 'Highlander Inn,' the Rector (Rev. A. Jones) in the chair, and the president (R. S. Story, Esq.) in the vice-chair. After dinner, toasts, &c., were given and members elected, several honorary members being enrolled. The ringing consisted of a 720 of Bob Minor at Blaydon parish church and a 720 of Kent, with touches of Violet, Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor, at Winlaton. The peal of Bob Minor was rung by Rev. F. N. Thicknesse, 1; T. Clark, 2; G. J. Clarkson, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; J. Campbell, 5; F. Harrison (conductor), 6, in 27 mins., called with eight bobs and six singles; and the 720 of Treble Bob was rung in 28 mins. by F. Harrison, 1; W. Story, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; R. W. Wignell, 4; T. Clark, 5; G. J. Clarkson (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

Surrey Association.

On Saturday, February 21st, a District Meeting of this Association was held at Croydon, by the kind permission of the Vicar. Grandsire Doubles and triples were rung from 4 to 5 p.m., and after an interval of half an hour, while the usual evening service was held in the church, the following methods were practised:—Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Union Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. The bands represented on this occasion were those of Beddington, Benhilton, Bletchingley, Croydon, Kingston, Reigate, and Streatham, with a visitor from Woolwich. The meeting terminated at 9 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Easter Monday. As the Report of the Association is coming out this week, the Hon. Secretary will be glad to know from the local representatives how many copies they will each require.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

Reply to Mr. Edward Francis.

Sir,—I wish you to understand that the peal I composed is not a two-part, as it appeared to you to be. If you will kindly look through it you will find it correct as a three-part peal. I have looked through my books to see if there was a two-part similar to my three-part peal. I see there is, and that adding two courses to my one-part, and repeating, will complete a 720. I see that you called this two-part peal in October, 1883, and that it appeared to be your composing. You will find it was rung a great many years ago, and composed by Mr. D. Wood. The peal may be seen in Mr. Hubbard's book on change-ringing, p. 47, so it is useless for you to claim it as your peal.

WILLIAM SEVIER,

Member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

St. Mary's Church, Lymm, Cheshire.

Sir,—May I through your columns ask if any of your readers can answer the following:—One of the bells in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Lymm, Cheshire, bears the following inscription, 'Ectoniae, Henricus Penn, fecit.' I should like to ascertain whether the above refers to Ecton, near Wellingborough, and if so whether this was a well-known foundry? The bell has no date, but probably is not older than the early part of the last century.

G. H. BAXLEY.

Craybrow, Lymm, Warrington.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Saturday, the 7th inst., Thurstan's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Weddle, 1; R. H. Richardson, 2; T. Denton, 3; J. Simm, 4; E. W. Scott, 5; E. Wallis (conductor), 6; S. Power, 7; G. W. Stobart, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

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

On Monday, the 9th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. R. J. Robson, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; H. Ferguson (first peal inside), 3; F. Lees, 4; W. Bowes, 5; W. Story, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At Christ Church, North Shields, Northumberland.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., T. Day's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung by eight members of the Durham and Newcastle Association in 3 hrs. 8 mins. W. Reed, 1; R. S. Story, 2; W. Bowes (first in the method), 3; H. Ross, 4; J. Simm, 5; S. Power (conductor), 6; T. Clark, 7; R. W. Wignell, 8.

And on Tuesday, the 17th inst., Mr. Clark, of Ripon Cathedral, called his ingenious and musical Date Touch of 1885 Treble Bob Major in 1 hr. 8 mins. T. Clark (conductor), 1; W. Story, 2; W. Bowes, 3; C. L. Routledge, 4; R. W. Wignell, 5; H. Ross, 6; K. Smith, 7; J. Hern, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, London.

On Saturday, the 16th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 4 hrs. 12 mins. H. W. Haley (composer and conductor), 1; W. Cook, 2; J. Pettit, 3; G. Muskett, 4; C. Winny, 5; J. Rowbotham, 6; W. Tassart, 7; W. Jones, 8; G. Mash, 9; R. French, 10; J. M. Hayes, 11; E. Hazen, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt.

At All Saints', Newcastle-on-Tyne.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., a touch of 1885 Grandsire Triples was rung in 33 mins. by J. Gillings, 1; F. Lees, 2; W. Story, 3; W. Bowes, 4; T. Denton, 5; S. Power (conductor), 6; E. Wallis, 7; G. Weddle, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, Middlesex.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples in 45 mins. H. Baker, 1; W. B. Jones, 2; E. E. Clarke, 3; C. Lee, 4; N. N. Hills, 5; H. G. Fairbrass, 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; W. Tanner, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, Surrey.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang in 2 hrs. 58 mins. a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original), with the bells deeply half muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. John Cox. H. J. Davis, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; W. Coppage, 3; J. W. Mansfield, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; G. Banks, 6; H. Dains, 7; J. Barry, 8.

It was at the above church, by the same company, that the late Mr. J. Cox first conducted Holt's Original (the peal occupied 2 hrs. 57 mins.) on the 7th February, 1867. W. Coppage, 1; G. Turle, 2; W. Hoverd, 3; W. Baron, 4; H. Swain, 5; J. Rogers, 6; J. Cox (conductor), 7; W. Leggatt, 8.

Two Peals of Bob Major.

5040	W.	M.	H.	5040	W.	M.	H.
2 3 4 5 6				2 3 4 5 6			
4 3 6 5 2	-			4 3 6 5 2	-		
6 3 2 5 4	-			6 3 2 5 4	-		
2 6 4 3 5	-	-		2 6 4 3 5	-	-	
4 6 5 3 2	-			4 2 5 6 3	-	-	
5 4 2 6 3	-	-		5 2 3 6 4	-	-	
2 4 3 6 5	-			3 2 4 6 5	-		
3 4 5 6 2	-			5 4 3 2 6	-	-	
2 5 3 4 6	-	-		3 5 4 2 6	-		
3 2 5 4 6	-			4 3 5 2 6	-		
5 3 2 4 6	-			5 3 6 2 4	-		
2 3 6 4 5	-			6 3 4 2 5	-		
6 3 5 4 2	-			4 6 5 3 2	-	-	
5 6 2 3 4	-			5 6 2 3 4	-		
2 5 4 6 3	-			2 5 4 6 3	-		
4 2 3 5 6	-			4 2 3 5 6	-		

Twice repeated.

Twice repeated.

Each peal has the 6th twelve times wrong and right, and the 5th nine, and they are thought to contain the least number of calls in three-part peals yet published with the above property.

EDWARD FRANCIS, *Diss.*

A Peal of Bob Major

6048	W.	M.	H.	6048	W.	M.	H.
2 3 4 5 6				2 5 6 3 4			
4 3 6 5 2	-			6 2 4 5 3	-	-	
6 5 4 3 2	-			3 4 6 2 5	-	-	
3 6 4 5 2	-			6 3 4 2 5	-	-	
4 3 2 6 5	-			4 6 3 2 5	-	-	
2 3 5 6 4	-			3 6 5 2 4	-	-	
5 3 4 6 2	-			5 6 4 2 3	-	-	
2 4 5 3 6	-			4 5 3 6 2	-	-	
5 2 4 3 6	-			3 4 2 5 6	-	-	
4 5 2 3 6	-						

Twice repeated.

This peal has the 5th and 6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

'The Salvation Army and Holiness.'

SIR,—A few days ago, I purchased the February number of the Salvation Army's monthly *Holiness Advocate*. This pamphlet declares itself to be 'The clearest work on entire Sanctification published,' and certainly with respect to clearness it makes good its claim, it being altogether impossible to misunderstand its teaching; but a more mischievous and soul-destroying doctrine has never before been promulgated by any sect professing Christianity. A few extracts will show, only too clearly, the awful danger of the doctrine the 'Army' is now spreading abroad. The number opens with the following sentence (the italics are mine) 'As surely as "justification by faith" had been almost lost sight of for a long period, until Martin Luther appeared on the stage of time, so surely has "entire sanctification by faith" been nearly lost sight of for a number of years; but God is raising up witnesses who understand it as a blessing received in a moment because it is a gift, and never can be grown into.'

No one can misunderstand this statement, it teaches that the gift of God is entire sanctification, which may be received in a moment of time.

A little further on, there is a short dissertation on 1 John, i. 7. As is so frequently the case, this text has been mutilated, the only words quoted being 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.' The writer says, 'From this one passage of the Word of God many people draw a doctrine, viz., that of continual cleansing, and since, for there to be a need of continual cleansing, there must be a continual defilement going on, some of them add this continual defilement to complete their doctrine and make it appear reasonable.'

Another says, in a treatise on 'Get a knowledge of the devil,' 'I believe there are very many who through the lack of this knowledge give up their confidence over and over again, and go in for continual cleansing, or else get

discouraged and give up the thought of being kept clean and filled with all the fulness (sic) of God.'

Under the heading, 'Our Christmas Holidays in the City,' one can see, in some degree, the effect of this teaching—'We are all agreed that it has been the most profitable gathering we have ever had together, the fellowship of hearts the richest, the wealth accumulated to our own souls the greatest, and the desire of our hearts was granted, viz., the entire sanctification of many of God's dear children, who had been looking for the truth, some for years, and since December 26th they have come to 4 Finsbury Market and 142 Bishopsgate Street, and testified to the reality of the work the Holy Ghost had wrought in their hearts.'

'Boxing Day was in every sense of the word a success, the full salvation of twenty-nine souls on the spot. . . . One man afterwards told us he trusted the Lord to cleanse him, while Miss A. French sang as a solo, "Oh, touch the hem of His garment." He touched and was instantly made clean; he was previously converted in Millbank Prison. . . . During the latter part of the evening Miss A. Jones sang with unction, "Oh, what shall I do to be clean?" adding her testimony as follows: "This is what I have done. I have been washed in the precious blood of Christ. Glory be to God. I enjoy this perfect liberty from sin, doubt, fears, and unbelief."'

In an account of another meeting, a Mr. Huskinson, of Leeds, is reported to have said, 'Five years in thought, word, and deed, I have lived without sin.' And a Mr. Pidwell, of London—'Beautiful thing to be holy! For eighteen months I have been pure, even as He is pure. . . . The Lord healed, and sanctified me throughout, spirit, soul, and body, at 4 Finsbury Market, and He has kept me ever since in His will.'

To write such boastful sentences as the above makes one shudder, for no sober-minded Christian can fail to see that the men who uttered them were, to say the least, on the very verge of blasphemy. Indeed, it is very difficult to restrain one's self from terming the teaching and testimonies 'downright blasphemy.' Surely no English Churchman can, after the perusal of 'Salvation Army Literature,' think of giving the least support to such 'anti-Scriptural' teaching.

E. B. S.

Impediments to Reunion.

SIR,—I send you a third and last letter regarding Mr. Page's difficulties. This time I would make a few observations on 'Regeneration' and 'Tradition.' Baptismal Regeneration, with Dissenters, is a sad stumbling-block. Let us see what it really means. Amongst the Jews heathens were frequently admitted into the Jewish Divine Society by Circumcision; by Sacrifice, as long as the Temple stood; and by Baptism; they were said to be new-born as of a new mother—as the Talmud expresses it—i.e. made members of a new family or society, a change of state or condition from the heathen world outside to the Jewish Church, but not of necessity a moral change of heart. Now Christ, in His conversation with Nicodemus, alludes to this regeneration or new birth, and upbraids him, 'a Master of Israel,' for pretending to be ignorant of what was meant by being born again—the very doctrine of proselytism which no learned Jew could be ignorant of. Christ explained His new birth as 'of Water and of the Spirit,' that is, of Baptism accompanied with the Holy Spirit. By this Regeneration every baptized person is made a 'member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven,' and has become a member of Christ's Divine Society on earth,—taken out of the world at large and grafted into the true vine; in a changed state or condition—made a recipient of the indwelling Spirit of God, which is ever ready to influence the individual for good, at the same time not destroying that freedom of will which is the awful responsibility resting upon every human soul; a child of God by adoption—so by natural creation—by right an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven, here and hereafter, if that right is not forfeited by wilful disobedience. The guilt of the hereditary taint of sin is washed away, and of actual sin in the case of a believing adult. In practice it is found that but few are strongly influenced by baptismal grace from their baptism onwards to live a life of increasing holiness; a turning, therefore, is necessary for most people. Now this turning is usually spoken of as conversion—a word often used in a wrong sense. The popular idea seems to be that it is an operation performed upon a person by a power outside of himself, without exertion on his part, and that he can tell the moment when this takes place; that he is safe ever afterwards, and that this mystical change can only take place once in a lifetime.

This idea is modern, has no authority in Scripture, or in the teaching of the Catholic Church; it probably arose in a large measure from the mistranslation of a Greek verb, which means 'a turning to,' and in the eight places where the word 'converted' occurs in the Authorised Version it is translated as a passive verb, and leads the reader to think that this turning is done for him. The Revised Version in each case gives the true meaning—'except ye turn'—active voice laying the onus of turning on the individual Christian. We have all received light enough and to spare, viz., Natural Religion, Conscience, Revelation, Christ Himself, the Light of the World. It is for us to recognise this light, being already made the recipients of the indwelling Spirit, which, however, we may have resisted for even years. A recognition of this light may be brought about by any one of the countless events of daily life, and not least by a right disposition to receive the teaching of Christ, and by hearing and reading the Scriptures. This turning is equivalent to repentance, *μετάνοια*, a moral change of mind or heart, with the idea of sorrow for the past and a change from ungodliness to godliness. This moral regeneration was known in the Early Church as 'Illumination'; it may last for a day, a year, or a lifetime, and thus lead to a life of increasing righteousness, or a falling away may take place at any moment, when repentance would again be necessary, and this might happen many times in a life. There is no such thing as security known in the New Testament, neither did St. Paul profess to have it, but frequently spoke of his own danger and need

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

On Chiming.

SIR,—I have read with interest 'Auditor's' letter on the above subject in your issue of the 20th ult. Might I ask if he or some other ringer would kindly write out for your pages a short table of simple changes (on six bells), such as would be most suitable for attempting with chiming-hammers? Simple chiming is doubtless to be preferred for service, but there are other occasions when I think the introduction of a few changes would be an improvement, breaking the monotony of the continual 1 2 3 4 5 6. Perhaps 'Auditor' would also be good enough to give some further hints on plain chiming, and explain more fully what he means by 'open leads,' and whether they should or should not be introduced in chiming; also as to the practice of 'opening the leads every alternate round.' I write from Ireland, where rings of bells are rare, ours being the only one in this diocese, and where consequently the art of bell-ringing or chiming is but very imperfectly understood. We have a nice ring of six bells (tenor, 11½ cwt., in G) by Messrs. J. Warner & Sons, fitted with their improved chiming apparatus, and any hints which might prove useful to the young men practising chiming from 'Auditor,' or any other member of our sister Church in England, would be very acceptable to us in this remote Irish parish, and very possibly of service to others also. H. S.

[We advise you to become a ringer, and then you will find out all about chiming.—Ed.]

St. Mary's, Lymm.—A Reply.

SIR,—In answer to Mr. G. H. Bayley I reply, that Henry Penn's foundry was in Broadbridge Street, Peterborough. He cast a great many rings of bells in Lincolnshire, Northants, Hunts, and Cambs. His bells were soft in tone and somewhat lacking in power. He began business early in the eighteenth century. In 1730 he recast some bells at St. Ives, which did not please the people there, and they refused to pay for them. The matter ended in a lawsuit, in which Mr. Penn came off victorious; but so great was his excitement that, as he was mounting his horse to ride home after the case was settled, he fell down in a fit and died.

J. R. JERRAM.

A Peal of 720 Bob Minor.

SIR,—I wish to inform Mr. William Sevier that I am well aware of the two peals of Minor in Mr. Hubbard's book, and that they are the only two peals I have seen with 8 bobs and 6 singles besides the one we rung. As I enclose my peal will you kindly publish it?

2	3	4	5	6	
B	1	2	3	5	6
S	2	4	5	6	3
B	5	2	4	6	3
S	5	4	2	6	3
B	2	5	4	6	3
B	3	4	2	5	6
S	3	2	4	5	6

Repeated.

EDWARD FRANCIS, Diss.

County of Surrey Association of Change-ringers.

It is with much pleasure that we announce the receipt of the Second Annual Report of this Association. We learn from it that since their last Report they have rung thirteen peals; that their funds are flourishing, there being a balance in hand of 91. 1s. with which to begin the year, before collecting any of the current year's subscriptions; and that they have a total of 113 members.

At St. Andrew's, Holborn, London.

On Sunday, the 22nd ult., the Rev. H. Blunt, rector, preached a sermon on the sad death of General Gordon; after which the 'Dead March in Saul' was played on the organ; and as the congregation were dispersing the tenor bell (28 cwt.) was tolled, muffled. Afterwards a Funeral Peal was rung on the bells, half-muffled, with the tenor muffled, by the particular wish of the Rector and Churchwardens.

J. J. CATTLE, Steeple-keeper.

J. T. KNIGHT, Deputy Steeple-keeper.

A Peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor.

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

Composed March 2nd, 1885, by Henry Sevier, Gloucester, aged thirteen years.

At Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

On Monday evening, the 23rd ult., a concert was given in the National Schools, which were kindly lent by the Rev. Canon Bellairs, vicar. The concert, got up by the parish-church ringers, consisted of vocal and instrumental music by several ladies and gentlemen of the town and neighbourhood, who kindly gave their services; also change-ringing and tune-playing on the hand-bells by the ringers of the parish church. The churchwardens having recently put down a new floor in the belfry, the ringers had decided to get up a concert, with a little assistance from others, the proceeds to be given towards furnishing the belfry with matting for the floor and for the walls, and the entertainment was well attended. After the concert the Vicar made a few remarks on the concert being a success, thanking those who had kindly taken part in the performance; also thanking the ringers for the

improvement of late in the ringing at the parish church. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking their worthy Vicar for the use of the schools, also to those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly gave their services

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, London.

On Wednesday, the 11th ult., ten members of the Cumberland Society rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Caters in 8 hrs. 31 mins. J. Nelms (composer and conductor), 1; H. Randal, 2; H. Dains, 3; J. Rumsey (first peal of Caters), 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; J. Barry, 6; D. Stackwood, 7; W. Doran, 8; S. Jarman, 9; D. Lovett, 10. Tenor, 32 cwt.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

On the 12th ult. a peal of 720 Extreme Bob Minor (9 Extremes and 3 Singles), composed by Mr. E. Parker of Southampton, was rung for the first time in 27 mins. J. Short, 1; T. Blackburn (conductor), 2; E. A. Foster, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 14th ult., ten members of the Waterloo Society rang a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters in 8 hrs. 23 mins. W. Baron (conductor), 1; J. Mansfield, 2; W. Coppage, 3; C. E. Malim, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; C. T. Hopkins, 6; J. Barry, 7; J. Fayers, 8; G. Pell, 9; H. A. Hopkins, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat. Composed by Mr. Cox.

At St. Mary the Virgin, Stanstead, Essex.

On Thursday, the 19th ult., six of the local company rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. Also 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also on Thursday, the 26th, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And 300 of Plain Bob Minor. G. Prior, 1; I. Cavill, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, with Mr. H. J. Tucker of Bishops Stortford, a 360 of Double Court Bob Minor and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Luckey, 1; H. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 6. And for evening service 180 of Double Oxford Bob Minor. W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. And after evening service a peal of 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor in 26½ mins. C. Prior, 1; H. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Luckey, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. J. Tucker (first 720 in this method as conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt. [* First 720 in this method.]

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London.

On Saturday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 59 mins. T. Dupen, 1; H. F. Wood, 2; W. Cecil, 3; J. Bonney, 4; W. Cooter, 5; M. A. Wood (conductor), 6; J. West, 7; G. Dorrington, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, London.

On Monday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Cumberland Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5010 changes (the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. Cox) in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. J. Davies, 1; W. Baron (conductor), 2; W. Coppage, 3; J. W. Mansfield, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; G. R. Banks, 6; H. Dains, 7; J. Barry, 8.

At St. Paul's, Bedford.

On Thursday evening, the 26th ult., by the request of the vicar, the Rev. R. E. R. Watts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 52 mins., with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late General Gordon. C. Clarke (conductor), 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; J. Atkins, 6; J. N. Frossell, 7; F. Keech, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Palgrave, Suffolk.

On Thursday, the 26th ult., six members of the Diss company rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor (14 bobs and 2 singles) in 25 mins. E. Francis (composer and conductor), 1; E. Hayward, 2; C. Webster, 3; W. Ireland, 4; E. Bartrum, 5; B. Francis, 6. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

At St. James's, Trowbridge, Wilts.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins. W. Alley, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; W. W. Gifford, 3; J. Hayward, 4; W. McCaffrey (conductor) 5; W. Lane, 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Alley (conductor) 1; W. W. Gifford, 2; E. A. Foster, 3; C. A. Clements, 4; J. Hayward, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; W. McCaffrey, 7; J. Cooper, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt.

At St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.

On Saturday, the 28th ult., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5019 Stedman's Changes in 4 hrs. 10 mins. J. Pettit, 1; F. E. Dawe, 2; R. French, 3; C. E. Malim, 4; J. M. Brown, 5; J. W. Rowbotham, 6; G. Mash, 7; E. Harris, 8; J. M. Brown, 9; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 10; W. P. Hayes, 11; W. P. Hayes, 12. Composed by E. W. Hayes. [* First peal on twelve bells. Also the first peal conducted on twelve bells by Mr. Hayes.] Tenor, 52 cwt.

RECORDED ALSO.—W. H. Sevier.

be looked upon as affluence here. Persons having say 100*l.* or 150*l.* a-year will find themselves able to live comfortably, and as education is free that item, so heavy in England, can be removed from the list of expenses in New Brunswick. Small capitalists wishing to commence manufacturing enterprises will be free from the pressure of competition, by which large capitalists are almost sure to crush them. Mechanics, if sober and industrious, can always find a living for themselves and their families. Farmers with small means, say 100*l.* or upwards, can here procure farms with great advantage to themselves. Farm-labourers can always find employment; that is, if they do not prefer, as most do, to make homes for themselves on the free grants or new farms. Small new farms, or farms of 100 acres, with small clearings upon them, can be bought from 20*l.* upwards.

Finally, the diocese needs clergy. There are parishes vacant in this deanery, and there are various points where the people cannot raise more than 60*l.* or 70*l.* a-year. A clergyman having small means of his own, say 50*l.* to 100*l.* a-year, could take one of these places, which, with a little fostering care, would probably soon become self-supporting. The Church is here supported by voluntary contribution, and if the clergy are willing to aid to the utmost of their powers intending settlers in this deanery, it is with the hope that the settlers will help build up God's Church in the land. It is on this plea, Sir, that I ask for the insertion of this letter in your columns. I know at the present moment of suitable openings for a young medical man fond of his profession, several carpenters and farmers, and shall be happy to answer all inquiries.

LEO A. HOYT, *Dean Rural.*

CLERGY IN DEANERY OF WOODSTOCK, WITH P. O. ADDRESS.—The Rev. Leo A. Hoyt, Dean Rural, Andover; the Rev. Canon Neales, Rector, Woodstock; the Rev. J. E. Fluvelling, Centreville; the Rev. N. M. Hansen, New Denmark; the Rev. W. B. Armstrong, Grand Falls; the Rev. F. W. Vroom, Rector, Richmond; the Rev. Arthur Loundes, Rector, Prince William; the Rev. J. C. Titcomb, Canterbury, New Brunswick, Canada.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

CANADA.

THE Rev. W. D. Recve, C. M. S. Missionary at Fort Chipewyan, has been appointed Archdeacon of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

THE Rev. Dr. Lobley has resigned the principalship of Bishop's College, Quebec.

THE new C. M. S. Mission on the Queen Charlotte Islands is headed by the Rev. C. Harrison. He has now gathered congregations of the Hydah natives, and several of their chiefs have been baptized. These Indians, on this remote group in the North Pacific, are a remarkable race, having a feudal system with armorial bearings, &c., all complete, and being skilful at sea with their canoes. Their numbers have been decimated by smallpox and drunkenness since they came in contact with whites, but the Mission may yet save them from extinction. They have curious legends of their origin, throwing light on the problem how America was first peopled.

UNITED STATES.

THE civil authorities are beginning to wake up to the scandals caused by the facility of divorce. The Governor of Ohio in his message to the State Legislature recommends that the divorce laws be revised, with the view of restricting the legal causes of divorce, and of limiting the right to marry again. . . . As divorces have for many years increased in a ratio beyond that of our population, I believe our system is lax, and tends to the dissolution of families.

It is contemplated holding a Mission in New York in the autumn, after the London pattern.

WEST INDIES.

THE Archdeaconry of Antigua, resigned by the Bishop-Coadjutor, has been conferred on Dr. James Clark, rector of St. Philip's, in that island. He has been lecturer in London for the Christian Evidence Society, and is author of several works.

EAST AFRICA.

CHRISTIAN philanthropists are apprehensive that if England vacates the Soudan the railway to be made between Suakim and Berber will be used by Mohammedan slave-traders. Already there are proofs that the slave-trade is ready to revive on every occasion. Famine on the coast further south recently induced the natives to offer one another for sale; the victims were instantly bought. Happily two batches of them, 240 and then 200, were rescued by British cruisers and placed at Frere Town, the freedmen's mission-station near Mombasa, where Christian and industrial teaching are wisely combined.

At Rabai, Kisulutini, fifty-four converts were baptized by the Rev. J. W. Handford, on December 7th.

WEST AFRICA.

IN spite of bloodshed and disturbances resulting from interference by Germany, &c., the Christian movement advances. From the Niger Archdeacon Henry Johnson writes, that at the new station of Obotsi, near Onitsha, fifty converts were baptized at Christmas; the missionary there is himself an Ibo convert.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

On Chiming.

SIR,—In answer to 'H. S.', it would be absurd to give a list of 'set changes.' Anything that sounds well will do, provided it be *struck regularly and precisely*. Perhaps 'Queens' (135246) and 'Tittums' (142536) would suit him. By 'open leads' I mean, strike two rounds in even time and then a pause, as in ringing, thus: 123456, 123456, 123456, 123456; and so on. This plan not only sounds better, but is much easier work for the chimers.

AUDITOR.

[INQUIRER would like to know whether 'Auditor' has had some experience with ringing and chiming sufficient to constitute himself a judge.—X. Y. Z.]

Another Dispute about Peals.

SIR,—Seeing in *Church Bells* of the 13th ult. two peals of Bob Minor, composed by Mr. W. Sevier, containing 9 bobs and 6 singles in each peal, I kindly wish to inform Mr. Sevier that the first peal is false—it requires two more 5-6's in it behind; and that the second is also most undoubtedly false. That is, if I understand it. This requires three more 5-6's in it behind. But this peal is not very intelligible. Unless Mr. Sevier make it more so it must pass as a false peal.

Also in *Church Bells* of the 2nd inst. Mr. Henry Sevier's peal is alike false. This peal contains two 5-6's too many in it behind.

C. HYDER,

Aldington, Hythe, Kent.

Three Peals of Bob Minor by Bob-and-Single Lead Ends.

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

WILLIAM SEVIER, *Gloucester.*

The peals contain 13 bobs and 2 singles. They may be seen to be very musical by the tenors coming home at all the part-ends, being good observation for the tenor, being three times wrong and twice at home. As far as I am aware, these are the first three peals which have been published with only two singles in fifteen callings.

Two Peals of Bob Major.

5040	W. M. H.	5040	W. M. H.
2 3 4 5 6	—	2 3 4 5 6	—
6 4 2 3 5	—	4 5 2 3 6	—
2 6 4 3 5	—	2 4 5 3 6	—
4 2 6 3 5	—	5 2 4 3 6	—
6 3 4 2 5	—	1 3 5 2 6	—
4 6 3 2 5	—	5 4 3 2 6	—
3 4 6 2 5	—	3 5 4 2 6	—
6 2 3 4 5	—	1 2 3 5 6	—
3 6 2 4 5	—	3 4 2 5 6	—
5 2 6 4 3	—	6 2 4 5 3	—
6 5 2 4 3	—	4 6 2 5 3	—
2 6 5 4 3	—	2 4 6 5 3	—
3 5 6 4 2	—	3 6 4 5 2	—
6 5 3 4 2	—	4 3 6 5 2	—
5 6 3 4 2	—	6 4 3 5 2	—
2 3 6 4 5	—	2 3 6 4 5	—

Each peal twice repeated.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 2 hrs. 55 mins. W. Turner, 1; J. Bonney, 2; I. Springhall, 3; H. J. Shade, 4; C. Beach, 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; A. Hayward, 7; D. Sutton, 8. [* First peal in the method.]

At Appleton, Berks.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., the Appleton Company rang at the parish church a peal of 5079 Stedman's Catens in 3 hrs. 25 mins. F. Castle, 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; E. Holifield, 3; W. Bennett, 4; B. Barrett, 5; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; J. Avery, 8; G. Holifield (conductor), 9; D. Napper, 10. Tenor, 14½ cwt. Touches of Double Norwich and Stedman's Triples were also rung.

St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 48 mins. R. French, 1; H. Langdon, 2; F. G. Newman (conductor), 3; W. Jones, 4; J. Barry, 5; G. R. Banks, 6; W. H. George (first peal with a bob-bell), 7; R. K. Knight, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt., in F. The ringers tender Mr. George their thanks for his liberality on attaining his first peal with an inside bell, and also wish him many happy returns, he having completed his thirty-third year on the previous day.

At St. James's, Clerkenwell, London.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., the following persons—Messrs. Mash, Jameson, Haworth (conductor), Murphy, Winny, Gordon, and Jones—had the pleasure of ringing two touches of Grandsire Triples, about 500 changes each, with the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, who rang the fourth bell. He was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths last Tuesday week. Mr. J. Knight rang the treble in one touch. Tenor, 22 cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

'The Salvation Army and Holiness.'

SIR,—I purchased the February No. of *Holiness Advocate* of a girl standing at the door of 101 Queen Victoria Street, E.C. (the 'Headquarters' of the Salvation Army); there were three others with her, and all were endeavouring to sell the publication in question to passers-by. Before I bought the paper, I asked what it contained, and was told, 'It contains a full account of our Christmas Meetings.' I naturally concluded that the *Holiness Advocate* was the Salvation Army's monthly. I see, however, from Mr. W. Bramwell Booth's letter in your last that it is not so.

But what does the Salvation Army teach concerning Holiness? I am about to quote from a Manual published at 'Headquarters' entitled, *The Doctrines and Discipline of the Salvation Army, prepared for the Training Homes by the General*.

'Section 14. Sanctification. What it is.

'1. What does the Army teach on the subject of Entire Sanctification?'

'That a man may be delivered from *all sin*, and enabled to do the will of God *continually* in this life' (Luke, i. 74, 75).

'10. What is Entire Sanctification?'

'Entire Sanctification supposes *complete deliverance*. Sin is *destroyed* out of the soul, and all the powers, faculties, possessions, and influences of the soul, are given up to the service and glory of God' (Rom. vi. 22).

'11. Then a man in the three conditions named stands in three distinct relationships to sin?'

'"Yes;" that is to say:—

'I. He can be *under sin*. "Carnal, sold under sin" (Rom. vii. 14).

'II. He can be *over sin*. "Sin shall not have dominion" (Rom. vi. 14).

'III. He can be *without sin*. "Freed from sin" (Rom. vi. 7).

'12. Will you explain this further?'

'I. In an unconverted state he is *under sin*.

'II. In a justified state he is *over sin*.

'III. In an entirely sanctified state he is *without sin*.'

'Section 15. (1.) What is it that is denied about this experience by those Christians who differ with (*sic*) us on this subject?'

'It is positively *said* that we cannot be made holy in this life, but must go on *sinning* and *repenting* until death, all admitting that we must be made holy before we can enter heaven.'

'Section 19. (1.) You will have observed that Christians do not ordinarily live in enjoyment of this blessing. How is this?'

'They do not know anything about it. It is seldom, or ever (*sic*), even mentioned from the pulpit, or written about in religious papers or magazines. Very few people possess, and therefore very few people profess it or talk about it. Consequently the religious world is in all but *total darkness* on the subject.'

'2. But how is it people do not see this doctrine in their Bibles, when there is so much about it there?'

'Because, from their childhood they have been taught that it is *impossible* to live without sin; and all the passages which teach the contrary have been explained away—that is, they have been shown to mean something quite different.'

'10. If all a man's sins are forgiven, and all his unrighteousness is cleansed away, will there be any left?'

'No; certainly not.'

'11. Then a man so forgiven and cleansed is without sin?'

'Yes! *without sin*.

'Can God keep him without sin?'

'Yes; He has promised to preserve him blameless to the day of His coming.'

It will be seen at once that such teaching as this cannot fail to lead to the sin of presumption. Those who believe it will soon begin to *boast* of their purity, at the expense of fostering in their breasts the sin of spiritual pride. Let me quote a case in point: In this month's *Holiness Advocate* Mr. Pidwell, who was quoted in my last letter as having said, 'For eighteen months I have been pure, even as He is pure,' declares that he was formerly connected with the Salvation Army, but has left it to join the 'Holiness Church.' 'Now,' says he, 'I live without sin, pleasing God every moment of my life.'

Can it be that the 'Holiness Church' is a split off from the Salvation Army?

Perhaps when 'Clericus' reads what the Salvation Army has to say concerning the 'Sacraments' he will send his 'contribution' to the East London

Church Fund, or some other Church of England Mission. I quote from the same book as formerly—(once called *The Secret Book*).

'Section 26. Baptism.'

'1. What is the teaching of the Army on the subject of Infant Baptism?'

'As a form by which the parents or guardians of children may consecrate and set them apart, and declare their intention of training them up for God and the Army.'

'3. Does the Army consider Baptism as a duty that must be performed?'

'**DECIDEDLY NOT.** The Army only considers one baptism essential to salvation, and that is, THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST.'

There is one baptism.

'One Lord, one faith, one baptism' (Eph. iv. 5).

'6. What is the teaching of the Army on the subject of the Lord's Supper?'

'When such an ordinance is helpful to the faith of our Soldiers, we recommend its adoption.'

'7. Is the ordinance of the Lord's Supper essential to membership of the Army, or to Salvation?'

'Certainly not. Only a holy life, the outcome of love to God and man, attained and maintained by the power of the Holy Spirit, through faith in the blood of Christ, is essential to Salvation.'

I conclude this letter as I did my former: 'Surely no English Churchman can, after the perusal of "Salvation Army Literature," think of giving the least support to such "anti-Scriptural teaching."'

E. B. S.

Evening Communion.

SIR,—I am afraid that if Canon Knox-Little is right in what your correspondent, 'Presbyter Anglicanus,' reports him to have said in Preston parish church on February 2nd, viz., 'that any one receiving the Holy Communion in the evening is *guilty of the sin of sacrilege*,' there are a very great many guilty of this sin, both clerical and lay, who have no idea of it. But, happily, Canon Knox-Little's word is not the law of the Church. Permit me to ask whether the Early Communion movement did not originate in these latter days in the act of one generally spoken of as a Low Churchman; and the Evening Communion by one who was regarded by most as a High Churchman? If I remember right, the Early Communion movement originated with Dean Close at Cheltenham, and the Late Communion with Dean Hook at Leeds, both taking a common-sense view of the matter to meet the requirements of the numerous applicants for the holy ordinance. When I first commenced the practice in the Ely Diocese of Bishop Harold Browne of administering the holy ordinance alternately after morning and after evening service every fortnight, his Lordship was perfectly satisfied with my reasons for so doing, and I still continue it here.

H. MACDOUGALL.

Stamford.

Barnum Policy in Things Ecclesiastical.

SIR,—I was very pleased to see the article by 'A. R. B.' on the above subject in your issue of the 28th ult., and I think he might have gone even further, and drawn attention to the 'sensational performances' so popular now-a-days, when both High Church and Low Church seem so fond of 'gorgeous evening services' and 'flare-ups' on special occasions not in the Church's Calendar. A great many so-called High Churchmen are very fond of a magnificent evening service, fully choral, with about five hymns and a *Te Deum* (processional and recessional, of course), and a sensational sermon; whilst at the same time the morning service and the Holy Communion are rendered in the plainest and baldest possible style. (Here, by the way, I may say that, strictly speaking, it is a matter of doubt whether a processional or recessional hymn is admirable at all, except at a celebration of Holy Communion.) Then, on the other hand, the Low-Church party do just the same thing in a different way with their special 'revival services,' and 'Gospel sermons,' &c.; nor do they despise music so much as they used to do in past years. When will the day come when we shall have morning and evening prayer properly rendered (choral if you like), but with just a hymn or anthem in the proper place appointed in the Book of Common Prayer, and choral midday celebration, with as much ritual and music as is authorised?

J. R. JERRAM.

The Close, Salisbury.

The White Cross Army and the Church of England Purity Society.

SIR,—For the past two years I have seen with great interest the truly great and noble work that our Church has been engaged in, in combating the most formidable enemy of our homes and of our country; I mean, *impurity*. I have read some of the utterances of our Bishops, and the works of Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, and Miss Ellice Hopkins. I rejoice in the success with which a gracious God has blessed the efforts of His servants hitherto.

It is matter for the deepest satisfaction to every sincere and devout member of the Church of England to have such proof (if it were the only practical proof) of the vigorous spiritual life which now animates the Church of our fathers. I earnestly trust that you will obtain full success in your efforts to get such a revision of the Criminal Law as is necessary in order to sustain and co-operate with the Moral Law, which it is the province of the Church to apply. I can but say that I believe the very greatest possible interests, social and national, are bound up in this conflict. Here, I believe, is to be fought the great battle with the Antichrist of the last days.

I rejoice to see that the movement of the Bishop of Durham is spreading so widely. I am sorry to say that no action has yet been taken by our Church in Canada. For two years the matter has been agitated in the Dominion Parliament. Two Bills were brought in, one against seduction and the other against unnatural crimes. Nothing has yet been done. I regret to say that public opinion, and also Church or religious opinion, is not yet awake to its

chaplains within the present diocese is twenty-seven; it is served also by twenty-six other priests and ten deacons, of whom two priests and four deacons are natives. The Holkar, like several other native princes, does not allow Christian missions within his fief. He has lately, however, sent for some clergy to converse with them on the Gospel, of which he seemed to be quite ignorant.

EAST AFRICA.

THE C.M.S. has received intelligence of the death of King Mtesa of Uganda, at whose invitation, conveyed by Mr. Stanley, the Victoria Nyanza Mission was commenced nine years ago. The new king, Mwanga, is a youth who has been in some measure brought under the influence of the missionaries. The comparative freedom from violence and bloodshed with which the change of rulers has been effected is unprecedented. The princess raised to the rank of king's 'sister' professes Christianity.

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE Grahamstown Diocesan Synod met in January, a 'conference of clergy' having been timed to precede it. The charge of Bishop Webb (who has been translated hither from Bloemfontein), after paying a deserved tribute to the memory of Bishop Merriman, entered upon the relations between the Church of the province and the mother Church of England, quoting from a letter by the present Archbishop of Canterbury to the local Metropolitan, which recognised, in the fullest terms, the close union between the Church at home and in this colony. The remainder of the Charge was mainly taken up with diocesan topics. The Synod was very well attended. The debate of most general interest was that respecting the appointment of a 'Council of Reference in England' as an adjunct to the Provincial Tribunal of Appeal—like that existing in England for Australia—a subject which was referred by the last Provincial Synod of Capetown to the various Diocesan Synods. A motion by Chancellor Espin, affirming the desirableness of such a Council, and also of the establishment of a Court of Appeal in England commanding the confidence of the whole Colonial Church, was carried by a large majority. Another resolution agreed upon affirmed the desirableness of employing more generally the gifts of lay Churchmen in aid of the clergyman in charge, or in the absence of a clergyman.

WEST AFRICA.

THE late Bishop Pinck of Liberia (whose successor is the second 'coloured' man consecrated in the United States) established the Cape-mount Mission among the Vey tribe. This is said to be the only tribe in Africa which has invented an alphabet. English school-books used to suppose that all alphabets sprang from one source—the Phœnician; it is now held that the Cuneiform and Sanscrit are each wholly original, as also probably the Tamul, Burmese, and Siamese—to which must now be added the Vey. Dr. Köller, of the C. M. S. in Sierra Leone, made a grammar of the language, and printed tracts in it. The alphabet is syllabic. As a high educational future is surmised for this race, it is a happy thing that our sister-Church in the United States is offering them the Gospel before they are attracted by Mohammedanism.

PALESTINE.

BISHOP HANNINGTON, before returning in his new character to his former work in East Africa, has visited the Holy Land and parts adjacent, under a commission from the Archbishop of Canterbury, during the present protracted vacancy in the Anglo-Prussian Bishopric. He visited Beyrut, Damascus, the Hauran, Nazareth, Nablus (= Sichem), Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Jaffa (= Joppa). He held several confirmations, and on December 28th an ordination, when five candidates, two from the Jews' Conversion Society, and three from the C.M.S., were ordained deacons; two of the latter three being natives, and one an Englishman.

TURKEY.

THE Berlin *Evangelisch-Anzeiger*, after stating that the work of the deaconesses in the German hospital in Constantinople proceeds with increasing usefulness, further remarks, 'That city is a classical site for deaconesses. Under St. Chrysostom, who died in 407, here laboured forty deaconesses—among them the widowed Princess Olympia—and stood faithfully by him in his struggles with the Arian Emperor.' Dr. Mordtmann has ascertained that there still exists here as a mosque the ancient Deaconess Church, which was consecrated in 600 by the Patriarch Cyriacus, in the reign of Maurice, in honour of whose deaconess sister it was thus named. 'The way to it,' he writes, 'passes by the palace of the Egyptian princess Zeinet, under an archway which for a thousand years has borne the name of "Deaconess Archway." The church stands near the ivy-covered aqueduct of Valens, built of marble, in the usual form of a cross, with a dome at the intersection and a porch at the west end.' Dr. Mordtmann, in drawing the inference that the useful organization centred at Kaiserswerth is therefore not modern, but ancient and Catholic, forgets that the deaconesses of the Primitive Church were blessed with imposition of hands by prelates claiming Apostolic succession.

FRANCE.

AT Paris an 'English Church Conference' is to be held on the 9th and 10th of April, under the presidency of Bishop Titcomb. On the first day, after Holy Communion at the Church in the Rue d'Aguesseau, there will be an inaugural address by the Bishop; papers will then be read, followed by discussion, on 'Pastoral Work,' and on 'Episcopal Supervision of Chaplaincies.' On the second day, the 'Choice of Schools on the Continent by English Parents,' and 'The Tenure of Chaplaincies,' will be the subjects treated of.

DURING M. Loyson's absence in the provinces, the Gallican congregation in Paris has been well kept together by the other clergy. He has himself been received with especial warmth at Tours, above all other places visited,

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

WE have received the Fourth Annual Report, from which we extract the following (the Rev. Dolben Paul, Hon. Sec. of the Guild):—

'If it be true that "nothing succeeds like success," the future of the Guild should be a great and growing one. The record for the past twelve months shows a steady advance all along the line. During that time certificates have been issued to 143 ringing members (78 change-ringing, and 65 probationary), and to 22 honorary members; 16 peals have been rung, being an increase of 7 upon the previous year, and including the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major; 9 additional towers have placed themselves in union with the Guild; the advantages offered to those who employ our own instructors have been more widely recognised, and in several instances the Guild's advice has been asked by clergy who were engaged in altering or rehanging their bells. This last is a matter of the gravest importance. The best bell-founders have not always a practical change-ringer on their staff, while it is most desirable that the opinion of some such properly qualified person should be had before the work is finished. The Guild is prepared to send one of its officers free of charge (save travelling expenses) to act as referee whenever his services are required.

'The nine towers which have joined during the year are: Amersham, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Giles', Drayton (Oxon), Kidlington, Long Crendon, and Stone, in the General Guild; Tilehurst in the Bradfield; and Great Marlow in the E. Berks and S. Bucks branch.

'The Guild Festival was held at Great Marlow on July 22nd. 170 members attended, and the usual service, with a characteristic sermon from the Master, was held in the parish church; after which the General Annual Meeting took place at the "Greyhound Hotel," and was followed by dinner, presided over by T. O. Wothered, Esq., at which great enthusiasm prevailed. A considerable enlistment of Buckinghamshire recruits has been the result, and it is to be hoped that a like increase on the Oxfordshire side will follow this year, when it is proposed to hold the festival at Bicester.

'The local branches of the Bradfield and Sonning deaneries, and of the E. Berks and S. Bucks district, have also held their Annual Meetings, and are in a flourishing condition. The first-named has to record the sad and sudden loss of its chairman and founder, Rev. C. H. Travers, rector of Englefield, who presided at its meeting in the autumn, and who had from the first manifested the warmest interest in the prosperity of the Guild. It is much to be wished that other rural deans would follow his example, and take steps for the establishment of branches in their respective deaneries. It is in the formation of local branches that the Guild halts, while it is on these lines that its objects will be best secured. The co-operation of the clergy by their occasional presence in the belfry, and by taking a turn at the ropes when possible, is another important factor in the case. In this connexion the University branch has a weight and character of its own. It not only gives us an ever-fresh supply of intelligent change-ringers, but induces the clergy of the future to interest themselves in belfry management, as is witnessed by the efforts of several of its former members in this and other dioceses.

'The Reading branch, containing some practised hands, has hitherto been somewhat wanting in organization, but promises to enter upon a new and vigorous career under the auspices of its present secretary, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, while the Newbury branch needs an infusion of strength and spirit.

'The Oxford and Appleton members have been practising Superlative Surprise, but hitherto have only accomplished a few short touches—a prelude, it is hoped, to a peal during the present year.

'The table of members and towers in union for the last two years shows a slight decrease in the number of hon. members—a class it is most important, for financial as well as other reasons, to attract and interest in the Guild's work.

'The receipts have been 105*l.*, and the balance in hand 58*l.*

'Qualified instructors of the Guild:—Messrs. J. Field, New College, Oxford, Principal Instructor; Newell, Friar Street, Reading; Hounslow, 2A Iffley Road, Oxford; Haworth, 42 Exmouth Street, Clerkenwell; G. Holifield, Appleton; Garraway, Maidenhead; Washbrook, St. Thomas's, Oxford; Parker, Farnham Royal, Slough; R. Smith, Maidenhead; G. Warner, Long Crendon.'

On Bob Minor.

SIR,—I should like to say a word or two about the two peals which appeared in your issue for Feb. 13th. In the first place, the peals are not given correct; the B's, in some cases, are put to the wrong leads. For the first 720, Mr. Sevier has used the calling of the old '9 bobs and 6 singles' for the first part, the calling is then altered for the other parts: now, the simple fact that this alteration does not bring the '5-6' home twice in each part will make it false. For the second 720, the calling of the second part of the first peal is given; this also is false, for the same reasons. It is rather amusing to see Mr. Francis come forward claiming one of these peals, and saying it appears to be a two-part; and Mr. Sevier's correction, telling him if he will look through it he will find it correct as a three-part.

In your issue for March 7th, Mr. Francis has given an old 6 bob and 6 singles, but he has put the last bob first. And Mr. Sevier has given another 720; this would be a very nice one if it were true, but it has eight '5-6' when there should be only six.

It is evident that some of our young composers are unable to prove their compositions, therefore I should like to take this opportunity to make a few remarks on proving, which, I hope, will enable them to do so.

First, I must explain that there are ten parts of bells; viz. 5-6, 6-4, 4-3,

2-3, 3-5, 3-6, 6-2, 2-5, 5-4, 4-3; these pairs of bells will come behind six times each in a 720. Supposing we take a 720, with 26 bobs and 2 singles, to prove (having pricked out the first half), each pair of bells should come behind three times; we will mark the leads (by sticking three pins, one at each), first, where the '6-4's' come behind; if they are all plain lead, the 2, 3, and 5 should come in 2nd's place once each; if all bob leads, the same bells should come in 4th's place once each; if one is a bob lead, or one a plain lead, they may appear rather confusing; for at a bob lead the bells in 2-3 and 5-6 change at the back-stroke, at a plain lead the bells in 3-4 and 5-6, and at a single 5-6 only; but if there is any doubt, the hand-stroke changes should be pricked out. Should the first half of the peal be true, the second half will be true also, even if the calling is turned upside down. If a 720 has more than two singles, the whole should be pricked out and six pins used. With peals in equal parts it is unnecessary to prove all the bells; for instance, in a three-part peal (with the 5-6 at home at the part-ends) it is only necessary to prove the 5-6's, 6-4's, 5-4's, and 2-3's. With two-part peals it will depend on the part-end which bells must be proved; if '3 2 4 5 6' we must prove all the 5-6's, 6-4's, 4-5's, then the 6-2's, 5-2's, 4-2's, and then the 3-2's.

J. J. PARKER.

Farnham Royal, Bucks.

MR. FRANCIS writes thus to us this week:—'I was very sorry to see the 720's you published last week are all false. I think they ought to look a little more close to their peals, as it is giving and taking trouble for no good purpose. If you will kindly publish mine I shall be greatly obliged to you. Of course, we are all very likely to overlook our peals—myself for one.'

Two Peals of Major.

5040								6048							
2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.	2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.
4	3	6	5	2	—	—	—	4	3	6	5	2	—	—	—
6	3	2	5	4	—	—	—	6	5	4	3	2	—	—	—
2	6	4	3	5	—	—	—	3	6	4	5	2	—	—	—
3	2	4	6	5	—	—	—	4	3	2	6	5	—	—	—
5	4	3	2	6	—	—	—	2	3	5	6	4	—	—	—
3	5	4	2	6	—	—	—	5	3	4	6	2	—	—	—
4	3	5	2	6	—	—	—	2	4	5	3	6	—	—	—
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Twice repeated.

6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

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BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

Chiming Answer to 'Inquirer.'

'AUDITOR' begs to inform 'Inquirer' that he has had considerable experience, both in change-ringing and chiming, for a good many years. At the same time, he would suggest to 'Inquirer' that to detect irregularities in chiming it is not necessary for a man to be a ringer or chimer, or, indeed, to know anything about bells at all. All that is required is a correct ear for time.

AUDITOR.

CHANGE-RINGING.

[We are sorry to report so much pleasure-ringing during the Lenten season; we hoped our ringing friends would have recollected the time without a reminder.—ED.]

At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Stanstead, Essex.

On Thursday, the 5th inst., six of the local company rang a peal of 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 28½ mins. G. Prior (first 720), 1; Isaac Cavill, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also on Sunday morning, the 8th inst., for service, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 360 of Double Oxford Bob Minor. W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., with Mr. H. J. Tucker of Bishop's Stortford, a peal of 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor (18 singles and 3 bobs) in 27 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray (first 720 in this method), 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor), 6.

And on Sunday morning, the 15th inst., for service, a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6. And for evening service a 360 of Double Oxford Bob Minor. W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; Isaac Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Essex.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 22 mins. T. Maynard, 1; J. Bonney, 2; E. F. Strange, 3; W. B. Manning, 4; M. A. Wood, 5; W. D. Smith, 6; T. James (from Glossop, Derbyshire), 7; F. G. S. (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Michael's, Cornhill, London.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5001 Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 54 mins. H. W. Haley (composer and conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; J. Pettit, 3; G. A. Muskett, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; G. Mash, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; E. E. Clark, 8; J. W. Rowbotham, 9; J. M. Hayes, 10; E. Horrex, 11; F. E. Dawe, 12. Tenor, 41 cwt., in C.

At All Saints, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Change-ringing Association for the Archdeaconry of Stafford rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (two doubles in the last four leads) in 3 hrs. 3 mins. E. Woodhall (first peal), 1; R. Hall, 2; E. Cashmore, 3; S. Reeves (conductor), 4; W. Beeson, 5; W. R. Small, 6; J. Fullwood, 7; S. Slater (first peal), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Lawrence's, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles) was rung for afternoon service in 29 mins. W. Brown,* 1; T. Allibone, 2; J. H. Cook, 3; G. Brown (conductor), 4; T. Day,* 5; T. Clough, 6. The local company also rang two six-scores of Bob Doubles, with bobs and singles, each called differently. A. Bannister, 1; G. Beresford, 2; G. Tarlton, 3; T. Allibone (conductor), 4; T. Day, 5; W. Hopkinson, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt., in F. Messrs. Brown, Cook, and Clough hail from St. Bartholomew, Clay Cross. [* Their first 720.]

At St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 16th inst., six members of the Lancashire Association rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor (8 bobs and 6 singles) in 25½ mins. Composed, on the 2nd inst., by Henry Sevier of Gloucester. J. Welsby, 1; J. Worthington (conductor), 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

NOTICE.—Mr. J. R. Jerram, Instructor to the Salisbury Guild, has removed from The Close to No. 2 St. Ann's Terrace, Salisbury.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Evening Communion.

SIR,—Permit me, as one holding High-Church views on the subject of Holy Communion, to thank Mr. Macdougall for his outspoken letter in your last issue. That an early hour in the morning for a celebration is *preferable*, I admit; but to *insist* upon it is unwarrantable, being neither Scriptural nor agreeable to common sense. I have this winter begun to hold two large Bible classes for men and women, very few of whom have ever attended church, but I hope soon to have a mission-room built to which to invite them, and then to train them up to Church ways and Church privileges. I have great hopes of getting the majority of them to become communicants, but I am very strongly inclined to commence by inviting them in the evening. Few of the women could, without the greatest difficulty, come at any other time, and I do not feel I have a right to insist upon it that they should. It would be to put a yoke upon their necks which few of that class are able to bear. Is it not an instance where mercy is better than sacrifice?

To those of your readers who desire to see the question fully and fairly discussed, I would recommend a little pamphlet entitled, *A Few Words on Christian Liberty as to Hours of Holy Communion*, printed by Ward and Carter, James Street, Liverpool.

CURATE.

SIR,—The heinousness of Canon Knox-Little's offence is hardly enough dwelt upon by your correspondents. Personally, I am no partisan of Evening Communion; but that is a very different thing from calling those who partake 'sacrilegious!' It behoves every man to have and to hold his own opinions; but, in the yearning of all worthy the name of Churchmen for reunion, it is sad that the Catholicity of our Church should be abused by one of its priests, adding an additional burden to the other difficulties amongst Christians by applying unparliamentary language to those who differ in a matter not laid down as Church discipline! It is of the nature of Pharisaic leaven so to do.

AN OLD-FASHIONED HIGH CHURCHMAN.

The Prayer-Book and Daily Services.

SIR,—In your issue of the 20th of February there is a Comment signed 'G. V.' and headed 'Observations,' in which the question of daily services in our churches is dealt with. 'G. V.', after speaking of the prejudice thirty years ago against the daily use of the Prayer-book (in the form, of course, of the Daily Morning and Evening Prayer), continues:—'Unquestionably the full service was too lengthy for daily use, but from the time when a shortened form was permitted no excuse remained for some thousands of the clergy; and yet how stubborn, even now sometimes, is the opposition to any introduction of a daily service!' The writer goes on to contrast the action of these thousands of the clergy with that of the Salvation Army, who, as he truly says, 'in their hearty zeal and eagerness feel that a daily service and nothing less can satisfy their needs, or enable them to do the work which they long to effect.' I may be allowed to class myself with the Salvation Army folks in one respect, viz., that I greatly desire to see daily services the rule up and down the country rather than the exception. But for this ever to be the case, I cannot help thinking that we need a great change in the way of that 'enrichment' of the Prayer-book which 'G. V.' has so often advocated in your columns. I cannot help thinking that, for any but a man of the very highest spirituality of mind, the constant repetition of the same form of words in prayer every Sunday,

THE DOCTRINE OF EXPEDIENCY.

A REPORT has been prepared by a Committee of the Southern Convocation upon the important subject of the 'Spiritual Needs of the Masses,' and is to be printed in a cheap form for circulation. The Report cannot fail to be most valuable. But we refer to it in connexion with the speech in Convocation of the Bishop of Truro, formerly Vicar of St. Peter's, Eaton Square, London. It appears that a paragraph of the Report deals with Free and Open Churches in a sense favourable to their principle, and to this paragraph the Bishop of Truro makes a qualified objection. He says, 'While entirely concurring in what has been said as to the value of Free and Open Churches, I shall never forget what I learnt from my late Diocesan the Bishop of London, when he offered me St. Peter's, Eaton Square. He knew the strong objection I had to pew-rents, and therefore he told me that I was to consider the subject before I accepted the living, because he had made up his mind that it would be undesirable to abandon the system in St. Peter's. An experience of thirteen years has convinced me of the wisdom of his judgment. If we had abandoned pew-rents the only practical effect would have been that we should have lost 1000*l.* a-year which we were able to give to Foreign Missions and work of that kind. A sufficient provision was made for the clergyman, who was therefore perfectly free from any necessity of applying a single offertory to his own needs. The whole of the offertories, therefore, were set free for the work of the Church.' We have quoted at some length, for the Bishop of Truro puts it in a specious form (and gives the weight of his name to it), what we conceive to be a very dangerous doctrine, namely, that money gain can outweigh a question of absolute right. He, in fact, pleads in a very bold form the doctrine of expediency, and in doing so, moreover, entirely begs the question which he would prove. What right has the Bishop to assume that funds were 'set free' for the work of the Church by the pew-renting of his church? May not liberality have been rather repressed, and may not this 1000*l.*, which we must understand to have been pew-rents derived from the wealthy congregation of that church, have been far less than would have been their voluntary gifts? But even if the Bishop's view be true, what possible right has he to say that 'the only practical effect' of making his church free of pew-rents would have been the loss of this money? Would not—may we not say, must not—the practical effect have been largely to emphasize the high-toned and unworldly teaching, as well as the laborious parochial work, which made the Bishop's tenure of that incumbency so honourable and so full of good to the Church in the metropolis? For our own part we are free to say, that we think in one sense—and that a most important one—an opportunity for good was thrown away in the adopting of the attitude which his Diocesan, with the highest and purest motives, practically imposed upon him. There was an opportunity offered for the setting of a grand example, under the most favourable circumstances, that would have been fraught with the greatest good, and where it was most needed perhaps of all places in the world. Instead of this, we fear that this very church of St. Peter's has been held up by many laymen to their clergy, and by many clergy to themselves, as an example of the possibility and wisdom of 'making the best of both worlds' and of the wisdom of so-called expediency. If we are right the result has been a heavy deduction from the good work of which this particular parish has been, in spite of all, a remarkable example.—*Monthly Paper of Chester and Liverpool Open Church Association.*

CANADA.

SEVERAL of the Canadian Bishops have ordered the use in church of the special prayer put forth by the Convocation of Canterbury for the British forces in Egypt and the Soudan.

THE project for establishing a training farm in the new Diocese of Qu'Appelle (late Assiniboia) is being pushed forward with energy. The institution is designed for the education of young men desirous of entering the ministry, and those who wish to fit themselves for prairie-farming. The land has already been purchased. About 8000 dollars are required.

THE St. John's (New Brunswick) *Telegraph* publishes an interview between its reporter and the Metropolitan, who has just completed the fortieth year of his Episcopate. Dr. Medley was born in London in 1804, and studied at Wadham College, Oxford. He was ordained in 1828, and served in various parishes until 1845, when, at the request of the Churchmen of New Brunswick, he was nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Crown as first Bishop. When he was consecrated his diocese comprised 28 clergy with 12 vacant missions, and about 50 churches. Now the clergy number 72, the churches 147, and all the missions are supplied. In 1845 the S. P. G. made an annual grant to the diocese of 3000*l.*, which has since been reduced to 1600*l.*; at that time there were only 7 sees in British North America—now there are 17. The first Diocesan Synod was organized in 1871 at Fredericton. The Cathedral, erected at a cost of 80,000 dollars, was consecrated in 1853; it is, in great part, an admirable reproduction of Snettisham Church in the English county of Norfolk. It has eight bells. In 1881 the Rev. Hollingworth Tully Kingston, Rector of Good Easter, Essex, England, was consecrated Coadjutor *cum jure successionis*. Still, however, the venerable Metropolitan remains in excellent health, takes part in daily service, and preaches every Sunday.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Queen's Birthday.

It is officially announced that her Majesty's birthday will be kept on Saturday, the 6th of June.

Winchester Diocesan Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Guildford on Thursday, April 16th. The tower of St. Nicholas will be open to members from 4 to 9 p.m.

H. A. SPYERS, *Sec. to the Winchester Diocesan Association.*

The Lancashire Association.

A QUARTERLY Meeting will be held at Lytham on Easter Monday, April 6th. The towers of St. Cuthbert's and St. John's Churches will be open throughout the day, except during a short service in the morning. The business meeting will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the St. Cuthbert's schoolroom. A train leaves Manchester (Victoria) at 8.30 a.m.; return fare from Manchester, 2*s.* 6*d.* Tea and refreshments can be obtained at the Lytham Institute.

A. E. HOLME, } *Hon. Secs.*
J. REDFORD, }

Worcester Diocesan Change-ringing Association.

ON Monday next, April 6th, a Quarterly Meeting of the above will be held at Kidderminster. The Vicar and Churchwardens have kindly promised the use of the bells. Members are requested to meet at the 'Sailor's Return Inn,' near the church, and also to note that all subscriptions not paid at last meeting are to be cleared up. Business meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon prompt.

23 Church Road, Netherton, Dudley.

JNO. SMITH, } *Hon. Secs.*
F. OWEN, }

The Midland Counties Association.

WE have to acknowledge the receipt of the Third Annual Report of this Association, from which we glean that it has 175 Members, and that during the year they have rung twenty-three peals of 5040 changes and upwards, viz. 10 Grandsire Triples, 2 Stedman's Triples, 5 Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 Double Norwich Court Bob, and 5 of Superlative Major; besides 3 half-peals, 4 quarter-peals, and 2 date-touches of Grandsire Triples, 1 date-touch of Treble Bob Major, 1 quarter-peal of Union Triples, and several 720's in various methods. Their finances are also prospering, for whereas they had 15*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* in hand in 1883, they had at the close of 1884 28*l.* 1*s.* 10*d.* cash in hand.

The third Annual Meeting of this Association will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 6th. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m.: viz., All Saints', 10 bells; St. Andrew's, 8 bells; St. Luke's, 8 bells; St. Werburgh's, 8 bells; St. Alkmund's, 8 bells. Committee meeting in All Saints' Schools at 2 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m. Tea in schoolroom at 5 p.m.; tickets, 1*s.* 3*d.* each. General meeting and election of officers for 1885-6 at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends are earnestly invited to attend. Members will be required to show their cards of membership before ascending the tower of All Saints.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, *Acting Hon. Sec.*

Staplehurst, Kent.

THE new ring of eight, which has been completed by Messrs. Mears of Whitechapel, is now in process of hanging, and will be opened on April 28th. The Dedication Service will be at about 3 or 4 p.m., the preacher being the Bishop of Hereford. There will be a Committee meeting of the Kent Association in the afternoon for the admission of members.

On Bob Minor.

SIR,—The 720's which have appeared for these last few weeks in *Church Bells* show us that 'transposing' is not understood by some of our young composers; therefore I will follow up my remarks on Bob Minor with a few words on this part of the business. The three false 720's by Mr. Sevier will do for an illustration: it was only necessary for him to have given one of these peals, for the second is the same as the first, but is commenced with the second division; and the third is commenced with the third division. Now, as almost every three-part peal can be transposed forty different ways—that is to say, the calling can be commenced with any lead, backward or forward—it is absurd to think of giving more than one of these arrangements. Mr. Francis's arrangement of the old 'eight bobs and six singles' is not an improvement, so he has gained nothing: in fact, this sort of thing cannot be called composing. Even if a 720 is badly given we are not entitled to much if we transpose it into its best possible form. I will tell Mr. Sevier that a 720 of Bob Minor cannot be obtained with 13 bobs and 2 singles: also, if only two singles are used in a 720, they must be thirty leads apart.

It may not be out of place to give here a few simple facts which have come to my knowledge—at one time and another—concerning Bob Minor. I will first show the different number of bobs that can be used in the first half to produce the three different 'half-way singles.'

7, 10, 13, or 16 bobs and one single, will produce	1 3 2 5 6
8, 11, 14, " " " "	3 2 4 5 6
9, 12, 15, " " " "	2 4 3 5 6

Now if we take, for instance, a 720 with 14 bobs and 2 singles, the first half will contain 7 bobs; by using the calling of another 720 the second half can be made to contain 10, 13, or 16 bobs, or vice versa. The other two can be treated the same way: thus it can be seen that a 720 can be made to contain an odd number of bobs, from 17 to 23; but it must be understood that if the first half is called with *any* of the numbers in any particular row it will not come round by using *one* of the numbers in either of the

other rows: for instance, if we call the first half with 7 bobs, and the second half with 8 or 9 bobs (and a single), we get 3 4 2 5 6, or 4 2 3 5 6, instead of 2 3 4 5 6: thus we get a repetition of one change. It can also be seen that we cannot get any of the changes in the second half unless we use a single.

Farnham Royal, Bucks.

J. J. PARKER.

The Clerkenwell Society of Ringers, London.

ON Saturday, the 21st ult., the Annual Supper of the above Society took place at the 'Crown Tavern,' Clerkenwell Green, when Mr. Banks took the chair and Mr. Mandeville the vice-chair. After Mr. J. Bissmire had proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and the usual toasts had been duly honoured, several excellent songs, followed by tunes on the hand-bells, enlivened a pleasant evening's meeting. Messrs. Ricketts and Knight were excellent stewards. Several members of the above Society are ringers of St. Andrew's, Holborn Viaduct.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Hertford.

ON Monday, the 2nd ult., six members of the Hertford County Association rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (38 bobs and 22 singles) in 27 mins. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; A. Godman, jun. (first 720), 3; H. Lewis (first 720 inside), 4; A. Godman, sen. (first 720), 5; N. N. Hills (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. This is probably the first 720 on six bells by all St. Albans' men.

At St. Albans' Cathedral.

ON Tuesday, the 10th ult., a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. T. Grant, 1; H. Lewis, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; E. Hulks, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; A. Godman, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. Battle, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt. This is probably the first 504 that has been rung by an entirely local band for about fifty years.

ON Tuesday, the 24th ult., on the occasion of the marriage of Lady Harriet Grimston with Major Poore, at which H.R.H. the Duchess of Edinburgh was present, the Cathedral ringers rang touches of Grandsire Triples; viz., two 504's, 377, 336, and 168. Conducted by N. N. Hills.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Stanstead, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 21st ult., six of the local Company rang a peal of 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor in 26½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. This is the first 720 of Double Oxford Bob by a local Company. Also a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. W. Prior (first 720 in this method), 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At All Saints', Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

As a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Dr. Christopher Wordsworth, Lord Bishop of Lincoln, the bells were rung half muffled on Sunday, the 22nd ult., by members of the North Lincolnshire Association; and on Tuesday evening, when the late Bishop's mortal remains were conveyed from Leeds to Lincoln, to rest in the Cathedral of that city for the night, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half muffled, was rung by local members of the above Society in 54 mins. T. Pattison, 1; F. W. Atkinson, 2; W. W. Bust, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; W. Pattison, 5; C. Brewin, 6; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; T. Hollingsworth, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first quarter-peal rung by members of the above Association, and also by those taking part in it.

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., a peal of 5024 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 3 hrs. 4 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; W. Cecil, 2; E. Wallage, 3; M. A. Wood, 4; J. Bonney, 5; R. French, 6; T. James, 7; H. J. Shade, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. Composed by Samuel Wood of Ashton-under-Lyne. T. James hails from Glossop in Derbyshire; Messrs. Shade from Greenwich. The peal is a one-part composition, and has the 5th and 6th their extent wrong and right.

At St. Mary's, Battersea, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 46 mins. J. M. Routh, Esq. (conductor), 1; E. F. Strange, 2; G. Mash, 3; G. M. Laughlin, 4; J. W. Rowbotham, 5; F. E. Dawe, 6; C. F. Winny, 7; W. Prime, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt. After the peal the band was entertained by the Battersea Society at their meeting-room, and they take this opportunity of conveying their thanks to the members of that Society for their hospitality.

At Westminster Abbey, London.

A SHORT time ago, at the wedding of Sir E. Malet and the youngest daughter of the Duke of Bedford, Stedman's Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were rung by the following persons: W. Weatherstone, 1; R. French, 2; J. R. Haworth (conductor), 3; F. Margetson, 4; G. Banks, 5; E. Albone, 6. Tenor, 36 cwt. Mr. Archer raised all the bells, and rang the tenor in one peal of Grandsire Doubles.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

ON Sunday, the 29th ult., for evening service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 30 mins., with 7-8 behind as covers. W. Shardlow, 1; W. H. Pound, 2; G. Mottashaw, 3; W. Midgley, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 6; J. Gilbert, 7; T. Alton, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. in E flat.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Benjamin Francis.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Impediments Reviewed.

SIR,—I have still no fault to find with the tone of Mr. Jesse Page's letter, and am convinced that any discussion conducted as this has been, in a spirit of Christian courtesy and love, must do much more good than harm; and though it may not lead at once to greater unity, I feel sure it cannot have the effect of hardening our hearts against those holding at present different views from our own. I should not, however, have continued the correspondence at the present time had it not been necessary to set myself right by pointing out the difference between what I did say in the article of January 16th and what Mr. Page makes me say in the paraphrase he has attempted in his last letter. 'His Lordship says that the Christianity which insists upon the conscientious reading of Scripture by individuals is the religion of selfishness, and that Church doctrine is exactly the opposite, dealing rather with the whole body of the faithful.' I am obliged to give the whole paragraph of what I really did say: 'Mr. Page, of course, as a good Wesleyan, holds the Creeds of the Church. But how long does he think they could be maintained if all Christians acted up to his rule, and accepted as true and as a guide to others the conscientious reading of Holy Scripture by individual Christians who have little respect for tradition, or really for any opinions except those which may come home for a time to their own hearts? He is aghast at the divergent teaching of the Ritualist and Broad Churchman; but he opened hereby a door for still greater diversities. Now it is in no unkind spirit, but as a bare statement of fact, that I say that selfishness is the source of such teaching. The individual Christian does not recognise the brotherhood; it is a matter between himself and his God, and what has touched his own heart and reached the limit of his present understanding of things becomes the rule by which others are to be judged also.' There is not a word in what I wrote against the conscientious reading of Scripture for individual profit and growth in grace, and there is nothing selfish in this most necessary and important duty. The selfishness begins when a man, ignoring all that God has revealed to others, seeks to make those things which have touched his own heart, and reached the limit of his present understanding of things, the rule by which others are to be judged.

NELSON.

Evening Communion.

SIR,—As a working man, I must protest against 'A Broad Churchman's' statement that the working class, as a rule, wish for evening celebrations. He may have been 'appealed to by some working men' to hold such celebrations because they could not get to the others; but I think, if he had written 'shopkeepers' instead of *working men* he would have been nearer the mark; and he would, probably, have been quite on the mark if he had named a still higher class who are more familiar with late hours than working men. As a rule, the latter prefer Early Communion, as it is more convenient for them; in many instances, the Mid-day Communion is the best for working men; but, of all times, evening is the worst. If a census of working-class Communicants were taken, it would, probably, be found that they would be distributed amongst the three celebrations as follows:—Early: General body of working men, whose working hours commence at 6.0 a.m.—(a large majority). Midday: Those whose duties compel them to work on Sunday—agricultural labourers, carters, grocers, &c. Evening: Domestic servants, and those whose work commences at 4.0 a.m. Since I have been a regular Communicant (many years), I have seen the most working men at the early celebrations, and at the church I now attend, out of 200 to 300 who attend, two thirds are of the working class—a large number being men. If working men read all that is said about them, and so saw all that is laid upon their shoulders, they would be somewhat astonished, and I think the argument of 'Broad Churchman' would be one upon which they would speak their minds pretty plainly.

BAT.

SIR,—As the incumbent of a large parish where Church people of different views exist, I have early, midday, and evening Communion. Out of one hundred who attend the evening Communion, one half would probably be unable to partake at any other hour, being servants or mothers of large families. To expect the latter to be in church at the hour of breakfast, away from the husband and children, would be unreasonable. No two parishes are precisely the same; and where the area is large, and some live a long way from the church, the difficulty of getting the poor to early Communion is much increased. If it be given at different times, to meet the wishes and convenience of all parties, it is difficult to see how any one who attaches much importance to this sacrament can offer an objection to a time which, if abandoned, would prevent some of our servants and poorer brethren from partaking of it.

The objection often made, that it was not given in the evening for centuries by the Church, applies to evening services, which were almost unknown in the last century, and became common with the introduction of gas. If we are to become all things to all men, to promote their welfare, we cannot be bound by the custom of bygone ages. They who believe that fasting is required as a preparation for the Holy Communion, or is helpful, will advocate probably early Communion, and adhere to that hour; but some of us look in vain for any command to impress the practice of fasting in connexion with the Holy Communion. St. Paul's words to the Corinthians, when writing to them on this subject—'If any man hunger, let him eat at home' (1 Cor. xi. 34)—do not seem to support the theory; and as a Broad Churchman remarks in your last paper, we only ask to be allowed to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free. Who enjoins no definite hour; and to endeavour to lead all to be partakers of His Holy Supper by removing all difficulties as to the hour.

AN INCUMBENT.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of this Association was held on Easter Monday, at Bletchingley, by the kind permission of the Rector. The meeting was well attended, both by members of the Association and visitors. Ringing began soon after noon on the ring of eight at Bletchingley, and also on the six at Nutfield. The following methods were practised during the day: Treble Bob and Bob Major; Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Union, and Oxford Bob Triples; Treble Bob, Grandsire, and Bob Minor; and Grandsire Doubles. Soon after six o'clock some thirty members sat down to a substantial tea at the 'Red Lion.' The Rector, in a few kind words, gave the members a hearty welcome to Bletchingley, and then said grace for the meal. The members who attended the meeting were from the following places: Beddington, Benhlton, Bletchingley, Croydon, Epsom, Leatherhead, Nutfield, Reigate, Streatham, and Wimbledon.

A. B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

Peals of Bob Major.

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Three times repeated. This peal has the 5th 20 times at home, and the 6th 16 times at home. Singles at 2nd and 4th part-ends.

Three times repeated, with singles at 2nd and 4th part-ends. Has the 5th and 6th each 18 times in 5th's place, and 16 times each in 6th's place.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Dis.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Accrington, Lancashire.

THE Voluntary Ringers of the St. James's Association rang their first peal of 720 Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles) on Easter morning, for 6 o'clock sacrament, in 28 mins. T. Newall (conductor), 1; W. Duckworth, 2; T. Hodgson, 3; W. Preston, 4; W. Ashworth, 5; W. Gill, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Edenbridge, Kent.

ON Easter Sunday, the 5th inst., a peal of 30 Stedman's Courses was rung in the morning in three dodges. Also by the same men, for morning service, the same peal was again rung. R. Jenner, 1; H. Hills, 2; E. Leigh, 3; C. Hammond (conductor), 4; T. Wallace, 5; T. Mallion, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G. The peal had not been rung by them for twelve or thirteen years, and then rang it in courses.

[We print this; but many ringers, we think, will not understand it.]

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

ON Easter Sunday, the 5th inst., the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 27 mins. R. Calland, 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnall, 4; E. Kay, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Prescott (conductor), 7; G. Lang, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

ON Easter Sunday, the 5th inst., for Divine Service in the morning and evening, several peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung. J. Short,* 1; C. A. Clements,* 2; H. O. Dowling,* 3; J. Wilton, 4; J. B. Jerram,* 5; J. Blackburn,* 6. [* Members of the College Youths.]

At All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 6th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang in 3 hrs. 19 mins. a peal of 5093 Grandsire Caters. F. E. Dawe, 1; H. Langdon,* 2; J. M. Hayes, 3; M. Murphy,* 4; G. T. McLaughlin, 5; E. Rogers,* 6; E. Horrex, 7; C. F. Winney, 8; H. J. Tucker,* 9; T. Cox-head,* 10. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat. [* First peal of Caters. † First peal inside.] Composed by H. Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, and conducted by H. J. Tucker. This peal has the 5th and 6th each 24 times behind the 9th. The above peal was arranged to oblige Mr. H. J. Tucker, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts. The above company take this opportunity of tendering their sincere thanks to the Rev. J. H. Fisher for the use of the bells on this occasion.

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

ON Monday, the 6th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society attempted Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (in honour of the weddings of Miss Lizzie and Emma George, sisters of Mr. W. H. George of Pinner); but it unfortunately came to grief, after ringing 2 hrs. 25 mins., the seventh bell going too heavy to proceed. W. H. Manning, 1; F. Bate, 2; J. Nelms (conductor), 3; H. Dains, 4; E. F. Cole, 5; J. Barry, 6; W. H. George, 7; D. Lovett, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

CORRECTION.—Last week, in 'Staplehurst, Kent. read 'On Saturday, the 25th of April,' instead of the '28th.'

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Suggestion concerning the Numbered Prayer-book.

SIR,—I venture to publish in your columns the suggestion which follows, and which has been sent to me by a layman of high position living at no great distance from Leeds. He suggests, 'That, whereas the numbered Prayer-book is most useful, ladies and gentlemen do volunteer to stamp or otherwise number Prayer-books now existing in stock. A couple of mornings per week of organized work would do great numbers. N.B.—Some one should meantime read a sensible book, to discourage gossip.' I am of course anxious to sell the 20,000 copies which I have printed, otherwise I shall be a serious loser by the publication of my scheme. But the above suggestion is a very valuable one, as I know, because it was in this way that in the cotton famine I originally worked my scheme, and it has been adopted since within these three years most successfully. If in any parish (suppose) fifty or a hundred copies of the printed numbered Prayer-book were introduced, and the valuable suggestion of the lay gentleman were applied, even with pencil, to Prayer-books already in use, of any size, shape, or date, the parish priest could forthwith set the method in full operation, and I do not think he would ever regret doing so.

Great Yarmouth Vicarage.

GEORGE VENABLES.

Another Suggestion as to the Numbered Prayer-book.

SIR,—Two suggestions have reached me within a few hours of each other. The former, by a layman from Yorkshire, I have replied to in your columns. To this, by a clergyman in Lancashire, I desire now to reply.

He asks: 'Would it not make the Numbered Prayer-book still more useful if, in the form of a cheap leaflet tract, our morning and evening service could be put in (numbered) order for distribution among ignorant poor; e.g., Morning Prayer—No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 321, 7, 13, 99, &c.?' In reply, it is plain to me that the writer has not seen my 'Index' to the Numbered Prayer-book, price one halfpenny. In the Introduction to that Index I have suggested two ways, at least, of using the numbers *without mentioning any one of them aloud*. One way is exactly what this clergyman suggests. The other is a board with the necessary and unchanging parts painted, after which a few figures in chalk do everything else that is needful. Thus, suppose a board 42 inches by 24 inches; on the left hand side are painted (permanently) as follows: Hymn; Prayer-book; the Psalms; After First Lesson; After Second Lesson; Collect of the Day; Prayers; Anthem or Hymn; Prayers; Litany; Holy Communion Office; Collect, Epistle, and Gospel; Nicene Creed; Hymn before Sermon; Offertory Sentences. Now suppose after these, on the right of each, the 'number' be written in chalk. Where no Processional or Introductory Hymn is used, write 'No Hymn'; after 'Prayers, Litany,' write '16' or '40,' or 'Neither this morning,' just as the case may be. This method is so simple that it can be put into operation anywhere if needed, just as readily as the number of 'hymns' is constantly put on a board now. But if clergy really desire to secure hearty and thorough congregational worship, let them not hesitate to announce any needful 'number,' and *pause until* they see the place is found. Within six weeks they will secure such a success as will delight them, only they must do this heartily, as though they earnestly desired to secure a really congregational service. If they will do this for six weeks they will rarely, after this, need to quote any numbers more than on two or three occasions on any Sunday.

Great Yarmouth Vicarage.

GEORGE VENABLES.

Numbering the Prayer-book.

SIR,—Mr. Venables writes, 'If people are taught by my numbered scheme to find the Psalms for six or eight months, the whole difficulty of finding the occasional Psalms will have vanished altogether before that time has expired.' Certainly, in much less time than six or eight months people may easily be taught to find the places in the Prayer-book in the *ordinary* way (i.e. without numbers), not only of the Psalms, but for every service. Where, then, is the necessity for disfiguring the Prayer-book with these numbers, and disfiguring the services of the Church, too, by calling them out? People would have to be taught to use the numbers, and may just as easily be taught to find the places *without* the numbers. Allow me also to add (speaking from long experience) that the inability to find places in the Prayer-book is by no means [an important factor among the real reasons for non-attendance at church.

SENTER.

SIR,—Of your courtesy, allow me to vindicate my arithmetic, even though it be at the expense of my accuracy of statement. The question was as to numbering the 150 Psalms. Each day's Matins and Evensong are *already* numbered in Canon Venables' Prayer-book. These 60 numbers, together with the 42 in the Baptism Offices, make 102. Further, the numbers in the Ordination Offices, together with the Articles and the Table of Affinity, make about 146 (I believe the exact number is 144). If these were allocated to the Psalter we should still keep well below 500. I still think, and I feel sure my opinion will be shared by a very large number of persons, that the finding of the Psalms used in public worship is a vastly more important matter than finding any place in the Prayer-book at a catechetical class. Lengthened directions can be given in the latter case. Brevity is essential to *success* in the former case.

J. F. MORTON, M.A.

The Impediments Reviewed.

SIR,—Your correspondent ignores this fact in the nature of the Church of England, viz., that the boundaries of *necessity* do not so set as to embrace men of as widely differing belief as possible without sacrifice of truth. Surely if this were borne in mind it would be unnecessary to complain of wide divergencies upon the two extremes of a rich Ritualism and Evangelicism, Mr. Page 'sits in judgment' with so easy a conscience. It seems rather incon-

On the occasion of the visit to Tasmania of the Australian Primate, the local Government granted his Grace a 'visitor's free pass.' The Deanery of Hobart having been vainly offered to Canon Potter of Melbourne, the Diocesan has remitted the appointment to the Bishops of Lichfield and Bedford, the Dean of Windsor, and his two commissaries in England.

MEDITERRANEAN.

THE Bishop of Gibraltar, in his Pastoral Letter of last October, reviews the work which has been done among the scattered congregations he superintends during the ten years of his Episcopate. During this time thirty-two new chaplaincies have been established, eight new churches have been consecrated, besides six new churches which have been built, though not yet consecrated, and 129 confirmations have been held. In addition to this work, great progress has been made in the Missions to British Seamen in the Mediterranean and the adjoining seas. The visitation tour of the Bishop last year included, besides the Riviera, visits to Genoa, Rome, Naples, Palermo, and Malta; the consecration of the English cemetery at Sebastopol, in presence of the Russian Governor; and a journey to small colonies of our countrymen at Tiflis, Taganrog, and Hughesoffka; the latter place, which is eighty miles distant from the Sea of Azov, has been established for ten years as a centre of coal and iron works, and has a colony of 300 English. The Bishop's time is fully occupied in visiting the scattered English congregations from Madeira to the Black Sea. He will hold a conference of the English clergy on the northern coast of the Mediterranean at Mentone, on the 14th April, when the following subjects will be discussed:—The tenure of English Churches on the Continent; The best ways of promoting the Mission to sailors in the Mediterranean; Helps and Hindrances in the work of Foreign Chaplains.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

THE Bells will be rung on all Sundays throughout the year 1885, at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Also on the following days:—

Thursday, Jan. 1 (New-year's Day) . . .	9 to 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 25 (Dedication Festival) . . .	9 to 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 14 (Ascension Day) . . .	9 to 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20 (Sons of the Clergy Festival) . . .	3 p.m. & 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, May 24 (Queen's Birthday) . . .	
Saturday, June 20 (Queen's Accession) . . .	9.30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 5 (Harvest Festival) . . .	9.30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 9 (Lord Mayor's Day) . . .	1 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) . . .	11.30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) . . .	9.30 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 31 (New-year's Eve) . . .	11.30 p.m.

And on the following Tuesday evenings, at 8 p.m. for practice:—Jan. 27, April 21, May 19th, June 16th, July 14th, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 29.

The Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

THE third Annual Meeting of this Association was held at Derby on Easter Monday, the 6th inst., when the following towers were open for ringing: All Saints', St. Andrew's, St. Werburgh's, St. Luke's, and St. Alkmund's. A Committee Meeting was held in All Saints' Schools at 2.15 p.m., at which the following, amongst other resolutions, was passed: 'That in the opinion of this meeting the time has not arrived for attempting to establish a National Association of Bell-ringers, and therefore that the consideration of the Draft Scheme referred to this Committee be suspended.' A Service for Members was held in All Saints' Church at 4 p.m., a very instructive address being delivered by the Rev. R. J. Knight, vicar of All Saints. Tea was served in All Saints' Schools at 5 p.m.; and at the subsequent meeting the following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Rev. James H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, President; Mr. Wm. Wakley, Burton-on-Trent, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. Joseph Griffin, Burton-on-Trent, Hon. Secretary. One honorary member and sixteen ringing members were admitted; and a very handsomely bound peal-book was presented to the Association by Mr. J. W. Taylor, jun., Loughborough. An unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the Vicars and Churchwardens of the Derby churches for their kindness in allowing the use of their bells during the day; and it was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Loughborough on Saturday, June 20, 1885. The following methods were practised: Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman's Caters, Grand-sire and Stedman's Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

JAMES H. FISH.

The Annual Meeting at Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

THE usual meeting took place at Sawbridgeworth on Easter Monday, the difference in the proceedings being that it was inconvenient for Mr. Rochester to entertain the visitors to dinner at his house; but all those who arrived early met with the same hospitality in the shape of a breakfast at Mr. Rochester's house. The dinner was provided at the old quarters, 'King William the Fourth,' at which thirty sat down to a good repast. At the service held at the church, the Curate, Rev. Mr. Newman, preached an appropriate sermon; and after dinner a short address was delivered by the Vicar, in which he said that the belfry was now looked upon as part of the church, and that the degrading practices which were formerly carried on in our belfries were things of the past: thanks to the fellowship of ringers and other associations. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman gave great praise to G. Rivers, Esq., churchwarden, and Mr. Rochester, bellwarden, for the interest they took in the ringing. The visitors also thanked Mr. Rochester for his

kindness, and congratulated him upon his improved appearance. During the day some Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob were rung, the calling being shared by Messrs. Pitstow and Alps. Among those present were Messrs. Tarling, Thurgood, Dymock, Cleverley, Colverd, Barker, Holgate, and Alps, of Waltham; Messrs. Pitstow and Penning, of Saffron Walden; Mr. Prior, of Bishop Stortford; most of the local men, and other friends whose names did not transpire.

North Lincolnshire Association.

THE first General Annual Meeting of the members of this Association is fixed to take place at Lincoln on Saturday, the 25th inst. The meeting will (by the kindness of the Vicar) be held in the St. Peter-at-Gowt's Schoolroom, where tea will also be provided. The Lincoln Executive are making the best possible arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the members, who, it is hoped and expected, will be present in large numbers. Several of the church steeples will be open for ringing that day. The Association will be glad to see any brother-ringers who can make it convenient to be present, and as the day of meeting is Fair Saturday it is expected that other ringers will be visiting the town, and intending visitors are requested to communicate with the Rev. A. G. Musson, 22 Altham Terrace, Lincoln.

T. GIBBONS, Hon. Sec.

St. Mary's, Bury St Edmunds.

THE fine ring of eight bells in this tower were rung on Saturday, the 6th inst., after undergoing repair. The three large bells have been entirely rehung with new stocks, wheels, and fittings, the bells being turned for the clappers to strike in a fresh place. The other five bells have also been overhauled, and new sally-guides and blocks have been fixed in the steeple to form a correct circle for the ropes. The entire work has been carried out by Messrs. George Day and Son, Church Bellhangers, Eye, Suffolk. Through the liberality of the churchwarden, W. Salmon, Esq., the ringers were supplied with dinner and refreshments at the 'Golden Fleece' inn, on the above occasion. The fine-toned tenor of this ring, weighing 28 cwt., was cast by Richard Phelps of London in the year 1734.

The Rings of Bells at Sudbury, Suffolk.

ON Easter Day the bells were rung at St. Gregory's and All Saints'; but in consequence of the dangerous condition of the bell-frame at St. Peter's there was no ringing here, for the first time for twenty-three years. Extensive alterations are needed to enable the bells to be safely rung, and it is estimated that nearly 250*l.* will be required. If the necessary improvements can be effected we believe it is contemplated to add two treble bells, and so increase the ring to ten. A gentleman in the town, practically interested in bell-ringing, has, we have been informed, intimated his intention of presenting one of these bells.

St. Mary's, Ely.

THE company of ringers in this parish held their anniversary on Easter Monday—Lynn Regis, Bury St. Edmunds, Newmarket, Soham, and Doddington, were represented, and several friends put in an appearance whose names we did not hear. The dinner was held at the 'Crown and Anchor,' the Rev. J. Franey, vicar of the parish, presiding. After justice had been done to the repast the usual loyal toasts were drunk, and in proposing the success of the Exercise, the Rev. K. H. Smith (vice-chairman), took occasion to express a hope that all ringers would join the Diocesan Association forthwith.

Buxted, Sussex.

THE bells of the above church were reopened on Thursday, the 9th inst. The fine ring of six (tenor weighing half a ton) had been rehung and refitted by Messrs. Warner & Sons, of Cripplegate, London. Two small bells have been added to make a complete ring of 8. A service of dedication was held in the church at 4 p.m., and the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Scott, curate of Maresfield, from Numb. x. 10. Before the service 504 Grandsire Triples were rung by the Sussex County Association of Change-ringers, 168 Grandsire Triples during the service, just before the Hymn of Dedication, and in the evening 5040 changes, Holt's Ten-part, lasting three hours. The Rev. J. P. Gell, rector of Buxted, has taken up the work very heartily, and it is due to his steady and unflagging exertions that it has been brought to a successful issue. The offertory at the conclusion of the service realised 8*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.*, sufficient to complete the sum needed to pay the cost of the undertaking.

St. Philip's, Norton, Somerset.

THE six bells in the tower of this church, dedicated to SS. Philip and James, have just been rehung, put in thorough repair, tuned, and a new tenor cast, weighing 10 cwt., by Messrs. Llewellyns and James of Bristol. The bells bear the following inscriptions: 1st.—'I + L. Anno Domini, 1649.' 2nd.—'1823.' 3rd.—'1824.' 4th.—'Sancta Anna ora pro nobis.' 5th.—'Nathaniel Bolter made me, 1654, for Tho. Flower, 1654.' 6th (new bell).—'Gather my saints together unto me, 1885.' 6th (old bell).—'Peace and good neighbourhood to this parish, 1731. ERW. + CFT.' [The latter was badly cracked and the new bell above substituted.] As soon as it was determined to rehang the peal, the ringers set to work to learn change-ringing scientifically, and have since that time confined their practice entirely to the hand-bells, the old body of ringers having seen in the habit of ringing in whole pulls from boards, and also some set changes. By their practice and perseverance enabled them to ring a few of the changes on Saturday, March 28th. W. Akery: 1. Mrs. H. H. Palmer (on the organ of Mr. J. G. Roberts); 2. J. Coombs; 3. C. Warren; 4. L. Bell; 5. H. H. Palmer, Esq. (conductor); 6. The old body of ringers had never done any ringing except as mentioned above, and knew not how to use the hand-bells for practising. Even the conductor ~~eighteen months ago~~ had never done more

than ring in rounds. The work has been learnt with the assistance of the books of Mr. Troyte, Mr. Snowdon, and Wigram, no instructor having been employed, and the ringers hope, ere very long, to be able to report a successful peal in the tower.

In addition to the above, Messrs. Llewellyns and James have also recently rehung, and put in good ringing order, the bells of Steyning Church, Sussex, and of Wraxall Church, near Bristol.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

On Monday, the 16th ult., eight members of the St. John's Guild of Ringers, and the Durham and Newcastle Association, rang a peal of 5120 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 4 mins. F. Lees, 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Eggleston,* 3; W. Bowes,* 4; R. S. Story, 5; W. Story, 6; W. G. Routledge* (conductor), 7; H. Thompson,* 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt. [First peal in the method.] It is the first peal the conductor has called, and a peal in this method has never been performed in Newcastle before.

On Monday, the 23rd ult., Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted but failed, through two bells changing course after 2600 had been rung in 1 hr. 30 mins. C. L. Routledge (conductor), 1; E. Wallis, 2; S. Power, 3; R. S. Story, 4; F. Lees, 5; W. Bowes, 6; W. Story, 7; H. Thompson, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

Also on Tuesday, the 7th inst., a peal of 6144 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung by members of the above-mentioned Association in 3 hrs. 33 mins. E. Wallis (first peal of Major), 1; C. L. Routledge, 2; W. Story, 3; J. Hern, 4; F. Lees, 5; R. W. Wignall, 6; R. Smith (conductor), 7; R. S. Story, 8. The 4th, 6th, and 7th ringers belong to North Shields, Mr. Wallis to St. Stephen's, Newcastle, and the rest to St. John's Guild. This is the longest peal, and the first in the method, by all the above ringers, for the Association, yet rung north of the Tees.

At St. Mary's, Stafford.

On Easter Monday, the 6th inst., the Christ Church West Bromwich branch of the Archdeaconry of Stafford Association visited Stafford on the occasion of the quarterly meeting being held there, and succeeded in ringing Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. Hipkiss, 1; J. Fullwood, 2; W. R. Small, 3; T. Horton, 4; W. Beeson, 5; S. Reeves (conductor), 6; C. Price (first peal), 7; R. Hall, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Christ Church, North Shields.

On Easter Monday, the 6th inst., 1760 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 55 mins. J. T. Gibson, 1; H. Ross, 2; C. L. Routledge, 3; F. Lees, 4; R. W. Wignall, 5; W. Story, 6; R. Smith (conductor), 7; J. Hern, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At Chorley, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 28½ mins. by six members of the Lancashire Association of Six-bell Change-ringers, as a token of respect to their late secretary, Mr. John Higson, who died on April 5th, 1885. J. H. Gartside (conductor), 1; W. Croston, 2; J. Marsden, 3; A. Whalley, 4; G. J. Higson, 5; J. Worthington, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

On Friday, the 10th inst., Squire Proctor, in passing through London from Brighton to Hertfordshire, made a call at the above church, and the election of churchwardens taking place on that day, the following persons were pleased to ring with him a well-struck touch of 701 Grandsire Caters. J. R. Haworth (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; R. French, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; M. Murphy, 7; A. Hayward, 8; G. Banks, 9; T. Newton, 10.

At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent.

On Friday, the 10th inst., eight members of the St. Michael's Change-ringing Society (also members of the Kent County Association) rang the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes) in 1 hr. 37 mins. W. G. Gordelier, 1; F. C. Matheson (conductor), 2; A. Moorcroft (West Malling), 3; J. Cooper, 4; E. I. Bottle, 5; S. Snelling, 6; W. H. Judd, 7; W. Saddleton, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. John the Evangelist's, Wilton Road, Pimlico, London.

On Sunday evening, the 12th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang, for Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major, Kent Variation (1280 changes), in 49 mins. M. Murphy, 1; F. T. Gover, 2; F. G. Newman, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; E. Rogers, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; J. M. Hayes, 7; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in C.

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

On Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang J. S. Wilde's Two-part peal of 5056 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 22 mins. J. Jagger, 1; A. B. Ward, 2; A. Wakley, 3; T. Griffin (conductor), 4; H. Wakley, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which was now rung for the first time, is published in Snowdon's *Treatise on Double Norwich*, p. 37, and contains the 6th twelve times wrong and twenty-four times right, with never two calls in one course. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association.

At Appleton, Berks.

On Tuesday, the 14th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 1 min. F. Webb, 1; E. Holfield, 2; B. Barrett, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 4; G. Holfield, 5; F. White, 6; W. Bennett, 7; F. S. White, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

New Voters and the Church.

SIR,—I have been interested in the letters which have appeared in *Church Bells* on this subject, and should like to say a word myself thereon. The clergy are besought to lecture, preach, and teach their flocks the value of the Church and its organization; and they must do this directly and without delay, because the agricultural labourer has now a vote. (Thank God he has!) It seems to me, that unless the clergy have done this already, they have failed in their duty. What was the reason of England being divided into parishes, with a parson in each, if it were not to show the all-embracing care and love of the Church for all its children—in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy, in work and at rest, in study and in amusement?

But, apparently, the clergy have not done this; they have omitted to show this aspect, and must now perforce plead the Church's cause all in a hurry, from seemingly interested and personal motives. Are any of your clerical readers so much 'up in the clouds' as to suppose that the new voters will not see through all this? Is not this conduct, as the Americans say, 'pretty thin'? Unless parsons have in their life and conversation (behaviour) done this for years, it will be vain to do it now. The new doctrines of the political agitator will arrive at the same time as the new teaching of the parson, and the agitator, being better primed, will certainly obtain the better hearing.

Has the Church shown herself in these days to be indispensable to the real welfare of English people? Is she 'National' in anything but imagination? Can she be done without? If the answer to this last question is 'Yes,' Progress says, 'Let her go; she has been weighed in the balance and found wanting.' With the grandest of all opportunities open to them, the clergy have not lived and acted up to the wants of the children of the Church; they have let it get abroad, widely in all directions, that the Church is simply a means whereby the parson gets an income and a house. They have taught ritual rather than righteousness, dogmas rather than duty; paid more attention to the building than the parishioners, and exalted services as the be-all and end-all of Church polity, and the result is that God-fearing men do not hesitate openly to state that Disestablishment (where parsons are paid during good behaviour) is the only possible cure for these evils.

ARTHUR W. JEPSON, M.A., Vicar of St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E.

Popular Services.

SIR,—I was very much gratified to see the article by Prebendary Wilson on the above subject in your issue of April 2nd. Many times I have, as your readers are aware, tried to show the inconsistency of having gorgeous morning and evening services, and only plain celebrations; and the subject of what your correspondent calls 'popular services' seems to me to be closely allied to the above. With regard to what is implied by the word 'popular,' your correspondent has already treated of this far more ably than I could ever do, and I think your readers will do well to lay his words to heart. Somehow, in these days, there seems to be a general craving for something new. We are allowed to shorten morning and evening prayer (which is certainly a great advantage); but this is not enough for some people. No; they must have something new, and that more exciting. There are plenty of good hymns in *Devotional Meditations* and other hymn-books; but this does not satisfy. They must have the seats in the church littered with hymns on loose papers. So also with the hours of service: ordinary times won't do for them; they must have a service at 4 or 5 a.m., or at midnight. Very exciting sitting up or getting up for these, I have no doubt; but a sort of excitement I should prefer to be without for my own part. Even street processions, after the manner of the Salvation Army, are not despised by some so-called High Churchmen; and I know of an Evangelical clergyman who, during this last Lent, illustrated a course of sermons from the pulpit with coloured diagrams—another pleasant little 'conceit,' as our forefathers would say. Another abomination is what are called 'choral festivals,' where a number of choirs meet together to exhibit their talents to a crowded audience, and, in practising for the same, neglect their own services at home.

I must not encroach further on your space, as it would fill several pages to enumerate all the absurdities practised nowadays under the name of Church Services. Thanking Prebendary Wilson for his very excellent articles, &c.

Salisbury.

J. R. JERRAM.

Mr. Llewelyn Davies on Disestablishment.

SIR,—It seems to me that the arguments by which Mr. Davies hopes to induce the Dissenters and Atheists to stay their crusade against the Establishment are so many reasons why Churchmen should desire to see the Establishment ended. To hint to the opponents of the Church that they have the power to alter its constitution and doctrine, through its connexion with the State, is coming it rather too strong. I see your contributor 'M. A.' does not think the condition of the Canadian Church any argument for Disestablishment; but does he not remember that your own columns have shown us that some of the evils under which that Church suffers are caused by the English Establishment? for the emigrants were so used to having an Episcopal clergyman provided for them gratis in England that they do not realise the necessity of more liberality in Canada. How can those Churchmen who believe that the Church and the world are at variance, and that the Church must continue but a 'little flock' under the present dispensation—how can those Churchmen expect otherwise than that the Church must suffer loss from its connexion with the State? Speaking as a working man, and as one of the newly enfranchised electors, I may say that

When the State resolved, whether rightly or wrongly, to disendow the Irish Church, they proceeded upon the principle that every man who had an annuity should be paid that annuity from that day until the day he died. He need not tell them how that principle was carried out by the State handing over the commutation money of the Church, and allowing them to deal with it as best they could. If they had been animated by selfish considerations, they might invest it as they could—they would pay their annuitants to enjoy it through life, and let it die out, and those coming after might take care of themselves. Well, against this they were resolved from the very beginning to set their face. They had, by a carefully devised system, maintained the ministry, and preserved a large proportion of the capital handed over to them; but that was due to their own action, business capacity, and foresight.

The Report was then received on the motion of Mr. Ewart, M.P., seconded by Colonel Ffolliott; the following motion, expressing regret at the resignation of Archbishop Trench, was carried unanimously:—

‘That the Synod takes this opportunity of placing on record the deep sense of the many great services rendered to the Church of Ireland by his Grace Archbishop Trench, who reflected on the Church for so many years the lustre of his exalted character, profound learning, and kindly wisdom, and also recognises thankfully the great liberality which accompanied his resignation; and that the President be requested to convey to him this expression of our sincere sympathy and gratitude.’

A long debate ensued on Lord Justice Fitzgibbon's two resolutions regarding the allocating the profits of commutation, the first of which was to the effect:—

‘That until the profits of commutation have been approximately ascertained, it is inexpedient to define the mode in which the loss on any particular account should be defrayed, or any part of the net profit should be applied.’

To this Mr. Cairnes moved an amendment, which was carried on a division, to the effect that eventually the profits of commutation should be divided among the dioceses which showed such profits. The debate on the second resolution requesting the representative body to report on the subject was suspended, and the Synod shortly afterwards adjourned.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., on the occasion of the funeral of the late Lord Mayor, the ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral (members of the Ancient Society of College Youths) rang a half-muffled peal on the grand ring of twelve bells, the tenor (62 cwt., B flat) tolling the age of the deceased. Afterwards three courses of Stedman's Cinques were rung. J. Pettit (conductor), 1; H. Haley, jun., 2; W. Cooter, 3; J. R. Haworth, 4; R. Jameson, 5; G. Mash, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; W. Tanner, 8; M. A. Wood, 9; F. Horrex, 10; M. Hayes, 11; G. Muskett and W. Jones, 12.

The well-known bells of St. Lawrence Jewry, Guildhall, which have been rung many years for the election of Lord Mayors, Aldermen, and the Sheriffs of London—the church being erected and the bells (tenor, 36 cwt.) put in the tower in 1680, the old church being burnt in the fire of London—were ordered by the Churchwardens (Messrs. Jones, Thomas, and Beningsfield) to be rung muffled, in memory of the Lord Mayor, as the procession left the Guildhall for St. Paul's Cathedral. No doubt the bells did the same service in the last century, when Lord Mayor Beckford died in his year of office.

The famous bells of St. Mary-le-Bow (tenor, 54 cwt.) were rung muffled in memory of the Lord Mayor.

The Hertfordshire Association.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of this Association was held at Hitchin on Monday, April 20th. About thirty ringers were present from Baldock, Bennington, Bishop Stortford, Hertford, Sawbridgeworth, and St. Albans. The tower of St. Mary's (eight bells, tenor 28 cwt.) was placed at the disposal of the Association, and ringing commenced about 10 a.m. with touches of Grandsire Triples, by Messrs. Hills, Godman, Buckingham, and Cartmel of St. Albans, and Messrs. W. Allen, W. A. Tyler, J. Hare, and A. Squires of the local company. J. Proctor, Esq., arrived about noon, with several of his Bennington band; also the Rev. W. Wigram and H. Baker from Hertford, H. J. Tucker from Bishop Stortford, and G. Rochester from Sawbridgeworth. Touches of Stedman's Triples and Double Norwich were then attempted; the latter, however, was not brought round. At 2 p.m. the company started for Baldock, and some good ringing ensued: 420 Stedman's Triples, conducted by H. Baker; 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. J. Tucker; 330 Double Norwich Court, conducted by S. Page; and 280 Grandsire Triples, conducted by N. N. Hills, were all brought round in fine style. The company having been joined by Messrs. Phillips, Rosslyn, and several others of the Baldock band, again returned to Hitchin, where a business meeting was held in the schoolroom at 5.30. The Rev. W. Wigram (Hon. Sec.) reported, that since the last quarterly meeting two peals of Grandsire Triples had been rung—one at Hertford, being the first since the formation of the Association; the other at Harlow, Essex, which was the first on the bells. A very handsome peal-book had been purchased, which was exhibited at the meeting. Five new ringing members were elected, which now brings the total up to ninety. A vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Hensley and the Rev. Canon Kewley for the use of the bells, and also to the Rev. W. Wigram for his valuable services as Secretary, brought the proceedings to a close. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, July 13th, at Sawbridgeworth.

The Bell Tower at Windsor Castle.

THE restoration of the ancient Curfew Tower, the oldest portion of Windsor Castle, which is now used as a belfry for St. George's Chapel, and where the ring of eight bells are placed, has just been completed.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Giles's, Cripplegate, London.

A SHORT time ago ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a half-muffled peal on the bells of the above-named church, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs. E. Stephens, who was for several years sextoness, and beloved and respected by all who knew her. H. W. Haley (conductor), 1; J. Pettit, 2; W. Jones, 3; A. Alford, 4; G. McLaughton, 5; C. Rellon, 6; W. Murphy, 7; E. Horrex, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; F. E. Dawe, 10.

At Privett, Alton, Hants.

ON Easter Monday eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild met for a day's outing to Privett. Starting from Fareham at 7 a.m., picking up the rest of the party at Soberton, the first halt was made at Westmeon, where they obtained permission to have a pull on the ring of six (tenor, 14 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs., in F); but, as the ropes and the circle were so bad, nothing of note could be done. The party then started for Privett, and were soon at work on the fine ring of eight bells, by Mears and Stainbank of London. They were met here by Messrs. Barnett and Clapshaw from Farnham. Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation was started for, but, unfortunately, after 1 hr. 55 mins. excellent striking, one of the band was obliged to call 'Stand!' being seized with a severe pain in the side. G. Grafham, 1; J. Hewett, 2; G. H. Child, 3; F. Hill, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; G. Williams (conductor), 6; J. W. Whiting, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt., in F. Afterwards, 168 of Grandsire Triples was rung with the Privett men, and several courses of Grandsire Major. The party, after thanking the Privett men for their kindness, started homewards, halting again at Westmeon to partake of tea; after which the handbells were brought into use, and several courses of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters were rung by Messrs. Hewett, Williams, Whiting, Hill, and Grafham. This brought the day's ringing to a close, all having enjoyed a good outing.

At St. Sidwell's Parish Church, Devon.

THE Annual Meeting of the St. Sidwell's Society was held in the belfry of the parish church on Tuesday, the 7th inst., the Rev. S. Hosking presiding. Favourable reports from the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted, and the Rev. A. Spencer (rector) was elected as President, with F. R. Shepherd as Secretary, and E. Shepherd as Treasurer, for the ensuing year. The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman. On Saturday eight of the members rang Holt's peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 12 mins. J. Moss, 1; F. Shepherd (conductor), 2; H. Swift, 3; W. G. Goss, 4; F. R. Shepherd, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; E. Shepherd, 7; J. Lake, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D.

At Mersham, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by members of the Kent County Association. E. Ruck (conductor), 1; G. Finn, sen., 2; G. Finn, jun., 3; G. Paine, 4; F. Finn, 5; E. Finn, 6. Also, on the 18th inst., a touch of Bob Major (1008). E. Ruck, sen. (conductor), 1; G. Paine, 2; W. Jay, 3; D. Paine, 4; E. Ruck, jun., 5; P. Hodgkin, 6; F. Finn, 7; E. Finn, 8.

At St. John's, Horselydown, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 11th inst., eight members of the St. James' Society attempted Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, when, after ringing 2 hrs. 37 mins., it unfortunately came to an end. M. J. Anson, 1; R. French (conductor), 2; J. Barry, 3; W. H. Fussell, 4; A. Hayward, 5; E. E. Viner, 6; W. H. George, 7; D. Newton, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt.

At St. John the Baptist's, Croydon, Surrey.—Muffled Peal.

ON Saturday, the 18th inst., was rung, in 1 hr. 45 mins., 2520 Grandsire Triples, being the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal. J. Plowman, 1; A. B. Carpenter (conductor), 2; G. Russell, 3; J. Trappitt, 4; W. States (first half-peal), 5; A. Bruce, 6; U. Holman, 7; T. Verrall and S. Fisk, 8. Tenor, 32 cwt., in E flat. The above was rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late Lord Mayor. It was intended to ring a complete peal, but the 7th went so badly that the attempt had to be abandoned, and the bells brought round at the half way.

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

ON Monday, the 20th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 2 hrs. 52 mins. S. Joyce* (age 17 years), 1; C. Beech, 2; R. Turner, 3; H. J. Shade, 4; A. B. Ward,* 5; I. G. Shade (conductor), 6; W. D. Smith, 7; A. Hayward, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This peal is Thurstan's composition. With those marked* it was their first peal in the method. Mr. A. B. Ward hails from Derbyshire, Messrs. Shade from Greenwich, the rest are London men.

At Liversedge, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 28th ult., the circular peal given in p. 408 of Mr. Sottanstell's work on Change-ringing was rung to celebrate the forty-third birthday of Joseph H. Harcastle, and was performed in 3 hrs. 2 mins., with the 5th and 6th twenty-four times wrong and twenty-four times right in 5-6. G. Thornton, 1; E. Raghtley, 2; W. Hollings, 3; W. Hallings, 4; B. Adoson, 5; J. H. Harcastle (conductor), 6; G. Rolland, 7; J. Haley, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. Composed by Mr. Wm. Sottanstell.

Porter carried a resolution of the Court of the General Synod to the fact that this was mainly part of a surplus for Primate Boulter's fund, given originally for the purpose of increasing the value of small benefices.

The Archdeacon of Cork moved the adoption of the Board of Missions' Report, which, he said,—

'Showed that notwithstanding the disadvantageous circumstances of the country, they had received from foreign missions 2000*l.* more than in previous years. The receipts were as follows:—Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 1973*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, as compared with 1511*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* in 1883; the Church Missionary Society, 7042*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.*, as against 5892*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*; the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, 3608*l.* 16*s.* 6*d.*, as against 3254*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*; the Colonial and Continental Church Society, 723*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.*, as against 682*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*; the South American Missions, 704*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*, as against 729*l.* 17*s.*; and the South African (Bloemfontein), 1057*l.*, as against 89*l.* 4*s.* 3*d.*: the totals being 14,158*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*, and 12,159*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* respectively.'

Dr. Chadwick got leave to withdraw his resolution on the subject of Church patronage.

Judge Warren moved for leave to bring in his Bill to amend the Chapter of the Constitution of the Church regulating the Election to the Primacy.

The Chairman put the resolution, with the addition,—

'But that all further progress thereof be stayed until the Diocesan Synods of Armagh and Clogher shall have had an opportunity of expressing their opinion thereon.'

Whereupon the Bill was read a first time *pro forma*.

The business of the Synod was then concluded, after a session of eight days.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

UNITED STATES.

In Mississippi, at Vicksburg, a number of coloured people applied to the Rev. Dr. Sansom to establish them a church. He was enabled to take steps accordingly by Assistant-Bishop Thompson, who has had three other like applications from coloured people, all of whom want white pastors.

MADAGASCAR.

A new work, *Madagascar and France*, by Mr. Shaw, of the L. M. S., casts new light on the great African Island. It appears that the Hovas, the dominant race, are of Malay origin, and must have landed somewhat earlier than the Norman conquest of England. On the east coast a good deal of European admixture is now seen, while on the west and north-west there is a considerable African and Arabic infusion. Mr. Shaw shows in detail the baselessness of the French 'claims.' Slavery and spirit-drinking are two evils which the native government is now seeking to abate. Much social progress has been made since the accession of the present queen. The English Church Mission, the L. M. S., the Norwegian Mission, and the French Jesuits, are at work; but the French war will retard them all. Mr. Shaw justly observes of the Malaguese Christians: 'Their practical Christianity and faithfulness under that trying dispensation of Providence, have completely silenced those detractors who prophesied that, at the first breath of calamity, they would revert to their ancient idolatry and superstition.'

INDIA.

We are happy to observe that the visit of the Revs. Messrs. Fenn and Barton of the C. M. S. to Ceylon has resulted in the removal of the difficulties between the Bishop of Colombo and that Society.

'HOSPITAL Sunday' collections in Calcutta show, like those of London, our communion at their head. Last year the various bodies there gave: Church of England, 25,021*l.*; Congregationalists, 2101*l.*; Wesleyans, Baptists, and Jews, about 1000*l.* each; Presbyterians, 760*l.*; Roman Catholics, 523*l.*; Unitarians, 245*l.*; Quakers, 162*l.*; Greek Church, 105*l.*; three Methodist sects, 105*l.* together; Swedenborgians, 100*l.*; German Lutherans, 50*l.* The *Indian Churchman* does not specify in this list the Armenians, whose numbers and generosity surely must have made their item considerable.

GERMANY.

The *Evangelischer Anzeiger* urges it as a duty, 'self-preservation,' to attempt to stem the progress of Romanism in Prussia. First in Silesia, and now in West Prussia—thus in two more provinces—Romanism has won a majority. In 1817 the Protestant population of West Prussia exceeded the Romanists by 31,463; it is now in a minority of 10,984.

The lack of Protestant church accommodation in Berlin has hitherto called forth no effort beyond the erection of the Luther Dankeskirche, but a movement for restoring ancient churches is advancing generally.

FRANCE.

M. HYACINTHE LOYSON concluded, before Holy Week, his round of 'Conferences' in the provinces. Ten cities or towns were visited. One of his meetings—at Bordeaux—was noisily interrupted, but everywhere else audiences of thousands heard him with signal favour. The orthodox Protestants rallied round him more than ever before, and he received invitations from several Presidents of Consistories to deliver conferences. There are good reasons for this increased cordiality, for the ravages of unbelief among the Reformed may be estimated from the fact that at Nîmes, where their professed number is 18,000, only 100 *men* attend their services.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The New Ring of Bells at Staplehurst, Kent.

On Saturday, St. Mark's Day, the new ring of eight bells, cast by Mears & Stainbank of London, at a cost of 445*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.*, was dedicated in the presence of a crowded congregation. The first service in the belfry was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Hereford. This consisted of a few prayers, and a formal admission of the members of the Staplehurst Church Ringers' Guild, sixteen in number, with Mr. H. G. Pope as Head Ringer. The Bishop likewise gave a brief and practical address to the newly admitted on the duties and responsibilities of their holy office. At 3 p.m. the belfry steps were again mounted, and the Bishop read the prayers which formally dedicated the new ring, in the presence of several gentlemen and the Staplehurst Bell-ringers' Guild, and a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who had come down from London to ring the opening peal. Immediately after the prayers were concluded the bells sounded forth, being rung with the greatest precision by the experts to whose hands the ropes were entrusted. At 3.30 the general service was commenced, with the Old Hundredth Psalm as a processional hymn. The Curate read shortened evensong, the 122nd and 150th being chanted as special psalms, while the Rector read two passages of Scripture, viz. Exod. xxviii. 30-37, and Zech. xiv. 20. After the *Magnificat*, hymn 316 (*Church Hymns*) was sung, and after the third collect, the anthem, 'Oh, how amiable.' The prayers being ended, a short peal on the bells ensued, which was followed by a special hymn. The Bishop then preached a most suitable and earnest sermon from Exod. xxxix. 43, which was listened to with rapt attention. Hymn 509 was then sung, and an offertory to cover some expenses connected with preparing the tower for the reception of the bells collected, which amounted to 20*l.* 2*s.* 7½*d.* The weights of the bells are:—21, 15, 12, 9, 8, 7, 6, and 6 cwt. The inscriptions are:—Treble, 'Praise to God the Eternal Father. G. F. Reynier, S.T.P., Rector, 1885.' 2nd, 'Praise to God the Eternal Son. J. H. C. McGill, M.A., Curate, 1885.' 3rd, 'Praise to God the Eternal Spirit. J. Nunn, William Wickings, Churchwardens, 1885.' 4th, 'This Bell is in place of one cast in 1748. God bless the Church.' 5th, 'This Bell is in place of one cast in 1663. God bless the Queen.' 6th, 'This Bell is in place of one cast in 1594. God bless Staplehurst.' 7th, 'Joseph Hatch made me, Henry Turner, C.W.; William Woolless, C.W., 1605 T.S.' Tenor, 'This Tenor, which is in place of one cast in 1649, and 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and Treble Bells, were cast by Mears & Stainbank in 1885. Dona Dei Deo.'

North Lincolnshire Association.

THE First General Annual Meeting of the members of this Association was held at Lincoln on Saturday last, and was attended with the greatest possible success. Prior to the meeting several touches were rung on the St. Peter's-at-Gowts bells, by mixed bands. By the kindness of the Vicar of the parish the meeting was held in the St. Peter's-at-Gowts school-room, where, at four o'clock in the afternoon, a large number of members attended from Gainsborough, Market Rasen, Nocton and Dunston, the three Lincoln branches also being well represented. In addition to these, the Association was honoured with the presence of brethren from Spalding, Boston, Retford, Nottingham, Newark, and other places. In the absence of the President (F. A. Dorrington, Esq.), Mr. F. F. Linley of Gainsborough, one of the Vice-presidents, was voted to the chair. A number of letters were read from several gentlemen apologising for their absence, and amongst the correspondence was a communication from Sir Charles Anderson, expressing his willingness to become a subscriber. The accounts for the past year, which had been audited, were presented and passed, and showed a balance in hand of over 8*l.* F. A. Dorrington, Esq., of Nettleton Lodge, Caistor, was unanimously re-elected President, and the Rev. A. G. Musson of Lincoln, and Mr. F. F. Linley of Gainsborough, Vice-presidents. As Mr. T. Gibbons, of Market Rasen, had expressed a desire to relinquish the duties of Secretary, Mr. W. Lunn, of Market Rasen, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy, and Mr. H. Gadd, of Market Rasen, was re-appointed Treasurer. Over twenty new members were enrolled, as well as several honorary members. Before the meeting closed, votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. G. Musson and the Lincoln executive for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting of the Association, to the Vicar of the parish for the use of the schoolroom, and to the Chairman for presiding. A model of a bell hung in position for ringing was exhibited in the room, as well as some interesting relics. After the meeting the members of the Association and the visiting ringers partook of an excellent tea together in an adjoining room, the cost being defrayed out of the Association funds. In the evening many of the members visited four of the towers in the grand old city, and rang a variety of touches. Every part of the meeting was thoroughly harmonious in its character, and augured well for the future success of the Association. Whilst the repast was being discussed, six of the Lincoln brethren rang several tunes on their musical hand-bells, and they were followed with a course each of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, double-handed, by four of the Market Rasen brethren. Before closing this Report the members of the Association wish to publicly thank the Rev. A. G. Musson, the Lincoln executive, and the rev. gentlemen concerned, for the manner in which they contributed towards the great success of this the first annual meeting of the Association.

W. LUNN, *Hon. Sec.*

Death of an Old Ringer.

On Sunday, April 19, 1885, at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, died William Brittain, aged 76 years. He was a good ringer in his day, having rung peals of 5000 changes and upwards in the Grandsire method. He was buried in

the family vault on Friday at Wednesbury, when ringers from Tipton, West Bromwich, Dudley, and Wednesbury, rang muffled peals upon the bells of the parish church. An attempt was made to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but, owing to the 'go' of the bells, it could not be accomplished. J. Foster, 1; E. Fellows, 2; W. R. Small, 3; T. Foster, 4; J. Lawton, 5; S. Spittal, 6; J. Foster (conductor), 7; J. Fullwood, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt.

Muffled Peals at Salisbury in Memory of the Rev. C. L. Bode.

WE regret to announce the death of the Rev. C. L. Bode (curate of St. Edmund's, Salisbury, and a member of the Committee of the Sarum Diocesan Ringers' Guild), which took place on Saturday, 18th ult., after little more than a week's illness. Only as lately as Easter Day Mr. Bode preached and took part in the ringing at St. Edmund's. The funeral took place on 22nd ult., and was attended by a large number of people, including the Dean of Salisbury, the Archdeacon of Sarum, and many of the clergy. Muffled peals were rung as follows:—At St. Edmund's a plain course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Harris, Anderson, Parsons, Foster, Rigden, Jerram, Blackburn, Gifford, Allett, and Printz. Tenor, 30 cwt. At St. Martin's, 360 Bob Minor by Messrs. Anderson, Foster, Clements, Gifford, Blackburn, and Jerram; after which the age of the deceased (32) was rung, whole pull and stand and tenor a whole pull. Tenor, 15 cwt.

Muffled Peals at Tibenham, Norfolk.

CHARLES NUDDS, for seventeen years the respected sexton of this parish, was buried on Sunday, the 19th ult. In the evening a muffled peal in his memory was rung on the beautiful bells in this tower. The peal consisted of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. It was the first time that this method, in a muffled peal, has been known to have been rung at Tibenham. The ringers were as follows:—R. and W. Nudds being sons, and E. Websdale grandson, of the deceased. G. Manser (conductor), 1; R. Nudds, 2; G. E. Manser, 3; J. Jackson, 4; W. Nudds, 5; E. Websdale, 6.

On account of the sad and unexpected event of the burial of Joseph Coleman, the parish clerk, on the Sunday succeeding that in the above notice, the bells were rung again, in muffled peal, last Sunday afternoon, April 26.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church-bell Ringers.

THIS Society will hold its annual meeting at Finedon on Monday, May 11th, when peals will be rung by the following teams:—Raunds, Finedon, Ringstead, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Burton Latimer. Service in St. Mary's at 12.15 p.m., when the Rev. G. W. Paul, M.A., vicar of Finedon, will preach.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 6th ult., eight members of the College Youths rang Holt's Original One-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 52 mins. J. Bonney, 1; W. Cicil, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; H. J. Shade, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; A. Hayward, 6; J. West, 7; J. Munday, 8.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 18th ult., the ringers of the above church, assisted by Mr. J. W. Hall, of the parish-church ringers, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 52 mins., in honour of the fifty-fifth birthday of Richard Pennington, Esq., J.P., of Hindley Lodge and Muncaster Hall, Rainford. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; E. Prescott, 2; E. Brown, 3; W. Chisnell, 4; E. Kay, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. W. Hall, 7; G. Lang (first peal), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

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

ON Thursday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang J. Carter's Two-part peal of 5056 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 26 mins. J. Jaggar, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; H. Wakley, 5; R. Cartwright, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, has the sixth twenty-four times each way in 5-6 (see Snowdon's *Treatise* on Double Norwich, p. 37). All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

Also on Wednesday, the 29th ult., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang H. Dains' One-part peal of 5008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 22 mins., the bells being half muffled to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Michael Thomas Bass, founder of St. Paul's and St. Margaret's Churches, Burton-on-Trent, and donor of the bells. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggar, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8.

At St. Martin's, Tipton, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., a peal of 5152 Grandsire Major was rung in 3 hrs. 8 mins. J. Jones,* 1; W. R. Small, 2; J. Tinsley, 3; W. Pardoe,† 4; T. Horton, 5; R. Hall, 6; W. Smith, 7; J. Fullwood, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt. Composed and conducted by J. Fullwood. The second, fifth, sixth, and tenor men hail from West Bromwich, the third and seventh men from Darlaston, the treble and fourth men belong to the local band. [* First peal of Major. † First peal.]

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., was rung for practice a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; J. W. Thompson, 2; C. Hart, 3; W. Midgley, 4; W. H. Found, 5; Dr. Knipe, 6; A. E. Thompson

(conductor), 7; T. Alton, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt. in E flat. Dr. Knipe hails from London, all the others are St. Andrew's ringers.

At Accrington, Lancashire.—Muffled Peal.

ON Sunday evening, the 26th ult., the bells of the parish church were muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. John Higson, Secretary of the Lancashire Six-bell Change-ringers' Association. Various touches were rung for evening service. A. Scholes, 1; W. Duckworth, 2; T. Newall, 3; J. Hindle, 4; W. Ashworth, 5; C. D. Pierce, 6.

Also, after service, a muffled peal of 720 Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles) was rung. T. Newall (conductor), 1; W. Duckworth, 2; T. Hodgson, 3; W. Preston, 4; W. Ashworth, 5; W. Gill, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Lambeth, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., six members of the Ancient Society of Collego Youths rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins. E. F. Strange (conductor), 1; J. Waghorn, jun., 2; A. Tennant,* 3; F. T. Gover, 4; E. Rogers,* 5; M. Murphy,* 6. Tenor, 20 cwt. [* First 720 in the method.]

At St Paul's, Walkden, Lancashire.

ON Monday evening, the 27th ult., for practice, a 720 Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles) was rung in 26 mins. J. Welsby, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; W. Denner, 5; J. Brookes* (conductor), 6. Also a 720 of Bob Minor (9 bobs and 6 singles) was rung in 26 mins. J. Welsby, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; W. Denner, 4; J. Brookes, 5; R. Ridyard* (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13¾ cwt. [* First peals as conductors.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

Royal Academy Exhibition.

SIR,—Your readers may be glad to know that the suggestion made in your current number is being carried out in the 'Fine Art Exhibition,' to be opened on May the 19th, at the Crystal Palace. It is being established for the very purpose of enabling artists to exhibit pictures which, having been conditionally accepted by the Academy, have not been hung for want of space. These pictures may, at the wish of the painters, be passed on from the Academy directly to the emporium for transmission to the Crystal Palace. Other pictures also will be admitted, but these are to be subjected, for acceptance, to a hanging committee, comprising some well-known members of the Academy. It is feared by some that the Palace is too far out of town to attract buyers. But surely the pictures will be seen by vast numbers of visitors, who will gladly hail the opportunity afforded them by such an Exhibition as its promoters may well hope to secure. Pictures have to be sent in on the 5th of May and following days; but I am sure that the Hon. Sec., S. H. Vaughan, 60 Finborough Road, South Kensington, will gladly forward particulars to any asking for them. WILLIAM WHITE, F.S.A.

30a Wimpole Street.

Church Union in Scotland.

SIR,—My statement that those good men in the Presbyterian Church in Scotland to whom I specially referred are very far removed from the ordinary Dissenter, 'because they distinctly believe in a visible Church, in an Apostolic Succession through Presbyters, and in the transmission of a distinct power to the ordained to dispense the Sacraments of the Church,' is a simple truism, as the ordinary Dissenter distinctly denies all these things. But this statement of fact in no way commits me to a belief that their claim to these things can be fully substantiated. The fact that they acknowledge the necessity of such a note of the Catholic Church in no way proves that they have it, but it strengthens the claim on them to reunite with the Episcopal Church, which undoubtedly possesses this with other notes of Catholicity. The point to which I objected in the Bishop of St. Andrews' article on 'Union or Separation?' was the attempt to turn a statement of Bishop Gray and the South African Synod into an acknowledgment of the validity of Dutch Presbyterian orders. NELSON.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* for April 24, the Bishop of St. Andrews quotes, with satisfaction, a passage from Lord Nelson's 'Home Reunion Notes,' to the effect that Scotch Presbyterians 'distinctly believe in . . . an Apostolic Succession through Presbyters, and in the transmission of a distinct power to the ordained to dispense the Sacraments of the Church.' It is, perhaps, worth while to mention that Principal Tulloch, who may be taken as representing a large section of Presbyterians, entirely repudiates any kind of Apostolic Succession; and I believe that no trace of it can be found in any of the formularies of the Presbyterian Churches. R. E. B.

Evening Communion.

SIR,—I am most thankful for this correspondence, and trust it will lead to a large increase of Evening Communion, because I am convinced, from twenty years' experience, that very many persons can only attend church in the evening, and because I believe it to be our duty to afford every opportunity to our people to come to the 'Lord's Table.' Wherefore I both advocate and practise early morning, mid-day, and evening celebrations; but I do not teach that it is best to communicate in the early morning (though personally I prefer it), because I believe the benefit of the Sacrament is not dependent upon the hour of its reception. H. L.

Religious Bigotry.

SIR,—Allow me to protest humbly but earnestly against religious bigotry in the present day; it does untold harm to our Church and to the cause of

existence. . . . Even our drink must now be nutritious! Most persons might naturally be aware that the primary object of drink is to satisfy thirst, which means a craving for the supply of water to the tissues—the only fluid they demand and utilise when the sensation in question is felt. Water is a solvent of solids, and is more powerful to this end when employed free from admixture with any other solid material. It may be flavoured, as in tea and otherwise, without impairing its solvent power, but when mixed with any concrete matter, as in chocolate, thick cocoa, or even with milk, its capacity for dissolving—the very quality for which it was demanded—is in great part lost. So plentiful is nutriment in solid food, that the very last place where we should seek that quality is the drink which accompanies the ordinary meal.

Digestion a main Consideration.

Another agent in the combination to maintain for the man of advancing age his career of flesh-eater is the dentist.

'Nothing is more common at this period of life than to hear complaints of indigestion experienced, so it is affirmed, because mastication is imperfectly performed for want of teeth. The dentist deftly repairs the defective implements, and the important function of chewing the food can be henceforth performed with comfort. But, without any intention to justify a doctrine of final causes, I would point out the significant fact that the disappearance of the masticating powers is mostly coincident with the period of life when that species of food which most requires their action—namely, solid animal fibre—is little, if at all, required by the individual. It is during the latter third of his career that the softer and lighter foods, such as well-cooked cereals, some light mixed animal and vegetable soups, and also fish, for which teeth are barely necessary, are particularly valuable and appropriate. And the man with imperfect teeth who conforms to nature's demands for a mild, non-stimulating dietary in advanced years will mostly be blessed with a better digestion and sounder health than the man who, thanks to his artificial machinery, can eat and does eat as much flesh in quantity and variety as he did in the days of his youth.'

'Martyrs to Indigestion.'

There is, Sir Henry remarks, a very common term, familiar by daily use, which conveys unmistakably to every one painful impressions regarding those who manifest the discomforts indicated by it—namely, the term indigestion.

'The "martyr to indigestion" may perhaps be surprised to learn that nine out of ten persons so affected are probably not the subjects of any complaint whatever, and that the stomach at any rate is by no means necessarily faulty in its action—in short, that what is popularly termed "indigestion" is rarely a disease in any sense of the word, but merely the natural result of errors in diet. For most men it is the penalty of conformity to the eating habits of the majority; and a want of disposition or of enterprise to undertake a trial of simpler foods than those around them consume, probably determines the continuance of their unhappy troubles. In many instances it must be confessed that the complaint, if so it must be called, results from error, not in the quality of the food taken, but in the quantity. Eating is an agreeable process for most people, and under the influence of very small temptation, or through undue variety furnishing a source of provocation to the palate, a considerable proportion of nutritious material above what is required by the system is apt to be swallowed.'

The Place of Vegetable Food in Diet.

It is an erroneous idea that a simple form of dietary, such as the vegetable kingdom in the largest sense of the term furnishes, in conjunction with a moderate proportion of the most easily digested forms of animal food, may not be appetising and agreeable to the palate.

'And it is an experience almost universally avowed, that the desire for food is keener, that the satisfaction in gratifying appetite is greater and more enjoyable on the part of the general light feeder than with the almost exclusively flesh-feeder. For this designation is applicable to almost all those who compose the middle-class population of this country. They consume little bread and few vegetables; all the savoury dishes are of flesh, with decoctions of flesh alone for soup. The sweets are compounds of suet, lard, butter, eggs, and milk, with very small quantities of flour, rice, arrowroot, &c., which comprise all the vegetable constituents besides some fruit and sugar. Three fourths at least of the nutrient matters consumed are from the animal kingdom. A reversal of the proportions named—that is, a fourth only from the latter source with three fourths of vegetable produce—would furnish greater variety for the table, tend to maintain a clearer palate, increased zest for food, a lighter and more active brain, and a better state of health for most people not engaged on the most laborious employments of active life. While even for the last-named, with due choice of material, ample sustenance in the proportions named may be supplied. For some inactive, sedentary, and aged persons the small proportion of animal food indicated might be advantageously diminished.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

An Interesting Old Bell.

SIR,—There is in the parish of Donagheloney, diocese of Dromore, a somewhat interesting old bell. Donagheloney Church was demolished by the English under Schomberg in 1690 to dislodge the Romish party who had made a stand there. Except the foundations in the graveyard the only relic of this church is a bell weighing about 1½ cwt., which was lately sent to be recast, as it was cracked. It had been recast once before, and on it was engraved the following: 'I belong to Donaghelony Parish. Sum: parva: ac: sonabilis: campana. HP84:.' If any of your readers can tell us the meaning of the last part of the inscription we shall be much obliged. This bell was found in the River Lagan, where it had lain for many years, and put in the tower of Waringstown Church, which was made the parish church in 1681, Donagheloney Church being even at that time a heap of ruins. We have also a larger bell, cast by Abel Rudhall in 1750 'at Gloucester in England.' The note is G. We are getting both hung for ringing as well as tolling.

W. O'N. LINDESAY, *Clk.*

Surrey Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Association will be held at Wimbledon (by the kind permission of the Vicar) on Saturday, May 16th. The tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. A. B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th. Divine service at the parish church, 12.30. The sermon will be preached by the Venerable Archdeacon Johnson. Dinner in the Charity School at 1.30. Business meeting immediately after the dinner. Return tickets at reduced fares will be issued by the G. E. R. to members of the Association, provided that they inform the Secretary, before May 18th, from what station they intend to travel; and show at the booking-office their E. A. C. R. receipt for the year 1884-5. Dinner tickets may be obtained from the Secretary at 1s. each up to May 18th; after that date 2s. each. The following belfries will be open to members from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m., and 4 to 8 p.m.: Galleywood (8), Widford (6), Springfield (6); Writtle belfry (8 bells) will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. The Charity School will be open for hand-bell ringing throughout the day. H. A. COCKEY, *Hon. Sec.*

Rayleigh, S. O. Essex.

St. John, Salisbury, Wilts.

THE belfry of this parish has just received a welcome addition to its ring of five bells, through the gift to the church by the Messrs. Samuel and Edwin Lathey of London, and Mr. William Lathey of Tisbury, of a new treble bell, weight about 5 cwt., cast by Messrs. Warner, who have also recast the cracked third bell of the original ring. The new bell, which was presented to the church with all its fittings complete and ready for use, bears the inscription, 'In loving memory of Robert and Hannah Lathey, who were married in this church May 9th, 1812. I was given by their children.' Mr. H. Stokes of Woodbury, Exeter, was employed to make a new frame for the six bells on one level, and to rehang the ring with entirely new fittings. This work, and also that of arranging with Messrs. Warner for the recasting of the third bell, has now been done by Mr. Stokes. The recast bell bears the inscription, 'Recast by Messrs. Warner of London, 1885. A. Kemble, Rector; J. H. Humby and M. Hare, Churchwardens.'

A service for the dedication of the new bell and the reopening of the restored ring was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., when Bishop Kelly delivered an address on Zech. xiv. 20, 21. After the service some touches of Doubles and Minor were rung by the following members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers: Rev. A. D. Hill, Messrs. W. Foster, T. Blackbourne, C. Clements, J. R. Jerram, J. Short. This is one of the few country parishes in which the curfew is still rung in the winter months at 8 p.m. from the 10th of September to the 10th of March, a bequest for this purpose having been left by the Rev. John Gane, in his will bearing date July 29th, 1731. The tradition in the parish is that he restored the custom in order to guide wayfarers, who might otherwise be lost on the neighbouring downs during the foggy nights of winter, he himself having once been lost in this way, when he was guided home by hearing the church clock strike.

Change-ringing Extraordinary.

THE following paper has lately come into our possession, which we think will interest many of our readers. We have heard Mr. E. Roberts 'tap' touches of Stedman's Cinques in London:—

'On the 9th of April, 1830, Mr. Elijah Roberts, one of the Company of St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, accurately rung, as an opening peal, on a fine-toned new set of musical hand-bells, a complete peal of Treble Bob Maximus, with the Kent Variation, comprising 7536 changes, in four hours and fifty-one minutes, conducted by Mr. Joseph Powell, in the presence of Messrs. Henry Cooper, Thomas Cole, Thomas Worrall, James Howell, James Jarvis, and Charles Thurstans, who were auditors of this distinguished performance, and members of the aforesaid Society.'

'On the 30th of June, 1833, was rung, by Mr. Elijah Roberts, of the St. Martin's Company, Birmingham, on a musical set of hand-bells, fixed in a frame, and remained so for the whole of the performance, a complete peal of that admired system Stedman's Cinques, comprising 5016 changes, composed by himself, conducted by Mr. Henry Cooper, and was accurately rung in a most masterly style in three hours twenty-four minutes; which can be confirmed by the united testimony of Messrs. Thomas Worrall, Joseph Powell, John Hopkins, and James Jarvis, of the above named Company; James Allen,

of the Cumberland Youths, London; I. J. B. Lates, Oxford; and Daniel Woods, of the Norwich Scholars; and by many other Change Ringers, who met on that interesting occasion.'

Anniversary at Braughing, Herts.

THE anniversary will be held on next Monday, the 11th inst., instead of the 10th (coming on Sunday), when a goodly number of ringers will be present, including Squire Proctor and his famous band—excepting one, whose death is recorded in the following paragraph sent us by Squire Proctor of Bennington, Herts:—

'With regret you will hear that our old and valued conductor, Thomas Page, died on Wednesday morning last, at five o'clock, aged 62. His last touch of ringing was with us, when we rang for the wedding of George Hudson, Esq., of Frogmore Hall, a friend and near neighbour. Poor Page called an excellent touch of Stedman's Triples (504), which, in first-rate style, we brought round; we rang then a touch of six courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, two courses of Kent Treble Bob Major, and 500 of Grand-sire Triples, all of which our good old conductor called. This was on Thursday, April 16th; on Saturday he was declining; on Wednesday last he departed. He has rung, and they are recorded in our village church tower, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman's Triples, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major!'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 3rd inst., being the occasion of the School Anniversary Sermons, several of the Eccles and Swinton ringers paid us a visit, and assisted in ringing for morning service a peal of 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins. E. Cash (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6.

Also, for evening service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 25½ mins. W. Crossley, 1; C. Cash, 2; E. Cash, 3; J. Williamson, 4; W. Denner, 5; J. Brookes (conductor), 6.

On Monday, the 4th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. by the local Company. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Wellsby, 2; J. Worthington, 3; S. Oakes, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

ON Monday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Surrey Association rang a peal of 5024 Plain Bob Major in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Harris, 1; E. Bennett (conductor), 2; J. Branch, 3; W. Burkin, 4; J. Plowman, 5; C. Bance, 6; J. Cawley, 7; J. Trappitt, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp. This peal, which has the 6th twenty-two courses right and twenty-two wrong, is taken from *Rope-Sight*, and was composed by Mr. J. Barker.

At St. John's, Peterborough, Northamptonshire.

ON Monday, the 4th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 31 mins. Mr. Holdich, 1; J. Barrow, 2; H. Plowman, 3; J. Hancock, 4; G. Baker, 5; F. Read (conductor), 6; J. Binks, 7; G. Wilton, 8. 7th and 8th covering. Tenor, 28 cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Prayer-book and Daily Services.

SIR,—In *Church Bells* of April 17th there is a letter headed 'The Prayer-book and Daily Services,' in which your correspondent makes some remarks on what I had urged in a previous issue of your paper. He says that the whole tone of my letter points to the idea that there is a certain amount of 'duty to be got through.' Certainly there is a duty to be performed daily. I won't use the words 'to be got through,' as that would rather imply that the duty is distasteful, but must be accomplished nevertheless. At the commencement of the Prayer-book I find the words:—

'The Order for Morning and Evening Prayer daily to be said and used throughout the Year.—The Morning and Evening Prayer shall be used in the accustomed Place of the Church, Chapel, or Chancel.'

And in the Preface:—

'The Curate that ministereth in every Parish-church or Chapel, being at home, and not being otherwise reasonably hindered, shall say the same in the Parish-church or Chapel where he ministereth, and shall cause a bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come to hear God's Word and to pray with him.'

I think there can be no mistake whatever about the duty that should be performed daily in the Church of England. Let those who prefer extempore prayers to such as are ordered for our use by the Church go to some meeting-house or conventicle, where, no doubt, they will hear plenty to their hearts' content, with great variety in subject and diction.

According to the Prayer-book, the people should pray with the officiating curate. Now, in the case of extempore prayers, I do not see exactly how this can be done. I have sometimes heard such prayers spoken, though rarely in church for many years. At an ordinary service you perhaps know the prayers by heart, or, if not, have your book before you, and so you can of course pray with the officiant as he proceeds; but in the other case, when fresh words are uttered, however fervent, I do not exactly see how those who hear him can foreknow exactly what may be the gist of his prayer—unless,

indeed, they may have heard it frequently before; in which case, of course, it ceases to be extempore. But if quite fresh, when he commences you cannot even be certain whether he is about to praise, to thank, or to pray to, the Almighty. Take, for instance, these words, supposed to occur nearly at the commencement of an impromptu, 'Be pleased to accept.' What is to follow? 'our praise,' 'our thanksgiving,' 'our petitions,' or 'our offerings'? And so it seems to me it must be with all extempore prayer—the minds of those assembled to pray will be more intent on catching the next word of the minister than on real devotion. I should prefer myself to know the purport of my prayer before commencing upon it, but I don't see how that is possible when one man is to lead the devotions of the people according to his own judgment and bent of thought. Is it at all probable that such impromptu prayers would be in any wise superior or more heart-stirring than the prayers of Mother-Church, which are in my opinion better suited to meet the spiritual wants of all sorts and conditions of men than any system of private devotion of which I am cognisant?

With the writer of the letter (in same issue) on 'Popular Services' I in the main agree; but I differ with him in one point—that it is desirable at times to shorten the Order for Morning and Evening Prayer. I am sorry that any discretionary powers on the subject were ever granted. I find priests only too wont to take advantage of the license, and to exclude some portion of the service that they may find more time for preaching and for hymns. Especially the Litany: advantage is taken of the phrase, 'after' morning service; so it is excluded from morning service—supposed to be said at some other time, but really often entirely omitted on Sundays. I think this last custom is much to be regretted. Hymns are not canonical, so can be omitted; and sermons can be often, with great discretion, abridged. K.

Religious Bigotry.

SIR,—The letter of 'Presbyter' is not pleasant reading, inasmuch as he imputes bigotry to those Churchmen who desire, not to impose any new obligation, but simply to hold fast what they have been taught to respect. It may be bigotry to regard the sanctity of the marriage laws, and to believe that they reflect the teaching of the New Testament, and it may be pure liberalism to seek to import into those laws an anomaly. Let your readers judge for themselves. But as to the argument of convenience and 'the interest of the poor.' A wife dies, leaving young children. Alter the law, and give the widower permission to marry the aunt. What then? Unless he be a hardened wretch, he cannot marry her at once, but must wait a year or so. During that period the woman, even if there be a spare room, could hardly live in the house of a possible husband. But if the law remains as it is, and interested agitators do not suggest evil to the man and woman, she may hire a room in the house or close by, and perform kind offices for her motherless nephews and nieces. No, Sir: to bring about Presbyter's reform, we must not only change the law but must also introduce the foul custom of a man marrying again as soon as his wife is laid in the grave. And then Hamlet will once more exclaim in disgust, 'The funeral baked meats did coldly furnish forth the marriage tables.' The housing of the poor is one question, and the law of marriage is another, but no reform worth having will ever be worked out by those who write as heedlessly as Presbyter does.

HAMLET.

SIR,—A short time since a letter appeared in your pages in which regret was expressed that the clergy did not teach the people about marriage as carefully as about confirmation; pointing out that marriage was a Holy ordinance, the service having a place in the Book of Common Prayer, the rite being administered by a clergyman, &c. It seems somewhat strange in reference to this subject that the Ministers of the Church of Rome should be able to teach very clearly what our Clergy apparently fail to teach. It is a notorious fact that members of the Church of Rome are, speaking generally, more chaste than the members of the other communion. Why is this? It is surely very discreditable to our Church that it should be so. A lady speaking of a girl who was going on the stage, said to me, 'She is more likely to keep straight, you see, as she is a Romanist'; and another, speaking of Ireland and of England, said, 'About us in Ireland, the girls being Roman Catholics, the morality as regards one commandment is very much greater than in an English country district.' Why is it that the teaching of the moral law in this particular is enforced in one communion more powerfully than in the other? The Catechism of our Church speaks very distinctly. The Litany speaks of 'deadly sins.' Can the Bishops do nothing? It is simply a fact that the teaching on this subject does not convey the teaching of Hebrews, xiii. 4, and I say again if the Church of Rome can teach this truth, why cannot our Clergy?

CONSTANT READER.

The Numbered Prayer-book.

SIR,—I have watched with mingled feelings of amusement and sadness the vexatious, frivolous, or more natural objections which have been raised against the numbered edition of the Prayer-book, and the patient, fatherly way in which Canon Venables writes to dispose of them in face of the great objects in view. Some of the objectors write as if an attempt were made to circulate a Book of Common Prayer rather than a Commoner Book of Prayer. It will be acknowledged that for ready reference both pages and paragraphs in every book require numbering, but a natural disinclination and prejudice at first sight prevents many persons sanctioning the adoption of this system in the Prayer-book. But I desire to point out that both systems have long been adopted already in the most sacred of books, and that much greater liberties, both Grecian and Roman, have been taken with various editions. For instance, I have a Bible printed at Glasgow by a *cum privilegio* printer, from which, in the 'contents' of St. Matt. ii. there was quietly dropped out '16 fasting' between '14 forgiveness' and '19 our treasure.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

THE Annual Festival will take place on Tuesday, June 9th, at Bicester. Service, with sermon, by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Pembroke College, Oxford, at 11 a.m. Dinner at 2 p.m. Return tickets will be issued from stations on G. W. R. and L. & N. W. R. at one fare and a quarter. Free dinner tickets will be issued for all change-ringing and probationary members.

DOLBEN PAUL.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th. Divine service in the parish church at 12.30. The sermon will be preached by the Venerable Archdeacon Johnson. [See our last No.]

Rayleigh, S. O. Essex.

H. A. COCKEY, Hon. Sec.

Young Ringers at St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.

ON Sunday evening, the 3rd inst., the Rector (Rev. W. Thompson, M.A.) preached a funeral sermon to a crowded congregation in memory of Alice Ayres, who lost her life in saving the lives of the children from the late fatal fire in Union Street, Borough of Southwark. The Rector kindly invited the young band—the pupils of Mr. Mash, who rung the bells for the Sunday morning and evening services—to his house on Monday, the 11th inst., to a supper; about sixteen sat down, including Mr. Sinclair, the bell-warden, and Mr. Arthurton, a past churchwarden. After ringing changes and tunes on the hand-bells (consisting of forty-two bells), the evening's amusement was brought to a pleasant finish by a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness. Mr. Sinclair gave an invitation to the party to attend a garden-party later on in the summer.

Anniversary at Braughing, Herts.

ON Monday, the 11th inst., was celebrated the anniversary of the ringing-day, yearly, upon the fine ring of eight bells; tenor, 19 cwt., in F. A very large company of change-ringers assembled together. The Benington Society, members from the societies of Sawbridgeworth, Stortford, Stanstead, Waltham Abbey, Hertford, and Standon, were present. The ringing was very excellent. Fifty ringers, presided over by the Vicar of Braughing, dined together at an excellent dinner provided by Mr. John Phillips. The ringing comprised Treble Bob Kent Variation, 576; Grandsire Triples, 476; Stedman's Triples, 504; Double Norwich Court, 448; Superlative Surprise Major, 448; Treble Bob, Oxford Variation, 288; Stedman's Triples, 288. Total, 3028.

Quaint Motto on a Bell.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that the following quaint motto, dated 1723, was found on rehanging the bell at Gateacre Chapel, near Liverpool:—

'Come away,
Make no delay.'

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Albans, Herts.

ON Tuesday, the 5th ult., the Cathedral ringers, who are also members of the Hertford County Association, rang a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins. T. Grant, 1; R. T. Kent, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; H. Lewis, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; A. Godman, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. Battle, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in E flat. It is very many years since a quarter-peal was rung by a local company. It was now the first for the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th ringers, and the first called by the conductor. The Cathedral Society was formed in January, 1884, and the above is the longest length the members have accomplished.

At All Saints', Sudbury, Suffolk.

ON Tuesday, the 5th inst., the following members of the Sudbury Company of Change-ringers, with Messrs. A. Hurst and P. O. Bixby of Melford, rang a touch of 1056 Bob Major in 45 mins. C. Sillitoe, 1; W. Bacon, 2; G. Brown, 3; P. O. Bixby, 4; H. Brackett, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Hurst, 7; A. Scott (conductor), 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At Childwall, Lancashire.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., two peals of Kent Treble Bob Minor, each containing 720 changes, were rung. The first in 25 mins., by G. Meadows, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; H. Meadows, 3; T. Hammond, 4; W. Booth, 5; E. Booth, 6. The second in 27 mins., by H. Meadows, 1; J. R. Pritchard, 2; W. Booth, 3; W. Meadows, 4; T. Hammond, 5; E. Booth, 6. Both conducted by W. Booth.

At St. Oswald's, Oswestry, Shropshire.—A Centenary Peal.

ON Wednesday, the 6th inst., eight members of the Wrexham Society of Change-ringers rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 7 mins. R. Jones, 1; R. W. Evans, Esq., 2; F. E. Dave (conductor), 3; C. Price, 4; E. Rowland, 5; T. Newell, 6; E. Evans, 7; J. Kendrick, 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt., in F. It is exactly one hundred years since the last peal was rung on these bells, and an old tablet in the ringing-room, recording the same, states that 'Holt's Peal of Grandsire Trippels' was rung there on the 3rd March, 1785, by the 'Anacreontic Society,' in 3 hrs. 15 mins., and that Robt. Salter called the bobs. The Wrexham Company take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Canon W. H. Evans for the use of the bells, as their excellent 'go' can scarcely be equalled elsewhere.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, rang H. Dains' Two-part peal of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. J. Jaggard, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3;

J. Griffin (conductor), 4; H. Wakley, 5; A. P. Heywood, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. This peal is published in Snowdon's *Treatise on Double Norwich*, p. 34, and contains the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6. It was now rung for the first time. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

At Aston-juxta-Birmingham.

ON Thursday evening, the 7th inst., the following members of the St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang on the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church a peal of 5187 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 18 mins. J. W. Cartwright, 1; W. R. Small, 2; H. Bastable, 3; B. Wicheil, 4; C. H. Hattersley, 5; T. Reynolds, 6; J. Saunders, 7; H. Johnson, jun., 8; J. Buffery, 9; S. Reeves, 10. Tenor, 23 cwt., in D. Composed and conducted by Mr. H. C. Hattersley of Sheffield.

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

ON Tuesday, the 12th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, rang H. Dains' One-part peal of 5008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 15 mins. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jaggard, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal was the first variation published in Snowdon's *Treatise on Double Norwich*, p. 38, and contains the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6. It was now rung for the first time. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

* * We are informed that the Redenhall, Norfolk, Bell Foundry, is fused into the celebrated old Whitechapel Foundry, and hopes to do good work and prosper.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Church Union in Scotland.

SIR,—I can quite understand the distinction which Lord Nelson intends to draw between a claim made on the part of Scotch Presbyterians by and for themselves, and our acknowledgment of it; and I also perceive that there is a disagreement between his Lordship's opinion and mine to this extent: viz., that he inclines to deny the *validity* of their orders *in toto*, while I deny their *regularity*, without presuming to determine *how far* irregularity may affect validity, and *inclining to the belief* that, their good intentions being what they are, we are not justified in denying the validity of their orders, at least to some extent. And for this opinion I claimed the support of Bishop Gray and the South African Synod, upon the strength of the following words:—'We do not doubt that the *Holy Ghost works*, in the conversion of souls to God, *in and through your ministry*' (i.e., the ministry of the Dutch Presbyterian Church). 'It would, in our judgment, be *sinful* to doubt this.' Yet Lord Nelson, apparently, more than doubts this; he would seem to deny it, and to be displeased with me for not doing the same.

Whether I have interpreted the quoted words rightly, or wrongly as Lord Nelson maintains, let your readers judge. CHARLES WORDSWORTH, *St. Andrews, May 2nd.* Bishop of St. Andrews.

A Pure Literature Association.

SIR,—Having undertaken to read a paper on 'The Church and the Press with reference to Immoral Literature,' I should be very glad if any of your readers would send me any information which they may have on, (1.) The best Methods of working a Parochial Pure Literature Association? or, (2.) What Papers are in their experience chiefly bought of a pernicious character? (a) by the young; (b) by grown-up persons. (3.) What papers are found to be most popular, having a counteracting tendency? (4.) Have Free Libraries diminished the evil? Any practical knowledge on the above points will greatly oblige. EDWARD B. TROTTER, *Vicarage, Alnwick.*

Evening Communion.

SIR,—There can be no doubt that an Evening Celebration is covered by the great principle of Christian liberty, and none that this 'liberty may be used as an occasion for the flesh.' In Scripture there is but one precedent for Evening Communion among a settled body of Christians, viz., that of Corinth. The practice was deliberately given up by the Church at large, and was absolutely unknown throughout all Europe for many centuries. Therefore the burden of proving that it is wise to revive it rests upon the advocates of the practice. Many years ago I was one of these advocates myself. I urged upon my Rector that 'theory could not have matters all its own way.' He yielded, and Evening Communion was celebrated once a quarter in Hampstead parish church. I recollect the first occasion well; there were about seventy communicants; I was jubilant. But as time went by the numbers fell off, and the most regular attendants were those who both could and did communicate at the celebrations early in the day. The custom was hardly established before its weakness was apparent. Evening celebrations are claimed in the interests of domestic servants and of the poor. I have had a house of my own for twenty-two years; throughout that time every adult inmate (with one exception) has been a communicant. I have lived both close to the church and at some distance from it. I speak what I know when I say this—there is no real difficulty in the way of domestic servants communicating in turns at either 8 a.m. or at mid-day. Consideration for them on the part of their employers, and mutual arrangement one with another; these are necessary, and are they too much to ask? As to the poor, a good woman in this parish said of a celebration at 6 a.m., 'I can leave the children in bed then.' In this county is a branch of the

"we beseech you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God." "My little children, for whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." III. Examine as to motives in our preaching—as to prayer before and after it—as to the spirit in which we conduct Church Services, and the administration of the Sacraments:—as to reverence—faith—attention of heart and mind—love—gladness—gratitude, &c. IV. Beseech pardon for ministerial faults, *e.g.* self-seeking—undue regard for human praise—shrinking from toil and difficulty—cold services—wandering thoughts—formal devotion—want of love and faith. Pray for fresh "Baptism of the Spirit."

Fourth half-hour, 4.30–5 p.m.,—

'OUR MINISTRY IN THE PARISH.—I. Try to realise the preciousness of human souls—the tremendous issues of human life—the dangers, difficulties, struggles, sorrows of the people committed to our charge—the account we have to give of them—our joy in the saved—our loss in the lost. II. Examine into nature and extent of our efforts for individual souls—as to the earnestness of them—as to the thoughtfulness, courage, close plain dealings of them—as to perseverance, patience, sympathy, &c. III.—Confess failures, negligence, indolence, weakness, &c. Pray for guidance in making our work more real and effective. IV. Thank the Great Shepherd for whatever success has been vouchsafed to us—for the happiness of our work—for the love and sympathy of our people. V. Think over addresses heard to-day—see in what practical ways we can utilise suggestions. Pray that from this day we may realise more our union in Christ and in holy labour. Pray for power to make a fresh start from this day with fresh zeal and faith and joyous hope.'

'At the close,' says the Dublin Correspondent of the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, 'the Archbishop pronounced the blessing, and so ended what those who were present must have felt to be a truly profitable day. One of the happiest features of the day was the brotherly union and concord which seemed to prevail—the clergy being drawn together in the bonds of one common and holy purpose, the deepening of their own spiritual life.'

At a special meeting of the Senate of the University of Dublin on Tuesday, under the presidency of the University *Caput*, the Right Hon. J. T. Ball, LL.D., Vice-Chancellor, the Provost, and the Rev. J. W. Barlow, M.A., Senior Master (now Regent), the Earl of Rosse was elected Chancellor in the room of the late Lord Cairns. The voting was, —for Lord Rosse, 84; for the Marquis of Waterford, 45; and for the Earl of Milltown, 11.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Giles Mansfield, the Aged Ringer of Stroud.

SIR,—You were good enough to insert in your useful periodical some months ago a few remarks of mine respecting this very aged, excellent, and venerable man, and a few sums were sent to me for him, amounting in all to 2l. 7s. 6d. He was very grateful for the kindness, which much relieved his necessity, and I wish, for him, to express his thanks to the kind donors. I am afraid his long life is drawing near its close. He continued—though in his ninety-third year—to ring for the daily prayers till about a fortnight ago; but then he stumbled and fell down on his way to church; and although he seemed not much hurt at the time, he fell heavily and was a good deal bruised, and he has been confined to his bed ever since. It is not improbable that his days are now few and that he will go out no more. His mind is clear and peaceful, and he relies on the mercy of God in Christ without doubt or apprehension. He is nursed and affectionately waited upon, night and day, by Mary, his youngest daughter, whose filial love gives sweetness to her unremitting labour.

JOHN BADCOCK, LL.D., *Vicar of Stroud.*

A New Tower and Twenty Bells at Abberley Hall, Worcestershire.

In April 1883 Mr. John Joseph Jones commenced the building of a clock-tower at Abberley Hall. On the 19th of July of the same year the foundation-stone was laid by Mrs. Jones. On Monday afternoon, May 4th, the building was opened in the presence of a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen, Mr. F. E. Dave being, with the exception of Messrs. Taylor, the only change-ringer present. The tower stands on a mound about 300 yards from the principal entrance of the hall. It is in the Early English style, is 161 feet in height, 25 feet square, tapering to 23 feet above the plinth, which is 99 feet from the ground. Over the entrance-door is the family crest and motto, '*Deo Adjuvante*,' on a shield, in Alveley stone. On the same side, above an oriel, is a sun-dial, under which are the words, '*Sol me vos umbra*.' Near the entrance is a stone, upon which is carved, 'This stone was laid by John Joseph Jones and his wife, Sarah Amelia (Amy), May 4th, 1883.' On the wall in the interior, facing the entrance-door, is a plate bearing the inscription, 'In memory of Joseph Jones, Esq., of Abberley Hall, born 18th October, 1816, died 15th October, 1880; this tower was erected by his cousin and heir, John Joseph Jones, of Abberley Hall, Esq., 1883–1885.' The Lord Bishop of Hereford said that, having received Mrs. Jones's permission to say a few words, he should propose, 'The very good health of the host and hostess.' Mr. Jones thanked his Lordship most sincerely for the kind manner in which he had proposed, and the company had drunk, the health of Mrs. Jones and himself, and for wishing him many happy returns of the day. He hoped they would long live to hear those beautiful bells, and show their friends the beautiful tower. He trusted it might be said that the clock would be instrumental in causing them all to be in time, not only for the railway, but for church on Sundays. He must thank the gentlemen who had been the means of erecting the tower, especially his friend Canon Cattley, who had been the mainspring of the

whole work. The Rev. Canon Cattley expressed his gratitude for the way in which his name had been mentioned and received. Whatever labour he had given to the work had been very charming and happy work from beginning to end. Mr. Jones had allowed him to do just what he liked.

The following are the weights of the bells:—

cwt.	qrs.	lbs.		cwt.	qrs.	lbs.	
3	0	23	G.	13	1	21	A flat.
3	2	21	F sharp.	14	3	11	G.
3	3	0	F.	17	2	7	F sharp.
4	2	26	E.	20	3	7	F.
5	1	4	E flat.	24	3	2	E.
5	2	22	D.	31	0	11	E flat.
7	1	12	C.	34	2	25	D.
8	3	11	B.	52	3	10	C.
10	3	4	B flat.	61	1	0	B.
11	1	7	A.	78	2	0	B flat.

A Meeting at Arsley, Beds.

A FRIENDLY meeting of members of the Hertfordshire Association, composed of six from Baldock and four from Hitchin, was held at Arsley, Bedfordshire, on Sunday, May 10th, and, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Scott, rang for Divine Service in the morning a 720 of Plain Bob Minor and two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles; and in the afternoon a 360 and a 216 of Bob Minor, and several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles; touches of Grandsire Triples and plain courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the hand-bells, the Triples being rung double-handed in the presence of several of the local Company, who, we are sorry to say, are not change-ringers. In the evening, for Divine Service, an attempt was made for another 720 of Bob Minor, but was not successful, as a mishap occurred close to the finish. Time not permitting for another attempt, a 216 of Bob Minor was then rung, and then the local Company lowered the bells in peal. Altogether, a very pleasant day was spent, and the visitors wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Scott, for the use of the bells.

Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church-bell Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting was held at St. Mary's, Finedon, on Monday, the 11th inst. Teams from Burton Latimer, Higham Ferrers, Ringstead, Rushden, and Raunds, rang touches and peals in a variety of methods during the day. The local ringers, with Mr. Churchwarden Henson leading, 'raised' the bells in the early morning, and 'felled' them again at the close of the day. Through the exertions of the energetic Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Hugh Bryan, of Raunds, this Society is now exercising considerable influence in the district, and has done much to raise the tone of both ringers and ringing. The Rev. G. W. Paul, vicar, made the visitors most welcome, and spent some little time in the belfry. Many of the clergy, and others, were present during the day. There was service in the church in the morning, with a sermon by Rev. G. W. Paul. Luncheon was provided at the Star Coffee House, to which sixty-three sat down. Next came the business meeting. Twenty new members were admitted. The Society now numbers seventy performing members, and has a balance of 9l. in hand. The Vicar of Finedon gave the ringers much good advice, spoke of his long connexion with belfries and bells, and alluded to ancestors of his who had been ringers in the earlier days of the art. He trusted that ringers would endeavour to be church workers as well as church officials, and suggested the advisability of drawing up a sample set of rules for use in all the belfries connected with the Association. The Rev. Dolben Paul (Secretary of the Oxford Guild of Ringers) wrote regretting his absence from the meeting. A committee was formed to consider the matter of uniform rules. The question of instructors was also discussed; the general feeling of the meeting being in favour of employing competent local ringers, in preference to men from a distance. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Higham Ferrers, providing the bells there were in 'ringable' condition. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. G. W. Paul for the use of church and bells, to Mrs. Mackworth Dolben, for so kindly opening her grounds, and to the Hon. Secretary.

There are six bells in the tower of Finedon church. They were re-cast by Taylor in 1825; but the tenor (a bad bell), weighing 19 cwt., was again re-cast by the same founders in 1875. It now weighs 24 cwt., and is well known for its rich, mellow tone, though considered somewhat too powerful for the front bells. Why not add two trebles and make a bright, handy ring of eight? The idea was mooted on Monday last, and seemed to meet with general favour.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

ON Wednesday, the 13th inst., being the eve of Ascension Day, the nineteenth anniversary of the above church, and the fourth anniversary of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 53 mins. W. Shardlow, 1; J. Thompson, 2; C. Hart, 3; W. Midgeley, 4; W. H. Found, 5; G. Mottashaw, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; T. Alton, 8. Tenor, 20½ cwt., in E flat. This is the first peal in which the ringers were all St. Andrew's men.

At All Saints', Loughborough, Leicestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 19th inst., the local band rang for practice a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. C. Smith, 1; T. Cooper, 2; A. Cresser, 3; J. W. Taylor, jun., 4; R. Lane, 5; E. W. Taylor, 6; S. Smith (conductor), 7; E. Wighman, 8. Tenor, 24½ cwt., in D.

late Dr. Colenso, have declined to comply with the request. Bishop Macrorie, before returning to the colony from his visit to England, was presented with 'a purse of 340l. as a mark of affection and esteem,' and of the donors' firm conviction that, under his wise rule, rather than by his resignation of the see, the present unhappy schism in Natal will best be healed.' Among the names attached to the accompanying letter were those of Mr. Beresford-Hope, Lord Forbes, Bishop Hobhouse, the Dean of Lichfield, Canons Liddon and Bright. The subscribers remarked on the Bishop's success in his sixteen years' administration, his clergy having risen from ten to thirty, and his churches from two to thirty-two.

THE Cape papers have published the reply of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the memorial sent him from a meeting held last autumn at Capetown, which prayed his Grace, in view of late legal decisions seeming to disconnect the South African from the Mother Church, to give counsel as to the best means of securing 'the closest public connexion with the Church of England.' The memorial was signed by Archdeacons Badnall and Fogg, Sir D. Tennant, Speaker of the House of Assembly, and other influential clergymen and laymen. The Archbishop's lengthy reply includes an expression of regret that the famous 'Proviso' was inserted in the South African Church Constitution as drawn up under Bishop Gray, but points out that, at most, the severance of legal connexion with the Mother Church, declared by a recent judgment to have thereby ensued, concerns nothing more than the tenure of part of the Church property. Meanwhile, adds his Grace, there is no fear of any 'severance of spiritual connexion between our Churches.' He advises, for meeting the difficulty as to the tenure of property, resort to the Colonial Legislature for a declaratory or interpretation Act in reference to trust-deeds. He counsels 'that the further consideration of the proviso be postponed, and the decision of the two synods to preserve it be accepted without further discussion. If in the course of five, or even of ten years, any of the anticipated mischiefs be found to have in practice arisen from its existence, all parties will be willing that the question should be reopened by authority.'

OWING to the abandonment of the Transvaal after the British defeat, the Bishop of Pretoria and his clergy have shared to the full in the consequent depression of the region. The Bishop states, that the cost of living is at least fifty per cent on that in England, and that, though the cost of travelling is very great, he must ride and drive 3000 miles in every year. Nevertheless, he adds, 'We have six churches, three school chapels, three native chapels, and four congregations worshipping in houses; three foundations laid for new churches; nine priests, one deacon, three sub-deacons and readers, three native teachers.'

THE Bishop of Zululand has just retaken possession of the old mission station of Quamaguaza, thereby restoring an important centre of action. The Boers had determined to ignore the mission stations in carrying out their plan of appropriating land, but, having come to a better mind, they are allowing the Bishop to reoccupy our old stations.

WEST AFRICA.

THE Bishop of Sierra Leone has appointed the Rev. James Hamilton Archdeacon of Lagos.

TURKEY.

OWING to the troublesome attitude assumed by Russia, the office of Catholics, or Arch-Primate, of the Armenian Church at Etchmiadzin is not even yet filled up. Last month the National Assembly of the Armenians at Constantinople forwarded to their mother-see an official letter, giving their 130 votes to the ex-Patriarch Khrimian as their sole candidate for the Catholicate. The aggregate votes of the Russian, Persian, and Indian Armenians amount to about thirty-two, and these also, it is believed, will be given to the same prelate.

IN consequence of the compulsory closing of the Armenian schools in Russian territory, on Easter Day at Erzerum there was interpolated into the Litany at the Armenian cathedral, Mgr. Ormanian officiating, a prayer that the Czar might be softened in heart towards his Armenian subjects and restore to them their schools. The Russian consul subsequently asked the prelate for an explanation of his conduct; he was answered that it had always been the practice of Armenian Churchmen when they suffered from oppression to invoke the Divine help, and with this explanation he found it necessary to be content.

SWITZERLAND.

DR. STUBENVOLL of Zurich is one of the most successful Old Catholic priests in Switzerland. His communicants during Easter week were above 1400, of whom 95 were new communicants. Pfarrer Rieks of Heidelberg brought out on the first of this month a journal which is to appear quarterly, called the *Alt-katholisches Frauenblatt*, intended for cultivated female readers.

NETHERLANDS.

A NEW Anglican church at Brussels was consecrated by Bishop Titcomb on Ascension Day.

PLEASING signs of increasing life are visible in the Old Catholic Church of Holland—the misnamed 'Jansenists.' The foundation-stone of a new church at Egmont-on-the-Sea was laid last month; the estimated cost is 70,000 gulden. Money has been sent to Germany for a new Old Catholic church at Karlsruhe. With the beginning of this year was commenced at Rotterdam a monthly organ for Dutch Old Catholics, edited by the Pastors Van Thiel and Van Santen. The following have been some of the articles: 'Our National Church,' 'Thomas à Kempis,' 'Confession,' 'An Old Catholic Congregation at Rome,' 'Holy Week,' 'The Clergy and Politics.' From its pages we glean that in February Canon Van Blooten—who attended the late Archbishop Loos on his momentous confirmation visitation in German, prior to the consecration of Bishop Reinkens—celebrated his 'jubilee' as Curate of Amersfoort.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Waiikden, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 17th inst., for evening service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; P. Cook, 2; J. Worthington, 3; S. Oakes, 4; J. Williamson, 5; A. Potter, 6.

Also on Monday evening, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (30 singles and 6 bobs) was rung in 25½ mins. J. Welsby (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; W. Denner, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; R. Ridyard, 6.

On Saturday, the 23rd inst., being the occasion of the annual walk of the Sunday-school attendants of the above church, the bells were rung in the Queen's change for a time; afterwards a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung (18 bobs and 2 singles) in 25½ mins. J. Welsby, 1; J. Worthington, 2; J. Williamson, 3; S. Oakes, 4; A. Potter, 5; R. Ridyard (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 19 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; W. Coppage, 2; J. Mansfield, 3; R. French (conductor), 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; G. B. Banks, 6; A. Hayward, 7; E. Albone, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in E flat.

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

On Saturday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang J. Carter's two-part peal of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 21 mins. J. Jagger, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; H. Wakley, 5; H. Dains, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which has never been previously performed, contains the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6 (see Snowden's 'Double Norwich,' p. 32). It was rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the memory of the late J. Wibberley of Nottingham, a member of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers, to which Association all the above belong.

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

On Whit Sunday, for morning service, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 26 mins. by members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. R. Hopper, 1; Jas. Moffitt, 2; R. Scrafton, 3; Jno. Moffitt (conductor), 4; J. R. Wheldon (first in this method), 5; J. Hopper, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Michael's, Basingstoke, Hants.

On Whit Sunday (the Queen's Birthday), for and between Divine service, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung, with 6, 7, 8 covering. G. Capron, 1; J. Higgins, 2; W. Tiller, 3; W. Sugg, 4; H. White (conductor), 5; T. Higgins, 6; T. Wheeler, 7; W. Hatten, 8.

Also, on Whit Monday, three six-score Doubles, with 6, 7, 8 covering. G. Capron, 1; H. Southgate, 2; J. Higgins, 3; W. Sugg, 4; H. White (conductor), 5; T. Higgins, 6; T. Wheeler, 7; G. Holdaway, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, London.

On Sunday, the 24th inst., for Divine service in the evening, six members of the St. James's Society rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins. W. Hovard, 1; E. F. Strange (conductor), 2; E. Rogers, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; M. Murphy, 5; C. F. Winny, 6. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

On Monday, the 25th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Major in 3 hrs. 10½ mins. A. Tennant,* 1; E. F. Strange (conductor), 2; W. A. Garraway,* 3; F. G. Newman, 4; G. T. McLaughlin,* 5; E. Rogers,* 6; M. Murphy,* 7; J. W. Wilkins,* 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt. [* First peal of Major.] This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and the first of Grandsire Major by all the band except the 4th ringer.

At the Parish Church, Gloucester.

On Monday, the 25th inst., six members of the St. Nicholas Society rang several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles on the occasion of the Queen's Birthday. D. Dix, 1; P. Daniels, 2; E. Smith, 3; A. Smart, 4; W. Sevier (conductor), 5; H. Merchant, 6. [Weight of tenor not given.]

At St. Andrew's, Litchurch, Derby.

On Whit Monday the ringers of St. Peter's, Belper, paid a visit to the above church, and rang several six-scores of Grandsire Triples, and, with the assistance of some of the St. Andrew's ringers, a touch of 216 Grandsire Minor was rung in 10 minutes.

On Tuesday, the 26th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang H. Dains' Two-part peal of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. Jagger, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; H. Dains, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This peal, which was now rung for the first time, contains the 5th twenty-four times in fifth's, and the 6th twenty-four times in sixth's place (see Snowden's 'Double Norwich,' p. 33). All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

At Cheltenham.

On Tuesday, the 26th inst., the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang Thurstan's peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins.

H. Karn,* 1; W. Morris, 2; F. E. Ward, Esq.,* 3; J. E. Hern,* 4; F. Musty, 5; W. T. Pates* (conductor), 6; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 7; A. W. Humphris,* 8. J. E. Hern hails from Newnham. Great credit is due to Messrs. Moore, Holmes, and Mackenzie for the manner in which they have rehung the tenor, which now goes 'like a fiddle.' [First peal of Stedman's Triples.]

A Peal of 6608 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

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

This is the greatest number of changes ever produced in this method with the tenors together and bobs only. H. W. HALLEY.

The Midland Counties' Association.

THE Members of this Association are invited by Mr. A. Percival Heywood to a garden party at Duffield Bank on Saturday, June 6th, from 2 to 7. Tea at 5 o'clock. The bells of the parish church (8) will be at the disposal of members from 2 o'clock for short touches only. The Midland Railway Company has kindly consented to issue pleasure-party tickets on this occasion at a single fare and a quarter for the double journey, provided there be not less than ten third-class passengers.

JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Hon. Sec.

377 Rostlston Road, Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent.

The Holy Trinity (Bolton) Ringers at Blackpool.

ON Saturday, the 16th inst., the members of the choir and the bell-ringers proceeded to Blackpool on the invitation of the Vicar and Wardens. On the arrival of the party at the 'Brighton of the North,' luncheon was provided at the 'County and Lane Ends Hotel,' through the generosity of Dr. Scoweroff. Afterwards, at the invitation of the same gentleman, the company enjoyed themselves on the North Pier, and also visited the Aquarium. The rest of the day was very enjoyably spent—some in pleasant games of bowls, others in strolling on the sands inhaling the splendid west breeze which was blowing. At four o'clock all returned to the hotel, where a substantial dinner was provided. On the removal of the cloth the chair was taken by the Vicar; the curate, Mr. Williamson, occupying the vice-chair. The Vicar, in proposing the health of the choir and ringers, congratulated them on the very efficient manner in which they had discharged their several duties during the year, and hoped that the harmony and good feeling which existed might long be retained. The toast was responded to by Mr. W. Allanson and Mr. F. W. Pacey, Mus. Bac. (the organist), on behalf of the choir, and by Mr. Jackson on behalf of the ringers. The other toasts were: 'The Vicar,' 'The Wardens and Sidesmen,' 'The Curate,' 'The Organist and Choirmaster,' all of which were heartily responded to, glee singing, &c., filling up the remainder of the time. The company returned home by the 7.5 p.m. train, having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. During the afternoon the ringers ascended the tower of St. John's Church and rang 504 changes of Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal. H. W. Jackson, 1; J. Lister, 2; J. Walsh, 3; T. E. Turner, 4; J. H. Jackson, 5; W. Marsden, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Afterwards a second touch was rung, composed by Mr. H. W. Jackson, with bob-and-single variation, consisting of 530 changes. H. W. Jackson, 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Redford, 3; T. E. Turner, 4; J. Walsh, 5; W. Marsden, 6; W. Hamer, 7; J. H. Jackson, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

A Birthday Peal at Wellingborough, Northamptonshire.

ON Wednesday, the 20th inst., John Harley, the oldest of the parish church ringers, celebrated his eightieth birthday. He first entered the belfry in the year 1824, and for the past fifty-five years has rung the heavy tenor bell and chimed the old fifth (the present seventh bell). Whether chiming or ringing, Harley invariably did it with precision, his steady, regular pull at the 'big bell' being as apparent to the townsfolk as to the ringers. He is still a ringer and chimier, and a most punctual attendant at the belfry. His fellow-ringers, old and young, met on Wednesday evening and rang the bells in honour of his birthday. John Harley took the tenor in a short touch of Grandsire on the old six bells, and afterwards rang the seventh in another turn on the full ring of eight. The ringers then adjourned to Mr. Harley's house, where, in company with other friends, a very pleasant time was spent, enlivened with songs and hand-bell music. The toast of the evening 'John Harley, our old tenor-man,' was drunk with musical honours.

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

ON Whit Monday, the 25th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society, London, rang Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, comprising 5040 changes, in 3 hrs. 2 mins. W. H. Manning, 1; A. E. Church, 2; R. French (conductor), 3; H. Langdon, 4; W. H. Fussell, 5; J. Barry, 6; W. H. George, 7; J. Lewis, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E. The peal was rung on the occasion of the opening of the Metropolitan Railway Company on that day.

At St. Martin's, Ruislip, Middlesex.

ON Whit Monday, the 25th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society, London, attempted Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, but it unfortunately came to grief after ringing 1 hr. 53 mins. W. H. Manning, 1; R. French (conductor), 2; A. C. Fussell, 3; W. Wilder, 4; E. E. Vinen, 5; W. H. Fussell, 6; J. Barry, 7; E. Elburn, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

St. Matthew's Guild.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondents 'A Layman' and 'Puzzled' allow me to point out that the work which we are attempting to do in the Guild of St. Matthew is not easy, as either of them can find out for themselves if they will join us or read our Reports. We therefore make bold to ask for the prayers of the faithful on our behalf sometimes at the Holy Communion, and are very glad when we can get a priest to give us a special celebration, at which our thoughts and aspirations may be concentrated on the special work we have to do, at which the Holy Sacrifice may be offered and pleaded for that special purpose, and men and women may receive the sacramental life and strength to refresh them in this special work. Surely the real puzzle is why all men and women, who are united for any special purpose, do not take advantage of this great Sacrament to get help for their work; they try all sorts of 'dodges,' but neglect our Lord's own peculiar ordinance. I cannot see that your correspondent's remark that we should celebrate for individuals and not for objects will bear investigation, for surely you want the individuals to carry out the objects; and, moreover, in celebrating for objects we recognise that there are other powers besides human ones which must be enlisted on our side, and which Jesus Christ, if we approach Him as He has ordered, will overrule for our good.

Let your puzzled correspondent only try the experiment: let him take whatever object is nearest to his heart, whether it be the laudable one, of which he writes, of opening picture-galleries on Sunday, and so helping to set forth the Lord on His day as a God of beauty and brightness, or whatever object it may be, let him say a mass or get a mass said with the special intention of getting that object attained, and I venture to say that he will be no longer puzzled, but will go his way with a stronger heart and clearer intellect.

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Warden of the Guild of St. Matthew.

Work, not Money, asked for.—An Appeal to Ladies residing within Twenty Miles of South London.

SIR,—Would you allow me, through your columns, to make an appeal to some of those ladies who have time, but not money, at their disposal? Many of the clergymen in South London are in great need of workers. Are there no ladies who would be willing to give up one, or possibly part of two days a-week for district visiting, teaching, or other work, which is so much wanted? A plan has been adopted, and found to work extremely well, of ladies being put in communication with some South London clergyman who wants such help; and if a satisfactory arrangement is arrived at, I, through the clergyman (by means of a fund placed at my disposal by a kind lady), pay all the necessary expenses, including the journey to and fro. As all arrangements are solely made between the worker and the clergyman, I only offer to be the medium of communication between them. Any letter addressed to Lady Louisa Egerton, St. George's Hill, Weybridge, will be immediately attended to.

L. C. EGERTON.

Early Communion.

SIR,—In your Review, in *Church Bells* of March 27th, of certain devotional books published by Messrs. Mowbray, the reviewer states that there is no instance of an Early Communion recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. May I refer you and your readers to the 20th chapter, where it will be seen that St. Paul preached till midnight, then followed the accident to Eutychus and his recovery, and then the 'breaking of bread?' Surely this is an instance of early and fasting Communion. What took place was probably this: as St. Paul had to leave on the Sunday the disciples assembled late on Saturday night instead of early on Sunday morning, as was the Christian custom (*vide* Justin Martyr's account of Christian worship), and this they did to give time for St. Paul's final address, intending as a conclusion to celebrate Holy Communion at the usual hour on Sunday morning. True it is that the seventh verse says that they met together on the first day of the week; but we must remember that the ancient method of counting a day to begin on the previous evening was then in force, so that the first day of the week lasted from Saturday evening to Sunday evening. Again, where is the authority for stating that the celebration of Holy Communion took place after the Agape? If we look at the accounts given us by early Christian writers we shall see that the Agape was eaten in the morning, some time after the Lord's Supper had been celebrated; the congregation probably dispersing and meeting again for it. Or even if, and of this we have no proof, the Agape at first preceded the Communion, yet we may gather from St. Paul's reproof to the Corinthians that he saw the evil and remedied it. Where is it stated in the New Testament

The Bishop of Killaloe held an Ordination in St. Brendan's Church, Parsonstown, when one priest was made. The sermon was preached by the Bishop.

The Bishop of Cork held an Ordination in the Cathedral of St. Finbarre, when one deacon was made and one priest, both graduates of T.C.D. The candidates were previously examined by the Bishop, the Dean, and the Archdeacon of Cork. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Emerson, D.D., rector of St. Edmund's.

The statistics of the recent Confirmations for the city and suburbs of Dublin have been published:—The total number of candidates confirmed amounted to 1201, consisting of 572 males and 629 females. The average age of the former being 15½, of the latter 16½. The number of males confirmed between the ages of 21 and 30 was 22, of females 37; between the ages of 30 and 50—males 4, females 5. One male and one female candidate over the age of 50 were confirmed.

The Court of the General Synod sat on Monday and Tuesday in the the Synod Hall, Christchurch Place, to inquire into the validity of the late election of a Bishop for the diocese of Meath. The Most Rev. Lord Plunket, archbishop of Dublin, presided. The other members of the court present were—the Lord Bishop of Cashel, the Right. Hon. Judge Warren, the Hon. Judge Miller, and the Hon. Judge Walsh.

The Meath Synod had returned the names of the Rev. Dr. Bell and the Very Rev. Dean Reichel to the Bench of Bishops, with whom the final selection of the future Bishop rested, and twenty members of the Synod lodged objections to this return on the ground that it 'was not obtained according to the provisions of the statutes of the Church of Ireland.' The objectors also called upon the Archbishop to summon the Synod of Meath again to meet, in order to elect a bishop according to the statutes, and 'failing that, to choose a list of persons duly selected and qualified to be submitted to the Bench of Bishops.'

Mr. Charles Leech, Q.C., appeared to sustain the objections to the validity of the election by the Synod.

The Registrar (Mr. Samuels) stated that, in reply to the citation forwarded to the Very Rev. Dean Reichel, he had written stating that he had taken no part whatever in the election to the Bishopric of Meath, and this course he should now abandon if he appeared either personally or by counsel to argue the case with respect to the validity of the return made by the Synod to the Bench of Bishops, and, with great respect, he did not feel at liberty to do this.

The declaration of Mr. Gamble, Q.C., impugning the validity of the election, was handed in. A statement by the Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, who had presided at the election, was also handed in.

The Court decided that, according to the minutes of the meeting of Synod, which were binding, the Assessor ruled that Dean Reichel's name should be forwarded, and as no objection was then taken the point now sought to be made could not be raised.

At the close of the arguments on the first day the members of the Court consulted for upwards of an hour in private, and then adjourned until four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, when they met again to further consider the points urged by counsel.

The concluding portion of the judgment on the election was delivered on Tuesday afternoon by Judge Warren, acting for the Court. It upheld the objection to the action of the Assessor in over-ruling the motion to have Canon Wynne's name submitted as one of three to be sent forward to the Bench of Bishops instead of the two actually sent, and declared accordingly that the return made was null and void. The judgment necessitates the Diocesan Synod being called together for a new election.

The Archbishop of Armagh has made the Rev. W. E. Meade, D.D., Canon of St. Patrick's and Rector of Ardree, Archdeacon of Armagh, in the room of the Ven. Robert V. Dixon, D.D., deceased. The late Archdeacon was a distinguished graduate of Trinity College, where he took a Fellowship and afterwards retired on a college living. He took a prominent part in the proceedings of the General Synod and was a member of the Representative Church Body.

The closing meeting of the Dublin Clerical Association was held in the Board-room of the S. P. C. K., Dawson Street, on Monday last, when a paper was read by the Rev. J. F. Bickerdike on 'Devotion in Public Worship.' Speeches were afterwards made by the Revs. Dr. Carr, Canon Wynne, Dr. Craig, &c.

GERMANY.

DR. CONRAD'S *German Universities for the Last Fifty Years* gives statistics of important religious bearing. Whereas in 1831 there were at the universities 4147 Protestant and 1801 Roman Catholic students, the numbers had fallen in 1860 to 2520 Protestants and 1209 Latin. Half-a-century ago theology was the most prominent and best-remunerated faculty; but 'philosophy' then came to the front, and legal and Government officials obtained better pay. The present stipends of Protestant clergy remain between a *minimum* of 90*l.* and a *maximum* of 120*l.* Recently, however, Protestant divinity has made a remarkable recovery in the number of students for the ministry, as in other respects; Dr. Conrad remarking that the alienation from the Church which marked the last decade has given place to a distinct reaction!

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers.

PROGRAMME of Fifth Annual Festival to be held at Bicester, on Tuesday, June 9th, 1885. 11 a.m.—Service at parish church, with sermon by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Pembroke College, Oxford. After service the General Meeting will be held at the New Parochial Hall, for the election of officers for the year, and for other business connected with the Guild. Notice of motions must be sent to the Secretary. Members are particularly requested to attend the Meeting. 2 p.m.—Dinner at the New Parochial Hall. Dinner tickets must be given up at the door. The Earl of Jersey will preside. N.B.—All drinks are extras, and must be paid for before leaving the room. The tower of the parish church will be open for ringing in the afternoon. Bands will be selected by the master. The following towers will also be available for ringing in the afternoon:—Launton, distant from Bicester, ½ miles; Ambrosden, 2½ miles; Middleton, 3½ miles; Weston, 4 miles; Somerton, 6 miles. Dinner tickets must be shown at railway station to obtain the reduced fares (a fare and a quarter).

Lancashire Association of Six-Bell Ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 30th ult., at St. James's, Accrington, when upwards of forty members attended and partook of a substantial repast in St. James's School; after which the General Meeting was held (being opened with a short prayer by the Rev. J. Rogers, vicar of St. James, Accrington), with the usual election of officers for the ensuing year. During the day several peals were rung by mixed bands. The meeting altogether was a great success, closing with a vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman for his presence at the meeting, and also for the use of the bells and schoolroom on this occasion.

Kent County Association.

THE Annual General Meeting is fixed to be held at Sittingbourne on Monday, June 15th. Service in the Parish Church at twelve. Dinner in the Town Hall at one. Members who wish application to be made for cheap railway fares should write at once to the Hon. Sec., stating from what station they start, &c. The Rev. R. Hugessen's address, until June 10th, will be, 'Clamoor Hill, Haslemere, Surrey.' The towers of Sittingbourne, Borden, Faversham, Gillingham (eight bells), and of Hartlip, Teynham, and Bobbing (six bells), will be at the disposal of the Association.

Change-ringing at St. Helen's, Cliff-at-Hoo, Rochester, Kent.

AFTER nine evenings' practice (about one hour each time), the following persons succeeded in ringing a course of Grandsire Triples—five leads, seventy changes—with correct striking. E. Brencley, 1; J. Osenton, 2; J. Price, 3; A. Duly, 4; A. Conehman, 5; J. Taylor, 6; J. Wilden, 7; F. Brencley, jun., 8. Mr. F. G. Osmotherly also rings the course. This performance is the first by a local band since the ring of eight bells (tenor, 16 cwt., E flat) were put into the tower by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in 1860. On Thursday, the 28th ult., Mr. Stevens, a resident in the parish, presented the company with a handsome clock for the ringing-room, and a donation to the Society's funds, promising another donation towards the completion of the fittings of the belfry, which is now in good order, with writing-desk, table, mats, floor-cloth, &c. Mr. Haworth, of London, has been their instructor, and they are members of the Kent County Association. Thanks are due to Mr. Churchwarden Osmotherly, Mr. E. Brencley (captain), and the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, who have been the means of introducing change-ringing into the village of Cliffe.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary the Virgin, Stanstead, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 9th ult., six of the local company rang a peal of 720 Double Court Bob Minor in 27 mins. W. Prior, 1; C. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; H. Prior (conductor), 6.

ON Saturday, the 17th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins., also 60 of College Single. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

ON Saturday, the 30th ult., a peal of 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles) in 26 mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also 180 College Single. J. Cavill, 1; W. Prior, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

Also 108 Plain Bob Minor. G. Prior, 1; the rest as before.

Also 180 Plain Bob Minor. W. T. Prior (aged 13), 1; the rest as before.

Also 180 Plain Bob Minor. W. Prior, 1; W. Watts, 2; the rest as before. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At All Saints, Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Wednesday, the 27th ult., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang H. Johnson's Six-part peal of 5376 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 17 mins. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; J. Jagger, 2; H. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; A. Wakley, 5; H. Dains, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. This peal, which was now rung for the first time, is taken from Snowdon's 'Double Norwich,' page 35, being the first of the two peals there given. All the above are members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

At the Parish Church, Ashover, Derbyshire.

ON Sunday evening, the 31st ult., for evening service, two six-scores of Bob Doubles, with bobs and singles, were rung. E. Buxton, 1; T. Beardow, 2; T. J. Beardow, 3; G. Beardow, 4; T. Hopkinson, 5. Tenor, 19½ cwt.

First part				Second part				The second part			
4	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	5	6	19	
2	1	4	5	3	1	2	6	5	6	19	twice repeated, with
2	1	4	5	3	1	2	6	-	-	-	a bob at 22 in the
2	1	3	4	2	1	3	5	-	-	-	37th course, produces
2	1	5	3	2	1	6	3	-	-	-	2 1 6 4 5 3 7 6 4 5 3 9.
5	1	2	4	6	1	2	5	-	-	-	when taken at 10, 12
5	1	3	2	6	1	3	2	-	-	-	10, 11, and 7 5 lying
3	1	5	4	6	1	5	3	-	-	-	will sound round,
3	1	2	5	5	1	6	2	-	-	-	complete the peal.
3	1	4	2	5	1	3	4	-	-	-	H. W. HALEY.
4	1	3	5	4	1	3	5	-	-	-	

A Peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 33 Singles and 3 Extremes.

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Twice repeated.

H. PRIOR, JUN., Stanstead, Essex.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Parsons, Churchwardens, and Church Defence.

SIR,—In reading Archdeacon Hessey's admirable Charge, dealing with the duty of organizing for Church defence, I notice that he remarks that we have among our churchwardens and sidesmen men of acknowledged ability, both as thinkers and speakers, who could easily lecture on such subjects as Church property, Church history, and other topics of Church defence literature; and he suggests that they should be induced to master the question of Church defence, with a view to enlightening others on the subject. Nothing could be more desirable, especially as the clergy year after year continue to be so absurdly squeamish (mawkishly so, in fact) as to dealing with any question which has any reference to the sources of clerical income, &c. 'G. V.', in his excellent article last week on 'Systematic Teaching in Sunday Schools,' speaks of the need of a set of thoroughly good manuals on the Bible and Prayer-book, and on Church history. We do indeed greatly need such a series; and if they were once published, the very large sale which they would have would enable the publisher to sell them very cheaply indeed. If the prevailing ignorance on everything connected with Church history and other cognate topics is to continue, the mis-statements of the Liberatorists are pretty sure to effect their object before another decade has passed, if not much sooner. When will the clergy open their eyes to this fact?

H. C. R.

St. Matthew's Guild and the Theory of Intention.

SIR,—I am not an admirer of Mr. Headlam or his societies, so I may with propriety say that your correspondents are treating him most unfairly. They call upon him for an explanation, and when he gives an outspoken one they remain dissatisfied. Why so much trouble over the word 'intention?' The members and friends of the S. P. G. have been often invited to communicate together at St. Paul's Cathedral, and I have always supposed the idea to be that they may, at the most solemn service of the Church, join in intercession for foreign missions. But your 'puzzled' correspondent would object, and say that only individuals are to be considered. He is at liberty to hold that view, only then it looks as if it were he, and not the large-hearted Mr. Headlam, who is 'content to see this Holy Sacrament dwarfed.'

'A Layman's' last letter is an outrage on common sense. If he wants to know what is the doctrine of the 'intention of the priest,' let him get Littledale's *Plain Reasons*, where, under the heading 'The Roman Church uncertain in Sacraments,' he will get the information, and be saved from future blundering. When he has done this, and has again read Mr. Headlam's letter of the 29th May, he will no doubt apologise to the reverend gentleman for imputing heresy to him—simply because the expression, 'special intention,' happened to be used.

S. G. B.

SIR,—It was a matter of some little surprise to me that the publication in your widely circulated paper of the notice given out at a lecture at Oxford only drew forth two protests against the new teaching on a subject of such vital importance as one of the Christian Sacraments. That notice, it will be remembered, was, that 'by kind permission of the Principal of Pusey House there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion to-morrow morning on behalf of the better fulfilment by the Church of her duty,' &c., at which the members of the G. S. M. were invited to be present. *Church Bells* is so widely read by the clergy, that I cannot but deplore a silence which seems to me to point to a forgetfulness by many of the Ordination vow, by which we pledged ourselves 'with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word.' At any rate, it is satisfactory to think that the two shots fired in the cause of Catholic truth unmasked the batteries of the G. S. M. We know now from the Warden's letter that the Guild means, for one thing, the doctrine of the Mass. The correspondence also made clear another fact; viz., that this is no isolated case, for 'Anglo-Catholic' tells us that on Sunday, 31st May, a notice was given out by the Vicar of a church near London that on a certain day there would be 'a celebration of the Holy Communion in _____ or, &c.' I trust that 'Anglo-Catholic' has informed the Bishop of the diocese of this fact, and that the Vicar will be duly admonished by his diocesan. The mistake which, I think, we make in these matters is to let judgment go by default. The eye and the ear get accustomed to these outrageous things (the perpetrators well know this, therefore they flaunt them before the world), until at last we take them as matters of course; and one day we wake up and find that while we have been dozing a fine young heresy has rooted itself and is growing in our midst.

PUZZLED.

SIR,—The assault of arms between Mr. Headlam and his opponents is most amusing. But do these gentlemen fancy it will promote the cause of

Christ? Mr. Headlam has humour enough to feel how very *gritty* the term Mass is to good Churchmen without number. And 'A Layman' knows that the doctrine of intention is usually confined to the miracle requisite for the consecration at a Roman Catholic Mass, and could not, *pace* the Layman, be twisted to cover all functions of all priests! A joke, Sir, is a joke. Now we have had enough of this one. Let us appeal to our correspondents to discuss such important matters in earnest Christian love. And we will remember the matter in our prayers, private or public, as each may prefer.

PER MARE PER TERRAM.

SIR,—Are not your correspondents needlessly alarmed at Mr. Headlam's reply? The doctrine of the Eucharistic Sacrifice has always been held by the Catholic Church, and I think that the following extract from Wheatley on the Common Prayer may perhaps explain the meaning of a celebration of the Blessed Sacrament, on behalf of a particular object; or in other words, when a number of people, even though only 'two or three,' meet together with one particular request to be made at the Lord's Table: 'Whatever benefits we now enjoy, or hope hereafter to receive from Almighty God, they are purchased by the death, and must be obtained through the intercession of the Holy Jesus. We are, therefore, not only taught to mention His Name in our prayers, but are also commanded by visible signs to represent and set forth to His Heavenly Father His all-sufficient and meritorious Death and Sacrifice as a more powerful way of interceding and obtaining the Divine Acceptance. So that what we more compendiously express in that general conclusion of our prayers, "through Jesus Christ our Lord," we more fully and forcibly represent in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, wherein we intercede on earth, in conjunction with the great Intercession of our High Priest in Heaven, and plead in the virtue and merits of the same sacrifice here which He is continually urging for us there.'

ANGLICAN.

SIR,—I have no intention of considering Mr. Headlam's letter, but 'A Layman' has utterly mixed up two entirely different things. 'The horrible doctrine of intention,' I quite agree with him, is utterly subversive of all certainty in religion. This doctrine is that, the validity of every sacrament depends on the meaning of the officiant, which none can be sure of but himself. At any rate no Romanist can be certain that he has the Apostolic succession, because he is ignorant of the mind of the ordainer of any and every minister in the Church. But Mr. Headlam had no thought of this 'horrible doctrine' in his mind, or, perhaps I should say, did not refer to it in the very least. He simply recommended us to have a special subject of prayer to make to God at the time of celebration. For example: I suppose, at a marriage, one's special prayer would be for a blessing on the bridegroom and bride. I cannot myself see the objection to this at a moment when we all exercise our 'royal priesthood.' But there is a moral. Do let us understand what we are speaking of before we ascribe 'horrible doctrines' to others who are perfectly innocent of them. I quite agree with him as to the Roman heresy.

A PRIEST.

SIR,—'A Layman' should be accurate. I have never taught that the validity of a Sacrament depended upon the 'intention' of the Priest. Neither did I say, as 'Puzzled' maintains, that at the Holy Communion our thoughts and aspirations are not to be concentrated on the work that Christ has done for us. The process which I advocate is so simple, so beautiful, so human, that I do not despair of persuading 'Puzzled' to adopt it. Let him, either during some part of the prayer for the Church Militant, or in his private devotions before the Consecration, concentrate his mind on the work or the people for whom he intends to get help. If he adopts the latter course, after praying for the Holy Catholic Church and his archbishop and bishop by name, let him add either words of his own, or this simple prayer, 'Remember, O Lord, Thy servants and Thy handmaidens,' and then name the society or the people for whom he intends to get help and go on, 'and all here present whose faith is approved, and whose devotion is known unto Thee; in whose behalf we offer unto Thee, or who are engaged in offering unto Thee, this sacrifice of praise, for themselves and all pertaining to them, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and security, and are paying their vows unto Thee the eternal, living, and true God.' But this, be it noted, is to be done before the Consecration, and, therefore, it will in no way interfere with that concentration of the thoughts and aspirations, —not, indeed, on the work of Christ merely, but—on Christ Himself really present, which is certainly of primary importance. I can assure 'Puzzled,' that if he will adopt this simple method it will prevent vagueness from spoiling his worship, and help to link 'the whole round world' in every way 'about the feet of God.' I can assure him, too, that he is mistaken in saying that he cannot get a Mass said with a special intention unless he is a Roman; there are many English priests now, willing and anxious to help individuals or societies in this way.

With reference to the use of the words Mass and Holy Sacrifice, though I cannot agree with 'J. W.' that there is anything in our Prayer-book opposed to that use. I gladly admit that it makes little matter which word you use: Holy Communion, Holy Eucharist, Lord's Supper, Mass. Each phrase has its own special significance, but all refer to the same great act.

STEWART D. HEADLAM.

SIR,—The letters on this subject in last week's issue are all on one side, and reveal a singular case of misunderstanding a matter that should not require much explanation. It is a pity to let one's mind be carried away by a word, as some of your correspondents have been thrown off their balance by the word 'intention.' The practice of praying for some particular object at Holy Communion, either on the part of each communicant or in common with others by previous arrangement, has nothing in the world to do with what 'A Layman' calls 'the horrible doctrine of "intention" and all its consequences.' What is meant has been plainly set forth by the Bishop of

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual General Meeting of this Association was held at Sittingbourne on Monday last, when there was an attendance of over one hundred members. Besides Sittingbourne, the following towers were available, and were extensively visited by the various bands:—Borden, Gillingham, and Faversham (8 bells), Bobbing, Hartlip, Teynham (6).

The fine ring of eight, by Mears of Whitechapel (1802), at Borden, which for some time past has been practically unringable, has been rehung, and put into excellent order, by Mr. S. Snelling of Sittingbourne, who in this, as well as in other work accomplished by him, has given good evidence of his skill and ability as a bell-hanger. A deadening floor, which was very necessary, has also been inserted. To test the condition of the bells as rehung, a complete peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Six-part) was rung on Sunday last in 3 hrs. 17 mins., the following being the ringers:—R. Simmonds, 1; H. Pearce, 2; E. Baldock, 3; J. Cooper, 4; A. H. Woolley, 5; S. Snelling, 6; A. Moorcraft, 7; J. Greensted, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt. Various touches of Triples and Bob Major were rung on the following day.

The ringing at Sittingbourne on Monday opened with an excellently struck touch of 1500 Grandsire Triples by the following persons:—J. R. Haworth, E. Baldock, J. Cooper, J. Horton, E. J. Bottle, A. H. Woolley, W. H. Judd, and R. Brisson. It was intended for a peal, but Mr. Haworth, who was conducting, for good reasons brought round the bells at the third part. The same team subsequently rang 700 in the same method. Numerous touches of Triples and Bob Major were rung by the various bands in the course of the day, as was also a half-peal of Collee Singles by the Hunton ringers.

The Polkestone ringers, with Mr. Haworth, rang a first-class touch of Grandsire Triples, with the Queens, Tittums, and Round-at-hand. He was pleased to meet with his old friend, Mr. Harrison, who, although seventy-seven years of age, is well in health, and able to ring. Five of the ringers from Cliffe (the other four men did not attend the meeting), with Mr. Haworth and two others, rang two courses of Grandsire Triples. A long day's ringing was brought to a close by a well-struck plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major by the following:—J. R. Haworth, E. Baldock, Rev. F. G. O. Helmore (Canterbury), H. G. Fairbrass, A. H. Woolley, W. Leonard, S. Snelling, and W. H. Judd.

Prior to the Annual General Business Meeting, Divine service was held at St. Michael's, when an address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. Venn, M.A. After service the members dined at the Town Hall. G. Payne, Esq., presided. After the usual loyal toasts, the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, read the Report and Balance-Sheet. These, on the motion of the Rev. H. Venn, were unanimously adopted. The following were re-elected Vice-Presidents:—Viscount Cranbrook, Lord Harris, the Dean of Canterbury, and Bishop Oxenden. The Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen was, on the motion of Mr. F. Grayling (who was received with great applause), re-elected Hon. Secretary, and the Rev. F. J. Scott proposed the re-election of George Furley, Esq., as Treasurer.

The Hon. Secretary, in proposing 'Success to the Sittingbourne Band,' whose guests, he said, they were in a sense, spoke in very complimentary terms of the great progress they had made, and of the good example they set in respect of the excellent arrangements of their ringing-chamber. He coupled with the toast the health of Mr. F. C. Mattison, who briefly returned thanks. Prior to a concluding vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr. F. C. Mattison said that every one present was perfectly well aware that the success of the Association, and its present excellent and prosperous condition, were owing in a very great measure to the unceasing exertions of Mr. Hugessen; and he was certain he was only expressing their thoughts when he said that they recognised and appreciated his services, and that they returned him their very best thanks.

At a Committee Meeting held subsequently the next District Meeting was fixed to be held at Ashford and Aldington on Monday, November 2nd. The Rev. H. Venn and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter were added to the Committee; and Mr. J. R. Haworth, of London, was added to the Examining Committee.

Jacobstowe, Devon.

THE little church of this parish had, formerly, a ring of four bells, but, for the last sixty years or more, one of them has been cracked and useless. Colonel White-Thomson, the squire and sole churchwarden, has been abroad for some time, having taken a voyage to Australia for the benefit of his health. During his absence it was resolved to get the cracked bell re-cast and re-hung in order to 'ring him in' on his return home. A subscription was started for this purpose, and, a sufficient sum being raised, the bell was recast by Llewellyns and James of Bristol, and re-hung by Luxton of Winkleigh. It is the second bell of the four, and proves to be of very good tone and well in tune with the others. Colonel White-Thomson returned home on the 22nd ult., and was the first person to whom the bell gave forth its 'musical honours,' in conjunction with the other three. He was met at the school, which stands at the entrance to the village, and close by the church, by his tenants and other friends. The rector (Rev. R. P. Bent) bade him 'welcome back to Jacobstowe' in the name of the whole parish, and calling his attention to the ring of bells which was then going, explained to him the circumstances under which the work in the belfry had been undertaken and carried out. The Colonel expressed his thanks for the kind reception he had met with, and for the compliment paid him by the new bell, which he hoped would ring for many happy events in the families of those around him.

The Herts County Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Monday, July 13th. Members intending to be present are requested to give in their names to the local secretaries of their respective bands; who will be informed as soon as possible of the arrangements for dinner and railway fares. The following towers will be open for ringing, viz., Sawbridgeworth, 8 bells; Bishop Stortford, 10; Harlow, 8.

W. WIGRAM, *Gen. Sec.*

Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE Annual Meeting of this Society will be held at Lichfield, on Saturday next, June 27th. Ringing from 2 to 5; Short Service in the Cathedral at 5; Tea at 6; Business Meeting at 6.30; Ringing at 7. The tea will be provided free of charge to those only whose names are sent in before the 21st inst. The following steeples will be open to Members of the Society during the afternoon:—Cathedral, ten bells; St. Mary's, eight bells; St. Michael's, six bells. N.B.—Subscriptions are now due, and will be received at the Meeting.

J. R. KEBBLE, *Hon. Sec.*

Sussex County Association of Change-ringers.

WE have received the Report of the above Association, dated in May last, and, considering that it was established only in January of the present year, it is very satisfactory. The list of Officers and Honorary Members shows the Association to be well patronised. There are forty-two societies in union with the Association, with a total of 351 Members. The list of churches in Sussex containing rings of eight, six, or five bells, with the weights of their respective tenors, where it was possible to obtain them, must be appreciated by all ringers for its historical accuracy. Up to the present time the statement of accounts stands as receipts 44l. 14s. 6d. with a balance in hand of 27l. 11s. 4d., but a full balance-sheet for the first year is promised at the next General Meeting.

Whitstone, Devon.

THE parishioners of Whitstone celebrated on the 16th inst. the inauguration of their new ring of bells, which have recently been put in order by Messrs. Llewellyns & James of Bristol, at the joint expense of the Rector and his brother, Mr. C. Pearson, of the Indian Service. Soon after one o'clock the bells were rung by the ringers from the adjoining parish of Ide. At three p.m. Divine service was performed and a sermon preached by the Rev. J. Aubrey Gould, M.A., vicar of Newton St. Cyres. Tea for every one followed in the barn adjoining the Rectory, the churchwardens (Mr. C. White of Hurston, and Mr. W. H. Cheriton of Farm) having collected contributions to meet the expense of the entertainment. Almost all the parishioners were present, as well as several ladies and gentlemen residing near or connected with the parish. Until lately the tower contained only four bells, and of these one, the tenor, was cracked by clogging, in Easter 1831. The second and third bells were mediæval bells. The treble was cast by Bisbie of Cullompton, in 1793. Two new small bells have been substituted for the old tenor, thus making the old treble the third in the ring, the former second, and third the fourth and tenor.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ON the 2nd inst., the SS. Mary and Nicolas Company of Change-ringers (members of the Eastern Counties Guild) rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob. J. W. Jarvis, 1; C. Neaverson (his first 720 on a bob bell), 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; J. S. Wright, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. Brown, 6.

ON the 7th inst., for morning service, 360 Plain Bob. Also after evening service 720 London Single. J. W. Jarvis, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; G. Skeef, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. Brown, 6.

At Gedney Hill, Lincolnshire.

ON the 9th inst., being the Sunday-school Festival, the Crowland Abbey ringers, with R. Mackman of Spalding, rang twelve 120's of Grandsire Doubles. R. Mackman, 1; W. Hall, 2; R. Wyche, Esq., 3; P. Wyche, Esq., 4; W. Ambrose, 5. Conducted by R. Wyche, Esq., and W. Ambrose alternately.

At St. Mary's, Woburn, Beds.

ON Friday, the 12th inst., eight members of the Woburn Branch of the Beds Association of Change-ringers rang muffled touches as a mark of respect to the late John Green, M.A., of Benystead, Eversholt, Beds—a warm supporter of the bell-ringers in his neighbourhood. He was Commissary and Official to the Archdeaconry of Bedford, and for many years held a number of worthy and prominent offices both in the Church and State. He was in his eighty-sixth year at the time of his death.

At Winchester Cathedral.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 27 mins. G. Gibbard, 1; C. T. Winny, 2; J. E. Willsheire, 3; E. Bishop, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; W. Newell, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; J. M. Hayes, 8. Tenor, 35 cwt., in C. The ringers take this opportunity of tendering their most sincere thanks to the Dean and Chapter for kindly allowing them the use of the Cathedral bells on this occasion. It is rumoured that three hours' ringing was accomplished here by a Winchester band nearly eighty years ago, but as there is no authentic record whatever of names, time, method rung, or even trace of there ever having been change-ringers in the town, it is extremely doubtful as to its performance; consequently this is believed to be the first true peal on the bells.

At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Horsleydown, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 13th inst., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 57 mins. M. l'Anson* (aged 16), 1; W. Pead, 2; R. French (conductor), 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; J. Barry, 5; E. E. Vinen,* 6; W. H. George, 7; J. Jones, 8. Tenor, 19½ cwt. [* Their first peal.]

SWITZERLAND.

An interesting act of intercommunion between the American and the Swiss Christian Catholic Churches took place on 7th June last. Bishop Herzog ordained one M. Vilatte to the priesthood on that day under the following circumstances. M. Vilatte was educated at the seminary of St. Laurent in Canada for the Roman priesthood. He left the Roman Church, however, and joined that of the United States. He afterwards fell in with a small Belgian colony at Green Bay, Wisconsin, who asked him to undertake the pastoral charge of them. He applied to the Bishop of Fond-du-Lac for ordination. By this Bishop he was remitted to Bishop Herzog. On the first Sunday after Trinity he was duly presented to the Bishop in the Catholic Cathedral at Bern by Dr. Hale of Baltimore, and ordained according to the reformed rite of the Christian Catholic Church of Switzerland. He and a German priest will jointly minister to a congregation in French and German, under the supervision of a Bishop of our sister Church of America.

GERMANY.

The *Evangelischer Anzeiger* complains of the way in which the 'Episcopal Methodists'—i.e., American Methodists—have gained a footing in Wurtemberg. 'They at first came,' it says, 'with disavowal of any wish to form a sect; but they have now erected chapels of their own, in which they hold service at the same hours as the Protestants, and set up "altar against altar," while the Missionary Reports published in America shamefully disparage the religious condition of the people.'

INTERCOMMUNION WITH FOREIGN CHURCHES.

SOME of your readers may be glad during the ensuing summer to make use of a tour abroad in a way which, until the last few years, would have been impossible to English Churchmen. I mean that they may be able to join in prayer and in the reception of the Blessed Sacrament with their foreign brethren, according to the rites and ceremonies of foreign Churches—Churches which have lately been reformed on the same principles as our own. Some, no doubt, will look upon the existence of these Churches, having their origin in a resistance to the decrees of the Vatican Council, as an addition to the divisions of Christendom. There will be more, I trust, who hail their formation as an important step towards Christian union. The Old Catholics of Germany retain for the present, in their reformed Liturgy, communion in one kind. But by a resolution of their Synod, passed last year, it was decided that any English Churchman who desired it might receive Holy Communion in both kinds, if he signified beforehand his wish to do so to the officiating clergy. In Switzerland the Holy Communion is administered to all in both kinds, and English Churchmen are not only invited but welcomed to the Christian Catholic altars. Old Catholic services will be found in Germany at the following places:—Berlin, Bonn, Breslau, Coblenz, Cologne, Crefeld, Dortmund, Düsseldorf, Königsberg, Wiesbaden, Baden-Baden, Freiburg in Breisgau, Heidelberg, Carlsruhe, Constance, Mannheim, Mainz, Offenbach, Munich, Würzburg, Stuttgart, and many smaller places.

Many will be rejoiced to hear that the Swiss Christian Catholic Church has struggled successfully through the difficulties of 1878-1880. 'I may now leave off,' says Bishop Herzog in his report to the Conference, 'speaking of lost communities in the Canton Bern.' In the Canton Geneva he 'never had so vigorous or efficient' a staff of clergy. The difficult task of organization is completed. Henceforward there are hopes of steady progress. In Switzerland the hours of service are as follows:—St. Gall, 8 a.m.; Bale, Bern, Bienne, Soleure, Olten, Zurich, 9 a.m.; Geneva (at Notre Dame, and one of the two churches of St. Joseph or St. Germain) 10 a.m.; Aarau, 10.15 a.m.; Thun (every other Sunday), at 10.30 a.m. At this last place there are very few resident Catholic families, either Roman or Reformed. There are also services at St. Imier, Chaux-de-Fonds, Laufen, Porrentruy, and other smaller places, but I am unable to give the hours of those services. At Bern the service is held at the Catholic Cathedral, a new building near the Protestant Cathedral. At Bale the Prediger Kirche is used for Christian Catholic worship. At Zurich service is held in the church of St. Pantaleone. At Bern, Zurich, Bale, and Olten, and in the rural parishes, a daily celebration will be found. The Swiss Christian Catholic Prayer-book may be purchased of J. Wyss of Bern, at a very moderate price. For the information of those who have not inquired into the subject I will add, that the German Old Catholic and the Swiss Christian Catholic Churches are Episcopal, that they have a proper succession, that their Bishops have received the Communion with members of our Church at Cambridge in 1881, and that the Swiss Bishop (Dr. E. Herzog) has been formally received at the General Convention of the American Church as a Bishop of the Church Catholic, and has held Confirmations on behalf of the American Bishops. There is a Reformed Catholic Church at Paris in the Rue d'Arras, with which the well-known Pere Hyacinthe is connected. Any other information I shall be very glad to give to any who may wish to have it.

J. J. LIAS.

Cambridge, June 17.

P.S.—I am happy to be able to add that the English Church services at Bern will be held in the Old Catholic Cathedral.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Two Peals of Bob Minor.

No. 1, with 21 bobs and 12 extremes. No. 2, with 27 singles and 9 extremes.

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6 4 3 5 2 E	6 4 2 5 3 E
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4 5 2 3 6 B	5 4 3 2 6 S
4 5 3 6 2 B	4 5 2 6 3 S
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6 5 4 2 3 E	6 5 4 3 2 E
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5 2 3 4 6 B	3 5 2 4 6 S
5 2 4 6 3 B	5 3 4 6 2 S
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Twice repeated.

Stanstead, Essex.

Twice repeated.

H. PRIOR, JUN.

A Peal of Treble Bob Major.

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Spalding, Lincolnshire.

RICHARD MACKMAN.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE 248th Anniversary of this Society (established 1637) will be held at the 'Cherry Tree' Hotel, Southgate, Middlesex, where there is a remarkably fine ring of eight bells by Messrs. Mears of Whitechapel, on Saturday, July 4th. Dinner on the table at 3. Those intending to be present are requested to notify the same on or before Tuesday, June 30th, to the Secretary, at the 'King's Head,' Winchester Street, Southwark.

The Herts County Association.

THE next Quarterly Meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Monday, July 13th. Members intending to be present are requested to give in their names to the local secretaries of their respective bands; who will be informed as soon as possible of the arrangements for dinner and railway fares. The following towers will be open for ringing, viz., Sawbridgeworth, 8 bells; Bishop Stortford, 10; Harlow, 8.

W. WIGRAM, Gen. Sec.

The United Counties Association.

THE Half-yearly Meeting of this Association will take place on Saturday, July 4th, at Northenden, Cheshire. Dinner will be provided at the 'Spread Eagle' tavern at half-past 4 p.m. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, not including drink. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: Northenden, 6 bells; Didsbury, 6; Barley Moor, 8. Members and friends who intend being present at dinner are requested to send their names not later than Wednesday, July 1st, addressed to Mr. Peter Brickell, Northenden, Cheshire.

JAMES S. WILDER, Hon. Sec.

North Lincolnshire Association.

THE General Quarterly Meeting of this Association will be held at Brigg on Saturday, the 4th of July. The Rector and Churchwardens have kindly granted the use of the church bells (a ring of eight) to the Association Members for that day. The meeting will be held in the schoolroom at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Refreshments may be obtained at reasonable prices. The Committee will be glad to see a good attendance of Members, also any Members of kindred Societies who can make it convenient to attend.

W. LUNN, Hon. Sec.

St. Peter's, Sudbury, Suffolk.

WE are informed that the bell-frame of this ancient and interesting church (an illustration of which we give this week) is in a dangerous condition, and that the bells have hung silent for six months. A subscription-list has been opened, and subscriptions or donations may be sent to Rev. T. L. Green, The Vicarage, Sudbury.

Death of Mr. Uriah Woodman of Trowbridge.

ON Monday, the 22nd inst., several muffled touches of Grandsire Triples were rung at St. James's, Trowbridge, in memory of Mr. Uriah Woodman, an old change-ringer and (we believe) the only composer of which Wiltshire could boast. He died on Friday, the 19th inst., and was interred on Monday in Holy Trinity churchyard. The performers in the muffled peal were the same who rang Mr. Woodman's 1960 for the first time last December, viz.,

Messrs. Alley, Cooper, Hayward, and McCaffrey, of Trowbridge, and Messrs. Clements, Gifford, Blackburn, and Jerram, of Salisbury. It was intended to have rung a 1260 of the deceased's composition, but it unluckily came to grief through the breaking of a rope. Mr. Woodman had been confined to his bed with paralysis during the last five years of his life; he had, however, still the use of his hands, and used to employ his time in composing touches of Triples whilst lying in bed.

Accident at St. Thomas's, Salisbury.

WHILST the bells were being rung on the afternoon of the 20th (Queen's Accession) the gudgeon of the tenor bell broke. Fortunately the broken piece became wedged tightly between the end of the stock and the brass, which prevented the bell (weighing over 30 cwt.) from falling.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 14th inst., for morning service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor (42 singles) was rung in 26 mins. J. Welsby (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Brookes, 5; W. Denner, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, Kent.

On Monday, the 22nd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang for practice a peal of 720 Bob Minor (9 bobs, 6 singles), with 6-8 behind, in 28 mins. F. Grayling, 1; F. C. Mattison, 2; E. White (first peal), 3; S. Snelling, 4; E. T. Bottle, 5; E. Gower, 6; W. H. Judd (conductor), 7; W. G. Godelier, 8. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At St. Mary the Virgin, Putney, Surrey.

On Monday, the 22nd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 52 mins. A. Pittam (first peal), 1; F. Weare, 2; J. Jackman, 3; M. Murphy, 4; A. Tennant (first peal inside), 5; E. Rogers, 6; C. F. Winny (conductor), 7; B. J. James, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Hitchin, Herts.

On Monday, the 22nd inst., for practice, the following members of the Hertfordshire Association of Change-ringers rang peals of 168 and 336 Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; F. Furr, 2; J. Hare, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; A. Squires, 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen (conductor), 7; J. Foster, 8 (168); W. Kitchener, 8 (336). Also, on hand-bells, 168, with six singles. Conductor, W. Allen. The same band.

At Gloucester Cathedral.

On the occasion of the meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Ringers, on Monday, the 22nd inst., eight of its members rang a touch of 960 Kent Treble Bob Major, believed to be the longest touch in the method for over thirty years. H. Gardner, 1; J. Yeates, 2; R. E. Ward, Esq., 3; H. Karm, 4; D. J. Aston, 5; A. A. Waite, 6; J. E. Hern (conductor), 7; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The word 'Intention.'

SIR,—It is surely desirable not to use ambiguous words when they can be possibly avoided, or words which have, as Locke would say, an 'association of ideas,' especially such a word as 'intention,' which has been so much abused in the Papal Church, and, according to such teaching, is nothing short of the quintessence of deceit. There can be no doubt to any candid student that the Apostle refers to that Church in 1 Tim. iv. 1-4. In the second verse we read 'of speaking lies in hypocrisy,' &c., of which the doctrine of 'intention' would be a notable example. Therefore a Protestant Church should be careful in introducing doubtful words. As the Church of England has been questioned of late as to whether or not it is a Protestant Church at all, it may interest some of your numerous readers to be made acquainted with a few Acts of Parliament on that point, which are as follows:—The Bill of Rights, 1st William and Mary, speaks of not only this Protestant kingdom, but 'this Protestant religion.' It is asserted that King James endeavoured to subvert and extirpate 'the Protestant religion.' The Act of Union with Scotland, 5 Anne, states, that 'The true Protestant religion professed and established by law in the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, should be effectually and unalterably secured.' The fifth article of the Act of Union (39 & 40 Geo. III. c. 67, July 2, 1800), states, that it be the fifth article of Union, 'That the Churches of England and Ireland, as now by law established, be united into one Protestant Episcopal Church, to be called the United Church of England and Ireland.' Moreover, the king's coronation oath is couched in the following terms: 'I will, to the utmost of my power, maintain the laws of God, the true profession of the Gospel, and the Protestant reformed religion established by law.' We might add, that by the same law the reigning monarch must be Protestant, and must marry a Protestant.

M. A. (Cantab.)

Proper Anthems.

SIR,—At the end of a much-used book, termed the *Cathedral Psalter*, are a few anthems suggested for use on sundry great festivals instead of the *Venite*. I believe that the late Dean of Westminster considered that, as Ordinary, he had the right to use them wherever he was Ordinary. If this is so, I presume that any Diocesan Bishop could also permit the use of these anthems, or of others, wholly taken from Holy Scripture, on the great festivals, in any church within his diocese. There are six or eight occasions when a suitable anthem would be very preferable to the constantly used *Venite*. Can any of your readers inform me whether these 'suggested' anthems

are used either at Westminster or at any other church or cathedral? One would thankfully use the 'suggested' anthem on such seasons as Advent, Epiphany, Easter Even, Rogationtide, Ascension Day, Whit Sunday, and Trinity Sunday, instead of the *Venite*.

H. G. O.

Religious Bigotry.

SIR,—In your issue of May 1st, 'Presbyter' protests against what he is pleased to term religious bigotry, and after inveighing against some things which, rightly or wrongly, he attributes to bigotry, he refers to those who conscientiously oppose 'the Deceased Wife's Sister's Bill' as being instigated thereto by this opprobrious prejudice. He maintains that, whereas the alteration in the law is regarded generally as a rich man's question, the Bill ought to be passed in the interest of the poor man. 'A rich widower,' he writes, 'is able to have any lady as governess to his motherless children, there being always a spare room in a rich man's house, while a poor man, not having this accommodation, can only have such a guardian by marrying her.' But surely, Sir, he overlooks this fact, that as soon as the alteration in the law is made, no aunt, who values her character, will consent to live in the house with a man whom she might marry. As long as the law remains in its present state, her brother-in-law is regarded as her own brother; there is nothing to prevent the two living together under one roof. So a change in the law would in reality be an injustice to the rich man's children by depriving them of their natural guardian.

MONITOR.

The 'Child's Pictorial'—S. P. C. K.

SIR,—I have received what appears to be the first part of a sort of Comic Bible, on the last page of a new serial, the *Child's Pictorial*. The representation of 'Flocks,' 'When,' &c., is no doubt screamingly funny! But is it quite the thing for the venerable S. P. C. K. to bring out such a work?

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING.

Over-Production.

SIR,—I admire the opening of your article on 'Over-Production,' copied entire into the *Dominion Churchman*, while I think there is a little weakness towards the close arising from the writer's want of familiarity with the conditions involved. England once indulged the dream that she was going to manufacture for the whole outside world, 'leaving that outside world to provide grain, mutton, &c.,' as I lately had occasion to observe in print. Now she is beginning to see the absurdity of such an aspiration, and can begin to reconcile her mind to parting with a few labourers, as the market shall demand, and give up the hypocrisy of preaching demand and supply for commodities and restricting it rigidly for men, women, and children. There is always a demand in the Colonies for agricultural labourers and domestic servants. It is a constant demand to be constantly supplied, and not in glut one year and negation the next. The loafers from your cities do not suit at all; and as to mechanics we want them only by fits and starts, which would render it necessary for you to watch our market instead of only thinking of your own. Professionals of the highest order are a real godsend, but the demand is very small indeed as to numbers. The clergy are always needed, and might have averted our present civil war in the North West. But money should sometimes be sent with the men. Then, as to the last point, you say, 'The bane of many of our manufacturing callings is that they unfit the workman for proficiency in any other occupation.' This is cloudy. They do this if they break him down either physically or mentally. But I suppose they do not always break him down. Anything that makes muscle fits for agricultural work. In the beginning of the century some Glasgow weavers came here, and now a fine country is the result of that apparently unpromising settlement. 'To dig' (we don't 'dig' much in Canada), 'to sow,' 'to reap' (we reap with a fine machine drawn by a fine horse, and sometimes driven by a young girl). And so we ought to class our agricultural labourers a little carefully. 'To plough.' To learn this fairly will take a man a week or a fortnight, according to his aptitude, and the learning is very pleasurable if the scholar has mind, and can divest himself of prejudice. Great strength is not required. It is the horses that draw the plough. The man or boy only guides it. 'To sow.' This is much more of a mystery. Very few ordinary labourers are called upon to do it. It is born with a man, and such a man gets plenty of employment for his skill. 'Sowing' also is largely done by machinery. Any boy can harrow. Tending cattle chiefly wants a kind heart and a spirit of obedience. Chopping trees requires constitutional and muscular strength, and also a good deal of practice, knowledge of the qualities of an axe, and how to grind one. This is a winter employment, and will exactly suit the iron-workers after they have got through the rudiments and acquired a notion of woodcraft. This and cattle-tending are the staple winter employments, to which you may add teaming, needing sympathy with the draught animals and a good stout pair of legs. The trouble with most emigrants resides within the brain-pan. They have notions. They would rather not be taught anything new. They want a few of the old town excitements. I will grant you it is hard to cure a malady of this sort, and must leave it to yourself as to how the work is to be set about. A rush from the 'closely inhabited courts and streets' into the real country is a magnificent blessing where it can be appreciated, and the religious mind can best appreciate such a boon from the hands of the Creator of the fair world. Where it is despised, the state of the affections that has given the mind such a twist is only a part of the malady of our modern and disgusting civilization. 'We fear, then, that each trade will, in the end, have to stand on its own basis.' Of course! only don't let it be a base basis (shocking pun!), but an honourable basis, with 'the identity of interests between masters and men, and a due regard to the collective welfare of the whole body of workers belonging to the special trade.' Brave words, in sooth. 'Identity' is rather more forcible than intelligible. 'Collective welfare'; a collection collected round a centre, I suppose. That centre with a pocket in it. Let us be satisfied if it is a 'religious and virtuous' pocket! 'Slack times.' The only slack times

LORD BRABAZON ON OPEN SPACES.

LORD BRABAZON writes as follows:—‘It has lately been suggested that a sort of Champs Elysées should be started in London where innocent amusement might be afforded to those who live and work in our crowded city. Without entering upon the question of providing “cafés chantants” and such-like characteristics of the Champs Elysées, upon which there would be certain to be much difference of opinion, I may say that I fully agree with those who advocate the lighting up of an evening of our public parks, of the Thames Embankment, and of other open spaces and promenades; and I believe that these could be rendered harmlessly attractive after dark with a comparatively small outlay. The well-behaved crowds which for the last three years have swarmed of an evening to the Horticultural Gardens at South Kensington to listen to the music, to partake of cheap and reasonably good refreshment, to view their fellow-creatures, to stroll about or sit in the open air, to see the fountains play and watch the effect of the electric light, have conclusively proved that there is a distinct need in London for some place of open-air recreation where the thousands who cannot get out in the daytime may innocently enjoy themselves of an evening.’

The Metropolitan Public Gardens Association has already made an effort in the East End to meet this need. Trafalgar Square, Stepney, an enclosure of only about an acre in extent, and situated in the midst of a dense population, was open to the public on June 13, and was brilliantly illuminated after dark with coloured lights. The experiment succeeded perfectly. It was computed that between 1000 and 2000 persons entered the ground during the evening, the majority of whom had never seen anything of the sort before. Many were the expressions of delight, and all appeared enchanted with the treat afforded them. Though belonging to the poorest classes, their behaviour compared most favourably with that of their wealthier brethren who pay 1s. or 2s. 6d. to enter the Inventions Exhibition at South Kensington. At 10.45 p.m. the gates were ordered to be closed, and in three minutes the garden was cleared of between 700 and 800 people without a murmur. The marked success which attended this experiment has greatly encouraged the Association, and, with the kind consent of the Duke of Westminster and the Marquis of Northampton, certain squares in Pimlico and Clerkenwell, which they have already most kindly allowed the Association to lay out for the use of the public, are to be lighted up after dark, and the Association has started a special fund to provide the necessary lights and lamp-posts.

If this example were followed by Her Majesty's Office of Works and the Metropolitan Board of Works, and if the electric light were introduced into the parks of London, such a movement could not but give a most beneficial impulse to the cause of temperance and morality, besides conferring an immense blessing upon those who lead sedentary and monotonous lives in crowded dwellings, offices, and workrooms, and who have, only too often, no chance of breathing the fresh air of heaven until the sun has set and darkness is covering the earth.’

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Hertfordshire Association of Change-ringers.

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., Messrs. Buckingham, Cartmel, Battle, Godman (2), Hills, and Lewis, members of the St. Albans Branch, paid a visit to the village of Hunton Bridge, Herts. Meeting about five p.m., they were conveyed by waggette through beautiful country, past Leavesden Lunatic Asylum, to the village, which was reached about 6.30 p.m., where they were met by the captain of the local ringers, Mr. J. Walker, and conducted to the church, which is dedicated to St. Paul. The tower contains a nice little ring of six bells, tenor about 9 cwt., which were put up about twenty years ago by Mears and Stainbank. The ‘go’ of the bells is excellent, but change-ringing is rendered difficult owing to the noise of the bells, which, however, could easily be altered by adding a deadening floor, which is much to be desired. After a look round the church, which was greatly admired, the party set to work and accomplished a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Minor. The ringers were much gratified on being informed that it was the first 720 on the bells. Some Bob Minor, Grandsire, Bob and Stedman's Doubles, were also rung. After some refreshments, and a course of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Hills and Lewis, the visitors started for St. Albans, which was reached about eleven o'clock.

The Lavenham (Suffolk) Anniversary.

THE Anniversary at Lavenham was held on Monday, the 22nd ult. The attendance of visitors was not large, Squire Proctor and his band (other ringers generally coming with them) not being present; but a very agreeable day was spent by those who attended the meeting. In the morning, the local company, with the assistance of Mr. Day of Eye, rang a 1008 of Bob Major in about 45 mins. T. Bruce, 1; C. Fisk, 2; Rev. E. Symonds, 3; G. Day, 4; H. Smith, 5; A. Symonds, 6; J. Boby (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Touches of Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major, were rung during the day by the visitors, among whom were Mr. Sewell (Barking), Mr. Jackson (Cambridge), Mr. Day (Eye), Mr. Sadler (Norwich), Mr. Bradley (London), Mr. O. Laughlin (Bury St. Edmunds), and others. An excellent dinner was, as usual, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Miller, at the ‘Cock Inn.’

Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

THE third Annual Meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, the 27th ult., at Lichfield, and was in every way a success. Ringing in the various steeples commenced about 3 p.m., and at 5 p.m. a special service was held for the ringers in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, at which prayers were read by the Ven. Archdeacon Iles, President of the Society, and a short address was given by the Rev. J. R. Keble. The service ended, some time was spent by new-comers in going round the Cathedral, and the Archdeacon kindly took a party over the library. All then assembled for tea in the coffee-house, to the number of more than sixty; immediately after which the Business Meeting was held. The Report and treasurer's statement having been read and approved, the Rev. J. J. Serjeantson, rector of St. Michael's, Lichfield, was re-elected hon. treasurer, and the Rev. J. R. Keble (Lichfield), and Mr. S. Reeves (West Bromwich) were elected hon. secretaries for the ensuing year. It was also determined that a sub-committee should be appointed of members qualified to report on the condition of church towers and bell-hanging, and that the committee should be prepared to recommend instructors in change-ringing to any band anxious to improve themselves in the art; and a fixed scale of charges has been drawn up for this purpose. The Secretary announced that five new hon. members, and twenty-two ringing members, had been just elected by the committee, and it was decided that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Harborne on Saturday, Sept. 26. The Report for 1884-5 will be published in a few days.

A Correction.

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SIR,—I see by your last issue, through my mistake in writing the peal down, that it has got into print wrong. I should feel obliged if you will kindly insert it again. You will see that the error is in the last course.

Spalding, Lincolnshire.

Four times repeated.

R. MACKMAN.

St. Thomas's, Salisbury.

THE tenor bell, which broke down on June 20th, as recorded last week, is being rehung by Mr. T. Blackburn of Salisbury.

The Eastern Counties Guild.

ON the 16th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob, also 216, were rung. J. W. Jarvis, 1; C. Neaverson, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Mackman, 5; G. Skeef (conductor), 6.

ON the 21st ult., for morning service, 360 London Single; for evening service, 480 Plain Bob.

ON the 23rd ult. a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. G. Skeef, 1; J. S. Wright, 2; G. L. Richardson, 3; Dr. Seccombe, of Terrington, 4; R. Mackman, 5; J. Brown, 6.

ON the 28th ult., being Coronation Day, at 7 a.m. four 120's Bob Doubles, at 10 a.m. a peal of 720 Plain Bob (30 bobs and 2 singles), at 6 p.m. a peal of 720 Plain Bob. After service a peal of 720 London Single. J. S. Wright, G. L. Richardson, R. Mackman, J. Brown, C. Neaverson, J. W. Jarvis, G. Skeef. [No church named.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary the Virgin, Stanstead, Essex.

ON Saturday, the 6th ult., six of the local company rang a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 25½ mins. J. Cavill, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

ON Saturday, the 13th ult., a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor (42 singles) in 26 mins. W. Prior, 1; I. Cavill, 2; G. Gray, 3; H. Prior, jun., 4; J. Luckey, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

ON Sunday, the 22nd ult., for evening service, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor (13 bobs and 18 singles) in 27 mins. G. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6.

AND on Sunday, the 30th ult., for evening service, a peal of 720 College Single Minor in 25 mins. W. Prior, 1; J. Luckey, 2; H. Prior, jun., 3; G. Gray, 4; I. Cavill, 5; C. Prior (conductor), 6. Tenor 18 cwt. This is the first 720 by all in this method, and also on these bells.

At St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancashire.

ON Monday, the 22nd ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (18 singles and 18 bobs) was rung for practice in 25½ mins. J. Welsby (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Brookes, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6.

ON Sunday, the 28th ult., collections were made in the church in aid of the many bereaved ones of the late explosion at Clifton Hall Colliery, near Manchester. The bells were rung half muffled during the day. For divine service in the evening a peal of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. J. Welsby (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Brookes, 5; W. Denner, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

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

ON Thursday, the 25th ult., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang H. Dains' Two-part peal of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 19 mins. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; A. B. Ward, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; H. C. Woodward, 6; A. P. Heywood, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which was now rung for the first time, contains the sixth twenty-four times each way in 5-6: see *Snowdon's Double Norwich*, p. 31, being the first of the peals there given. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers.

At the Parish Church, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

ON Tuesday, the 30th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 27 mins., with the tenor covering. T. Pattison, 1; F. W. Atkinson, 2; J. C. Tinker, 4; W. Pattison, 5; C. Brewin, 6; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; W. W. Bust, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is the first 720 in the method by any of the company. The third rope was broken, which is the reason why it is omitted.

RECEIVED ALSO.—Philip O. Bixby; North Wingfield; Tyldesley; Langlebury; St. Albans.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Private Baptism.

SIR,—In 'The Ministration of Private Baptism of Children in Houses,' the rubric directs the minister to 'say the Lord's Prayer, and so many of the Collects appointed to be said before in the Form of Public Baptism as the time and present exigence will suffer.' I have a copy of *The Offices according to the Use of the Church of England*, Cambridge, 1765. Joseph Bentham, Printer to the University. *Cum Privilegio*. This book gives another similar rubric: 'Let the Minister with them that are present say the Lord's Prayer and so many of the following collects as the present exigence will suffer,' and gives a service apparently perfect in itself, beginning with the words, 'Let us pray.' The Lord's Prayer. 'Almighty and everlasting God, who of Thy great mercy,' &c.; 'Almighty and immortal God, the aid of all that need,' &c.; 'Almighty ever-living God, whose most dearly beloved Son,' &c.; then the actual baptism; ending with 'We yield Thee hearty thanks,' &c., and 'The grace of our Lord,' &c. Can any of your readers tell by what authority this service was compiled? and why the option to use those four most beautiful supplications, 'O, merciful God, grant,' &c., is in it denied? Nova Scotia. D. C. M.

Umbrellas in Church.

SIR,—I cannot agree with a Congregationalist that a soaking umbrella in church is 'so comfortable in its stand,' the evaporation is most noxious: but it is certainly a condition which our architects have never studied sufficiently, since surely the tower or screened porch might be utilised to rid the interior of most churches of these, as well as of hats and coats. F. W.

York Churches.

SIR,—Could not the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings raise a fund to purchase from the Church edifices that are no longer of any use for worshipping purposes, and are only a drag to the Church and a great hindrance to souls? There are numbers of ancient churches all over the country, from the neighbourhood of which the parishioners have migrated, and, if it were not for Dissenters, would be destitute of religious provision, whilst their Rector is looking after a useless old building. The souls of the living are thus being sacrificed to the monuments of the dead. A caretaker could look after the rats, and the clergy would be liberated to minister to the people. A LAY HELPER.

Thanks for 'Church Bells.'

SIR,—Will you allow me to thank those unknown friends who have so kindly sent me copies of *Church Bells* for a long time past? I am now receiving only one copy, marked 'W. P. Musgrave.' Last year one was marked 'Calderhaugh.' When I received duplicate copies I was glad to distribute them in my district, and I always gladly welcome the arrival of your very interesting paper. JAMES ALLEN.

Bishop's College, Perth, West Australia.

Church Ministrations at Hospitals.

SIR,—Will any of your readers who may be acquainted with this branch of Church work tell us whether, from their observation, these ministrations are as ample and as gentle as the need demands? By ample, I mean offers to celebrate Holy Communion for such as are unable to leave room or bed; by gentle, I mean that periodical reading to the suffering be marked by a cultivated utterance, peace-giving as far as may be, and soothing in its tone and manner. I have recently heard in conversation of one or two instances which point to the reverse of this, if my information be correct; one, that of the Whitechapel Infirmary. I gathered that the Holy Communion was rarely, if ever, celebrated; and that while in the case of a Roman Catholic patient the consolation to the dying was quickly and readily obtainable, an Anglican would not have the like comfort, as the clerical arrangements of the establishment did not provide for such service. If this is really the case, it seems strange that in the centre of the East End, with its ample means of extraneous aid, there should exist a field so ripe, yet perishing for lack of labourers. L. W.

'Princes of the Church.'

SIR,—I must regard the remarks of the Rev. W. Odom on the above term as needless and hypercritical. If a bishop be not a 'Prince of the Church,' I know not what he is or what a prince is. Dr. Johnson defines a prince as 'a sovereign; a chief ruler.' I always have been taught that bishops were 'chief rulers' in the Church. Some of the questions put to any one about to be consecrated a bishop fully recognise that he is to be a chief ruler. And just because I desired not to repeat the same word again and again (a fault of which I am often guilty) I termed our chief rulers in the Church 'Princes of the Church.' It is no novel term, but I used it for the above reason solely. I never 'boasted' of our Apostolical succession. I see nothing to 'boast of' in it. I am very thankful for it, because without it I should feel that I had no authority in God's providence to minister God's Word and God's Sacraments. I do not see anything in this different from the spirit of the

Apostles. St. Paul wrote that they were 'your servants for Jesus' sake. But he wrote much like a 'prince' when he asked, 'What will ye, shall I come unto you with a rod?' or 'Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness according to the power which the Lord hath given me;' or when he ordered one man 'to be delivered unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus;' or when he had 'delivered Hymenæus and Alexander unto Satan, that they might learn not to blaspheme.' Let us be honest in our quotations, and while heartily rejoicing in St. Paul's love and willingness to be the servant of Christ's people for Christ's sake, let us not forget that he showed himself at least to be a 'prince of the Church' when duty demanded it. The term was used for the reason given, solely. But I cannot permit the critique of Mr. Odom upon it to remain unanswered, because it seems to me needless and incorrect. G.V.

The Church and the World.

SIR,—The closing of two subjects of discussion in your pages, and the remarks of the Rev. W. Odom on the 'Church and the World,' lead me to send you the enclosed cutting, which I hope you will reprint. Much is being said now on the advantages of the alliance of 'Church and State,' which many people think helpful to both. But who in word (though so much is done in practice) can defend the alliance, now so strong, between the Church and the world? Such texts as 'Be not conformed to this world;' 'The friendship of the world is enmity with God;' 'Come out from among them, be ye separate;' seem blotted out of our Bible. With them also the spirit which led David to say he would 'not offer to God of that which cost him nothing.' No doubt the 'Prince of this world' is quite willing to give his aid thus, but what of those who accept it? Do not the ever-increasing troubles in our Church testify that it is a large price to pay for churches and charities thus built and maintained? BETA.

FROM THE 'CHRISTIAN' OF MARCH 4TH, 1885.

"On Saturday morning next an amateur performance of Douglas Jerrold's comedy 'The White Milliner,' and an original operetta by Lady Arthur Hill, entitled 'The Lost Husband,' will be given at the Criterion in aid of the funds for the restoration of Wolferton Church, near Sandringham. The Princess of Wales has signified her intention to be present."

"The foregoing speaks for itself. A Japanese gentleman, who has been in England for some years, on reading it, wrote: 'A strange people! they must have something for their money—they must pass their gifts through a strainer in the form of a fancy fair, a lottery, or a theatrical performance, at immense cost of time and labour to themselves, and they must make a crutch of the devil to support them in their labours for God.' Yes, a 'strange people!' Fancy reading in our histories: 'The comedies of 'Gammer Gurton's Needle' and 'Ralph Royster-Doyster' were performed at a well-known gambling-house in aid of the funds for the rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral! His Majesty, the Court beauties, and Sir Christopher Wren, were present!'"

Over-Production.

SIR,—Mr. Henry Hemming, who writes from Quebec, pretty fairly states the case on behalf of the Colonies. He says: 'There is always a demand in the Colonies for agricultural labourers and domestic servants.' No doubt this is true. But Mr. Hemming is hardly, perhaps, aware of the great exodus that has gone on in recent years from the more rural parts of England, so that it would not, perhaps, be too much to say that, at the present time, there are few of the class to spare that Canada most wants. On the other hand, there are numbers of the unemployed in our large towns. What is to be done with them? Can we get rid of them by calling them 'loafers'? Most of them have a trade. The misfortune is, that either they have not succeeded in their trade or 'bad times' have taken their trade from them, and left them high and dry. With regard to the point whether it is easy for an artisan to shift from one form of occupation to another, I put the question a short time ago before a meeting of working men. One or two said that they had done so through stress of circumstances, and were none the worse for the effort. The majority, however, confessed that they would prefer to continue earning their livelihood in the trade they had learned in childhood. Having seen a little of farm-work, I must beg to differ from Mr. Hemming as to its not being a difficult occupation to be proficient in. J. COWDEN COLE.

RECEIVED ALSO.—J. R. Dore; and others.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths. (Established 1637.)

THE 248th Anniversary took place last Saturday at the 'Cherry Tree Hotel,' Southgate, Middlesex, where about thirty members dined. Afterwards Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung on the excellent ring of eight bells at the parish church (tenor, 26 cwt.), cast by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, Whitechapel, London. In the evening about fifty members gathered round the chairman (Mr. Rowbotham) and vice-chairman (Mr. Muskett). Great praise is due to the stewards (Messrs. George and McLaughlin) for their care and attention. A pleasant day was spent, the fine country about Southgate adding to the enjoyment.

Kent County Association.

On Tuesday evening, the 23rd ult., the Folkestone Company were treated to an outing to Staplehurst, by the churchwardens, Messrs. Chapman and Dunk, and were accompanied by Mr. E. Potter from Dover, Mr. F. Finn from Mersham, and were met on arrival by Mr. T. Potter from Frittenden and Mr. Kemp from Maidstone. The ringing consisted of various touches of Grandsire Triples, in which the several parties mentioned took part. The bells are a nice musical peal, in fairly good going order, far beyond the expectation of the visitors, who had in remembrance the report given by some of the visiting ringers at the recent opening; and, what added to their gratification, they were complimented on having rung some well-struck changes. The ringing was kept up till near ten o'clock, having but bare time to get some necessary refreshments, and catch the train to convey the party to their respective homes. They beg, through the medium of *Church Bells*, to return their sincere thanks to Messrs. Chapman and Dunk for the outing, and to the Rev. G. F. Reynier, D.D., for the use of the bells, also to the churchwardens and local company for the welcome accorded them.

North Lincolnshire Bell-ringers' Association.

THE General Quarterly Meeting of this Association took place at Brigg on Saturday, the 4th inst. Owing to the election which is pending in the Division, and other uncontrollable circumstances, the attendance of members was not so large as was anticipated, nevertheless the meeting was a satisfactory and encouraging one in all respects. Shortly after one o'clock the bells were raised in peal by the visitors, and during the afternoon touches were rung by mixed bands in the following methods:—Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob, and Grandsire Triples. F. F. Linley, Esq., of Gainsboro', one of the vice-presidents of the Association, presided over the meeting. It was resolved that the next meeting should be held at Nocton, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. The visiting ringers were kindly treated to refreshment by the conductor of the Brigg company, Mr. W. E. Rowbottom, who manifested the greatest possible interest in the proceedings. The Rector of Brigg, the Rev. P. H. Brierley, visited the belfry in the course of the afternoon, and gave the Association a cordial welcome. Change-ringing appears to be at a very low ebb at Brigg, but there is every reason to believe that one good result of the Association meeting will be to stimulate the local brother-strings to study and persevere in the art until they attain proficiency. The steeple at Brigg contains eight bells, six of which are of excellent tone; the two treble bells are of recent date, and scarcely harmonise with the remainder. The tenor weighs, we understand, about 9 cwt. All the bells are in good going order, and it is hoped the art of change-ringing will ere long have a home in this tower. The Association committee and members desire to tender their thanks to the Rev. P. H. Brierley for his kindness in granting them the use of the church bells, and also to Mr. W. E. Rowbottom for his praiseworthy efforts in contributing to the enjoyment and success of the meeting.

Members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at St. Mary's, Taunton, Somerset.

On Thursday, the 25th ult., the members of this Guild visited Taunton to ring a peal on the magnificent ring of ten bells, which has been made by the addition of two trebles. In the morning a dedication service was held in the church, at which the Bishop of Bath and Wells was present, and several influential gentlemen of the diocese. Before service ten members of the Guild rose the bells in peal, and rang nine courses of Stedman's Caters. J. Field, 1; W. Finch, 2; L. Proctor, Esq., 3; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 4; S. Hounslow, 5; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; C. Hounslow, 8; J. W. Washbrook, 9; W. Wakelin, 10. There is affixed to the bells a carillon, which plays twenty-one tunes, and which was set going after the dedication service by two ladies of Taunton, amidst great enthusiasm. A luncheon was afterwards held in the City Buildings, which was well attended, and thanks were acknowledged by many gentlemen for their bounteous support in the matter. After luncheon ten members of the Guild rang a peal of 5079 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 22 mins., the first peal of Caters rung in Somerset. J. Field, 1; T. Payne, 2; A. F. M. Custance, Esq., 3; W. Finch, 4; S. Hounslow, 5; C. Hounslow, 6; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 7; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 8; J. W. Washbrook, 9; W. Wakelin, 10.

The United Counties Association.

THE Half-yearly Meeting of this Association took place on Saturday last at Northenden. There were about a hundred persons present, including ringers from Hyde, Northenden, Staleybridge, Castleton, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Dinting, Glossop, Hayfield, Whitfield, Ashton-under-Lyne, Gorton, Saddleworth, Manchester, Middleton, Northwich, Cheadle, Didsbury, Stockport, &c. Various towers were visited during the day, including Disley (6 bells), Norbury (6), Didsbury (6), Northenden (6), Barlow Moor (8), Cheadle (8).

Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, New London, Violet, and Stedman's were rung during the day. Dinner was provided at the 'Spread Eagle' Tavern. After dinner the President of the Association, Mr. John Holden, took the chair, and, previous to business being commenced, read a letter from the Rector of Northenden, the Rev. Edward L. Y. Deacle, to the effect that he regretted having to absent himself from the meeting through illness, and trusted the Association would accept a donation of 10s. to the funds, and concluding by wishing the Association every success. The donation was accepted with thanks, and the members present wished him a speedy recovery. Eleven new members were elected, bringing the total number up to ninety-four. The meeting was then brought to a close. During the evening several courses were rung on the hand-bells in the shape of Grandsire Triples, Major, and Caters, Treble Bob Major, and Royal. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Whitfield Glossop on Saturday, January 2nd, 1886.

JAMES S. WILDE, Hon. Sec.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Harwich (8 bells) on Saturday, July 25. Ringing to commence at twelve. A meat tea will be provided at the 'Great Eastern Hotel' at four p.m. Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary at 6d. each up to July 20th, after that date 1s. 6d. The Business Meeting will be held immediately after the tea. Return tickets will be issued by the G. E. R. at a single fare and a quarter to stations, providing that they inform the Secretary before July 20th from what station they travel.

Rayleigh, S.O., Essex.

H. A. COCKEX, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Langlebury, Herts.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., the following members of the St. Albans Branch of the Hertfordshire Association rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and 2 singles) in 25 mins., being the first 720 on the bells, which were put up by Mears & Stainbank about twenty years ago. W. Battle, 1; H. Lewis, 2; A. Godman, jun., 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; A. Godman, sen., 5; N. N. Hills (conductor), 6. Tenor, 9 cwt.

At St. Nicholas', Gloucester.

On Monday, the 22nd ult., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23 mins. Mr. Witherington, 1; W. Sevier, 2; F. E. Ward, Esq., 3; H. Thorn (conductor), 4; J. Wathem, 5; G. H. Phillott, Esq., 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt. Also some Stedman's Six-scores, conducted by J. Wathem.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, Wilts.

On Wednesday, the 24th ult., a muffled peal (in memory of the late Uriah Woodman, whose death was recorded last week) of 720 Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. J. Short, 1; E. A. Forster, 2; C. A. Clements, 3; T. Blackburn, 4; W. W. Gifford, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6.

At St. Lawrence's, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.

On Saturday, the 27th ult., six six-scores of Bob Doubles, each called differently, were rung in 30 mins., with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect for Saml. Ordish, an old ringer, who was buried on that day. A. Bannister, 1; G. Beresford, 2; G. Tarlton, 3; T. Allibone, 4; T. Day, 5; W. Hopkinson, 6. Tenor, 18½ cwt.

At St. George's, Tivdesley, Lancashire.

On Sunday, the 28th ult., the anniversary of the Sunday School, sermons were preached in the above church. Five of the Walkden Company paid a visit in the afternoon, and with the assistance of Mr. James Aldred (one of the local company), a peal of 720 Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles) was rung in 24½ mins. J. Welsby (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Aldred, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt.

At St. Michael's, St. Albans, Herts.

On Monday, the 29th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (38 bobs and 22 singles) was rung in 27 mins., being the first 720 ever known to have been rung on the bells. W. Battle, 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, 2; A. Godman, jun., 3; G. W. Cartmel, 4; A. Godman, sen., 5; N. N. Hills (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 10 cwt.

At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Putney, Surrey.

On Wednesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths attempted Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, but after ringing two hours and 7 minutes the conductor called 'Stand!' owing to a charge-course. H. Alford, 1; J. M. Routh, 2; E. Horrex, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; W. H. George, 7; F. G. Newman, 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt.

At Stowmarket, Suffolk.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., the following members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, who are also members of the Norwich Diocesan Association and of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 5 mins. C. Mee (conductor), 1; J. Motts, 2; S. Alexander, 3; W. Catchpool, 4; A. Aldham, 5; W. Motts, 6; E. Pemberton, 7; R. H. Brundle, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt. The above is the first peal in the method rung upon the bells.

At Privett, Hants.

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 3 mins. G. Sayer, 1; C. Boxall, 2; G. H. Child, 3; G. Williams, 4; G. H. Barnett, 5; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 6; S. Brooker, 7; E. Clapshaw, 8. Tenor, 12 cwt.

RECEIVED ALSO.—B. Francis; Sudbury; Fareham; Quedgeley; Hertford; Bengoe.

dates for Holy Orders, and that one German has given 38,250 marks for endowing a Divinity chair in the University at Berne.

THE *Deutscher Merkur*, commenting on the present opposition of Romanists to joint use of a church with Old Catholics, relates a remarkable instance of Protestant and Popish joint worship which existed for over two centuries. 'A very peculiar *simultaneum* existed from 1646 to 1850 at Goldenstadt in the county of Diepholz in Hanover, which Daniel's *Handbook of Geography* thus describes: "A Roman Catholic and a Lutheran congregation had a common temple, a common Roman Catholic priest, and a Lutheran clerk. The priest performed all Church offices for the Lutherans, and the latter worshipped with him in the joint church. He began Mass with the introit, then followed the Lutherans with *Kyrie eleison*, the priest with *Gloria in excelsis*, the Lutherans with two verses of *Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr*. Thereafter the priest read the Epistle and the Lutherans sang the third verse of *Allein Gott*. He next read the Gospel and the Nicene Creed, the Lutherans following with *Wir glauben all' an einen Gott*. The priest then proceeded with the celebration of Mass, the Lutherans looking on passively, but singing at its end a hymn suited to the Sunday or festival, during which the priest mounted the pulpit and preached a sermon for both religious parties." The bare record of such a state of things as this suffices to show how vast a difference has been made by the triumph of Ultramontaniam at the Vatican Council.

THE OLD CATHOLIC MOVEMENT.

THE following words were spoken in the Old Catholic Cathedral in Berne by the British Chaplain, before his sermon, on the occasion of the first service of the English and American Church held there, June 28th, 1885:—

'For the information of visitors to Berne who might not be acquainted with the origin and present position of the Old Catholic Church in Switzerland, I take this occasion to state briefly that the Old Catholics represent at the present time, as nearly as possible, the primitive faith and order of our venerable Mother the Church of England.

'The beautiful edifice in which we now have the privilege to worship God was built not many years ago, when the Roman Catholic body in Berne was one. At the time when the late Pío Nono, with the doubtful concurrence of a so-called General Council, announced to the world the new articles of Faith on pain of excommunication, such as the Papal Supremacy, the Papal Infallibility, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, &c., a large body of the Roman Catholics of Berne and other Cantons of Switzerland boldly declined to receive the new Faith, and protested against it, and so brought themselves under the Papal ban. But as they were still entitled to call themselves Catholics without the prefix "Roman," under the circumstances, they availed themselves of the provision of the Civil Government, and elected for themselves a Curé, and, having the majority, the parish and its church became Old Catholic, holding fast the form of sound words as transmitted from the Apostles to our own times in preference to the traditions of the Papacy.

'Only three years ago the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England, and before that occasion the Bishops of the Church of America, had their attention powerfully directed to the merits of the movement and its wondrous progress, which was so identical with that of their own Reformation; and the two Old Catholic Bishops, Reinkens and Herzog, Bishops respectively of Germany and Switzerland, received an invitation from the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of England and the authorities of the University of Cambridge to visit England and to give a public account of the reform movement in these countries, which they graciously accepted; and accordingly those Catholic prelates proceeded to England and received an enthusiastic reception from every Christian there who looked for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Suffice it that these prelates have received the right hand of fellowship from the English and American Bishops, and in the mutual partaking of that highest act of Christian love and fellowship, the reception of the Holy Eucharist, in their character of Bishops in the Church of God, was for ever exhibited and cemented that perfect symbol of recognition and of full spiritual communion between the Churches concerned.

'I have only to add that I cannot adequately express to Bishop Herzog my personal gratitude for the generous and spontaneous offer of his church for the celebration of our English and American Services, and his spiritual refreshment of us in this foreign land. Let us, therefore, in the words of the great Apostle in similar circumstances, pray the Lord to give mercy unto him and his house at that day; and may the Kingdom of God come in Switzerland through his means.'

Post Dictum.—Since these words were spoken, the Chaplain has received the following memorandum from the Right Rev. Bishop Titcomb, his Bishop:—

'London, 29th June, 1885.

'I have consulted the Bishop of London, and we both consent to your acceptance of Bishop Herzog's kind offer of the Old Catholic Church.—Thank him for me. Yours truly, J. H. TITCOMB, Bishop.

'The Rev. R. SKINNER, British Chaplain, Berne.'

CONVOCATION OF THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

UPPER HOUSE.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

On Thursday their Lordships sat with closed doors.

On Friday, the *Archbishop of Canterbury*, who presided in the Upper House, said that he had received a communication from the Home Secretary, Sir R. Cross, acknowledging the Resolution of this House on the subject of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, and stating that it would have his best consideration. Sir William Harcourt also wrote expressing his anxiety that the Bill should be passed, and that he had every reason to believe that it would be accepted. The *Bishop of London* presented a Report on the subject of divorce, which embodied the following declaration:—

'1. That in the case where the sin of adultery shall have been fully proved before a competent Court, and a decree of divorce shall have been obtained, the innocent party, so set free, ought to be advised not to remarry during the lifetime of the guilty party. 2. That if, however, the innocent party shall remarry, the charity of the Church required that the ministrations of the Church should not be withheld from the person so remarried or from the person with whom the marriage shall have been contracted. 3. That in case of the remarriage of the guilty person the ministrations of the Church ought not to be granted, leaving, however, to the Bishop the power, after personal investigation, to give such directions in any case of penitence as he shall consider most consonant with the teaching of Holy Scripture and the mind and practice of the Primitive Church.'

The discussion of the Report was postponed. The House was then prorogued until August 6th.

LOWER HOUSE.

THURSDAY.

The Report on the Election of Proctors was adopted and submitted to the Upper House.

FRIDAY.

The Members of the Lower House met in the College Hall. The Rev. D. Walter Thomas (Bangor) moved for a Committee to inquire into the condition of the Church in Wales, and as to the spiritual needs of the Welsh-speaking people in England and elsewhere beyond the Principality. The motion was agreed to and the Committee was appointed. The House was prorogued until the 9th of August.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association of Change Ringers.

On Saturday last the quarterly meeting of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers was held at Southport. The Association, which was founded in 1876, and which has spread very rapidly among the bell-ringers of the churches throughout the county, is intended to promote belfry reform. The objects which are endeavoured to be secured are principally the elevation of the moral and religious tone and status of the ringers, the cleanliness and comfort of, and orderly behaviour in, the belfries, and the dissemination of the true principles of change-ringing. Ringers were present from Manchester Cathedral, Bolton, Eccles, Swinton, Liverpool, Southport, Leyland, Runcorn, Heywood, and Bradford in Yorkshire. During the day mixed parties rang a number of touches, including 'Grandsire Triples,' 'Treble Bob Major,' and 'Plain Bob Major and Minor.' It may be remarked that the term 'Bob' has no reference to any personage, but to some process by which the sequence of the changes is altered, and is, perhaps, analogous to the term 'modulation' in music. Several parties also rang changes on the handbells, besides performing a number of popular melodies on the same sweet-toned instruments. The tables were cleared, and the President of the Association, the Rev. T. A. Turner, of Pendleton, Manchester, took the Chair. The Chairman said he would be perhaps allowed to name Mr. Mason, who, of course, was not to be ignored. He might have left to younger hands the management of the meeting, and the various arrangements, but still he was present, and was taking his proper place that evening amongst them. It gave him (the Chairman) very great pleasure indeed to see Mr. Mason on that occasion. Mr. Mason was now in his 90th year, and ringers were proverbial for their longevity, like country parsons. They would think of one who held the double office of a ringer and a parson, who was still living, at the age of ninety-six; he referred to the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, and he dare say there were other ringers who filled up the vacuum between ninety and ninety-six. At all events Mr. Mason had reached his four score and ten amongst them. The Rev. Canon Clarke had intended to be present at their meeting, but he had been detained in his study preparing for his duties of the morrow. The Chairman said he would not like that meeting to close without an allusion being made to Mr. Thomas Worrall, of Pendlebury, one of their number, who had occupied a prominent and honourable position at the recent terrible disaster at the Clifton Colliery, Manchester. Mr. Worrall was an overlooker in the Dow and Fivequarter mines, and had under him nearly a hundred people at the time of the explosion, and it was considered that by his wonderful bravery and presence of mind he saved a hundred of the people that were in those mines. Mr. Worrall seemed to have known pretty well where the explosion occurred, and he at once collected all his men together in his own workings, and it need scarcely be said that he needed great coolness and presence of mind. The poor fellows appeared to have been in a helpless condition through terror. Some were shrieking for help, others crawling about not knowing whither they went, and one group seemed to have become

quite delirious. Mr. Worrall told of a curious instance of the effect of fright in bringing out anything which was deeply impressed upon the mind—one poor lad was found repeating the alphabet in a loud voice. No doubt some thirty of the lives would have been saved if the whole of the people in the mine had obeyed his instructions. But some of them had not the nerve to do this, and lost their lives in consequence. No doubt Mr. Worrall would receive some acknowledgment from the country, perhaps the Albert medal, or the Victoria medal. There were two other members of the Society down the mine at the time, William Cottrill and J. Briscoe, both of whom escaped with a slight scorching. He considered that Mr. Worrall, as one of their members, had exhibited a bravery and self-denying courage that entitled him to special notice at that meeting, and in the next annual report. He was sure they were all very proud of having in their ranks such men. The same coolness and endurance which were required in ringing a peal of 4000 or 5000 changes had carried Mr. Worrall through that terrible disaster, and carried him through with glory.

The Young Band of Ringers of St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., Mr. Sinclair, Bellwarden of the above church, gave a garden party at his house (The Lawn, Tulse Hill). The party numbered thirty-four, including the Rev. W. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. Mash's young band, who ring the bells for the Sunday morning and evening services. After having a strawberry-and-cream tea the band rang several tunes upon their fine handbells, numbering about forty, and supper took place at nine o'clock. Mr. Mash thanked Mr. Sinclair for his kindness in entertaining his young friends. Mr. Sinclair replied that he was very pleased to see them, and trusted it would not be the last time he should have that pleasure.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At Sudbury, Suffolk.

On Thursday evening, the 18th ult., the following members of the St. Peter's and St. Gregory's company rang a touch of 1056 Bob Major in 33 mins. W. B. Ransom, Esq., 1-2; C. Sillitoe, 3-4; W. Howell, 5-6; A. Scott, 7-8.

On Saturday evening the same touch was rung at St. Gregory's. F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; M. Silvester, 4; H. Harper, 5; J. Humm (Bures), 6; W. Cross, 7; A. Scott, 8, who conducted on both occasions.

The bell-ringers of Sudbury held their usual anniversary on St. Peter's Day, the 29th ult. They commenced soon after 7 a.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples on the All Saints' bells, and from that time rang at intervals, there and at St. Gregory's, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major until two p.m., when they sat down to a substantial dinner at the 'Bull Inn.' The chair was taken by the Rev. O. J. Stower, vicar of All Saints, the Rev. T. L. Green, the rector of St. Peter and St. Gregory, being unavoidably absent. Several friends also sat down. After dinner a move was made to the tower of All Saints, and after ringing there for a short time they concluded with a touch at St. Gregory's about 7.30. At nine o'clock they assembled at the 'Bull Inn' with their peal of handbells, and some more ringing was indulged in, including a course of Grandsire Cinques, Bob Royal, and Stedman's Triples. One feature of the evening's ringing was a well-struck course of Bob Major by the four oldest ringers present, as follows:—J. Humm, 1-2; — Morley, 3-4; G. Tolliday, 5-6; W. Cross, 7-8. The united ages of these four being 284 years, or an average of seventy-one years each. Mr. J. Humm hails from Bures St. Mary, the rest being Sudbury men. The company separated at 11 p.m. well pleased with the day's enjoyment.

At St. Peter's, Fareham, Hants.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, Taylor's Bob-and-single Variation, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. W. Taylor, 1; J. Staples, 2; G. Williams, 3; J. Hewett, 4; C. Privett, 5; F. Hill (conductor), 6; J. Whiting, 7; G. Grahame, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Hertford, Herts.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Holt's Original Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 1 min. F. G. Crawley, 1; M. Ellsmore, 2; H. Baker, 3; H. Phillips, 4; J. Cull, 5; G. Knight, 6; W. A. Alps, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. This peal was rung to commemorate Mr. Ellsmore's thirty-fifth birthday. His brother-ringers wish him many happy returns.

At St. Peter's, Sheffield, Yorks.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., eight members of the Yorkshire Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 14 mins. G. Holmes, 1; W. Turton, Ecclesfield (first peal), 2; Joseph Mulligan, 3; C. Bower, 4; W. Lomas, 5; John Mulligan, 6; G. Shaw, Ecclesfield (first peal), 7; A. Bready (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. H. W. Haley. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Quedgeley, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 5th inst., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and 2 singles) in 22 mins. T. Brown, 1; W. Brown, 2; T. Mansfield, 3; W. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11½ cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Bengoe, Herts.

On Sunday evening, the 5th inst., for Divine service, the following rang 6 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (each called differently), making 720 changes, in 25 mins. T. Barker, 1; M. Ellsmore (conductor), 2; J. Channer, 3; H. Phillips, 4; W. Goodchild, 5; H. Brown, 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt. Also another 120, in which G. Powter took part. Messrs. Goodchild and Powter hail from

Ware, and must be credited with their performance, as they have only recently commenced practising method-ringing, and they bid fair to become good ringers. This is Mr. Goodchild's first 720 of any kind.

At Eccles, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 6th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins. by members of the Lancashire Association. C. Cash, 1; S. West, 2; A. E. Wreaks, 3; E. Cash, 4; J. Barrett, 5; J. Eachus, 6; G. H. Johnson (conductor), 7; W. Ashcroft, 8. Tenor, 13½ cwt., in G. S. West, A. E. Wreaks, and J. Eachus, hail from the Cathedral, Manchester, the rest from Eccles.

At Liversedge, Yorkshire.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., a peal of 1285 changes was rung in 1 hr. 7½ mins. in honour of the eighty-fifth birthday of Mr. William Sottanstill, the veteran ringer of Sowerby, Yorkshire. J. Whitworth, 1; J. Illingworth, 2; W. Frith, 3; T. North, 4; G. Illingworth, 5; S. Goodall, 6; L. Illingworth (conductor), 7; M. Ramsden, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. The peal was composed for the occasion by William Sottanstill.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 2 3 4 5 6 8 7

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7

2 4 1 6 3 8 5 7

2 4 6 1 8 3 7 5

2 6 4 8 1 7 3 5

6 2 8 4 7 1 5 3

Start into changes at back-stroke from rounds, and ring these five changes braced, which brings up the 8 change of the first treble lead.

M. B. W. H.

2 2 2 1

1 2 2

2 - 1 2

2 2 2

2 - 2

At St. George's, Tyldesley, Lancashire.

On Sunday evening, the 12th inst., for Divine Service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor (16 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 23½ mins. P. Oakes (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; G. Heaton, 3; W. Gerrard, 4; C. Oakes, 5; J. Aldred, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. J. Worthington hails from Walkden, and is a member of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers. All the others are local ringers.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

On Monday, the 13th inst., eight members of the Beddington branch of the Surrey Association and Ancient Society of College Youths rang the subjoined One-part peal of Union Triples (5040 changes) in 2 hrs. 46 mins. A. B. Carpenter (composer and conductor), 1; W. Burkin, 2; J. Harris, 3; J. Plowman, 4; J. Trappitt, 5; C. Bance, 6; C. Gordon, 7; J. Cawley, 8. This peal, which has never before been performed, is believed to be the only peal of Union Triples in one part. First peal of Union by any of the above, except the ringer of the 2nd; first peal called by the conductor. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

ONE-PART PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES.—112 Bobs and 2 Singles.

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

A. B. CARPENTER.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN CHURCH NEWS.

CANADA.

Few parts of Canada can show more satisfactory Church work than the West Mono Mission in the Toronto diocese, Canada. In 1878, Mr. G. B. Morley was placed in charge as catechist. On his arrival he found but one church building, dignified as 'St. Matthew's,' at the extreme north of the district; but ere the year closed another chapel had been put up. In 1870 St. George's was bought from the Methodists. In 1881 Mr. Morley was ordained deacon, and next year priest. He then undertook the erection of a parsonage at his own cost of \$2000. In 1883 St. Alban's and St. Luke's were added to the church plant of the Mission—making a total of five good churches and one parsonage, instead of the one log-hut which Mr. Morley found on his arrival. In 1878 there were two Sunday schools, with sixty scholars: there are now five, with an attendance of 275. Three of the churches in the Mission are free from debt, but two are encumbered. The parishioners have done their utmost, and as the Mission has never received help from any English Society the case strongly appeals to the practical sympathy of our readers. Donations may be sent to the Lord Bishop of Toronto, marked for 'West Mono Mission,' or to Vice-Admiral Robertson Macdonald, 41 Lansdowne Road, Notting Hill, W.

UNITED STATES.

ENGLISH residents in the Republic, who keep up their feeling towards England and one another by St. George's Societies, are careful to hold special church services on their anniversaries, when very frequently the English Prayer-book, State prayers included, is literally followed. These services always excite a warm interest among American neighbours, and the sermons then preached are potent promoters of international good feeling, besides giving good occasion for showing the essential oneness of the Anglican Communion on both sides of the water. It is now proposed that the converse of all this should be imitated in England by Americans, with a like view of elevating and sanctifying patriotic sentiment.

Our sister-Church in the Republic possesses now 109 stations for mission work in other lands—40 in West Africa, 32 in China, 20 in Japan, 1 in Greece, 16 in Hayti, and 2 in Mexico. Her labourers in this department comprise 3 bishops, 56 priests and deacons, 5 physicians, 31 foreign lay-workers, and 148 native catechists, readers, and teachers. There are 12 boarding-schools; a divinity and a medical school in China, and a divinity school in Japan, with hospitals in both those countries. There are 10 candidates for Holy Orders in Africa, 10 in China, 1 in Japan, and 3 in Hayti.

In Wisconsin there are 30,000 Belgians. At the request of the Bishop of Fond-du-Lac, Bishop Herzog of Switzerland has sent one of his clergy, Abbé Vilatte, to work among them.

An event of importance, as bearing on Scandinavian Intercommunion, has occurred in Pennsylvania. The 125th anniversary of Christchurch, commonly called 'Old Swedes' Church, Upper Merion, held last month, was marked by the presentation from friends in Sweden of a granite font, and by the attendance of the Swedish consul at Philadelphia, and others of Swedish nationality or descent. It was stated on the occasion that originally the three churches of Gloria Dei at Philadelphia, St. James' at Kingessing, and Christchurch, Upper Merion, were at first a mission of the Swedish Church under a local provost. After the English language had become predominant the two former churches united with the diocese of Pennsylvania, while 'Christchurch, Upper Merion, pronounced its individuality, which it still maintains,'—conforming to the ritual of the American Church, but still attached to the Church of Sweden. Prince Oscar paid it a state visit in 1876. Dr. Collin, the last Swedish priest, was assisted, and eventually succeeded, by clergy of American ordination.

The place of women in the Church is coming into discussion at Chadford in Pennsylvania, two matrons having been chosen members of the vestry. The Bishop at first declared the election illegal, but afterwards allowed it.

WEST INDIES.

In the great Spanish island of Cuba a Reformation movement has begun. Bishop Young of Florida, U.S., has confirmed there, during the present year, over 300 persons; several congregations of the Anglican Communion have been organized, and 'young men of intelligence and education are offering themselves for our ministry.'

AUSTRALIA.

OF the diocese of Melbourne, in the colony of Victoria, the *Church of England Messenger* remarks, that 'from 1879 to 1883 there has been continuous and steady growth, and last year a decided "spring forward" was taken in every direction.' The number of clergy in 1879 was 103; in 1883, 121; in 1884, 131. Churches in 1879, 185; in 1883, 231; in 1884, 257. Persons confirmed in 1879, 1286; in 1883, 1797; in 1884, 2339. Communicants in 1879, 7205; in 1883, 11,126; in 1884, 13,342.

FRANCE.

THE 'Eglise Protestante Française,' recognised by the State, comprises now 532 organized congregations, or parishes, with 929 churches and oratories and 256 preaching-places. Whole villages have latterly gone over to Protestantism. At one place the only person remaining Romanist was the priest; at another the priest himself, with all his congregation, joined the Protestants. The 'Société centrale Protestante,' of which Pastor Duchemin is 'Agent Général' at Paris supports missionaries whose seek out scattered members and give them occasional services; but its work is hampered by lack of means, the richer Protestants—who are comparatively few—being for the most part very indifferent to religion.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Surrey Association.

THE Annual Meeting will be held at Croydon, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Tuesday, July 28th. Tea and Business Meeting at 5.30 at the 'Victoria Coffee Tavern,' Church Street. The Vicar will preside, and will also hold a short special service at 6.45. The tea will be free to ringing members of the Association, all others 1s. 6d. each. Any ringers will be welcome.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

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The Hertford County Association.

THIS Association held its Quarterly Meeting at Sawbridgeworth on Monday, the 13th inst., when above fifty members and friends assembled. The following bands were represented:—Hertford, St. Albans, Benington, Hitchin, Baldock, Bishop's Stortford, and Sawbridgeworth, besides individual ringers from Ware, Cambridge, and Harlow. In the morning, a party of ten left the train at Harlow and rung for about two hours in that tower, rejoining the main body at dinner-time. In the course of the day touches in the following methods were brought round successfully: viz. Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Court Major; and ringing was kept up nearly continuously from noon till half-past eight. Also the bands that passed through Hertford rang touches in each of the towers there, with the assistance of some of the local band, who had been unable to take any other part in the day's pleasure.

The Business Meeting was held immediately after dinner, when various new members were admitted, and the resolution was passed to hold the Annual Meeting on Monday, October 26, at St. Albans, and to request the Archdeacon for the use of the Choir or of the Lady-chapel of the Cathedral for a special service.

Among the pleasant features of a very enjoyable day, two of the most gratifying were the cordial welcome which the Association received from the Rev. H. A. Lipcomb, who entertained the whole party at tea on the Rectory lawn, and the great consideration with which all the other needs of the visitors were cared for by Mr. George Rochester.

Worcester Diocesan Change-ringing Association.

ON Monday, the 13th inst., the Annual Meeting of this Association was held in the Vestry of St. John the Baptist's Church, Bromsgrove. The President, Lord Alwyne Compton, D.D., Dean of Worcester, took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. W. R. Carr (St. John's, Worcester), Revs. E. J. Hall and F. E. Jones (Bromsgrove). The meeting was opened with prayer. Mr. J. Smith, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting, and explained that the peal-book, which it had been resolved at the former meeting should be provided, had not been procured in consequence of a question having arisen as to where the book should be kept, and who should make the entries of peals rung therein. After some discussion it was pointed out that the record could be made as permanent and as useful if the entries were made in a simple manner as if they were done elaborately and expensively. The chairman said that if they were done in manuscript he thought that would be everything that was necessary, as the records of the Bishopric of Worcester had been handed down since the year 1370 in handwriting. It was then decided that a peal-book be procured, and the entries in it made by the hon. sec. The Rev. W. R. Carr advocated the issuing of a yearly Report by the Association. The balance-sheet showed the Association in a prosperous condition, the receipts for the year being 9l. 5s. against 7l. 1s. 6d. expenditure, showing a gain of 2l. 3s. 6d., whilst in the treasurer's hands there is a balance of 13l. 9s. 11d. Before the accounts were passed a letter was read from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in which he pointed out an item of 8s. for repairs to Evesham bells, which he said ought not to be, as he considered it incumbent upon the authorities themselves. He also pointed out that he had written to the Vicar of Evesham, informing him of what his subordinates were doing. The charge was made on account of some little repair being done owing to a visit by Mr. Dawe (London), who was to have attempted to call a peal there in September last. A resolution was passed, expressing surprise at the authorities charging the Association with the expense of 'screwing up' the bells, &c., preparatory to a visit by the Association.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Perks, late Master of the Association, expressing his surprise at the Annual Meeting being held at Bromsgrove instead of Worcester. His Lordship and the Rev. W. R. Carr and several members expressed their opinion that the Annual Meeting should be held at Worcester. The Secretary and Mr. W. Duffill, hon. treasurer, explained that it was not the general practice with other Associations to hold their Annual Meetings in the Cathedral city, and cited as instances Oxford, Surrey, Durham, and Newcastle, these having no fixed places mentioned in their rules in which the Annual Meeting should be held. The Secretary here remarked that the members in the outlying districts would be most happy to have the Annual Meeting at Worcester, for it was the capital of the county and contained so many rings of bells. The Rev. W. R. Carr pointed out that the rules of the Association did not provide for good behaviour in the belfry, &c., and suggested that a rule to that effect be made.

The Rev. E. J. Hall (Bromsgrove) and the Rev. H. B. Sheppard (Leigh) were elected as hon. members, and eight members of the Leigh Company were elected performing members. The president, vice-presidents, and lay vice-presidents, and the committee of management, were re-elected, and Mr. S. Spittle (Dudley) was elected Master of the Association in place of Mr. J. Perks. The whole of the business being concluded the customary votes of thanks were passed, and brought one of the liveliest (although not the largest) meetings to a close. During the day some Grandsire Caters were rung by the

Bromsgrove Company, assisted by Messrs. Hinton and Hobbs (Worcester). The first touch of 1277 changes was in 51 mins. E. Crump, 1; J. T. Parry, 2; T. Alburt, 3; J. Hinton, 4 (tapper, J. Smith); O. James, 5; G. Hayward (conductor), 6; G. Morris, 7; W. Duffill, 8; W. Rea, 9; J. Parry, 10. The second of 575 changes. G. Morris, 1; R. Broomfield, 2; J. T. Parry, 3; J. Hinton, 4 (tapper, W. Broomfield); O. James, 5; G. Hayward (conductor), 6; W. Rea, 7; W. Duffill, 8; G. Hobbs, 9; J. Parry, 10. Also 395 changes. W. Broomfield (his first attempt, age 14), 1; R. Broomfield, 2; J. T. Parry, 3; O. James, 4; G. Hobbs, 5; G. Hayward (conductor), 6; W. Rea, 7; W. Duffill, 8; G. Morris, 9; J. Parry, 10.

A Golden Wedding.

An event of somewhat rare occurrence has been celebrated this week in Spalding, Lincolnshire. On St. Swithin's Day, July 15th, 1835, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Maples were married in Spalding Church by the late Vicar, Dr. Moore, and now, surrounded by their ten surviving children, and amidst the congratulations of their very numerous friends, they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of that event on Wednesday last. In the morning, at six o'clock, the ringers ushered in the day with their merry peals, and continued them until nine o'clock at night, when, under the presidency of members of the family, the ringers sat down to a capital supper provided at the 'Lincoln Arms Inn.' Several toasts were given during the evening, including that of Mr. and Mrs. Maples, sen., and all the members of their family, which were greeted with musical honours. In the course of the evening the captain of the ringers, Mr. J. S. Wright, said during the forty years he had been a ringer he had never experienced such kindness as had been shown that day by the respected family who were connected with the event which was being celebrated. As a movement is on foot for adding two bells to the six already hanging in the tower, in order to make a complete ring of eight, it is announced to be the intention of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Maples to give a new treble as a permanent record of their parents' long-married life.

CHANGE - RINGING.

At St. Mary and Nicolas, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On the 5th inst. the members of the Eastern Counties' Guild rang for morning service 360 Plain Bob, for evening service 600 Plain Bob, and after service 720 Oxford Bob; conducted by G. L. Richardson.

On the 7th, a peal of 720 College Single; conducted by J. Brown.

On the 12th, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob, and for evening service 360 College Single.

On the 15th, a peal of 720 Plain Bob; conducted by J. Brown. A peal of 720 College Single, and a peal of 720 and 360 Plain Bob; conducted by G. L. Richardson. J. S. Wright, R. Mackman, J. W. Jarvis, C. Neaverson, and G. Skeef, also took part.

At All Saints', Hertford, Herts.

On Wednesday, the 8th inst., being the occasion of the marriage of Mr. William Henry Cook with Miss Death, the following touches were rung:—504 Stedman's Triples. M. Ellsmore, 1; W. L. Randall, 2; J. Cull, 3; J. G. Crawley, 4; H. Baker (conductor), 5; S. Knight, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; F. George, 8.—560 Bob Major. J. Jauncey, 1; W. L. Randall, 2; J. Cull, 3; J. G. Crawley, 4; M. Ellsmore, 5; S. Knight, 6; H. Baker, 7; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 8.—504 Grandsire Triples. J. Jauncey, 1; F. G. Crawley, 2; J. Staples, 3; S. Knight, 4; J. Cull, 5; M. Ellsmore, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; H. Baker, 8.

Also on Monday, the 20th inst., to welcome home the bride and bridegroom, a quarter-peal of Stedman's Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 46 mins. M. Ellsmore, 1; W. L. Randall, 2; J. Staples, 3; H. Phillips, 4; H. Baker, 5; S. Knight, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; F. George, 8. Also 321 Grandsire Triples. J. Jauncey, 1; W. L. Randall, 2; J. Staples, 3; W. Goodchild, 4; H. Baker (conductor), 5; M. Ellsmore, 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; S. Knight, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. W. Goodchild hails from Ware. All members of the Hertfordshire Association.

At the Parish Church, Minsterworth, Gloucester.

On Sunday, the 19th inst., seven members of the Upton St. Leonards and Barnwood combined Society rang two touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. G. Gardner, 1; A. Waite, 2; D. Aston, 3; W. Sevier, 4; G. Miles, 5; R. Barrett (conductor), 6. Second touch, G. Miles and J. Yates, 5. Tenor, 9 cwt., in A.

They then went to Churcham, and assisted by Mr. J. Gough, the tower-keeper, rang for evening service a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 27 mins. H. G. Gardner, 1; G. Miles, 2; D. Aston, 3; W. Sevier, 4; A. Waite, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. Afterwards a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor, composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies of Redmarley, Gloucestershire, was rung in 26 mins. G. Miles, 1; J. Yates, 2; W. Sevier, 3; H. G. Gardner, 4; A. Waite, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt., in F.

At Lambeth Parish Church, Surrey.

On Monday, the 20th inst., the following members of the St. James' Society rang a muffled peal in memory of the late Charles Atlee, steeple-keeper of Christ Church, Ealing, and a member of the Society. E. F. Strange (conductor), 1; M. FAnson, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; H. Langdon, 5; E. E. Vinen, 6; J. M. Routh, 7; D. Newton, 8. Also 560 Grandsire Triples, conducted by G. T. McLaughlin.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

On Tuesday, the 20th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 26 mins. O. Fasey,* 1; F. Bissley,* 2; H. Rogers, 3; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 4; R. Smith, 5; E. Rogers, 6. Tenor, 17½ cwt. [* Their first peal of 720 Minor.]

NEW PEALS BY PHILIP O. BIXBY, OF LONG MELFORD.

A Peal of Bob Major.

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

right and wrong. This peal contains the 6th nine times

This four times repeated produces 5200 changes.

Two Peals of Bob Major.

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

This four times repeated produces 5760 changes.

This four times repeated produces 5120 changes.

5640 Changes of Treble Bob Major.

2 3 4 5 6

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

Twice repeated.

Three Touches of Bob Minor, each containing 445 Changes.

To start off on back-stroke in each touch.

First Lead.	Then as follows.
1 2 3 4 5 6	6 5 4 3 2 1
1 2 4 3 5 6	5 6 3 4 1 2
2 1 4 3 6 5	5 3 6 1 4 2
2 4 1 0 3 5	3 5 1 6 2 4
4 2 6 1 5 3	3 1 5 2 6 4
4 6 2 5 1 3	1 3 2 5 4 6
6 4 5 2 3 1	1 3 5 2 6 4

First Lead.	First Lead.
1 2 3 4 5 6	6 4 5 2 3 3
1 3 2 4 5 6	6 4 2 3 5 1
3 1 4 2 6 5	3 5 2 6 4 3
3 4 1 6 2 5	3 5 6 4 2 1
4 3 6 1 5 2	4 2 6 3 5 3
4 6 3 5 1 2	4 2 3 5 6 1
6 4 5 3 2 1	5 6 3 4 2 3
6 5 4 2 3 1	5 6 4 2 3 1
5 6 2 4 1 3	4 5 6 2 3 5
5 2 6 1 4 3	5 2 3 6 4 2
2 5 1 6 3 4	2 6 4 3 5 3
2 1 5 3 6 4	6 3 5 4 2 2
1 2 3 5 4 6	S 4 2 3 5 6 2
1 2 3 5 6 4	5 6 2 4 3 3
	5 6 2 3 4 1
	S 2 3 4 5 6 3

Three Peals of Bob Major.

6384		5712		5376	
2 3 4 5 6	W. M. H.	2 3 4 5 6	W. M. H.	2 3 4 5 6	W. M.
4 2 6 3 5	-	4 2 6 3 5	-	4 2 6 3 5	-
6 2 5 3 4	-	6 2 5 3 4	-	6 4 5 2 3	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	5 2 4 3 6	-	5 4 3 2 6	-
4 5 6 2 3	-	3 5 4 2 6	-	3 5 6 4 2	-
6 5 3 2 4	-	4 3 6 5 2	-	6 3 2 5 4	-
3 5 4 2 6	-	6 3 2 5 4	-	2 6 4 3 5	-
4 3 6 5 2	-	2 6 4 3 5	-	4 2 5 6 3	-
6 3 2 5 4	-	3 2 4 6 5	-	5 2 3 6 4	-
2 6 4 3 5	-	4 3 5 2 6	-	3 2 4 6 5	-
3 2 4 6 5	-	5 4 6 3 2	-	4 3 5 2 6	-
4 3 5 2 6	-	6 4 2 3 5	-	5 4 6 3 2	-
5 3 6 2 4	-	2 6 5 4 3	-	6 4 2 3 5	-
6 3 4 2 5	-	5 6 3 4 2	-	2 6 5 4 3	-
4 6 5 3 2	-	3 4 5 6 2	-	5 6 3 4 2	-
5 6 2 3 4	-	5 3 4 6 2	-	4 5 3 6 2	-
2 3 5 6 4	-	4 5 3 6 2	-	3 4 2 5 6	-
5 2 3 6 4	-	3 4 2 5 6	-		
3 5 2 6 4	-				
4 2 3 5 6	-				

Twice repeated.

Has the 5th and 6th twelve times.

Twice repeated.
This peal has the 6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

Twice repeated.
Has the 5th and 6th twelve times wrong.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

IRELAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

THE Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland waited on his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant on Monday last, to present a loyal address on the occasion of his Excellency coming over to this country as her Majesty's representative. The deputation was received in the Throne-room of Dublin Castle, and the respective members were introduced by the Right Hon. Lord Plunket, D.D., Archbishop of Dublin, who previously read a letter from his Grace the Lord Primate, expressing his regret that bodily infirmities prevented his being present in person. His Excellency returned a gracious answer to the address, expressing gratification at the fact that he had carried in the Upper House the resolution which had enabled the clergy to commute their life-interests in their annuities, and that he had since watched with great satisfaction the efforts which they had made to get the better of the difficulties entailed by disestablishment and disendowment. All through his reply it is to be observed that the Lord Lieutenant carefully avoided the style of the 'Church of Ireland' when speaking of the Church. The understanding came to, as it is believed, to call us hereafter 'The Protestant Episcopal Church of Ireland' in all official documents, is creating great umbrage. It is contested that the State has no more right to interfere with the name we may give ourselves, which name as a matter of fact has been recognised over and over again since 1870 in Acts of Parliament, than it has to interfere with the title of any other religious body in Ireland. We were the Church of Ireland before the Union of the two countries in 1800; we then took the title of the United Church of England and Ireland, and this ecclesiastical union having been broken we became once more the Church of Ireland. As a matter of fact the Roman Catholic Church has never claimed the title, the Ultramontane character of that Church forbidding the use of national designations; and the Presbyterian and Methodist bodies have likewise never aspired to any other form than simply Presbyterians and Methodists: so that our claim to be known as the Church of Ireland remains indisputable, as it is historically true. Strong as our Protestantism is, we object particularly to the title, as if our Church dated from the times of the Reformation, when the term Protestant first came into vogue. The effect will be to make us less enamoured of the term, and perhaps there will be no harm in that. Canon Smith writes to the papers protesting against the innovation. He says:—

'The name Church of Ireland is valued by us, as embodying our belief that our doctrines are those of the primitive Church of the land, and that our succession of Bishops is unbroken since Christianity was planted here. These we believe to be simple historical facts. It is a serious matter for any oracular officials, however high, to determine this claim against us, and to affix to our Church a title plainly implying that we came into existence since the Reformation, and that the essential point of our position is proved in our protest against another body, which must in that case have the historical right to be regarded as the Church. Of course other religious bodies do not concede our pretensions. But what name is there among all those which various sects claim, and which the State equally recognises, that does not embody some assumption which other denominations if they exercised closer scrutiny could refuse to allow? Are Unitarians the only believers in the Divine Unity, or Baptists the only believers in Christian Baptism? and have Lord Spencer and Sir William Harcourt taken upon them to "settle" names for these respectable bodies?'

The Diocesan Synod of Cashel and Emly met in the former city on Wednesday week, under the presidency of the Bishop, Dr. Day. There was previously a celebration of the Holy Communion. His Lordship presided over the meeting of the Waterford and Lismore Synod on the following Tuesday, in the Protestant Hall, Waterford. The Holy Communion was previously celebrated in the Cathedral. In the former part of the united diocese the communion capital had increased during the year by 1157l., in the latter it had been reduced by 415l. A motion brought forward in Waterford by Captain R. Bagwell, and supported by Canon Warren, to authorise the Inspectors of the Diocesan Board of Education to inspect Church schools that were placed under the National Board, was rejected on division by thirty-four votes to twenty-two.

The Bishop of Killaloe has appointed the Rev. Canon W. H. Wolseley, vicar of Kilrush, co. Clare, to the Archdeaconry of Kilfenora, vacant by the death of the Ven. Arthur Tatton. The new Archdeacon was ordained in the year 1847, and is an M.A. of Trinity College, and Prebendary of Inniscaltra, in Killaloe Cathedral. He has held the benefice of Kilrush since the year 1862.

The subjects for the Bishop of Ossory's examination in connexion with the Junior Clergy's Theological Prize Fund this year, comprise Holy Scripture (the Acts of the Apostles considered historically, geographically, critically, and doctrinally); Christian Evidences (Paley's *Horae Paulinae*: Birks' *Horae Apostolicae*, and Prebendary Row's *Reason for Believing in Christianity*); Church History and Doctrine (*Barrow on the Supremacy*). The examination is fixed to take place in the ensuing month of August, and the Bishop offers prizes of 5l., 3l., and 2l., to be given respectively to the three best answers.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The College Youths at Chichester Cathedral, Sussex.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths started from London; and having arrived at this old city were met by Mr. Heather, and at once conducted by him and Mr. Lambert (the kindly and obliging Sacristan) to the Cathedral, dedicated to St. Peter and the Holy Trinity. On reaching the belfry at 4.30, the order was at once given to get to work; and after the preliminary rounds, Hol's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was achieved in excellent style in 3 hrs. 8 mins. by the following:—J. R. Haworth, 1; R. French, 2; G. Mash, 3; C. F. Winny, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 6; J. M. Hayes, 7; E. Horrex, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., in E flat. This is the first true peal on the bells, many of which are more than three hundred years old. Every bell sounds very distinctly in the ringing-room, and all go well except the tenor. After the peal, all signed the elaborate Visitors' Book in the order in which they had been standing, and a short account of what took place was written therein.

After a wash in the first chamber, all adjourned to the 'Anchor Hotel,' where the band were most liberally entertained. The entire Guild sat down, the party numbering between thirty and forty. The chair was taken by R. G. Raper, Esq., for nine years (not consecutively) Mayor of Chichester, and President of the Ringers' Guild. In returning thanks, Mr. Routh, in a few excellent remarks, proposed the Mayor's health, which was seconded by Mr. Dawe, and responded to in a kind and genial manner, each visitor at the same time being handed a photograph of the Cathedral and Tower. Mr. Mash next proposed 'The Conductor,' and in responding, Mr. Dawe spoke of the great pleasure which he felt at having the honour of calling the first peal on the Cathedral bells. Other toasts followed, such as the 'Guild,' &c. Messrs. Hayes, Horrex, and French then left by the last train for London; after which the entire Guild of Ringers, seventeen in number, including the Mayor, resolved to become members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. A short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by J. M. Routh, 1-2; C. F. Winny, 3-4; P. E. Dawe (conductor), 5-6; J. R. Haworth, 7-8; and later on an excellent course of Stedman's Triples, Haworth and Routh changing places. The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, and some excellent songs—Mr. Haworth's 'Learned Man' being well received—and speeches brought the meeting to a close.

The next morning was spent in looking round, and the following account will probably be of interest:—The city was once a Roman settlement, called 'Regnum,' then named 'Cissa's Camp' by a Saxon prince, about the year 500. The Cathedral was commenced in the year 1100 by Bishop Ralph, and is chiefly Norman and Early Gothic. The cloisters are very good, built in the sixteenth century with the Perpendicular style of the fourteenth century. The nave is Norman, with one aisle on each side divided by a massive arcade of eight arches, and an additional aisle in Early English outside each of these was added about the time of Henry III., thus possessing a peculiarity unknown to any other cathedral. An old oak chest in the north aisle, as sound as ever, with curious old locks, is believed to be a thousand years old, as it originally came from Selsey Cathedral, a few miles south, the site of which now lies buried beneath the sea. The Presbytery is famous for the stern solidity of the Norman work, gracefully combined with the lighter Gothic style. Tombs point out the frequent practice in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries of burying the heart separately from the body. In the Lady Chapel is seen the old Winchester and Oxford motto of William of Wykham, 'Manners maketh Man.' The old spire collapsed in 1861, and the new one was erected shortly after at a cost of 50,000l.: it reaches to a height of 277 feet. The bell tower is purely a campanile, built in the fourteenth century by Bishop Langton, and standing by itself, about thirty yards from the main building. It is 120 feet in height, and is one of the most commodious towers to be found anywhere. On entering the massive doorway on the ground floor the visitor finds, a little to the right, six washing-places, and as many Turkey-towels, with the same number of brushes and combs, and large looking-glasses. A most interesting feature, however, is the fact that this floor constitutes a Fire Brigade Station, the local ringers being Volunteer Firemen; the many important articles, too numerous to mention here, being arranged in picturesque order. On walking up a good stone spiral staircase, with the assistance of a rope in the middle, arranged so as to afford safety and comfort, the next place reached is the ringing-room, eighty feet from the ground, which is certainly unique in its way. Every visitor is immediately struck with the excellent appearance of the place. It is twenty-seven feet square, is lighted by four gigantic windows, and has an excellent wooden floor, with a large carpet in the middle. The circle of ropes is also one of the best that can be found. Texts in old English, written in red, black, and blue, circulate the top of each window; also texts, similarly executed, are on the top of each of the beautiful groined arches, halfway up in each corner, thus making the upper portion of the chamber octagonal. Handbells, speaking-tubes, and electric bells, also ornament the walls. A chandelier is suspended from the centre, and a gas-stove, for the winter months, stands in the centre of the room. Bookcases with choice works (it was a pleasure to see all the volumes of *Church Bells*, finely bound), writing-table, photographs, drawings, muffles, and other interesting articles, are artistically arranged; and framed Latin mottoes, such as 'Audi, Vide, Tace,' convey to the mind that we are to keep our eyes and ears open, and mouth closed. The next floor is octagonal, thirty feet square, with eight louvre board-windows, and contains the bells, some of which are more than three hundred years old, clothed with ex-

cellent ornamental inscriptions. All hang on one level on a sort of double frame, apparently one tier above the ground, with sawdust underneath to modify the sound. They have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor, and a large Bourdon hour-bell, by the same firm, weighing 73 cwt., in B flat, is at one end in a separate frame; and this, with the Westminster Chimes on the 2, 3, 4, 7, marks the fleeting hours. The next landing-place is the roof, from which a fine view is obtained of the English Channel. The tower is now in the charge of a guild of ringers, who do not receive payment for their services. The customary fees are paid to them for ringing, and deposited in a fund, from which the necessary expenses are paid. The whole tower is a credit to the President, the Guild, and Mr. Falconer, the steeple-keeper. The very best thanks of the visitors are now given, through the medium of *Church Bells*, to the President and the Ringers' Guild of the City of Chichester.

In the afternoon a delightful drive of about sixteen miles was enjoyed, the first object being Chichester Cross, built by Bishop Storey; it is fifty feet high, and one of the finest of its kind in the kingdom. Bognor was reached, and after an hour's walk by the seaside the party drove back for tea.

On Sunday evening Messrs. Dawe and Routh left for London, leaving Messrs. Haworth, Mash, and Winny, who, on Monday, broke their journey to London at Arundel, and were pleased to look over the castle, the fine old parish church of the Holy Trinity, and the Roman Catholic Cathedral. Mr. Blackman kindly got a band together in the evening, and Messrs. Balchin, Mash, Blackman, Haworth, Wilkinson, Winny, Rev. R. F. Tomkins, and C. Bartlett, Esq., rang a touch of Grandsire Triples at the parish church (tenor, 14 cwt., cast by Mears); also two separate courses on the handbells—Wilkinson, Haworth, Winny, and Rev. R. F. Tomkins. The Rev. R. F. Tomkins, C. Bartlett, Esq., Mr. Blackman, and another, wished to become members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and they were elected at the Society's meeting-house. London was reached on Monday evening. On the way to Chichester on Saturday, Haworth, Mash, and Horrex broke the journey at Horsham, where there is a ring of eight bells (tenor, 24 cwt.), in the tower of St. Mary's Church, which is said to be one of the grandest churches of the Sussex Weald. The ringing-room is being put in good order, and Mr. Vaughan, one of the ringers, kindly accompanied them in the inspection of the fine old church.

St. James's Society, London.

On Monday, the 27th inst., the annual election of officers of the above company took place at the 'Crown Hotel,' Essex Street, Strand, when the following persons were elected:—Master, Mr. McLaughlin; Secretary, Mr. Newton; Treasurer, Mr. Albone; Steward, Mr. Church. The meeting of the Society takes place every fortnight from the above date.

The Winchester Diocesan Guild of Bell-ringers.

The sixth Annual Meeting of this Guild was held at Bournemouth on Tuesday, July 21st, and about 180 members were present. At twelve o'clock there was a shortened service in St. Peter's Church, and the two special hymns and tunes were sung, and heartily joined in by those present, the tune 'Holy Bells' being used for the first time. A short but impressive sermon was preached by the Rector of Wanston. An excellent dinner having been partaken of in the Town Hall, the various bands left by train to ring at different neighbouring churches, some remaining to ring at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and amongst them the Weybridge party, with the Secretary (the Rev. N. A. Spyers). The Bishop's Waltham, Westmeon, and Twyford men were told off to ring at Lyndhurst, a couple of brakes meeting them at Brockenhurst Station to drive them through the beautiful country of the New Forest. The Twyford men, however, failed to turn up in time for the 3.25 train from Bournemouth, and, like the 'two third-class carriages kindly provided by Mr. Verrinder at Waterloo Station for the use of the Guild,' they were seen once, but never again, during the course of the day. Possibly they entered these carriages, got locked in, and were carried to the limits of the L. & S.W. Railway, into the far West. At all events, the Twyford men lost a real treat in not going to Lyndhurst. An exhilarating drive through the magnificent oaks and beeches of the New Forest was, in itself, most enjoyable; but what will our Twyford friends say when we tell them that the Lyndhurst bells 'went,' as a Bishop's Waltham ringer once said of another peal, 'like playing the piano?' And, in addition to this, after several excellent Grandsires had been given, we found a substantial tea provided for us in the adjoining schools, through the kindness of the Vicar (Mr. Compton) and the incumbent (Mr. Coghlan), where the two Miss Broomfields presided at the table, and charmed us all with their kindness and attention. The party of twelve then drove to Lyndhurst Road Station to meet the 8.48 train to Bishopstoke and London, and we looked out anxiously for Mr. Spyers, to tell him of our happy afternoon, but we could see no sign of him; whether he had started in pursuit of the 'two third-class carriages' and the Twyford men we know not, but we are unanimous in being heartily glad that Mr. Spyers has consented to act as our Secretary again this year, and we trust he may long continue to look after the interests of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

Surrey Association.

The Annual Meeting was held at Oroydon by the kind permission of the Vicar on Tuesday, July 28th. Proceedings began shortly before half-past four with some Grandsire Triples on the church bells for afternoon service at five o'clock. About twenty-seven members sat down to tea at the 'Victoria Coffee Tavern' at 5.30, the Vicar taking the head of the table. After tea the usual business meeting was held under the presidency of the Vicar. The committee and officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. After a vote of thanks to the chairman the party adjourned to the church, where the Vicar held a short special service for the members of the Association, ending with an address on the 'Ministry of Bell Ringing.' He pointed out that, on each

of the various occasions when church bells are rung, the ringing is either an actual service in the worship of God, or is a preparation for such service; and ended by wishing God-speed to the Association and all its members. After the service the bells were kept going until nine o'clock in various seven-bell methods, the condition of the tenor precluding any Major being rung.

A. B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

On Saturday, the 25th inst., a District Meeting was held at Harwich, when upwards of thirty members assembled. Tea was provided at four p.m. at the 'Great Eastern Hotel,' and the Business Meeting followed. Eight honorary members were elected, the Rev. Canon King (Leigh), Rev. G. W. Druce (Harwich), Jas. Round, Esq., M.P., J. R. Franks, Esq., J.P., Dr. Evans, Dr. Hardwick, Mr. J. Durrant, and Mr. W. Groom. Also ten ringing members and ten probationers. No other business was transacted, and after speeches by the Vicar, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Durrant, the meeting concluded. Some good ringing was done in the course of the day in the Grandsire, Bob Major, and Treble Bob methods. The following companies were represented:—Great Bentley, Great Bromley, Boreham, Dedham, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Rayleigh, and Witham.

Anniversary of the East Lincoln Change-ringers' Association.

On the 25th inst. a meeting was held at Sibrey, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the beautiful ring of eight bells was placed at the disposal of the visitors. A short and hearty service was held at 1 p.m., when an address was given by the Bishop of Lincoln, who is Patron of the Association. At the lunch in the schoolroom, where more than 100 guests assembled, speeches were made by the Lord Bishop, the President of the E. L. C. R. A., Rev. H. J. Cheales, R.D., who took the chair, the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Disbrowe, E. Waite, Esq., Churchwarden, C. Garfit, Esq., and the Secretary, Mr. E. Mason, and several new members, were enrolled. The bells were kept merrily going through the day, and by the hospitality of Mr. Besant, a pleasant evening was spent in the Vicarage grounds.

The Death of an Old Ringer at St. James's, Tong, near Leeds.

The ringers of this church record with deep regret the death of one of their oldest members, Mr. George Carter, on Sunday evening, the 19th inst. He had been ailing for a few weeks, though able to get about, and had been visiting his ringing friends at Birstal Church, when, on his homeward walk, he was overtaken with sudden death. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Tong Street on Thursday, being followed by a large gathering of his brother-ringers from surrounding places, a company of whom rang a peal upon the handbells at the grave side followed later by muffled peals upon the church bells.

The deceased, a stonemason, was a most enthusiastic ringer, well known both far and wide, and it would be difficult to find another to equal the distance he has walked in pursuance of his favourite pastime, it being no uncommon occurrence for him to ring at three different churches (widely apart) on a Sunday, Birstal and Liversedge being two of his favourite places: he has visited them for a great many years. In his long life he has assisted in ringing many peals of 5000 changes and upwards upon six and eight bells. He had been a ringer at this church over sixty years, having commenced when thirteen years of age, and died aged seventy-four.

CHANGE - RINGING.

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

On Tuesday evening, the 21st inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original One-part Peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 58 mins. A. Wood, 1; S. Joyce, 2; C. Sillitoe, 3; J. Bonney, 4; J. G. Shade, 5; H. Springall, 6; H. J. Shade (conductor), 7; J. West, 8. This peal was arranged for Charles Sillitoe, who hails from Sudbury in Suffolk, this being his first peal in the method.

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

On Thursday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang a two-part peal of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 3 hrs. 20 mins. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; H. Wakley, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; A. P. Heywood, 5; J. Jaggar (composer and conductor), 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which has never been previously performed, contains the 6th twenty-two times wrong and twenty-four times right. It is the sixteenth peal of Double Norwich rung by members of the St. Paul's Society, and the Conductor's fiftieth peal. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

At St. Mary's, Bedford.

On Thursday evening, the 23rd inst., in honour of the marriage of the Princess Beatrice, six members of the Bedfordshire Association rang a date touch of 1885 changes in 1 hr. 3 mins. in the following methods:—85 Plain Bob, 360 College Single, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. S. J. Cullip, 1; J. N. Frossell, 2; T. Foote, 3; J. Atkins, 4; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 5; I. Hills, 6. Tenor, about 8 cwt.

At the Parish Church, All Saints', Binfield, Berks.

On Saturday, the 25th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins. T. Woolford (first 720 Minor), 1; F. Bissley, 2; H. Rogers, 3; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 4; R. Smith, 5; E. Rogers, 6. Tenor, about 12 cwt. The above is the first peal of Minor on Binfield Bells, which were augmented to six by the addition of a treble about three years ago by Messrs. Mears & Co.

them of the true and real position which they had long held, and, by God's grace, would continue to hold, in this country. They were not the Episcopal Church by name, but they were not unwilling and—God forbid they should be—ashamed of being called the Protestant Church; but if they were called "Protestant" and "Episcopal" these were only characteristics that belonged to them; but their claim was that they were the Church of Ireland.

The Rev. J. Stuart Hickey, Diocesan Secretary, presented the report by the Diocesan Council. It stated that 'the commutation balance had fallen from 51,283*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* to 49,559*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*, the balance, 1724*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, being the excess of annuities over interest, but this reduction was counter-balanced by 2575*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* increase to stipend fund, which now amounted to 42,859*l.* 0*s.* 1*d.* This sum added to composition balance (which remained stationary), 39,722*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*, made the realised capital 82,581*l.* 17*s.* 5*d.*

On the motion of Colonel Dennis, seconded by the Rev. Charles J. Townsend, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: 'That we regard the punishment inflicted upon Mr. Wm. Johnston by the late Government for a speech made in the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, as an uncalled-for and an improper interference with the liberty of debate that we are entitled to as subjects of the British empire.'

The secretaries having been directed to send out the voting papers for the triennial election of representatives to the General Synod, &c., the business was shortly afterwards concluded with the benediction given by the Right Rev. Chairman.

A handsome memorial window, the work of Messrs. Mayer & Co., London, has just been erected in the parish church of Achnacloy to the memory of the late Ven. John Whitley Stokes, M.A., Archdeacon of Armagh. The window, which is a three-light one, represents the parables of the 'Good Samaritan,' the 'Ten Talents,' and the 'Lost Sheep.'

At the close of the last meeting of the East Meath Clerical Society, the Rev. W. J. Dundas, D.D., Rector of Moynalty, in the chair, on the motion of the Rev. J. S. Bell, LL.D., a resolution was unanimously adopted to the effect that 'this meeting begs respectfully to express its approval of the resolution of the Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, protesting against the alteration of the name of our National Church: that, on the ground of the succession of orders and identity of doctrine, this Church maintains its inalienable right to the title it has hitherto borne, by which it has been designated in successive Acts of Parliament, and confirmed by the order of its incorporation.'

The Irish Church Missions to Roman Catholics have been obliged seriously to curtail their work for want of funds. It appears that the funds for the past half-year are 2000*l.* less than they were for the similar period of last year. The Committee have unavoidably come to the conclusion that they must throw several of their districts in the West of Ireland for the future on the diocesan funds for their entire support. The Irish Society is likewise crippled for the want of means. The fact is, compelled as we are now to support our own Church, we find it increasingly difficult to carry on missionary work among the Roman Catholics. Many also have been for a long time doubtful whether the first-named Society in its excessively controversial work has adopted the wisest means for bringing Irish Roman Catholics under the influence of reformed Christianity.

The weather here has undergone a great change within the last few days. Extreme heat has given way to an extraordinary fall in the temperature, as low as 45° at midday on Tuesday, an unprecedented lowness of temperature for the 4th of August. The rain also has been excessive, as much as seventy tons per acre in an hour of rain fell yesterday. It is feared that heavy cereal crops will have suffered severely.

UNITED STATES.

A VISIT to America by a party of Chinese Buddhists, under Hwui Shan, in the fifth Christian century, has been proved in a new book by Mr. E. P. Vining. The journey would not have been more long or difficult than others which such devotees are known to have made; and Chinese records agree with Mexican traditions on the matter. The discussion has a bearing upon the pre-European religious state of the New World.

AMENDMENT of the marriage laws is being incessantly called for. The Bishop of Central Pennsylvania, in his Charge, has condemned the facility of divorce, and advocates the revival of the publishing of banns for three Sundays.

THE Princess of Wales's gift of an altar-cross to St. Peter's Church in the city of St. Louis was received with a special service, in presence of the Bishop of the diocese and many clergy, during which 'God save the Queen' was sung and the English Prayer for the Royal Family said. The Rector, in his address, dwelt on the virtues of the reigning British Sovereign and her royal house. The cross is of gilded brass, and adorned with four Irish crystals and a central garnet set in a royal star.

THE joint committee of the Lutheran General Synods has recommended a Public Service-book, based on the Lutheran Liturgies of the sixteenth century. The following is the order for Communion Services: Introit; *Kyrie*; *Gloria in excelsis*; Collect; Epistle; Gospel; Nicene Creed; Sermon; General Prayer; Preface; *Sanctus* and *Hosanna*; Exhortation to Communicants; Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution; *Agnus Dei*; Distribution; Thanksgiving; Benediction.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

St. John's Company, Pimlico, London.

ON Saturday, the 11th ult., the young band of ringers from the above church enjoyed their annual outing. About 8.30 a.m. all assembled at St. John's, Wilton Road, and when all was ready the first thing was to be photographed on the steps of the Mission-house, which has since proved quite a success, as they were well arranged with the principals seated in front, holding a pair of handbells, and whilst all the others were standing on the steps holding one each; but as a few members could not possibly be there until later in the day, it was decided that Mr. Bailey, the photographer, should accompany the party for the purpose of taking further negatives. Nothing of interest took place until a stoppage was made half way, and here the feelings of all were damped at witnessing a most determined suicide only a few yards in front. Later on in the morning four of them rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells whilst riding along, and at last they arrived at the picturesque village of Northaw, and the church of St. Thomas à Becket was visited. The belfry contains six bells; tenor, 10 cwt. in A natural; and all went so well, that it was very pleasant to handle them even on such a hot day. The ringing-room is a well-appointed apartment, the cleanliness and fittings of which are excellent. All having had a pull, a good dinner was the next on the programme; after which the party visited the hayfields, and then went boating on a very sequestered and beautiful lake about thirty feet deep. Here the party enjoyed themselves among the trees round it, and on it, whilst a gallant few sought refuge in it, in order to be better acquainted therewith; and as St. John's can boast of having several prize winners at swimming, the spectacle was pleasing and interesting in the extreme. After tea, the Rev. W. S. Kelly and the Rev. O. P. Yerburch made a few remarks, saying how glad they were to see so many present, and that every one had so thoroughly enjoyed himself. Mr. F. E. Dawe, in returning thanks, said it was always a pleasure to be with such a promising and first-class company, as he had originally learnt to ring at St. John's, and some excellent ringers had been turned out from there, and that many more promised to be quite as good, and he and Mr. Gover, as the leaders, could always depend on what support they required. A vote of thanks to the Rev. W. Bonsey for the use of the bells and his kindness to them was then passed. Several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were then rung on the tower bells, and after the Rev. W. Bonsey had accomplished his first 120 with the treble, and the handbells had been rung on the Vicarage lawn, two more photographs were taken of the party, which consisted of the Rev. W. S. Kelly, Rev. O. P. Yerburch, Messrs. F. E. Dawe, F. T. Gover, C. F. Winny, J. H. Martyn, J. Pullman, R. A. Sparkes, C. Teesdale, R. C. Hart, C. Simmonds, F. Gross, A. Woolley, W. C. Holden, A. Hart, H. Walsh, A. Ayres, W. Chew, H. Woodford, and E. Harris. About eight o'clock the party mounted their chariot and started for London.

Christ Church Society, Mitcham, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 25th ult., six members of the above Society paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Gorrington Park, Mitcham (who are the donors of the bells), it being the anniversary of Mr. Harris's birthday, and rang some Grandsire Doubles on their handbells, after which they were very kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Harris. After refreshment, more Doubles were rung on the handbells, and an adjournment was made to the church, where several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung. Having spent an hour in ringing on the church bells another adjournment was made to Mr. Churchwarden Nobes' house, where an excellent tea was provided. Afterwards the handbells were then again brought out, and some more Doubles rung, while others enjoyed themselves at lawn tennis, which brought a very pleasant evening to a close. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Nobes for their kindness, and hope that they may long be spared to enjoy the blessing of God. The ringers were sorry that their kind Vicar, the Rev. F. S. Legg, was prevented being with them. H. J. Schneider (conductor), 1; J. Kohler, 2; D. Burtenshaw, 3; R. Reynolds, 4; E. Burtenshaw, 5; C. Schneider, 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt. in E flat. Mr. A. Nicholson also took part in some handbell ringing.

A New Association.

A MEETING was recently held at Wellington to consider the propriety of forming an Association in the Archdeaconry, for the promotion of belfry reform and the art of change-ringing. The Rev. J. R. Keble, Honorary Secretary of the Bell Ringers' Association in the Stafford Archdeaconry, explained the method of working, and gave several valuable suggestions, urging the distinct recognition of bell-ringers as Church workers. After considerable discussion it was agreed that an Association be formed in the Salop Archdeaconry, and the Rev. W. J. Price was appointed Honorary Secretary, and was requested to call a general meeting, to be held in Shrewsbury, on Saturday, October 3rd, at the close of the Church Extension Meeting. [We shall be pleased to hear from the Hon. Secretary.]

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A Peal of Bob Major.

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6 4 2 3 5	-	3 2 5 4 6	-
5 2 4 3 6	-	6 5 3 2 4	-
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This four times repeated produces
5040 changes.

PHILIP O. BIXBY.

Long Melford.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Bedford.

On the 3rd inst., the following members of the Bedfordshire Association rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Taylor's Bob-and-Single Variation) in 3 hrs. 15 mins. T. Foote, 1; M. Warwick, 2; W. Hall, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; J. Atkins, 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; J. N. Frossell and F. Gilbert, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

Also at St. Mary's, Bedford, on the above date, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob in 23 mins. T. Foote, 1; J. Atkins, 2; C. W. Clarke, 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Biggs, 5; F. Gilbert (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 8 cwt. F. Gilbert hails from Raunds, the remainder belong to the Bedford Company.

At the Parish Church, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

On Tuesday, the 4th inst., a peal of Grandsire Minor was rung in 27 mins., with the tenor covering. T. Pattison, 2; W. W. Burt (first peal inside), 3; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 4; W. Pattison, 5; C. Brewin, 6; F. W. F. Atkinson, 7; T. Hollingsworth, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

NOTICE.—The address of the newly elected Secretary of St. James's Society, Mr. Newton, is 31 Bidborough Street, Euston Road, London. The Steward of the Company is Mr. Langdon, not Mr. Church.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Supplement to the Church Catechism.

SIR,—If your correspondent in the last number of *Church Bells*, 'J. J. Carr,' who writes from Manitowaring, Algoma, Canada, has means of access to the authorised Report of the Carlisle Church Congress, 1884, he will find from a paper which I read on that occasion upon the subject, 'What can England learn from Scotland in religious matters?' that the *desideratum* on which he justly lays so much stress in our Anglican Church Catechism has been supplied in our Scottish Church; and he will also learn the process by which I was led to take up the matter at the time of the first Lambeth Conference; and how, not long after, our Episcopal Synod accepted and sanctioned 'the Supplement,' which, upon consultation with friends, was drawn up by me, and is now in very general use in our Church Schools. My object in mentioning the subject at the Congress was to draw the attention of English Churchmen to the matter, on precisely the same grounds as those which your correspondent urges, and to express a hope, which has been already in part fulfilled, that the same or a similar Supplement might be introduced into other schools, not only in England, but in the Colonies and in the American United States. May I venture further to indulge a hope that some one of your numerous readers may think it worth while to follow up the matter by a few words at the approaching Church Congress for the present year?

CHARLES WORDSWORTH, Bishop of St. Andrews.

SIR,—I cannot but join in regretting, and have often felt, the want of some supplement to the Church Catechism, of which your correspondent, 'Mr. J. J. Carr,' writes in your issue of July 31. If there had been some book of instruction and devotion published with authority at the same time as our Book of Common Prayer, it might have preserved our Church from numerous evils arising from ignorance. A revision of the *Primer or Book of Private Prayer, Needful to be Used of All Christians, Authorised and set forth by order of King Edward VI.* 1553, might have answered the purpose. For in its present form it would scarcely have answered the purpose required, nor would its definition of the Church be thought sufficiently clear and satisfactory. But the 'Sundry Godly Prayers for Divers Purposes,' might easily have been adapted for general use. What must strike any one who reads it, is the high standard which it seems to expect of all Christians. If few could read in those days, one wonders how it was to be used. But it cannot be denied that the Church of England is behind all other communions in providing authorised books of devotion and instruction for her members. The Established Church of Scotland has been much more careful in this respect in the sanction of the Larger and Shorter Catechism and the Westminster Confession of Faith. Is the time long gone by in which any similar provision could have been made for the admitted wants of the Church of England, which, had it been compiled at the time of the Book of Common Prayer, would have come down to us now with the sanction of the great Reformers and the weight of antiquity? I should be glad to see this subject well considered, as well as to the extent of Bishop Lightfoot's admissions on Apostolical Succession. A. O. H.

Tourists in Edinburgh.

SIR,—It may prove a real kindness to some tourists who visit this northern capital if you would kindly let it be known that those who desire to worship in a Cathedral in full communion with the English Church should ask for 'the Cathedral Church of St. Mary,' or (as it is more commonly, if less correctly, designated) 'St. Mary's Cathedral.' At present we find persons arriving in a fatigued and bewildered condition from St. Giles's High Church, to which

they have been directed, either by mistake or design. Whatever they may find there, and I have no wish to criticise the service, it is not that of which they were in search.

I call it St. Giles's High Church, because ever since the second disestablishment of Scottish Episcopacy in 1689, until within a few years past, it was never known as anything else. And when in the last Parliament it was termed, in a Bill concerning it, a *Cathedral*, a Presbyterian M.P., Sir George Campbell (logically and consistently) got the word struck out. He was probably aware that, though the existence of a Church without a Bishop was regarded by many as a moot point, yet that an *Ecclesia Cathedralis* never yet meant anything but a Church which is the *Cathedra Episcopi*. Accordingly, in a Parliamentary Bill concerning the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the word was properly and consistently retained.

Willingly admitting the courtesy of the authorities of St. Giles's towards the Episcopal clergy, and especially towards those connected with St. Mary's, I am sorry to use language which may in some quarters sound discourteous. But the above facts cannot be denied, and courtesy is, I think, a little overstrained if it is found to lead to the serious inconvenience above mentioned.

J. G. CAZENOVE, D.D., Sub-Dean and Chancellor.

Cathedral Church of St. Mary.

P.S.—Our chief services at St. Mary's are as follows:—Early Communion every Sunday and Tuesday at 8 a.m. Late Communion, Sunday at 12.30, Thursday at 11.50. Matins every day at 11 a.m. Evensong (on week-days) at 5 p.m.; on Sundays at 3.30 p.m. and at 7 p.m.

Cruelty to Animals at Holiday Resorts.

SIR,—I am afraid it is rather late in the season, but perhaps not too late to ask, through the medium of your columns, if anything can be done to stop the ill-usage of ponies and donkeys by day-trippers to watering-places. It is frightful and heartrending to see youths and men utterly ignorant of riding, mounting the poor animals, urging them on in one direction, whilst pulling the reins in another; allowing them to be beaten on by their no less heartless companions. Have these men no feeling? Would that employers of labour would impress upon their men and boys when they go out on their annual excursions to consider what they do before they commit such cruelty! Let them be reminded of the nervousness of the horse, of its terror of an ignorant and cruel rider, of its desire to please and go where its rider wills. R.

The Church and the Agricultural Labourers.

SIR,—I quite agree with Mr. A. C. Ranger's letter, in your issue of the 24th ult., on the need of an effective and short and simple statement of Church history and facts, with a view to meet the seductive arguments and false statements of stump-orators. I have been seeking for such a statement for some time in vain. I was referred to the book he mentions, by Miss Yonge, published by the National Society; but excellent as it is—for those who are capable of digesting it—it is far too long, and deals too much with matters unintelligible to the ordinary labourer (e.g. 'The Secular and Regular Clergy,' 'Wycliffe and the Lollards,' 'The Savoy Conferences,' 'The Hampton Court Conferences,' &c.), and assumes generally far too much to be adapted for popular controversy. I cannot even think that it is really 'adapted for use in day and Sunday schools,' as the title-page asserts.

There was an article in the *Banner* of July 26, under the heading 'The Church is One,' with an extract from Freeman on Disestablishment, which is the best thing I have seen to prove the continuity of the Church's history; but even that fails to point the moral by drawing the conclusion which we require to bring home to the minds of the 'two millions,' viz., that Church property is legally and morally its own; that its possession is of advantage to the people; and that the latter would be losers by its abstraction or diversion to other objects. This is what we still want: who will supply it? W. U. H.

[By writing to Mr. W. Sitton, Baumer Office, 10 Southampton Street, Strand, for a set of the *Banner Leaflets*, a list of which was given in our advertisement columns on July 24, you will obtain what you require.—ED. C.B.]

Instruction of the Young.

SIR,—Referring to your article on what 'Junius' says regarding Sunday schools and religious education, I beg to observe that Englishmen have not yet lost their right of giving a Christian education to their children, and it appears to me that the remedy for what is defective lies in their own hands. There are the plain precepts given to us, 'Train up a child in the way he should go,' 'Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.' The clergy have had the commission given to them to feed the sheep and feed the lambs. Acting, then, on the principle of self-reliance, Churchmen can form Associations (district, county, or diocesan), on the Friendly Society principle, to establish schools for the education of their children, and such others as choose to avail themselves of the opportunity and the advantages of the schools, and carry out all the objects that they require—a good religious and secular education. The above remarks apply chiefly to the country. In towns Guilds could be formed for the instruction of young men and young women, and for teachers of all descriptions, so that an antidote may be provided for a merely secular system, and future generations may be enabled, should circumstances so require, to maintain their family altar and train their children aright from their earliest infancy. I have long been of opinion that much of our Sunday-school system is thoroughly rotten, although there are schools in a more satisfactory condition. Numbers of teachers who sadly need instruction themselves are put in charge of classes, and the result of such incompetent teaching is that the children are rarely seen at church after they leave school. The necessity of sound instruction is further apparent when it is considered how many emigrate to colonies and countries where only secular education is given in the schools. I think, then, the aim should be to impress sound principles, which may endure for a lifetime and be transmitted to future generations. J. G.

provision was made for a representative body consisting of clergy and laity.

In 1785 the first Convention was held at Philadelphia, where seven of the thirteen States were represented by deputies, and here the Prayer-book was revised, a step which was made necessary by the changed political condition of the country. Naturally, it was of the greatest importance that the newly-organized Church should have a Bishop of her own. Already, indeed, Samuel Seabery had been sent abroad by the clergy of Connecticut for consecration, as it was impossible to accomplish it in England. He had been consecrated in Scotland; no special objection was made as to the validity of his consecration, but the general desire was that the succession should be from England. An address was accordingly sent to England, in which it was set forth that the consecration would not in any way be objected to by the executives of the various States, and the request made that the English prelates should consecrate Bishops for America. The reply of the English Bishops was favourable, but exception was taken to some of the changes which had been made in the Prayer-book. Besides some minor points the omission of the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds was objected to. After the passage of a special Act of Parliament allowing the step the Rev. William White of Pennsylvania and the Rev. Samuel Provost of New York were consecrated at Lambeth on the 4th of February, 1787. Thus the American Church was provided with three bishops.

The period of organization was naturally a critical one, but the purpose not to deviate from the main lines of doctrine laid down by the English Church was strictly adhered to. Bishop White says that 'the object kept in view . . . was the perpetuating of the Episcopal Church on the ground of the general principles which she had inherited from the Church of England and of not departing from them, except so far as local circumstances required or some very important cause rendered proper.' Again, in 1814, a declaration was issued stating that the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is the Church formerly known by the name of the Church of England in America.

We come now to consider the organization of the Church, and have the parish as the natural starting-point. As there is no connexion between the Church and the State, the parish is not a district marked off by the limits. It is formed primarily by a number of members of the Episcopal Church voluntarily combining for common worship. Thus, in places where people are not numerous, the parish would include the whole city or town, and where there are two or more different parishes, these naturally include those who dwell in the vicinity of the several churches, though here the rule cannot be drawn sharply, as the power of a preacher or attractiveness of a church exercises considerable influence in determining the parish. Most parishes are supported by the voluntary system, and here I will point out two great advantages which the voluntary system has. First, it gives the parish a voice in choosing their minister, and the congregation is bound more closely to the church which it supports. I am aware that great evils may result from the dependence of the minister upon the congregation, but, on the other hand, it will not suit the American temperament in the least to have the appointment of the minister rest in the hands of some one outside, and often out of sympathy with the parish. From its contributions a congregation generally supports its church, maintains its minister, and pays current expenses, and in addition to this helps in a greater or less degree various mission causes. The immediate government of the parish is in the hands of a board of two wardens and six or eight vestrymen, who are elected yearly at a general meeting.

A number of parishes not less than six united form the diocese. It was natural to take the State in marking the limit of the diocese, and throughout the Union the dioceses are coextensive with the different States, except when the latter are too large. New York State, for instance, has no less than five Bishops. At the head of the diocese is the Bishop, and next to him comes the Standing Committee. This Committee consists of from five to ten members, and the committees of all the dioceses except Virginia and Connecticut are composed of presbyters and laymen. They form a council to give the Bishop advice when he calls for it, or they may take upon themselves to offer advice when it has not been asked for. When there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee is the highest ecclesiastical authority in the diocese. The representative assembly is the Diocesan Convention held yearly under the presidency of the Bishop. Here every clergyman in charge of a parish has a seat, and the parishes are also represented by laymen. This convention has control of all the affairs of the diocese which are not provided for elsewhere. Before it the Bishop delivers his annual address. Here the Standing Committee is elected,

and here are elected the delegates of the diocese to the General Convention. It will be seen, then, that there are three elements in the government of the diocese—the Bishop, the Standing Committee, and the Diocesan Convention.

The dioceses are bound together in the General Convention, the supreme authoritative body of the Church. This assembly consists of a House of Bishops and a House of Deputies, in which each diocese is represented by four clergymen and four laymen. The House of Bishops has the right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the Lower House, and also has a negative upon the act of the House of Deputies. In the latter the clerical and lay order vote, when required, separately, and a majority by dioceses is regarded as conclusive in each order, and the concurrence of both orders is necessary to constitute a vote of the Convention. This, as I have said, is the supreme authority of the Church. The Convention meets on the first Wednesday in October in every third year, and all dioceses are bound by its acts, whether their deputies are present or not. The Convention deals with all matters which concern the whole Church. It provides for the Missionary Bishops, and upon the bases of the report which come to it from all the dioceses the Houses of Bishops publish a Pastoral Letter to the members of the Church. The powers of the Convention, however, are not without check, for when an important step has been taken, it must be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions before being finally agreed to in the General Convention.

This assembly is the most interesting feature of the Church. Here are gathered together all the Bishops, presided over by him who is oldest by consecration. In the Lower House the ablest of the clergy and the most distinguished of the laymen meet to discuss the welfare of those they represent. They acknowledge no higher earthly authority, and upon their wisdom and judgment depend the prosperity and increased usefulness of this Church.

Of the clergy I need not say much. I will confine myself to one or two points. The rules which govern candidates for Orders are very full. A candidate applies to the Bishop of the diocese in which he is actually resident, and if he is a candidate for Priest's Orders he must be a B.A., or else satisfy the Bishop in an examination that he is suitable to be a candidate. Three years from his acceptance as a candidate he can take the examination for Deacon's Orders, and then at least a year must intervene before he is ordained priest. During the time of his study the candidate is required to make periodical reports to his Bishop, either in person or in writing, with reference to the progress of his work.

The Bishops are elected by the Diocesan Conventions, the clergy and laity acting separately. When an election has been effected notice is sent to the Standing Committee of all the dioceses, the authority of which must confirm the election; and in addition to this, a majority of Bishops must approve the person chosen. However, when a Bishop is elected within a year of the meeting of the General Convention, the consent of the latter is taken in the place of these two steps. Consecration is by the Bishop oldest by consecration, the nearest approach we have to a primate, and two other Bishops nominated by him.

This is only a brief outline of the Church's organization. Of course, the time at my disposal only allows me to give the main points, but I hope that, from what I have said, it will be seen that the Church combines stability and compactness with the necessary amount of pliability.

(To be continued.)

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.

SIR,—Our patron and our advocate with the people of England has exchanged his days on earth for a crown of glory, won after ninety-five years' sojourn here below. I refer to the Rev. Henry Thomas Ellacombe, M.A., the venerable and dear Rector of Clyst St. George, Devon. No one has done more than he to advance the science of Change-ringing, and to elevate ringers in the social scale. To his great energy and ability, more or less directly, all the county and diocesan Associations owe their birth. He has visited more towns than any other man in the land, and unearthed many an 'Ancient Briton' in the old church steeple. He has written more upon bells than any other man, and his great learning and courtesy were extended to any and every correspondent, however humble. He was the means of our earliest special organ being started in 1870; and, despite his great age, has to the last edited our columns on 'Bells and Bell-ringing.' Comrades, all! with permission of vicar and churchwarden, sometime during this month, out of respect to this good man, let us ring a muffled peal, or a date touch, or a plain course; or, at the least, let it be a round ring with the bells muffled, as a requiem.

THOS. ARCHER TURNER,
President of the Lancashire Association of Change-ringers, Manchester.

* * A muffled peal will be rung this evening (Friday, 8 p.m.) in memory of Mr. Ellacombe, by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (of which he was a member), at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, City of London. (Tenor, 54 cwt.)

St. James's Company, Trowbridge, Wilts.

THE above Company had their outing on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Proceeding to Bournemouth by an early train, they took steamer for the Isle of Wight at 10 a.m. Returning to Bournemouth at 5 p.m., they were met by Messrs. Grist and Staden of the St. Peter's Company, Mr. Romsey of London, and Messrs. Clements and Jerram of Salisbury, who happened to be staying in Bournemouth. Some of them ascended St. Peter's belfry and rang 504 and 168 Grandsire Triples in company with the above. They returned home about 8 p.m., well satisfied with their day's outing.

Pendleton, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., the Society of Voluntary Bell-ringers of this parish drove from Manchester to Disley; and after tea at the village inn a short address was given by the Perpetual Curate of Pendleton, J. E. Gull, M.A., who accompanied the party, and several airs were rung on the handbells under the leadership of Mr. Pendlebury, one of the oldest ringers in Lancashire. The party then proceeded to the village church of Disley, which is charmingly situated and possesses six small but well-tuned bells; and a peal of Bob Minor, together with a plain course of the same, was rung by mixed bands. The long drive of seventeen miles was rendered none the less pleasant by the fact that the villages *en route* were gay with flags and triumphal arches to greet the return of Mr. Adamson from London, after the passing of the Manchester Ship Canal Bill. Much credit is due to Mr. Henry Liddon, who organized the picnic and has long been endeavouring to maintain the Voluntary Association at Pendleton, where the old suffrage, 'Free singers and ringers,' &c., will probably never be heard again.

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Mr. Bixby Questioned.

SIR,—In looking over your issue of the 24th of July I find that Mr. Bixby has got a very good peal of Bob Major, but there is one thing that I should like to ask him about it—if he ever saw a peal of Bob Major with more than sixty 7-8's before without a single? But he has got above ninety.

There is also another peal, which is published in last week's issue, that I should like to mention. He gives a peal of Bob Major in which the course-ends come false:—

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3 5 4 2 6	—	3 5 4 2 6	—
4 2 3 5 6	—		

This, he says, is four times repeated, when by calling H. M. brings up the fourth course-end of the first part. This I do not call composing, as he only writes the first part, and then sends it up to *Church Bells* for publication before he has time to prove it further. I hope he will learn to prove a peal before he rushes into print with one again.

Ashton-under-Lyne.

GEO. LONGDEN.

Kent Treble Bob Major.

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No. 1 goes with the 6th nine times wrong and twelve times right in 5-6, and the 6th ten courses out of the last eleven at home.

No. 2 goes with the 6th three times wrong in 5-6, and twelve times wrong behind, and eleven times at home; also ten courses at home.

Sowerby, Yorkshire.

WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.

Two Peals of Treble Bob Major.

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BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.

On Monday, the 3rd inst., a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part peal) was rung in 2 hrs. 49 mins. J. Prescott, 1; W. J. Taylor, 2; H. Ellis (first peal), 3; W. Ellis, 4; J. Sholicar, 5; W. Bentham, 6; E. Bentham, 7; G. Prescott (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. J. Prescott hails from Hindley, E. Bentham from Wigan, and the rest belong to the Ormskirk Society.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh.—Muffled Touch

On Thursday, the 6th inst., the Cathedral Society rang a deeply muffled touch as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, late rector of Clyst St. George, Devon. J. Johnston,* 1; W. R. Pye,* 2; J. R. S. Ritchie,* 3; J. C. Fyfe,* 4; C. H. Green, 5; D. Taylor,* 6; G. G. Cunningham,* 7; H. White,* 8; G. Hodgson,* 9; A. Crosbie, 10. J. Rayner,* sen., and W. C. S. Heathcote* also rang 2 and 4 respectively during part of the time. After the conclusion of the touch, which was conducted by Mr. G. Hodgson, the age of the deceased was rung in slow time on the tenor (42 cwt., in C.) by Mr. J. Rayner, the muffles having been removed. [* Members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.]

At St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Hants.

On Thursday, the 6th inst., the St. Peter's company, assisted by one or two visitors, rang their first 504 Grandsire Triples. A. Grist, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; C. Staden, 3; T. Green (conductor), 4; J. R. Jerram, 5; H. Merritt, 6; H. Romsey, 7; T. Belbin, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Westminster, London.

On Friday evening, the 7th inst., the following members of the Waterloo Society rang a touch of 2466 Grandsire Caters in 1 hr. 27 mins.:—S. Smith, 1; A. E. Church, 2; C. E. Malim, 3; H. J. Davies, 4; W. Baron (conductor), 5; J. W. Mansfield, 6; W. Jones, 7; H. A. Hopkins, 8; W. H. George, 9; F. G. Newman, 10. This was rung on the occasion of the birthday of the Rector, the Rev. Archdeacon Farrar, D.D., and the Society, in wishing him 'many happy returns,' also beg to thank him for the use of the bells, which he has placed at their disposal for practising the art of change-ringing.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, Middlesex.

On Monday, the 10th inst., 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) were rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in 2 hrs. 52 mins. S. Joyce, 1; L. Green, 2; C. A. Clements* (Salisbury), 3; H. Torble* (Eye), 4; F. F. Newman, 5; J. Pettit (conductor), 6; W. Prime,* 7; T. Baker, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt. [* Their first peal.]

At All Saints', Hertford, Herts.

On Monday, the 10th inst., a date touch of 1885 Bob Major was rung in 1 hr. 14 mins. J. Cull, 1; J. G. Crawley, 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; H. Phillips, 4; M. Ellmore, 5; S. Knight, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; H. Baker, 8. Composed by John Hopwood of Ashton-under-Lyne, and has the 6th at home at the last nine courses. Tenor, 22 cwt.

At St. Mary's, Ware, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., 504 Grandsire Triples were rung. J. Jauncey 1; H. Phillips, 2; M. Ellmore, 3; W. A. Tyler, 4; W. Goodchild, 5 H. Baker (conductor), 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; G. Powder, 8. Also 503 in the same method. J. Jauncey, 1; H. Phillips, 2; M. Ellmore, 3; W. Goodchild, 4; H. Baker, 5; W. A. Tyler, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; C. Halfhide, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt. W. Goodchild, G. Powder, and C. Halfhide are members of the Ware Company.

At Loughborough, Leicestershire.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., for practice, a 312 of Stedman's Triples was rung by the Midland Counties Association. A. Cresser, 1; C. Smith, 2; W. Bellinghurst, 3; J. W. Taylor, sen., 4; S. Smith, 5; E. D. Taylor, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. This is the first touch of Stedman's Triples by the Loughborough band, and it may be interesting to know that all the performers are regularly employed at the Loughborough Bell Foundry.

[are] introduced by "Or." There is here no alternative, and can be none. They might as well remodel the Apollo Belvidere by chipping out the nose and present it to us as an 'alternative' statue; or as reasonably, for that matter, tear out this whole chapter from Isaiah, and present the mutilated text to us as an 'alternative' version. Here, then, the Revisers had a notable opportunity of correcting a defect of the A. V. They have refused to take it. Why? Because to render by the 'The Virgin' would lead the reader's mind along the line of Christian tradition, and suggest her whom 'among women' Christendom has marked out for that title. Thus although the Hebrew and LXX (*ἡ παρθένος*) text agree, our Revisers efface their irrefragable testimony, or faintly whisper it in the margin as an 'alternative!'

Thus the lines of evidence in omission and commission concur to convict of faithlessness. I say again, Can any sane mind believe that these results, proceeding from such a phalanx of scholars after such a protracted incubation, are other than *designed*? I should be glad for the sake of the men, not a few, whose names I honour among them, to think so, if I could. In short, Sir, our modern work of text-revision ominously resembles that of church restoration—full of petty triumphs of phrase and detail, while the spirit of sublime harmony which reigned in the original is gone.

HENRY HAYMAN, D.D.

P.S.—I should like to add, why, having sold the N. T. by cartloads and shiploads, as is believed, three years ago, do the publishers now refuse (save, I believe, in the most costly edition) to sell the O. T. separate? I, and I suppose thousands more, have thus been forced to buy the N. T. twice over, or forego the Old. Do the publishers deem a traffic in the material vehicle of the Divine Word exempt from the ordinary rules of commercial equity? Has any 'American Company' suggested to these hitherto highly reputable firms this piece of commercial 'smartness'? If I sent my horse to the village blacksmith to be shod all round, and he was only able on the instant to get the fore-shoes ready, and I sent him next week to have the job completed, and the farrier then refused to do so unless I purchased an *entire set of four new shoes*, I should hold him for a knave. Where is the difference? Only in the material,—perishable iron in the one case, the noblest monument of human language in the other. To such practice the phrase of St. Paul, in 2 Cor. ii. 17, *καπηλεύοντες τὸν λόγον τοῦ Θεοῦ*, in a degraded sense, is fairly applicable.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

5120 Changes of Treble Bob Major.

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The above peal is with the 6th three times wrong in 5-6, twelve times wrong behind, and eleven times at home; also ten courses at home.

* In looking up my manuscript of the peal, I find that a course-end was wrong in the 5376 in your issue of last week; it was my fault. The 11th course-end should be 2 4 6 5 3, and not 2 6 5 4 3.

Sowerby, Yorkshire.

WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.

A One-Part Peal of 720 Bob Minor.

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S 6 3 5 4 2	S	6 4 3 5 2	S	3 2 6 4 5	S	5 2 6 3 4	
S 3 6 4 2 5	S	4 5 6 2 3	S	2 4 3 5 6	S	2 5 3 4 6	
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S 3 2 5 6 4	S	4 3 2 5 6	S	2 5 4 6 3	S	2 4 5 6 3	
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EDWARD FRANCIS, Diss.

Proposed Memorial to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.

In consequence of the suggestion of the Rev. Jno. Barrett-Lennard, rector of Crawley, Sussex, which recently appeared in the *Standard*, that a memorial to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe be placed in the church at Clyst St. George, subscriptions are invited from all ringers and lovers of the art. When we remember how much Mr. Ellacombe has done towards the reform of, per-

haps, the most neglected portion of our churches, it seems not unlikely that there may be many who would be glad to forward such a proposal.

Subscriptions and suggestions may be sent to the Rev. C. R. Chope, Clyst St. George, who has kindly consented to become Treasurer for the time being.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild at Drayton.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., a Quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung in 43 mins. F. Williamson, 1; W. Baston, 2; J. W. Washbrook, 3; C. Hounslow, 4; W. Smith, 5; J. Field, 6; A. Thomas, 7; Rev F. E. Robinson (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 9½ cwt.

The Hitchin (Herts) Ringers' Annual Excursion.

On Monday, the 10th inst., the St. Mary's Bell-ringers, with their captain, Mr. William Allen, went for their annual excursion. On their arrival in London they attended service at St. Paul's Cathedral, after which they were shown by Mr. Haworth (one of the St. Paul's ringers) over all the interesting parts of the building. After partaking of a substantial dinner the party took a trip on the Thames to Chelsea, and greatly amused the passengers by some change-ringing on the hand-bells. They next visited the Inventories Exhibition, where they had tea, and greatly enjoyed the playing of the Coldstream Guards' Band and the Royal Engineers. After seeing the illuminations the party returned home, greatly pleased with their day's outing.

On Monday, the 17th inst., eight members of the St. Mary's Society rang, for practice, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples. J. Randall, 1; J. Hare, 2; F. Furr, 3; H. Buckingham, 4; A. Squires, 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen (conductor), 7; J. Foster, 8.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At All Saints', West Bromwich, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., the following members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers, Birmingham, rang the late J. B. Lates' peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. S. Reeves (conductor), 1; J. Buffery, 2; T. Reynolds, 3; H. Bastable, 4; A. Jones, 5; W. R. Small, 6; J. Saunders, 7; H. Hipkiss, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. This peal, which was now rung for the first time, was composed about 1850, and has a single in each of the first two courses.

At St. Laurence's, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., six six-scores of Bob Doubles were rung in 29 mins., each called differently. A. Bannister, 1; G. Beresford, 2; G. Tarlton, 3; T. Allibone (conductor), 4; T. Day, 5; W. Hopkinson, 6. Tenor 18½ cwt., in F.

At Gosberton, Lincolnshire.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung:—J. Burrows and G. Farr (Gosberton); J. S. Wright, R. Creasey, and E. Quinton (Spalding); and C. A. Clements and J. R. Jerram (Salisbury). Tenor, 20 cwt.

At Bourne Abbey, Lincolnshire.

On Monday, the 17th inst., 360 London Single Rob were rung. J. T. Ball, 1; J. T. Wooley, 2; T. Taylor, 3; C. A. Clements (Salisbury), 4; F. W. Flatters (conductor), 5; J. R. Jerram, 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. Also 216 Bob Minor by the same, except R. Sharpe, 6.

MUFFLED PEALS IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MR. ELLACOMBE.

At St. John the Evangelist's, Pimlico, London.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., a half-muffled funeral peal was rung, with the usual whole-pull and stand, as a last mark of respect to the memory of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. T. E. Dawe (conductor), 1; R. Woodley, 2; G. T. McLaughlin, 3; J. H. Martyn, 4; J. T. Gover, 5; J. M. Hayes, 6; R. A. Sparkes, 7; C. F. Winny, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt., in G.

At St. Paul's, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

On Thursday, the 13th inst., a muffled peal, whole pull and stand, was rung as a last mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. C. Quinton, 1; R. Skeef, 2; C. A. Clements (of Salisbury), 3; E. Quinton, 4; R. Creasey, 5; J. R. Jerram, 6; J. W. Creasey, 7; T. Quinton, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At St. George the Martyr, Southwark.

On Friday, the 14th inst., eight members of the Society of Southwark Youths rang a muffled peal as a last mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. W. Pritchett, 1; H. Gummer, 2; W. H. Blackaby, 3; G. Woodage, 4; F. Perrin, 5; H. Welch, 6; H. Langdon, 7; J. Sumers, 8. Conducted by Mr. G. Woodage, steeple-keeper. The bells were rung whole-pulls and stand, &c.

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

On Friday, the 14th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (of which he was a member) rang a peal, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe:—Messrs. Haley, sen. (conductor), Rowbotham, Pettit, Muskett, Haworth, Mash, Winny, Smith, Wood, Horrex, Dawe, and Hayes. Tenor, 5½ cwt.

The Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell-ringers.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., some of the Raunds ringers rang a half-muffled touch as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. Two 700's, one of Oxford Bob Minor, and Court Single, in 57 mins. A. Coles, 1; F. Gilbert, 2; R. Pendred, 3; W. Hall, 4; J. Willmott, 5; H. Stubbs (conductor), 6.

At St. Botolph's, Heene, Sussex.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., the Guild rang a muffled peal, being the first on these bells, in memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. A. Smith (in the absence of H. Hodges), 1; A. Standing, 2; W. Hill, 3; F. Standing, 4; M. Streeter, 5; E. Hart, 6; R. Newman, 7; J. Standing, 8.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., after evening service, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, a half-muffled peal was rung by six of the local company, assisted by Mr. E. Hollins. H. Lubbock (conductor), 2; H. Brooks, 3; H. T. James, 4; W. E. Warn, 5; E. Hollins, 6; C. Buckingham, 7; C. Everest, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp.

At St. Mary's, Eassey, Kent.

On Monday, the 17th inst., a muffled peal was rung in memory of the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.

We have much pleasure in giving the following particulars respecting the bells of St. Mary's Church, Eassey, Kent:—

Treble.—'Robert Mot made me, 1584.' 7 cwt. (Flourished in London from 1570 to 1603, and died in Whitechapel.)

Second.—'Johannes Clarke Hanc fecit Campanam, 1609. William Idley and Thomas Whitfyld, Church Wardens.' 8 cwt. (Chertsey Founder. Letting similar to the Eldridges of Chertsey.)

Third.—'Henry Wilnar made me, 1629.' 10½ cwt. (Kentish Founder. Foundry at Borden, near Feversham, 1600 to 1670. Father and Son.)

Fourth.—'Mr. Thos. Rammell, Ch: Warden. Richard Phelps made me, 1734.' 14 cwt. (Belonged to Whitehall Foundry: died in 1738.)

Fifth.—'Thomas Kite, Wm. Filpott, Ch: Wardens. Robert Catlin fecit, 1740.' 18 to 20 cwt. E flat. (Reading Foundry.)

At the Parish Church, Chorley, Lancashire.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., a muffled peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 28 min., in memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. H. Gartside (conductor), 1; W. Heaps, 2; J. Marsden, 3; A. Whalley, 4; G. Gartside, 5; J. Worthington. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At All Saints', Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang in 49 mins. a quarter peal (1260 changes) of Grandshire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. J. Pattison, 1; F. W. Atkinson, 2; M. W. Ashton, 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; W. Pattison, 5; C. Brewin, 6; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 7; T. Hollinsworth, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

* * Besides the above, and those already reported, muffled peals have been rung at St. Sidwell's, Exeter; at Duffield, Derbyshire; at St. Martin's, Salisbury, &c.

NOTICE.—The ringers of the hand-bell peal reported in last week's number were stationed as follows:—McLaughlin, Winny, Gover, and Rodgers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

'Society of the Treasury of God.'

Motto: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in My house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'—Mat. iii, 10.

SIR,—The birth of the Parent Society in the Mother Church, of which we hope some day to be a branch, seems as far off as ever. My first letter in your columns (April 1884) advocating a new Society called forth several encouraging replies, but the announcement of the Society having been started in America has apparently created no interest whatever. Last Advent we began with ten tithe-payers; we now hope* to make a fresh beginning with ten Associate parishes. I send you our rules, in hopes that we may meet with some who will join us in other parts of the empire. I know of one priest of the American Church who refused to take any care of souls on 'mercantile principles'; for some time he had to wait, but at last a country parish was willing to make experiment of God's system of Finance, and for fifteen years they have worked on it with great satisfaction. A Presbyterian pastor states in a tract that he commenced with 180 members—not one wealthy; in two years and a half his congregation paid him a salary of \$2000 a-year, and an average of \$10.78 per head for benevolent purposes. Why cannot we do the same? The Nonconformists are very far ahead of us in proportionate giving, and the Rev. Thos. Dickson, M.A., of Dundee, will supply your readers with tracts written from the Presbyterian point of view. I hope shortly to have some arguments drawn from the doctrine and history of our own Church. Mr. Dickson publishes a monthly paper under the same name as our Society.

C. A. B. POCOCK, Com. R.N., Hon. Organizing Secretary,
Brockville, Ontario, Canada.

The York City Churches.

SIR,—Your correspondent, 'Fas anti Nefas,' appears to confuse two different things. Passing by the strange inconsistency of saying in one letter that the scheme may well be unpopular, and in the next that we should not seek after plans merely because they are popular, the case he proposes is not pertinent. It would be manifestly unfair and improper to rob a village to aid the Church-work of a great town with which it had no connexion, but in the late scheme it was proposed (with due regard to vested interests) to help the city of York to benefit itself and further its own efficiency by a wise and careful redistribution of its parishes, which had become, so to speak, 'lop-sided,' as has been done in the case of other towns. It is one thing to rob villages to assist places with which they have no community of interest, and quite another to

help those places to benefit themselves. This correspondent suggests the reflection how much more some people seem to value buildings than men, but, having submitted my own view, I beg to withdraw from further participation in it.

Brompton, Northallerton.

F. W. HARPER, JUNR.

Supplement to the Church Catechism.

SIR,—Allow me to inform your correspondent, 'A. E. Meredith,' that my supplement to the Church Catechism, about which he inquires, consists only of nine additional questions and answers (having reference to the Threefold Ministry and to Confirmation), and is printed upon a card, which may be obtained from Messrs. Grant, Booksellers, 107 Princes Street, Edinburgh, at the price of 1s. 6d. per hundred.

C. WORDSWORTH, Bishop of St. Andrews.

The Female Characters of the Bible.

SIR,—Can any of your readers recommend me a book on the Female Characters of the Bible, written in an interesting style, suitable as the basis of lessons for a Bible Class of young women?

VICAR'S WIFE.

[Dean Burgon's *Servants of the Bible* would be a suitable volume.—
ED. C. B.]

Home for Ladies of Infirm Health, Summertown, Oxford.

SIR,—You were kind enough this time last year to insert an appeal from us on behalf of our 'Home for Ladies of Infirm Health,' for which we were very grateful to you. I venture to ask if you will kindly repeat the same goodness this year, for we are sadly in need of funds. We occasionally get rich cases in, whose payments go towards assisting in the maintenance of their less fortunate sisters in Christ; but these are only casual cases, who come for a while for rest and care, and then go away; and are, therefore, not to be depended upon. Hence, the whole burden of the Home devolves upon the private means of the ladies who conduct it; and this is a very severe strain on them, and more sometimes than they can well bear. At this present time there is not a single patient capable of bearing more than half her support, and some not even that. We are sadly in need of 26l., to clear up every debt to this present date. If some of your kind readers who have means and to spare would give ear to our pleading and help us in this matter—or if others, who have little to give of this world's goods, would send us, even if it were only a dozen postage stamps, or would come forward and help to collect for the Home, and all give us their prayers—they may be quite sure they will not be forgotten in ours—nor by Heaven. The Vicar of Summertown is our chaplain, and we are working under the sanction of the Bishop of the diocese. Any inquiries or information desired I shall be willing to forward on application.

SARAH, Sec.

We shall be admitting on Monday next the last case we can possibly admit on our own private means; and this is a great struggle; and yet letters come daily begging for admittance.

The Cholera in Spain.

SIR,—The present sufferings, almost unprecedented in modern times, of the Spanish nation under the dire ravages of cholera, impress still more forcibly upon one's mind the urgent need for greater catholicity in our religion, for the increased elasticity of our services, for which good Canon Venables is so earnestly and perseveringly contending. England is always ready to relieve distress, whether at home or abroad; but while her money contributions overflow from the Mansion House at the call of suffering, no prayers, at any rate for other nationalities and religions, arise from her churches. Would not her alms be thrice blessed, and true religion be advanced in her midst throughout the world, if they were sanctified by public prayer in her churches? No doubt all individual Christians feel it to be their duty and privilege to intercede privately for all in distress, and probably the larger number of Dissenting congregations offer prayers for any suffering people of whatever creed. That the Church of England cannot do so without episcopal authority for due form, and that these even are never put forth except for home troubles, does seem a reproach.

A CONSTANT READER.

Mrs. HAMILTON.—The Rev. J. F. Norton (address Ainstable, Penrith) will send you, on application, a prospectus of the Bible Reading Union.

'L. H. B.' would be glad to know if *Church Bells* has reached Mr. Collinson, P. O. Scotia, Ontario, Canada. It has been sent to him for some time.

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IRELAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

THE election by the Bishops of Dean Reichel to be Bishop of Meath is likely to give general satisfaction. It is felt that the Irish Bench of Bishops, which was growing confessedly weak in able men under the new system of popular election, has been recruited by the accession of a clergyman of acknowledged power and diversified gifts. Dean Reichel gives as much as he gains, and the entire Church is honoured in his advance to the Episcopate. It is not likely that the consecration of the bishop-elect will be long delayed, considering the great lapse of time during which the Diocese of Meath has been without a head. The Dean of Clonmacnoise from the first cast in his lot with the Irish Church; when other distinguished men left it on disestablishment, many of them to find preferment in the sister Church of England, he gave of his best to the Church during the trying years that followed the Irish Church Act, aiding it with voice and pen, and it is a happiness now to his many friends to see him rewarded with the mitre. It may be mentioned that the new Bishop comes of a stock that gave more than one Bishop to the Moravian Church; his cousin is a learned writer in the University of Cambridge, and his son, after a brilliant career in Oxford, ending with a Fellowship, is now Principal of the new University College in Bangor.

The Synod of the united dioceses of Killala and Achonry (Tuam diocese) was held in the Assembly Hall, Ballina, on Thursday, the 20th inst., the Bishop of Tuam in the chair. The Bishop feelingly alluded to his own trouble (the loss of his sight), and also to the losses sustained by the diocese in the death of two of its leading Churchmen, Dean Jackson and Colonel Gore. Of the former the President said:—

‘In every department of his pastoral work Dean Jackson came out in single-minded honour and influence as a minister of the Gospel of peace. Untiring in his labours, unwearied in his counsels, he was a father in Israel indeed, and the junior clergy will long feel the loss of such a man. Those, he might truly say, were the dark clouds that had come over their diocese, and they could only be repaired by every one in his path of duty, lay and clerical, seeking to walk, as far as God’s grace enabled him, in the same honoured steps—the clergy living examples of the grace of God, living examples of what His grace could make us; and they, with all their deep responsibilities, could be roused by the memory of such to see what they were wanting in, and what their duties were to their people and to their Church. They could encourage themselves when they remembered how faithful he was, how unwearied he was, and how fitting he was to fill his office.’

His Lordship drew attention to the fact that, in common with all the other dioceses, they would be called upon to take part in the formation of a Purity Society. Some might tell him that as members of their Church they belonged to a Purity Society, and he had no doubt that they were right, but they often found that, by the aid of such societies, they were able to do good by reminding themselves, and also to do good by influencing others; and if they acted up to the principles of their Church, which encouraged and enforced holiness of life, they might, at least, extend that usefulness to others, and remind the young and those who were careless of their duty to God and themselves. Touching on the attempt to deprive them of their ancient title as the Church of Ireland, the Bishop said:—

‘The Church of Ireland was their proper designation. They inherited it from the days of the earliest Christianity of their land—from the days of St. Patrick, in unbroken succession down to the present day. It was true that storms had swept over their land, but they had never broken the golden link which bound them to the earliest portion of the history of Christianity amongst them. He, therefore, thought—though maybe it might be a useless enterprise—that it was an enterprise from which they should not shrink, and that they ought to stick to their right of being the Church of Ireland. Of course that might be distasteful to others, but these others did not even lay claim to it themselves. It was like the dog in the manger; they did not want it themselves and they disliked our possessing it, because the Church of Rome would be only altering its position with a doubtful result if it declared that instead of belonging to Rome it confined itself to Ireland. By the Act of Parliament under which they were disestablished and disendowed they were recognised as the Church of Ireland, and in the charter of the Church by Act of Parliament it was declared to be the Church of Ireland. He thought they ought to add their voice to the many which were going forward to protest against any change in their title, or any taking from them of that which was deliberately given to them by the Legislature.’

The President having concluded his address, on the motion of Canon Heather the Standing Orders were suspended to allow of a motion of sympathy being passed, condoling with the families of Dean Jackson and Colonel Knox Gore under their heavy bereavements.

The balance to the credit of the united diocese was declared to be 1000*l.* in excess of that of the former year. The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

‘That this Synod protests against the attempt made to deprive our Church of its true and ancient title of the Church of Ireland, and requests its representatives to the General Synod to aid any effort that may be there made to secure the due recognition of this, its only rightful appellation.’

The Archbishop of Dublin presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the Sunday School pupils of the Diocese, which took place on the

20th inst., in the Parochial Hall of St. Andrew’s parish. His Grace subsequently gave an address, in the course of which he said:—

‘In some quarters it was thought by some that in their Sunday Schools, at least in the Sunday Schools of the Churches of the Anglican Communion, the Catechism should take the place of the Holy Scriptures. Now, he trusted that in the classes of their Church the Catechism would always be made a part of their teaching. He thought that they were bound to see that. But he thought that the foundation of the teaching should be the Holy Scriptures. There were in the Catechism at the present time some passages which at this crisis in the history of their country, when godlessness and anarchy, and selfish greed, and hatred between class and class, were being, unfortunately, promulgated throughout the length and breadth of the land—there were some passages in the Catechism, especially those answers given by the children as to their duty towards God and their neighbour, which, as it seemed to him, ought to be written up in letters of gold upon every schoolroom throughout the land where Sunday Schools were held. But, while saying this, he could not but admit that, whereas these very teachings of their Church were derived from Holy Writ, the very words of the passages themselves showed that Holy Scripture ought not to be brought in their Sunday Schools as a subsidiary proof of the Catechism, but that Holy Scripture should be, in the first instance, taught as the basis, the foundation of all the doctrines of their rule of faith, and that they were thankful to bring in the Catechism—to bring in the Catechism as an admirable summary wherein these doctrines which form the rule of faith had been enshrined for so many centuries.’

Speaking of the Annual Report of the Sunday School Society for Ireland his Grace observed: ‘He was very much struck in reading over the report and statistics which it contained. It would seem that the number of schools that received help from this Society, or that were spoken of as connected with this Society—which, he supposed, was the same thing—amounted to nearly 2000, including nearly 15,000 teachers, and more than 150,000 scholars. It would also appear, if he did not misunderstand the report, that of these 150,000 scholars about one-half received their only instruction in these Sunday Schools.’

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Church Bells in Ireland.

ON Monday, the 17th inst., the Bishop of Cork dedicated a ring of bells for Ballymodan parish church, Bandon. The bells—six in number—are the gift of Lord Carbery and his daughter, the Countess of Bandon, in loving memory of the late Lady Carbery. They were cast at Loughborough and cost 800*l.* The tenor weighs 15 cwt. A large number of the local clergy and gentry were present, among the latter being the noble benefactors, Colonel Shuldham, D.L., &c. Appropriate hymns were sung by the parish choir, under the direction of Mr. Mills, the organist, one of these being by special desire of Lady Bandon, ‘When morning gilds the skies;’ after which the bells rang out ‘Sun of my soul,’ ‘Hark, hark, my soul,’ ‘Abide with me,’ ‘Rock of Ages’—Mr. Mills playing the tunes, and the manager of Messrs. Taylor (Mr. Peate) ringing the chimes alternately, with a very pleasing effect.

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, the 26th September next, at the Cathedral, Manchester. There will be a service at 3.30 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Charles Lowe, M.A., vicar of Holy Trinity, Bolton. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Tickets, 1*s.* Business meeting at 6 p.m., after tea, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to the Secretaries, or to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 11 Dover Street, Higher Crumpsall, Manchester (from whom tickets can be obtained), not later than September 19th.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
J. REDFORD, }

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Cathedral Church of St. John, Manchester.

ON Saturday, the 15th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 32 mins. T. Moss, 1; C. Cash (first peal of Royal), 2; A. E. Wreaks, 3; G. Longden, 4; E. Cash, 5; T. Wilde, 6; I. G. Shade (London, first peal of Royal), 7; S. Wood, 8; T. Thorp, 9; F. G. Newman (Mereworth and London, conductor), 10. Tenor, 25½ cwt.

At Holy Trinity, Staleybridge, Cheshire.

ON Monday, the 17th inst., eight members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society rang a peal of 5184 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Lawton, 1; T. Moss, 2; J. Wood, 3; W. Frith, 4; B. Broadbent, 5; S. Wood (composer), 6; J. Thorp, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At the Parish Church, Ormskirk, Lancashire.—Muffled Peal.

ON Tuesday, the 18th inst., a mixed company of ringers rang, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, a date peal of 1885 Grandshire Triples in 1 hr. 9 mins. C. Sharples, 1; H. Ellis, 2; G. Larkey, 3; W. J. Taylor, 4; R. Foster, 5; W. Bentham (conductor), 6; G. Prescott, 7; W. Lloyd, 8. Tenor, 25½ cwt. Composed by Miss E. C. Sharland of Tiverton.

At St. George's, Hyde, Cheshire.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 4 mins. I. G. Shade (conductor), 1; S. Wood, 2; J. Wood, 3; B. Broadbent, 4; T. Moss, 5; S. Bennett, 6; J. Thorp, 7; F. G. Newman, 8. Composed by Mr. Haigh. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.

On Tuesday, the 18th inst., the Gravesend, Milton, and Swanscomb ringers rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 26½ mins., being the first peal by them in that method. J. W. Aitkin, treble, 1; F. Hayes, 2; W. Martin, 3; B. Spinner, 4; H. D. Davis, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6.

At All Saints', Glossop, Derbyshire.

On Wednesday, the 19th inst., eight members of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, rang a peal of 5088 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 5 mins. T. Moss, 1; T. James, 2; W. Harrop, 3; S. Wood (composer), 4; C. Brooks, 5; B. Broadbent, 6; J. Thorp, 7; F. G. Newman (conductor), 8. Tenor, 15½ cwt.

At Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.—A Wedding Peal.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., six of the Market Rasen members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang in 26 mins. a peal of 720 Oxford Bob Minor, half-peal of plain Bob Minor, and 120 each of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, with the tenor covering, in honour of the wedding of Miss Conway-Gordon. And on Sunday evening a peal of Oxford Bob was rung. J. Hackney, 1; S. Marshall, 2; M. W. Ashton (late a member of the Market Rasen company, but now of Gainsborough), 3; W. Lunn, 4; H. Gadd, 5; H. Burkitt, 6. The company for the ringing of the 20th inst. was the same, with the exception of Ashton, whose place was occupied by T. Scott.

At Tydd St. Mary, Lincolnshire.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., a six-score of Grandsire Doubles and one of Bob Doubles were rung. E. Conlson, 1; G. A. Clements, 2; J. W. Mawby, 3; W. Cunningham, 4; J. R. Jerram, 5. Tenor, 13 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.—Muffled Peals.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, was rung in 56 mins. as a token of respect to the late Mayor of Derby. T. Alton, 1; J. Thompson, 2; C. Hart, 3; W. Midgley, 4; W. H. Found, 5; G. Mottshaw, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; W. Shardlow, 8.

Also on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst., for the same gentleman, the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hr. 43 mins., with the bells half-muffled. W. Shardlow, 1; J. W. Thompson, 2; C. Hart, 3; W. Midgley, 4; W. H. Found, 5; G. Mottshaw, 6; A. E. Thompson (conductor), 7; T. Alton, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., 2 qrs., 14 lbs., in E flat.

At St. Mary's, Bedford.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., for practice, a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung by members of the Bedfordshire Association in 24 mins. F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; T. Foote, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; M. Warwick (conductor), 6.

Also a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor. M. Warwick, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; T. Foote, 3; I. Hills, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; J. N. Frossell, 6. Tenor, about 8 cwt.

At Peterborough, Northamptonshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Thursday, the 20th inst., a muffled peal, consisting of several touches and one half-peal of Bob Minor, were rung by the St. John's ringers, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. The Rev. W. H. Dean, conductor.

At Sutton St. Nicholas, Lincolnshire.—Muffled Peal.

On Friday, the 21st inst., a muffled peal, whole-pull round ninety-five times, was rung as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. J. R. Jerram, 1; G. A. Clements, 2; H. Cunningham, 3; J. Jackson, 4; Rev. J. H. Spokes, 5. Tenor, 5 cwt.

At Skirbeck, Lincolnshire.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung. J. R. Jerram, 1; G. Clarke, 2; G. A. Clements (Salisbury), 3; E. Mason, 4; J. M. Rylatt, 5. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At Ash, near Wrotham, Kent.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., the Gravesend, Milton, and Swanscomb ringers rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 23½ mins., being the first in that method on those bells. G. Hayes, 1; J. W. Aitkin, 2; W. Martin, 3; B. Spinner, 4; H. D. Davis, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. Some Bob and Grandsire Minor and Grandsire Doubles were also rung by them and the local company.

At Shrivenham, Berks.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., the bells of this place having been rehung by Messrs. Bond of Burford, were reopened by six members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild with a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor and a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor. W. Smith, 1; C. Hounslow, 2; F. Castle, 3; Rev. F. E. Robinson, 4; W. Finch, 5; J. W. Washbrook (conductor), 6. Tenor, about 16 cwt. The bells were found to go and strike very well.

At Fishtoft, Lincolnshire.

On Saturday, the 22nd inst., several six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung. J. T. Routen, 1; G. Clarke, 2; J. M. Rylatt, 3; G. A. Clements (Salisbury), 4; J. R. Jerram, 5. Tenor, 11 cwt.

At Somerleyton, Suffolk.—Muffled Peal.

On Sunday, the 23rd inst., the Somerleyton Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers rang 360 changes of Grandsire Minor for morning service, and in the afternoon a peal of 720 Oxford Treble Bob. F. J. Kittle, 1; G. Rudd, 2; J. Orford, 3; G. Wright, 4; H. Orford, 5; F. Wilson, 6. And in the afternoon with James Orford on the fourth, the others as before; R. J. Kittle, conductor. The above were rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

On Monday, the 24th inst., a birthday peal of 5040 Plain Bob Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 52 mins. C. Martin, 1; B. Carpenter (first peal in the Plain Bob method), 2; W. Burkin, 3; C. Bance, 4; J. Harris, 5; J. Trappitt (conductor), 6; J. Plowman, 7; H. Brooks (first peal), 8. This peal is the six-part peal by T. Morris (see *Rope Sight*, 3rd edit. p. 91). It was rung to commemorate the twenty-eighth anniversary of the birthday of the conductor. Mr. Brooks was elected a member of the Surrey Association before starting for the peal. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp.

At All Saints', Sudbury, Suffolk.—Muffled Peal.

On Monday, the 24th inst., a peal of 1008 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled, was rung as a token of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. F. Tolladay, 1; M. Silvester, 2; G. S. Brown, 3; W. Griggs, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott (conductor), 7; H. Bracket, 8.

At St Peter's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Tuesday, the 25th inst., a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples was rung in 48 mins. W. Challnor, 1; Jos. Mulligan, 2; J. A. Dixon, 3; C. A. Clements (of Salisbury), 4; Jno. Mulligan, 5; T. Hattersley (conductor), 6; J. R. Jerram, 7; G. Holmes, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Marie's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

On Tuesday, the 25th inst., 518 Grandsire Triples were rung. G. Holmes, 1; J. R. Jerram, 2; W. Booth, 3; C. A. Clements (Salisbury), 4; E. Woodward, 5; Jno. Mulligan, 6; J. A. Dixon, 7; Jos. Mulligan, 8. Tenor, 25 cwt.

At All Saints', Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

On Tuesday, the 28th inst., eight members of the North Lincolnshire Association rang 1086 changes of Grandsire Triples in 40 mins. W. W. Bust, 1; F. W. Atkinson, 2; W. D. Tinker (conductor), 3; J. C. Tinker, 4; W. Pattison, 5; C. Brewin, 6; F. F. Linley (first 1000 in the method), 7; J. T. Hollinsworth, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Friends and Foes of the Church.

SIR,—I well remember the remark of Lord Melbourne, as Prime Minister, that if 'ever the enemies of the Church came to attack it they would find it a "tough old tree."' That they will, and much tougher now than it was then; since which time Miall, with his Infidel crew, brought on his motion in Parliament for disestablishment, and was ignominiously beaten, and, further, now, she has been gaining strength every day. This they have seen and felt, and have been frantically trying to renew their attacks while the Gladstone Government was in power, in hope of securing the chance they thought they had, but which they have now lost. It is the greatest mistake for any friends of the Church to give way to timid fears, and to play into the hands of their enemies by so doing. There is nothing like a bold front to be shown by those who know that they have to defend the Church of God, and, withal, that they have the great majority of the nation on their side, and that the motley crew of the others make all the more noise in proportion to the inferiority of their numbers. F. O. MORRIS.

Mr. Harley on Home Reunion.

SIR,—I think Mr. Harley's letter, printed in your Home Reunion Notes, deserves the most serious attention of Churchmen. When our Lord charged His disciples to go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them, He did not give a description of baptism, as of a new ordinance, so far as we know; but, assuming that those whom He spoke to were quite familiar with baptism, He spoke only of the new purpose He wished baptism to be used for, namely, to bring the nations into a special relation to the Holy Trinity. It was much the same with the other Sacrament. It was then, and is still, the custom of every pious Jew to do in his family, on the eve of every Sabbath and on all great festivals, just what our Saviour did at the institution of our Eucharist. Our Saviour assumed that the practice would be continued, but directed that it should thenceforth be for a new purpose. This accounts for the primitive practice of a weekly, or even a daily Eucharist, as distinct from the merely annual observance of the Passover. It accounts also for the early, if not primitive practice of administering the Holy Communion to young children, a practice continued occasionally, I believe, in the East to this day, as it is by pious Jews at their family Thanksgiving on Friday evenings.

I have not Wall on Infant Baptism at hand, but, if I recollect right, he says the Jews used to baptize adult proselytes, and the children born to them before their baptism, but that the children born afterwards were not baptized. May not this explain the words of St. Paul (1 Cor. vii. 14) 'Else were your children unclean, but now are they holy?' St. Paul says that the child was 'holy' if it had one believing parent, although the other was an unbeliever. 'Holy' in this passage must mean the same as 'saints' in the second verse of the first chapter of the same epistle. The word in the

A 'GORDON COLLEGE' FOR THE COPTIC CHURCH.

THE Association for the Furtherance of Christianity in Egypt has received an important approval of its designs from the well-known Dr. Schweinfurth. His letter from Alexandria—originally addressed to the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society—contains the following passages:—

'The subject treated, as I am thankful to observe, by the Bishop of Carlisle in the *Times*, is one especially dear to me. At last, then, after so many years of silence, a voice is raised in favour of the Coptic Church. How many times the same thoughts have kindled in my mind! The Christian world has indeed a long period of negligence to atone for, when one considers that one tenth of the population of Egypt is Christian, and of this the great majority belongs to the Coptic Church. They may say she is petrified, ossified, extinct; but nevertheless she exists still, preserved through the long ages. Like an immovable pier of ancient masonry she has resisted the floods of opposition, and, as the arch of a bridge may be left standing when a great part of the structure has been carried away by the stream, so this Church ought to bind together the two worlds of the East and the West. Such resistance ought to inspire the profound veneration of Europe, especially of England, and rouse us to the duty of lending our more juvenile strength to the support of this venerable edifice. The only way to raise the Coptic Church would be to form a college for the priests, which at present is absolutely non-existent. The priests are wanting in instruction, but their perseverance and fidelity, in spite of temptations from every side, ought to fill us with profound respect. After so many menaces, the Coptic Church is now well assured of her existence; there are no longer any persecutions, and without exaggeration we may say that she is to-day absolutely free.

'As regards schools for boys, there are several existing, the work of the American missionaries, who have more than a thousand scholars in the different villages of Egypt. Their Mission has done an enormous amount of good, but nothing to raise the ancient Coptic Church. . . . England, mistress of Egypt, its guide, and the ruler of its destiny, has this responsibility. The Egyptian people was the first which adopted the Christian religion as a nation. The ancient Church has been preserved in this country for 1350 years. The school for Coptic priests ought to be inspired by the true Evangelical spirit; but the ancient dogmas of the Church should not be touched. That is the sole condition of success.'

The Secretary of the Association thus meets an adverse criticism:—

'The endeavours made thirty-five years ago under Mr. Lieder are well known to the Association; it would seem that the cause of the failure at that time was a want of due appreciation of and sympathy with the ancient and venerable, though much-crushed and decayed, Coptic Church. One of the best educated Copts in Cairo said last year, with much warmth of feeling, to a representative of this Association, "You are the first persons who have offered to help us without trying to induce us to forsake the Church of our fathers." The Coptic Patriarch may not yet have evinced a desire to welcome the advances lately made beyond showing great courtesy and politeness; but this may be accounted for by the innate suspicion (intensified by centuries of persecution and by present uncertainty respecting the connexion of England with Egypt) with which any overtures from without are regarded, lest they should tend to a further disintegration and possible destruction of his Church. There are, however, a number of younger Copts who have eagerly accepted the proposed scheme for an educational institution as likely to prove most beneficial to their co-religionists, of whom there are, perhaps, from 300,000 to 400,000 in Egypt.

'Dr. Geikie admits that more schools are urgently needed, and that they could be greatly multiplied without injury to those already existing. Why, then, does he endeavour to restrain this effort to breathe life into a Church which for eighteen centuries, amid the severest trials and direst persecution, even to wholesale slaughter, from the Moslems, in spite of much apostasy and defection of its members and sad ignorance and spiritual decay both in priest and people, has nevertheless remained firm to its profession of Christianity? That there is an entire absence of intelligence and spiritual life among the Copts, as might be gathered from Dr. Geikie's assertions, is certainly not the case. As an instance to the contrary, Feltius, the Dean of the Coptic Cathedral, is a well-educated, intelligent man, of much religious earnestness, and a highly gifted, powerful preacher. In reference to Dr. Geikie's picturesque contrast between the Greek and Coptic Churches, it should be stated that not many years ago the Greek Patriarch of Alexandria and the Coptic Patriarch entered into negotiations for the formal union of the Coptic Church with the "Orthodox" Greek Church, and the successful completion of this arrangement was only frustrated by political considerations put forward by the then rulers of Egypt.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Death of Mr. Thomas Mallaby.

BELL-RINGERS throughout Yorkshire—and, throughout England, many churchwardens and incumbents whom he has well served—will learn with sincere regret the death of Mr. Thomas Mallaby of Masham. He passed away, August 26th, after a painful and lingering illness, at the comparatively early age of fifty-two—early, considering the marked influence and eminent position he had obtained. The bells of York Minster, Leeds Parish Church, and many a church south of London and west of Exeter, have been satisfactorily rehung or adjusted by this admirable artist. He was a man of remarkable and unique type, whose work could always be relied upon; a conscientious and consistent lover of the Church and Monarchy; and thoroughly enamoured of his profession. One of Nature's own gentlemen, and well informed upon many subjects, he was a welcome guest wherever he went; and none the less so for his quaintness of humour, of manner, and of speech. Like the master-craftsman of the Middle Ages, or his prototype in Schiller's famous *Song of the Bell*, he was never ashamed to be found at honest work among his own merry men. That such a man was a staunch Conservative need hardly be recorded. He was vicar's churchwarden of the fine church at Masham, of which he was so proud, for twenty-three years; and his influence and example as a constant communicant, and a man always at his post, will, it is hoped, be felt for years to come. A memorial brass and window will be erected at Masham to commemorate his worth and work. If any who knew and respected him desire to unite their efforts, contributions, however small, will be gladly accepted (postal drafts or otherwise) by the vicar or churchwardens.

A New Bell at Aldeburgh-on-Sea, Suffolk.

ABOUT a year ago the bells of the parish church, five in number, were thoroughly restored, one new bell replacing an old one, and another being recast. The work was entrusted to Messrs. George Day and Son of Eye, and great satisfaction given. It was then thought, however, that a ring of five bells for Aldeburgh was insufficient, and the project of adding a sixth bell was set on foot. Mr. Francis Cooper entered with much zeal and perseverance into the scheme, and the addition of this sixth bell, which was dedicated to the use of the church and parish on Thursday last, is in the main due to the kindly efforts of that gentleman. During the whole of Thursday the bells rang out at intervals merry peals, and at the dedication service in the evening a good congregation assembled. The Vicar preached an excellent sermon, explaining the object of the collection to be made. A goodly number of ringers from the neighbouring parishes were present on Thursday, who, with the Aldeburgh ringers and a few friends, including the Vicar, who presided, Mr. John Harvey (churchwarden), and Mr. W. H. Hall (lay reader), dined together at two o'clock in the upper parish-room. The expense of this last bell has not been fully met, but it is hoped that ere long the liberality of a few friends may relieve the Vicar and Wardens of all anxiety on that score.

The St. Martin's Society, Tipton, Staffordshire.

ON Saturday, the 22nd ult., the above Society met at the tower, and rang a touch of Grandshire Triples. T. Jones, 1; T. Bennett, 2; W. R. Small, 3; W. Pardoe, 4; J. Martin, 5; S. Jesson, 6; J. Fullwood (conductor), 7; H. Winfield, 8. Afterwards a 720 of Bob Minor, by six of the above band, when time was up for their annual out with the choir, the churchwarden (Mr. John Bywater, and family), and the Rev. J. R. Toft, incumbent, in brake to Boscobel, famous in history as being the place of concealment of King Charles. Arriving at Boscobel House, the party inspected the interior with its curious old furniture, carving, &c., also the hole or small chamber where his Majesty was hid from Cromwell's troops in the grounds, and the old oak tree where it is said he was also hid, which is well fenced round with iron palisades. The party afterwards went to the 'Cross Guns Hotel,' where they sat down to an excellent dinner, which was provided for them by the incumbent and churchwarden. The chair was afterwards taken by the Rev. J. R. Toft, and the vice-chair by Mr. Churchwarden Bywater. The usual toast of the 'Queen and Royal Family' was given, and drank with enthusiasm. A few kind words from the chairman and vice-chairman, to the singers and ringers, was also made. The party then left the room and went to the famous Chillington Pools, while some enjoyed themselves with boating, &c., and the ringers with handbells. The ringers afterwards took a quiet walk to the village of Codsall, where, with permission of the vicar (the Rev. Mr. Tooth) they rang a 720 of Grandshire Minor, also several 120's of Grandshire Doubles. The bells are a ring of six, tenor about 14 cwt. The treble is a new bell, 1867, the other five date from 1617 to 1638. There is no change-ringing done here by the local company; the ropes come down to the floor, which is open to the church. The belfry is filled with fixed benches, so that the ringers have to stand, some on the floor, and others astride the benches. The village of Codsall is a place of great resort in summer-time for the Black Country people. The party returned by the picturesque village of Tettenham, getting safe home in good time, well pleased with their day's enjoyment.

A Picnic at Northampton.

ON Thursday, the 27th ult., the members and friends of the Voluntary Bell-ringers' Society, in connexion with All Saints' Church, held a very successful picnic at Castle Ashby, the seat of the Marquis of Northampton. The programme opened at an early hour in the morning by a capital 'tap' on the back six of the parish church, and the company then proceeded in a brake to their rendezvous. Both dinner and tea were served at the 'Falcon Hotel.' The party were afterwards taken over the garden and castle by the housekeeper. A very pleasant day was spent, and the party returned home highly gratified.

Ebbesbourne Wake, Salisbury.

MONDAY, the 6th ult., was a memorable day for this parish. The three church bells have been for some time unable to be rung on account of the defective framework, which proved to be so rotten that it was a wonder the bells had not fallen. By the exertions of the vicar (the Rev. Tupper Carey) with the assistance of the Earl of Pembroke and the occupiers of the three farms, a subscription was set on foot, and it was resolved to add two new bells to complete a chime. A new tenor, about 9 cwt., was added, and another small bell, about 4 cwt., to include the old bells. The work has been well carried out by Messrs. Llewellyn and James of Bristol; and the bells are pronounced to be in fairly good tune, and very skilfully hung, which renders them very easy to ring. On the morning of the day a short peal was rung before the early celebration, recalling to those who have been accustomed to a larger ring of church bells the memories of early days and well-known sounds. At three o'clock the Dedication Service commenced, the united choirs of Ebbesbourne Wake entering the church with their banners, singing the processional hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers.' The proper Psalms, cxlviii., cxlix., cl., were chanted antiphonally by the choirs, which have been both carefully trained by experienced hands. The first Lesson (Numb. x. 1-11) was read by the Vicar; the second Lesson (Rom. x. 11 to end) by the Rev. T. N. Hutchinson, Vicar of Broadchalke. The anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord' (Ps. xxxiii. 1, 2), Elvey, having been well rendered, the choir of Ebbesbourne with their clergy proceeded to the tower, where versicles and a few prayers were offered. The bells then rang out a peal which lasted about three minutes, during which the clergy and choir returned to their seats in the chancel. A few more appropriate prayers followed, and a hymn, not well-known,—

<p>'Now at length our bells are mounted To their holy place on high,</p>	<p>Ever to fulfil their mission Midway 'twixt the earth and sky,—</p>
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was sung, and this part of the service was finished with the usual prayers. A very appropriate and touching address was given by the Rev. Chancellor Swayne. The collection, which amounted to about 6l., was made during the singing of the hymn, 'Give of thy goods to God.' The recessional hymn, 'On our way rejoicing,' concluded what was acknowledged by all a most impressive service, and which was rendered more so by the able and kind assistance of the Rev. W. Carpenter, Minor Canon of Salisbury, who presided with his well-known ability. A party of ringers from St. Edmund's, Salisbury, were kindly invited by the Vicar to open the bells, and they rung at intervals during the afternoon, completing in 25 mins. a peal of six six-score of Grandsire Doubles, being 720 changes all, all called differently in the following order:—T. Short, 1; F. Rigden, 2; J. Parsons, 3; J. Wilton, 4; J. Blackburne, 5. They gave their verdict that the bells did credit to Mr. Yorke, the hanger, from Messrs. Llewellyn and James. When the subscription list is closed it will make up a sum of 8000l., which has been collected during the time of his incumbency by the Vicar, with the great assistance of the Earl of Pembroke (Lord of the Manor), the late Mr. John Rebbeck, and the occupiers of the three farms in the parish, towards the restoration of the church, the building of the vicarage and school premises, as well as towards the endowment of this once poor and neglected parish, which from time immemorial has not known, till within the last few years, the residence of an incumbent.

The All Saints' Company of Fulham, London, at Eastbourne.

THE annual outing of the members of the above Company took place on Saturday, the 22nd ult., the place selected being Eastbourne. The party consisted of the Rev. F. H. Fisher, Vicar of Fulham, Messrs. F. Kelley, J. W. Kelley, J. Green, R. Nicholls, H. Gale, L. Davies, W. Driver, S. Eales, W. Weare, and W. How. Upon their arrival, they repaired to the old parish church of St. Mary, where a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by the Rev. F. H. Fisher and J. W. Kelley. An excellent dinner was provided by mine host at 'The Lamb,' after which the party separated and sought pleasure in various ways. Tea-time found the members again assembled, with the exception of the Vicar, who had to leave for London by an earlier train. The 7.45 train from Eastbourne brought the remainder safely to Victoria, all thoroughly well pleased with the day's holiday.

The Ringers of St. Mary's, Lewisham, at Westerham, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 22nd ult., the ringers of the above church had their first annual outing. After having a touch on their own bells, they started for Westerham in a comfortable brake, being accompanied by the Rev. Payne Gallwey, the treasurer of St. Mary's Society. Arriving at Bromley, the ringers were met by Mr. J. Golds and conducted to the tower, where a few short touches were rung. Having thanked Mr. Golds for his kindness in meeting the ringers, a fresh start was made for Westerham, which was reached by one o'clock. The ringers were met by Mr. Stone, the steeple-keeper, who conducted them to the tower, which contains a fine ring of eight bells, which were soon put in motion. Having rung a few 120's, with 4, 6, 8 covering, the Rev. Mr. Bartlett, Vicar of Westerham, arrived and welcomed the ringers to Westerham. He was sorry to say that he could not boast of a band of ringers, but hoped that before long he should hear Westerham bells rung by a band of Westerham ringers. Thanking the Vicar for his kindness in meeting the ringers, and for the use of the tower, the visitors adjourned to the 'Fountain Coffee Tavern,' where arrangements had been made for dinner. After doing justice to the good things provided, the company scattered themselves about, some enjoying themselves at cricket, others going nutting along the country lanes. Getting back to the tower about 5.30 p.m., a few more touches were rung. After tea, a start was made for home at 7 p.m., which was duly reached at 10 p.m. Alighting at the 'Bee Hive,' the ringers were met by host Brown, who had provided them with a nice supper, which was greatly relished after their drive home through the

country. Afterwards the hand-bells were brought into use, and touches of Treble Bob, Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, were rung, thus ending a very enjoyable day, which will long be remembered by the ringers. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to tend their sincerest thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Bartlett, for the use of the tower, and also to Mr. Stone for his kind attention to them during their visit to Westerham.

Surrey Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Association will be held at Epsom, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, September 12th. There will be a Committee Meeting at 4.30 p.m. to arrange the Quarterly Meeting.

A. B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

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

ON Thursday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Midland Counties' Association and the St. Paul's Society rang a peal of 5088 Superlative Surprise Major in 3 hrs. 29 mins. H. Wakley, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; J. Jaggard, 5; A. P. Heywood, Esq., 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Composed by Mr. N. J. Pitstow. Tenor, 26 cwt.

At St. Andrew's, Bath.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., a mixed band visited the above tower, and were invited to have a pull, when the following rang a short touch (630) of Grandsire Triples:—G. Kingman, 1; W. Chew, 2; H. Wootten, 3; J. Hinton (conductor), 4; J. Smith, 5; J. Wootten, 6; J. Brain, 7; J. Weeks, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs., in E. A few six-scores were also rung.

ON the 12th ult., at the same tower, was rung a muffled peal, by the St. Andrew's and Christ Church Company of Ringers, to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. We regret to note that this was the only peal rung to his memory in Bath.

At SS. Mary and Saxburgha, Minster-in-Sheppey, Kent.

ON Thursday, the 27th ult., some well-struck muffled touches were rung by the local ringers on the five bells by Hatch, as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. It will be remembered that these bells were lately put in order by a member of the Kent County Association.

At St. Mary's, Walthamstow, London.

ON Thursday, the 27th ult., eight members of the Essex Association rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 57 mins. W. Coakham, 1; T. Maynard, 2; J. Nunn, 3; A. Keit (first peal), 4; R. Maynard, 5; J. H. Wilkins, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; W. Crockford, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. T. Parry for his kindness in allowing them the use of the bells on this occasion.

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancashire.—Muffled Peal.

ON Friday, the 28th ult., a muffled peal, consisting of 1800 Grandsire Triples, was rung by eight members of the Holy Trinity Society of Change-ringers (and members of the Lancashire Association), as a mark of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe.

At Appleton, Berks.

ON Friday, the 28th ult., three courses, and on Monday, the 31st, six courses, 1248 changes of Superlative Surprise Major, were rung. J. Avery, 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; B. Barrett, 3; J. Field, 4; W. Bennett, 5; G. Hollifield, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt.

At All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., the members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5021 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 14 mins. R. French, 1; G. T. McLaughlin, 2; H. Langdon, 3; E. F. Strange, 4; T. Maynard (Walthamstow), 5; E. Rogers, 6; F. G. Newman (conductor), 7; M. Murphy, 8; G. R. Banks, 9; W. Crockford (Walthamstow), 10. Composed by the late John Cox. Tenor, 21 cwt.

At Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 29th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part peal) was rung in 2 hrs. 53 mins. C. Sharples, 1; H. Ellis, 2; G. Larkey (first peal), 3; W. J. Taylor, 4; R. Foster (first peal), 5; W. Bentham (first peal as conductor), 6; G. Prescott, 7; W. Lloyd, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham.—Muffled Peal.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., by the kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens, the following members of the St. Martin's Society rang, with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, a peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples (Brook's Variation) in 3 hrs. 6 mins. H. Bastable, 1; T. Reynolds, 2; A. Thomas, 3; J. Joyns, 4; S. Reeves (conductor), 5; J. Saunders, 6; H. Johnson, jun., 7; F. H. James, 8.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.—Muffled Peal.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., a peal of 840 Grandsire Triples was rung in 30 mins., with the bells half muffled, as a last token of respect to the memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. O. Facey, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; R. Flaxman, 3; F. Bissley, 4; R. Smith, 5; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 6; E. Rogers, 7; T. Woolford, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Somersetshire.—Muffled Peal.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., some members of the Wells Amateur Bell-ringing Society rang a peal, with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. J. N. Knight (conductor), 1; W. H. Jenkins, 2; W. W. Locke, 3; A. Mills, 4; W. Humphreys, 5; G. House (tower-keeper), 6. Tenor, 35 cwt.

Maginn, son of the Rev. C. A. Maginn, M.A., incumbent of Killanully, Bantry, diocese of Cork, has just completed a mission-tour to those adult deaf-mutes in Ireland whose names and addresses could be obtained. He visited sixty parishes, and gave religious addresses to mutes in the following dioceses:—Diocese of Cork, 16; diocese of Cashel, 2; diocese of Limerick, 12; diocese of Killaloe, 8; diocese of Kilmore, 18; diocese of Tuam, 3; diocese of Meath, 5; diocese of Armagh, 13; diocese of Derry, 34; diocese of Down, 69. Total, 180. He held Bible Classes at Rathkeale, Roscrea, Cork, Castlederg, Strabane, Omagh, Derry, Magilligan, Coleraine, Banbridge, and Belfast; and advocated the claims of his fellow-mutes at meetings in Cork, Monkstown, Kingstown, Dalkey, Drumhaire, Sligo, Boyle, Kenagh, Bundoran, Ballyshannon, and Londonderry. The objects of the Society which he represented are:—1. To appoint a missionary who will devote his entire time to work among the deaf and dumb in Ireland. 2. To collect the deaf and dumb at convenient centres for holding Bible Classes in the finger-and-sign language. 3. To circulate suitable literature amongst them. 4. To find employment for those out of work, and in urgent cases to give occasional pecuniary help. The Society has received the sanction of the Lord Primate and nine of the Bishops of the Church.

The course of studies laid down by the Bishop of Cashel for the Special Medal Examinations to be held at Christmas is as follows:—Holy Scripture—Genesis i. and ii., Samuel, the Four Gospels, Acts, Hebrews. Church Doctrine and History—Those of the Thirty-nine Articles that have been learned hitherto, Outlines of Church History (Herbert & Co.). Evidences—Whately's Evidences. All who answer three fourths of the questions in these subjects will receive medals, the qualification for examination being the possession of eight certificates, one of which must be in the eighth class, according to the programme issued by the Diocesan Board of Education.

The question of our right to the title of 'The Church of Ireland' continues to be hotly debated in the columns of the press. It is being pointed out that any interference with this nomenclature would seriously imperil all bequests to the Church. It is also painfully felt that Irish Churchmen have been basely betrayed by the Conservative party, to whom they have always freely given their votes. Already the Government have expunged the title from the constabulary returns, so that members of the Church in that force are now known as Protestant Episcopalians only. This change of title will also seriously complicate the next religious census returns, and will probably exhibit us as a much smaller body, or one split up into three bodies, Churchmen, Protestant Episcopalians, and Protestants. As a proof of the strength of the Church of Ireland in the prosperous town of Belfast, when compared with the Roman Catholic Church, it may be mentioned that we have there twenty-six churches as compared with seven Roman Catholic edifices.

The Bishop of Kilmore presided at the meeting of the Diocesan Synod of Elphin on the 2nd inst. Speaking on the above subject the Bishop said:—

'During the last few weeks that have gone by, a fresh insult, or you may call it discouragement—I call it insult—has been attempted to be offered to us, namely, an attempt to deprive us of the name of which we are justly proud, and to which we are rightfully entitled—the name of "The Church of Ireland." We claim our right to that name by an unbroken succession from the earliest days of Christianity in this land, and surely we have never done anything as a Church to cause that name to be taken from us. We have preserved the primitive doctrine and primitive discipline; we have maintained the truth of God, as far as in us lay, unsullied by man's invention; and we maintain that we are rightfully entitled to the name of "The Church of Ireland." We refer to various enactments—we refer to various Acts of successive Governments—and we find that in all instances we have that title given to us. It is recognised in the very Act of Disestablishment itself, for we find in the Act the name given to us again and again is "The Church of Ireland." It is the name under which the Church Representative Body has been incorporated, and consequently there seems to be a very serious question arising out of the whole matter in this direction. We know that the Representative Body holds property as given to the Church of Ireland, and we know, moreover, that continually bequests are made to our Church as the Church of Ireland. Well, of course that title may be taken from us by the Government, but let us never ourselves surrender it. No Act can ever compel us not to call ourselves by our ordinary name; and let us—strenuously as we have been in showing our regard and love for the truth of God—let us, in the midst of these discouragements, go onwards in the plain course pointed out for us, and then we may rest assured that, no matter what others may do, we shall feel that God Almighty will bless us still more richly and abundantly, and make us a blessing in this land of ours.'

On the same day the Bishop of Limerick held the Annual Visitation of his clergy in St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.

EGYPT.

THE *Vaterland* states that the Roman Catholic missionaries in Cairo are educating some negroes and negresses, brought from Khartoum. Several of them have been baptized, and five are being prepared for confirmation. It is intended to train them for mission work in the Soudan!

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE third volume of the Records of the above Society, presented by C. W. Troyte, Esq., being nearly filled, and it becoming known that the Company would soon have to provide another, A. Percival Heywood, Esq., of Duffield Bank, Derby, has offered to present the Society with a new one; which offer has been accepted with many thanks. The large iron safe is not now large enough to contain the valuable documents of the Company, and we understand that another is likely to be in the possession of the College Youths under circumstances similar to those connected with the peal-book.

Visit of the Cliffe (Rochester) Ringers to Chiddingstone, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., on the occasion of their annual holiday, the ringers of Cliffe visited the pleasant village of Chiddingstone. Starting from Cliffe, they went to Strood (waggonette, five miles); by train to Maidstone, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge, and Penshurst; then by waggonette to Chiddingstone (three miles), where the party—Messrs. E. Brencley (captain), Osenton, Price, Wilden, Couchman, F. Brencley, and J. R. Haworth (who has been their instructor for a short time), with Messrs. Moon and Stanley—were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. E. H. Lee, and Mrs. Lee, and shown over the ancient rectory and gardens. Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Churchwarden Osmotherly and Mr. Daly, only Grandsire Doubles, with the sixth and seventh stationary, were rung on the good ring of eight bells; but the ringing not only pleased the party, but delighted the listeners outside, as the ringers were informed, no ringing having been heard for some time. An excellent dinner was served at the 'Castle Inn,' Mr. Price, senr., joining the company. Afterwards, more ringing; and the fine church of St. Mary and the Castle of Chiddingstone were inspected. The party then started for Tunbridge Wells, by waggonette (eight miles), passing Penshurst Castle, and stopping to inspect the beautiful church of St. John the Baptist (six bells). Many of the company had not seen Tunbridge Wells, and they were highly pleased with the fine town. About seven o'clock the train was taken for Strood, arriving about ten. Some refreshment, and waggonette to Cliffe. The party were much pleased with the long day's holiday (6.30 to 11.30), having seen miles of hop-gardens, with the busy hop-pickers, and some of the finest scenery in Kent. Mr. J. Topley was one of the company.

The Royal Cumberland Youths at Brighton.

ON Monday, the 24th ult., the following members of this Society visited Brighton: Mr. G. Newson, who acted as conductor throughout the day, E. Chapman, B. Fokett, H. Tyler, C. Deale, and S. Clarke, of Hampstead, and J. Page, T. Titchener, H. Driver, T. Glead, and N. Alderman, of Highgate, accompanied by Mr. Coombes. The company left London Bridge at 8.30 a.m., and were joined at Croydon by W. H. Fussell of Slough. On safely arriving at their destination, they were met by Mr. J. Searle, and H. Davis, the company getting refreshments, and the lady portion of the excursionists making the best of the seaside attractions. St. Peter's was the first tower visited, Mr. G. F. Attree here giving them a hearty welcome, where the following touches were rung:—Two of Grandsire Triples, one of Stedman's Triples, and one of Kent Treble Bob. After leaving this tower, each one pleased his own inclination. A good touch of Treble Bob was rung during the afternoon at St. Nicholas', and two touches of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's; others again meeting at St. Nicholas and performing the last 700 of Holt's Original for Divine Service in the evening, concluding the ringing for the day. Returning by the seven-o'clock train, the visitors experienced a most enjoyable time, the weather being remarkably fine; and it is through the medium of these columns that they wish to thank those reverend gentlemen who so kindly opened the several towers for ringing, while the courtesy of the steeplekeepers and other officials tended to increase the pleasure of the outing.

The Tewkesbury Abbey Society at Bath.

THE Annual Outing of this Society took place on Monday, the 31st ult., the place selected this year being Bath. On the arrival of the train, the ringers, ten in number, made their way to the church of St. Andrew's, where they were conducted to the tower by Mr. Goodman. The bells being raised in peal, a 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung. The visitors then made their way to Christ Church, where they rang 504 of Union Triples and a short touch of Stedman's Triples. Later in the day they again visited St. Andrew's, and rang a 504 of Union Triples, also a 210 of Grandsire Triples, Mr. Kingman taking part in the latter; J. Hinton, junr., was also on a visit to Bath, and rang in some of the touches. The party from Tewkesbury were Messrs. Jos. Wathen, Jno. Wathen, J. Hale, F. J. Moore, T. Devereux, W. Haines, S. Cleal, R. H. Witherington, C. W. Dyson, W. Hampton, and W. Niblett. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bernard, for the use of his fine ring of bells; also to Miss Bernard, for her kindness in providing them with such an excellent tea, which added very much to the enjoyment of the day's holiday. They also wish to thank the ringers for the courteous way in which they met them.

The St. Peter's Society, Caversham, Berks.

SATURDAY, the 22nd ult., being the first anniversary of a complete peal of 720 changes being rung in the parish by a band of Caversham Ringers, that day was fixed for the first annual meeting of the above Society. The chair having been taken by the Vicar, the secretary, Mr. T. Newman, read the report, which stated that exactly twelve months had elapsed since the Society was formed, at which time only two of the members had rung a 720 of Minor; since that time practice has been regularly carried on, except during the

Lenten season, and at such times as members were prevented from attending. Since January 1st, upwards of 84,000 changes have been rung in the tower in nine different methods; viz., thirty 720's of Bob Minor, eleven of College Single, ten of Oxford Bob, four of Double Court Bob, four of Yorkshire Court Bob, six of Double Oxford Bob, two of Grandsire Minor, and three of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and thirty-five six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, also one Date Touch of 1885 changes, and various other touches, including fourteen 120's of Stedman's Doubles. There are now eight members, each of whom has rung the amount of changes attainable on the bells; four out of the eight are also qualified conductors; several probationers are also coming on, who will be admitted to membership as soon as they have passed the examination required by the Diocesan Guild. The success of the Society, the report states, is due principally to two things—first, to the Vicar for giving, and to E. Pottinger for fixing, a new deadening floor, without which ringing was impossible; second, to the interest the clergy take in the ringing, doing all in their power to aid the Society. The Vicar, in moving the adoption of the report, urged the ringers to be as punctual in their attendance at Divine Service as they were at the belfry, and hoped that the time would come when all the ringers would be in full communion with the Church; such a state of things being much to be wished, though it must of necessity be gradual. He then went on to speak of his appreciation of the neatness and order of the belfry, a state of things which is due to the ringers themselves, who have hung their neatly framed certificates of membership of the Diocesan Guild on the walls, and have at their own cost provided a neat lamp, mats for the ropes to fall on, and eight terra cotta shields commemorating the first 720 rung in the various methods. The thanks of the Society are also due to H. Simmonds for his untiring efforts in keeping the belfry clean, he spending the greater part of his Saturday half-holiday in washing the floor and dusting the walls, so that everything may be in order for Sunday morning. The subject of an annual excursion was then mooted by T. Newman, and eventually it was decided that the 'Inventions Exhibition' should be visited, including, if possible, a touch on the bells of one or more of the London churches. A vote of thanks to the Vicar terminated the proceedings.

A 720 Bob Minor, with 40 Singles.			
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6 4 2 5 3	S 6 3 2 5 4	S 5 4 2 6 3	S 4 3 5 6 2
S 4 6 5 3 2	S 3 6 5 4 2	S 4 5 6 3 2	S 3 4 6 2 5
S 6 4 3 2 5	S 6 3 4 2 5	5 3 4 2 6	4 2 3 5 6
S 4 6 2 5 3	S 3 6 2 5 4	S 3 5 2 6 4	2 5 4 6 3
6 5 4 3 2	6 5 3 4 2	S 3 5 4 2 6	S 5 2 6 3 4
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BENJAMIN FRANCIS, *Diss.*

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Paul's, Walkden, Lancashire.

ON Sunday, the 23rd ult., for Divine Service in the evening, a peal of 720 Bob Minor (8 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 20 mins. W. Denner (conductor), 1; J. Welsby, 2; S. Oakes, 3; E. Cash (Eccles), 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes, 6.

Also on Saturday, the 5th inst., the local company rang, with the bells half muffled, a peal of 720 Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles) in 29 mins., as a token of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. J. Welsby, 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; J. Brookes (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

At St. Mary's, Hitchin, Herts.—Muffled Peal.

ON Wednesday, the 26th ult., with the bells half muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, eight members of the Hitchin Society rang 630 Grandsire Triples; also 224 and 168. J. Randall, 1; F. Furr, 2; H. Buckingham, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare (conductor of 630), 5; S. Hare, 6; W. Allen (conductor of 224 and 168), 7; J. Foster, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt.

At St. Albans Cathedral, Herts.

ON Saturday, the 29th ult., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang at St. Albans Cathedral Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 11 mins. A. Godman, jun. (first peal), 1; W. H. L. Buckingham, (first peal), 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; N. N. Hills, 4; G. Cartmel (first peal), 5; A. Godman, sen. (first peal), 6; T. Gathard, 7; W. Battle, 8. Tenor, about 30 cwt., in E flat. Mr. Tucker hails from Hertford and Mr. Gathard from Hatfield, the rest are local men.

At St. Nicholas', Cuddington, Bucks.

ON Sunday, the 30th ult., before and after service in the morning, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung, the conducting being divided. J. Frost, sen., 1; H. Hawkins, 2; J. Frost, jun., 3; J. Blake, 4; J. Barry (London), 5; G. Warner, 6; and in the afternoon touches were rung with Amos Frost. Great praise is due to Mr. George Warner of Long Crendon, one of the instructors of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, for bringing the band on so far after a few months' practice, the bells not having been in the tower twelve months. Tenor, 8 cwt.

At Fittleworth, Sussex.—Muffled Peal.

ON Monday, the 31st ult., a muffled peal was rung as a last token of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe; and on Friday, the 3rd inst., was rung, for the first time, in 25 mins. a peal of 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor (30 singles) by the following members of the Billingshurst Company: P. Wood, 1; W. Chantler, 2; G. Matthews, 3; W. Chantler, jun., 4; J. Hoice, 5; T. Chantler (conductor), 6. Tenor, 8½ cwt. These bells have lately been rehung, and increased from three to six bells, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

At All Saints', Sudbury, Suffolk.

ON Tuesday, the 1st inst., eight members of the Sudbury Company of Change-ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) in 55 mins. J. Campin, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; W. Howell, 3; M. Silvester, 4; W. Bacon, 5; H. Harper, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. Composed by Mr. H. I. Shade of Greenwich, and conducted by Charles Sillitoe.

At St. Mary's, Brabourne, Kent.—Muffled Peal.

ON Sunday, the 6th inst., as a token of respect for the late Rev. G. B. Perry-Ayscough, B.A., Vicar of Brabourne and Rector of Monks-Horton, and an honorary member of the Kent County Association of Change-ringers, the bells were rung deeply muffled for service; and after service several different peals of Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells half-open, in which the following members of the K.C.A.C.R. took part: W. Coltham, G. Hills, G. Coltham, C. Butcher, Geo. Finn, and T. Finn of Brabourne, and G. and F. Finn of Mersham.

At All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 7th inst., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 5000 Kent Treble Bob Royal in 3 hrs. 30 mins. J. Pettit, 1; G. Mash, 2; T. Hattersley (Sheffield), 3; J. W. Rowbotham, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; J. Mulligan (Sheffield), 6; J. Murphy, 7; E. Gibbs, 8; E. Horrex, 9; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 10. Composed by the late W. Booth of Sheffield.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

ON Tuesday evening, the 8th inst., thirteen members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang one course of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. T. Pettit, 1; J. W. Rowbotham, 2; T. Hattersley (Sheffield), 3; G. Mash, 4; R. Jameson, 5; J. Mulligan, 6; G. Dorrington, 7; I. Clarke, 8; G. Muskett, 9; E. Horrex, 10; J. M. Hayes, 11; W. Jones and C. F. Winny, 12. Tenor, 62 cwt., in B flat.

At St. Helen's-at-Hoo, Cliffe, Rochester, Kent.

LATELY, eight members of the Cliffe Society of Change-ringers rang a muffled peal in memory of the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. E. Brenchley, 1; J. Osenton, 2; J. Price, 3; A. Daly, 4; A. Couchman, 5; F. G. Osmotherly, Esq., 6; H. Wilden, 7; F. W. Brenchley, 8.

INQUIRER writes:—'Could any of your readers inform me of any books giving the history of Bell-ringing, by whom published, and the price?'

CORRESPONDENCE.

Prayer for Spain.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to thank your correspondent, the Rev. Francis E. Allen, for suggesting an adaptation of the prayer for time of common plague to the necessities of the nations now suffering from cholera, and also to say how glad I am to learn that the Bishop of Winchester has addressed a letter to his Rural Deans to similar purport. Our liturgy is so marvellously comprehensive that, without strain or alteration, it may, in its spirit, include almost any need of humanity as it arises; but, for lack of instruction in our Church doctrines and services, I fear the majority of worshippers discover in it little beyond the letter of the words. But with regard to such a crisis as the present there is vital need to pray, not only for relief from the pestilence, but that the afflicted nations may be made wise to discover and put in practice those sanitary and social measures which alone can stamp out the plague and do much to prevent its recurrence. Not less needful for our own country is your correspondent's beautiful suggestion in view of the approaching elections.

I should be grateful if you would further allow me space heartily to endorse the words of your correspondent 'A. R. P.'; but, beyond appeals from the pulpit on behalf of the animal creation, I long to see the subject included in the prayers of the Church, and if at present it can be done in no other way, might not the clergy ask their congregations from time to time to include in their thoughts the suffering animals with those in 'danger, necessity, or tribulation,' 'all prisoners and captives,' 'and all that are desolate and oppressed,' for whose 'succour, help and comfort,' we plead in the latter clauses of the Litany? There are many remarkable and emphatic passages in Scripture regarding animals. In Gen. ix. 9-17 inclusive they, as well as man are distinctly and repeatedly taken into covenant with God. Should not the second verse of that chapter be taken as prophetic of what man's tyranny would become to them, since the dominion over them with which he was first entrusted was evidently intended to be a merciful one? In like manner the calamities which read as curses, denounced in the Psalms on the posterity of the wicked man, are really but the natural consequences of his sin! How touching are the words in Eccles. iv. 1, '... Behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.' The latter part of the previous chapter distinctly shows that they refer to animals as well as man. Isa. xi. to verse 11 inclusive, taken in connexion with Rom. viii. 17-23 inclusive,

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

The Lancashire Association of Change-ringers.

THE Annual Meeting of the above will take place on Saturday, the 26th September next, at the Cathedral, Manchester. There will be a service at 8.30 p.m., when the sermon will be preached by the Rev. Charles Lowe, M.A., vicar of Holy Trinity, Bolton. Tea will be provided in the schoolroom at 5 p.m. Tickets, 1s. Business meeting at 6 p.m., after tea, when the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All those who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send in their names to the Secretaries, or to Mr. A. E. Wreaks, 11 Dover Street, Higher Crumpsall, Manchester (from whom tickets can be obtained), not later than September 19th. The towers of the Cathedral, St. John's, and the Town Hall, will be open for ringing after the meeting.

A. E. HOLME, } Hon. Secs.
J. REDFORD, }

The Ringers and Choir of Walton-on-the-Hill, Lancashire, at Chester.

ON Thursday, the 20th ult., the ringers and choir of St. Mary's Church, accompanied by the Rev. T. H. Bee (curate), and Messrs. J. E. Bennett and J. Wright (churchwardens), held their annual picnic at Chester. The weather was all that could be desired, and all the company thoroughly enjoyed themselves. In the morning, before leaving Walton, the ringers rang several merry touches, also a 180 of Plain Bob Minor. On arrival at Chester the Cathedral was first visited, and an examination of the ancient structure was very interesting. A walk round the famous and historic walls of this ancient city brought the dinner-hour near, and an adjournment was made to the Temperance Hotel. After dinner a move was made to the river, and the party went by boat to Eccleston. On the journey the ringers enlivened the proceedings by performing some well-known popular airs on the handbells. On arriving at Eccleston the ringers walked to Pulford, accompanied by the Rev. T. H. Bee and Mr. J. E. Bennett, and rang on the bells of the parish church a 720 of Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Hurst, 1; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 2; T. R. Somerville, 3; T. Rushton, 4; C. J. Rodgers, 5; R. Stockley, 6. Tenor, 11 cwt. Subsequently the party returned to Eccleston, where a tea awaited them. It was now time for returning, so a move was made to the ferry, and then homewards, arriving in Liverpool at ten o'clock; and catching the omnibus, the party were all safely landed at the terminus at 10.30, after having spent a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank the Rector of Pulford, and also Mr. Elezard, for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

The Birmingham Amalgamated Society at Shenstone, Staffs.

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., a few of the members of this Society paid a visit to Shenstone, a pleasantly situated village about three miles from Lichfield. Journeying from New Street, Birmingham, by the 2.5 p.m. excursion train, they reached Shenstone at 3 o'clock, when, after a survey of the village, they repaired, through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, to the tower of the parish church, where hangs a pretty, light, and well-going ring of eight, tenor, 13 cwt. The belfry, too, is such a one as is seldom met with. The ringers' comfort is certainly looked after in a manner that does credit to all concerned. There are seats fit to sit on, hat and coat-racks, and the walls are free from the whitewasher's brush, with the floor nicely covered with mats; and the steps to the belfry are also kept swept. It has the aspect of being visited by the church authorities, which in many cases is so badly neglected by them. A start was made for a peal of Grandsire Major, which was successfully accomplished in 3 hrs. 9 mins. J. Wright, 1; J. Callaghan, 2; T. Russam, 3; C. Barnicle, 4; R. Hackley, 5; J. T. Perry, 6; A. Hackley, 7; J. Carter (composer and conductor), 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. The Shenstone ringers did all they possibly could to make their Birmingham friends' visit a happy one. The Birmingham ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of their bells, and hope they may have the pleasure of paying such visits, which in all respects was a very pleasant one. The party arrived home about 9 o'clock, very pleased with their visit.

The Hertfordshire Association at Wheathampstead, Herts.

ON Monday, the 7th inst., some members of the St. Albans branch of this Association paid a visit to the village of Wheathampstead, Herts, for the purpose of ringing the first peal on the new bells. The old bells having been in bad order for some years, efforts were successfully made to restore them, four of the ring of six being recast by Messrs. Warner & Sons, and the whole rehung with new fittings by the late Mr. Mallaby of Masham, Yorkshire. They were reopened by the village ringers at a special service on August 13th, when the Ven. Archdeacon Lawrance of St. Albans delivered a suitable address. On Monday last the ringers arrived at 6 p.m., being met by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Davys, and Mr. W. Batcheler, the leader of the village company of ringers. After inspecting the bells, a six-score of Doubles was rung by way of trying the bells; which being very satisfactory, a start was at once made for a 720 of Grandsire Minor, which was accomplished in 27½ mins., by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths (established 1637):—W. Battle, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; W. H. L. Buckingham, 3; H. Lewis, 4; A. Godman, sen., 5; N. N. Hills (conductor), 6. Tenor, 15 cwt. The above 720 contains thirty-eight bobs and twenty-two singles, and is the composition of Mr. C. Hammant of Crayford, Kent. After some more touches of Minor and Doubles, in which A. Godman, jun., took part, the ringers adjourned to the Rectory, having been kindly invited by the Rector and Mrs. Davys to partake of supper. St. Albans was reached about 11 p.m., the party having very much enjoyed

themselves, and feeling indebted to the Rector for granting permission to ring, and so kindly entertaining them. The inhabitants of Wheathampstead are to be congratulated upon having such an excellent ring of bells, and it is to be hoped that some change-ringing may be done upon them in course of time by village ringers.

Surrey Association.

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., this Association held its District Meeting at Epsom, by the kind permission of the Vicar. The meeting was well attended, there being ringers present from Ashted, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham, and Streatham, as well as the local band. The ringing began about 4.30, and was kept up until 9 o'clock. The following methods were practised:—Treble Bob and Grandsire Major; Stedman's, Grandsire Bob, and Union Triples.

A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

Society of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

The next Meeting will be held at Harborne on Saturday, September 26th. Members of Committee are requested to send as soon as possible the names of all who will attend to the Rev. J. R. Keble, Perry Barr Vicarage, Birmingham. N.B.—Members to assemble at the parish church at 2.30 p.m.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Herts.

ON Wednesday, the 2nd inst., six members of the Hertfordshire Association rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 27 mins. W. Battle, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; N. N. Hills (conductor), 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; A. Godman, sen., 5; A. Godman, jun., 6. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Peter's, Tiverton, Devon.

ON Wednesday, the 2nd inst., eight members of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 7 mins. J. Hosegood, 1; E. Bishop, 2; J. Grater, jun., 3; E. Munday, 4; L. Mackenzie, Esq., 5; J. Babbage, 6; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 7; T. and W. Harvey, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt., in D. Great credit is due to those in authority here for the improvements and excellent state of the belfry in general.

At St. Sidwell's, Exeter, Devon.

ON Thursday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Devonshire Guild of Ringers rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 4 mins. J. Moss, 1; F. R. Shepherd, 2; E. Bishop, 3; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 4; W. Richardson, 5; A. Shepherd, 6; F. Shepherd, 7; T. J. Lake, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., 3 qrs., 2 lbs., in D.

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

ON Saturday, the 5th inst., eight members of the Waterloo Society rang a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples. W. Jones, 1; A. E. Church, 2; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 3; H. Davies, 4; H. Langdon, 5; W. H. George, 6; E. E. Vinen, 7; J. Wheeler, 8.

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

ON Tuesday, the 8th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, rang a peal of 5002 Stedman's Cinques in 3 hrs. 45 mins. J. Motts (conductor), 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; W. L. Catchpole (composer), 4; C. Mee, 5; W. Motts, 6; C. Saul, 7; H. Howell, 8; E. Reeve, 9; S. Tillett, 10; R. Hawes, 11; A. R. Aldham, 12. Tenor, 32 cwt. This is the first peal of Stedman's Cinques on these bells.

At St. Michael's, Basingstoke, Hants.—Muffled Peal.

ON Wednesday, the 9th inst., a peal of 720 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering) was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers, as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe. G. Capron, 1; J. Higgins, 2; F. Bicknell, 3; W. Tiller, 4; H. White (conductor), 5; T. Higgins, 6; T. Wheeler, 7; W. Hatten and W. Sugg alternately, 8. [No time mentioned, nor weight of tenor given.]

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

ON Saturday, the 12th inst., eight members of the St. George's Society, Hyde, Cheshire, rang a peal of 5056 Kent Treble Bob Major in 2 hrs. 54 mins.:—J. Shaw, 1; R. Woolley, 2; T. Bradley, 3; T. Wilde, 4; J. A. Fildes, 5; S. Bradley, 6; J. S. Wilde, 7; S. Bennett, 8. Composed by the late William Royle of Manchester, and conducted by J. S. Wilde. Tenor, 8½ cwt.

At Elstree, Middlesex.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., at the meeting of the Odd Fellows' Association at the above pleasant village, the following Odd Fellows (excepting E. Chapman) rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor on the fine ring of six bells (tenor, 6 cwt.) by Messrs. Warner, Jewin Crescent, London:—J. Combe, 1; J. Page, 2; T. Titchener, 3; J. Hannington (conductor), 4; E. Chapman, 5; H. Driver, 6. Also a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, Messrs. Chapman, Page, Titchener, Hannington (conductor), Alderman, and Driver. The two first peals of Minor on the bells.

At Barnwood, Gloucestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 15th inst., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 Plain Bob Minor in 27 mins. Mr. Baldwin, 1; F. E. Ward, Esq., 2; J. Yates, 3; W. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; A. A. Waite, 6.

A Kent Treble Bob Minor and a Stedman's Six-score were also rung conducted by F. E. Ward, Esq.

and never dreamed of voluntarily attending his ministrations. The congregations dwindled down to mere handfuls, and in 1825 the chaplain informed a new Governor that only five or six persons were in the habit of coming to church. That Governor, Sir Thomas Darling, then announced his intention of coming himself, and "expected that his example would be followed by the people."

From the first there had been among the convicts a number of Roman Catholics; but for these no Mr. Johnson had appeared to volunteer ministrations. At last, in 1803, they were joined by a priest, James Dixon, who had been sentenced to transportation, and an official notice set him free "to enable him to exercise his clerical functions."

THE attacks upon religion made by the 'Liberal Association' and its infidel supporters has aroused a wish among the upholders of Christianity to diffuse a better acquaintance with its evidences. Branches of the Christian Evidence Society are being established in the chief towns: at Sydney the Hon. Alex. Gordon—well known for his deeds of munificence—is heading the movement.

THE small islands in Bass's Straits have been visited by the Bishop of Tasmania. The inhabitants rarely see a stranger; their deportment at the services of the Bishop was very satisfactory, and excited the wish that provision might be made for more regular ministrations among them.

ITALY.

THE Berlin *Ev. Kirch. Anzeiger* explains a little what Peter's Pence go towards now. After quoting from the Ultramontanist *Germania* how, at their recent visit, the Romish Irish Bishops brought the Pope 12,000*l.*, the *Anzeiger* states: "When the temporal sovereignty was lost, Pius IX. kept on the old State officials, and though Leo XIII. made an effort to abolish some of them on his succession, he could not effect any change. They have little or nothing to do, but they cost a deal—half-a-million francs per month."

NETHERLANDS.

THE question of Sunday observance is exciting attention in both sectarian Holland and Romish Belgium. At Brussels a Railway Congress resolved in favour of a weekly day of rest for the employés. The Dutch Government has lately diminished the Sunday work of the post and telegraphs. The movement, we trust, will not stop here.

A TOWN OF ATHEISTS IN AMERICA.

From the 'Burlington Free Press.'

FIVE years ago there was founded in Barton County, Missouri, by a party of Atheists, a town called by the name Liberal. It is the largest community in the United States which does not recognise God or religion. There is not a church within its limits, nor a minister, nor a professing Christian. Christians who come into the town on business are commonly surrounded and assailed in the most abusive manner. The whole atmosphere of the place is densely Atheistic. The founders gave out distinctly that the town was established as a demonstration of what man could do for himself without the "superstitions" of religion. They proposed to show the world that, Christianity being nothing but a fable, people could live and prosper without it; that churches, ministers, Sabbath days, and religious observances of every kind, were a kind of fetish-worship from which man ought to free himself, if he would attain to his highest welfare and happiness.

But what has been the result? Nine-tenths of those now living in the town would leave if they could sell their property. There is not a store in the town which carries \$10,000 worth of stock; there is not in it a factory or manufacturing establishment of any kind. Public schools and infidel meetings have been held only in rented buildings, except those which were held in the (grandly named, but really very mean) "Universal Mental Liberty Hall." There is not in the town a building that could not be built for \$3000, and a great majority cost less than \$1000. The two hotels are dens of the lowest character. One of the inducements held forth by the founders was that, in the absence of all religious sects, and consequently of those quarrels which arise from differences of belief and from the opposition between Christianity and the world, social harmony and good feeling would prevail, and men would live together as brothers in peace and prosperity. But, instead of this, the town has known nothing but quarrels and dissensions since the day it was founded. And as to the virtues of society under the removal of all religious restraint, Liberal is a sad example. Liquor is sold without stint, and drunkenness is a prevailing crime. Swearing is the common form of speech; girls and boys swear in the street, in the playground, at home, and half the women are said to do so too. Lack of reverence for parents and obedience to them is the rule. Husbands and wives separate whenever they choose, and the most gross forms of sexual immorality prevail. Slander and vituperation are in everybody's mouths. This town of Liberal has important material advantages. It is situated in the midst of a fertile country, underlaid with rich deposits of coal. A large amount of capital was invested at the start, in developing the resources of the region, and providing facilities for immigration. There is nothing whatever to account for the failure of the community except the Atheistic principles upon which it was founded. The significance of the experiment is heightened by the bravado with which it was announced to the world.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Three Peals of Treble Bob Major.

No. 1. 5056						No. 2. 5088						No. 3. 5120					
2	3	4	5	6	B. W. H.	2	3	4	5	6	B. W. H.	2	3	4	5	6	B. W. H.
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The above three peals are without the aid of bobs at the middle. Nos. 1 and 3 are with the 6th twelve times wrong and twelve right in 5-6. No. 2 has the 6th twelve times wrong and eleven times right in 5-6.

Sowerby, Yorkshire.

WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.

Mr. Henry Johnson of Birmingham.

WE have been asked to state, and we are pleased to do so, that a committee has been formed to raise a sum of money for a 'National Testimonial' to the celebrated composer and ringer, Mr. Henry Johnson. Many subscriptions have been sent, and others will be thankfully received by Mr. A. Thomas, Hon. Secretary, 83 Wheeler's Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham; and Mr. S. Reeves, Hon. Treasurer, 10 Bull Street, West Bromwich.

The Norwich Diocesan Association.

THE annual gathering of the members of this Association will take place at Norwich on Monday, September 28th. The service will be held at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, at 12.45; preacher, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Rector of Stanhoe, Norfolk. Dinner at 1.30 in St. Andrew's Hall, the Mayor of Norwich in the chair. After dinner there will be the usual business meeting. The secretary would be glad to receive the names of those intending to be present, and the G. E. R. station from which they start, on or before Tuesday, September 22nd.

N. BOLINGBROKE, Hon. Sec.

Bracondale Terrace, Norwich.

A New Bell at All Saints', Friskney, Lincolnshire.

THE bells of the above church have, through the exertions of the Rev. H. J. Cheales, vicar of Friskney, and President of the East Lincolnshire Association, been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble, supplied by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel, and given by F. H. Booth, Esq., a relative of the respected vicar: the work of rehanging has been entrusted to Mr. Timothy Rogers of Boston, who has supplied a new iron frame and fittings, in place of an old oak one. The present five bells were cast by Henry Penn, of Peterborough, in the year 1619; tenor, about 14 cwt. On Saturday, the 12th inst., six members of the East Lincolnshire Association paid a visit, and several touches of Bob Minor were rung, including a 300. T. Rogers, 1; Rev. H. J. Cheales, 2; E. Parker, 3; J. Mawer, 4; G. F. Smith, 5; E. Mason, 6. Also another 360. G. Clarke, 1; J. M. Rylatt, 2; E. Parker, 3; J. Mawer, 4; G. F. Smith, 5; E. Mason (conductor), 6. [Time not given.]

The Gwennap Ringers at Penzance, Cornwall.

LOVERS of bell-ringing were afforded a treat on Saturday, the 12th inst., when a party of ringers from Gwennap visited Penzance and engaged in friendly practice with St. Mary's ringers, the latter of whom were under the leadership of the well-known local campanologist, Dr. Symons. The fine bells of St. Mary's, the tones of which are particularly clear and distinct, were heard to much advantage.

Visit of the West Bromwich Ringers to Gloucestershire.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., Messrs. S. Reeves, W. R. Small, T. Horton, H. Hipkiss, C. Timms, J. Hall, R. Hall, and C. Price, members of the Christ Church Society of Change-ringers, West Bromwich, with Mr. A. Thomas of Birmingham, went to Cheltenham with the idea of ringing a peal in connexion with the Association of Change-ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford; but, unfortunately, after ringing one hour and twenty minutes a change-course was observed, and the conductor called 'Stand!' On leaving the tower they were joined by the local band, and all adjourned to the 'Eight Bells Inn,' where a supper was provided; after which some plain courses on the hand-bells, and a few songs and speeches, brought the evening to a close. On Sunday morning the party went to Charlton Kings, and rang some touches on the six bells, as they were not in good going order for a 720. In the evening to Prestbury, a beautiful village about two miles out where some touches of Grand sire Doubles, Stedman's Doubles, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung, to the satisfaction of all present. On Monday a touch

of 503 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Cheltenham, by a mixed band, conducted by Mr. S. Reeves, and in the afternoon Painswick was visited, where the bells were raised in peal and a touch of 1151 Grandsire Caters and 504 Stedman's Triples were rung, conducted by Mr. J. Belcher of Cheltenham. Returning to the 'Eight Bells Inn,' the party sat down to supper. The visitors take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. G. H. Phillott, Mr. J. Belcher, and all the Cheltenham ringers, for their kind and welcome reception, assuring them that it will be a long time before their visit to Gloucestershire is forgotten.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, Kent.

On Sunday, the 13th inst., after evening service, eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 min. W. G. Shade, 1; L. Green, 2; S. Joyce, 3; T. Banister, 4; H. J. Shade, 5; E. E. Richards (conductor), 6; W. Prime, 7; H. Bright, 8. This is a five-part composition by H. J. Shade of Greenwich.

At St. Peter's, Hindley, Lancashire.—Muffled Peal.

On Monday, the 14th inst., the ringers of the above church, assisted by two from the parish church, Wigan, rang, with the bells muffled at the hand-stroke, the first half of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 28 mins., as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Unsworth of the Balmoral Brewery, Hindley. R. Calland, 1; J. Prescott (conductor), 2; E. Brown, 3; G. Turner, 4; G. B. Walker, 5; T. Tickle, 6; G. Higson, 7; G. Lang, 8.

Also on Saturday, the 19th inst., at the above church, was rung the first half of Reeve's Ten-part Variation peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), in 1 hr. 26 mins., to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Noah Gregory, one of the members of the above Society. J. Prescott (conductor), 1; R. Calland, 2; E. Brown, 3; G. Turner, 4; G. Higson, 5; T. Tickle, 6; J. Hall, 7; G. Lang, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. 1 qr.

At All Saints', Maidstone, Kent.

On Monday, the 14th inst., eight members of the local band rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 14 mins. D. Betts, 1; R. Simmonds, 2; A. H. Woolley, 3; G. Pawley, 4; E. Andrew (Royal Engineers' band, Chatham), 5; A. Moorcraft (conductor), 6; H. Pearce, 7; G. J. Moorcraft and C. Relf, 8. It was rung to commemorate the birthday of Mr. Simmonds.

At St. Edith's, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

On Wednesday, the 16th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, visited the above church, and by the kind permission of the Vicar and Churchwardens rang T. Brook's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 3 hrs. 7 mins. H. Wakley, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jaggard, 5; N. J. Pitstow, 6; W. Wakley (conductor), 7; T. Holmes, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. This is the first peal in the method on the bells. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Swanscombe, Gravesend, Kent.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., five of the ringers, with J. R. Haworth of London, rang a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor in 26 mins. A. Cornford, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; W. Harper, 3; G. Hayes, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Martin (conductor), 6. Tenor, 18 cwt.

At SS. Peter and Paul, Milton, Gravesend.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., the Gravesend ringers, with the exception of No. 2, rang a peal of Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. A. Cornford, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; H. D. Davis, 3; B. Spinner, 4; F. Hayes, 5; W. Harper (conductor), 6. J. Allen rang a peal of 120 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by H. D. Davis. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

At St. George's, Gravesend.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., six of the ringers, with the visitors, the second and sixth men, rang a touch of 672 Grandsire Triples in 30 mins. G. Hayes, 1; J. R. Haworth, 2; W. Harper, 3; F. Hayes, 4; B. Spinner, 5; E. Andrew (Royal Engineers' Band, Chatham), 6; J. W. Aitken (conductor), 7; G. Martin, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F.

All the ringers of the above three churches—Swanscombe, Milton, and Gravesend, who constitute one society—are about to join the Kent County Association of Change-ringers.

At St. Chad's, Pattingham, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang a Three-part peal of 5088 Superlative Surprise Major in 3 hrs. H. Wakley, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; J. Jaggard, 5; N. J. Pitstow (composer), 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 14½ cwt. In this peal, which was now rung for the first time, neither the second nor third bells are ever in 6th's place. It is the seventh peal in the method rung by the St. Paul's Society, and the fourteenth peal on record.

At Shenstone, Staffordshire.

On Saturday, the 19th inst., the following members of the St. Martin's Society of Change-ringers, Birmingham, succeeded in ringing the first peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples at the above place, in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Buffery, 1; S. Reeves, 2; J. Saunders, 3; W. R. Small, 4; H. Bastable, 5; H. Johnson, jun., 6; T. Reynolds, 7; C. Stanbridge, 8. The peal, which was Brook's Variation, was conducted by H. Bastable.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Church of England and her Title.

SIR,—I have been recommended to send the accompanying letter to you. It was in answer to one from 'Catholic' (Roman), who asserted that we have no right to our old churches, &c., and cited as a parallel case the Wesleyans, who by secession ceased to have any claim on the property of the Establishment. Fact No. 8 I add here.

JOHN R. LUNN.

Marton-cum-Grafton, Sept. 22.

'THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND HER TITLE.'

'To the Editor of the "Yorkshire Post."

SIR,—As long as mere assertions of opinion are made on either side, no one is likely to be convinced. I simply give some facts.

1. Magna Charta recognises the Church of England (*Anglicana Ecclesia*), and that she has certain rights.

2. The Acts of Parliament passed by "our Catholic ancestors" in the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries, recognise the same Church of England, and allege that the Bishop and Court of Rome infringed her rights.

3. Reginald Pecock, Bishop of Chichester about 1450, speaks of the Church of Rome, and also of the Church of England, as having temporal possessions (Repressor, Part III. c. 13). He therefore recognises these Churches as distinct.

4. The Acts 26 Hen. VIII. c. 1 and 2, respecting the King's supremacy in the Church of England, call her *Anglicana Ecclesia*, and identify her with the mediæval Church.

5. The Original "Preface" to the Prayer-book of 1549 (now called "Concerning the Services of the Church") says officially, "The service in this Church of England these many years hath been read in Latin." This identifies the then Church with the mediæval one.

6. The next chapter, "Of Ceremonies," says: "In these our doings we condemn no other nations, nor prescribe anything but to our own people only." Therefore the Church of England refused then to make any protest against the Church of Rome or any one else (same date, 1549).

7. Article XXXVII. (1562) explains the Royal Supremacy, and asserts that it exists by the "gift" and "attribution" of the clergy; for the "we" therein cannot mean anything else but the clergy who passed the Articles in Convocation. (See title of Articles.)

8. In the Prayer for all Sorts and Conditions of Men. we pray 'for the good estate of the Catholic Church.' This was composed by Bishop Sanderson or Bishop Gunning in 1632. It is incredible that the author of it, and the Convocation that accepted it, regarded themselves as other than members of the Catholic Church.]

9. In 1689 the Convocation, discussing a draft of an address to King William III., in which some words occurred describing the Church of England as Protestant, refused to pass it till those words were struck out.

10. From (2) it follows that our Catholic ancestors did not admit the supremacy of the Pope. Reference to the Missals of Salisbury, York, Hereford, &c., will show that they did not use the Roman Missal for the Mass. (See Mr. Maskell's reprints.) Similar reference will show that they did not use the Roman Breviary for the prayers. Therefore they were not Roman Catholics, in the usual sense of that term.

11. "Catholic" is infelicitous in citing the Wesleyans as a parallel case. Wesley never was outside the English Church, and his followers cannot be said to have seceded till 1836. If "Catholic's" view is right, the Wesleyans have no claim to the chapels they built previously to that date. That is the proper parallel.

12. The phrase "Established Church" is but a phrase. There is no law establishing any Church in England. The Acts of Uniformity (1549 and 1662) established a book, not a church.

13. There is no trace of any transfer of property to the present ecclesiastical possessors, which must have happened on "Catholic's" hypothesis.—Yours, &c.

Marton-cum-Grafton, Sept. 16, 1885.

JOHN R. LUNN.

Disendowments:

SIR,—In your last number you call attention to 'Recent Church Defence Literature.' You will, I think, do good service by recommending all who are interested in the question—and who should not be now, considering Mr. Gladstone's dangerous remarks?—to study *The Case for Disestablishment* (Liberation Society, price 1s.), where they will find much that, probably, they had not expected, and which should open the eyes of those who are trifling and temporising with this important matter. Your writer 'V.' says well—'Will Churchmen sit apathetically down and allow' such things 'to be done? God forbid!'

W. H. KIRSON.

Torquay.

'With such exceptions as may be determined on, the cathedrals, abbeys, and other monumental buildings, should be under national control, and be maintained for such purposes as Parliament may from time to time determine.'

'The surplus may be devoted to education—to the maintenance of the poor—to effecting great sanitary improvements—to the reduction of the national debt; or to other objects of a secular character, which would be beneficial to the whole nation. It may, however, be suggested that, inasmuch as a large portion of the property now devoted to ecclesiastical purposes belongs to the parishes, such portions of it as Parliament may from time to time determine should be applied to local objects, and be administered by municipal and other local authorities.'

The Coming Election.

SIR,—I think it is agreed by all parties that the result of the coming general election will be most important as regards the interests of this nation. May I therefore ask if you will kindly insert in your next publication the following short prayer, which I trust will be extensively and fervently used by sincere well-wishers for the good of their country? 'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.' Jam. v. 16. AN ELECTOR.

PRAYER TO BE USED IN PRIVATE BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

O Almighty God, Who art the supreme Governor of the Universe, and the Disposer of all events both in Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech Thee of Thy mercy so to dispose and guide the electors of this nation that they may elect

last; the building is of brick faced with stone, 81 feet long by 32 feet in breadth, and it has cost upwards of 1700*l*. The Bishop preached in the morning and the Incumbent in charge of St. David's, the Rev. H. C. Hancock, in the evening, and the offertories for the day amounted to 12*l*. 9*s*. 9*d*. Some valuable and useful presents have been made to the little church, which has a great future of good work before it amongst the lower and poorer classes in Hobart, in whose midst it has been built. Before long I hope to have to chronicle the arrival of the new Dean of St. David's, the Rev. C. L. Dundas, he left England in the s.s. *Arava* on the 13th of August. It is over a year and a quarter since the late Dean Bromby departed for London, where he is now doing good work in the East End. OXONIENSIS.

IRELAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

THE consecration of Dr. Reichel as Bishop of Meath took place on Tuesday, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, in the presence of a large congregation. The consecrating Bishops were the Archbishop of Dublin, acting for the Lord Primate who is ill, and the Bishops of Down, Kilmore, and Killaloe. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Twigg, Rector of Swords, in the Diocese of Dublin. In the course of his sermon the preacher said:—

'In maintaining the threefold ministry of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, they were following the guidance of Holy Scripture, and the pattern laid down by our Blessed Lord. It might be asked whether it was of moment that in the 19th century they should adhere to forms of Church polity which existed—perhaps were useful—in the first and second centuries? To this they might answer that if God's word set before them a certain course, they had no right, without special evidence of His will, to deviate from it; but he held that this the only ancient form of Church government was also the most practically useful and expedient. One of the dangers against which the Christian pastor had always to guard was division amongst the flock. How many pastors there were who must feel bitterly how readily their flocks forsook them—how easily they were scattered! Some new teacher appeared with plausible words and fluent utterances; it mattered not to what community he belonged, or what authority or commission he came with. The young and inexperienced, full of ardour, and eager for advancement in the Divine life, were beguiled by high-sounding words and specious promises, and an Apostolic Church was forsaken for some sect of yesterday. Union in spiritual things was necessary, and the office of Bishop was one of the means ordained for keeping a flock together.'

Speaking of the Bishop-elect, Mr. Twigg said that he desired to commend 'to their prayers with all solemn earnestness their dear brother who was to be set apart for the highest office in the Church. He had stayed with them in days of trouble and anxiety. They had most of them gained help and instruction from his teaching. Some of them would remember how, about ten years ago, when a sort of materialistic atheism was taught publicly by a high scientific authority in this country, and when they were told that nature in herself possessed mysterious potencies sufficient to account for existing phenomena without the interference of any directing mind, whilst the minds of many were agitated and perplexed, his voice was the first to point out the weakness and folly of such speculations.'

The Journal of the General Synod for the year 1884-5, just issued from the press, contains some interesting items of Church news for the past year. At the several Ordinations of 1884 fifty priests and fifty-two deacons were ordained as compared with thirty-seven and forty-two respectively for the preceding year. The total number of candidates was 5197; but four of the more important dioceses sent in no return under this head. Twenty-two churches were either built or restored: here again five dioceses sent in no returns. The benefice of highest income (905*l*.) is in the diocese of Meath; that of the lowest value (20*l*.) in the diocese of Derry and Raphoe. The benefices of largest income, after the above, are stated as follows: 804*l*. (Cork diocese), 750*l*. (Armagh), 728*l*. (Dublin), and 700*l*. (Down). The sum of 13,686*l*. was contributed last year towards foreign missions. The total number of Church members is declared to be 638,935.

The Bishop of Cork held an Ordination on Sunday last in the parish church of Rathcormac, diocese of Cloyne, when a deacon was ordained for the parish.

At the recent English Ordinations nine graduates of T. C. D. were ordained—namely, four priests and five deacons. In Ireland, at the same Ordinations, seven deacons were made, and five priests. The total English ordinations were—priests, 108, deacons, 124.

The first of the monthly meetings of the Dublin Diocesan Council, since the summer recess, was held on Thursday week, when the actuarial report of the diocese was made. It was determined to make no change in the clerical stipends for the next three years. The twelfth annual 'Christian Convention' is now sitting in the Christian Union Buildings, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin. These conventions are promiscuous gatherings of Church people, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists, who meet once a-year on this common platform, and then go their way as Separatists until the same time again next year. These gatherings are lauded as instances of 'Christian Union.' The Archbishop of Dublin (Lord Plunket) presided on Tuesday last, immediately after the consecration of Dr. Reichel.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of this Association will be held at St. James's, Bermondsey, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Monday, October 12th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Any ringers, whether members of the Association or not, will be welcome. The tea will be held in the Mission-room at 6 p.m. All who intend to be present at the tea are requested to send their names to the Hon. Sec. by Thursday, Oct. 8th, in order that places may be provided for them. The meal, consisting of a plain tea, will be free to all ringing members; others, 1*s*. a-head. The business meeting will be held immediately after the tea.

ARTHUR B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

The Tower and Bells at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

On June 14th, 1884, we gave an account of the parish church of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, one of the most interesting churches in the Midland Counties, and which has been admirably restored and enlarged under Mr. J. P. St. Aubyn. In that account we stated that though 12,000*l*. had been expended the tower was unrestored, and the famous ring of eight bells was altogether out of order. We are now pleased to record a very successful effort made towards what was left undone when the church was reopened in 1880; for last week 525*l*. were obtained towards what is needed by means of a bazaar, which was opened on Wednesday, September 23rd, when addresses were delivered by the Vicar of Ashby-de-la-Zouch (the Rev. John Denton) and by the Lord of the Manor of Ashby-de-la-Zouch (the Right Hon. Lord Donington). The bazaar lasted three days, and in each of its departments was very successful. The bells are to be rehung, turned and tuned, by Taylor and Sons of Loughborough, and the entire machinery renewed. The bazaar of last week is the second in three years for the work done at the parish church of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, making no less than 2140*l*. obtained by them alone.

The Bells of Elstow Church, Beds.

SIR,—Can you, or any of your readers, give me any information concerning the bells of Elstow Church? I should much like to know their dates, weights, and any other matters of interest connected with them. The church has been lately restored, but the tower and bells are, I believe, still in the 'old state.'

GRANDSIRE BOB.

Mistakes Rectified.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of September 18th, that two 720's of Bob Minor were rung by some members of the Cumberland Society at Elstree, Middlesex, giving the weight of the tenor as 6 cwt., and claiming to be the two first 720's on the bells. In the first place, Elstree is in Herts, not in Middlesex; the tenor I believe to be 7½ cwt.; and a 720 of Grandsire Minor was rung there by six College Youths from St. Albans on Monday, June 8th of this year, the same being recorded in *Church Bells* of June 12th, and I believe it was the first 720 upon the bells, which were put up by Messrs. Warner in 1878.

N. N. HILLS.

St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts.

A Query.

SIR,—Can any of your correspondents tell me the name of the air of the Gloucester chimes?

BETA.

['Beta' should have given his name; we do not usually recognise anonymous correspondents.]

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Peter's Mancroft, Norwich, Norfolk.

On Thursday, the 17th ult., twelve members of the Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 3 hrs. 56 mins. W. L. Catchpole (conductor), 1; W. Motts, 2; J. S. Alexander, 3; A. R. Aldham, 4; J. Motts, 5; E. Pemberton, 6; P. Sadler, 7; F. Tillett, 8; F. Knights, 9; R. Hawes, 10; E. Reeve, 11; G. Smith, 12. Composed by Mr. Johnson, sen. Tenor, 41 cwt. [Messrs. Sadler, Knights, and Smith belong to St. Peter's Society; the others to St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.]

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

On Monday, the 20th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Surrey Association rang Holt's Six-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 54 mins. J. Harris, 1; Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 2; E. Bennett, 3; W. Slates,* 4; J. Plowman (conductor), 5; W. Burkin, 6; U. Holman,* 7; T. Verral, 8. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G. Sharp. [* Their first peal with a bob bell.]

At St. Stephen's, St. Albans, Herts.

On Sunday, the 20th ult., on the occasion of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor (34 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 26 mins. W. Battle, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; E. P. Debenham (first 720), 3; W. H. L. Buckingham, 4; A. Godman, senr., 5; A. Godman, junr., 6. Conducted by N. N. Hills. Tenor, 10 cwt.

At St. Paul's, Shadwell, Middlesex.

On Monday, the 21st ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Brooke's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 Stedman's Triples in 2 hrs. 59 mins. F. E. Dawe, 1; N. N. Hills (first peal of Stedman), 2; E. E. Clarke, 3; L. Green (first peal of Stedman), 4; H. Baker, 5; H. G. Fairbrass (first peal of Stedman), 6; J. Pettit (conductor), 7; G. Tanner, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. [Mr. Hills is from St. Albans, Mr. Fairbrass from Canterbury, and Mr. Baker from Hertford.]

At St. Etheldreda's, Hatfield, Herts.

On Tuesday, the 22nd ult., Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after ringing 2 hrs. 15 mins. it was found impossible to ring the tenor any longer, and the bells were brought round. J. Cull, 1; H. Baker, 2; N. N. Hills, 3; W. A. Tyler, 4; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 5; H. G. Fairbrass, 6; T. Gathard, 7; W. Battle, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt. All members of the Hertfordshire Association.

At St. Michael's, Benington, Herts.

On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association attempted a peal of Stedman's Triples, but after ringing 2520 changes in 1 hr. 30 mins. a breakdown occurred. S. Page, 1; H. G. Fairbrass, 2; N. N. Hills, 3; L. Chapman, 4; H. J. Tucker, 5; C. Shambrook, 6; H. Baker (conductor), 7; C. J. Warner, 8. After fifteen minutes' rest, Holt's Original was started for, and brought round in 2 hrs. 58 mins. H. J. Tucker (conductor), 1; H. G. Fairbrass, 2; H. Lewis, 3; L. Chapman, 4; N. N. Hills, 5; C. Shambrook, 6; H. Baker, 7; C. J. Warner, 8. Tenor, 15 cwt.

At All Saints', Hertford.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang a peal of 5024 Bob Major. J. Cull, 1; H. J. Fairbrass, 2; N. N. Hills, 3; M. Ellsmore, 4; J. G. Crawley, 5; S. Knight, 6; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 7; H. Baker, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. First peal of Bob Major for all except the 2nd and 7th men, and the first peal of Bob Major by the Association.

At All Saints', Benilton, Surrey.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., for the Harvest Festival, a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 27 mins. W. Walker, 1; T. Gaiger, 2; J. Branch, 3; G. F. Scott, 4; G. Peirie, 5; J. Treadell (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E.

At Holy Trinity, Bolton, Lancashire.

On Thursday, the 24th ult., eight members of the Holy Trinity Society rang, in 1 hr. 5 mins., a date touch of 1885 Grandsire Triples. H. W. Jackson (conductor), 1; H. Bentley, 2; J. Walsh (composer), 3; T. E. Turner, 4; W. Crutchley, 5; W. Marsden, 6; W. Hamer, 7; R. Lindley, 8. Tenor, 16 cwt.

At Waltham Abbey, Essex.

On Friday, the 25th ult., an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman's Triples, but after ringing about 3700 changes in 2 hrs. 12 mins. a mistake occurred, and 'Stand!' was called. W. A. Alps (conductor), 1; H. Baker, 2; N. N. Hills, 3; T. Thurgood, 4; D. Tarling, 5; S. Knight, 6; H. G. Fairbrass, 7; H. J. Tucker, 8. Tenor, 19 cwt., in F.

At St. Albans Cathedral, Herts.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, also members of the Hertfordshire Association, rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. H. Baker, 1; G. W. Cartmel, 2; N. N. Hills, 3; E. P. Debenham, 4; H. G. Fairbrass, 5; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; W. Battle, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D.

At All Hallows', Tottenham, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the local society rang Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 56 mins. J. Langram (first peal), 1; H. Barnett (first peal as conductor), 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Barrs, 4; G. B. Lucas (first peal with a bob bell), 5; G. Bower, 6; J. Waghorn, 7; W. Pye-English, 8. [Weight of tenor not given.]

At St. Mary-the-Virgin, Putney, Surrey.

On Monday, the 28th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 57 mins. B. E. Bartrum,* 1; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury),* 2; T. Blackburn (Salisbury),* 3; H. Langdon, 4; E. Horrex, 5; C. F. Winny (conductor), 6; M. Murphy, 7; D. Newton, 8. [* First peal.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Church and the New Voters.

SIR,—With the general drift of your article on 'The Church and the New Voters,' so far as calling upon the bishops and clergy to be our leaders in the coming election, and serious crisis in the affairs of both Church and nation, I, and probably most Churchmen, agree. But in the further remarks respecting the use of Church schoolrooms it may not be quite so certain that we all think it desirable to give opportunities for any set of men who may think proper to come and tell the new voters in our quiet country places how they should attack both the Church and the landowners, who, in most cases, have been mainly instrumental in building and maintaining the very room in which they may be speaking. And again, if we may judge from the speeches of those who loudly profess to be the friends of the newly enfranchised, I fear most of us would think the 'new aspirations' amounted pretty nearly to robbery. I for one would much prefer that the parish parson should hold aloof, or even join the 'Tory squires and other small-minded men' in opposing these aspirations, rather than be found aiding and abetting them. If the Liberal candidate looks for his most active and intelligent support from the Nonconformist minister, he is only bearing in mind what we have so often heard, that 'Dissenters are the great backbone of his party.' But, Sir, can it be wondered at that both clergy and laity who may have hitherto supported Liberal principles hesitate about the course they should adopt when they see the statistics of the *Record* respecting the Liberal candidates

who have pledged themselves to support Disestablishment; and more, when they study the ambiguous language of Mr. Gladstone on this subject? By all means let not only the bishops and clergy, but others also, bestir themselves before it is too late to make widely known by pamphlet, public meeting, and private talk with the uninformed, the true state of the case with regard to the Established Church and its endowments. Then we shall, I believe, see the agricultural labourer rally to its support, not only at the polling-booth, but at all times, through the intelligent interest which has been aroused in him. T. BURLEIGH.

Ridgway, Wimbledon.

Public Prayer.

SIR,—I am told that in Nonconformist chapels, both in England and on the Continent, there is no public event of any importance, whether calamitous or otherwise, which is not made a subject of prayer or thanksgiving, as the case may be. Cannot the Church, through her chief ruler, order certain Collects to be used in view of the coming elections, so that the action may be unanimous through the land? One could wish also that in every church, and not only in a few, might be heard the words, 'Our prayers are desired for the people of Spain and Sicily.' S.

[You will see that your wish has been gratified.—Ed.]

Protestant Bigotry in Liverpool.

SIR,—On Sunday, the 13th ult., it was announced that the Rev. Mr. Watham, curate of St. James's Church, Liverpool, would preach in St. Chad's Church, Everton, yesterday morning. He did not do so. However, by way of explanation, the congregation were informed that his vicar, the Rev. R. H. Hammond, 'having heard that St. Chad's was a very high church, declined to allow his curate to preach there on that account.' The service is certainly not high. To some Protestant minds it may seem so, but in reality the ritual is very moderate, the Eastward position never being used in the church, except at the early celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This merely serves to illustrate the prejudice which exists in Liverpool against even a moderate service. ONE OF THE CONGREGATION.

A Fixed Charge for Visiting a Cathedral.

SIR,—On the 18th September I inquired of your readers whether they considered a fixed charge preferable to leaving visitors to give what they please on visiting a cathedral. On the 25th 'C. A.' states 'it was scarcely necessary to blame the authorities of St. Giles for charging only threepence each to sightseers.' I neither blamed nor approved, but asked for information, because information on this subject would be very valuable. I was charged sixpence at Durham and sixpence at York in order to visit certain portions of these cathedrals. It would hardly be wise to allow people to visit the crypts and some other places without a guide; scandals might easily occur which ought not to be possible. But if so the guide must be paid in some way. It is otherwise in a parish church, where all is open and exposed. H. G. O.

Wanted: A Manual of Church History.

SIR,—Can any of your readers tell me where to obtain a Manual of English Church History, suitable as a basis of instruction in the parish school? It should show clearly that the Church of England was not 'founded and established by Act of Parliament in the reign of Henry VIII.,' that 'York Minster was not built by the Catholics,' &c. I should be glad also to know the cost of the book, if any such there be. C. D. P. DAVIES.

'A CHURCH WORKER.'—The case you state, in which an aged invalid lady of limited means is desirous to place a handsome eagle lectern in her parish church, now undergoing the process of restoration, and would like to see it in position during her lifetime, but cannot take the sum required out of her capital, on the interest of which she is now depending, admits of only one solution. You should refer the matter to some mutual friend, who might be willing to advance the money for the purchase of the lectern on proper security.

HOME FOR A CHILD OF WEAK INTELLECT.—Mrs. Fenwick (Abbotsham Rectory, Andover), writes: 'Can any one give me information of a home or asylum where a poor blind child of weak intellect would be received?'

'REV. N. M.'—Any further letters on the York Churches must bear the writer's name.

RECEIVED ALSO—F. O. Morris; H. G. Tomkins; 'Weak Woman;' and others.

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her work in the Royal Navy for the past twenty years, out of which, she said, had grown a printed letter for men and another for boys, sent—to the number of 270,000 annually—to all parts of the world. Miss Weston also spoke in favour of Sailors' Rests. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker thought that the official character of the Army chaplains was a bar to the success of their work, and suggested the appointment of lay helpers to second them in their efforts. Captain Colomb, R.N., spoke up for the chaplains, and explained some of their difficulties. Mr. J. Clisham, Quartermaster of the Royal Scotch Fusiliers, urged Church people and clergymen outside the Army and Navy to show more sympathy with our soldiers and sailors. The Rev. T. S. Treanor, of Deal, pleaded for those ports in which churches were out of reach of the ships in their neighbouring roadsteads. Serjeant-Major Campbell, of the Royal Marine Artillery, opposed the abolition of Church Parade; and Dr. Edghill, Chaplain-General, asked for funds to provide additional Army churches, and for the appointment of a committee to look after the Church privileges of soldiers.

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IRELAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

ARCHBISHOP TRENCH has vacated the Palace on St. Stephen's Green, and means to reside for the future in London, except during the times when he may visit his country-seat in the co. of Wicklow. The Palace will now be prepared for the occupation of his Grace Lord Plunket.

St. Ann's Church, Dublin, which has been closed during the summer for painting and repairs, will be reopened on Sunday next, when Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held. The new Bishop of Meath, the Most Rev. Dr. Reichel, preaches in the morning, and the Rev. Dr. Gwynn, Archbishop King's Lecturer in Divinity, in the evening.

The Diocesan Synod of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh met in Ballinasloe on the 2nd inst., the Bishop of Killaloe in the chair.

In the course of his address the Right Rev. Dr. Chester said:—

'He thought it was of the utmost importance that they should secure an intelligent attachment to the Church on the part of its members. They would find other communities—for instance, the Wesleyan Methodists and Presbyterians—standing up determinedly for the systems to which they belonged. Somehow or other, he did not think there was the same *esprit de corps* amongst themselves. There were a great many in some of their different parishes who regarded it as a matter of indifference whether they belonged to their Church or not, or whether or not they attended its services regularly. In saying this he disclaimed any intention of employing a single disparaging word towards those members of other communities that were around them. But he thought they might maintain their own form of worship rightly, intelligently, and determinedly, without one thought of asperity towards those who differed from them.'

The Report of the Diocesan Council stated that the Stipend Fund had been nearly as well maintained during the past as during the previous year. 1140*l.* 19*s.* 1*d.* had been contributed in cash during the year 1884, as against 1146*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* subscribed in 1883, only a falling off of 5*l.* 10*s.* 7*d.* The whole assessment credited, viz., 1850*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.*, was, however, in excess of the credit of 1883 by a sum of 18*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*, while the arrears increased by a sum of 10*l.* 18*s.* 1*d.*, and now stood at the very large amount of 2020*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* These arrears were mainly due by three parishes. During 1884 special grants from funds at their disposal were made by the Representative Body to the amount of 145*l.* to aid the parishes in the payment of their assessments. After payment of 2158*l.* 15*s.*, full payments due to the clergy who have already come under the operation of our diocesan financial scheme, a sum of 1043*l.* 12*s.* 7*d.* was added to the Assessment Capital Fund, which now amounts to 1908*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* A resolution moved by Lord Gough, pledging the diocese to support the Church of Ireland Training College, was passed unanimously. On the motion of Dr. Tibbs, Rector of Ballinasloe, a resolution was carried to the effect that this Synod protests against the attempt lately made to deprive the Church of its ancient and proper title, namely, 'The Church of Ireland'—a name which it is entitled to by prescriptive right, by which it has ever been known and designated, which it held for centuries before its union with the Church of England, and which has never been questioned until recently.

The current number of the *Church Quarterly* contains an article on 'The Position of the Old Irish Church,' founded on some recent German investigations. It is from the pen of a Cork clergyman.

Professor Stokes, of T. C. D., writes on 'John Nelson Darby' and the Plymouth Brethren in this month's *Contemporary Review*.

The *Witness* newspaper, the organ of Presbyterianism in the North of Ireland, noticing the recent 'Christian Convention' in Dublin, gives a list of names of some of those attending, commencing with Lord James Butler, a seceder to Plymouth Brethrenism, who took the chair. It puts 'the Archbishop of Dublin' second last in the list, which contains amongst others the names of Mr. C. Spurgeon, Jun., Miss Ellice Hopkins, and Dr. Donald Fraser. Surely those who hold out the right hand of fellowship to Dissenters get but scant courtesy for doing so.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Archdeaconry of Stafford Association.

THE Quarterly Meeting in connexion with this Association was held on Saturday, the 26th ult., at Harborne, Staffordshire. Ringing commenced at about half-past three, and was kept up during the afternoon. At five o'clock there was a short service in the church, and an address delivered by the Rev. Mr. Roberts, vicar of Harborne (who is an honorary member); after which a Committee Meeting was held in the vestry, when some new members were elected and a resolution passed that the next quarterly meeting be held at Tamworth, on the 9th January, 1886. At six o'clock about forty members and friends met in the schoolroom, where tea was provided; after which the Secretary, the Rev. J. R. Keble, vicar of Perry Barr, made a few observations respecting the Association, and very kindly thanked the Vicar of Harborne for his address. The ringers again visited the tower, and all were very much pleased with the satisfactory way in which they found the bells.

North Lincolnshire Association of Church Bell-ringers.

THE General Quarterly Meeting of the above Association, which was held at Nocton, near Lincoln, last Saturday, brought together a good assembly of members from different parts of the county. Ringing commenced upon the excellent ring of six bells about two o'clock, and was continued at intervals by various companies. During the afternoon the interior of the handsome church was inspected and much admired by the visitors,—the otherwise beautiful sacred edifice being tastefully decorated for the Harvest Festival, which was to take place shortly. While the ringing was going on, the Rev. H. Footman, vicar of Nocton, visited the belfry, and gave the Association representatives a cordial welcome to his parish. A substantial tea was provided by the conductor of the Nocton company, to which upwards of twenty sat down; and shortly afterwards the business meeting took place, Mr. H. Gadd, of Market Rasen, presiding. Two new members were proposed and duly elected. Horncastle and Caistor were named for the next meeting, but owing to the difficulty of visitors getting to and from these places during the winter season, it was resolved to consider their claims at a more opportune time, and to hold the next meeting jointly at Lea (near Gainsborough) and Gainsborough, on the first Saturday in January. Several suggestions were made in the interest of change-ringing, and the Secretary was requested to bring before the next General Annual Meeting the question of the advisability of the three Lincolnshire Associations amalgamating, and forming one large Association for the whole county. There is not the slightest doubt that it would tend to the growth and development of the study and practice of change-ringing in the county. The ringers from Lincoln Cathedral entertained those present with a variety of selections on their musical handbells, which were much appreciated. A course of Grandsire Triples by four of the Market Rasen brethren also afforded pleasing entertainment. The meeting was in all respects a thoroughly harmonious and enjoyable one, and this comparatively young Association is bidding fair to answer a useful and commendable purpose. The thanks of the Association are publicly tendered to the Vicar and Churchwarden of Nocton for their kindness in granting the use of the church bells that day.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Hambleton, Bucks.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung in 26 mins. T. Woolford, 1; J. W. Wilkins, 2; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 3; R. Smith, 4; E. Rogers, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Tenor, about 13 cwt. Another peal of 720 was attempted, but through a shift-course came to grief about sixty changes short. T. C. Truss, 1; E. Rogers, 2; R. Smith, 3; R. Flaxman, 4; W. A. Garraway, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6.

At All Saints', Fulham, Middlesex.

ON Wednesday, the 30th ult., ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5112 Grandsire Caters (Holt's composition) in 3 hrs. 30 mins. E. Horrex, 1; R. W. Evans, 2; N. N. Hills, 3; H. Baker, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; M. Murphy, 6; I. G. Shade, 7; W. D. Smith, 8; F. E. Dawe (conductor), 9; J. Mason, 10. Tenor, 21 cwt., in E flat.

At Farnworth Parish Church, Lancashire.

ON Thursday, the 1st inst., six of the Walkden company rang a peal of 720 Bob Minor (21 bobs and 12 singles) in 25 mins., as a welcome peal to the newly appointed Vicar, the Rev. G. T. Burgess, who put in his first appearance on that night. J. Wesby (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; J. Brookes, 5; A. Potter, 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. This is the only peal rung on these bells for many years, as they are very critical.

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

ON Thursday, the 2nd inst., the local ringers of the above church rang a touch of 336 Bob Major, their first in this method. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; C. Hart, 3; G. Mottashaw, 4; W. Midgley, 5; W. H. Found, 6; J. W. Thompson, 7; A. E. Thompson, 8.

Also on Sunday, the 4th inst., for Divine service, a peal of 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 behind, in 30 mins. This peal was the first in this method. W. Shardlow, 1; C. Hart, 2; G. Mottashaw, 3; W. H. Found, 4; J. W. Thompson, 5; T. Alton, 6; A. E. Thompson, 7; G. Gilbert, 8. And in the evening, for Divine service, a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples. W. Shardlow, 1; T. Alton, 2; C. Hart, 3; G. Mottashaw, 4; W. H. Found, 5; J. W. Thompson, 6; A. E. Thompson, 7; C. Sidley, 8. The whole conducted by A. E. Thompson. Tenor, 20 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs., in E flat.

NOTICE.—We have been compelled to postpone several interesting items of Bell-ringing news owing to press of Church Congress matter.

by their education of the rich as to the responsibility of how to give, rather than what, and by helping the poor out of their poverty, rather than merely relieving them in it, are doing work of vast and growing usefulness; and then there are many, perhaps as large a class as any other, who in their own way, by such varying methods as suit their own characters and dispositions, not a few of these being of the middle rather than the higher classes, are doing good work, simply, honestly, and unrecognisedly.

The bulk of such workers of all these classes undertake their work avowedly as servants of the Saviour, as men and women who seek the guidance of His Spirit. Some, and I fear an increasing number, do not work with the same profession. What ought the attitude of the Church to be as regards these? I have known, I know, many such. Some are the very bravest, the kindest, the most self-sacrificing, the gentlest, the humblest, purest-minded, and purest-motived of men. In a sense they are the most Christ-like. They have the Spirit of Christ, are living the life of Christ, more than many professing Christians. They have found the intellectual and theological side of Christianity hard to accept: perhaps they have striven and prayed to believe in it; and then, because they could not, they have thrown themselves on man; they have said, 'If our eyes are too dim to see God, we may even yet serve man.' They have, some of them—I speak what I do know—given up the world as much as any most ascetic saints; they have sacrificed worldly position, its pleasures, prizes, for the sake of the poor and the abandoned. Ill will it be if the Church rejects their aid in the difficulties of the time, for they are workers for Christ, though they know it not. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.' Ah, that the Church could raise others of her own children to the sacred work in which these men, unrecognised by her, are engaged: the rich, whose sumptuous indulgences shame the dignity of human nature, who care not for the poor, but openly neglect the plainest duties to them; the idle, who follow each fantastic desire or capricious whim, and to whom service for others, certainly to those beneath them, would seem a mistaken waste of effort almost degrading; the cultured, who have so cultured themselves that they have the keenest sympathy for all nature but human nature, and are without interest in any one outside a narrow circle of congenial acquaintance, and who show a hard indifference to the poor, the rough, and untutored, not yielded to as a temptation, but arrived at as a theory, and adopted as a habit of life. Yet these worship in the Church's sanctuaries, and profess her creeds, and give offerings into her treasury, and she acknowledges them as her children.

'But Thou, O God,
Aid all this foolish people; let them take
Example, pattern: lead them to Thy light.'

IRELAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

THE vexed question as to how the Irish Church is to be hereafter designated in official documents has been referred by the Lord Lieutenant to the two chief law officers of the Crown, namely, Mr. Hugh Holmes, Attorney-General, and Mr. Munroe, Solicitor-General. The opinion given by these learned gentlemen has been forwarded to the Archbishop of Dublin, Lord Plunket, and is to the effect that Parliament, in repeated Acts of the Legislature, and since Disestablishment, has recognised the legal title of the Church to be 'The Church of Ireland.' These gentlemen have since written to the Rev. F. A. Sanders, Rector of Cordoagh, in reply to a communication from him, to say they are prepared in their places in Parliament to do all in their power to maintain the Church's right to her ancient and legal title. The *Freeman's Journal*, in a leader on the subject, professes its pleasure that the question is thus simplified, and argues that, as the Church rests on Acts of Parliament for her claim to be the Church of Ireland, a short Act will easily dispose of the question. Mr. Healy, M.P., who moved in the matter before, will probably make an attempt to carry a Bill of the kind in the next Parliament.

The Primatial Synod of Armagh met in the Tontine Rooms on Tuesday. In the absence of the Venerable Primate, owing to increasing infirmities, the chair was taken by Dean Reeves. The Right Hon. John F. Ball acted as assessor. An important communication was read from the Primate, referring to the mode of election of the future Archbishops of Armagh, who will also be the Primates of the Irish Church. His Grace reminded the Synod that the first—

'Primate and Christianity came into Ireland together, and the Church did not, as in other places, create the Primate, but the Primate built up the Church. For 1400 years the name and institution of its great founder have been reverently maintained by the Church of Ireland, and the successors of St. Patrick have ever held the rank of Prince Prelates of Ireland. They thus have held a double office, as Bishops of their own dioceses and Primates of the whole Church. When, after disestablishment, a novel mode of selecting our Bishops was adopted—that is to say, by election—a difficulty at once arose between the right of the Church at large in choosing a Primate and that of this diocese in electing a Bishop. The Church could not well submit to any one diocese appointing a Primate of all Ireland, whose office equally extended to all; nor could the ancient diocese of Armagh, with its population

of 83,000 Churchmen, so long the first, consent to become the last of all, and the only bishopric to which the privilege of choosing a chief pastor of the Church was denied. Our General Synod in its fifth chapter solved this difficulty in the only way that can be considered satisfactory, and that was, by conceding to the Church at large and to the diocese their respective undoubted rights. The Church, represented by its Bishops, was to elect a Primate; the Diocesan Synod to elect a Bishop.'

His Grace strenuously urged on the Synod to uphold this arrangement.

A resolution was then passed unanimously against any change in the mode of election, and upholding the original act on the subject passed by the General Synod.

The Report of the Diocesan Council stated that while the financial plan was in a stable condition the amount of arrears had reached the sum of £8000.

It was announced at the close of the Synod, amid applause, that the late Mr. Donagh, J.P., had bequeathed to the Church the munificent sum of £25,000, and 600*l.* a-year. 'This,' says the *Daily Express*, 'is, we believe, the first gift of any considerable magnitude which the Church of Ireland has inherited since she was despoiled of her property.'

The death is announced of the Rev. W. G. Carroll, M.A., for many years curate and then rector of St. Bride's, Dublin. The deceased clergyman, who was a Sizar and afterwards Scholar of Trinity College, was one of the most learned of our clergy, being especially well informed in archæological subjects. His monogram on the Parish of St. Bride's, in which he published some interesting items referring to Dean Swift, who was born in the parish, will always be regarded as a model of successful labour. Mr. Carroll, in addition to his parochial duties, was a frequent contributor to the press, to which he contributed from time to time many antiquarian papers on the city of Dublin. He was an advanced Liberal in his politics, and so an exception to the majority of his clerical brethren.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Hertford County Association of Change-ringers.

MEMBERS are requested specially to attend the Annual Meeting at St. Albans on Monday, the 26th inst. The following towers will be open from 10.30:—The Cathedral (8 bells), St. Peter's (10 bells), St. Stephen's (6 bells). Service in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral at 12.15, followed by dinner and business meeting. Return tickets issued at one and a quarter fares on production of certificate of membership. A motion will be proposed, 'That the offices of Secretary and Treasurer be combined.'

The Rectory, St. Andrew's, Hertford.

W. WIGRAM,
General Secretary.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

ON Saturday, the 21st inst., this Society's Annual Outing will take place at Enfield. Permission has been obtained for the use of the bells upon this occasion, at the new and old churches, and the dinner will be upon the table at 6 p.m. sharp, at the 'King's Head' Tavern.

H. DAINS, Hon. Sec.

The Norwich Diocesan Association of Bell ringers.

THE Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers has, during the twelve years of its existence, done much good for church bells and bell-ringing in this district. By uniting into one important body the various companies of remote villages, who by the circumstance of their isolation felt but a languid interest in the art of change-ringing, public attention and support have been attracted to the practice and cultivation of campanology, the result of which is that life has been given to a movement for the restoration of the many fine rings of church bells in the diocese.

The change-ringers of East Anglia had at one time a reputation which was not confined to their own parts. For a number of years, however, their art suffered from the torpidity which affected church matters generally; and now, coincident with the spiritual revival which is taking place, campanology springs into life again, and with the restoration of the Church fabrics many fine rings of bells are being re-hung. There are few districts in the kingdom offering such favourable opportunities for the practice and cultivation of the art as this. Many of the best rings still need, however, re-hanging, and this work is progressing satisfactorily in the diocese. With the restoration of those rings the ringers of Norfolk of the present generation may hope to revive some part of that reputation which belonged to their predecessors.

The annual gathering of the members of the Association was held at Norwich on Monday, the 28th ult, when companies from the following places were represented:—Aldborough-on-Sea, Pettistree, Woodbridge, Woodton, Kenninghall, Banham, Somerleyton, Alburgh, Sproughton, Hevingham, Marsham, Aylsham, Halesworth, Ipswich, St. Peter, Mancroft, Norwich, Diss, Beccles, Haughley, Swaffham, Leiston, Pulham Mary, Rendham, Pulham Market, Dickleburgh, Hasketon, and Fressingfield. During the morning visits were made to the belfries of St. Peter, Mancroft, St. Miles', St. Giles', St. Peter Mountergate, St. Mary's, St. Lawrence, St. John's Maddermarket, and St. Andrew's, and at a quarter to one a short service was held in St. Peter Mancroft Church. An effective sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, Rector of Stanhoe, founded on 1 Cor. xii. 20, 'Now are they many members, yet but one body.' A dinner was subsequently provided by Mr. L. Browne, of the 'Shirehall Tavern,' in St. Andrew's Hall, under the presidency of Mr. Alderman Newman, in the absence of the Mayor

of Norwich. In giving the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese,' the Chairman said the bell-ringing of the country was connected with the joys and sorrows of English life. The church bells were brought into requisition on all great occasions of festivity and mourning, and they told their tale most eloquently and beautifully. The Rev. F. Baggallay, who responded, said the clergy were anxious in every way in their power to mix with the laity, and by encouraging bell-ringing they would pull better together. He wished them much prosperity, and in proposing the toast of 'The Association,' he coupled with it the name of the energetic secretary, the Rev. N. Bolingbroke, who, in responding, honestly confessed that it was with somewhat mingled feelings that he did so. He knew perfectly well that the Association had not perhaps been what it ought to have been for some time past, and for that he was in a great measure responsible. No one but himself could possibly understand the position and condition in which he found the Association. It was rather different to what he expected to find it, and he had not found himself able to carry on the work as his predecessor had done, who had time, means, and qualifications for the work which he did not possess. During last winter he was not well, and could not attend to the duties. There were disappointments which he had met with in his work. Many members withdrew from the Association because, as they said, they could not see what they got out of it. Those members paid a shilling a-year. It would not be a difficult arithmetical calculation to see that any man who rang the bells got an ample return for the shilling he paid. But in return for this subscription of a shilling the members received a handsome certificate to hang up in their rooms, the annual report, which cost between 3d. and 4d., and at these annual meetings received assistance towards their expenses in a sum which amounted to their annual subscription; while those who had the pluck, patience, and perseverance to go in for peal-ringing, got their performances recorded in the Association's peal-book. The Association had, however, been doing good work. His extensive correspondence with clergymen in the diocese proved to him that there was need for such an organization. He hoped the ringers would work heartily in unison with the officers of the churches, and so make themselves useful Church-workers in the particular line of bell-ringing. If they all did this, then they need not have the slightest fear of the future success of their Association. Mr. Bolingbroke then read the Annual Report.

On the motion of Dr. Meadows (Ipswich), seconded by the Rev. T. H. Marsh, the Report was adopted. The officers were re-elected. Mr. E. Orams proposed the health of the preacher of the day, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, with thanks for his sermon; who, in response, appealed to the ringers to rally round their clergy, and support the dear old Mother Church of England. Let them stick to the dear old Church and they could not go wrong. Votes of thanks having been given to the Chairman for presiding, the proceedings terminated.

The Royal Cumberlands.

At St. Martin's practice meeting on the 9th inst., the bells were rung half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Richard Hill, the usual whole pull and stand being performed.

Quarterly Meeting of the Midland Counties' Association.

The second Quarterly Meeting of members of the above Association of Change-ringers was held on Saturday the 10th inst., and was fairly well attended. A meeting of Committee took place in St. Margaret's Schools, at 4 o'clock, and tea was served to about fifty members at 5 o'clock, in the Pavilion, Abbey Park. At the General Meeting, which was held subsequently, the Rev. T. H. Fish, vicar of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, presided. It was reported in the course of the proceedings, that the Association had rung ten peals during the past quarter in seven different methods, viz., Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Double Norwich 'Court Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Bob Major, 1; Stedman's Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1; Grandshire Triples, 1; making a total of twenty-six peals for the half year. Six ringing members joined the Association, and it was decided to hold the next meeting in Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 9, 1886. Ringing took place during the day at most of the Leicester churches, through the kindness of their respective Vicars and Churchwardens.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A DISTRICT MEETING will be held at Harlow, on Saturday, October 24. The belfry will be open at noon; tea at 4.30. Business meeting immediately after the tea. Members will be admitted to tea without charge, through the kindness of the Vicar, provided that they send in their names to the Secretary before Monday, October 18. Return tickets will be issued by the G. E. R. at a single fare and a quarter, to all members who inform the Secretary before October 19 from what station they travel. Any ringers who wish to join the Association will be welcomed.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Sunday evening, the 27th ult., for Divine service, ten members of the St. James's Society rang a touch of 665 Grandshire Caters. E. Albony, 1; W. Chew, 2; T. Blackburn (Salisbury), 3; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 4; H. Langdon, 5; G. T. McLaughlin, 6; E. Carter, 7; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 8; G. Banks, 9; R. Woodley, 10.

ON Monday, the 5th inst., ten members of the above Society rang, with the bells half muffled, a Funeral Peal (whole pull and stand), as a last mark of respect to Mr. Richard Hill, an old member of the Company. G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 1; J. Mansfield, 2; J. Coombe, 3; H. Davis, 4; R. Woodley, 5; J. Waghorn, sen., 6; G. Banks, 7; E. Rogers, 8; C. F. Winny, 9; J. Barry, 10.

NOTICE.—We are again compelled to postpone several items of Bell-ringing News.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

SIR,—Some remarks were made in your last week's issue about the income and the publications of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. I am afraid that the Society is only in the same position as most other charitable societies, in having to lament a certain decrease in its receipts from subscriptions during the past year. It may remove unnecessary anxiety from your mind, Sir, as well as that of others, to know that the decrease does not bear a large proportion to the total income. The total amount is about 200 guineas. I only hope that other societies have suffered no more than we have. The causes of this decrease in our case, and in others, are not far to see. The commercial and financial depression, which has now existed for some time, has affected all classes of society, including the clergy, who form a large bulk of the subscribers to the Society. There are no doubt individual members of the Society who would have the various literary and publishing committees return to the uninviting class of publications issued by the Society many years ago—publications which were no doubt very valuable, but not probably so much read as they deserved to be, because of their unattractive style and appearance. The story-books now issued by the Society, together, it must be remembered, with a large number of books of a substantial and valuable character, seem to be thoroughly appreciated by those for whose use they were designed. Clergymen gladly select them for the grants voted by the Society for lending libraries. They are also much bought for school prizes and for family reading.

W. H. GROVE, General Secretary.

Disestablishment and Disendowment.

SIR,—I would suggest that the clergy who preach on the 15th and before the General Election should point out how it would affect their respective parishes if the sacrilegious and unhallowed aim of the Liberation Society were carried out.

EDWARD J. TAYLOR.

Darlington.

The Church Evangelist.

SIR,—You did well a short time since in directing the attention of your readers to the above-named new publication, which, in a few weeks from the date of its first number, has reached a circulation of upwards of 20,000. It seems to me to supply a real want, and I think it cannot be praised too highly, especially at its very low price of a halfpenny. I wish to recommend it to all your readers, for their own households or servants, as well as for sale or distribution in the parish. It is published by Bemrose of London, and not only of Derby, as I have asked the editor to make more plain.

Nunburnholme Rectory, Hayton.

F. O. MORRIS.

MANUAL OF CHURCH HISTORY.—'M. T.' recommends 'C. D. P. Davies' Lectures on the Church of England, by the Rev. Dr. Baker, published by S. P. C. K., price 1s. 6d., which he will find suitable for the purpose he has in view.

'CHURCHMAN' writes:—'In reply to the inquiry of the Rev. C. W. P. Davies for a manual of Church history, may I recommend Mr. Toogood to him and others requiring such a work? It is published by Mr. John Heywood, of Deangate, Manchester, at one shilling. A clergyman's wife recently stated that she was only too delighted to have the work. She used it for her own children and would introduce it into her Sunday school. She wished, moreover, that she had such a Church history when young, as already her little boy could understand the subject. Church histories are generally written in a dry style, but this is a most interesting little volume.'

RECEIVED ALSO:—R. Fryer; Armigori Filius; Vicarius; W. A. C. Chevalier; S. W. W.; A Nursing Sister; Anglicanus; M. E. Webster; F. C. Blunt; Gilbert Venables; and others.

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BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Interesting Event at Christ Church, Aughton, Lancashire.

ON Saturday, the 10th inst., by the kind permission of the Rector (Rev. C. W. Markham), there was witnessed by the ringers of this locality, in the belfry of Christ Church, Aughton, what is always a source of great pleasure to ringers, viz., the unveiling of a memorial tablet. A short prayer having been said, Mr. Edward Bentham, of Wigan, after a few well-chosen words, unveiled the tablet, which bears the following inscription:—'This tablet was presented by Miss Swindells, of Trafalgar House, in memory of her late sister, Mrs. Jones. On Saturday, August 29th, 1885, there was rung on the bells of this church the late Mr. John Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., by the following ringers:—Treble, Charles Sharples; second, Henry Ellis; third, George Larkey; fourth, William J. Taylor; fifth, Robert Foster; sixth, William Bentham; seventh, George Prescott; tenor, William B. Lloyd. Conducted by William Bentham. This is the first peal on the bells of this church by a whole company of local ringers.—*Inscription on Bells:* Treble, "Ecclesia Christi, semper floreat." Second, "In memory of Richard and Jane Rawsthorne, Holborn House. A.D. 1878." Third, "William Forshaw, Vine Cottage. A.D. 1878." Fourth, "James Shawe, Asmal House, Scarisbrick. A.D. 1878." Fifth, "Presented to Christ Church, Aughton, in memory of John Jones, Trafalgar House, who died January 23rd, 1870, by Ann, his wife. A.D. 1878." Sixth, "Presented to Christ Church, Aughton, in memory of Daniel Williams, who died April 29th, 1876, by his affectionate wife. A.D. 1878." Seventh, "Warner and Sons, Crescent Foundry, Cripplegate, London." Eighth, "Rev. W. H. Boulton, Rector; Rev. F. Nelham, Curate; James Rawsthorne and James Fletcher, Churchwardens. A.D. 1878." Rev. C. W. Markham, Rector; Rev. E. C. Hipkins, Curate; Alfred Dickinson and Craven Wilson, Churchwardens; Henry Cave, Superintendent.' A few short touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Major were afterwards rung on the church bells. The whole of the work was entrusted to Mr. Thomas Balshaw of Ormskirk, and was greatly admired, both for design and workmanship.

The Rector of St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, and his Ringers.

ON Wednesday, the 7th inst., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5039 Grandsire Caters in 3 hrs. 21 mins. J. R. Haworth, 1; H. Langdon, 2; R. French, 3; J. W. Mansfield, 4; C. F. Winny, 5; F. Margetson, 6; W. Watherstone, 7; G. Banks, 8; F. G. Newman, 9; E. Albone, 8. Tenor, 24 cwt., in D. Composed by Mr. Hubbard and conducted by Mr. French. This peal contains the whole of the eight-nines and nine-seven-eights, with the fifth and sixth behind the ninth. It was rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival, which was also the thirty-third anniversary of the Rector's (Rev. J. Lindsay, D.D.) birthday.

ON Friday, the 16th inst., the Rector entertained the above party at the Crown Hotel, Essex Street, Strand. Besides those named there were Messrs. Murlon, Starkey, Hall, Lovegrove, Chew, Rowbotham, and George. After supper the Rector's health was proposed with Mrs. Lindsay's (who was present), by the vice-chairman, Mr. Churchwarden Barber, who said he would try to assist the rev. gentleman in every way. The Rector thanked the company, and said he was greatly pleased with his ringers, who always assisted him; and he hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them on many occasions like the present one. Mr. Albone thanked him, and remarked that the ringers would try to follow his genial and wise counsels. During the evening Mr. and Miss Banks played tunes on the hand-bells, and Haworth, Rowbotham, French, Winny, and Newman, rang a course of Grandsire Caters; and a musical touch of Grandsire Triples was also rung by Newman, Rowbotham, Winny, and George. Every one was pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The Bells at East Malling, Kent.

THE fine old ring of six bells in this church has been recently rehung and provided with new clappers, and the framework has been repaired by the well-known firm of Mears and Stainbank; a fund for that purpose and several other parish works having been raised by the Vicar by donations from parishioners, landowners, and other friends. The repairs of the bells were completed just in time for the harvest festival, when a short peal was given for the first time on September 30th.

A week later more was accomplished, when a peal of 720 Plain Bob was rung at the usual practice time in 26 mins. J. Worsley, 1; E. Baldock, 2; D. Hall, 3; F. Colegate, 4; E. Bonner (conductor), 5; W. J. Leonard, 6. This was followed by a peal of singles. H. Bonner, 1; D. Hall, 2; E. Baldock, 3; W. Hardin, 4; W. J. Leonard (conductor), 5; E. Bonner, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

The ringers are all delighted with the alteration in the working of the bells.

The late Mr. John Heald, of St. Peter's, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., ten members of the St. Peter's Society rang a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Caters as a last mark of respect to the late John Heald, who was found drowned on Sunday, the 11th inst., in the Sheffield Canal. Deceased, who was fifty-four years old, had been a member of the St. Peter's Company thirty-three years, and for many years was steeple-keeper. He rang the tenor in twelve peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters, and Cinques, and Stedman's Triples and Caters.

Surrey Association.

A QUARTERLY Meeting of this Association was held at St. James's, Bermondsey, by the kind permission of the Vicar, on Monday, October 12th, when a goodly number of members and friends attended. Ringing began soon after 4 p.m. with some Grandsire Caters and Triples. At 6 o'clock the members sat down to tea in the Mission-room, the use of which the Vicar had kindly allowed for this purpose. After tea the ordinary business was transacted; two new members were elected, and it was agreed that the Secretary should obtain permission for the holding of the next District Meeting at Mortlake on Saturday November 21st, and the next Quarterly Meeting at Mitcham on Monday, January 11th. After the meeting ringing in various methods went on in the tower until 9.30 p.m. A. B. CARPENTER, *Hon. Sec.*

The Hertford County Association.

MEMBERS are specially requested to attend the Annual Meeting at St. Albans, on the 26th inst. Three towers will be open from 10.30. Service in the Lady Chapel at 12.15, with sermon by the Rev. W. Wigram. Return tickets at 1½ fares. Dinner tickets 2s. each.

W. WIGRAM, *General Secretary.*

Kent County Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting will be held at Ashford on Monday, November 2nd. Members to be at Ashford Church by 11 a.m., when the Secretary will be in attendance.

Treble Bob Major.

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H. DAINS,

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London.

ON Saturday, the 26th ult., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. M. A. Wood, 1; L. Green, 2; T. G. Downs (Manchester), 3; H. J. Shade, 4; I. G. Shade (conductor), 5; A. Hayward, 6; J. West, 7; J. Munday, 8.

At Leatherhead, Surrey.

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ON Saturday, the 26th ult., ten members of the St. James's Society rang a peal of 5000 Stedman's Caters in 3 hrs. 19 mins. G. Newson (composer and conductor), 1; E. F. Cole, Esq., 2; H. Randall, 3; J. Hannington, 4; T. Titchener, 5; A. Jacob, 6; W. H. Doran, 7; J. Rogers, 8; S. Brooker, 9; J. Mansfield, 10.												
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At St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Suffolk.

ON Saturday, the 3rd inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Norwich Diocesan Association rang a peal of 5040 Kent Treble Bob Maximus in 3 hrs. 51 mins. W. Motts, 1; E. Pemberton, 2; I. S. Alexander, 3; J. Motts, 4; W. L. Catchpole, 5; A. R. Aldham, 6; R. Hawes, 7; F. Tillet, 8; T. Steward, 9; E. Horrex, 10; R. H. Brundle, 11; F. G. Newman (conductor), 12. Tenor, 32 cwt., in C sharp. The above peal was rung to commemorate Mr. A. R. Aldham's eighteenth birthday, his brother-ringers wishing him many happy returns.

At Drayton, Berks.

On Friday, the 2nd inst., a peal of 5120 Superlative Surprise Major was rung in 3 hrs. 13 mins. by the following members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Oxford Diocesan Guild:—J. Avery, 1; J. W. Washbrook, 2; B. Barrett, 3; J. Field, 4; W. Bennett, 5; G. Holifield, 6; C. Hounslow, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. H. Johnson, senr.

At St. Paulinus', Crayford, Kent.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. W. I. Reeve, 1; T. Durling, 2; G. Conyard, 3; C. Hamman, 4; H. J. Shade, 5; I. G. Shade, 6; F. French, 7; J. Garard, 8. Tenor, 13 cwt. This peal is a Five-part composition by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and was conducted by H. J. Shade.

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

On Saturday, the 3rd inst., a mixed band of the St. James's Society, London, and the Essex Association, rang Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes) in 3 hrs. 6 mins. W. Nash (Romford, first peal), 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor, Romford), 2; J. Nunn (Walthamstow), 3; J. Waghorn, jun. (Tottenham), 4; G. B. Lucas (Tottenham), 5; R. Sewell (Barking), 6; H. A. Barnett (Tottenham), 7; J. Waghorn, sen. (Tottenham), 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt., in E flat.

At St. George the Martyr, Southwark, London.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., for Divine service, a quarter-peal of 1260 Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins. W. Jones, 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. W. Gifford (Salisbury), 3; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 4; M. Murphy, 5; E. Rogers, 6; W. Prime, 7; G. Woodage, 8. Tenor, 18 cwt. In the evening, on hand-bells, another 1260 of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins. G. T. McLaughlin, 1-2; M. Murphy, 3-4; C. F. Winny (conductor), 5-6; W. W. Gifford, 7-8. Both of the above quarter-peals are taken from Holt's Original.

At West Bromwich.—Muffled Peal.

On Sunday afternoon, the 4th inst., the following members of the Christ Church Society rang, with the bells half-muffled, the usual whole-pull and stand to the memory of the late Mrs. R. Farley, the wife of Alderman R. Farley, J.P., and ex-Mayor of that town, who died on Friday, September 25th, and was buried at Christ Church on Thursday, October 1st, finishing with a touch of Grandsire Triples. H. Hipkiss, 1; W. R. Small, 2; S. Reeves (conductor), 3; J. Hall, 4; T. Horton, 5; R. Hall, 6; C. Price, 7; C. Timms, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. 3 qrs., in E flat.

At Upton St. Leonard's, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 4th inst., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang for service a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 mins. J. Baldwin, 1; A. A. Waite, 2; J. Yates, 3; H. G. Gardner, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. This was rung on the back six.

On the following Thursday (the 5th) muffled peals were rung, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman's Triples, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Meaton, who died on the 3rd inst. He was for many years a member of the Association, and was highly respected. J. Middlecote,* 1; J. Yates,* 2; H. Mitchell,* 3; G. Miles,* 4; W. Sevier,* 5; J. Baldwin,* 6; A. Waites,* 7; R. A. Barrett,* 8. G. Miles, 1; A. Waite, 4; R. A. Barrett, 7; J. Middlecote, 8, others standing as before, rang the Stedman's Triples. Tenor, 17½ cwt., in F sharp. [Marked thus * members of the Association. † Member of the Royal Cumberland Youths.]

At Barnwood, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 28 mins. G. Miles, 1; A. A. Waite (conductor), 2; J. Yates, 3; W. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett, 6. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G. This was rung on the occasion of Mr. H. Mitchell's fiftieth birthday.

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

On Tuesday, the 6th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang a Two-part peal of 5056 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hrs. 23 mins. J. Jaggard, 1; E. T. Stone, 2; H. Bastable, 3; J. Griffin, 4; A. Wakley, 5; H. Wakley, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which has never been previously performed, contains the 6th twenty-four times each way in 5-6, and is published in Snowdon's *Double Norwich*, the composition of Mr. Dains. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers.

At St. George's, Camberwell, Surrey.

On Saturday, the 10th inst., a peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was rung in 2 hrs. 45 mins. by the St. James's Society, London. H. Langdon, 1; G. T. McLaughlin (conductor), 2; A. E. Church, 3; H. J. Davies (first peal with a bob bell), 4; C. F. Winny, 5; W. Jones, 6; W. H. George, 7; R. T. Woodley (first peal), 8. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At Brockworth, Gloucestershire.

On Sunday, the 11th inst., a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung for evening service in 26 mins. J. Baldwin, 1; W. Sevier, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; H. G. Gardner, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; R. A. Barrett (conductor), 6. Tenor, 13 cwt., in F.

At St. Nicholas', Gloucestershire.—Muffled Peal.

On Tuesday, the 13th inst., six members of the above Society rang a great number of six-scores during the evening. D. Dix, 1; P. Daniels, 2; E. Smith, 3; A. Smart, 4; W. Sevier (conductor), 5; H. Merchant and W. Banks, 6. H. G. Phillot, Esq., of Cheltenham, took part in several six-scores. Tenor, 17½ cwt., in G.

At St. Edmund's, Salisbury, Wilts.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from the *Clavis*, was rung in 53 mins. J. R. Jerram, 1; C. A. Clements, 2; T. Blackburn, 3; E. A. Foster, 4; F. Rigden, 5; G. F. Attree (conductor), 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Judd, 8. Tenor, 28 cwt. in D flat. This is the first quarter-peal for Foster, Rigden, and Judd. The conductor, G. F. Attree, came from Brighton, and is Secretary of the Sussex County Association. This, the longest length ever rung in Salisbury, was to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Foster, who, to the regret of his fellow-ringers, is leaving the neighbourhood.

Also a 420 in the same method. J. Parsons, 1; E. A. Foster, 2; G. F. Attree (conductor), 3; J. R. Jerram, 4; C. A. Clements, 5; T. Blackburn, 6; W. W. Gifford, 7; J. Judd, 8.

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

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., to celebrate the marriage of John Reid Walker, Esq. (eldest son of Sir Andrew Walker, Bart., and of the firm of A. B. Walker and Sons, Burton-on-Trent), with Miss K. H. Cartland, King's Heath House, Birmingham, eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers rang T. Thorp's original One-part peal of 5056 Superlative Surprise Major, in 3 hrs. 22 mins. J. Jaggard, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; H. Wakley, 5; A. P. Heywood, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal contains the 5th the extent in fifth's, and the 6th the extent in sixth's places, and has never been previously performed. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

At All Saints', Hertford, Herts.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples in 3 hrs. 9 mins. J. Jauncey (first peal), 1; H. Baker (conductor), 2; W. A. Tyler, 3; J. Cull, 4; M. Ellsmore, 5; W. Goodchild (first peal), 6; H. J. Tucker, 7; F. George, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt., in E flat. W. Goodchild has for a short period been under the tuition of M. Ellsmore.

At St. Mary's, Bedford.

On Thursday, the 15th inst., six members of the Bedfordshire Association of Change-ringers rang a peal of 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and 684 Grandsire Minor, in 2 hrs. 10 mins., when the fourth rope broke and brought it to a stand. The above was started for a 5040 in seven methods. S. J. Cullip, 1; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 2; W. Foote, 3; M. Warwick, 4; J. N. Frossell, 5; I. Hills, 6. Tenor, about 8 cwt.

At All Saints', Benhilton, Surrey.

On Friday, the 16th inst., at the weekly evening practice, three members of the local company, assisted by three of the Beddington Society, rang a peal of 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor (with nine bobs) in 29 mins. J. Harris, 1; J. Branch, 2; — Russell (first peal of Minor in the method), 3; G. Petrie, 4; J. Trendell, 5; John Trendell (conductor), 6. Tenor, 19½ cwt., in E.

At Holy Trinity, Bengoe, Herts.

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On Sunday, the 18th inst., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (20 bobs and 10 singles) was rung in 26 mins. H. Phillips, 1; J. Channer, 2; M. Ellsmore, 3; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 4; J. Pomfret, 5; W. A. Tyler, 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt. Composed by W. Gordon of Stockport, Cheshire.	- 6 5 2 4 3 - 3 4 6 2 5 - 5 2 3 6 4 - 4 6 5 3 2 S 3 2 4 5 6
In the evening, for Divine service, a peal of 720 Grandsire Minor, as given opposite, with a call every lead (30 bobs and 30 singles), was rung in 27 mins. H. Phillips, 1; W. Goodchild, 2; W. Odell, 3; J. Pomfret, 4; J. Channer, 5; M. Ellsmore (composer and conductor), 6. Tenor, 7½ cwt.	S 5 6 3 4 2 S 4 2 5 3 6 S 3 6 4 5 2 - 2 5 3 4 6 S 4 6 2 3 5

Five times repeated.

At St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, London.

On Sunday, the 18th inst., on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. V. Ellison, and for Divine Service in the morning, eight members of St. James's Society rang 504 Stedman's Triples. Also, for Evening Service, 1100 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and a short touch of Stedman's Triples. Conducted by Mr. J. M. Hayes.

At Tottenham, Middlesex.

On Sunday, the 19th inst., for Morning Service, six members of the local company rang 720 Grandsire Minor in 25 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; J. Langram, 2; G. B. Lucas, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 5; W. Pye-English, 6. Also, for Evening Service, 720 in the same method, in 24 mins. T. C. Grove, 1; J. Langram, 2; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 3; G. Bower, 4; H. A. Barnett, 5; W. Pye-English, 6.

NOTICE.—The address of Mr. Newton, the Secretary of St. James's Society, London, is—33 Ossulton Street, Euston Road, N.W.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Essex Association of Change-ringers.

A most successful District Meeting of the above Association was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at Harlow. In spite of the inclemency of the weather there was a good muster of ringing Members, including representatives from such distant places as Dedham, Great Bentley, and Ipswich, though many of the towers in the neighbourhood of London, and well within reach of Harlow, were unrepresented; probably, in most cases, in consequence of the meeting of the Royal Cumberlands at Enfield. At 4.30 a substantial meat-tea was provided by the Vicar, to which about forty sat down. On the removal of the cloth the Business Meeting was held, the Vicar taking the chair. The Minutes of the last meeting having been read and passed, the following gentlemen were elected Members of the Association: The Rev. W. Earle (St. Mary's College, Harlow), Rev. H. Farrow (Harlow Vicarage), as Honorary Members. Messrs. F. Buck, D. Claydon, and F. Green (Earls Colne), T. Ellis, W. Pigram, and R. Tabor (Harlow), C. H. Howard (Braintree), C. Prior, H. Prior (sen.), H. Prior (jun.), G. Prior, W. Prior, and W. T. Prior (Stanstead), as Ringing Members. Messrs. G. Brand (Bishops Stortford), W. H. Buckingham, N. N. Hills, and H. Lewis (St. Albans), J. Tarling, N. W. Tarling (Sawbridgeworth), and H. J. Tucker (Hertford), as Distinguished Ringers. The Meeting was asked to confirm the election of four members in the tower at Barking, on the occasion of a peal rung on October 3, but as an objection was lodged by Mr. B. Keeble of Romford, it was decided that the question should be left over till the Annual Meeting. The Hon. Secretary, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, gave notice of two motions to be brought forward at the Annual Meeting. (1.) 'That an Assistant Secretary be elected at the Annual Meeting.' (2.) 'That the Association shall, as far as its funds will permit, assist in providing for the instruction of companies who are willing to join the Association as Probationary Members; and that Members of the Association who are willing to act as instructors be requested to send in their names to the Secretary at once, in order that a staff of eight or ten instructors may be appointed by the Committee.' A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality, and to the ringers of Harlow for their kind reception, was carried unanimously. Mr. Farrow in replying said that both he and the Harlow ringers had derived great pleasure from this visit of the Association, and he hoped that it would not be long before he might again have the pleasure of welcoming its members to Harlow, and entertaining them in the same way. Speaking of the improvement in Church choirs and amongst ringers of late years, he hoped that the day might never come when such a work should be altogether stopped, and the whole machinery of the Church paralysed, by such a measure as that which is now in the mouths of everybody—the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church of England. Some very good ringing was done in the course of the afternoon and evening on the fine ring of eight by Warner (Tenor, 21 cwt.), several touches of OXFORD and KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, and GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, being brought home; also courses of BOB MAJOR, GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, and GRANDSIRE CATERS, double-handed on the hand-bells. The companies represented were Great Bentley, Dedham, Galleywood, Hallingbury, Harlow, Rayleigh, Rettendon, Saffron Walden, and Stanstead; Members being also present from Bishops Stortford, Cambridge, Hertford, Ipswich, and Sawbridgeworth.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

A MEETING of the Sub-Committee of the Association, for the insertion of performances in the peal-book will shortly be held. I shall therefore feel obliged if all masters or conductors of local companies will forward to me, as soon as possible, particulars of all peals and five thousands, on five and six bells, that have been rung by members of the Association in their respective towers.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES, *Master*.

Redmarley, Gloucester.

Kent County Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting at Ashford, on Monday, November 2nd. Members to meet in Ashford Churchyard at 11 a.m. The Secretary (Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen) will attend from about 10.30 to 11.30 at the Old Grammar School (in the churchyard) to make payment. Conveyance will be provided to Mersham (8 bells) and Aldington (6 bells). Ashford bells are now in good order.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

THE ANNUAL Meeting will be held at Durham, on Monday, November 2nd. Ringing at the Cathedral and St. Oswald's. Special service at St. Oswald's at two o'clock. Dinner at the 'Three Tuns,' at three o'clock. Particulars of arrangements by circular.

G. J. CLARKSON, *Hon. Sec.*

Ely Diocesan Guild.

A MEETING of the above Association will be held at Cambridge on Monday, November 2nd. All ringers are invited, and those intending to be present are requested to communicate with

M. C. POTTER.

10 Brookside, Cambridge.

The Royal Cumberland Society's Enfield Outing.

ON Saturday, the 24th inst., according to notice, about forty members and friends visited the above town; which number may be considered very large when the season and weather are taken into account.

Mr. Master Gardon occupied the chair, and Mr. H. S. Thomas the vice-chair. The usual toasts were well given and received. Mr. Treasurer Baron, Conductor Newson, Secretary Dains, all being in attendance. We also noticed Mr. H. Hopkins, Mr. John Rogers, Mr. G. Harvey, Mr. J. Mansfield. Thanks

were voted most cordially to the Vicars of the new and old churches for the use of the bells on the occasion; also to Steeplekeeper Boswell, for his attention and use of hand-bells. The usual methods were rung at each church, and also upon hand bells after the well-arranged dinner had been thoroughly enjoyed. Thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings, and an early movement for town was made.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Stephen's, Hampstead, London.

ON Tuesday, the 13th ult., eight members of the Royal Cumberland Youths rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 15 mins. S. Clarke, 1; B. Foskett, 2; H. Tyler, 3; C. Deal, 4; W. Prior (first peal), 5; N. Alderman, 6; G. Newson (conductor), 7; E. Chapman, 8. Tenor, 27 cwt., D.

At St. Mary's, Balcombe, Sussex.—Muffled Peal.

ON Sunday, the 27th ult., a muffled peal of 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR was rung as a mark of respect to Mr. William Steele, who died on the 20th ult., aged sixty-five years. He had been for thirty-four years parish clerk of Balcombe. R. Bourne, 1; H. Meads, 2; C. Gasson, 3; J. Cheeseman, 4; J. Gasson, 5; E. Streeter (conductor), 6.

At All Saints', Sudbury, Suffolk.

ON Sunday, the 11th inst., the following members of the Sudbury Company of Change-ringers rang after the Harvest Thanksgiving Service in the evening, 1008 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 46 mins. W. Cross, 1; C. Sillitoe, 2; G. Brown, 3; F. Tolliday, 4; H. Harper, 5; W. Howell, 6; A. Scott, 7; H. Brackett, 8.

ON Saturday, the 17th inst., at St. Gregory's Church, 1064 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES were rung by F. Tolliday, 1; W. Griggs, 2; W. Howell, 3; H. Harper, 4; W. Bacon, 5; C. Sillitoe, 6; W. Cross, 7; A. Scott, 8. The above ringing was conducted on both occasions by Charles Sillitoe.

At Quedgeley, Gloucestershire.

ON Sunday, the 18th inst., five members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Change-ringers, assisted by J. Baldwin, rang a peal of PLAIN BOB MINOR (16 bobs and 2 singles) in 25 mins. T. Brown, 1; R. A. Barrett, 2; W. Sevier, 3; J. Baldwin, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; H. G. Gardner (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in A.

Afterwards the members adjourned to the residence of Mr. W. Brown, where a substantial tea was provided. Tea over, the musical ring of hand-bells was brought forward, and courses of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, MAJOR, and CATERS were rung. Mr. W. Brown taking part in the ringing. The company then returned home, very pleased with the afternoon's proceedings.

At All Saints', Duffield, Derbyshire.

ON Monday, the 19th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang H. Dains' three-part peal of 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. J. Jagger, 1; E. T. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; H. Wakley, 5; A. P. Heywood, 6; R. Cartwright, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 16½ cwt. This peal, which has never been previously performed, contains the 4th and 6th bells their extent in 5-6. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.

At Barnwood, Gloucestershire.

ON Tuesday, the 20th inst., six members of the St. Lawrence's Society rang a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR (9 bobs, 5th the observation) in 25 mins. J. Baldwin, 1; J. Yates, 2; A. A. Waite, 3; W. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; G. Miles, 6. Also a course of OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. G. Miles, 3; A. A. Waite, 6; others standing as before. STEDMAN'S and GRANDSIRE DOUBLES were rung. Tenor, 14 cwt., in G.

ON Friday, the 23rd inst., a muffled peal, consisting of ten six-scores of GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, were rung in memory of the late Colonel Dowling. The Colonel's age was also rung, he being in his seventy-eighth year.

At the Parish Church, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

ON Friday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang T. Brooke's Variation of Thurstan's peal of 5040 STEDMAN'S TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 3 mins. T. Meredith, 1; E. T. Stone, 2; R. Cartwright, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. Jagger, 6; W. Wakley, 7; T. Holmes, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt.

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

ON Saturday, the 24th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang a Two-part peal of 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 22 mins. J. Jagger (composer and conductor), 1; E. T. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; R. Cartwright, 4; H. Wakley, 5; A. Thomas, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. This peal, which is now rung for the first time, contains the 6th eighteen times wrong and twenty-four times right.

TO OUR READERS.—We are pleased to receive any matter connected with ringing, but sometimes, from unavoidable circumstances, reports cannot be inserted in the current number; these reports, however, will be printed in due course. On all communications must be written the name and address of the sender, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

RECEIVED ALSO :—B. Francis; H. Dains; Sandhurst; Sudbury; Lewisham; and others.

On Tuesday, the 27th ult., a peal of 720 Bob Minor (32 bobs and 2 singles) was rung in 29½ mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop of Manchester. J. Welsby (conductor), 1; J. Worthington, 2; S. Oakes, 3; J. Williamson, 4; A. Potter, 5; W. Denner, 6. Tenor, 13½ cwt.

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

On Thursday, the 29th ult., eight Members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang N. J. Pitstow's One-part peal of 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 27 mins. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; E. T. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin (conductor), 4; J. Jaggar, 5; H. Wakley, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley, 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which has never been previously performed, contains the 4th twelve and the 6th nine course-ends in 6th's place. [All the above are also Members of the Midland Counties' Association of Change-ringers.]

At Hempstead, Gloucestershire.

On Thursday, the 29th ult., a meeting was held to try the bells, which have been augmented from five to six by the addition of a new treble, the gift of the Rev. Mr. Dawson, rector of the parish. At 5.30 the bells were raised in peal by the Quedgeley Company, when they were found to go exceedingly well, several six scores of GRANDSIRE being rung. At 6.30 the well-known company of St. Lawrence's Society arrived, having been engaged by the Rector to try the bells. Having examined and passed their opinion, they proceeded to the belfry, when Mr. H. Mitchell was called upon to conduct the first touch of 240 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR. Afterwards a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB was rung in 28 mins. C. J. Baldwin,† 1; J. Yates,* 2; A. A. Waite,* 3; W. Sevier,* 4; H. Mitchell,* 5; R. A. Barrett* (conductor), 6. Afterwards three six-scores of STEDMAN'S were rung. A. Waite (conductor), the others as before; but J. Merchant, tenor. The second peal was a 720 of PLAIN BOB MINOR in 27 mins. C. J. Baldwin,† 1; J. Yates,* 2; W. Sevier,* 3; R. A. Barrett,* 4; H. Mitchell,* 5; A. A. Waite* (conductor), 6. [† College Youths and Cumberlands. * Members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association.]

The companies then adjourned to the Rectory, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Dawson, where an excellent supper was provided. After supper the Rector made a few remarks on change-ringing, to which Mr. R. Barrett replied. The company then expressed their wish to the Rector that in a short time the peal might be increased to eight. The bells can be heard for miles round, owing to the church being situated on a hill. The bells have stood idle for one year and ten months, but now they send forth their music, the parishioners being delighted to hear them again. The Barnwood Society, having given their vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness, returned home, pleased with their evening's proceedings. The new bell was cast and the others were rehung by the firm of Mears and Stainbank, London, who have executed their work in excellent style.

At Wellingborough, Northants.

On Friday, the 30th ult., the Sunday afternoon choir and chimers connected with the parish church, Wellingborough, met at the residence of Mr. F. A. Simonds (one of the sidesmen), to present Mr. G. H. Burnham (ex-churchwarden and the donor of the new second bell) with a small token of their respect, in the shape of a solid silver vase, weighing thirteen ounces, the lid being surmounted by the figure of a greyhound. On the front is inscribed: 'Presented to G. H. Burnham, Esq., by the afternoon choir and chimers of the Parish Church, Wellingborough.' Mr. J. Barringer begged Mr. Burnham's acceptance of the present, thanking him for his kindness and consideration for all who assemble at the afternoon service, and concluding by wishing him long life, health, peace, and happiness. Mr. Burnham suitably acknowledged the gift. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social and pleasant manner.

Last year the ring of bells at Wellingborough was increased to eight. Perseverance and enthusiasm on the part of learners, patience and good feeling on that of the older ringers, and kind assistance and encouragement from the Vicar and Churchwardens, and townsmen, have resulted in the formation of a steady, respectable set of ringers and chimers, seventeen in all. Most of the men are regular attendants at church, several of them being choirmen and church-workers in other ways. On Monday evening last, a clear, well-struck touch of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung. E. J. Dennes, 1; G. Turnell, 2; W. Wood, 3; S. Randall, 4; W. H. Ette, 5; H. Clayson, 6; T. Coe, 7; T. Craddock, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt.

At Beaconsfield, Bucks.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., eight members of the St. James's Society rang Holt's Original peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 12 mins. Rev. W. S. Willet, 1; R. French (conductor), 2; W. H. Fussell, 3; J. Barry, 4; A. C. Fussell, 5; G. Newson, 6; Rev. E. F. Coleridge, 7; A. Hayward, 8. Tenor, 22 cwt. The first peal in the method on the bells.

At Allhallows, Tottenham, Middlesex.

On Saturday, the 31st ult., to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the augmenting of the old ring of six to eight, eight members of the Allhallows Society, Tottenham, and St. James's Society, London, rang a peal of 5151 GRANDSIRE MAJOR in 3 hrs. 10 mins. T. C. Grove (first peal), 1; J. Langran (first peal of Major and first peal with a Bob bell), 2; S. G. Bower, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., aged 17 (first peal as conductor), 4; G. B. Lucas (first peal of Major), 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; W. Pye-English (first peal of Major), 8. Tenor, 20 cwt. This is also the first peal of GRANDSIRE MAJOR by the local company, and was rung on Mr. Grove's twenty-fourth birthday. His brother-ringers wish him many happy returns of the day.

At Barnwood, Gloucestershire.

On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., six members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association rang a peal of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins. H. Barnes (first 720), 1; J. Yates, 2; G. Miles, 3; W. Sevier, 4; H. Mitchell, 5; A. A. Waite (conductor), 6. Afterwards 192 of GRANDSIRE MINOR. H. Mitchell (conductor), 5; J. Baldwin, 6; others standing as before. Tenor, 14 cwt.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Revised Version of the N. T.

SIR,—I would respectfully invite your attention, and that of some of your learned readers, to a remarkable difference in the Revised Version of the New Testament as regards verse 1 Cor. xv. 55. In the Authorised Version the translation stands, 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?' In the Revised Version it reads, 'O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?' Seeing the Greek word for death is *thavatos* and for grave or hell *hades*, and that they are not synonymous, it is difficult to understand why such a change in the translation should have been made, and more especially when these Greek words are also both used in Rev. i. 17, where the ascended Saviour says to St. John, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last—he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen. And have the keys of hell (*adou*) and of death (*thavatos*).' Moreover, there is no recorded 'preferred reading' by the American Committee of Revisers—nor any marginal note. ANGLICANUS.

The Laymen's League.

SIR,—The opportunity presents itself and the present crisis calls for the union of Churchmen generally. With your kind permission, then, I venture to ask for the support of your readers in the formation of the above-named organization. Its objects are—1. To resist any attempt to disestablish the English Church. 2. The abolition of *congé d'elire*. 3. The suppression of traffic in livings. 4. The formation of parochial councils to assist the clergy generally. 5. The refutation of false statements respecting the Church and her work made in the journals of the day. Will any, whose sympathies lie in the direction indicated above, kindly communicate with me?

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R. FRYER.

Archdeacons.

SIR,—It is yet too early for a man, if he wants to be asked again, to refer when he is dining with an Archdeacon to archidiaconal duties; because there is still too much truth in that episcopal joke, 'That the duties of an Archdeacon are—to perform archidiaconal functions.' But ought this to be so? Need it be so?

It is admitted that our Bishops are overworked; that is, I take it, that a Bishop is unable to find time to visit every parish in his diocese at least once a-year, and we ought not to be content with less than that. A zealous parish priest takes himself to task if he has not visited every house in his parish, either personally or by his assistants, at least once in twelve months; and a Bishop ought not to be satisfied unless he has accomplished the easier task of inspecting and encouraging the work of the Church in every parish in his diocese within the year. I do not say that it is possible now in all cases, either for the parish priest or the Bishop, but we ought not to be content until it is possible and until it is done. But to have Bishops thus minded we must get rid of the notion that schoolmasters and University Dons are the only fit men to be raised to the Episcopal Bench. Great scholars, as a rule, would be much more useful to the Church in deaneries. But as to Archdeacons, is there not here a great and important work for them?

I have already ventured to advocate in your columns that, in every case where there are no personal disqualifications, they should receive Episcopal Orders, not to *rule* the diocese but to assist the Bishop in the performance of those functions which are forbidden to a priest; such as Confirmation and the consecration of burial grounds, &c. But in the meantime cannot our Archdeacons demonstrate their fitness for higher duties by the hearty performance of those which lie close to their hand? for instance, they are called Arch-deacons, which seems to indicate that they have some special association with the deacons in their Archdeaconry, and in these days, when the length of the diaconate is so short, we might venture to add the younger priests. Now there are few men who more greatly need a little of that fatherly care and supervision which the Bishop is far too much engaged to bestow upon them. What sort of preparation do the majority of men get for some of the most important duties which they are called upon to perform the week after they are ordained? Such gifts as preaching, public reading of Holy Scripture, saying the prayers in such a manner as to suggest prayer, conducting Bible or Confirmation classes with profit, parish visiting, and teaching the young, are expected to be possessed by every young deacon by a sort of instinct. And yet proficiency in most of these duties demands a thorough and careful training. Why should not the Archdeacon step in here? He is surely the best person to undertake such a task; he has not only the authority but presumably the ability to wisely direct and instruct; let him summon every deacon in his archdeaconry once a-month to spend a day with him. Let him hear them preach, hear them read, and see that they can read as well as intone; let him advise with them about their parish work, and especially about their relations with the parish priest under whom they work. It may be objected that this would be an improper interference between 'a man and his curate.' In the first place the curate is not the servant of the Vicar, he is the servant of the parish; he is as much licensed to the cure of souls in that place as the Incumbent is, and if the parish priest is in any way treating him unfairly it is greatly to the advantage of the Church that he should have a kind and wise friend to whom he can go for advice.

But in these days the danger is quite in an opposite direction: many curates need sadly to be taught the duty of complete loyalty to the spiritual head of the parish in which they work; they are far too fond of taking up work of their own—some pet scheme in which they happen to take an interest—rather than throwing their whole strength into the necessary

The Rev. Canon Frederick R. Wynne moved: 'That, in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the General Synod, a committee be now formed to carry on the work of the "Church of Ireland Purity Society" in the Diocese.' The Rev. Macnevin Bradshaw proposed as an amendment—'That Purity Guilds are in reality detrimental to morality and religion, and that it is the opinion of this metropolitan diocese, assembled in Synod, that the so-called Purity movement cannot safely be encouraged.' During the discussion, the Rev. Dr. Dalton moved the previous question, and the Rev. Canon Marrable seconded the proposition, which, however, was subsequently withdrawn.

A division was then called for on the amendment, with the following result: Ayes, 62; Noes, 116. The Rev. Canon Wynne's motion was then put and passed. The following committee was appointed as the Committee of the Purity Society for the Diocese of Dublin. The Ven. the Archdeacon of Dublin, the Very Rev. the Dean of the Chapel Royal, Rev. W. B. Askin, Rev. J. S. Fletcher, Rev. Canon Peacocke, Rev. W. N. Carr, Rev. Dr. Leet, Rev. Dr. Neligan, Rev. A. Elliott, Rev. Canon Wynne, Mr. R. O'B. Furlong, Mr. W. U. Townshend, Mr. H. J. Dix, the Recorder of Dublin, and Professor Mackintosh.

After a discussion on the dangers that threatened the Church owing to the present aspect of affairs, in connexion with a resolution brought forward by Mr. Nunn (almost similar to that previously ruled out of order), the Synod was closed with the Benediction.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

A Birthday at Wymeswold, Leicestershire.

ON Wednesday, the 5th inst., being the 82nd birthday of John Gutteridge, who has been over fifty years parish clerk and a ringer, the following ringing took place. After a very good rise and a little round-ringing, 'firing' was done eighty-two times to mark the number of years, then a peal of BOB DOUBLES, with tenor behind; after which followed a very level peal of 720 BOB MINOR. J. Brookes,* sen., 1; J. Brookes, jun., 2; J. Knifton, 3; J. Gutteridge, eighty-two years old, 4; R. W. Charles,* 5; M. Brown,* 6. Tenor, 14 cwt. The venerable gentleman rang his bell throughout remarkably well. [* Members of Midland Counties Association.]

A new Tablet at St. John's, Deptford, Kent.

ON Thursday, the 5th inst., a tablet presented by the Churchwardens was erected in the belfry of this church, recording a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part), rung there by the Trinity Youths' Society, on January 19th, 1884, it being the first and only peal of 5040 changes rung during the ministry of the late Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Aston, M.A. In honour of the event, the following persons rang an excellent quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (1260 changes) in 45 mins. J. Rose, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; T. Taylor, 4; W. H. Freeman, 5; F. W. Thornton, 6; A. G. Freeman (composer and conductor), 7; J. Laws, 8. The party stood as in the peal, with the exception of Fred. W. Thornton of St. Alphege, Greenwich, who occupied the place of Wm. H. Bowles of St. Mary's, Lewisham.

Two New Bells at All Saints', Emscote, Warwick.

ON Saturday, the 31st ult., the Eve of All Saints', two new treble bells, to complete the octave, having been presented by Miss M. Philips, the kind and munificent benefactor of the above parish, were opened and dedicated to the service of God. After evening prayer, the clergy and choir, with some members of the congregation, proceeded to the belfry, singing 'The Church's One Foundation.' On arriving they commenced certain prayers, which were used at the opening of the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, adding thereto some prayers usual on such occasions, which were kindly supplied by Mr. J. R. Haworth, in connexion with *Church Bells*. At the conclusion of this interesting ceremony the signal was given by the Vicar, 'Go!' and the bells sent forth a merry peal. The bells were from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough.

A New Bell at All Saints', Loughborough.

A SHORT time ago the bell No. 5 in the ring at the above church, was cracked, and had to be recast. This has been done most successfully by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. The new bell, which is a heavier and a better bell than the old one, was used for the first time on Sunday last, and a special service for its dedication was held in the afternoon. The form of service approved by the ordinary was used. After the third collect the clergy and choir walked, singing a processional hymn, to the tower, and when the special collects were said, and the bell dedicated, the Rector gave a short address, sketching the history of bells and their various uses in the Church. The diameter of the bell is 3 ft. 4½ in., its note G., weight 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 23 lbs., and it forms a great acquisition to the ring.

After the dedication, a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by the following members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers:—C. Smith, 1; T. Cooper, 2; J. C. Dicken, 3; J. Ward, 4; S. Smith, 5; W. Birkenshaw, 6; J. W. Taylor, jun. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. And before evening service a touch of KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR; and after service, 308 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Two Country Ringers' Visit to London.

Mr. J. M. COOPER (Sittingbourne, Kent) and Mr. G. WOODHALL (Whitchurch, Salop) came to London, and were much pleased with ringing at the following churches:—

ON Sunday, the 8th inst., at St. Clement Danes, Strand, for Divine service

in the evening, a touch of 504 STEDMAN'S TRIPLES. H. Langdon, 1; J. Carter, 2; E. E. Viney, 3; G. Woodhall, 4; J. M. Cooper, 5; J. M. Hayes (conductor), 6; F. E. Dawe, 7; R. Woodley, 8. Afterwards, a course of GRANDSIRE CATERS on the hand-bells, Mr. Woodhall 5-6.

ON Monday, the 9th inst., being the occasion of the Prince of Wales' birthday, at St. Clement Danes, a touch of 395 GRANDSIRE CATERS. J. R. Haworth (conductor), 1; H. Langdon, 2; W. Chew, 3; W. Weatherstone, 4; F. Margetson, 5; G. Woodhall, 6; J. Cooper, 7; G. Banks, 8; R. French, 9; G. Albone, 10.

The same company afterwards proceeded to Westminster Abbey, and rang two 120's of GRANDSIRE and two 120's of STEDMAN'S DOUBLES, conducted by Mr. Woodhall, who afterwards rang at St. Lawrence, Jewry, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Michael's, Cornhill, and other City churches.

Members of St. James's Society at Enfield and Tottenham, near London.—A Deaf Ringer.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the above Company intended starting for a peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES at Enfield New Church, but, meeting short, a peal of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 26 mins. by R. Goodechild, 1; G. Bower, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Waghorn, 4; G. Lucas, 5; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 6. They then visited the Old Church, where a 360 in the same method was rung.

ON Sunday, the 8th inst., for morning service, at Allhallows, Tottenham, a touch of 448 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung by T. C. Grove, 1; G. Bower, 2; J. Waghorn, jun., 3; J. Langran, 4; J. Waghorn, 5; W. Pye-English, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; a native of Hadley, 8. Also, for evening service, a touch of 560 BOB MAJOR, by T. C. Grove, 1; J. Langran, 2; G. Bower, 3; J. Waghorn, jun. (conductor), 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett, 7; W. Pye-English, 8. And a touch of 448 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES by H. Scarlett, 1; J. Hinton, 2; J. Waghorn, 3; G. B. Lucas, 4; W. Pye-English, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; T. Elliott, 8. After service a touch of 960 GRANDSIRE MAJOR, by G. Bower, 1; J. Hinton, 2; H. Scarlett, 3; J. Waghorn, jun., 4; G. B. Lucas, 5; J. Waghorn, 6; H. A. Barnett (conductor), 7; W. English, 8.

Mr. James Hinton came from Worcester; he is totally deaf, and it is astonishing how well he rings. He is tapped on the shoulder when a bob is called.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Election of Officers.

ON Tuesday, the 10th inst., the annual election of officers for the ensuing year took place at the Company's head-quarters. There was a large attendance, very nearly forty members taking part in the proceedings, and amongst them several veterans, notably Messrs. Dwight and Haworth. Three candidates were proposed for the office of Master, the result being that J. Martin-Routh, Esq., was elected by a large majority. Messrs. G. T. McLaughlin and Samuel Joyce were returned as Senior and Junior Stewards respectively, Mr. James Pettit was re-elected to the post of Treasurer, and Mr. G. Muskett to that of Secretary, whilst Messrs. W. Smith and R. Woodley were appointed Auditors. A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, the outgoing Master, and to Mr. W. George, on his giving up the Senior Stewardship, was carried by acclamation.

In returning thanks for the honour conferred upon him, Mr. Routh alluded to certain attacks on the Company which had lately appeared in print, which he characterised as extremely unfair, and gave it as his opinion that the proper place for the airing of grievances was in the meeting-room of the Society, where he was quite sure it would receive every consideration—a remark which was loudly applauded.

Surrey Association.

A DISTRICT MEETING of this Association will be held at Mortlake (by the kind permission of the Vicar) on Saturday, November 21st. The tower will be open for ringing from 5 p.m. The hon. sec. hopes to see the members of the committee on this occasion, in order that a convenient day may be fixed upon for the next committee meeting.

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A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE-RINGING.

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

ON Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (Holt's Original) was rung in 2 hrs. 54 mins., by the Waterloo Society. J. Martin-Routh, Esq., 1; H. Langdon, 2; H. J. Davies, 3; A. E. Church, 4; F. G. Newman (conductor), 5; T. Taylor, 6; W. H. George, 7; J. Jones, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt., in F. The above peal was rung to celebrate the sixty-first anniversary of the consecration of the church.

*** The meeting-time for practice (every Wednesday) at St. John's, Waterloo Road, has now been altered from 8.30 to 8 p.m. It is hoped that members will try and attend punctually. The meeting-time for St. Margaret's is also 8 p.m.

H. J. DAVIES, Secretary.

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

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang Taylor's Bob-and-single peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 11 mins. T. Newman, 1; A. Tucker, 2; H. J. Tucker (conductor), 3; F. Sworder, 4; J. Cull, 5; M. Ellsmore, 6; H. Baker, 7; J. Sampford, 8. Tenor, 20 cwt.

At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, London.

ON Saturday, the 7th inst., eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of STEDMAN'S TRIPLES (Brooke's Variation of Thurstan's Composition) in 3 hrs. 2 mins. J. Bonney, 1; S. Joyce, 2; H. Lewis (St. Albans), 3; M. A. Wood, 4; E. E. Clarke, 5; I. H. Shade (conductor), 6; H. J. Shade, 7; J. West, 8.

no extreme views, and who might be wishful to take advantage of the salubrity of this climate, to become the next Bishop of the diocese; and that, considering the smallness of the income derived from the endowment, it be specially set forth in the memorial how highly desirable it would be if the said clergyman were possessed of private means.' The words, 'of no extreme views,' were subsequently struck out, the rest of the resolution being carried.

It was also carried, 'That his Excellency the Governor in Council be respectfully asked to draft an ordinance to determine in whom shall be vested the legal title of the funds now forming the endowment of the See after the death or removal of the Bishop, in case of Letters Patent not being issued.' Also, 'That in consequence of the very impoverished state of the island, and the great need of increased funds to enable the work of the Church to be carried on more effectually, the Lord Bishop be requested to draw up and publish in the principal Church newspapers an appeal for aid from the public in England.'

After a few more matters had been settled the Synod adjourned for its final sitting till the 2nd October.

I hope I may be permitted later to add a few more notes on the Church in St. Helena from the report of Synod, and also from my own knowledge, acquired during a recent visit to the island; and I trust that, though times are critical with the Church in our own land, still we may find sympathy and a helping hand for our sister 'Island Churches' in their straits.

C. W. H.

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Death of Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon of Leeds.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., the Ancient Society of College Youths met, as usual, for practice at St. Giles's Church, Cripplegate, but just as they were about to raise the bells Mr. F. E. Dawe arrived with a letter he had received from Mr. Whitaker of Leeds, conveying the sad intelligence that Mr. Snowdon had died at 11.30 the previous day of fever, and would be buried at Ilkley at 3 o'clock the next day (Wednesday). All idea of ringing was immediately suspended, and at a meeting held shortly afterwards it was unanimously agreed, that as Mr. Dawe was a personal friend of the deceased, he should be empowered to write a letter of condolence to the relatives on behalf of the Company, conveying their heartfelt sympathy at the loss which they and the ringing world had sustained in the almost sudden death of so dear a friend, who was always so energetic and earnest in all he undertook and carried out with an interest, zeal, and ability, that were rarely, if ever, to be met with.

We understand that, independently of the usual Funeral Peal, which will take place at St. Thomas's, Southwark, on Tuesday evening, at 8 p.m., a muffled 5000 will be rung by the College Youths, as a last mark of respect to the deceased.

A portrait of Mr. Snowdon appeared in No. 441 of *Church Bells*.

Kent County Association.

On Friday, the 13th inst., the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, Hon. Secretary of the Association, visited the belfry of Cobham, when the local ringers rang some *GRANDSIRE DOUBLES*, proving themselves well qualified to join the Society as soon as their bells are put in order. On Saturday, the 14th, he inspected the belfry at Frindsbury; and in the evening, in company with Mr. J. R. Haworth of London, visited the churches of Cliffe-at-Hoo (where the ringers will soon become 'Practising Members,' under one of the rules of the Association), and St. George's, Gravesend, where some touches of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* were rung, the ringers of Swancombe attending at the latter place to meet the Secretary: they, with the Gravesend ringers (including those at SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend), and the Frindsbury Company, having recently joined the Association.

The Bells at Hempstead, Gloucestershire.

In the account of the ringing at this church, given in our number for November 6th, we omitted to state that the cost of the rehanging and tuning of the five bells was defrayed by the Misses Crawley of Hempstead. The bells have also been fitted with Ellacombe's chiming apparatus. We hear that the ringers, assisted by neighbouring teams, are making fair progress, and hope to get into tolerable shape by December 17, the date fixed for the reopening of the church, which is now under restoration.

A Question.

SIR,—I have seen it stated that when the Princess Elizabeth was released from her imprisonment in the Tower, the London citizens were so glad that they set the bells a-ringing. In return for this act of politeness, Elizabeth gave them silken bell-ropes, and these ropes are still preserved, somewhere in a chest in one of the City churches. Can any London bell-ringer give information on this scrap of history?

NOT A RINGER.

An Award of a Silver Medal to Messrs. Warner and Sons.

ACCORDING to the last award-list of the Inventions Exhibition, Messrs. Warner & Sons, of the Crescent Foundry, City of London, have been awarded a silver medal—the highest award—for church bells, with Goslin's patent system of hanging large bells.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Hilda's, South Shields.

THE members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers rang on Sunday, the 25th ult., a peal of *KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR*. R. Hopper, 1; J. R. Wheldon, 2; R. Sraffton, 3; C. Wawn, 4; J. Hopper, 5; John Moffitt, 6. This was the first peal conducted by C. Wawn.

On Sunday, the 1st inst., a peal of *OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR*. R. Hopper, 1; John Moffitt, 2; R. Sraffton, 3; C. Wawn (conductor), 4; James Moffitt, 5; W. Eggleston (St. John's, Newcastle), 6.

On Tuesday, the 3rd inst., a peal of *KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR*. The first peal conducted by J. R. Wheldon. Ringers as in No. 1.

On Friday, the 6th inst., a peal of *PLAIN BOB MINOR*, conducted by C. Wawn. Ringers as in No. 1.

On Sunday, the 8th inst., a peal of *CANTERBURY PLEASURE*, conducted by C. Wawn. Ringers as in No. 1, except that James Moffitt took 5 in place of J. Hopper.

On Monday, the 9th inst., a peal of *PLAIN BOB MINOR*, conducted by J. R. Wheldon. Ringers as in No. 1, except that James Moffitt took 3 in place of R. Sraffton. Tenor, 10 cwt.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., six members of the local band of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association rang 5040 changes, in seven different methods, upon six bells, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. A 720 of each of the following in the order named:—*OXFORD TREBLE BOB*, *DOUBLE COURT*, *KENT TREBLE BOB*, *COLLEGE SINGLE*, *PLAIN BOB*, *OXFORD BOB*, and *CANTERBURY PLEASURE*. R. Hopper, 1; J. C. Wheldon, 2; C. Sraffton, 3; C. Wawn, 4; J. Hopper, 5; J. Moffitt (conductor), 6. Tenor, 10 cwt. This is the first 5040 rung at South Shields, and it is believed to be the second, upon six bells, within the district of the Association since its formation. The first was rung at Stockton-on-Tees by the local band on September 15th, 1883.

At St. Thomas's, Pendleton, Lancashire.

On Saturday, the 7th inst., Holt's Ten-part peal of 5040 *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* was rung by the following mixed company in 2 hrs. 56 mins. F. Rudman (conductor), 1; W. Pendlebury, 2; A. Barrett, 3; J. Morris, 4; W. Warburton, 5; W. Hilton, 6; F. Morris, 7; W. Fielding, 8. Tenor, 14 cwt. The treble, 3rd, 4th, 7th, and tenor ringers, came from Radcliffe, the 5th and 6th from Whitefield, and the third from Pendleton.

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

On Monday, the 9th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang H. Dains' One-part peal of 5056 *SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR* in 3 hrs. 24 mins. Rev. J. H. Fish, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger, 5; H. Wakley, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. This peal, which has never been previously performed, contains the 6th at home at the last twelve courses. It was rung on the occasion of the election of T. B. Lowe, Esq., as Mayor of Burton-on-Trent for the second time. All the above are members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers.

At St. Albans Cathedral, Herts.

On Monday, the 9th inst., on the election of the Mayor, eight members of the St. Albans branch of the Hertfordshire Association rang during the day a quarter-peal, 1062, 546, and 210, of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*. T. Grant, 1; R. T. Kent, 2; E. Hulks, 3; H. Lewis, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; A. Godman, 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; H. L. Waddington, 8.

On Monday, the 16th inst., an attempt was made to ring Holt's Ten-part peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, but failed after ringing about 4600 changes in 2 hrs. 50 mins. W. H. L. Buckingham, 1; A. Godman, jun., 2; E. P. Debenham, 3; H. Lewis, 4; G. W. Cartmel, 5; A. Godman, sen., 6; N. N. Hills (conductor), 7; W. Battle, 8. Tenor, 30 cwt., in E flat.

At St. Mary's, Hitchin, Herts.

On Monday evening the 9th inst., the Hitchin Company, with Mr. F. Moules, who was visiting Hitchin, attempted a quarter-peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES*, but only rung about half. J. Randall, 1; H. Buckingham, 2; F. Moules, 3; A. Squires, 4; J. Hare (conductor), 5; T. Hare, 6; W. Allen, 7; J. Foster, 8. Afterwards a nicely struck 336 and 168, with W. Allen (conductor), 5, and J. Hare, 7, who changed places; the others as before. Mr. Moules, who has not rung lately, was much pleased to get a pull with the Company.

At All Saints', Carshalton, Surrey.

On Monday, the 9th inst., a peal of 5184 *TREBLE BOB MAJOR*, in the Kent variation, was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins. J. Trappitt, 1; E. Bennett, 2; J. Branch, 3; A. B. Carpenter,* 4; W. Burkin,* 5; J. Harris, 6; J. Plowman, 7; J. Cawley, 8. Composed by W. Harrison and conducted by E. Bennett. Tenor, 12½ cwt., in G sharp. [* First peal of Treble Bob.]

At St. George's, Gravesend, Kent.

On Monday, the 9th inst., a quarter-peal of *GRANDSIRE TRIPLES* was rung in 44 mins. G. Hayes, 1; F. French, 2; H. D. Davis, 3; W. Martin, 4; F. Hayes, 5; J. W. Aitkin, 6; W. Harper (conductor), 7; B. Spinner, 8.

Also at SS. Peter and Paul, Milton-next-Gravesend, a peal of 720 *BOB MINOR* in 25 mins. F. French, 1; W. Martin, 2; B. Spinner, 3; G. Hayes, 4; G. Martin, 5; W. Harper (conductor) 6.

At Blethingley, Surrey.

On Monday, the 9th inst., the Surrey Association of Change-ringers rang Mr. Henry Johnson's Twelve-part peal of 5040 *OXFORD BOB TRIPLES* in 2 hrs. 55 mins. A. Wallis, 1; J. Bashford, 2; F. Smith, 3; G. Potter, 4; W. Hawkins (conductor), 5; L. Killick, 6; T. Boniface, 7; H. Petters, 8. This is the first peal in the method by all of the above.

At Christ Church, West Bromwich, Staffordshire.
Date Touch.

ON Thursday, the 12th inst., a Date Touch of 1885 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES was rung in 1 hr. 7 mins. H. Hill, 1; T. Horton, 2; S. Reeves, 3; J. Hall, 4; R. Hall, 5; C. Price, 6; W. R. Small, 7; C. Timms, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt., in E flat. The touch, which has the 6-7 together for more than 1600 changes, was composed by Mr. H. Johnson, sen., of Birmingham, and conducted by Samuel Reeves.

At St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, Surrey.

ON Thursday, the 12th inst., the following members of the St. James's Society, London, rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 2 hrs. 5½ mins. H. W. Grout, 1; W. Pead, 2; W. Weatherstone, 3; A. G. Freeman, 4; F. W. Thornton, 5; T. Taylor, 6; W. H. Freeman, 7; W. Foreman, 8. The peal was composed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and conducted by F. W. Thornton, of St. Alphege, Greenwich. This is Mr. Thornton's first peal as conductor, and it was rung on the eve of his twenty-second birthday.

At St. Mary's, Beddington, Surrey.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., the following members of the Surrey Association rang a peal of 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 3 hrs. 15 mins. C. Haley (composer and conductor), 1; W. Burlin,* 2; C. E. Malin, 3; G. Russell, 4; A. B. Carpenter, 5; J. Trappitt, 6; J. Plowman, 7; A. Bruce, 8; T. Verrall,* 9; U. Holman,* 10. Tenor, 14½ cwt., in E flat. [* First peal of Caters.]

At St. Andrew's, Derby.

ON Saturday, the 14th inst., eight members of the St. Andrew's Society of Change-ringers rang a peal of 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 3 hrs. 13 mins. Number of changes per minute, 26-11. W. Shadlow,* 1; J. W. Thompson,† 2; C. Hart,* 3; M. Wiggley,* 4; W. H. Found,* 5; G. Mottashaw,* 6; A. E. Thompson,† (conductor), 7; T. Alton,* 8. This peal is Snowden's variation of Hollis's Five-part peal. It begins with two singles and ends with four parts, called alike. This is the first time of its performance in Derby, and believed to be the second time on record. Tenor, 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs., in E flat. [* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.]

At St. Peter's, Brighton, Sussex.

ON Sunday afternoon, the 15th inst., for Divine service, eight members of the Sussex Association of Change-ringers rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES in 47 mins. E. Marshall, 1; J. Jay, sen., 2; C. E. Golds, 3; H. Weston, 4; G. King, 5; G. F. Attree, 6; J. Searle (conductor), 7; W. Vernon, 8. Tenor, 10½ cwt.

At Netherton, Worcestershire.

ON Sunday, the 15th inst., before morning service, five members of St. Andrew's Society, assisted by Mr. Wm. Micklewright (Dudley), rang in 1 hr. 8 mins. a Date Touch containing 1885 changes, which consisted of 720 changes of KENT TREBLE BOB, 720 changes of PLAIN BOB, and 445 changes of GRANDSIRE MINOR. The above date-touch was rung on the occasion of the Mayor, Alderman W. E. Walker, and the Corporation, attending Divine Service, this being the first visit ever made by the Mayor and Corporation of Dudley to the above church. R. Round, 1; J. Prestidge, 2; J. Townsend, 3; M. I. Robinson, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith, 6. The touch was arranged by Mr. J. Smith, and conducted by Mr. W. Micklewright. Tenor, 12½ cwt.

At Quedgley, Gloucestershire.

ON Wednesday, the 18th inst., six members of the Gloucestershire Association rang a peal of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR (34 bobs and 2 singles) in 25 mins. A. Harris, 1; W. B. Brown, 2; T. Mansfield, 3; C. Lise, 4; W. Sevier, 5; W. Brown (conductor), 6. Tenor, 11 cwt., in A.

Treble Bob Major.

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The above three peals are with the sixth twelve times wrong and twelve right in 5-6.

Sowerby, Yorkshire

Wm. SOTTANSTALL.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Archbishops' Address.—A Suggestion for the Present Moment.

SIR,—If not too late, will you kindly allow me to make a practical suggestion in reference to the admirable letter of the two Archbishops in view of the approaching Parliamentary Election? I think that it would be very desirable for it to be read publicly in our churches, as it would thus reach many who may not have had the opportunity of reading it. I propose to adopt this course myself, and would earnestly recommend it to my brethren.

The Red House, Chitworth, Ilants.

EDWARD T. HOARE.

The General Election.

'Arise, and call upon thy God.'

SIR,—In this momentous crisis of our national history, when the minds of thoughtful men are failing them for fear lest our countrymen should be on the eve of repeating the sin of Judah in choosing to have no king but Caesar—i.e., the secular good—will not those English people who love the Church, especially women who can take no active part in the coming struggle, join together in twos and threes in every parish, in offering up special intercession during the forthcoming election? In places where there are a sufficient number of persons willing to join in such a work, they might, perhaps, so arrange their several times of special prayer that there should be a continual intercession rising up before God during all the hours of the strife. We do, as a National Church, use a special Collect in our public worship, and as individuals we pray in private for our Church and nation; but there is a more special blessing promised to the united prayer of the two or three who agree together. So then let us join in asking that God's Spirit may teach our untaught millions so to use the privilege conferred upon them that they may not ignorantly destroy their nation. For no nation can rob and reject God, no matter on what pretext, and escape the direful punishment of being in turn rejected by Him.

AN ENGLISHWOMAN.

The Church and Colonial Emigration.

SIR,—In my work as the representative of the St. Andrew's Waterside Church Mission at Gravesend, the fact that so little can be done for outward-bound vessels whilst lying off these shores has often been brought painfully home to my mind. Of course, everything is done that, under the circumstances, can be done; e.g. services are held, Bibles, Prayer-books, Hymn-books, and other literature, are distributed amongst passengers and crew. But all this is performed under such conditions of bustle and haste as make it difficult for the labourer to make such an impression on his hearers as will last throughout the voyage, much less, in the majority of cases, throughout the colonist's life. Indeed, to my mind it is clear that, until the ship and all souls thereon are in sea trim, and the anxieties of getting under way and all farewells are over, the real opportunity for making lasting impressions on those on board has not come. Our work, however, is done before this, in the midst of thoughts distracting to both sailors and emigrants; and after they leave our shores they are wrested from the Church's maternal care, and wander over the great wide sea as spiritual orphans for three or four months at a spell.

It has always been a great desire of mine to see each of these great emigrant ships leave our shores under the spiritual charge of an earnest and accredited clergyman. The good which a discreet man might, by the blessing of God, do under such circumstances is incalculable. The unavoidable personal contact with a holy man, into which each traveller would be thrown, must before long bear fruit in their souls. Besides, the worship of God at sea is somehow more inviting and impressive than it ordinarily is ashore. The emotional sentiments are more readily called into play. The vicissitudes of ocean life are powerful instruments in the hands of a man of God. And, without indiscreetly boring the people with religion, he can wisely instil it into their minds through the medium of their manifold strange experiences.

Is it not, therefore, a pity that this long and splendid opportunity of doing good has not yet been embraced by the Church? The Board of Trade compels shipowners to provide a surgeon on vessels carrying a certain number of passengers, but the Church sends no one to superintend and prescribe for the wants of their precious souls.

I am referring, of course, only to long-voyage sailing-ships of the emigrant type. A good work of this kind is being done under the auspices of the S. P. C. K. at Liverpool on the Canadian steamers, and frequently one of the clergy of the Church of St. Nicholas there accompanies a party to the Great North West. But then this is a voyage of only about eight days. Yet if such good is done in so short a time (and we know it is) as leaves satisfactory conclusions in the minds of those who undertake it, surely much greater must be the benediction on those who have a pastor's daily care throughout a voyage of three months or so! At any rate, the experiment is well worth a trial, and, if the parochial clergy will co-operate with us to this end, it shall be attempted.

I have made certain proposals to a leading firm of London shipowners, which have been most generously responded to. This firm will place at our disposal a first-class clipper-ship, to sail to any given Australian port at the unusually low fare of thirteen guineas per adult. Children under twelve months will be taken free, whilst those above this age, and under twelve years, will be charged half fare. The ship will carry an experienced surgeon, and, in the event of our Church party numbering at least thirty statute adults, a free saloon passage will be given to the clergyman accompanying them. During the voyage they will afford him every reasonable freedom for conducting services, Bible and secular classes, and for communion with all on

IRELAND.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

THE subject of united intercession for missions to the heathen has not been overlooked. The two Archbishops, on behalf of their suffragans, have addressed the following letter to the clergy of the provinces of Armagh and Dublin:—

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN,—An agreement, as you are aware, has been come to among the Churches of the Anglican Communion that a certain season should be observed in each year for united intercession on behalf of Missions. The time which has been finally recommended for that purpose is the fortnight from the Sunday before Advent to the Second Sunday in Advent, with preference for the eve of St. Andrew's Day. We feel assured that the members of the Church of Ireland generally are anxious to take part in this act of united supplication; and we accordingly hereby express our hope that during the season above referred to the clergy of our provinces will give to their respective flocks some opportunity of joining therein, and will, moreover, on such an occasion impress upon their people the claims which Missions at home and abroad should have upon their sympathy and support. We have not thought it desirable, under the circumstances, to prescribe any separate form of Service for use at such a time; but would suggest that (in the absence of any special recommendation from the Bishop of the Diocese) some one or more of the Collects, Psalms, and Lessons specified below might be incorporated, at the discretion of the minister, in the ordinary Service of the day. Praying that the supplications of our Church, offered at this special time, may tend largely to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom upon earth, and nothing doubting that our prayers and gifts and labours on behalf of others will bring back to ourselves an abundant blessing for the relief of our own pressing needs,—We remain, yours faithfully in the Lord,

MARCUS G., ARMAGH.
PLUNKET, DUBLIN.

The Rev. Dr. Bell, rector of Kells, Diocese of Meath, was duly installed on Thursday at 3 p.m., into the prebendal stall of Tipper in the National Cathedral of St. Patrick; at the same time the Rev. George Tottenham was installed into the prebendal stall of Donoughmore, where he represents the Diocese of Armagh.

On the 17th inst. the Archbishop of Dublin laid the foundation-stone of the 'Gregg Memorial Hall,' at the rear of the Young Men's Christian Association, 8 Dawson Street. The architect having made a short statement embodying details of the work to be undertaken, prayer was offered up by the Very Rev. the Dean of the Chapel Royal. Mr. Paul Askin, J.P., presented his Grace with a silver trowel, which was supplied by Mr. Edmond Johnson, jeweller, Grafton Street. The inscription on it was as follows:—

'Church of Ireland Young Men's Christian Association. To his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Dublin on the occasion of his laying the foundation-stone of the Gregg Memorial Hall, 17th November, 1885.'

The Rev. Gilbert Mahaffy placed a bottle, hermetically sealed, in the cavity under the stone. The bottle contained copies of the Dublin papers of the day, a copy of the last report of the Association, a number of coins, and a parchment, on which the following was written:—

'To the glory of God, for the benefit of the young men of the Church of Ireland, and in memory of the Right Rev. John Gregg, Lord Bishop of Cork, Cloyne, and Ross, the foundation stone of the Lecture Hall of the Church of Ireland Young Men's Christian Association, to be known as the Gregg Memorial Hall, is this day laid by the Right Hon. and Most Rev. William Conyngham, Lord Archbishop of Dublin. Dated this 17th day of November, 1885. Hon. Secretaries of the Association, the Very Rev. H. H. Dickinson, D.D., Dean of the Chapel Royal; the Rev. Gilbert Mahaffy, M.A.; William Graham Brooke, Esq., M.A.; Frederick R. Falkner, Q.C., Recorder of Dublin.'

The stone having been lowered to its place, his Grace touched it with the trowel and said: 'On this auspicious day, in the memory of the Rev. John Gregg, Bishop of Cork, and to the glory of God, I now lay the first stone of this Memorial Hall, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.'

The thirtieth session of the Clerical Society took place on last Wednesday and Thursday week in the Association's rooms, Molesworth Street. The opening address on 'The Revised Version' was read by the Ven. Archdeacon Scott, D.D., President; after which Revs. S. M. Harris, D.D., H. E. Ellison, and Dr. Craig spoke. At 3 p.m. a paper was read on 'The Laver of Regeneration' (Titus, iii. 5), by the Rev. R. W. Harden, and a discussion followed in which the Very Rev. H. H. Dickinson, D.D., Revs. T. Campbell, D.D., H. R. Poole, D.D., F.T.C.D., and H. Ellison, took part. Prayer, Doxology, and Benediction followed. On Thursday, the Vice-President, Rev. T. S. Berry, D.D., read a paper on 'The Church of Ireland in the Future,' the speakers being the Lord Bishop of Ossory, Very Rev. H. Townsend, Revs. R. Walsh, Campbell, M. Day, Dr. Stavelay, and Thomas Good. A spiritual paper followed, by the Rev. W. D. Pouden. 2 p.m. The last paper, on 'Plymouthism,' which was of a very useful character, was read by Rev. W. E. Burroughs, and the speakers were—Revs. S. M. Harris, R. B. Stoney, H. E. Noyes, G. Y. Cowell, &c.

The Bishop of Cashel has arranged that the examination for his silver medals in connexion with the Diocesan Board of Education will be held

in the Tipperary Parochial Schoolhouse on Thursday, 10th December. The examiners will be the Ven. the Archdeacon of Cashel, Rev. Canon Devenish, and Rev. Thomas Pike.

The Archbishop of Dublin has been in Belfast this week. His Grace preached on Sunday, on behalf of the Scripture Readers' Society for Ireland, in the parish church, and attended a public meeting in Clarence Hall on behalf of the Society on Monday evening.

THE TRUTH ABOUT FREE SCHOOLS.

THE Rev. J. Glendinning Nash, M.A., incumbent of Christ Church, Woburn Square, has compiled a few facts from the last Blue Book of the Committee of Council on Education in the hope that they may be useful in exposing the fallacy of Mr. Chamberlain's Scheme of Free Education.

'In the Board Schools last year there were 1,121,964 scholars in regular attendance. The total expenditure of the Boards, including establishment charges, was 5,745,660*l.*; that is, each scholar cost, on the average, 5*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.*

'In the Voluntary Schools there were, last year, in regular attendance 2,175,594 scholars. There were, therefore, one million and fifty-four thousand MORE scholars in the Voluntary than in the Board Schools! These cost the country to educate only the amount of the Government grant, which was, in 1884, 1,667,510*l.*, as the remaining charges were met by voluntary subscriptions and school fees. The expenditure, therefore, from public sources for each scholar was only 15*s.* 4*d.*, which is six times less than the cost of Board-school scholars!

'If the Voluntary Schools were closed by the introduction of free education, as they inevitably would be, and their 2,175,594 scholars transferred to Board direction, to be educated at the present Board School average of 5*l.* 2*s.* 5*d.* per scholar, the cost to the country would be 11,140,854*l.*, instead of 1,667,510*l.* This, added to the present expenditure of 5,745,660*l.*, by School Board, would raise the total cost of FREE EDUCATION to £16,886,518.

'The results of the introduction of free education, apart from the discontinuance of RELIGIOUS instruction, for free education would be SECULAR, would be:—

- '(i.) The loss of 2,468,284*l.* now received in subscriptions and fees.
- '(ii.) The additional and needless cost to the country, multiplied six times over, of the education of the 2,175,594 scholars now in Voluntary Schools, and—
- '(iii.) An enormous educational expenditure amounting to 16,886,518*l.*

'The question is, How could the cost of free education, which would amount to nearly SEVENTEEN MILLIONS, be met?

'It could not be by TAXATION, for the rates would be TREBLED.

'It could not be by the confiscation of the revenues of the Church of England, for they do not amount to a THIRD of the cost of free education;

'Nor could such a sum be met out of Imperial revenue, for no Chancellor of the Exchequer would consent to the addition of Seventeen Millions to the Budget.

'Therefore it is clear that Mr. Chamberlain's scheme of free education is FINANCIALLY IMPOSSIBLE, without the addition of an overwhelming burden to the ratepayers, and an irreparable injustice to the supporters of Voluntary Schools.'

BELLS AND BELL-RINGING.

Funeral Peal at St. Saviour's, Southwark, London.

On Tuesday, the 24th inst., twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a deeply muffled peal in memory of Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon. Afterwards, a course of KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, and a course of STEPMAN'S CINQUES, in which Mr. Heywood of Duffield Bank, Derby, took part. J. Pettit, 1; J. W. Rowbotham, 2; G. A. Muskett, 3; G. T. McLaughlin, 4; J. M. Routh, Esq., 5; J. R. Haworth, 6; T. E. Dawe, 7; C. F. Winny, 8; G. Dorrington, 9; W. D. Smith, 10; E. Horrex, 11; J. M. Hayes, 12. Tenor, 52 cwt., in B flat.

The deceased gentleman was the second son of the Rev. John Snowdon, M.A., Cantab, the late Vicar of Ilkley, Yorkshire, and was born at Ilkley on the 18th June, 1844, and educated at Rossall. He was, therefore, at the date of his death 41 years of age. He had never been married, and when we say that he had the hearty respect of all Ilkley we must add that it is by no means limited to so narrow a sphere, for throughout Yorkshire, and indeed to a great extent all over England, had his fame reached and become esteemed.

Sudden Death of Mr. Cooper, of Loughborough.

We regret to record the very sudden death of Mr. Thomas Cooper, of Loughborough, who died in his workshop on Saturday, the 14th inst. Mr. Cooper had been for many years a member of the Midland Counties' Association, and was a regular attendant at the practices at All Saints' Church, Loughborough. On Tuesday, the day of the funeral, his brother-ringers met and attempted a muffled peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing an hour, owing to one of the

muffles becoming loose. A. Cresser, 1; W. T. Bellinghurst, 2; C. Smith, 3; J. W. Taylor, Esq., sen., 4; S. Smith, 5; E. D. Taylor, Esq., 6; J. W. Taylor, Esq., jun. (conductor), 7; E. Wightman, 8. The above are all regularly employed at the Bellfoundry, where Mr. Cooper was well known and a frequent visitor, having had all the painting of the premises for many years entrusted to his hands.

Surrey Association.

A DISTRICT Meeting of this Association took place, as arranged, at Mortlake on Saturday, November 21st. The meeting was well attended; but the sad news of the death of Mr. Snowdon, which only became generally known that day, shed a gloom over the gathering. Every one present seemed to feel as if he had lost a friend, as one might tell by the frequent mention of the name. The ringing began soon after five o'clock with some GRANDSIRE TRIPLES; four of the Wimbledon band, with Mr. Strutt of Kingston, and Mr. E. F. Strange, rang some CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR with 7th and 8th covering; afterwards GRANDSIRE MINOR by the ringers of Christ Church, Mitcham, with Mr. Frost of Wimbledon, a well-struck touch of STEDMAN'S TRIPLES by a mixed band, some BOB and TREBLE BOB MAJOR, were successively performed. The peal-book of the Association was on view, having just been returned from Messrs. Butler of Cursitor Street, and the well-entered record of its thirty-three peals gave general satisfaction. The meeting terminated about nine o'clock.

A. B. CARPENTER, Hon. Sec.

34 Dingwall Road, Croydon.

The Bells at Blyth Church, Notts.

THE ring of six bells has been rehung with new frames and all new fittings by Thomas Mallaby and Sons of Masham, Yorkshire. The bells themselves were recast in 1843 by Taylor & Co., but from want of funds the old stocks, beams, &c., of the fifteenth century were retained. The restoration of the church appeared to call for restoration in the belfry, and the work has been done to the satisfaction of all concerned. The bells were rung for the first time on Sunday, November 15th, by the ringers of the parish, who are to be congratulated upon having such smooth and easy action responsive to their touch. Our readers may have noted the death of Mr. Thomas Mallaby in August last; his sons have ably designed and carried out the work since his death.

The Bells at St. Ann's, Binfield, Berks.

THE original five bells of this church have recently been rehung by Mr. Rogers of Maidenhead, and the ring of six was reopened on Saturday, the 21st inst., by a band from Maidenhead. A peal of 720 GRANDSIRE MINOR was rung in 26 mins. T. Woolford, 1; J. Bissley, 2; H. Rogers, 3; R. Smith, 4; W. A. Garraway, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6. Also another 720, with clappers half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Snowdon, in 27 mins. H. Rogers, 1; J. Bissley, 2; W. A. Garraway, 3; J. W. Wilkins, 4; R. Smith, 5; E. Rogers, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt. Both peals were conducted by Mr. Garraway. DOUBLES were also rung, in which Messrs. Horn and Bolton, local ringers, took a bell each; and by the kind invitation of the Rev. Canon Savory the ringers, in company with the Rev. A. H. Drummond, vicar of Boyne Hill, took tea at the Rectory. Having rung a few touches of TRIPLES, &c., on hand-bells, the company returned homeward, well pleased with their afternoon's outing.

Dedication Service at St. Clement Danes, Strand, London.

ON Monday evening, the 23rd inst., before the Dedication Service at 8 p.m., the parochial ringers rang 1025 GRANDSIRE CATERS in 43 mins. E. Albone, 1; J. R. Haworth (conductor), 2; W. Chew, 3; F. Margetson, 4; F. French, 5; J. W. Rowbotham, 6; F. Hopkins, 7; G. Banks, 8; C. F. Winny, 9; D. Newton, 10. Tenor, 24 cwt.

The Canon Lyttelton Memorial.

THE dedication of the ring of eight bells will take place on Saturday, the 28th inst., at three o'clock. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. E. D. Tinling, canon of Gloucester. The offertory will be for defraying the repairs of the tower. After service and during the evening the bells will be rung by an experienced band of ringers.

Hagley, Worcestershire, November 1885.

A False Peal.

SIR,—The peal of TREBLE BOB MAJOR, consisting of 5056 changes, published in your last issue, and composed by Mr. William Sottanastall of Sowerby, Yorkshire, is false. Repetition changes occur in the second, third, sixth, seventh, tenth, and eleventh courses.

N. J. PRISTOW.

Saffron Walden, November 23rd, 1885.

CHANGE-RINGING.

At St. Mary's, Somerleyton, Suffolk.

ON Tuesday, the 17th inst., six members of the Somerleyton Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers rang a peal of 5040 changes in 2 hrs. 58 mins. in seven different methods, namely, 720 in each of the following:—GRANDSIRE MINOR, DUKE OF YORK, NEW LONDON PLEASURE, WOODBINE, VIOLET, KENT, and OXFORD. R. J. Kittle (conductor), 1; G. Rudd, 2; John Oxford, 3; James Oxford, 4; Henry Oxford, 5; R. Wilson, 6. Tenor, 12 cwt., in G.

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

ON Wednesday, the 18th inst., eight members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, rang a Two-part peal of 5408 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 42 mins. S. Grettton, 1; E. I. Stone, 2; A. Wakley, 3; J. Griffin, 4; J. Jagger (composer), 5; H. Wakley, 6; T. Holmes, 7; W. Wakley (conductor), 8. Tenor, 26 cwt. The above peal, which has never been previously performed, contains the 4th twenty-two

times and the 6th twenty-four times in 6th's place. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, a member of this Society, and President of the Yorkshire Association of Change-ringers, who was buried at Ilkley, near Leeds, on this day. All the above are also members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers.

At St. Peter's, Benington, Herts.

ON Wednesday, the 18th inst., eight members of the Hertfordshire Association rang a peal of 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 1; H. Baker, 2; H. J. Tucker, 3; L. Chapman, 4; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 5; S. Page, 6; C. Sharnbrook, 7; Rev. F. E. Robinson (conductor), 8. Composed by Mr. H. Hubbard. Tenor, 14 cwt.

At St. Ann's, Rotherham, Yorkshire.

ON Monday, the 16th inst., the annexed

peal of 5069 STEDMAN'S CATERS was rung in

3 hrs. 30 mins. G. Brigg, 1; C. H.

Hattersley, 2; F. Coates (composer and conductor), 3; J. Athey, 4; T. Whitworth,† 5;

C. Bower, 6; J. Hale,† 7; W. Coates, 8; A.

Rogers, 9; W. Hurst,* 10.

C. H. Hattersley and C. Bower came from

Sheffield.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

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6	1	4	5	3	2	16
4	1	6	2	3	5	5 16
4	1	5	6	3	2	16
4	1	2	5	3	6	16

The eleven last courses three times repeated produce 215364, round with balls at 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14.

At Wymeswold, Leicestershire.

ON Monday, the 16th inst., six members of the Loughborough Company of the Midland Counties Association rang a peal of 720 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR in 27 mins. C. Smith, 1; A. Cresser, 2; E. D. Taylor, Esq., 3; J. W. Taylor, Esq., sen., 4; S. Smith, 5; J. W. Taylor, Esq., jun. (conductor), 6. Also a peal of 720 PLAIN BOB MINOR, Mr. Marshall Brown, of Wymeswold, ringing the 5th in the place of S. Smith. Afterwards a peal of 720 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, the performers being stationed as in the Oxford.

At the Parish Church, Bingley, Yorkshire.

ON Saturday, the 21st inst., a peal of 720 BOB MINOR was rung at this church in 28½ mins. T. W. Green (conductor), 1; T. Leach, 2; J. Green, 3; W. Slicer, 4; J. Mountain, 5; T. Green, 6. The occasion was the eightieth anniversary of the birthday of Thomas Green, who rang the tenor, and who became a member of the Bingley Society in 1838. It may be said that there has not been a regular company at this place for several years, and that it was the first 720 rung by the second and fourth men. Tenor, 17 cwt.

At St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex.

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

ON Saturday evening, the 21st inst., eight members of the Essex Association rang the annexed peal of 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR in 3 hrs. 22 mins. A. J. Perkins (conductor), 1; A. Porter, 2; G. F. Pearl (his first peal in this method), 3; R. Sewell, 4; A. Pye, 5; Y. Green, 6; H. Randall, 7; W. Doran, 8. Tenor, 22½ cwt. This peal has the 6th eleven times right and wrong in 5-6, is in one-part, composed by York Green, of West Ham, and has now been rung for the first time. Mr. Snowdon's death was not known at Barking, or else the bells would have been muffled on this occasion. It is intended to erect two peal-boards for the two last peals rung here.

At St. George's, Gravesend, Kent.

ON Saturday, the 21st inst., 720 BOB MINOR, with 6-8 behind. J. Royston, 1; B. Spinner, 2; W. Baker (Rochester), 3; H. D. Davis, 4; E. Andrew (Royal Engineers Band), 5; G. Martin (Swanscombe), 6; J. W. Aitkin (conductor), 7; W. Louth, 8. Also 504 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. J. Royston, 1; W. Harper (conductor), 2; B. Spinner, 3; W. Baker, 4; H. D. Davis, 5; E. Andrews, 6; J. W. Aitkin, 7; G. Martin, 8.

At All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.

ON Sunday, the 22nd inst., previous to Evening Service, the last 700 of Holt's Original peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, with the clappers half muffled, was rung in 25 mins., to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Snowdon. O. Fasey, 1; H. Rogers, 2; W. A. Garraway (conductor), 3; J. Bissley, 4; R. Smith, 5; J. W. Wilkins, 6; E. Rogers, 7; T. Woolford, 8. Tenor, 17½ cwt.

At St. John's, Peterborough.—A Muffled Peal.

ON Sunday, the 22nd inst., a muffled peal of 720 BOB MINOR, with 7th and 8th covering, was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, by the following: C. W. Holdiehl, 1; Rev. W. H. Deane, 2; H. Plowman, 3; J. Hancock, 4; G. Baker, 5; E. F. Read (conductor), 6; J. Rinks, 7; T. Ellington, 8.

The ringers of St. John's wish to express their deep sense of the loss change-ringing has sustained by his death, in the prime of life. It is in a great measure due to the plain instructions contained in his book (*Rope-Sight*) that they have attained to any proficiency in the art. It must be a source of comfort to his bereaved relatives and friends to know that he has not lived in vain, but that he has done much to earn the gratitude and esteem of those who were not fortunate enough to know him personally.

H. FLOWMAN, Sec.

At St. Peter's, Harborne, Staffordshire.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., a peal of 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR was rung in 3 hrs. 15 mins., by the following members of the St. Martin's Company, Birmingham, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Snowden, who was a member of this company. J. Toynes, 1; C. H. Hattersley (composer and conductor), 2; W. R. Small, 3; T. Reynolds, 4; S. Reeves, 5; J. Sanders, 6; F. James, 7; A. Thomas, 8.

At Sittingbourne, Kent.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., eight members of the Kent County Association rang a quarter-peal of GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (taken from Holt's Original) in 50 mins. E. Gower, 1; J. G. Elliott, 2; E. White, 3; Jno. M. Cooper, 4; E. J. Bottie, 5; S. Snelling, 6; Wm. H. Judd (conductor), 7; H. Sutton, 8. The above was rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowden.

The Bells at All Saints', Derby.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., ten members of the St. Paul's Society of Change-ringers, Burton-on-Trent, by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Knight and J. B. Storer and Mr. B. Brindley, rang on the bells of the above church a Two-part peal of 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL in 3 hrs. 40 mins. J. Jagger, 1; A. B. Ward, 2; A. Wakley, 3; H. C. Woodward, 4; H. Wakley, 5; J. W. Taylor, jun., 6; A. P. Heywood, 7; J. Howe, 8; T. Holmes, 9; W. Wakley (conductor), 10. Tenor, 28 cwt. This peal, which has never been previously performed, contains the 6th six course-ends home, and was composed by Henry Johnson, sen., Birmingham. It was rung with half-muffled bells in memory of Mr. Jasper W. Snowden, President of the Yorkshire Association, and a member of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, who, on October 21st, 1882, conducted the last peal of Treble Bob rung in this tower. All the above are members of the Midland Counties Association of Change-ringers.

A Peal of Bob Major.

5040						W. M. H.		
2	3	4	5	6	W.	M.	H.	
5	2	4	3	6	-	-	-	4 6 5 3 2 - -
3	5	4	2	6	-	-	-	5 6 2 3 4 - -
4	3	6	5	2	-	-	-	2 3 5 6 4 - -
6	3	2	5	4	-	-	-	5 2 3 6 4 - -
2	6	4	3	5	-	-	-	3 5 2 6 4 - -
3	2	4	6	5	-	-	-	4 2 3 5 6 - -
4	3	5	2	6	-	-	-	
5	5	6	2	4	-	-	-	Twice repeated.
6	3	4	2	5	-	-	-	6th twelve times each way in 5-6.

BENJAMIN FRANCIS, Diss.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Disestablishment, or Church Reform?

SIR,—In the opening paragraph of Mr. Escreet's letter on the above subject, published in your number for Nov. 6th, he laments the ignorance of an educated man who would hardly believe him when he told him the simple truth that no bishops or clergy are paid by the State, except the chaplains of our army, navy, prisons, and workhouses. In paragraph 4 he says, 'Let the Church lead the way to the last extension of the franchise . . . and give it to every christened man and woman of full age who enrol their names annually on the Church roll open at every church throughout the Easter octave. Let these electors, through diocesan councils directly elected, control all (Church) property, and all patronage, with parish executive councils for parochial details.'

Now, reading the opening paragraph and paragraph 4 together, reveals, I think, the weak part of the scheme. I suppose we may take it for granted that 'the educated man who would hardly believe,' &c. was 'a christened man of full age,' and if so, would have a voice in controlling all Church property and patronage; yet, some might ask, should this 'last extension of the franchise' be extended to this educated ignoramus? And if this may be said of the educated baptized, what about the uneducated 'christened men and women?' Nay more, what shall be said about giving the Church vote to the man who can produce his baptismal certificate perhaps, but who is the bitter foe of the Church? Is he to have the vote? He would demand it, of course, and would exercise it to the injury of the Church. I suppose that most even of the Bradlaughites of this generation are 'christened men and women,' and would therefore be entitled to vote under this scheme. Mr. Escreet does not tell us what safeguards he would provide against this 'abuse of patronage' until we know more, better, perhaps, bear those ills we have under the present system than fly to those others of the parochial council. I imagine that the tyranny of King Mob under such a system would be worse than even the rule of the Plutocrats. Yet I quite agree as to the necessity for Church Reform, though I do not think the patronage question is the most 'burning' one at the present time. No, there are two abuses above all others which wound the public conscience:—

(1.) That an incumbent is practically an autocrat as to the ritual of his

Church. It is quite possible for a stranger to walk into a church and find a service going on which cannot be distinguished, either in ritual or doctrine, from a service of the Roman Church.

Conversing lately on the great question of the day, a Churchman remarked, 'I am now quite in favour of Disestablishment and Disendowment, for the Church of England, consciously or unconsciously, is playing into the hands of the Church of Rome, which is sure, sooner or later, as Roman Catholics boast, to have the reversion of our Church funds; better, then, apply them now to a secular purpose than let them fall into the hands of an idolatrous Church.'

(2.) The second great abuse that touches the public conscience is the inequality of clerical incomes. No Church Reform will be worthy of the name which does not deal with this matter. The position, e.g. of the unbeneficed clergy is a standing reproach to the Church. Length of service and experience go simply for nothing, the curate ten years in Holy Orders receiving no more income than the man of but one year's experience.

A writer in one of the papers lately proposed as a remedy for this injustice that all clerical revenues should be thrown into one common fund; that the working clergy should be paid out of this fund, according to a graduated scale, on a similar plan to that under which officers in the army are paid; the newly ordained receiving a lieutenant's pay; the curate, five or six years in Holy Orders, the pay of a captain; the incumbent of a small parish, a major's pay; and so on; while all should be entitled to a retiring pension after so many years' service. I am not advocating the adoption of this scheme, by which all Church revenues should be thus thrown into 'hotspot' and distributed *pro rata*. I do not believe it would attain the desired end, even if it were equitable. I mention it only because it seems to give the right idea, not as to the means by which clerical incomes should be levelled up, but as to the scale on which this should be done. Diocesan Endowment Funds would have to be raised in order to carry out this reform. The Bishop of London's Fund and the Bishop of Rochester's Ten Churches Fund show us what can be done when the diocesan machinery is set in motion. Why should it not be set going to remove this crying wrong? The laity would doubtless liberally respond were the matter put before them 'with authority.' How is it that Church Congresses and Diocesan Councils seeing, for all these years, earnest and faithful men groaning under the heavy burden of poverty, do not so much as touch it with the little finger? Yet surely it should be as interesting a subject as, for instance, 'The relation of Art to Religion,' and other fancy topics of Congress and Council! It is to be deplored that the Church has required the 'scare' of Disestablishment and Disendowment to make her think of practical reforms. If she really is now going to set her house in order I trust she will at least remove the two great scandals I have dwelt upon (I fear at too great length)—securing for the laity a more settled and uniform ritual, and for the working clergy a more equitable income.

Battersea.

E. A. B. BOCKETT.

What are They?

SIR,—After reading a good deal of the intended action of Dissenters against the Church of Christ in England—how they would 'down with her,' how they would overthrow the Apostolate; how they would make every parish in England a battle-ground; how, dissolving the Church and the State, they would make the latter heathen and the former a series of secular societies; how they would scramble for Church plate and would confiscate endowments given to Christ, and perhaps build tramways with the spoil, as is being done in Ireland with the plunder of the ancient Irish Church—after reading these things and comparing them with the Gospel, I am forced to ask whether the perpetrators of such deeds be Christians, or whether they belong to the class whom St. John calls the 'many antichrists,' who went out from the Apostles? For neither Christ nor King could have any place in the society which we should have left. 'Lo! here is Christ, and lo! there is Christ.' But when we reach the cry, it is but the voice of self-interest that has dubbed itself as being of 'the kingdom of heaven,' for the purpose of plundering the kingdoms of the world.

CAPTAIN R.N.

Magic Lanterns for Church Defence.

SIR,—A valuable means of teaching our people the history of the Church of England is by the slides of a magic lantern. What we see often conveys more teaching than what we hear, and if the two be combined there is at once a powerful way of interesting the most ignorant. I have for some years used the magic lantern for this purpose, and lately determined to try the same means on behalf of Church Defence. Having failed to get a set of slides painted especially for this purpose, partly owing to want of funds and partly through the illness of one of the staff of the Church Defence Society, I took the excellent catalogue issued by Mr. E. G. Wood, of 74 Cheapside, and selected from various lists of subjects about fifty slides capable of being used as 'pegs' on which to hang useful information concerning Church History. Last week our lecture came off; the rain poured heavily, but we had a full schoolroom, and for an hour and a half the audience, chiefly consisting of working men (the lecture was given to the local Working-Men's Institute) listened with the deepest attention to the story of their ancient Church, traced down from early days to present times, through its vicissitudes, and darkness, and dangers. To many it was simply a revelation! I would recommend this method as an easy, cheap, and valuable way of imparting information much needed at the present time.

Church Defence.

J. H. T.

SIR,—Much still remains to be done. May I mention what is being done with a large measure of success in some churches?

1. An 'instruction' is given after evening service from the lectern upon some 'mis-statement' made by the Liberation Society. The truth is clearly brought out by reference to history, and calmly stated. It is supported and driven home by leaflets given to the congregation on leaving church.